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Welcome

Amazon CloudWatch enables you to publish, monitor, and manage various metrics, as well as configure alarm actions based on data from metrics. This guide provides detailed information about CloudWatch actions, data types, parameters, and errors. For more information about CloudWatch features, see Amazon CloudWatch and the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

For information about the metrics that other AWS products send to CloudWatch, see the Amazon CloudWatch Metrics and Dimensions Reference in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

Use the following links to get started using the CloudWatch Query API:

- **Actions (p. 2):** An alphabetical list of all CloudWatch actions.
- **Data Types (p. 41):** An alphabetical list of all CloudWatch data types.
- **Common Parameters (p. 72):** Parameters that all Query actions can use.
- **Common Errors (p. 74):** Client and server errors that all actions can return.
- **Regions and Endpoints:** Supported regions and endpoints for all AWS products.

Alternatively, you can use one of the AWS SDKs to access CloudWatch using an API tailored to your programming language or platform.

Developers in the AWS developer community also provide their own libraries, which you can find at the following AWS developer centers:

- Java Developer Center
- JavaScript Developer Center
- AWS Mobile Services
- PHP Developer Center
- Python Developer Center
- Ruby Developer Center
- Windows and .NET Developer Center
Actions

The following actions are supported:

- DeleteAlarms (p. 3)
- DeleteDashboards (p. 4)
- DescribeAlarmHistory (p. 5)
- DescribeAlarms (p. 7)
- DescribeAlarmsForMetric (p. 9)
- DisableAlarmActions (p. 11)
- EnableAlarmActions (p. 12)
- GetDashboard (p. 13)
- GetMetricStatistics (p. 15)
- ListDashboards (p. 20)
- ListMetrics (p. 22)
- PutDashboard (p. 24)
- PutMetricAlarm (p. 29)
- PutMetricData (p. 35)
- SetAlarmState (p. 39)
DeleteAlarms

Deletes the specified alarms. In the event of an error, no alarms are deleted.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

AlarmNames.member.N

The alarms to be deleted.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 100 items.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

ResourceNotFound

The named resource does not exist.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DeleteDashboards

Deletes all dashboards that you specify. You may specify up to 100 dashboards to delete. If there is an error during this call, no dashboards are deleted.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

DashboardNames.member.N

The dashboards to be deleted. This parameter is required.

Type: Array of strings

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

InternalServerError

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500

InvalidParameterValue

The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ResourceNotFoundException

The specified dashboard does not exist.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DescribeAlarmHistory

Retrieves the history for the specified alarm. You can filter the results by date range or item type. If an alarm name is not specified, the histories for all alarms are returned.

CloudWatch retains the history of an alarm even if you delete the alarm.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

AlarmName

The name of the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

EndDate

The ending date to retrieve alarm history.

Type: Timestamp

Required: No

HistoryItemType

The type of alarm histories to retrieve.

Type: String

Valid Values: ConfigurationUpdate | StateUpdate | Action

Required: No

MaxRecords

The maximum number of alarm history records to retrieve.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1. Maximum value of 100.

Required: No

NextToken

The token returned by a previous call to indicate that there is more data available.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Required: No

StartDate

The starting date to retrieve alarm history.
Response Elements

The following elements are returned by the service.

**AlarmHistoryItems.member.N**

The alarm histories, in JSON format.

- Type: Array of *AlarmHistoryItem (p. 42)* objects

**NextToken**

The token that marks the start of the next batch of returned results.

- Type: String
  - Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see *Common Errors (p. 74).*

**InvalidNextToken**

The next token specified is invalid.

- HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DescribeAlarms

Retrieves the specified alarms. If no alarms are specified, all alarms are returned. Alarms can be retrieved by using only a prefix for the alarm name, the alarm state, or a prefix for any action.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**ActionPrefix**

The action name prefix.

Type: String


Required: No

**AlarmNamePrefix**

The alarm name prefix. If this parameter is specified, you cannot specify `AlarmNames`.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**AlarmNames.member.N**

The names of the alarms.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 100 items.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**MaxRecords**

The maximum number of alarm descriptions to retrieve.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1. Maximum value of 100.

Required: No

**NextToken**

The token returned by a previous call to indicate that there is more data available.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Required: No
StateValue

The state value to be used in matching alarms.

Type: String

Valid Values: OK | ALARM | INSUFFICIENT_DATA

Required: No

Response Elements

The following elements are returned by the service.

MetricAlarms.member.N

The information for the specified alarms.

Type: Array of MetricAlarm (p. 51) objects

NextToken

The token that marks the start of the next batch of returned results.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

InvalidNextToken

The next token specified is invalid.

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

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DescribeAlarmsForMetric

Retrieves the alarms for the specified metric. To filter the results, specify a statistic, period, or unit.

**Request Parameters**

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**Dimensions.member.N**

The dimensions associated with the metric. If the metric has any associated dimensions, you must specify them in order for the call to succeed.

Type: Array of Dimension (p. 48) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

**ExtendedStatistic**

The percentile statistic for the metric. Specify a value between p0.0 and p100.

Type: String

Pattern: p(\d{1,2}?(\d{0,2})?|100)

Required: No

**MetricName**

The name of the metric.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

**Namespace**

The namespace of the metric.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: [^:]\.*

Required: Yes

**Period**

The period, in seconds, over which the statistic is applied.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: No
Statistic

The statistic for the metric, other than percentiles. For percentile statistics, use `ExtendedStatistics`.

Type: String

Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum

Required: No

Unit

The unit for the metric.

Type: String


Required: No

Response Elements

The following element is returned by the service.

MetricAlarms.member

The information for each alarm with the specified metric.

Type: Array of MetricAlarm (p. 51) objects

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DisableAlarmActions

Disables the actions for the specified alarms. When an alarm's actions are disabled, the alarm actions do not execute when the alarm state changes.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

AlarmNames.member.N

The names of the alarms.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 100 items.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

See Also

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- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
EnableAlarmActions

Enables the actions for the specified alarms.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**AlarmNames.member.N**

The names of the alarms.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 100 items.

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

See Also

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- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
GetDashboard

Displays the details of the dashboard that you specify.

To copy an existing dashboard, use GetDashboard, and then use the data returned within DashboardBody as the template for the new dashboard when you call PutDashboard to create the copy.

**Request Parameters**

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**DashboardName**

The name of the dashboard to be described.

Type: String

Required: Yes

**Response Elements**

The following elements are returned by the service.

**DashboardArn**

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the dashboard.

Type: String

**DashboardBody**

The detailed information about the dashboard, including what widgets are included and their location on the dashboard. For more information about the DashboardBody syntax, see Dashboard Body Structure and Syntax (p. 59).

Type: String

**DashboardName**

The name of the dashboard.

Type: String

**Errors**

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

**InternalServiceError**

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**InvalidParameterValue**

The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.
HTTP Status Code: 400

ResourceNotFound

The specified dashboard does not exist.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
GetMetricStatistics

Gets statistics for the specified metric.

The maximum number of data points returned from a single call is 1,440. If you request more than 1,440 data points, CloudWatch returns an error. To reduce the number of data points, you can narrow the specified time range and make multiple requests across adjacent time ranges, or you can increase the specified period. Data points are not returned in chronological order.

CloudWatch aggregates data points based on the length of the period that you specify. For example, if you request statistics with a one-hour period, CloudWatch aggregates all data points with time stamps that fall within each one-hour period. Therefore, the number of values aggregated by CloudWatch is larger than the number of data points returned.

CloudWatch needs raw data points to calculate percentile statistics. If you publish data using a statistic set instead, you can only retrieve percentile statistics for this data if one of the following conditions is true:

- The SampleCount value of the statistic set is 1.
- The Min and the Max values of the statistic set are equal.

Amazon CloudWatch retains metric data as follows:

- Data points with a period of less than 60 seconds are available for 3 hours. These data points are high-resolution metrics and are available only for custom metrics that have been defined with a StorageResolution of 1.
- Data points with a period of 60 seconds (1-minute) are available for 15 days.
- Data points with a period of 300 seconds (5-minute) are available for 63 days.
- Data points with a period of 3600 seconds (1 hour) are available for 455 days (15 months).

Data points that are initially published with a shorter period are aggregated together for long-term storage. For example, if you collect data using a period of 1 minute, the data remains available for 15 days with 1-minute resolution. After 15 days, this data is still available, but is aggregated and retrievable only with a resolution of 5 minutes. After 63 days, the data is further aggregated and is available with a resolution of 1 hour.

CloudWatch started retaining 5-minute and 1-hour metric data as of July 9, 2016.

For information about metrics and dimensions supported by AWS services, see the Amazon CloudWatch Metrics and Dimensions Reference in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

Dimensions.member.N

The dimensions. If the metric contains multiple dimensions, you must include a value for each dimension. CloudWatch treats each unique combination of dimensions as a separate metric. If a specific combination of dimensions was not published, you can't retrieve statistics for it. You must specify the same dimensions that were used when the metrics were created. For an example, see Dimension Combinations in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide. For more information about specifying dimensions, see Publishing Metrics in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.
Type: Array of Dimension (p. 48) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

EndTime

The time stamp that determines the last data point to return.

The value specified is exclusive; results include data points up to the specified time stamp. The time stamp must be in ISO 8601 UTC format (for example, 2016-10-10T23:00:00Z).

Type: Timestamp

Required: Yes

ExtendedStatistics.member.N

The percentile statistics. Specify values between p0.0 and p100. When calling GetMetricStatistics, you must specify either Statistics or ExtendedStatistics, but not both.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 10 items.

Pattern: p(\d{1,2}(\.\d{0,2})?|100)

Required: No

MetricName

The name of the metric, with or without spaces.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Namespace

The namespace of the metric, with or without spaces.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: [^:].*

Required: Yes

Period

The granularity, in seconds, of the returned data points. For metrics with regular resolution, a period can be as short as one minute (60 seconds) and must be a multiple of 60. For high-resolution metrics that are collected at intervals of less than one minute, the period can be 1, 5, 10, 30, 60, or any multiple of 60. High-resolution metrics are those metrics stored by a PutMetricData call that includes a StorageResolution of 1 second.

If the StartTime parameter specifies a time stamp that is greater than 3 hours ago, you must specify the period as follows or no data points in that time range is returned:

- Start time between 3 hours and 15 days ago - Use a multiple of 60 seconds (1 minute).
- Start time between 15 and 63 days ago - Use a multiple of 300 seconds (5 minutes).
- Start time greater than 63 days ago - Use a multiple of 3600 seconds (1 hour).

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: Yes

**StartTime**

The time stamp that determines the first data point to return. Start times are evaluated relative to the time that CloudWatch receives the request.

The value specified is inclusive; results include data points with the specified time stamp. The time stamp must be in ISO 8601 UTC format (for example, 2016-10-03T23:00:00Z).

CloudWatch rounds the specified time stamp as follows:
- Start time less than 15 days ago - Round down to the nearest whole minute. For example, 12:32:34 is rounded down to 12:32:00.
- Start time between 15 and 63 days ago - Round down to the nearest 5-minute clock interval. For example, 12:32:34 is rounded down to 12:30:00.
- Start time greater than 63 days ago - Round down to the nearest 1-hour clock interval. For example, 12:32:34 is rounded down to 12:00:00.

If you set `Period` to 5, 10, or 30, the start time of your request is rounded down to the nearest time that corresponds to even 5-, 10-, or 30-second divisions of a minute. For example, if you make a query at (HH:mm:ss) 01:05:23 for the previous 10-second period, the start time of your request is rounded down and you receive data from 01:05:10 to 01:05:20. If you make a query at 15:07:17 for the previous 5 minutes of data, using a period of 5 seconds, you receive data timestamped between 15:02:15 and 15:07:15.

Type: Timestamp

Required: Yes

**Statistics.member.N**

The metric statistics, other than percentile. For percentile statistics, use `ExtendedStatistics`. When calling `GetMetricStatistics`, you must specify either `Statistics` or `ExtendedStatistics`, but not both.

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Minimum number of 1 item. Maximum number of 5 items.

Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum

Required: No

**Unit**

The unit for a given metric. Metrics may be reported in multiple units. Not supplying a unit results in all units being returned. If you specify only a unit that the metric does not report, the results of the call are null.

Type: String

Response Elements

The following elements are returned by the service.

Datapoints.member.N

The data points for the specified metric.

Type: Array of Datapoint (p. 46) objects

Label

A label for the specified metric.

Type: String

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

InternalServerError

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500

InvalidParameterCombination

Parameters were used together that cannot be used together.

HTTP Status Code: 400

InvalidParameterValue

The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.

HTTP Status Code: 400

MissingParameter

An input parameter that is required is missing.

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

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- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
ListDashboards

Returns a list of the dashboards for your account. If you include DashboardNamePrefix, only those dashboards with names starting with the prefix are listed. Otherwise, all dashboards in your account are listed.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

DashboardNamePrefix

If you specify this parameter, only the dashboards with names starting with the specified string are listed. The maximum length is 255, and valid characters are A-Z, a-z, 0-9, ".", ",", and ".".

Type: String
Required: No

NextToken

The token returned by a previous call to indicate that there is more data available.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.
Required: No

Response Elements

The following elements are returned by the service.

DashboardEntries.member.N

The list of matching dashboards.

Type: Array of DashboardEntry (p. 44) objects

NextToken

The token that marks the start of the next batch of returned results.

Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

InternalServerError

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500
InvalidParameterValue

The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

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- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
ListMetrics

List the specified metrics. You can use the returned metrics with GetMetricStatistics (p. 15) to obtain statistical data.

Up to 500 results are returned for any one call. To retrieve additional results, use the returned token with subsequent calls.

After you create a metric, allow up to fifteen minutes before the metric appears. Statistics about the metric, however, are available sooner using GetMetricStatistics (p. 15).

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

Dimensions.member.N

The dimensions to filter against.

Type: Array of DimensionFilter (p. 49) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

MetricName

The name of the metric to filter against.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

Namespace

The namespace to filter against.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: [^:].*

Required: No

NextToken

The token returned by a previous call to indicate that there is more data available.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Required: No

Response Elements

The following elements are returned by the service.
Metrics.member.N

The metrics.

Type: Array of Metric (p. 50) objects

NextToken

The token that marks the start of the next batch of returned results.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

InternalServerError

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500

InvalidParameterValue

The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

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PutDashboard

Creates a dashboard if it does not already exist, or updates an existing dashboard. If you update a dashboard, the entire contents are replaced with what you specify here.

You can have up to 500 dashboards per account. All dashboards in your account are global, not region-specific.

A simple way to create a dashboard using PutDashboard is to copy an existing dashboard. To copy an existing dashboard using the console, you can load the dashboard and then use the View/edit source command in the Actions menu to display the JSON block for that dashboard. Another way to copy a dashboard is to use GetDashboard, and then use the data returned within DashboardBody as the template for the new dashboard when you call PutDashboard.

When you create a dashboard with PutDashboard, a good practice is to add a text widget at the top of the dashboard with a message that the dashboard was created by script and should not be changed in the console. This message could also point console users to the location of the DashboardBody script or the CloudFormation template used to create the dashboard.

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

DashboardBody

The detailed information about the dashboard in JSON format, including the widgets to include and their location on the dashboard. This parameter is required.

For more information about the syntax, see Dashboard Body Structure and Syntax (p. 59).

Type: String

Required: Yes

DashboardName

The name of the dashboard. If a dashboard with this name already exists, this call modifies that dashboard, replacing its current contents. Otherwise, a new dashboard is created. The maximum length is 255, and valid characters are A-Z, a-z, 0-9, "-", and "_". This parameter is required.

Type: String

Required: Yes

Response Elements

The following element is returned by the service.

DashboardValidationMessages.member.N

If the input for PutDashboard was correct and the dashboard was successfully created or modified, this result is empty.

If this result includes only warning messages, then the input was valid enough for the dashboard to be created or modified, but some elements of the dashboard may not render.

If this result includes error messages, the input was not valid and the operation failed.

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Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).

**InternalServiceError**

Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.

HTTP Status Code: 500

**InvalidParameterInput**

Some part of the dashboard data is invalid.

HTTP Status Code: 400

Examples

Example

The following example creates a dashboard with just one text widget.

```json
{
  "DashBoardName":"Dashboard with only one text widget",
  "DashBoardBody":{
    "widgets":[
      {
        "type":"text",
        "x":0,
        "y":7,
        "width":3,
        "height":3,
        "properties":{
          "markdown":"Hello world"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

Example

The following example modifies an existing dashboard to include one metric widget and one text widget.

```json
{
  "DashBoardName":"Two-Widget Dashboard",
  "DashBoardBody":{
    "widgets":[
      {
        "type":"metric",
        "x":0,
```
Example

The following example creates a dashboard with two separate metric widgets, side by side.

```json
{
  "DashBoardName":"Two-metric-widget Dashboard",
  "DashBoardBody":
  {
    "widgets": [
      {
        "type":"metric",
        "x":0,
        "y":0,
        "width":12,
        "height":6,
        "properties":{
          "metrics": [
            "AWS/EC2",
            "CPUUtilization",
            "InstanceId",
            "i-012345"
          ],
          "period":300,
          "stat":"Average",
          "region":"us-east-1",
          "title":"EC2 Instance CPU"
        }
      },
      {
        "type":"text",
        "x":0,
        "y":7,
        "width":3,
        "height":3,
        "properties":{
          "markdown":"Hello world"
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```
Example

The following example creates a dashboard with one widget at the top that shows the DiskReadBytes metric for three EC2 instances on one graph, and a separate widget below that, with an alarm.

```json
{
    "DashBoardName":"Dashboard with a three-metric graph and an alarm",
    "DashBoardBody":
    {
        "widgets":[
            {
                "type":"metric",
                "x":0,
                "y":0,
                "width":12,
                "height":6,
                "properties":{
                    "metrics":[
                        [ "AWS/EC2","DiskReadBytes","InstanceId","i-xyz"
                        ],
                        [ ".","."",".","i-abc"
                        ],
                        [ ".","."",".","i-123"
                        ],
                        "period":300,
                        "stat":"Average",
                        "region":"us-east-1",
                        "title":"EC2 Instance CPU"
                    ]
                }
            },
            {
                "type":"metric",
                "x":0,
                "y":0,
                "width":12,
                "height":6,
                "properties":{
                    "metrics":[
                        [ "AWS/S3","BucketSizeBytes","BucketName","MyBucketName"
                        ],
                        "period":86400,
                        "stat":"Maximum",
                        "region":"us-east-1",
                        "title":"MyBucketName bytes"
                    ]
                }
            }
        ]
    }
}
```
See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
PutMetricAlarm

Creates or updates an alarm and associates it with the specified metric. Optionally, this operation can associate one or more Amazon SNS resources with the alarm.

When this operation creates an alarm, the alarm state is immediately set to INSUFFICIENT_DATA. The alarm is evaluated and its state is set appropriately. Any actions associated with the state are then executed.

When you update an existing alarm, its state is left unchanged, but the update completely overwrites the previous configuration of the alarm.

If you are an IAM user, you must have Amazon EC2 permissions for some operations:

- **iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole** for all alarms with EC2 actions
- **ec2:DescribeInstanceStatus** and **ec2:DescribeInstances** for all alarms on EC2 instance status metrics
- **ec2:StopInstances** for alarms with stop actions
- **ec2:TerminateInstances** for alarms with terminate actions
- **ec2:DescribeInstanceRecoveryAttribute** and **ec2:RecoverInstances** for alarms with recover actions

If you have read/write permissions for Amazon CloudWatch but not for Amazon EC2, you can still create an alarm, but the stop or terminate actions are not performed. However, if you are later granted the required permissions, the alarm actions that you created earlier are performed.

If you are using an IAM role (for example, an EC2 instance profile), you cannot stop or terminate the instance using alarm actions. However, you can still see the alarm state and perform any other actions such as Amazon SNS notifications or Auto Scaling policies.

If you are using temporary security credentials granted using AWS STS, you cannot stop or terminate an EC2 instance using alarm actions.

You must create at least one stop, terminate, or reboot alarm using either the Amazon EC2 or CloudWatch consoles to create the EC2ActionsAccess IAM role. After this IAM role is created, you can create stop, terminate, or reboot alarms using a command-line interface or API.

**Request Parameters**

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**ActionsEnabled**

Indicates whether actions should be executed during any changes to the alarm state.

Type: Boolean

Required: No

**AlarmActions.member.N**

The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to the ALARM state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).


Valid Values (for use with IAM roles): arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Stop/1.0 | arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Terminate/1.0 | arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Reboot/1.0

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.


Required: No

AlarmDescription

The description for the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.

Required: No

AlarmName

The name for the alarm. This name must be unique within the AWS account.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

ComparisonOperator

The arithmetic operation to use when comparing the specified statistic and threshold. The specified statistic value is used as the first operand.

Type: String

Valid Values: GreaterThanOrEqualToThreshold | GreaterThanThreshold | LessThanThreshold | LessThanOrEqualToThreshold

Required: Yes

DatapointsToAlarm

The number of datapoints that must be breaching to trigger the alarm.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: No

Dimensions.member.N

The dimensions for the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: Array of Dimension (p. 48) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.
Required: No

**EvaluateLowSampleCountPercentile**

Used only for alarms based on percentiles. If you specify `ignore`, the alarm state does not change during periods with too few data points to be statistically significant. If you specify `evaluate` or omit this parameter, the alarm is always evaluated and possibly changes state no matter how many data points are available. For more information, see Percentile-Based CloudWatch Alarms and Low Data Samples.

Valid Values: `evaluate` | `ignore`

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**EvaluationPeriods**

The number of periods over which data is compared to the specified threshold. An alarm's total current evaluation period can be no longer than one day, so this number multiplied by `Period` cannot be more than 86,400 seconds.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: Yes

**ExtendedStatistic**

The percentile statistic for the metric associated with the alarm. Specify a value between `p0.0` and `p100`. When you call `PutMetricAlarm`, you must specify either `Statistic` or `ExtendedStatistic`, but not both.

Type: String

Pattern: `p(\d{1,2}(\.|\d{0,2})?|100)`

Required: No

**InsufficientDataActions.member.N**

The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to the `INSUFFICIENT_DATA` state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).


Valid Values (for use with IAM roles): `arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Stop/1.0`

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.


Required: No
**MetricName**

The name for the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

**Namespace**

The namespace for the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: \[^:]*

Required: Yes

**OKActions.member.N**

The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to an OK state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).


Valid Values (for use with IAM roles): arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Stop/1.0 | arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Terminate/1.0 | arn:aws:swf:region:{account-id}:action/actions/AWS_EC2.InstanceId.Reboot/1.0

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.


Required: No

**Period**

The period, in seconds, over which the specified statistic is applied. Valid values are 10, 30, and any multiple of 60.

Be sure to specify 10 or 30 only for metrics that are stored by a PutMetricData call with a StorageResolution of 1. If you specify a Period of 10 or 30 for a metric that does not have sub-minute resolution, the alarm still attempts to gather data at the period rate that you specify. In this case, it does not receive data for the attempts that do not correspond to a one-minute data resolution, and the alarm may often lapse into INSUFFICIENT_DATA status. Specifying 10 or 30 also sets this alarm as a high-resolution alarm, which has a higher charge than other alarms. For more information about pricing, see Amazon CloudWatch Pricing.

An alarm’s total current evaluation period can be no longer than one day, so Period multiplied by EvaluationPeriods cannot be more than 86,400 seconds.

Type: Integer
Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.
Required: Yes

**Statistic**

The statistic for the metric associated with the alarm, other than percentile. For percentile statistics, use ExtendedStatistic. When you call `PutMetricAlarm`, you must specify either `Statistic` or `ExtendedStatistic`, but not both.

Type: String

Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum

Required: No

**Threshold**

The value against which the specified statistic is compared.

Type: Double

Required: Yes

**TreatMissingData**

Sets how this alarm is to handle missing data points. If `TreatMissingData` is omitted, the default behavior of `missing` is used. For more information, see Configuring How CloudWatch Alarms Treats Missing Data.

Valid Values: breaching | notBreaching | ignore | missing

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**Unit**

The unit of measure for the statistic. For example, the units for the Amazon EC2 NetworkIn metric are Bytes because NetworkIn tracks the number of bytes that an instance receives on all network interfaces. You can also specify a unit when you create a custom metric. Units help provide conceptual meaning to your data. Metric data points that specify a unit of measure, such as Percent, are aggregated separately.

If you specify a unit, you must use a unit that is appropriate for the metric. Otherwise, the CloudWatch alarm can get stuck in the INSUFFICIENT DATA state.

Type: String


Required: No

**Errors**

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).
LimitExceeded

The quota for alarms for this customer has already been reached.

HTTP Status Code: 400

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
PutMetricData

Publishes metric data points to Amazon CloudWatch. CloudWatch associates the data points with the specified metric. If the specified metric does not exist, CloudWatch creates the metric. When CloudWatch creates a metric, it can take up to fifteen minutes for the metric to appear in calls to ListMetrics (p. 22).

Each PutMetricData request is limited to 40 KB in size for HTTP POST requests.

Although the Value parameter accepts numbers of type Double, CloudWatch rejects values that are either too small or too large. Values must be in the range of 8.515920e-109 to 1.174271e+108 (Base 10) or 2e-360 to 2e360 (Base 2). In addition, special values (for example, NaN, +Infinity, -Infinity) are not supported.

You can use up to 10 dimensions per metric to further clarify what data the metric collects. For more information about specifying dimensions, see Publishing Metrics in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.

Data points with time stamps from 24 hours ago or longer can take at least 48 hours to become available for GetMetricStatistics (p. 15) from the time they are submitted.

CloudWatch needs raw data points to calculate percentile statistics. If you publish data using a statistic set instead, you can only retrieve percentile statistics for this data if one of the following conditions is true:

- The SampleCount value of the statistic set is 1
- The Min and the Max values of the statistic set are equal

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

**MetricData.member.N**

The data for the metric.

Type: Array of MetricDatum (p. 56) objects

Required: Yes

**Namespace**

The namespace for the metric data.

You cannot specify a namespace that begins with "AWS/". Namespaces that begin with "AWS/" are reserved for use by Amazon Web Services products.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: [^:].*

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).
InternalServiceError
Request processing has failed due to some unknown error, exception, or failure.
HTTP Status Code: 500

InvalidParameterCombination
Parameters were used together that cannot be used together.
HTTP Status Code: 400

InvalidParameterValue
The value of an input parameter is bad or out-of-range.
HTTP Status Code: 400

MissingParameter
An input parameter that is required is missing.
HTTP Status Code: 400

Examples

Example

The following example puts data for a single metric containing one dimension:

Sample Request

```
https://monitoring.&api-domain;/doc/2010-08-01/
?Action=PutMetricData
&Version=2010-08-01
&Namespace=TestNamespace
&MetricData.member.1.MetricName=buffers
&MetricData.member.1.Unit=Bytes
&MetricData.member.1.Value=231434333
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Name=InstanceType
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Value=m1.small
&AUTHPARAMS
```

Example

The following example puts data for a single metric containing two dimensions:

Sample Request

```
https://monitoring.&api-domain;/doc/2010-08-01/
?Action=PutMetricData
&Version=2010-08-01
&Namespace=TestNamespace
&MetricData.member.1.MetricName=buffers
&MetricData.member.1.Unit=Bytes
&MetricData.member.1.Value=231434333
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Name=InstanceID
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Value=i-aaba32d4
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Name=InstanceType
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Value=m1.small
```
Example

The following example puts data for two metrics, each with two dimensions:

Sample Request

```
https://monitoring.&api-domain;/doc/2010-08-01/
?Action=PutMetricData
&Version=2010-08-01
&Namespace=TestNamespace
&MetricData.member.1.MetricName=buffers
&MetricData.member.1.Unit=Bytes
&MetricData.member.1.Value=231434333
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Name=InstanceID
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Value=i-aaba32d4
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Name=InstanceType
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Value=m1.small
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Name=InstanceID
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.1.Value=i-aaba32d4
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Name=InstanceType
&MetricData.member.1.Dimensions.member.2.Value=m1.small
```

Example

The following example puts data for a high-resolution metric:

Sample Request

```
https://monitoring.&api-domain;/doc/2010-08-01/
?Action=PutMetricData
&Version=2010-08-01
&Namespace=HighResolutionMetric
&MetricData.member.1.MetricName=HighResdata
&MetricData.member.1.Unit=Bytes
&MetricData.member.1.Value=542868
&MetricData.member.1.StorageResolution=1
```

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
• AWS SDK for Ruby V2
SetAlarmState

Temporarily sets the state of an alarm for testing purposes. When the updated state differs from the previous value, the action configured for the appropriate state is invoked. For example, if your alarm is configured to send an Amazon SNS message when an alarm is triggered, temporarily changing the alarm state to ALARM sends an SNS message. The alarm returns to its actual state (often within seconds). Because the alarm state change happens quickly, it is typically only visible in the alarm’s History tab in the Amazon CloudWatch console or through DescribeAlarmHistory (p. 5).

Request Parameters

For information about the parameters that are common to all actions, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

AlarmName

The name for the alarm. This name must be unique within the AWS account. The maximum length is 255 characters.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

StateReason

The reason that this alarm is set to this specific state, in text format.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1023.

Required: Yes

StateReasonData

The reason that this alarm is set to this specific state, in JSON format.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 4000.

Required: No

StateValue

The value of the state.

Type: String

Valid Values: OK | ALARM | INSUFFICIENT_DATA

Required: Yes

Errors

For information about the errors that are common to all actions, see Common Errors (p. 74).
InvalidFormat

Data was not syntactically valid JSON.

HTTP Status Code: 400

ResourceNotFound

The named resource does not exist.

HTTP Status Code: 404

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS Command Line Interface
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for PHP V3
- AWS SDK for Python
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
Data Types

The Amazon CloudWatch API contains several data types that various actions use. This section describes each data type in detail.

**Note**
The order of each element in a data type structure is not guaranteed. Applications should not assume a particular order.

The following data types are supported:

- `AlarmHistoryItem` (p. 42)
- `DashboardEntry` (p. 44)
- `DashboardValidationMessage` (p. 45)
- `Datapoint` (p. 46)
- `Dimension` (p. 48)
- `DimensionFilter` (p. 49)
- `Metric` (p. 50)
- `MetricAlarm` (p. 51)
- `MetricDatum` (p. 56)
- `StatisticSet` (p. 58)
AlarmHistoryItem

Represents the history of a specific alarm.

Contents

AlarmName
The descriptive name for the alarm.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
Required: No

HistoryData
Data about the alarm, in JSON format.
Type: String
Required: No

HistoryItemType
The type of alarm history item.
Type: String
Valid Values: ConfigurationUpdate | StateUpdate | Action
Required: No

HistorySummary
A summary of the alarm history, in text format.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
Required: No

Timestamp
The time stamp for the alarm history item.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
• AWS SDK for Java
• AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DashboardEntry

Represents a specific dashboard.

Contents

DashboardArn

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the dashboard.

Type: String
Required: No

DashboardName

The name of the dashboard.

Type: String
Required: No

LastModified

The time stamp of when the dashboard was last modified, either by an API call or through the console. This number is expressed as the number of milliseconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.

Type: Timestamp
Required: No

Size

The size of the dashboard, in bytes.

Type: Long
Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DashboardValidationMessage

An error or warning for the operation.

Contents

**DataPath**

The data path related to the message.

Type: String

Required: No

**Message**

A message describing the error or warning.

Type: String

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
Datapoint

Encapsulates the statistical data that CloudWatch computes from metric data.

Contents

Average

The average of the metric values that correspond to the data point.

Type: Double

Required: No

ExtendedStatistics, ExtendedStatistics.entry.N.key (key), ExtendedStatisticsentry.N.value (value)

The percentile statistic for the data point.

Type: String to double map

Key Pattern: p(\d{1,2}(\.\d{0,2})?|100)

Required: No

Maximum

The maximum metric value for the data point.

Type: Double

Required: No

Minimum

The minimum metric value for the data point.

Type: Double

Required: No

SampleCount

The number of metric values that contributed to the aggregate value of this data point.

Type: Double

Required: No

Sum

The sum of the metric values for the data point.

Type: Double

Required: No

Timestamp

The time stamp used for the data point.

Type: Timestamp

Required: No
Unit

The standard unit for the data point.

Type: String


Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
Dimension

Expands the identity of a metric.

Contents

Name

The name of the dimension.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Value

The value representing the dimension measurement.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
DimensionFilter

Represents filters for a dimension.

Contents

Name

The dimension name to be matched.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: Yes

Value

The value of the dimension to be matched.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
Metric

Represents a specific metric.

Contents

**Dimensions.member.N**

The dimensions for the metric.

Type: Array of Dimension (p. 48) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

**MetricName**

The name of the metric.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**Namespace**

The namespace of the metric.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: `[^:].*`

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
MetricAlarm

Represents an alarm.

Contents

ActionsEnabled
Indicates whether actions should be executed during any changes to the alarm state.
Type: Boolean
Required: No

AlarmActions.member.N
The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to the ALARM state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).
Type: Array of strings
Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.
Required: No

AlarmArn
The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the alarm.
Type: String
Required: No

AlarmConfigurationUpdatedTimestamp
The time stamp of the last update to the alarm configuration.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

AlarmDescription
The description of the alarm.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1024.
Required: No

AlarmName
The name of the alarm.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
Required: No

**ComparisonOperator**

The arithmetic operation to use when comparing the specified statistic and threshold. The specified statistic value is used as the first operand.

Type: String

Valid Values: GreaterThanOrEqualToThreshold | GreaterThanThreshold | LessThanThreshold | LessThanOrEqualToThreshold

Required: No

**DatapointsToAlarm**

The number of datapoints that must be breaching to trigger the alarm.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: No

**Dimensions.member.N**

The dimensions for the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: Array of Dimension (p. 48) objects

Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.

Required: No

**EvaluateLowSampleCountPercentile**

Used only for alarms based on percentiles. If ignore, the alarm state does not change during periods with too few data points to be statistically significant. If evaluate or this parameter is not used, the alarm is always evaluated and possibly changes state no matter how many data points are available.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**EvaluationPeriods**

The number of periods over which data is compared to the specified threshold.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: No

**ExtendedStatistic**

The percentile statistic for the metric associated with the alarm. Specify a value between p0.0 and p100.

Type: String

Pattern: p(\d{1,2}(\.\d{0,2})?|100)
Required: No

**InsufficientDataActions.member.N**

The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to the `INSUFFICIENT_DATA` state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.


Required: No

**MetricName**

The name of the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Required: No

**Namespace**

The namespace of the metric associated with the alarm.

Type: String

Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.

Pattern: `[^:].*`

Required: No

**OKActions.member.N**

The actions to execute when this alarm transitions to the `OK` state from any other state. Each action is specified as an Amazon Resource Name (ARN).

Type: Array of strings

Array Members: Maximum number of 5 items.


Required: No

**Period**

The period, in seconds, over which the statistic is applied.

Type: Integer

Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.

Required: No

**StateReason**

An explanation for the alarm state, in text format.

Type: String

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Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 1023.
Required: No

**StateReasonData**
An explanation for the alarm state, in JSON format.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 0. Maximum length of 4000.
Required: No

**StateUpdatedTimestamp**
The time stamp of the last update to the alarm state.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

**StateValue**
The state value for the alarm.
Type: String
Valid Values: OK | ALARM | INSUFFICIENT_DATA
Required: No

**Statistic**
The statistic for the metric associated with the alarm, other than percentile. For percentile statistics, use ExtendedStatistic.
Type: String
Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum
Required: No

**Threshold**
The value to compare with the specified statistic.
Type: Double
Required: No

**TreatMissingData**
Sets how this alarm is to handle missing data points. If this parameter is omitted, the default behavior of missing is used.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
Required: No

**Unit**
The unit of the metric associated with the alarm.
Type: String

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
MetricDatum

Encapsulates the information sent to either create a metric or add new values to be aggregated into an existing metric.

Contents

Dimensions

The dimensions associated with the metric.
Type: Array of Dimension objects
Array Members: Maximum number of 10 items.
Required: No

MetricName

The name of the metric.
Type: String
Length Constraints: Minimum length of 1. Maximum length of 255.
Required: Yes

StatisticValues

The statistical values for the metric.
Type: StatisticSet object
Required: No

StorageResolution

Valid values are 1 and 60. Setting this to 1 specifies this metric as a high-resolution metric, so that CloudWatch stores the metric with sub-minute resolution down to one second. Setting this to 60 specifies this metric as a regular-resolution metric, which CloudWatch stores at 1-minute resolution. Currently, high resolution is available only for custom metrics. For more information about high-resolution metrics, see High-Resolution Metrics in the Amazon CloudWatch User Guide.
This field is optional, if you do not specify it the default of 60 is used.
Type: Integer
Valid Range: Minimum value of 1.
Required: No

Timestamp

The time the metric data was received, expressed as the number of milliseconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
Type: Timestamp
Required: No

Unit

The unit of the metric.
Type: String

Valid Values: Seconds | Microseconds | Milliseconds | Bytes | Kilobytes |
Megabytes | Gigabytes | Terabytes | Bits | Kilobits | Megabits | Gigabits |

Required: No

Value

The value for the metric.

Although the parameter accepts numbers of type Double, CloudWatch rejects values that are either too small or too large. Values must be in the range of 8.515920e-109 to 1.174271e+108 (Base 10) or 2e-360 to 2e360 (Base 2). In addition, special values (for example, NaN, +Infinity, -Infinity) are not supported.

Type: Double

Required: No

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
StatisticSet

Represents a set of statistics that describes a specific metric.

Contents

Maximum

The maximum value of the sample set.
Type: Double
Required: Yes

Minimum

The minimum value of the sample set.
Type: Double
Required: Yes

SampleCount

The number of samples used for the statistic set.
Type: Double
Required: Yes

Sum

The sum of values for the sample set.
Type: Double
Required: Yes

See Also

For more information about using this API in one of the language-specific AWS SDKs, see the following:

- AWS SDK for C++
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for Ruby V2
Dashboard Body Structure and Syntax

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Overall Structure

A DashboardBody is a string in JSON format. It is an array of between 0 and 100 widget objects.

```json
{
    "widgets": [ {widget1},{widget2}, ... {widgetN} ]
}
```

An example of this structure with one metric widget and one text widget:

```json
{
    "widgets": [
        {
            "type":"metric",
            "x":0,
            "y":0,
            "width":12,
            "height":6,
            "properties":{
                "metrics":[
                    ["AWS/EC2",
                    "CPUUtilization",
                    "InstanceId",
                    "i-012345"
                    ],
                "period":300,
                "stat":"Average",
                "region":"us-east-1",
                "title":"EC2 Instance CPU"
                }
            }
        },
        {
            "type":"text",
            "x":0,
            "y":7,
            "width":3,
            "height":3,
            "properties":{
                "markdown":"Hello world"
            }
        }
    ]
}
```
The rest of this section includes examples illustrating each part of the `DashboardBody` syntax. For more examples showing the entire command syntax, see `PutDashboard` in the Amazon CloudWatch API Reference.

Each widget of any type can have the following properties.

**type**

The type of widget.

Valid Values: `metric` | `text`

Type: String

Required: Yes

**x**

The horizontal position of the widget on the 24-column dashboard grid. The default is the next available position.

Valid Values: 0–23

Type: Integer

Required: No

**y**

The vertical position of the widget on the 24-column dashboard grid. The default is the next available position.

Valid Values: Any integer, 0 or higher.

Type: Integer

Required: No

**width**

The width of the widget in grid units (in a 24-column grid). The default is 6.

Valid Values: 1–24

Type: Integer

Required: No

**height**

The height of the widget in grid units. The default is 6.

Valid Values: 1–1000

Type: Integer

Required: No

**properties**

The detailed properties of the widget, which differ depending on the widget type. For more information about the format of `properties`, see Properties of a Metric Widget Object (p. 61) or Properties of a Text Widget Object (p. 61).

Type: Object
Properties of a Text Widget Object

A widget of type text must have exactly one properties field: markdown.

markdown

The text to be displayed by the widget. Use this parameter only for text widgets.

Type: String

Required: Yes (when the widget type is text).

```
{
"widgets": [
  {
  "type": "text",
  "x": 0,
  "y": 7,
  "width": 3,
  "height": 3,
  "properties": {
    "markdown": "Hello world"
  },
},
]
```

Properties of a Metric Widget Object

A widget of type metric can have the following fields within properties:

metrics

To include one or more metrics (without alarms) in the widget, specify a metrics array. One metrics array can include 0–100 metrics. Use this parameter only for metric widgets. For more information about the format of metrics, see Metric Widget: Format for Each Metric in the Array (p. 63).

Type: Array of arrays

Required: Yes, when the widget type is metric and annotations is not specified.

annotations

To include an alarm or horizontal annotation in the widget, specify an annotations array. For more information about the format, see Dashboard Widget Object: Annotation Properties (p. 65). Use this parameter only for metric widgets.

Type: Array

Required: An alarm annotation is required only when the widget type is metric and metrics is not specified. A horizontal annotation is not required.

title

The title to be displayed for the graph or number. Use this parameter only for metric widgets.
Properties of a Metric Widget Object

Type: String
Required: No

period
The default period, in seconds, for all metrics in this widget. This default can be overridden within each metric definition. Use this parameter only for metric widgets. The default is 300.

Valid Values: Any multiple of 60, with 60 as the minimum.

Type: Integer
Required: No

region
The region of the metric. Use this parameter only for metric widgets.

Type: String
Required: Yes

stat
The default statistic to be displayed for each metric in the array. This default can be overridden within the definition of each individual metric in the metrics array. Use this parameter only for metric widgets.

Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum | p??

Type: String that is a valid CloudWatch statistic.
Required: No

view
Specify timeSeries to display this metric as a graph, or singleValue to display it as a number. Use this parameter only for metric widgets.

Valid Values: timeSeries | singleValue

Type: String
Required: No

stacked
Specify true to display the graph as a stacked line, or false to display as separate lines. This parameter is ignored if view is singleValue. Use this parameter only for metric widgets.

Type: Boolean
Required: No

yAxis
Limits for the minimums and maximums of the y-axis, if this is a graph. This applies to every metric being graphed, unless specific metrics override it. For more information about the format, see Dashboard Widget Object: yAxis Properties Format (p. 68).

Type: YAxes object
Required: No
Metric Widget: Format for Each Metric in the Array

Each metric in the `metrics` array has the following format:

```json
[ Namespace, MetricName, [[DimensionName, DimensionValue]...], Rendering Properties Object ]
```

**Namespace**

The AWS namespace containing the metric. If you have multiple entries in the `metrics` array, for each one after the first you may specify only "." to use the same namespace as the previous metric in the array.

Type: String
Required: Yes

**MetricName**

The name of the CloudWatch metric. If you have multiple entries in the `metrics` array, for each one after the first you may specify only "." to use the same metric name as the previous metric in the array.

Type: String

Required: Yes

**DimensionName**

The name of a dimension to further refine what data is shown. If you have multiple entries in the `metrics` array, for each one after the first you may specify only "." to use the same dimension name as in the corresponding dimension specified in the previous metric in the array. You may specify 0 dimensions for a metric, or up to as many dimensions as the metric support.

Type: String

Required: No

**DimensionValue**

The value to use for that dimension for the metric. Required if there is a corresponding dimension name.

Type: String

Required: No

**Rendering Properties Object**

Specifies rendering properties to be used for this particular metric, overriding the values specified for the overall widget. For more information about the format, see Dashboard Widget Object: Rendering Properties Object Format (p. 64).

Type: Metric Render Properties Object

Required: No

```javascript
// The simplest example, a metric with no dimensions
[ "AWS/EC2", "CPUUtilization" ]

// A metric with a single dimension
[ "AWS/EC2", "CPUUtilization", "InstanceId", "i-012345" ]

// A metric with a single dimension and rendering properties
[ "AWS/EC2", "DiskReadBytes", "InstanceId", "i-xyz", { yAxis: "right"} ]

// The following example graphs the DiskReadBytes metric for three instances.
[ "AWS/EC2", "DiskReadBytes", "InstanceId", "i-xyz" ],
[ ".", ".", ".", "i-abc" ],
[ ".", ".", ".", "i-123" ]
```

### Dashboard Widget Object: Rendering Properties Object Format

Each metric in the `metrics` array can optionally have custom rendering properties that override the default rendering properties specified in the `yAxis` parameter of the `widget` object. This section describes the format for those per-metric custom rendering properties.
color

The six-digit HTML hex color code to be used for this metric.

Type: String
Required: No

label

The label to display for this metric in the graph legend. If this is not specified, the metric is given an autogenerated label that distinguishes it from the other metrics in the widget.

Type: String
Required: No

period

The period for this metric, in seconds.

Valid Values: A multiple of 60, with a minimum of 60.

Type: Integer
Required: No

stat

The statistic for this metric, if it is to be different than the statistic used for the other metrics in the array.

Valid Values: SampleCount | Average | Sum | Minimum | Maximum | p ??

Type: String that is a valid CloudWatch statistic.
Required: No

yAxis

Where on the graph to display the y-axis for this metric. The default is left.

Valid Values: left | right

Type: String
Required: No

// The third metric has its own rendering properties, overriding those of the rest of the widget.

[ "AWS/EC2", "DiskReadBytes", "InstanceId", "i-xyz" ],
[ ".", ".", ".", "i-abc" ],
[ ".", ".", ".", "i-123", { "label":"Instance i-123", "yAxis": "right"} ]
Alarm Annotations

If you specify an alarm annotation, you cannot also specify a metrics array in the same widget.

alarms

The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the alarm.

Type: Array of strings. There can be 0–1 strings in the array.

Required: Only if no metrics are listed.

```
"annotations": {
  "alarms": [ "arn1"]
}
```

Horizontal Annotations

horizontal

An array of horizontal annotations. Horizontal annotations have several options for fill shading, including shading above the annotation line, shading below the annotation line, and "band" shading that appears between two linked annotation lines as part of a single annotation. Each horizontal annotation in the array that does not have band shading has the following format:

```
[{
  value,
  label,
  color,
  fill,
  yAxis,
  visible
}]
```

Each horizontal annotation that does have band shading has the following format:

```
{
  value,
  label,
  color,
  yAxis,
  visible
}, {
  value,
  label
}
```

value

The metric value in the graph where the horizontal annotation line is to appear. On a band shading annotation, the two values for Value define the upper and lower edges of the band.

On a graph with horizontal annotations, the graph is scaled so that all visible horizontal annotations appear on the graph.

Type: Float

Required: Yes

label

A string that appears on the graph next to the annotation.

Type: String

Required: No

color

The six-digit HTML hex color code to be used for the annotation. This color is used for both the annotation line and the fill shading.
Type: String
Required: No

**fill**

How to use fill shading with the annotation. Valid values are **above** for shading above the annotation, **below** for shading below the annotation, and **none** for no shading. If `fill` is omitted, there is no shading.

The exception is an annotation with band shading. These annotations always have shading between the two values, and any value for `fill` is ignored.

Type: String
Required: No

**visible**

Set this to `true` to have the annotation appear in the graph, or `false` to have it be hidden. The default is `true`.

Type: Boolean
Required: No

**yAxis**

If the graph includes multiple metrics, specifies whether the numbers in `Value` refer to the metric associated with the left Y-axis or the right Y-axis. Valid values are `right` and `left`.

Type: String
Required: No

```json
// A single horizontal annotation with fill shading above the annotation line, based on the metric associated with the right Y-axis
"annotations": { 
  "horizontal": [ 
    { 
      "visible":true, 
      "color":="#9467bd", 
      "label":"Critical range", 
      "value":20, 
      "fill":"above", 
      "yAxis":"right" 
    } 
  ]
}

// A band annotation. Each value has a label, but other parameters for the band are specified only with the first number
"annotations": { 
  "horizontal": [ 
    { 
      "label":"Band top", 
      "value":200, 
      "color":="#9467bd", 
      "visible":true, 
      "yAxis":"right" 
    }, 
    
```
// Three annotations on a graph. The first one is a band annotation. The final one is hidden.
"annotations": {
  "horizontal": [
    {
      "label": "Band top",
      "value": 200,
      "color": "#9467bd",
      "visible": true,
      "yAxis": "right"
    },
    {
      "value": 95.5,
      "label": "Band bottom"
    }
  ],
  "visible": true,
  "color": "#9467bd",
  "label": "Label for this annotation",
  "value": 20,
  "fill": "below",
  "yAxis": "right"
},
{
  "visible": false,
  "color": "#aaa",
  "label": "Hidden annotation",
  "value": 150
}
}  

Dashboard Widget Object: yAxis Properties Format

Defines the minimum and maximum values for the Y-axis of the graph. Set this within the widget object to affect all metrics in the widget. To override the widget settings for a particular metric, set it for the metric in the metrics array.

{  
  left: {  
    min: 0,
    max: 100
  },
  right: {  
    min: 0
  }
}

left

Optional min and max settings for the left Y-axis.

Type: YAxis object
Required: No

right

Optional min and max settings for the right Y-axis.
Type: YAxis object
Required: No

Each of the left and right objects can include the following parameters:

min

The minimum value for this Y-axis
Type: Float
Required: No

max

The maximum value for this Y-axis
Type: Float
Required: No
Making API Requests

Query requests used with Amazon CloudWatch are HTTP or HTTPS requests that use the HTTP verb GET or POST and a Query parameter named Action or Operation. This documentation uses Action, although Operation is supported for backward compatibility.

Amazon CloudWatch Endpoints

An endpoint is a URL that serves as an entry point for a web service. You can select a regional endpoint when you make your requests to reduce latency. For information about the endpoints used with CloudWatch, see Regions and Endpoints in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Query Parameters

Each query request must include some common parameters to handle authentication and selection of an action. For more information, see Common Parameters (p. 72).

Some API operations take lists of parameters. These lists are specified using the following notation: param.member.n. Values of n are integers starting from 1. All lists of parameters must follow this notation, including lists that contain only one parameter. For example, a Query parameter list looks like this:

```
&attribute.member.1=this
&attribute.member.2=that
```

Request Identifiers

In every response from an AWS Query API, there is a ResponseMetadata element, which contains a RequestId element. This string is a unique identifier that AWS assigns to provide tracking information. Although RequestId is included as part of every response, it is not listed on the individual API documentation pages to improve readability and to reduce redundancy.

Query API Authentication

You can send query requests over either HTTP or HTTPS. Regardless of which protocol you use, you must include a signature in every query request. For more information about creating and including a signature, see Signing AWS API Requests in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Available Libraries

AWS provides libraries, sample code, tutorials, and other resources for software developers who prefer to build applications using language-specific APIs instead of the command-line tools and Query API. These libraries provide basic functions (not included in the APIs), such as request authentication, request
retries, and error handling so that it is easier to get started. Libraries and resources are available for the following languages and platforms:

- AWS Mobile SDK for Android
- AWS SDK for Go
- AWS Mobile SDK for iOS
- AWS SDK for Java 2.0
- AWS SDK for Java
- AWS SDK for JavaScript
- AWS SDK for JavaScript in Node.js
- AWS SDK for .NET
- AWS SDK for PHP
- AWS SDK for Python (Boto)
- AWS SDK for Ruby

For libraries and sample code in all languages, see Sample Code & Libraries.
Common Parameters

The following list contains the parameters that all actions use for signing Signature Version 4 requests with a query string. Any action-specific parameters are listed in the topic for that action. For more information about Signature Version 4, see Signature Version 4 Signing Process in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

**Action**
- The action to be performed.
  - Type: string
  - Required: Yes

**Version**
- The API version that the request is written for, expressed in the format YYYY-MM-DD.
  - Type: string
  - Required: Yes

**X-Amz-Algorithm**
- The hash algorithm that you used to create the request signature.
  - Condition: Specify this parameter when you include authentication information in a query string instead of in the HTTP authorization header.
  - Type: string
  - Valid Values: AWS4-HMAC-SHA256
  - Required: Conditional

**X-Amz-Credential**
- The credential scope value, which is a string that includes your access key, the date, the region you are targeting, the service you are requesting, and a termination string ("aws4_request"). The value is expressed in the following format: access_key/YYYYMMDD/region/service/aws4_request.
  - For more information, see Task 2: Create a String to Sign for Signature Version 4 in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.
  - Condition: Specify this parameter when you include authentication information in a query string instead of in the HTTP authorization header.
  - Type: string
  - Required: Conditional

**X-Amz-Date**
- The date that is used to create the signature. The format must be ISO 8601 basic format (YYYYMMDD'T'HHMMSS'Z'). For example, the following date time is a valid X-Amz-Date value: 20120325T120000Z.
  - Condition: X-Amz-Date is optional for all requests; it can be used to override the date used for signing requests. If the Date header is specified in the ISO 8601 basic format, X-Amz-Date is
not required. When X-Amz-Date is used, it always overrides the value of the Date header. For more information, see Handling Dates in Signature Version 4 in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Type: string
Required: Conditional

**X-Amz-Security-Token**

The temporary security token that was obtained through a call to AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS). For a list of services that support temporary security credentials from AWS Security Token Service, go to AWS Services That Work with IAM in the IAM User Guide.

Condition: If you're using temporary security credentials from the AWS Security Token Service, you must include the security token.

Type: string
Required: Conditional

**X-Amz-Signature**

Specifies the hex-encoded signature that was calculated from the string to sign and the derived signing key.

Condition: Specify this parameter when you include authentication information in a query string instead of in the HTTP authorization header.

Type: string
Required: Conditional

**X-Amz-SignedHeaders**

Specifies all the HTTP headers that were included as part of the canonical request. For more information about specifying signed headers, see Task 1: Create a Canonical Request For Signature Version 4 in the Amazon Web Services General Reference.

Condition: Specify this parameter when you include authentication information in a query string instead of in the HTTP authorization header.

Type: string
Required: Conditional
Common Errors

This section lists the errors common to the API actions of all AWS services. For errors specific to an API action for this service, see the topic for that API action.

**AccessDeniedException**
You do not have sufficient access to perform this action.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**IncompleteSignature**
The request signature does not conform to AWS standards.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**InternalFailure**
The request processing has failed because of an unknown error, exception or failure.
HTTP Status Code: 500

**InvalidAction**
The action or operation requested is invalid. Verify that the action is typed correctly.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**InvalidClientTokenId**
The X.509 certificate or AWS access key ID provided does not exist in our records.
HTTP Status Code: 403

**InvalidParameterCombination**
Parameters that must not be used together were used together.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**InvalidParameterValue**
An invalid or out-of-range value was supplied for the input parameter.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**InvalidQueryParameter**
The AWS query string is malformed or does not adhere to AWS standards.
HTTP Status Code: 400

**MalformedQueryString**
The query string contains a syntax error.
HTTP Status Code: 404

**MissingAction**
The request is missing an action or a required parameter.
HTTP Status Code: 400
**MissingAuthenticationToken**

The request must contain either a valid (registered) AWS access key ID or X.509 certificate.

HTTP Status Code: 403

**MissingParameter**

A required parameter for the specified action is not supplied.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**OptInRequired**

The AWS access key ID needs a subscription for the service.

HTTP Status Code: 403

**RequestExpired**

The request reached the service more than 15 minutes after the date stamp on the request or more than 15 minutes after the request expiration date (such as for pre-signed URLs), or the date stamp on the request is more than 15 minutes in the future.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ServiceUnavailable**

The request has failed due to a temporary failure of the server.

HTTP Status Code: 503

**ThrottlingException**

The request was denied due to request throttling.

HTTP Status Code: 400

**ValidationError**

The input fails to satisfy the constraints specified by an AWS service.

HTTP Status Code: 400