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Summary

OCG (offline content generator) was not able to serve user requests (e.g. PDF versions of pages)

Timeline

- 20141128T1140 user report on #wikimedia-operations about PDF generation not working, investigation
- 20141128T1147 disk space is suspected to be the root cause, investigation begins on that
- 20141128T1200 older (14d) PDFs are removed from ocg100* servers, ocg doesn't recover
- 20141128T1200 ocg logs on logstash indicate failure while talking to redis, investigation proceeds on that

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Nov 25 15:37:43 ocg1002 ganglia-ocg[15741]: ocg_job_status_queue 503449
Nov 25 15:38:19 ocg1002 ganglia-ocg[25920]: ocg_job_status_queue 0
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- 20141128T1220 it is discovered that ocg configuration ships with a blank password
- 20141128T1228 the impacting configuration change is fixed

Conclusions

- There was user impact on the PDF generation starting 20141125T1537, no pages were issued
- The alarm for "ocg.svc.eqiad.wmnet" was silenced, and thus didn't fire pages
- The icinga OCG health check issue WARNING even for CRITICAL issues (e.g. returning HTTP 500, connection refused, etc)
- OCG disks were almost full, at >90% utilization

Actionables

- · Permanent silencing alarms for production services is discouraged, if silencing is desired for a given service the "downtime" facility is to be preferred. Downtime will auto-expire after the chosen period and thus lessen these problems.
- · OCG icinga health checks should correctly report CRITICAL vs WARNING conditions
- OCG service excessive disk utilization should be checked and automatically reclaimed (e.g. utilization thresholds or date thresholds)

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