

Enforce-nfs-quota pod restarts on victor

Status: Draft

Overview

The enforce-nfs-quota container on the victor prod hub encountered a fatal error after attempting to update the global hard-quota.

What Happened

After a hard-quota change, the enforce-xfs-quota container attempted to reconcile the new quotas with the existing filesystem. When running through each user, the stderr output from the recursive project loop included non UTF-8 byte, which caused a fatal error when decoding for logging purposes.

Resolution

A patched version of jupyterhub_home_nfs.generate was executed in a debug sidecar, which resolved the filesystem with the intended quotas.

Where we got lucky

An engineer was already working on other NFS clusters, and was quick to respond

What Went Well?

The time to author and push an in-place fix was small

What Didn't Go So Well?

No comments added

Action Items

Deploy the patched version of jupyterhub_home_nfs to all clusters through our deployment infrastructure

OWNER OF REVIEW PROCESS

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IMPACT TIME

Oct 17 at 12:40 to Oct 17 at 13:00

DURATION

19m 23s

*All times listed in this report are in Edinburgh, London.

Timeline

Oct 17, 2025

12:40 PM

Triggered through the API.
Description: [FIRING:1] storage-quota-home-nfs pod has restarted victor prod (storage-quota-home-nfs-5bc4c777f6-hlk4c same day action needed) ([View Message](#))
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12:53 PM Engineer runs enforcement script in debug pod, sees encoding traceback

1:00 PM Engineer patches jupyterhub_home_nfs and runs the patched version in a debug container

1:02 PM Engineer confirms that pod is now stable after updating quotas