

Linux server Monitoring v 1.0.0

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You can't correct something you can't measure

1 Why

- its critical to know what is going on
- take preventive action
- perform maintenance upfront

2 What to monitor

- CPU utilization
- Server RAM
- Bandwidth usage
- Disk space usage
- Physical temperature
- Logs files

Useful Bash Commands

- top** Top will show you memory usage, number of users logged in, load averages, CPU consumption, total uptime, virtual memory, and how long each process has been running.
htop - htop is an enhanced version of top, the interactive process viewer, which can display the list of processes in a tree form.
- ps aux** list of every process running, the user running it, and even what action it is taking
- vmstat** - System Activity, Hardware and System Information
 - `vmstat 3` return information about processes, memory, paging, block IO, traps, and cpu activity.
 - `vmstat -m` Display Memory Utilization
- w** who is logged in and what they are doing
- uptime** return how long the system is running
- ps** Display all processes running
 - `ps axjf`
 - `ps -p pid -o comm=` display the process name with pid = pid
 - `ps -auxf | sort -nr -k 4 | head -10` return the 10 most consuming memory processes
 - `ps -auxf | sort -nr -k 3 | head -10` return the 10 most consuming cpu processes
- free** displays the total amount of free and used physical and swap memory
- iostat** display Central Processing Unit (CPU) statistics and input/output statistics for devices, partitions and network filesystems (NFS)
- mpstat** Displays activities for each available processor, processor 0 being the first one
 - `mpstat -P ALL`
- proc**
 - `cat /proc/cpuinfo`
 - `cat /proc/meminfo`
 - `cat /proc/zoneinfo`
 - `cat /proc/mounts`
- lsdf** list open files, network connections and much more

Tools

- Nagios** Nagios is a popular open source computer system and network monitoring application software. You can easily monitor all your hosts, network equipment and services.
- delayed**
 - Munin** Easy monitoring your Linux server from web browser
Munin creates graphs for just about everything going on in your system
 - run every 5 minutes
 - online services

Bandwidth usage

Webalizer

`awk -F: '($2 == "") {print}' /etc/shadow` check for empty user password

`passwd -l accountName` Lock an account

`awk -F: '($3 == "0") {print}' /etc/passwd` Only root have uid = 0
check account that may act like root

Login

`apt-get install chkconfig`
`chkconfig --list | grep '3:on'` List all services that are autostarted at boot time

`service serviceName stop` Stop unwanted services

Services

`netstat -tulpn` list all open ports and associated programs

`nmap -sT -O localhost`

Network

`find / -xdev -type d \(-perm -0002 -a ! -perm -1000 \) -print` Find world writable files

`find / -xdev \(-nouser -o -nogroup \) -print` find files with no owner

Files system

`/var/log/auth`
fail or success

Login attempts

block with IPTable
block with fail2ban
`apt-get install fail2ban`
If too much failed attempts in log file
-> may be hacker brute forcing login

Log Files

Interesting log files

- `/var/log/kern.log`: Kernel logs
- `/var/log/message`: General message
- `/var/log/auth.log`: Authentication logs
- `/var/log/mysql.log`: MySQL database server log file
- `/var/log/cron.log`: Cronjob logs
- `/var/log/qmail/` : Qmail log directory
- `/var/log/maillog`: Mail server logs
- `/var/log/httpd/` or `/var/log/apache2/`: Apache
- `/var/log/boot.log` : System boot log
- `/var/log/secure`: Authentication log