Guide on Monitoring Ceph with Datadog
Abstract
This document provides information on monitoring the status of the Ceph Storage cluster with the Datadog monitoring tool.
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

The Datadog integration with Ceph allows Datadog to execute and process the output from:

- `ceph status`
- `ceph health detail`
- `ceph df detail`
- `ceph osd perf`; and,
- `ceph osd pool stats`.

The integration enables Datadog to:

- Monitor the status and health of the Ceph Storage cluster
- Monitor I/O and performance metrics; and,
- Track disk usage across storage pools.

Using Datadog to monitor Ceph requires installing a Datadog agent on at least one Ceph monitor node. When monitoring Ceph, the Datadog agent will execute Ceph command line arguments. Consequently, each Ceph node must have an appropriate Ceph key providing access to the cluster, usually in `/etc/ceph`. Once the agent executes the Ceph command, it sends Ceph cluster status and statistics back to Datadog. Then, Datadog will present the status and statistics in the Datadog user interface.

Since Datadog uses an agent, the Ceph cluster must be able to reach the internet; however, the Ceph cluster does not have to be reachable from the internet.

**NOTE**

Datadog supports retrieving `ceph status` with RHCS 2. Datadog will provide an update to support `ceph status` for RHCS 3 in a subsequent release of its `dd-agent`. 
CHAPTER 2. INSTALLING THE CEPH INTEGRATION

To install the Ceph integration, log in to the Datadog App. The user interface will present navigation on the left side of the screen. Click Integrations. Either enter ceph into the search field or scroll to find the Ceph integration. The user interface will present whether the Ceph integration is available or already installed. If it is available, click the button to install it.

Installing the Datadog Agent for Ceph

To install the Datadog agent for Red Hat Ceph Storage, log in to the Datadog App. The user interface will present navigation on the left side of the screen. Click Integrations. To install the agent from the command line, click on the Agent tab at the top of the screen.

For Red Hat Ceph Storage on RHEL 7 or Ubuntu 16.04, open a command line. Then, enter the one-step command line agent installation. For example:

```
```
NOTE

Copy the example from the Datadog user interface, as the key differs from the example above and with each user account.
CHAPTER 3. CONFIGURING THE DATADOG AGENT FOR CEPH

After installing the Datadog agent, configure the Datadog agent to report Ceph metrics to Datadog.

1. Navigate to the Datadog Agent configuration directory.
   ```bash
   # cd /etc/dd-agent/conf.d
   ```

2. Create a `ceph.yaml` file from the `ceph.yml.sample` file.
   ```bash
   # cp ceph.yaml.example ceph.yaml
   ```

3. Modify the `ceph.yaml` file.
   ```bash
   # vim ceph.yaml
   ```
   It will look like this:

   ```yaml
   init_config:

   instances:
   # - tags:
   #   - name:mars_cluster
   
   # ceph_cmd: /usr/bin/ceph
   # ceph_cluster: ceph

   # If your environment requires sudo, please add a line like:
   # dd-agent ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:/usr/bin/ceph
   # to your sudoers file, and uncomment the below option.
   #
   # use_sudo: True
   ```

   Uncomment the -tags, -name, ceph_command and ceph_cluster lines. The default values for ceph_command and ceph_cluster are /usr/bin/ceph and ceph respectively. For RHEL 7, uncomment use_sudo: True; however, this step is optional for Ubuntu, since Ubuntu disables the root user and gives the initial admin user root permissions.

   When complete, it will look like this:

   ```yaml
   init_config:

   instances:
   - tags:
     - name:ceph-RHEL

     ceph_cmd: /usr/bin/ceph
     ceph_cluster: ceph

     # If your environment requires sudo, please add a line like:
     # dd-agent ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:/usr/bin/ceph
     # to your sudoers file, and uncomment the below option.
     #
     # use_sudo: True
   ```
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4. For RHEL 7, modify the sudoers file.

```bash
# visudo

Add the following line.

```bash
dd-agent ALL=(ALL) NOPASSWD:/usr/bin/ceph
```

**NOTE**

For Ubuntu, if `ceph.yml` enables `use_sudo: True`, perform this step, too.

5. Enable the Datadog agent so that it will restart if the Ceph host reboots.

```bash
# systemctl enable datadog-agent
```

6. Finally, restart the Datadog agent.

```bash
# systemctl status datadog-agent
```
CHAPTER 4. MONITORING CEPH WITH DATADOG

After installing and configuring the Datadog integration with Ceph, return to the Datadog App. The user interface will present navigation on the left side of the screen. Hover over Dashboards to expose the submenu; then, click Ceph Overview.

Datadog presents an overview of the Ceph Storage Cluster. Click Dashboards → New Dashboard to create a custom Ceph dashboard.
# CHAPTER 5. CEPH METRICS

The Datadog agent collects the following metrics from Ceph. These metrics may be included in custom dashboards and in alerts.

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<td>The time taken to commit an operation to the journal.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ceph.apply_latency_ms</td>
<td>Time taken to flush an update to disks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ceph.op_per_sec</td>
<td>The number of I/O operations per second for given pool.</td>
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<td>ceph.read_bytes_sec</td>
<td>The bytes per second being read.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ceph.write_bytes_sec</td>
<td>The bytes per second being written.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ceph.num_osds</td>
<td>The number of known storage daemons.</td>
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<td>ceph.num_in_osds</td>
<td>The number of participating storage daemons.</td>
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<td>ceph.num_up_osds</td>
<td>The number of online storage daemons.</td>
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<td>ceph.num_pgs</td>
<td>The number of placement groups available.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ceph.num_mons</td>
<td>The number of monitor daemons.</td>
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<td>ceph.aggregate_pct_used</td>
<td>The overall capacity usage metric.</td>
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<td>ceph.total_objects</td>
<td>The object count from the underlying object store.</td>
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<tr>
<td>ceph.num_objects</td>
<td>The object count for a given pool.</td>
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<td>ceph.read_bytes</td>
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<td>ceph.num_pools</td>
<td>The number of pools.</td>
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<td>ceph.pgstate.active_clean</td>
<td>The number of active+clean placement groups.</td>
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<td>ceph.read_op_per_sec</td>
<td>The per-pool read operations per second.</td>
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<td>ceph.num_near_full_osds</td>
<td>The number of nearly full OSDs.</td>
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<td>ceph.num_full_osds</td>
<td>The number of full OSDs.</td>
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<td>ceph.osd.pct_used</td>
<td>The percentage used of full or near-full OSDs.</td>
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CHAPTER 6. CREATE AN ALERT

Administrators can create monitors that track the metrics of the Ceph cluster and generate alerts. For example, if an OSD is down, Datadog can alert an administrator that one or more OSDs are down.

Click Monitors to see an overview of the Datadog monitors.

To create a monitor, select Monitors → New Monitor. At step 1, select the detection method. For example, "Threshold Alert."

At step 2, define the metric. To create an advanced alert, click on the Advanced… link. Then, select a metric from the combo box. For example, select the ceph.num_in_osds Ceph metric. Then, click Add Query+ to add another query.
Select another metric from the combo box. For example, select the **ceph.num_up_osds** Ceph metric.

In the **Express these queries as:** field, enter `a-b`, where `a` is the value of **ceph.num_in_osds** and `b` is the value of **ceph.num_up_osds**. When the difference is 1 or greater, there is at least one OSD down.

At step 3, set the alert conditions. For example, set the trigger to be **above or equal to**, the threshold to **in total** and the time elapsed to **1 minute**. Then, set the **Alert threshold** field to **1**. When at least one OSD is in the cluster and it is not up and running, the monitor will alert the user.

At step 4, give the monitor a title in the input field below **Preview and Edit**. This is required to save the monitor. Enter a description of the alert in the text field.
At step 5, add the recipients of the alert. This will add an email address to the text field of step 4. When the alert gets triggered, the recipients will receive the alert.