

Debugging Distributed Systems

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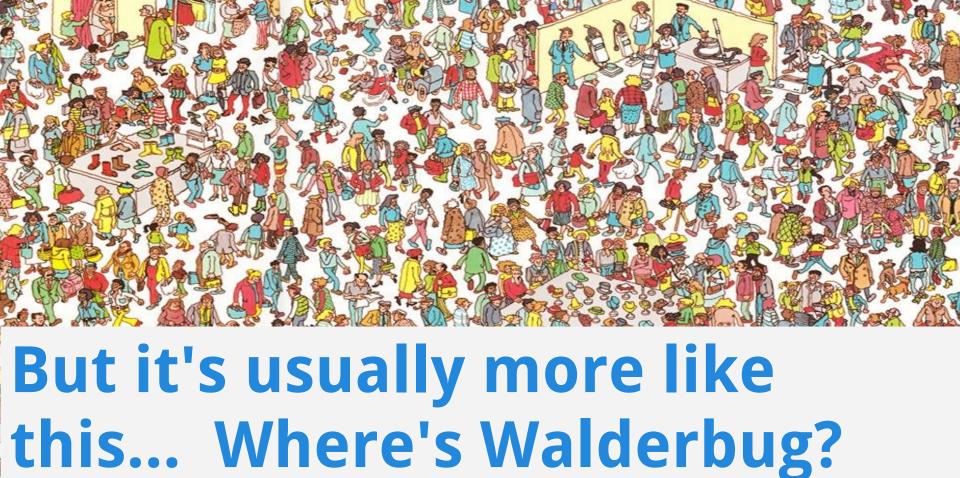
\$whoami; whois cloudera.com

Purveyors of fine distributed software, including HDFS, MapReduce, HBase, Zookeeper, Impala, Hue, Crunch, Avro, Sqoop, Flume, ...

I work on Cloudera Manager (new version out yesterday!), helping our customers focus on their data problems, not their distributed system problems.

if only it were as easy as picking out the black sheep...

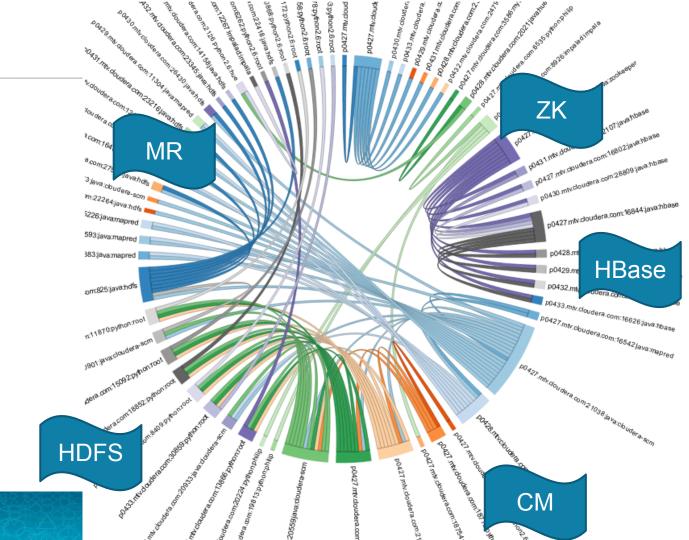




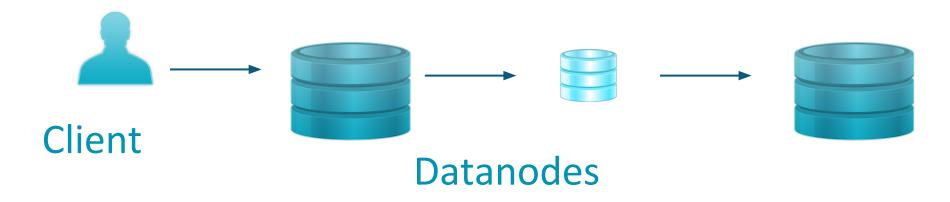
Layers Networks Partial Failure

Networks!

Excerpt of TCP
Connections
between
components in a
small cluster.



Writing to HDFS is a Relay Race



When one element in the relay race is slow, the entire team loses.

The Patented* Two Step Process

Step 1: Figure out where the problem may be... Find outliers in logs & metrics, tracing...

Rinse, Repeat after false starts Zoom in Step 2: Dig in! strace, Java, etc.

Preconditions

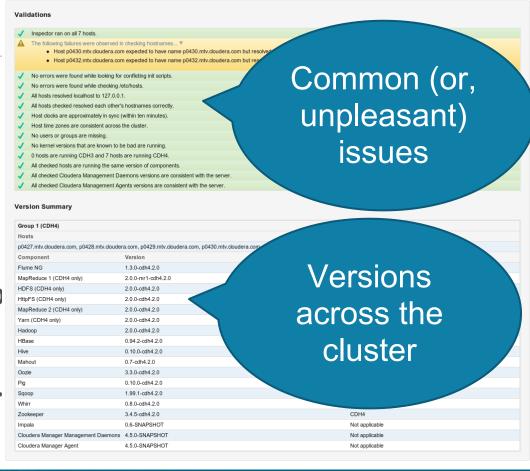
Versions the same?

DNS working? Really?

Clocks in sync?

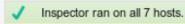
Adding "host inspector" to detect these common issues helped significantly.

Inspector Results



Inspector Results

Validations



- The following failures were observed in checking hostnames... ▼
 - Host p0430.mtv.cloudera.com expected to have name p0430.mtv.cloudera.com but resolved (InetAddress.getLocalHost().getHostName()) itself to p0430.sf.cloudera.
 - Host p0432.mtv.cloudera.com expected to have name p0432.mtv.cloudera.com but resolved (InetAddress.getLocalHost().getHostName()) itself to p0432.sf.cloudera.
- No errors were found while looking for conflicting init scripts.
- No errors were found while checking /etc/hosts.
- All hosts resolved localhost to 127.0.0.1.
- All hosts checked resolved each other's hostnames correctly.
- Host clocks are approximately in sync (within ten minutes). Host time zones are consistent across the cluster.
- No users or groups are missing.
- No kernel versions that are known to be bad are running.
- 0 hosts are running CDH3 and 7 hosts are running CDH4. All checked hosts are running the same version of components.
- All checked Cloudera Management Daemons versions are consistent with the server.
- All checked Cloudera Management Agents versions are consistent with the server.

Version Summary

Group 1 (CDH4)

Easy: Health tests and monitoring

View Details on p0427.mtv.cloudera.com

E-mail, with

link to the

problem

Life's better when a monitoring system tells you where to focus.

[Cloudera Alert] The health of service mapreduce1 has become bad.

false Cluster 1 - CDH4

mapreduce1

MapReduce

Event Code

Service health check bad Critical

Severity Co

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TaskTrackers 85.71%. Critical thre

Percent healthy: 85.71%. Percent healthy or concerning: 85.71%. Critical threshold: 90.00%.

noreply@localhost.mtv.cloudera.com

Time: Feb 20, 2013 12:38:31 PM

MAPREDUCE_TASK_TRACKERS_

Monitor Startup:

Service Type:

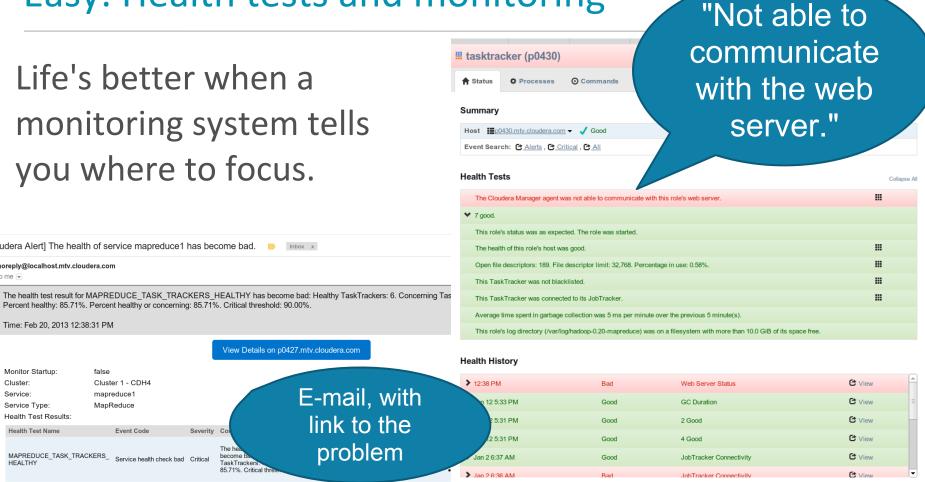
Health Test Results:

Health Test Name

Cluster:

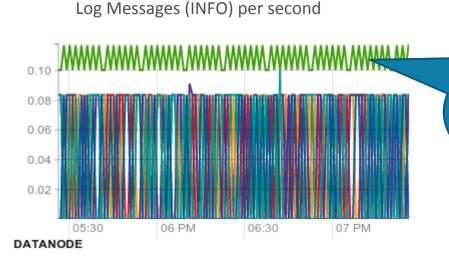
Service:

to me 🔻



Outliers: Logs

Don't just read logs; they're full of lies. Instead, look at distribution of log sizes.



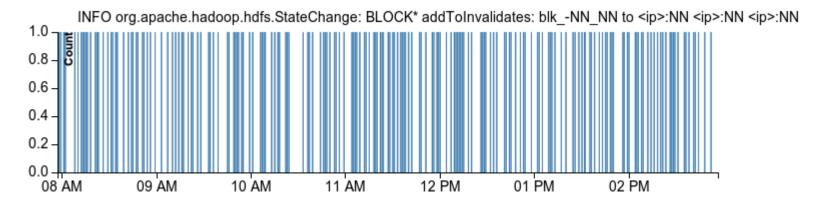
Why is this datanode different from the other datanodes?

When I look at logs, how I look at logs...

```
cat logs |
tr '[0-9]' N |
                # de-uniquify
                # group...
sort
uniq -c |
                # count...
sort -n
                # summarize
```

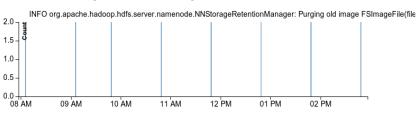
Leave "fancy clustering" for the data scientists. Unix is good enough for us.

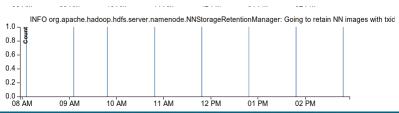
Is it boring?



This happens all the time. Ignore it. It's log spam.

Or maybe it's periodic? Does it explain any spikes?





git grep

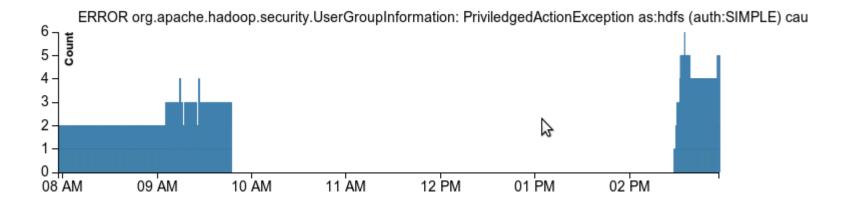
```
$find ~/src -maxdepth 2 -name
.git | wc -l
117
```

I have a ton of stuff checked out, ready for "git grep," from Hadoop to the JDK.

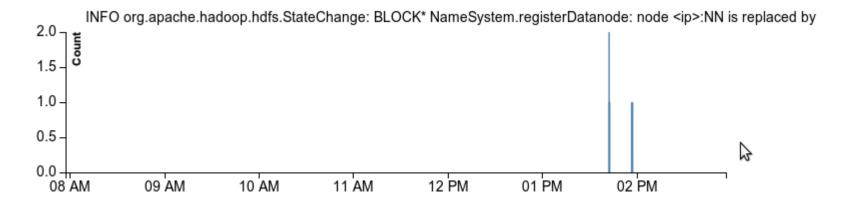
Great way to find those unclear log messages.

Did it come and go?

This is more interesting. What happened at 9:45 and then why did it re-start at 2:30?



Correlate with your problem period...



If you started experiencing a problem at 1:45, this might be interesting.

A few more tricks:

Focus on a specific time period. (Quick plug: Cloudera Manager lets you do this easily.)

If you see something you don't know about, see if it happens everywhere to see if it's boring.

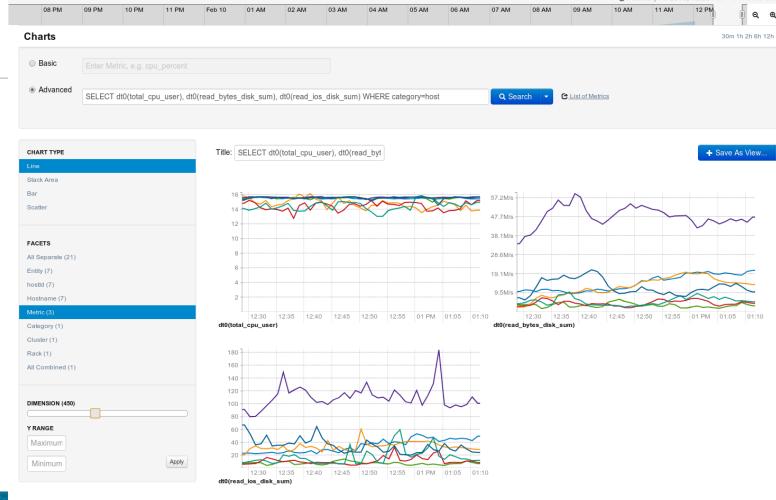
Think about it as a dataset. Logs are (host, process, time, message), organized in that order. Free yourself from that order, and access by message (histograms) or by time instead.

Colophon

http://philz.github.com/logvizjs/

The plots you saw today were produced with d3. See github repo for code.

Metrics



Queries are important

A distributed system with 100 hosts has ~50,000 individual time series.

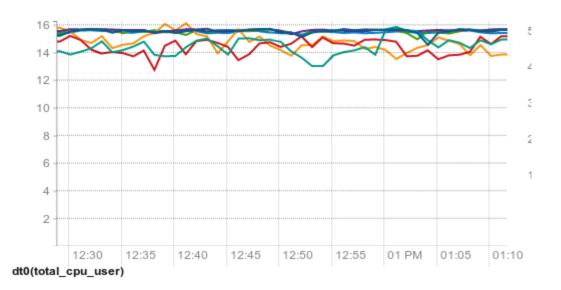
dvanced

SELECT dt0(total_cpu_user), dt0(read_bytes_disk_sum), dt0(read_ios_disk_sum) WHERE category=host

Q Search

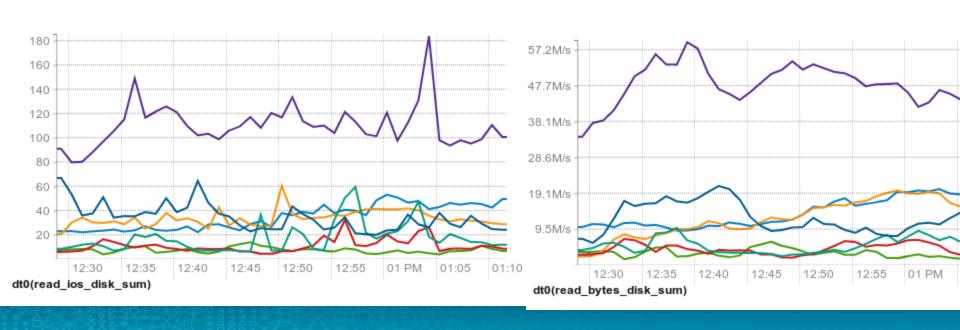
Look for outliers

Nothing to see here; all CPUs are pegged.



Outliers!

Why is one host pushing more IO than the other hosts?



Faceting

Fancy name for "group by"

(See ggplot2, "grammar of graphics")

FACETS All Separate (21) Entity (7) hostld (7) Hostname (7) Metric (3) Category (1) Cluster (1) Rack (1) All Combined (1)

Tracing

- For systems that have this, it's amazing.
- Oddly harder to do in open source, because different layers are different projects, and there's a chicken-and-egg problem.

Google Dapper

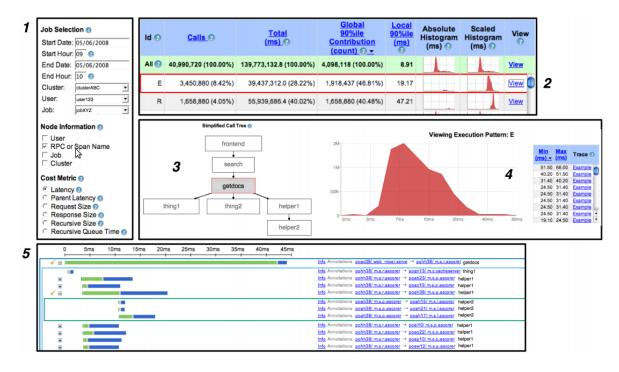
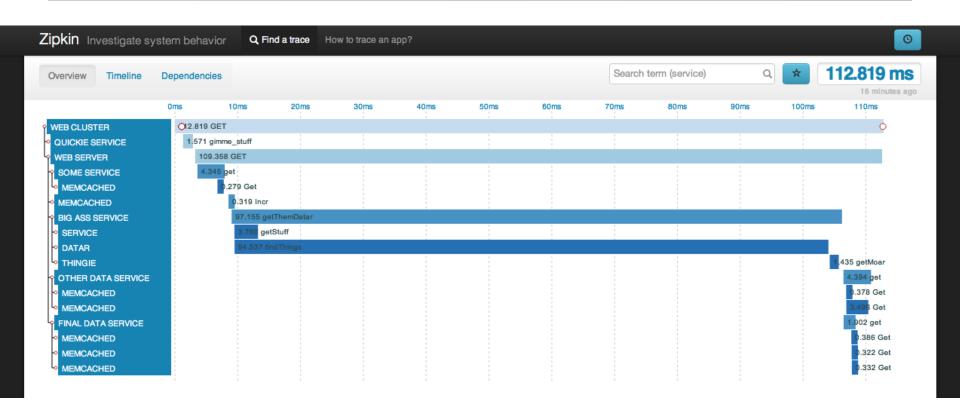


Figure 6: A typical user workflow in the general-purpose Dapper user interface.

Google AppEngine



Twitter Zipkin



Slowly coming to Hadoop...

HTrace (https://github.com/cloudera/htrace)
HBASE-6449 introduces to HBase

Stay tuned!



Web UIs

Many distributed systems expose vital information over HTTP.

This is the Right Thing. Demand it!

Know what's available in your systems.

http://omel.ette.org/blog/2013/02/06/debug-servlets/

Configuration

Is it as expected?
Is it consistent across the cluster?
Where did that value come from anyway?

▼property>

```
nightly-5.ent.cloudera.com:20101/conf
This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.
▼<configuration>
 ▼property>
    <name>mapreduce.job.ubertask.enable</name>
    <value>false</value>
    <source>mapred-default.xml</source>
   </property>
 ▼property>

▼<name>

      yarn.resourcemanager.delayed.delegation-token.removal-interval-ms
    <value>30000</value>
    <source>yarn-default.xml</source>
   </property>
 ▼property>
    <name>yarn.resourcemanager.max-completed-applications</name>
    <value>10000</value>
    <source>varn-default.xml</source>
   </property>
 ▼property>
    <name>mapreduce.client.submit.file.replication</name>
    <value>10</value>
    <source>mapred-default.xml</source>
   </property>
```

<name>yarn.nodemanager.container-manager.thread-count</name>

Stack Traces

Is it deadlocked?
Is it blocked on an external resource (e.g., a database)?
What's going on?

```
🗎 theseus02.sf.cloudera.com:50070/stacks 🕆
Process Thread Dump:
63 active threads
Thread 79 (359026458@gtp-1454691228-3):
  State: RUNNABLE
  Blocked count: 3
 Waited count: 3
  Stack:
    sun.management.ThreadImpl.getThreadInfo1(Native Method)
    sun.management.ThreadImpl.getThreadInfo(ThreadImpl.java:156)
    sun.management.ThreadImpl.getThreadInfo(ThreadImpl.java:121)
    org.apache.hadoop.util.ReflectionUtils.printThreadInfo(Reflec
    org.apache.hadoop.http.HttpServer$StackServlet.doGet(HttpServ
    javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet.service(HttpServlet.java:707)
    javax.servlet.http.HttpServlet.service(HttpServlet.java:820)
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.ServletHolder.handle(ServletHolder.
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.ServletHandler$CachedChain.doFilter
    org.apache.hadoop.http.lib.StaticUserWebFilter$StaticUserFilt
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.ServletHandler$CachedChain.doFilter
    org.apache.hadoop.http.HttpServer$QuotingInputFilter.doFilter
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.ServletHandler$CachedChain.doFilter
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.ServletHandler.handle(ServletHandle
    org.mortbay.jetty.security.SecurityHandler.handle(SecurityHan
    org.mortbay.jetty.servlet.SessionHandler.handle(SessionHandle
    org.mortbay.jetty.handler.ContextHandler.handle(ContextHandle
    org.mortbay.jetty.webapp.WebAppContext.handle(WebAppContext.j
    org.mortbay.jetty.handler.ContextHandlerCollection.handle(Con
    org.mortbay.jetty.handler.HandlerWrapper.handle(HandlerWrappe
Thread 77 (Trash Emptier):
  State: TIMED WAITING
  Blocked count: 0
  Waited count: 1
```

iava.lang.Thread.sleep(Native Method)

Stack:

Application Status Pages

Are nodes missing?
What's the version of the software?

Master: p0427.mtv.cloudera.com:60000

Local logs, Thread Dump, Log Level, Debug dump



Attributes

Attribute Name	Value	Description	
HBase Version	0.92.1-cdh4.1.2, rUnknown	HBase version and revision	
HBase Compiled	Thu Nov 1 18:01:09 PDT 2012, jenkins	When HBase version was compiled and by whom	
Hadoop Version	2.0.0-cdh4.1.2, rf0b53c81cbf56f5955e403b49fcd27afd5f082de	Hadoop version and revision	
Hadoop Compiled	Thu Nov 1 17:33:23 PDT 2012, jenkins	When Hadoop version was compiled and by whom	
HBase Root Directory	hdfs://p0428.mtv.cloudera.com:8020/hbase	Location of HBase home directory	
HBase Cluster ID	3ddb2ed4-71a0-44a6-a39a-9fea811f69b9	Unique identifier generated for each HBase cluster	
Load average	0.29	Average number of regions per regionserver. Naive computation.	
Zookeeper Quorum	p0427.mtv.cloudera.com:2181	Addresses of all registered ZK servers. For more, see zk dump.	
Coprocessors	[MasterAuditCoProcessor]	Coprocessors currently loaded loaded by the master	
HMaster Start Time	Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	Date stamp of when this HMaster was started	
HMaster Active Time	Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	Date stamp of when this HMaster became active	

Tasks

Show All Monitored Tasks Show non-RPC Tasks Show All RPC Handler Tasks Show Active RPC Calls Show Client Operations View as JSON

Start Time	Description	State	Status
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	•	WAITING (since 4mins, 15sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 4mins, 15sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	REPL IPC Server handler 1 on 60000	WAITING (since 4mins, 15sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 4mins, 15sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	REPL IPC Server handler 0 on 60000	WAITING (since 4mins, 15sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 4mins, 15sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 9 on 60000	WAITING (since 4sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 4sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 8 on 60000	WAITING (since 0sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 0sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 7 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 1sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 6 on 60000	WAITING (since 4sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 4sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 5 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 1sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 4 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since I sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 3 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since I sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 2 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since 1sec ago)
Sat Jan 12 17:31:27 PST 2013	IPC Server handler 1 on 60000	WAITING (since 1sec ago)	Waiting for a call (since Isec ago)
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Tables

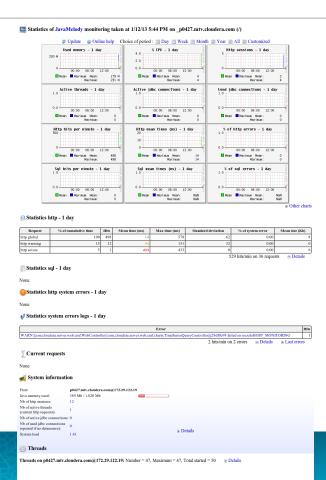
Catalog Table Description

Logs
Log configurations
Metrics (and JMX)

Developers have no excuses!

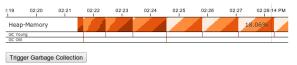
Several pre-built solutions exist for these debug UIs. (JavaMelody, Jolokia)

Demand them!



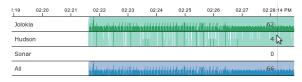
HeapMemory

The following demo directly queries Jolokia's CI @ and Sonar @ server which is a plain Tomcat 7. The memory charts show the heap memory usage as a fraction of the maximum available heap. Note that different colors indicate different value ranges in this horizon chart. The activity of the two garbage collectors for the young and old generation are shown below. Feel free to trigger a garbage collection on your own by pressing the button and look how the chart is changing.



Requests (per 10 seconds)

The second demo visualizes the number of requests served by this Tomat instance. The requests are grouped by 10s, so the values are the number of requests received in the last 10 seconds. The green charts show the requests for the Jolokia agent $\ell \sigma$, the Hudson CI server $\ell \sigma$ and the Sonar Code Metrics $\ell \sigma$ server. Since this demo queries the Jolokia agent every second, the first chart should show up at least 10 request per 10 seconds. Finally the number of requests served by all deployed servites is drawn in blue.



Linux Toolbelt

- top: what's running; is it eating CPU?
- iotop: what's eating disk
- ps: what's running? with what options? in what dirs?
- Isof -P -n -p <pid>: what's reading what files? what has what ports open?
- /proc has lots of goodies

Linux Hammer: strace

All interesting things happen through system calls: reading and writing, RPCs,

etc.
How else could I
have known that
/etc/resolv.conf
had bad
permissions?
Ouch.

```
futex(0x7f572886b6d0. FUTEX WAKE PRIVATE. 2147483647) = 0
futex(0x7f572886b800. FUTEX WAKE PRIVATE. 2147483647) = 0
futex(0x7f5729025144, FUTEX WAKE PRIVATE, 2147483647) = 0
open("/usr/lib/ssl/openssl.cnf". O RDONLY) = 6
fstat(6. {st mode=S IFREG|0644. st size=10835. ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 4096, PROT READIPROT WRITE, MAP PRIVATEIMAP ANONYMOUS, -1, 0) = 0x7f5729458000
read(6. "#\n# OpenSSL example configuratio".... 4096) = 4096
read(6. "Netscape crash on BMPStrings or ".... 4096) = 4096
read(6. " this to avoid interpreting an e".... 4096) = 2643
read(6, "", 4096)
close(6)
munmap(0x7f5729458000, 4096)
futex(0x7f5726efc0d0. FUTEX WAKE PRIVATE. 2147483647) = 0
open("/usr/lib/x86 64-linux-gnu/openssl-1.0.0/engines/libgost.so", 0 RDONLY|0 CLOEXEC) = 6
fstat(6, {st mode=S IFREG|0644, st size=89080, ...}) = 0
mmap(NULL, 2184224, PROT READ|PROT EXEC, MAP PRIVATE MAP DENYWRITE, 6, 0) = 0x7f5724ca9000
mprotect(0x7f5724cbd000, 2093056, PROT NONE) = 0
mmap(0x7f5724ebc000, 12288, PROT READ|PROT WRITE, MAP PRIVATE|MAP FIXED|MAP DENYWRITE, 6, 0x13000) = 0x7f5724ebc000
close(6)
mprotect(0x7f5724ebc000, 4096, PROT READ) = 0
open("/usr/share/locale/en US.UTF-8/libdns.cat", O RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en_US.UTF-8/LC_MESSAGES/libdns.cat", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en/libdns.cat", O RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
open("/usr/share/locale/en/LC MESSAGES/libdns.cat", O_RDONLY) = -1 ENOENT (No such file or directory)
futex(0x7f57290247ac, FUTEX WAKE PRIVATE, 2147483647) = 0
futex(0x7f5729024864, FUTEX WAKE PROVATE, 2147483647) = 0
open("/etc/resolv.conf", O RDONLY)
                                      = -1 EACCES (Permission denied)
```

Quick tour of the JRE

Listing running JVMs

```
$sudo /usr/java/jdk1.6.0_31/bin/jps -1
23675 org.apache.hadoop.hdfs.server.datanode.DataNode
23855 org.apache.hadoop.mapred.TaskTracker
32196 sun.tools.jps.Jps
24645
```

Looking at stack traces of a running JVM

```
$sudo -u hdfs /usr/java/jdk1.6.0 31/bin/jstack 23675 | head
2013-02-20 11:13:35
                                                   nid is the Linux thread id
Full thread dump Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server
                                                                         de):
                                                   in hex; can be used with
                                                   top H
"Async disk worker #55 for volume /data/4/dfs2/2n/current" daemon prio=10
tid=0x00007fa4c4bac800 nid=0x7f94 waiting on condition [0x00007fa4aae58000]
   java.lang.Thread.State: TIMED WAITING (parking)
   at sun.misc.Unsafe.park(Native Method)
                                                        locks taken and locks
                                                        blocked are exposed;
   - parking to wait for <0x000000003103c90> (a
                                                        deadlocks are spottable
AbstractQueuedSynchronizer$ConditionObject)
                                                        this way.
   at java.util.concurrent.locks.LockSupport.parkNa
   at java.util.concurrent.locks.AbstractQueuedSyndronizer$ConditionObject.
 awaitNanos (AbstractQueuedSynchronizer.java:2025)
   at java.util.concurrent.LinkedBlockingQueue.poll(LinkedBlockingQueue.java:424)
```

Poor Man's Profiling

Being able to get a set of stack traces is enough to build a cheapo sampling profiler.

```
$cat bin/jpmp.sh
#!/bin/bash
# Original version: http://blog.tsunanet.net/2010/08/jpmp-javas-poor-mans-profiler.html
# Usage: ./jpmp.sh <pid> <num-samples> <sleep-time-between-samples>
pid=$1; nsamples=$2; sleeptime=$3
for x in $(seg 1 $nsamples)
 do
    jstack $pid
    sleep $sleeptime
  done | \
awk 'BEGIN { s = "" } \
/^{"}/ \{ if (s) print s; s = "" \} \setminus
/^ at / { sub(/([^{)}]*)?$/, "", $2); sub(/^java/, "j", $2); if (s) s = s "," $2; else s
= $2 } \
END { if(s) print s } ' | \
sort | uniq -c | sort -rnk1
```

Memory Issues

Sometimes, you might have Garbage Collection issues. Look for high CPU. Fortunately, there is instrumentation, that you can turn on at runtime! Also, check out 'jstat'

```
$sudo -u mapred /usr/java/jdk1.6.0_31/bin/jinfo -flag +PrintGC 18311

$sudo -u mapred /usr/java/jdk1.6.0_31/bin/jinfo -flag +PrintGCTimeStamps 18311

$sudo -u mapred /usr/java/jdk1.6.0_31/bin/jinfo -flag +PrintGCDetails 18311

$sudo tail -f /proc/18311/cwd/logs/stdout.log

63237.523: [GC 63237.539: [ParNew: 18233K->350K(19136K), 0.0015310 secs] 54470K->36722K(83008K), 0.0016710 secs] [Times: user=0.01 sys=0.00, real=0.01 secs]

63257.848: [GC 63257.848: [ParNew: 17374K->1710K(19136K), 0.0034400 secs] 53746K->38083K(83008K), 0.0035460 secs] [Times: user=0.03 sys=0.00, real=0.00 secs]

63262.539: [GC 63262.539: [ParNew: 18360K->948K(19136K), 0.0033630 secs] 54733K->38542K(83008K), 0.0034860 secs] [Times: user=0.02 sys=0.01, real=0.00 secs]

63273.979: [GC 63273.979: [ParNew: 17972K->809K(19136K), 0.0014940 secs] 55566K->38404K(83008K), 0.0015880 secs] [Times: user=0.01 sys=0.00, real=0.00 secs]
```

More Unholy JVM Tricks

- Using 'jmap' to dump the heap; use Eclipse MAT to read the state to reason about it.
- Using the fact that JSP can be compiled at runtime to insert code into a running process.
- Using the 'instrumentation' API to inject code. BTrace is a system for doing so.
- Grabbing JMX metrics from a running process even if hasn't exposed them (Jolokia, https://github.com/philz/jvm-tools)

Quick Review: My Bag of Tricks

Zoomed Out

Logs: Outliers, Clustering, Visualizing

Metrics

Tracing

Zoomed In

HTTP-Based Debug Pages

Linux Introspection

JVM Introspection

Thanks!



Office Hours:

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