
SFS Troubleshooting and Monitoring Tools

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Abstract

» SFS problem investigation tools

- `show_name` translates SFS client and server IDs into readable names
- `job_scan` displays batch job history of a dedicated user, node or time

» SFS performance monitoring tools

- `show_server_perf` shows current SFS server performance
- `show_client_perf` identifies current jobs with high I/O performance

» SFS quota handling tools

- `show_quota` displays a user's quotas in easy readable format



show_name

» Goals

- Translate SFS client IDs of evlview output into readable names
 - IDs are InfiniBand IP addresses (some in hex format) or Quadrics NIDs
- Translate SFS server IDs of client log files into readable names

» Input data

- Site specific file with IP addresses or NIDs and corresponding names
- Log messages which contain IP addresses or NIDs

» Example

```
# evlview -m -f 'age<1' | grep -i lustreerr | ~/bin/show_name -i ib
Apr 23 11:09:13 xc2-ls1 kernel: LustreError:
6358:0:(vibnal_cb.c:1816:kibnal_close_conn_locked()) Closing
conn to 0xa16019b: error -116 rx# 129905 tx# 135598 (0xA16019B
is xc2n67)
```



job_scan

» Goals

- Identify a corresponding job if a node had a problem
 - e.g. if logcheck email contains a Lustre error with node name and timestamp
- Identify all jobs which have been running at a dedicated time
 - e.g. to find out which user possibly caused slow file system response times

» Input data

- Our site specific batch system trace file
 - Most batch systems have job accounting files with the required information
- Node name, user name, job ID, or date and time on command line

» Example

```
# job_scan -d 2007/04/25,14:46:00 -p xc2n460
```

Jobid	User	Start	End	Status	Nodes
42081	bob	04/25,14:45:02	04/25,14:46:07	ok	xc2n[449-464]



show_server_perf

» Goals

- Display current SFS server I/O performance on a terminal
 - Alternative is using a web browser which does not display current data

» Input data

- HP's tool `collectl` gathers Lustre server performance data below `/proc`
 - `show_server_perf` simply calls `collectl -s1 -oh -c1 -i1`

» Example

```
# ./show_server_perf
      #mdsCls Getatt  Reint   sync
xc2-ls1:      2      2      1      0
xc2-ls2:     34      2      2      0
      #KBRead  Reads KBWrit Writes
xc2-ls3:      0      0     10      4
xc2-ls4:      0      0    1048     11
xc2-ls5:     47      6 133597    159
xc2-ls6:      0      0   52448     55
```



show_client_perf

» Goals

- Identify which users create high throughput and metadata performance

» Input data

- HP's tool `collectl` gathers Lustre client performance data below `/proc`
 - Use `pdsh` to start `collectl` on all nodes
 - Use `collectl`'s exception limits `LusKBS` and `LusReints` to find nodes with high I/O values
 - Use batch system commands to show current jobs on these nodes

» Example

```
# ./bin/client_perf.sh
job-id  user  ...  node
-----  ...  ----
 42074  bob   ...  2
 42380  bob   ...  484
 41905  joe   ...  598-603
```



show_quota

» Goals

- Display quotas of the current user group for both file systems
 - Shows easy readable output
 - Explains required site specific actions if quotas are exceeded
- Job management system calls `show_quota` during job submit
 - Displays a warning if usage rate is above 95 %
 - Aborts job submit if usage rate is above 98 %

» Example

```
# show_quota -s
Quotas for group ssck:
File system /lustre/data:  500.00 GB quota limit,  183.39 GB used
                          (36 %), 526256 files created
File system /lustre/work:  190.73 GB quota limit,    8.80 GB used
                          ( 4 %),    27 files created
```

