

# FileWave Dashboard Intro

## What

The FileWave Dashboard provides summary information about your FileWave server, your deployments, and pretty much anything else you'd like to know about your FileWave environment.

## When/Why

The best time to use the dashboard is when summary data is important to you, particularly regarding server performance and deployment progress. It is a great tool to communicate with senior management, or to simply keep a watchful eye on your environment.

## How

We won't go into detail in this article about using the Dashboard, but we will do that in all of the great articles in this section of the KB. That said, the FileWave dashboard is a collection of custom code and open-source solutions. We'll give you the beginner's guide here for customizing your dashboard up to some more advanced topics, but if you really want to understand how things work, you'll want to take a look at some of the following resources as well:

- Grafana (graphing engine): <https://grafana.com/docs/grafana/latest/>
- Prometheus (data scraping/monitoring): <https://prometheus.io/docs/>

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