

Multi-Report

Quick Start Guide

Version 3.1

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What is Multi-Report?

- Multi-Report was written a long time ago under a different name, with the purpose of augmenting FreeNAS 8.x (and beyond) for running SMART tests, monitoring for drive failures as FreeNAS was not very good at it reliably.
- To this day it is still augmenting for some shortcomings (scheduling NVMe drive SMART test), and to make people feel a little safer knowing the testing is going on and alarms will be generated if Multi-Report detects a problem. Just call it “Peace of Mind”.
- SMART was designed with the intention to warn a user of pending Hard Drive doom within 0 to 24 hours of a failure. This is not fool proof, not a magic bullet. SMART is not perfect however if it does predict a failure and you are aware of it, you can fend off some danger. There are some failures that cannot be predicted and some failures happen very fast. All the data provided by this script will assist you moving forward once a failure or indication of a pending failure is identified.
- Additionally, I highly recommend running a SMART Short test once a day and running a SMART Long test once a week. If you have a lot of drives, only schedule a few drives a day (Monday), a few others (Wednesday), you get the point. The new Drive_Selftest can automate the scheduling of your SMART tests, example: Daily Short tests and Weekly or Monthly Long Tests, and you have virtually nothing to do to make that work.
- As you look at the chart data, note that the column titles should be self-explanatory.
- One major change has occurred in version 3.1, the S.M.A.R.T. testing has been removed and moved into a companion script called “Drive_Selftest”. This makes maintaining the script easier and the Drive_Selftest script can run on it’s own for those people who just want to run the smart tests easily.

Quick Setup Information

Place script on your server (location is for example only)

- Create a new dataset titled 'scripts'. Path: /mnt/pool/scripts
 - Make the dataset:
 - Name: scripts
 - Share Type/Dataset Preset: SMB
 - SCALE: Create SMB Share checkbox
 - Submit/Save
- You should now have access to the SMB share you created.
- Copy the script to the 'scripts' dataset, rename the script to "multi_report.sh".

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Setting up the CRON JOB

- (CORE) -> Tasks -> Cron Jobs -> ADD
- (SCALE) -> System -> Advanced -> Cron Jobs -> ADD
- Description: multi_report
- Command (CORE): ./mnt/pool/scripts/multi_report.sh
- Command (SCALE): cd/mnt/pool/scripts && ./multi_report.sh
- Run As User: root (or any privileged account)
- Schedule: Custom
 - Preset: Daily
 - Minutes: 0, Hours: 2, Days: *
 - Select DONE
- Hide Standard Output: Unchecked
- Hide Standard Error: Unchecked
- Enabled: Checked
- Save

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First and Second Run

- As a privileged user, open a shell/SSH window and change directory 'cd' to cd/mnt/pool/scripts
- First Run: Enter ./multi_report.sh -config
 - Follow the instructions to create a multi_report_config.txt (configuration file).
- Second Run: Enter ./multi_report.sh
 - The script should run without error.

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Notes:

- To customize Multi-Report run the script with the '-config' switch and select Advanced Configuration. There are a large variety of things which can be customized for almost every situation. If you can't figure out how to do something, drop Joe a message.
- In order to run SMART Self-tests on NVMe drives, you must set NVM_Smartmontools_74_Override="enable". You can manually edit the multi_report_config.txt file or use the Advanced Configuration section.
- If you run into a real problem, search the TrueNAS forums first, and if you cannot figure it out, use the '-dump email' switch to send me the required information I need to assist you. I will return an email to you once I have looked at it. I normally get back to people in less than 24 hours, keep in mind time zones, I'm in the USA, NY (ET).

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Anatomy of the Multi-Report Email

SMART Testing Results for truenas - All is Good - Message (HTML)

Subject Line with Summary

Old and Current configuration files after an upgrade

Version Info (Red if "Beta")
Date/Time of Report
Duration of the Script

Multi-Report v3.0.6Beta dtd:2024-06-01 (TrueNAS Scale 24.04.1.1)
Report Run 01-Jun-2024 @ 19:09:55
Execution Time: 2 Minutes : 8 Seconds

Pool Name	Status	Pool Size	Free Space	Used Space	Frag	Read Errors	Write Errors	Cksum Errors	Scrub Repaired Bytes	Scrub Errors	Last Scrub Age	Last Scrub Duration	Total Data Read / Total Data Written
Test	ONLINE	438.30G	6.30G	432K (0%)	0%	0	0	0		---	Never Scrubbed	---	Virtual Drive
boot-pool	ONLINE	14.53G	4.94G	9.59G (63%)	2%	0	0	0	0B	0	1	00:00:06	Virtual Drive
farm	ONLINE	10.45T	7.59T	2.86T (27%)	0%	0	0	0	0B	0	15	00:00:00	372.1 TB / 10.5 TB

*Data obtained from zpool and zfs commands.

Total Lifetime Data Values for all the drives in a pool.

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SMR Checking
Yellow = Alarm Override

"0" = Compensated Value
"(2)" = Real Value, Yellow = Alarm Override
Purpose: To easily identify new alarms

30 Day Rolling Average, can
be set to Calendar Month

Spinning Rust Summary Report

Device ID	Serial Number	Model Number	HDD Capacity	RPM	SMART Status	Curr Temp	Temp Min	Temp Max	Power On Time	Start Stop Count	Load Cycle Count	Spin Retry Count	Re-alloc Scts	Re-alloc Evnt	Curr Pend Scts	Offl Unc Scts	UDMA CRC Error	Raw Error Rate	Seek Error Rate	Multi Zone Error	He Level	Last Test Age	Last Test Type (time conducted)	Total Data Read / Written	30-Day Read / Written
/dev/sdd	S2X1J90CA48799	ST500LM012 HN-M500MBB	500.00G	5400	PASSED	32°C	26°C	35°C	9110	368	31521	0	0	0	0	0	0 (2)	0	0	0 (31)	---	0	Short offline (9088 hrs)	3.1 GB / 3.4 GB	3.1 GB / 111 MB

Total Lifetime Data Read or
Written to the drive

SSD Summary Report

Device ID	Serial Number	Model Number	SSD Capacity	SMART Status	Curr Temp	Temp Min	Temp Max	Power On Time	Wear Level	Re-alloc Scts	Re-alloc Evnt	Curr Pend Scts	Offl Unc Scts	UDMA CRC Error	Last Test Age	Last Test Type (time conducted)	Total Data Read / Written	30-Day Read / Written
/dev/sdc	P02618119268	FLEXTOR FX-256M7VC	256.00G	PASSED	47°C	---	---	3242	100	0	0	---	0	0 (3)	0	Short offline (3220 hrs)	18.2 GB / 39.7 GB	18.2 GB / <1 MB
/dev/sde	S5B3NS0NB01328R	Samsung SSD 860 EVO 1TB	1.00T	PASSED	28°C	25°C	39°C	835	100	0	---	---	---	0 (6007)	0	Short offline (813 hrs)	262.4 GB / 523.7 GB	262.4 GB / 141 MB

The power state of the
NVMe when the script is
near completion

"---" means No Value Exists

NVMe Summary Report

Device ID	Serial Number	Model Number	NVMe Capacity	SMART Status	Critical Warning	Curr Temp	Power State	Power On Time	Wear Level	Media Errors	Last Test Age	Last Test Type (time conducted)	Total Data Read / Written	30-Day Read / Written
/dev/nvme0	511230818150000088	Nextorage SSD NEM-PA4TB	4.00T	PASSED	GOOD	32°C	PS-4 0.0440W	988	100	0	0	Short (988 hrs)	93.1 TB / 2.6 TB	93.1 TB / 2.5 GB
/dev/nvme1	511230818150000051	Nextorage SSD NEM-PA4TB	4.00T	PASSED	GOOD	32°C	PS-4 0.0440W	988	100	0	0	Short (988 hrs)	92.9 TB / 2.5 TB	92.9 TB / 3.6 GB
/dev/nvme2	511230818150000096	Nextorage SSD NEM-PA4TB	4.00T	PASSED	GOOD	32°C	PS-3 0.0620W	987	100	0	0	Short (987 hrs)	93.0 TB / 2.6 TB	93.0 TB / 3.6 GB
/dev/nvme3	511230818150000089	Nextorage SSD NEM-PA4TB	4.00T	PASSED	GOOD	33°C	PS-3 0.0620W	988	100	0	0	Short (987 hrs)	92.9 TB / 2.5 TB	92.9 TB / 2.5 GB

How many 24 hour periods have
past since last S.M.A.R.T. test

A Short S.M.A.R.T. Test Completed
(987) Hours the test completed. If the last test
was a Long test, that would be indicated here

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Multi-Report Text Section

- 1) External Configuration File (Present) dtd:2025-01-13a
- 2) Statistical Data Log (Present) @ (/mnt/farm/scripts/statisticalsmartdata.csv)

Attachments:

- 1) TrueNAS Configuration File (All) - (Enabled)
- 2) Multi Report Configuration File (All) - (Enabled)
- 3) Statistical Log (All) - (Enabled)
- 4) HDD/SSD Partition Backup (All) - (Enabled)

Checks/Tests:

- 1) SMR Checking - (Disabled)
- 2) Partition Check - (Enabled) - No Errors Detected
- 3) Spencer - (Not Installed)
- 4) S.M.A.R.T Testing External File - (Enabled)
 - a) Short Test Authorized Test Days (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun) (~1 Drive(s) per day)
(none)
 - b) Long Test Authorized Test Days (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun) (~1 Drive(s) per day)
(none)

ZPool status report for Spinner

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pool: Spinner
state: ONLINE
status: Some supported and requested features are not enabled on the pool.
       The pool can still be used, but some features are unavailable.
action: Enable all features using 'zpool upgrade'. Once this is done,
       the pool may no longer be accessible by software that does not support
       the features. See zpool-features(7) for details.
scan: scrub repaired 0B in 00:08:21 with 0 errors on Sun Dec 22 00:08:23 2024
config:
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NAME	STATE	READ	WRITE	CKSUM
Spinner	ONLINE	0	0	0
fe73da7e-b48d-4710-860e-3bf847568eba	ONLINE	0	0	0

errors: No known data errors

Drives for this pool are listed below:

Virtual Drive fe73da7e-b48d-4710-860e-3bf847568eba -> sdc1 -> S/N:02000000000000000001

The Text Section contains:
Configuration Information
Test Information
and
Error Information

If you have an alarm on the Chart
Section, look here for amplifying
information.

Zpool Status

This tells you the drive is “Virtual”,
the gptid number, the Drive ID,
and Drive Serial Number.
Use this data to help identify a
failing drive.

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ZPool status report for farm

pool: farm
state: DEGRADED
status: One or more devices are faulted in response to persistent errors.
Sufficient replicas exist for the pool to continue functioning in a degraded state.
action: Replace the faulted device, or use 'zpool clear' to mark the device repaired.
scan: scrub repaired 472K in 00:34:18 with 0 errors on Sat Jan 11 13:06:34 2025
config:

NAME	STATE	READ	WRITE	CKSUM	
farm	DEGRADED	0	0	0	
raidz2-0	DEGRADED	0	0	0	
f41cd7e4-df4c-4f0c-9c24-62a4343c1868	ONLINE	0	0	0	
21e5a651-701d-4150-82c6-446211a8f898	ONLINE	0	0	0	
f18e77b8-82cd-426c-b6e6-9bcc9778e511	FAULTED	15	0	0	too many errors
cee96768-462c-437f-b35b-ab3abcd8fd0f	ONLINE	0	0	0	
d3549c3a-2f33-41b8-8fdb-4096c3fb5248	ONLINE	0	0	0	

errors: No known data errors

Drives for this pool are listed below:

21e5a651-701d-4150-82c6-446211a8f898	->	nvme1n1p2	->	S/N:511230818150000096	
cee96768-462c-437f-b35b-ab3abcd8fd0f	->	nvme4n1p2	->	S/N:511230818150000088	
d3549c3a-2f33-41b8-8fdb-4096c3fb5248	->	nvme2n1p2	->	S/N:511230818150000450	
f18e77b8-82cd-426c-b6e6-9bcc9778e511	->	nvme3n1p2	->	S/N:511230818150000089	PROBLEM
f41cd7e4-df4c-4f0c-9c24-62a4343c1868	->	nvme0n1p2	->	S/N:511230818150000051	

All drives for the “farm” pool are listed and identified by three things:
gptid -> Drive ID -> Drive Serial Number

This makes it significantly easier to identify which drive actually failed by serial number.

Recently added, noting exactly the related drive, however in this example it alone does not mean the drive is faulty.

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SMART status report for sdd drive (ST500LM012 HN-M500MBB : S2X1J90CA48799)

SMART overall-health self-assessment test result: PASSED

ID#	ATTRIBUTE_NAME	FLAG	VALUE	WORST	THRESH	TYPE	UPDATED	WHEN_FAILED	RAW_VALUE
1	Raw_Read_Error_Rate	0x002f	100	100	051	Pre-fail	Always	-	0
2	Throughput_Performance	0x0026	056	054	000	Old_age	Always	-	6116
3	Spin_Up_Time	0x0023	091	091	025	Pre-fail	Always	-	2868
4	Start_Stop_Count	0x0032	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	368
5	Reallocated_Sector_Ct	0x0033	252	252	010	Pre-fail	Always	-	0
7	Seek_Error_Rate	0x002e	252	252	051	Old_age	Always	-	0
8	Seek_Time_Performance	0x0024	252	252	015	Old_age	Offline	-	0
9	Power_On_Hours	0x0032	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	9110
10	Spin_Retry_Count	0x0032	252	252	051	Old_age	Always	-	0
11	Calibration_Retry_Count	0x0032	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	132
12	Power_Cycle_Count	0x0032	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	361
13	Read_Soft_Error_Rate	0x003a	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	0
181	Program_Fail_Cnt_Total	0x0022	096	096	000	Old_age	Always	-	91972053
191	G-Sense_Error_Rate	0x0022	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	9
192	Power-Off_Retract_Count	0x0022	252	252	000	Old_age	Always	-	0
193	Load_Cycle_Count	0x0032	097	097	000	Old_age	Always	-	31523
194	Temperature_Celsius	0x0002	064	059	000	Old_age	Always	-	32 (Min/Max 17/41)
195	Hardware_ECC_Recovered	0x003a	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	0
196	Reallocated_Event_Count	0x0032	252	252	000	Old_age	Always	-	0
197	Current_Pending_Sector	0x0032	252	252	000	Old_age	Always	-	0
198	Offline_Uncorrectable	0x0030	252	252	000	Old_age	Offline	-	0
199	UDMA_CRC_Error_Count	0x0036	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	2
200	Multi_Zone_Error_Rate	0x002a	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	31
240	Head_Flying_Hours	0x0032	100	100	000	Old_age	Always	-	7528
241	Total_LBAs_Written	0x0032	095	094	000	Old_age	Always	-	6812280
242	Total_LBAs_Read	0x0032	096	094	000	Old_age	Always	-	6144661
254	Free_Fall_Sensor	0x0032	252	252	000	Old_age	Always	-	0

No Errors Logged

Most recent Short & Extended Tests - Listed by test number
1 Short offline Completed without error 00% 9088 -
4 Extended offline Interrupted (host reset) 70% 9075 -

SCT Error Recovery Control: Read: Disabled Write: Disabled

Header to identify the report is for Drive ID 'sdd' and lists the Model Number and Serial Number

Lastly we have the OUTPUT of "smartctl -a"

Why did I include this in the report you ask?
Because the more information we have to analyze, the better our decision is on what actions, if any, are required.

The Last SMART Short and Long Tests with the results.

TLDR Can also be set by the script, the default is 70 (7.0 seconds) when enabled. It is Disabled in this example.

Closing Notes

Always backup your important data

Always use an Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS)

Read the User Guide

If you find something wrong with the script or these instructions, please reach out to joeschmuck2023@hotmail.com with the issue, or run the script using the '-dump email' switch to send me data to analyze and include a little message as well. Believe it or not, I appreciate the feedback, good or not so good.

And if you have a recommendation on what the default values should be within the multi_report_config.txt file, please reach out to me. If the change makes sense, I will implement it.