Perfmon4j &



Perfmon4j Sample Configurations

Configuration Guide

Purpose

This document contains samples of XML configuration for Perfmon4j. This document is a work in progress. As specific configurations come up they are appended here.

Please help keep this document relevant. If you have problems implementing any of these examples please send feedback to perfmon4j@fsc.follett.com. Feel free to send comments, suggestions and questions – we appreciate any and all feedback.

Example 1 - Monitor duration for all methods on a class

This example shows how you can use Perfmon4j to capture duration/throughput measurement for all methods on a given class. For the purpose of this example we will capture information regarding the org.apache.catalina.connector.Request class. Typically you will instrument your own java classes, however any class can be instrumented (Access to source code is NOT required). Note the class used in this example requires an Apache/Tomcat or JBoss application server.

Configuration

The first step is to ensure that the class is instrumented by the Perfmon4j javaagent. Basic configuration of the javaagent is documented in the Perfmon4j Apache/Tomcat or JBoss configuration guides. To instrument all of the methods of a class, the name of the class OR any parent package of the class must be indicated via the repeatable **–e** option. For this example **append** the value specified in bold below to your javaagent string.

Javaagent declaration

```
-javaagent:..\lib\endorsed\perfmon4j.jar=-f..\bin\perfmonconfig.xml,-eorg.apache.catalina.connector
```

A monitor on the class must be configured and attached to an appender. In this example every method invoked on the org.apache.catalina.connector.Request method will be monitored (Based on the child only pattern '/*'). The result of any method invoked will be written to the server log every minute. Note: the method must execute at least 1 time for the monitor to be initialized.

Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

Access the server via a browser through a servlet request. Within 1 minute output similar to the following should be written to the server log.

```
2009-09-21 14:18:13,791 INFO [org.perfmon4j.TextAppender]
org.apache.catalina.connector.Request.getAttribute
14:17:11:531 -> 14:18:11:531
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Throughput..... 254.00 per minute
Average Duration... 0.00
 Standard Deviation. 0.06
Max Duration..... 1 (2009-09-21 14:17:38:002)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:17:38:002)
Total Hits..... 254
Total Completions.. 254
Lifetime (2009-09-21 14:17:11):
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Max Throughput.... 254.00 (2009-09-21 14:17:11 -> 2009-09-21 14:18:11)
Average Duration... 0.00
Standard Deviation. 0.06
Max Duration..... 1 (2009-09-21 14:17:38:002)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
2009-09-21 14:18:13,833 INFO [org.perfmon4j.TextAppender]
       *************************
org.apache.catalina.connector.Request.removeAttribute
14:17:11:540 -> 14:18:11:540
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Throughput..... 72.00 per minute
Average Duration... 0.00
Standard Deviation. 0.00
Max Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Total Hits..... 72
 Total Completions.. 72
Lifetime (2009-09-21 14:17:11):
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Max Throughput.... 72.00 (2009-09-21 14:17:11 -> 2009-09-21 14:18:11)
Average Duration... 0.00
Standard Deviation. 0.00
Max Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:18:08:764)
*******************************
```

Example 2 – Monitor composite duration for a class

This example builds on the above example "Monitor duration for all methods on a class". In this example we will monitor the composite duration/throughput metrics for all methods on a given class. This will show us how much time our application code is spending in a given class.

Configuration

Follow the configuration example specified above in the example "Monitor duration for all methods on a class". The only change required for this example is to modify the pattern attribute. We will change the pattern from \/*.* to \... A period indicates "parent monitor only", in our example metrics associated with the class.

If you are making this change after performing the previous example you will NOT need to restart your application server. Changes to the perfmonconfig.xml file will be dynamically reloaded every 60 seconds.

Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

Access the server via a browser through a servlet request. Within 1 minute (up to 2 minutes if you did not restart the application server) output similar to the following should be written to the server log.

```
2009-09-21 14:44:25,414 INFO [org.perfmon4j.TextAppender]
org.apache.catalina.connector.Request
14:43:25:343 -> 14:44:25:353
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:44:24:529)
Throughput..... 280.95 per minute
Average Duration... 0.00
Standard Deviation. 1.98
Max Duration..... 33 (2009-09-21 14:44:04:209)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:44:04:209)
Total Hits..... 281
 Total Completions.. 281
Lifetime (2009-09-21 14:43:25):
Max Active Threads. 1 (2009-09-21 14:44:24:529)
Max Throughput.... 280.95 (2009-09-21 14:43:25 -> 2009-09-21 14:44:25)
Average Duration... 0.00
Standard Deviation. 1.98
Max Duration..... 33 (2009-09-21 14:44:04:209)
Min Duration..... 0 (2009-09-21 14:44:24:529)
```

Example 3 – JVMSnapShot monitor

This example will take a snapshot of the following Java management objects (ThreadMXBean, ClassLoadingMXBean, CompilationMXBean, OperatingSystemMXBean, and MemoryMXBean) and write the output to the system log every minute.

Configuration – Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

```
***********************************
JVMSnapShot.
17:02:28:311 -> 17:03:28:311
daemonThreadCount..... 29
threadCount..... 46
totalLoadedClassCount.... 409.0/per minute
unloadedClassCount..... 0.0/per minute
systemLoadAverage..... -1.0
classesLoaded...... 15851
compilationTime...... 1607.0/per minute
compilationTimeActive.... true
heapMemUsed...... 405.631 MB
heapMemCommitted..... 506.125 MB
nonHeapMemUsed...... 200.857 MB
nonHeapMemCommitted..... 201.875 MB
pendingFinalization..... 0
threadsStarted..... 5.0/per minute
***********
```

Example 4 – GarbageCollectorSnapShot monitor

The garbage collector snapshot monitor provides a view of the Java management object (GarbageCollectorMXBean). The JVM contains one or more garbage collectors based on the active configuration. The GarbageCollectorSnapShot monitor can be configured to display composite data from all active garbage collectors or view an individual collector. This example contains a monitor for all collectors and the Old gen collector.

Configuration – Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

The composite collector contains composite information for all collectors. Note the 'monitorName' attribute displays all of the active collectors. Each active collector can be monitored individually by specifying the collector name as the attribute instanceName in the perfmonconfig.xml file.

The PS Marksweep collector shows the individual information for the mark and sweep collector.

Example 5 - MemoryPoolSnapShot monitor

The memory pool snapshot monitor provides a view of the Java management object (MemoryPoolMXBean). The JVM contains one or more memory pools based on the active configuration. The MemoryPoolSnapShot monitor can be configured to display composite data from all active memory pools or view an individual pool. This example contains a monitor for all pools and the Old Gen pool.

Configuration - Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

The composite memory pool contains composite information for all pools. Note the 'monitorName' attribute displays all of the active pools. Each active pool can be monitored individually by specifying the pool name as the attribute instanceName in the perfmonconfig.xml file.

The PS old Gen collector shows the individual information for the old gen memory pool.

Example 6 – Perfmon4j Instrumentation monitor

This monitor exposes the internals of the Perfmon4j instrumentation agent. It displays raw counters detailing the number of classes instrumented.

Configuration - Perfmonconfig.xml

Sample Output

Example 7 – Configure JBoss Server Application Code for Extreme logging.

In rare instances some classes are not compatible with Perfmon4j instrumentation. In most cases Perfmon4j will simply skip these classes. The org.jboss.security package contains 1 or more classes that must be explicitly excluded from instrumentation. The following configuration will instrument all JBoss classes except the security classes.

Notes:

- See the Perfmon4j-JBossConfigurationGuide for details on how to install the java agent.
- on JBoss 5.x/64bit the default MaxPermSize is not sufficient for instrumentation. The MaxPermSize parameter increases the default this parameter is most likely not required under a 32bit JVM.

Configuration - Javaagent declaration

```
SET JAVA_OPTS=-javaagent:..\lib\endorsed\perfmon4j.jar=-eorg.jboss,-iorg.jboss.security,-f..\bin\perfmonconfig.xml -XX:MaxPermSize=256m
```

Example 8 - Output Interval data to a SQL Database (1.0.1.GA+)

The JDBCSQLAppender and PooledSQLAppender appenders, introduced in perfmon4j version 1.0.1.GA, allow interval data to be written to a SQL database. The JDBCSQLAppender allows configuration through a JDBC Driver. The PooledSQLAppender can be configured to connect to a JNDI based connection pool.

Configuration

Step 1 - Create Database Tables

The first step in configuration is to create the Perfmon4j tables within an existing database. The MSSQL-CreateTable.sql and MySQL-CreateTable.sql file are SQL scripts to create these tables in Microsoft SQL and MySQL respectively. With minimal modification one of these scripts could be ported to most SQL compatible databases.

Step 2) Perfmonconfig.xml

There are two options for configuring the SQL based appender. Option 1 will create a connection to the database through the specified JDBC Driver. Option 2 will use a JNDI lookup to acquire a connection pool.

Perfmonconfig.xml (Option 1 – JDBCDriver)

```
<Perfmon4JConfig enabled='true'>
<appender name='jdbcAppender' className='org.perfmon4j.JDBCSQLAppender' interval='5 minutes'>
             <attribute name='driverClass'>net.sourceforge.jtds.jdbc.Driver</attribute>
             <!-- driverPath is optional... If this parameter is not specified the driver
                     Must exist in the classpath of the java process -->
             <attribute name='driverPath'>c:/drivers/jtds.jar</attribute>
             <attribute name='jdbcURL'>jdbc:jtds:sqlserver:/localhost/perfmon4j</attribute>
             <!-- dbSchema is optional... If this parameter is not specified
                     the tables must exist in the users default schema -->
             <attribute name='dbSchema'>myschema</attribute>
             <attribute name='userName'>myusername</attribute>
             <attribute name='password'>mypassword</attribute>
             <attribute name='medianCalculator'>factor=10</attribute>
             <attribute name='thresholdCalculator'>2 seconds, 5 seconds, 10 seconds</attribute>
     </appender>
     <monitor name='WebRequest'>
             <appender name='jdbcAppender' pattern='.'/>
     </monitor>
</Perfmon4JConfig>
```

Perfmonconfig.xml (Option 2 –JNDI Based connection pool)

Example 9 – Output UserAgent (Browser Summary) data to a SQL Database (1.0.2.GA+)

Perfmon4j can be configured to capture browser user agent data (Browser type/version, Client OS type/version) for each web request.

This example shows how to use the UserAgentSnapShotMonitor and the SQLAppender to capture client information and store the results in a SQL database. See (Example 8 in this document) for information on configuring a SQL database for logging.

Configuration

** IMPORTANT!! **

To capture user agent information you MUST install the Perfmon4j servlet filter or the Tomcat Valve (Instructions for installing the tomcat valve can be found in the JBoss and Tomcat setup guides).

Perfmonconfig.xml

Output

You can view the output of this by running a query against the P4JUserAgentView. This view groups the total number of hits per browser configuration by day.

CollectionDate B	BrowserName	BrowserVersion	OSName	OSVersion	RequestCount
2010-3-20 F	rirefox	3.6	Windows NT	6.0	567
2010-3-20 M	MSIE	8.0	Windows NT	6.0	443

Example 10 - Setup a ThreadTrace for detailed peformance logging

One of perfmon4j's most powerful features is Thread Trace logging. Thread trace logging allows you to collect a detailed thread stack detailing the performance of a single thread. This can be extremely helpful in trouble shooting bottlenecks in a web application. For example if a particular web request that is performing poorly you can profile a single execution of that thread and discover the bottleneck.

This example was implemented on Apache Tomcat 6.0 and uses the "Hello World" servlet example. To reproduce simply follow the steps detailed in the "Perfmon4j-Tomcat-ConfigGuide" and add the configuration settings shown here.

Javaagent declaration

The first step is to enable extreme logging on the application packages you are interested in timing.

```
-javaagent:../lib/endorsed/perfmon4j.jar=-f../conf/perfmonconfig.xml,-eorg.apache
```

Perfmonconfig.xml

The next step is to configure a thread trace on the "examples/servlets" web request URL. Note: Perfmon4j servlet filter or the Tomcat Valve must be installed.

Two optional attributes are included on the threadTrace configuration:

- randomSamplingFactor="5" indicates that a detailed thread trace snapshot should be taken approximately once
 over every 5 occurrences.
- maxDepth="10" indicates the maximum desired stack depth to capture.

Output

If you invoke the "Hello World" servlet example 5-10 times you will see output similar to the following:

Notice the numbers in parenthesis. This is the time in milliseconds taken for the invocation of the code segment.

```
+-10:57:36:509 (25) WebRequest.examples.servlets

| +-10:57:36:509 (15) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngineValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 (5) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardHostValve.invoke
| ... Output truncated ...
| | +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.connector.Request.getAttribute
| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report
| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report
| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 webRequest.examples.servlets
```

Example 11 -Trigger ThreadTrace by request parameter (1.0.2.GA+)

This example extends on the configuration in Example 10. The previous example used a random sampling factor to limit the number of request that produce a detailed stack trace. This example will only produced a stack trace when a request is received containing a specific request parameter/value.

This example was implemented on Apache Tomcat 6.0 and uses the "Request Parameters" servlet example. To reproduce simply follow the steps detailed in the "Perfmon4j-Tomcat-ConfigGuide" and add the configuration settings shown here.

Javaagent declaration

The first step is to enable extreme logging on the application packages you are interested in timing.

```
-javaagent:../lib/endorsed/perfmon4j.jar=-f../conf/perfmonconfig.xml,-eorg.apache
```

Perfmonconfig.xml

The next step is to configure a thread trace on the "examples/servlets" web request URL. Note: Perfmon4j servlet filter or the Tomcat Valve must be installed.

Output

If you invoke the "Request Parameters" servlet with "First Name" set to a value of "Dave" you will get the following output.

Notice the numbers in parenthesis. This is the time in milliseconds taken for the invocation of the code segment.

```
+-10:57:36:509 (25) WebRequest.examples.servlets

| +-10:57:36:509 (15) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngineValve.invoke

| +-10:57:36:509 (5) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke

| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardHostValve.invoke

| ... Output truncated ...

| | +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.connector.Request.getAttribute

| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report

| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report

| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke

| +-10:57:36:509 WebRequest.examples.servlets
```

Example 12 -Trigger ThreadTrace by cookie (1.0.2.GA+)

This example extends on the configuration in Example 10. The previous example used a random sampling factor to limit the number of request that produce a detailed stack trace. This example will only produced a stack trace when a request is received containing a specific cookie/value.

This example was implemented on Apache Tomcat 6.0 and uses the "Cookies" servlet example. To reproduce simply follow the steps detailed in the "Perfmon4j-Tomcat-ConfigGuide" and add the configuration settings shown here.

Javaagent declaration

The first step is to enable extreme logging on the application packages you are interested in timing.

```
-javaagent:../lib/endorsed/perfmon4j.jar=-f../conf/perfmonconfig.xml,-eorg.apache
```

Perfmonconfig.xml

The next step is to configure a thread trace on the "examples/servlets" web request URL. Note: Perfmon4j servlet filter or the Tomcat Valve must be installed.

Output

If you invoke the "Cookies" servlet with "Name" set to a value of "MyCookie" and "Value" set to "1" you will get the following output.

Notice the numbers in parenthesis. This is the time in milliseconds taken for the invocation of the code segment.

```
+-10:57:36:509 (25) WebRequest.examples.servlets

| +-10:57:36:509 (15) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardEngineValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 (5) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.core.StandardHostValve.invoke
| ... Output truncated
| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.connector.Request.getAttribute
| +-10:57:36:509 (0) org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report
| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.report
| +-10:57:36:509 org.apache.catalina.valves.ErrorReportValve.invoke
| +-10:57:36:509 WebRequest.examples.servlets
```

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