

# Long term storage with Prometheus

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# Official answer

- "Don't do it"

## Unofficial answer

- It works
- Our oldest time series are 1.5 years old

## How? (for 1.x)

- You need lots of disk space
- Putting SSDs in front of spinning rust is fine
- You need RAM according to what queries you run
- If you do something really stupid, you can kill Prometheus 1.x with expensive queries
- Set your retention accordingly

## How? (for 2.x)

- You're already done