

Lustre文件系统的大规模性能监控与IO模式分析

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Background of Lustre Performance monitoring



- Activities on the Lustre are black box
 - Users and Administrators want to know "what's going on?"
 - Find "Crazy Jobs" in advance to prevent slow down.
- Lustre statistics are valuable big data
 - Not only monitoring and visualization, but also analysis
 - Predictable operations could be possible.
 - It helps optimize applications and data relocation.
- Open Source based monitoring tool
 - In general, open source is common in the HPC system and it's straightforward.
 - Various combination is possible and make new use cases.

C/S monitoring



- Collecting Data from target, usually it could be MDS/MGS, OSS, client.
- Sending collected data to persistent storage.
- Collected data could be reviewed by users friendly.(Time series, Rates etc.)

Standalone Configuration



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Components of Lustre Performance monitoring



- Data collecter
 - Collects statistics from Lustre /proc and sends them to monitoring server over the network.
 - Runs on servers as well as client and routers.
- Backend Storage
 - Receive stats from agents and store them into database.
 - It can be historical and query-able data
- Frontend
 - Collected data is not only visualized, but also analytics.
 - Application I/O analytics

One-click setup

 Native one-click script support, no need to assemble components manually, no worries about compatibility

Flexible data collector



- A lot of agents existed to collect Lustre performance statistics
- Collectd is one of reasonable options
 - Actively developed, supported and documented
 - Running at many Enterprise/HPC system
 - Written in C and over 100 plugins are available.
 - Supports many backend database for data store.
 - Unfortunately, plugin for lustre is not available, but we made it!

A glance at Collectd





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Scalable backend data store



RDD and SQL based data store dose not scale

- RDD works well on small system, writing 10M statics into files are very challenging (few million IOPS!)
- SQL is faster than RDD, but still hit next level scalability. And it's complex to make database deign.

NoSQL based key-value store shines

- InfluxDB/Hbase. KairosDB/Cassandra
- key, value and tags are easy adaption for Lustre statics data store. No need complex database schema.
- Need to be aware of managing for statics data archiving. (retention)

Frontend – Why Grafana ?



Visualize

Heatmaps, histograms, graphs to geomaps..

► Alert

Seamlessly define alerts where it makes sense

► Unify

Supports InfluxDB, Graphite, Elasticsearch, OpenTSDB and Prometheus.

Extend

Easy to customize dashboards and plugins

► Open

Completely open source, and backed by a vibrant community



Deign of plugin for lustre in collectd



A framework consists of two core components

- Common platform, filedata plugin, collect data by reading and parsing a set of files (not only Lustre)
- Statistics definition layer(XML file and XML parser)

Defined XML for Lustre /proc information

- A single XML file for all definitions of Lustre data collection
- No need to maintain massive error-prone scripts.
- Extendable without core logic layer change.
- Easy to support multiple Lustre version and Lustre distributions in the same cluster.

Architecture of lustre-plugin





Application aware I/O monitoring



Scalable backend data store

- Now, we have scalable backend data store InfluxDB/OpenTSDB.
- Store any type of mercies whatever we want to collect.
- Lustre Job stats is awesome, but need to be integration.
 - Lustre JOB stats feature is useful, but administrator is not interested in I/O stats just only based on JOBID. (Array jobs. Job associates with another jobs, e.g. Genmic pipeline)
 - Lustre performance stats should be associated with all JOBID/GID/UID/NID or custom any IDs.

Pictures of Lustre PerfMonitoring at customer site

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One story about Lustre PerfMonitoring at OIST



Lustre cluster configuration :

- > 3PB Lustre filesystem (12 x OSS, 400 x client)
- Lustre jobstats integrated with SLRUM and running on the production system Lustre PerfMonitoring configuration:
- Unique Lustre Job stats configuration with Collectd Lustre plugin and runs on existing on Jobstats framework.
- Collect jobs stats associated with all UID/GID/JOBID and store them into OpenTSDB.

With the help of Lustre PerfMonitoring, customer found out the root cause so quickly why unexpected burst I/O happened , which they suffered from for a long time.



Thank You!

