{Performance Co-Pilot Cheat Sheet}

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PCP Basics

Installation

Package **zero-conf** pulls in dependencies, starts daemons, starts archiving of a default set of metrics. On RPM based distros (RHEL, Fedora, CentOS etc.):

```
# dnf -y install pcp-zeroconf
```

Verify pcp installation on application level:

```
# pcp
```

Important tools

Package 'pcp-system-tools' contains following tools, which work towards live running pmcd, and towards archive files:

- pcp-atop
- pcp-collectcl
- pcp-free
- pcp-iostat
- pcp-dstat

These tools should be called like 'pcp atop', 'pcp dstat' and so on.

Important Pathes

Essential logfiles:

```
/var/log/pcp/pmlogger/
/var/log/pcp/pmcd/
/var/log/pcp/pmie/
/var/lib/pcp/config/
/etc/pcp/
```

Working with metrics

Which metrics are offered by the running pmcd?

```
# pminfo
```

Which metrics related to cpu are available?

```
# pminfo | grep cpu
```

Archive files

Basics

Which archive is pmlogger logging into?

```
# pcp
```

Set a variable to current archive, and evaluate how many metrics are logged in the archive:

```
# cd /var/log/pcp/pmlogger/<hostname>
# pminfo -a <archivename> | wc -l
# pminfo -a 20200731 | wc -l
```

Have pmdiff point out 'significant peaks' in archives:

```
# pmdiff -a <archivename>
```

Accessing metrics

Most basic access to metrics:

```
# pmrep -a <archivename> <metric>
# pmrep -a 20200731 kernel.all.load
```

Graphical access:

```
# pmchart
```

PMDA's

PMDA installation

Most PMDS's can be searched and installed following this pattern:

```
# dnf search pcp-pmda
# dnf install -y pcp-pmda-lmsensors lm_sensors
# cd /var/lib/pcp/pmdas/lmsensors
# ./Install
```

PMIE

pmie, performance metrics interference engine, can react on defined metric states: send email on high load, and so on.

```
# pmie –verbose –timestamp –interval 1
# /etc/pcp/pmie/config.default
# pmie –archive 20200512 –config <rules>
```

Remote collection

Install PCP on clients

Setup client systems to offer metrics via pmcd: install pcp, open packet based firewall, enable remote access in pmcd:

```
 yum -y install pcp
firewall-cmd –permanent –zone=public –add-port=44321/tcp
firewall-cmd –reload
if grep -q PMCD_LOCAL /etc/sysconfig/pmcd; then
    sed -ie 's,PMCD_LOCAL.*,PMCD_LOCAL=0,' /etc/sysconfig/pmcd
else
    echo 'PMCD_LOCAL=0' »/etc/sysconfig/pmcd
fi
grep PMCD_LOCAL /etc/sysconfig/pmcd
service pmcd restart
chkconfig pmcd on
```

Install PCP on collector system

On the collector, we install pcp-zeroconf which also sets up logging to archive files. We then set variable CLIENT to the clients name, create a config- and controlfile, and notify pmlogger of the changes.

```
yum -y install pcp-zeroconf
CLIENT=rhel7u8a
/usr/libexec/pcp/bin/pmlogconf \
        /var/lib/pcp/config/pmlogger/config.$CLIENT
# optionally, execute the last command a second time
echo "$CLIENT.local n n PCP_LOG_DIR/pmlogger/$CLIENT.local" \
        " -r -T30d -c config.$CLIENT" \
        >/etc/pcp/pmlogger/control.d/$CLIENT
/usr/libexec/pcp/bin/pmlogger_check
```