

Problem Determination

Spectrum Scale 4.2.2 and outlook

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Speaker Introduction



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- Spectrum Scale Release Lead Architect
- Long experience with GPFS, protocols and system management
 - Current focus area: System Health & Problem Determination
 - Protocol integration in 4.1.1
 - Worked as architect for SONAS / V7KU

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System Health Monitoring

System Health Monitoring?



- Why: Detect common failure scenarios and guide users through the fix process.
- **How**: Uses callbacks, internal APIs, mmpmon data and mm-commands to monitor the component health
 - Dedicated monitoring daemon independent from core mmfsd
 - Runs on all cluster nodes (>= 4.2.1) / part of GPFS base package
 - Full Linux support on x86/pSeries/zLinux and partial AIX support (no Windows support)
- What: New mmhealth command (4.2.1) Provide a central view of the system state with well-defined error events and states.
 - Drill down to find defective components
 - Shows current reasons of the found problems
 - User actions for fixing problems

Monitored services



Over 500 events! Over 150 checks!

GPFS

- quorumloss, ccr_paxos_12_fail
- gpfs down, longwaiters found

DISK

- disk found /-vanished
- disk_up /-down

CLOUDGW

- cloudgateway down
- cloudgw_restart

NETWORK

- network down, network ips down
- bond_down, network_link_dowr

PERFMON

- pmsensors_up /-down
- pm_collector_up /-down

FILESYSTEM

- fserrinodenummismatch, stale_mount
- fserrallocblock, fserrbaddirblock

HADOOPCON

- hadoop_namenode_up /-down
- hadoop_datanode_up /-down

GUI

- gui up /-down
- gui_warn



Monitored services



Extended in 4.2.2

• More components added in 4.2.2

Existing component monitoring has been extended

Hadoop connector **HADOOPCON CLOUDGW OBJECT AUTH OBJ** file authentication **FILESYSTEM** DISK NFS **AUTH** CESNETWORK **GUI SMB** PERFMON block level storage **REST API monitoring NETWORK SCALEMGMT GPFS** BLOCK GNR physical disk **GNR** enclosure **ENCLOSURE PHYSICALDISK CLUSTERSTATE** New in 4.2.2 GNR virtual disk **GNR** recovery group **GNR** array VIRTUALDISK RECOVERYGROUP **ARRAY**

Extension details (ESS only)



- GNR (Native RAID):
 - Recovery Groups
 - Declustered Arrays
 - Virtual Disks
 - Physical Disks
 - Enclosures
 - DCM, ESM
 - Temp & Voltage Sensors
 - Fans
 - Power Supplies
 - Firmware Levels
 - Enclosure Firmware
 - Drive Firmware
 - Adapter Firmware
 - Adapter Bios

```
[root@gssio1 ~]# mmhealth node show -v
                         gssio1-hs.gpfs.net
Node name:
                          HEALTHY
Node status:
Component
                          Status
                                                   Reasons
GPES
                         HEAI THY
                         DEGRADED
FILESYSTEM
                                                  stale mount, stale mount, stale mount
  Basic1
                           FAILED
                                                     stale mount
  Custom1
                           HEALTHY
                          DEGRADED
                                             gnr_array_needsservice, enclosure_needs..
                           DEGRADED
                                                  gnr_array_needsservice
 ARRAY
                                                    gnr_array_needsservice
  rq qssio1-hs/DA1
                           DEGRADED
  rg_gssio1-hs/NVR
                           HEALTHY
  rq qssio1-hs/SSD
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio2-hs/DA1
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio2-hs/NVR
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio2-hs/SSD
                           HEALTHY
 ENCLOSURE
                           DEGRADED
                                                  enclosure needsservice
  SV52122944
                           DEGRADED
                                                     enclosure_needsservice
  SV53058375
                           HEALTHY
                                                  gnr_pdisk_replaceable, gnr_pdisk_re..
 PHYSICALDISK
                           DEGRADED
  rg_gssio1-hs/e1d1s01
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio1-hs/e2d5s03
                           FAILED
                                                     gnr_pdisk_replaceable
  rg gssio2-hs/e1d1s01
                           FAILED
                                                     gnr_pdisk_replaceable
 RECOVERYGROUP
                           HEALTHY
  ra assio1-hs
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio2-hs
                           HEALTHY
 VIRTUALDISK
                          HEALTHY
  rg_gssio1_hs_Basic1_data_OHEALTHY
  rg gssio1 hs Basic1 system OHEALTHY
  rg_gssio1_hs_loghome
                           HEALTHY
  ra assio1 hs loatip
                           HEALTHY
  rg_gssio1_hs_logtipbackupHEALTHY
  rg gssio2 hs Basic1 data OHEALTHY
  rg_gssio2_hs_Basic1_system_OHEALTHY
```

Monitoring details



TCT

- 5 events in 4.2.1 → 47 events in 4.2.2
- Monitoring service, account and filesystem

DISK

- Increased performance and stability
- Reduced system load

GUI

Integrated GUI's own monitoring data

REST API

Basic Monitoring (http request)



Mmhealth command and GUI integration

Improvements to mmhealth



New in 4.2.2

- Listing cluster health overview
- Show date/time of last state change
- Show detail information about an event
- Improved Performance reduced impact on system load in 4.2.1
- GUI Health Overview page
- GUI Finer granularity for Notification configuration

Listing cluster health overview



- The cluster overview
 - Shows cluster related events / incl. node connectivity checks (heartbeat)

mmhealth cluster show <component_name>

Is my cluster working fine?

[root@ch-41 ~]# mmhealth cluster show						
Component	Total	Failed	Degraded	Healthy	0ther	
NODE GPFS NETWORK FILESYSTEM DISK CES PERFMON	5 5 5 1 2 2 3	0 0 0 0 0 1 0	1 0 0 0 0 0 0	4 5 5 1 2 1 3	0 0 0 0 0 0	

Drilling down



Where/what is the CES problem?

[root@ch-41 ~]# mmhealth cluster show ces					
Component	Node	Status	Reasons		
CES CES nfs_in_grace, nfsd_down	ch-41.localnet.com ch-42.localnet.com	HEALTHY FAILED	- ces_network_ips_down,		

Show date/time of last state change



- Time context for the last state change
 - human and machine-readable: at your choice!
- When did it happen?

```
[root@ch-41 ~]# mmhealth node show -N ch-42
               ch-42.localnet.com
Node name:
Node status:
                DEGRADED
Status Change: 10 min. ago
Component
               Status
                             Status Change
                                                Reasons
GPFS
               HEALTHY
                             7 days ago
NETWORK
                             8 days ago
               HEALTHY
                             7 days ago
FILESYSTEM
               HEALTHY
DISK
               HEALTHY
                             7 days ago
                                                nfsd_down, ces_network_ips_down, nfs_in_grace
CES
               FAILED
PERFMON
               HEALTHY
                             8 days ago
```

Show detail information about a event



- Instant help
 - mmhealth event show <event_name>
- What is nfsd_down and how do I fix it?

```
[root@ch-41 ~]# mmhealth event show nfsd_down
Event Name:
                         nfsd down
Event ID:
                         999167
Description:
                         Checks for a NFS service process
Cause:
                         The NFS server process was not detected
User Action:
                         Check the health state of the NFS server and restart, if
necessary. The process might hang or is in a defunct state
Severity:
                         ERROR
State:
                         FAILED
```

Follow user action to fix the problem



Let us fix the problem:

```
[root@ch-41 ~]# ssh ch-42
Last login: Wed Nov 9 11:09:42 2016 from ch-41.localnet.com
[root@ch-42 ~]# systemctl status nfs-ganesha
nfs-ganesha.service - NFS-Ganesha file server
   Loaded: loaded (/usr/lib/systemd/system/nfs-ganesha.service; disabled)
     Docs: http://github.com/nfs-ganesha/nfs-ganesha/wiki
  Process: 15220 ExecStop=/bin/dbus-send --system --dest=org.ganesha.nfsd
--type=method call /org/ganesha/nfsd/admin org.ganesha.nfsd.admin.shutdown (code=exited,
status=0/SUCCESS)
 Main PID: 25484 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
Oct 31 15:56:14 ch-42.localnet.com systemd[1]: Starting NFS-Ganesha file server...
Oct 31 15:56:14 ch-42.localnet.com systemd[1]: Started NFS-Ganesha file server.
Nov 09 11:10:21 ch-42.localnet.com systemd[1]: Stopping NFS-Ganesha file server...
Nov 09 11:10:31 ch-42.localnet.com systemd[1]: Stopped NFS-Ganesha file server.
```

Problem solved



Let us fix the problem:

```
[root@ch-42 ~]# systemctl start nfs-ganesha
[root@ch-42 ~]# mmhealth node show
Node name: ch-42.localnet.com
Node status: HEALTHY
Status Change: 3 min. ago
Component
              Status
                            Status Change
                                              Reasons
GPFS
              HEALTHY
                            7 days ago
NETWORK
                            8 days ago
              HEALTHY
FILESYSTEM
              HEALTHY
                            7 days ago
DISK
                            7 days ago
              HEALTHY
CES
              HEALTHY
                            3 min. ago
                            8 days ago
PERFMON
              HEALTHY
```

Problem solved

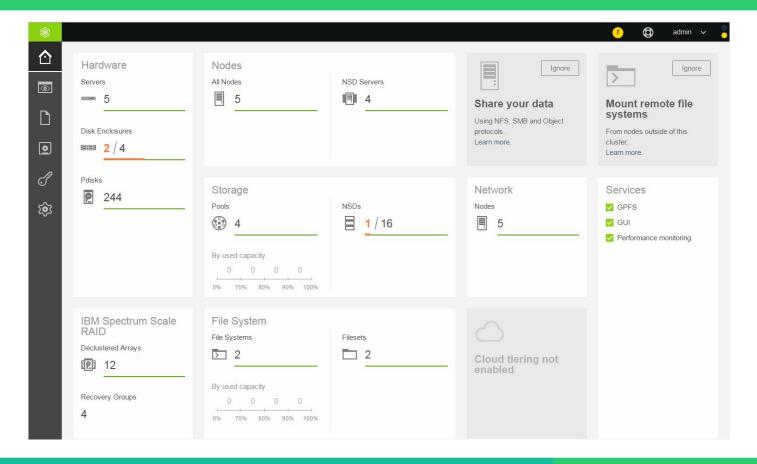


What is with the cluster?

[root@ch-42 ~]# mmhealth cluster show					
Component	Total	Failed	Degraded	Healthy	0ther
NODE	5	0	0	5	0
GPFS	5	0	0	5	0
NETWORK	5	0	0	5	0
FILESYSTEM	1	0	0	1	0
DISK	2	0	0	2	0
CES	2	0	0	2	0
PERFMON	3	0	0	3	0

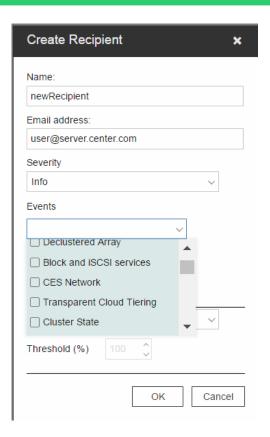
Health Overview page





Finer granularity for Notification configuration





- Create a list of of recipients and define which events should trigger sending an email for this recipient
- Categories have been extended to match the categories in mmhealth in 4.2.2
- Events: send all events as they occur
- Report: generate a mail with all aggregated messages once per day
- Quota report: monitor usage of the system

Problem isolation / FTDC

First Time Data Capture



First Time Data Capture

Collect enough data to be able to debug a problem without asking for recreates

- gpfs.snap tool
 - Cluster-wide snapshots with debugging relevant data / Easy to use and powerful
 - Collecting Hadoop-relevant data
 - gpfs.snap --hadoop
 - Customizable to include user defined files.
 - Collecting Performance Monitor-relevant data

Details on the collected data: In the Spectrum Scale Documentation ("Using the gpfs.snap command")

Protocol Tracing improvements in 4.2.2



mmprotocoltrace - automated tracing of protocol issues. Making a complex task quick and trivial

- SMB tracing already in 4.2.1
 - Did not help for AD-authentication related issues
- Added winbind tracing
 - Collecting isolated level 10 winbind logs from relevant nodes
 - Leaving system logs intact
 - Usage:

```
mmprotocoltrace start winbind
... # recreating the issue
mmprotocoltrace stop winbind
```

Isolate Network Problems



mmdiag command has been enhanced to show more details about the network connection

mmnetverify command can verify the network connectivity for a given list of nodes. It helps with isolating cluster networking issues

- Connect to other nodes through ssh
- Spawn netverify daemon on each node
- Verify port connectivity from any to any node
- Generate network traffic and evaluate network performance

Network Verification Tool



Command Syntax:

```
mmnetverify Operation [Operation...] [--N {Node[,Node...] | all}] [-a]
[--target-nodes [Node,[Node...] | all}] [{--configuration-file File} | --no-configuration]
[--log-file File] [--min-bandwidth Number] [--verbose]
```

Supported Operations (4.2.2):

Local interface check, hostname resolution, ping, remote shell execution, remote copy, time sync, port checks (daemon, sdrserv, tsccmd), network data transfer (small/medium/large size packets), bandwidth, flood



Isolate Active Directory Problems



With the help of mmadquery tool, users can verify that their authentication environment fulfills the requirements of Spectrum Scale and isolate Active Directory related problems.

Connectivity to Authentication servers

Find connectivity issues to domain controllers, e.g. caused by wrong firewall

Trust relationships

Verify multi-domain trust relationships

ID Mapping inconsistencies

Verify required UID/GID fields are filled and fit into configured id ranges to isolate the root cause of access failures.

The command has been introduced with SpectrumScale 4.2.1 and enhanced with 4.2.2

Active Directory Tool



mmadquery Command Syntax

List AD Server objects

mmadquery list user|uids|gids|groups|dc|trusts|idrange

Check whether uids or gids are within locally defined id mapping range mmadquery check uids|gids|idrange

Print number of users by group or number mapped and un-mapped user mmadquery stats user|uids

Additions in 4.2.2

- user and user groups for all and by domain
- number of users by user group and domain
- number of un-mapped user (user with no uidNumber)
- id ranges by domain
- user details (ids, primary group id....)



Performance/Capacity Monitoring

Predefined filesystems capacity thresholds



Performance Monitoring:

>50 Performance sensors (GPFS IO, AFM, SMB, Object,NFS ...) and >1000 Metrics

Spectrum Scale 4.2.2 introduced **predefined filesystem capacity/inode thresholds.**

The capacity metrics will be frequently compared with the rules boundaries by internal monitor process. As soon as one of the metric values exceeds their threshold limit the system health daemon will receive an event notification from monitor process and generate log event and update filesystem status

The predefined filesystem capacity threshold limits break down to the following thresholds rules:

Fileset-inode spaces

Data pool capacity

Metatadata pool capacity

Predefined filesystems capacity thresholds



```
># mmhealth node show -v
Node name:
                node-11.novalocal
Node status:
                TIPS
Status Change: 2017-03-07 22:18:54
Component
                 Status
                               Status Change
                                                        Reasons
GPFS
                 HEALTHY
                                  2017-03-07 22:18:54
NETWORK
                 HEALTHY
                               2017-03-07 22:18:53
  eth0
                 HEALTHY
                               2017-03-07 22:18:53
  objfs
                 HEALTHY
                               2017-03-07 22:27:51
DISK
                 HEALTHY
                               2017-03-07 22:19:06
  disk1
                 CHECKING
                               2017-03-07 22:20:06
  disk2
                 CHECKING
                               2017-03-07 22:27:37
                               2017-03-07 22:23:20
GUI
                 HEALTHY
PERFMON
                 HEALTHY
                               2017-03-07 22:20:40
```

Predefined filesystems capacity thresholds



To view the list of defined threshold rules on the system, issue this command:

mmhealth thresholds list

mmhealth thresholds list

The system displays output similar to this:

Threshold Rules

```
- id: 001
            designation: POOL-DATA
                                      type: G metric: pool data size usage
                                                                              filterBy: perPool
                                                                                                   level: HIGH WARN
                                                                                                                     value: 80.0
- id: 002
            designation: POOL-DATA
                                      type: G metric: pool data size usage
                                                                              filterBy: perPool
                                                                                                   level: HIGH ERROR value: 90.0
            designation: POOL-METADATA type: G metric: pool metadata size usage filterBy: perPool
                                                                                                   level: HIGH WARN
- id: 003
                                                                                                                    value: 80.0
            designation: POOL-METADATA type: G metric: pool metadata size usage filterBy: perPool
                                                                                                   level: HIGH ERROR value: 90.0
- id: 004
- id: 005
            designation: INODE
                                      type: G metric: fileset inode size usage filterBy: perFileset level: HIGH WARN
                                                                                                                    value: 80.0
            designation: INODE
                                      type: G metric: fileset inode size usage filterBy: perFileset level: HIGH ERROR value: 90.0
- id: 006
```

Performance Monitoring Bridge for Grafana



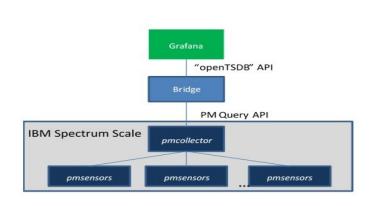


Figure 1. IBM Spectrum Scale integration framework for Grafana

Grafana

- an open source performance data graphical visualizer
- provides a powerful and elegant way to create, explore, and share dashboards and data with your team and the world.

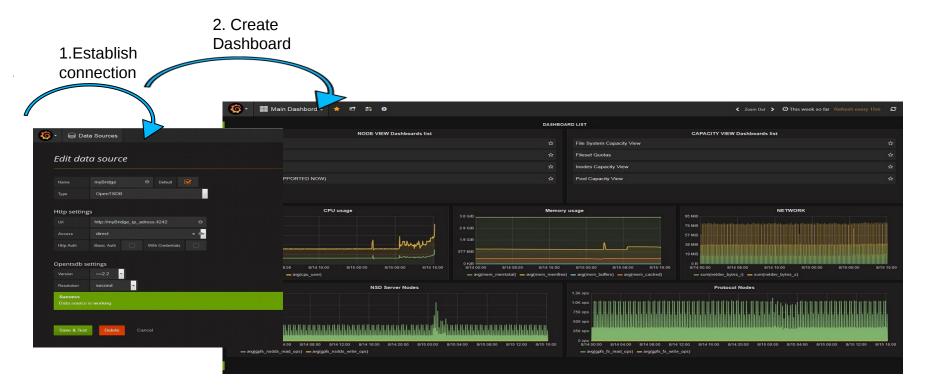
IBM Spectrum Scale Performance Monitoring Bridge

- a Python application
- provides IBM Spectrum Scale performance data to Grafana in "openTSDB" data exchange format
- communicates with active pmcollector via port 4242



Performance Monitoring Bridge for Grafana





4.2.3 Release Outlook

Problem Determination Enhancements 2017



Further enhance problem detection / health monitoring in 4.2.3

- AFM cache monitoring
 - Runs on AFM gateway nodes
 - Monitors AFM Filesets → connection, queue drops, failover, recovery, etc

<pre>#> mmhealth node show Node name: afmGW- Component</pre>	afm 31.localnet.com Status	Status Change		Reasons
AFM afmFs/afmCacheFset2	FAILED FAILED	Now 21 days ago	afm_cache_u afm_cache_u	nmounted(afmFs/afmCacheFset2) nmounted
Event	Parameter	Severity	Active Since	Event Message
afm_cache_unmounted Unmounted state	afmFs/afmCacheFse	t2 ERROR	Now Fileset	afmFs/afmCacheFset2 is in

Problem Determination Enhancements 2017



- Extended Network monitoring for Infiniband
 - Monitor Infiniband adapters (link state, port state)
 - Checks if RDMA is correctly configured and actually works (e.g. rdma libpath)
 - 17 new events: IB RDMA state and assist with problem solving

#> mmhealth node show network					
Node name:	ifs6serv1.	mainz.de.ibm.com	1		
Component	Status	Status Change	Reasons		
NETWORK eno3 mthca0	FAILED HEALTHY FAILED	Now 1 day ago Now		_libs_wrong_pat _nic_unrecogniz	ch, ib_rdma_nic_unrecognized(mthca0)
Event		Parameter	Severity	Active Since	Event Message
ib_rdma_libs ib_rdma_nic_	_wrong_path _unrecognized	NETWORK mthca0	ERROR ERROR	Now Now	The library files could not be found IB RDMA NIC mthca0 was not recognized



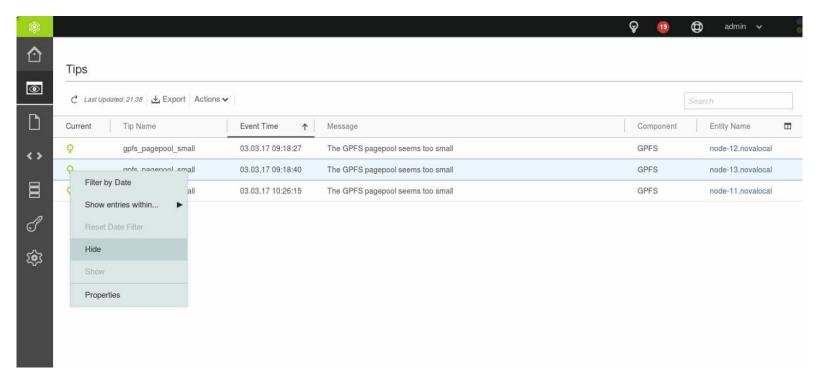
Tips/Recommendations

- Inform customers about "potential" issues in the system
 - Warn users about common mis-configurations and non-optimal settings
 - e.g. pagepool is too small, performance sensors configuration wrong, etc
 - Introduce a new type of mmhealth events -> TIPS
 - Provide the ability to acknowledge/ignore a tip

<pre># mmhealth node show gpfs Node name: node-11.novalocal</pre>					
Component	Status	Status C	hange	Reasons	
GPFS	TIPS	3 days a	igo	gpfs_pagepool_small	
Event		Parameter	Severity	Active Since	Event Message
gpfs_pagepoo	ol_small	GPFS	TIP	3 days ago	The GPFS pagepool seems too small



Tips in the GUI





Enhancements to the System Health framework

- Allow some control on health monitoring frequency
 - Monitoring interval High, Medium, Low
 - Trade-off: Failure detection time vs resource consumption
 - Examples:
 - Low = run monitors rarely → less overhead but longer failure detection time
 - High = run monitors very often → higher overhead, quick failure detection time

Command:

mmhealth config interval off | low | medium | high





Customer defined thresholds

- Allow customers to define thresholds on any performance metric
 - e.g. average network latency > 200ms
 - Ability to specify / configure warning and error levels
 - Set thresholds through command line (later through GUI)
 - Events will show up in mmhealth and GUI

Command:

mmhealth thresholds add { metric[:sum|avg|min|max|rate]|measurement [-errorlevel{threshold error limit} [--warnlevel{threshold warn limit}]|--direction {high|low}} [-sensitivity {bucketsize}] [--hysteresis {percentage}] [--filterBy] [--groupBy] [--name {ruleName}] [--errormsg {user defined action description}] [--warnmsg {user defined action description}]



- New pre-defined thresholds for memory usage
 - memory free <50MB leads to error event, <100MB to warning event

```
[root@gpfsqui-11 ~]# mmhealth thresholds list
### Threshold Rules ###
                                                           direction filterBy groupBy
rule name
                      metric
                                                                                                                                   sensitivity
                                                  warn
InodeCapUtil_Rule
                      Fileset_inode
                                            90.0
                                                   80.0
                                                                                gpfs_cluster_name,gpfs_fs_name,gpfs_fset_name
                                                           high
                                                                                                                                    300
                                                                                gpfs_cluster_name,gpfs_fs_name,gpfs_diskpool_name
DataCapUtil Rule
                      DataPool capUtil
                                                   80.0
                                                           hiāh
                                                                                                                                   300
MemFree Rule
                      mem memfree
                                                  100000
                                                           low
                                                                                                                                    300
MetaDataCapUtil_Rule MetaDataPool_capUtil
                                                                                gpfs_cluster_name,gpfs_fs_name,gpfs_diskpool_name
                                                   80.0
                                                           high
[root@apfsaui-11 ~]#
```

Rules can be deleted (or changed by adding them with different options)

Command:

mmhealth threshold delete { RuleName | All }





REST API for System health state

- Query component state and events
- "https://localhost:443/scalemgmt/v2/nodes/ak-52/health/states?filter=state!=HEALTHY"

```
{ "states" : [ {
  "activeSince": "2017-03-07 13:46:06,370",
  "component": "PERFMON",
  "entityName": "ak-52.localnet.com",
  "entityType": "NODE",
  "oid": 175,
  "reportingNode": "ak-52.localnet.com",
  "state": "FAILED"
  "activeSince": "2017-03-07 13:46:06,375",
  "component": "NODE",
  "entityName": "ak-52.localnet.com",
  "entityType": "NODE",
  "oid": 176.
  "reportingNode": "ak-52.localnet.com",
  "state": "DEGRADED"
 "status" : {
  "code": 200.
  "message": "The request finished successfully"
```



More.....

- Improvements to mmnetverify tool to check protocol ports, bandwidth and better performance
- Better diagnostics of network issues inside the GPFS daemon
- FTDC improvements

Outlook 2H 2017 and beyond



Further enhance problem detection / health monitoring

- Extend existing monitoring to detect more problems, add additional Events and Tips!
 - GPFS Memory monitoring
 - Monitor critical threads (core daemon)
 - Extend network monitor, leverage mmnetverify command
 - Time sync checks
 - Zimon monitor, add connection check
- 500+ events, sometimes need more details and improved error recovery description
 - Define more detailed user actions
 - Add more DMPs (directed mainteinance procedures)
 - Best practice guides



- Problem isolation
 - Extend mmnetverify for infiniband
 - Improve means to isolate protocol issues
 - Improve install tookit error output for better usability
 - Improve FTDC
 - Extend gpfs.snap to collect additional data
 - Avoid gpfs.snap hangs on broken clusters
 - Investigation: Improve data collections for daemon crashs
- Improve Callhome
 - Upload snap data to existing PMR's
 - Enable Callhome at installation time (opt-out)
 - Semi automatic PMR creation (PMR opening through UI by User)



- Performance monitoring
 - Improve usability/robustness of mmperfmon command
 - Improve performance monitoring
 - installation and setup of performance sensors
 - Improve scalability of performance queries (multi-threading)
 - Update Grafana bridge to support latest Grafana releases
 - Externalize Top K process list
- GUI PD enhancements
 - Manage user defined thresholds
 - Performance monitoring (Zimon) configuration



Questions?

