Use statistics to monitor Hyper-V and SQL Server over SMB activity

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Determine which statistics objects and counters are available in ONTAP

Before you can obtain information about CIFS, SMB, auditing, and BranchCache hash statistics and monitor performance, you must know which objects and counters are available from which you can obtain data.

Steps

1. Set the privilege level to advanced:

   ```
   set -privilege advanced
   ```

2. Perform one of the following actions:

If you want to determine…	Enter…
Which objects are available	`statistics catalog object show`
Specific objects that are available	`statistics catalog object show -object` *`object_name`*
Which counters are available	`statistics catalog counter show -object` *`object_name`*

   Learn more about `statistics catalog object show` and `statistics catalog counter show` in the ONTAP command reference.

3. Return to the admin privilege level:

   ```
   set -privilege admin
   ```

Examples

The following command displays descriptions of selected statistic objects related to CIFS and SMB access in the cluster as seen at the advanced privilege level:

```
cluster1::> set -privilege advanced

Warning: These advanced commands are potentially dangerous; use them only
when directed to do so by support personnel.
Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object audit
    audit_ng                    CM object for exporting audit_ng
performance counters

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object cifs
    cifs                        The CIFS object reports activity of the
                                Common Internet File System protocol
                                ...

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object nblade_cifs
    nblade_cifs                 The Common Internet File System (CIFS)
                                protocol is an implementation of the
Server
                                ...

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object smb1
    smb1                        These counters report activity from the
SMB
                                revision of the protocol. For information
                                ...

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object smb2
    smb2                        These counters report activity from the
                                SMB2/SMB3 revision of the protocol. For
                                ...

cluster1::*> statistics catalog object show -object hashd
    hashd                       The hashd object provides counters to
measure
                                the performance of the BranchCache hash
daemon.
cluster1::*> set -privilege admin
```

The following command displays information about some of the counters for the `cifs` object as seen at the advanced privilege level:

> This example does not display all of the available counters for the `cifs` object; output is truncated.

```
cluster1::> set -privilege advanced

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Do you want to continue? {y|n}: y

cluster1::*> statistics catalog counter show -object cifs

Object: cifs
    Counter                     Description
    --------------------------
--------------------------------------------
    active_searches             Number of active searches over SMB and
SMB2
    auth_reject_too_many        Authentication refused after too many
                                requests were made in rapid succession
    avg_directory_depth         Average number of directories crossed by
SMB
                                and SMB2 path-based commands
    ...                         ...

cluster2::> statistics start -object client -sample-id
Object: client
    Counter                                                     Value
    -------------------------------- --------------------------------
    cifs_ops                                                        0
    cifs_read_ops                                                   0
    cifs_read_recv_ops                                              0
    cifs_read_recv_size                                            0B
    cifs_read_size                                                 0B
    cifs_write_ops                                                  0
    cifs_write_recv_ops                                             0
    cifs_write_recv_size                                           0B
    cifs_write_size                                                0B
    instance_name                                vserver_1:10.72.205.179
    instance_uuid                                       2:10.72.205.179
    local_ops                                                       0
    mount_ops                                                       0


[...]
```

Learn more about `statistics start` in the ONTAP command reference.

Display SMB statistics in ONTAP

You can display various SMB statistics to monitor performance and diagnose issues.

Steps

1. Use the `statistics start` and optional `statistics stop` commands to collect a data sample.
2. Perform one of the following actions:

If you want to display statistics for…	Enter the following command…
All versions of SMB	**`statistics show -object cifs`**
SMB 1.0	**`statistics show -object smb1`**
SMB 2.x and SMB 3.0	**`statistics show -object smb2`**
SMB subsystem of the node	**`statistics show -object nblade_cifs`**

Related information

- statistics show
- statistics start
- statistics stop

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