



# NosDB Administrators' Guide - PowerShell

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## 1. Introduction to NosDB

Welcome to NosDB! NosDB is a schema-less and scalable NOSQL database solution to handle ad-hoc querying on huge amounts of real-time, unstructured data. As NosDB scales out to accommodate the rapidly increasing volume of your data, it applies robust data distribution strategies to ensure availability and fault tolerance at all times. Keeping in mind the suitability of NosDB for Big Data applications, MapReduce and Aggregation support has also been introduced to dramatically enhance performance due to parallel processing.

NosDB features and tools are designed to be tuned flexibly into applications of any size – from small to enterprise-wide global installations.

## Support

NosDB provides various sources of technical support. Please refer to <u>Alachisoft's Support page</u> to select a support resource you find suitable for your issue.

To request additional features in the future, or if you notice any discrepancy regarding this document, please drop an email at <a href="mailto:support@alachisoft.com">support@alachisoft.com</a>.

#### **Document Conventions**

The following conventions in text have been used throughout this document:

Convention	Description	
bold	pecifies terms of importance for the reader.	
monospace	Specifies inline code snippets, file, class, interface names.	
monospace	pecifies inline code snippets and commands.	
	Specifies additional and vital information for the user.	
•	Specifies any significant step to be taken in your application.	



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# **Getting Started with NosDB**

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# 2. Open Firewall TCP Port for Clients

## 2.1. Configuration Server Port

If a firewall is enabled between the clients and the configuration server, then you must open a TCP port (default **9950**) in the firewall for the client to communicate with the configuration server through the connection string.

```
"Data Source=127.0.0.1; Port=9950; Database=northwind; Local Instance=false;"
```

If you want to manually configure the Config Server Port, changes must be made on all servers running the Configuration Service. The port can be modified in the "NosDB.ConfigurationService.exe.config" file located in

"[InstallDir]/bin/service":

```
<appSettings>
    ...
    <add key="ConfigServerPort" value="9950"/>
</appSettings>
```

## 2.2. Management Port

The configuration server further communicates with the Database Service using the Management Port. The default Management Port for the Database Service is **9960**.

If you want to manually configure the Management Server Port, changes must be made on all servers running the Configuration Service. The port can be modified in the "NosDB.ConfigurationService.exe.config" file located in [InstallDir]/bin/service":

```
<appSettings>
    . . .
    <add key="ManagementServerPort" value="9960"/>
</appSettings>
```

However, this port is being used by the database service so it also has to be modified accordingly in the "NosDB.DatabaseService.exe.config" file located in "[InstallDir]/bin/service":

```
<appSettings>
...
<add key="ManagementServerPort" value="9960"/>
</appSettings>
```





Every time the configuration files (of Configuration Service and Database Service) are modified, the corresponding services **must be restarted**.

## 2.3. Distributor Port

Any client for NosDB which is not .NET (Java/Node.JS), needs to connect to the Distributor Service (*NosDistributorSvc*). The default port for the Distributor Service is **9970**.

If you want to manually configure the Distributor Service Port, changes must be made on all servers running the Distributor Service. The port can be modified in the "NosDB.DistributorService.exe.config" file located in [InstallDir]/bin/service":

```
<appSettings>
...
<add key="Port" value="9970"/>
<add key="IP" value="200.0.0.1"/>
...
</appSettings>
```



# 3. Accessing Database Cluster across Domains

To access a cluster across a domain, different permissions are required respective to the domain. This can also result in restricted access because of Windows Authentication, along with a similar limitation to view the PerfMon counters across a different domain.

## 3.1. Using Runas Command

Keeping in mind the aforementioned limitations, NosDB has incorporated the <u>Runas</u> command-line tool by Microsoft into its management modules so to access the cluster across domains, the management module specified with a "(Runas)" can be launched and used with ease:

- Launch psmgmt.runas.cmd from [InstallDir]\bin\tools.
- Enter the User ID of the login you want to access in the format user@domain or domain\user.
- Enter the password for the ID.
- You can now run the commands specific to the domain with permissions granted to the user you have logged on as.

## **Monitoring PerfMon Counters across Domains**

- Follow the steps to access a database cluster as mentioned above.
- Run the following command through Command Prompt to launch PerfMon:

runas /env /netonly /user:user@domain perfmon.exe

You can now monitor PerfMon Counters for a cluster in the domain you are logged in to.



# 4. Configuring and Using PowerShell in NosDB

NosDB provides integration with Windows PowerShell to easily automate NosDB processes on your network. You can manage NosDB remote tasks on your network through a single computer using PowerShell scripts.



NosDB PowerShell Provider is only compatible with PowerShell 4.0 and above.

## 4.1. Load NosDB Assembly

Right-click on a database name and select Launch PowerShell in NosDB Management Studio.

#### OR

- Search for NosDB PowerShell Management and Run as Administrator.
- You will be directed to NosDB's PowerShell module, indicated by the PS at the start of the command line.
- In order to work in NosDB environment through PowerShell, enable PowerShell script execution by setting the <a href="ExecutionPolicy">ExecutionPolicy</a> to RemoteSigned.

## Set-ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned

Once the NosDB environment has been set up, you can now <u>create a new database cluster</u> or <u>connect to an existing one</u> to carry out NosDB's tasks through PowerShell.

## 4.2. To Run Scripts

Once the cluster has been created, you can load an existing Northwind database provided in NosDB samples at [InstallDir]\samples\data\json\northwind. The sample contains JSON format files against specific collections which can be imported into the configured database to get you started with NosDB features.

The provided "NorthWind.ps1" script in the same location contains all steps - creating a database, collections and importing the sample northwind data into them. The script is ready for execution:

- Make sure you are connected to the cluster and within the context "NosDB:\\$cluster\$\>".
- Execute either of the following commands in PowerShell, based on your accessibility:
  - o If you are accessing NosDB cluster from a remote client:

#### Connect-DatabaseCluster [-Server] -[Port]

o If you are accessing NosDB cluster from the local machine:

#### Connect-DatabaseCluster

Execute the following command in the context, starting with the '&' sign:



#### & "[InstallDir]\NoSDB\samples\data\json\NorthWind.ps1"

## 4.3. Navigating in PowerShell Console

#### 4.3.1. Databases

To view configured database information, switch to the context databases in NosDB PSDrive.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases>
```

Typing dir will display all configured databases and the storage provider against it.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases> dir

Context: NosDB\cluster1\databases

Database name Provider
------
alachisoft LMDB
database1 LMDB
northwind LMDB
```

#### 4.3.2. Collections

To view configured collections of a specific database, change context from [database-name] to collections.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections>
```

Typing dir displays the configured databases in the collection.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases\northwind\collections> dir
    Context: NosDB\cluster1\databases\northwind\collections
Name
                               Detail
                      Type
categories
                      Normal
                               HashBased
customers
employees
                               HashBased
                      Normal
                      Normal
                               HashBased
employeeterritories
                               HashBased
                      Normal
order-details
                      Normal
                               HashBased
orders
                      Normal
                               HashBased
products
                      Normal
                               HashBased
```

## **4.3.3.** Indexes

To view configured indices of a specific database, switch context from collections to indices.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]\indices>
```

Typing dir displays the configured indices in the collection.



```
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases\northwind\collections\customers\indices> dir

Context: NosDB\cluster1\databases\northwind\collections\customers\indices

Indices
-----
customerid
customerid_country
```

## 4.3.4. Triggers

To view configured triggers of a specific collection, change context from collections to [collection-name].

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]>
```

• Switch context from collections to triggers.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]\triggers>
```

 Typing dir displays the deployed trigger's assembly name, fully qualified class name and actions in the collection.

#### 4.3.5. User Defined Functions

To view configured user defined functions of a specific collection, switch context from [database-name] to functions.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\functions>
```

• Typing dir displays the configured functions and their fully qualified class names in the database.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases\northwind\functions> dir

Context: NosDB\cluster1\databases\northwind\functions

Assembly Name Database Name Fully Qualified Class Name

myUDF.dll northwind myUDF.UserDefinedFunc
```



## **4.3.6.** Logins

To view all added logins, switch context from cluster -> security -> logins.

#### PS NosDB:\cluster\security\logins>

Typing dir displays all of the configured logins with roles assigned to them.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster1\security\logins> dir
    Context: NosDB\cluster1\security\logins
                                  Roles
login
                                  Server Roles (sysadmin)
Cluster Roles (clusteradmin, clustermanager, dbcreator)
admin
                                   Database Roles:
                                     northwind (db_owner, db_admin, db_user)
alachisoft\john_smith
                                  Server Roles (sysadmin)
Cluster Roles (clusteradmin, clustermanager, dbcreator)
                                   Database Roles:
                                     northwind (db_owner, db_admin, db_user)
NT SERVICE\NosConfSvc
                                  Server Roles (sysadmin)
Cluster Roles (clusteradmin, clustermanager, dbcreator)
NT SERVICE\NosDBSvc
NT SERVICE\NosDistributorSvc Server Roles (distributor)
```

#### 4.3.7. Users

#### Cluster Users

To view cluster users, switch context from clusters -> security -> users.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]\indices>
```

Typing dir displays the configured users and their respective cluster roles.



#### Database Users

To view database users, switch context from clusters -> databases -> \$database-name\$ -> users.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\users>
```

Typing dir displays the configured users and their respective database roles.

```
PS NosDB:\cluster1> cd databases
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases> cd northwind
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases\northwind> cd users
PS NosDB:\cluster1\databases\northwind\users> dir

Context: NosDB\cluster1\databases\northwind\users

Username Roles
admin db_owner, db_admin, db_user
alachisoft\john_smith db_owner, db_admin, db_user
```



# 5. Using NosDB Stress Test Tool

Once the database has been configured, NosDB PowerShell allows testing the stress performance of the connected database. Test-Stress creates a test collection named "nosdb\_test\_coll" and performs multiple Insert, Update, Delete and Get operations on it from single or multiple clients. This command only works in the context of the specified database.

PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]>

• To kill the Test-Stress program, enter the keyboard combination Ctrl+C.

Parameters	Description
[-ThreadCount]	Number of client threads
[-TestCaseIterations]	Number of iterations in a test case
[-TestCaseIterationDelay]	Delay between each iteration of the test case
[-GetsPerIteration]	Number of Get operations in one iteration of the test case
[-UpdatesPerIteration]	Number of Update operations in one iteration of the test case
[-MaxDocuments]	Maximum number of documents to perform test on. By default, the maximum number is 10,000 and it cannot be exceeded.
[-DeletesPerIteration]	Number of Delete operations in one iteration of the test case
[-ReportingInterval]	To specify the interval after which the stats are reported
[-TotalIteration]	The number of times the test case is to be executed
[-DropCollection]	Deletes the test collection from the database

#### **Examples:**

o This command performs stress test on *northwind* database with default configurations and total iterations are infinite.

#### Test-Stress

 This command performs stress test on *northwind* database with 3 client threads and reports status after 1000 iterations. The rest of the settings are all defaults. Total iterations are infinite.

Test-Stress -ThreadCount 3 -ReportingInterval 1000

 Database is *northwind*, reporting interval is 2000, number of iterations in each test case is 2. Delay between iterations is 1 sec. Gets per iteration are 10; updates per iteration are 10; deletes per iteration are 10; Total iterations are infinite.

Test-Stress -TestCaseIterations 2 -TestCaseIterationDelay 1 -GetsPerIteration 10 - UpdatesPerIteration 10 -DeletesPerIteration 10 -ReportingInterval 2000 -TotalIteration 200000



## 6. Database Clusters

#### 6.1. Create Database Cluster

New-DatabaseCluster creates a database cluster. However, a database cluster must contain a shard with at least one node.

Before creating a database cluster, the following pre-conditions must be fulfilled:

- All machines specified as shard nodes must have both the database and configuration services running.
- These machines must **not** be part of any other database cluster.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Name]*	Name of database cluster to be created	-
[-Shard]*	Name of shard to be added to the cluster	-
[-Port]*	Port for the shard in the cluster	-
[-Server]	Node IP address	First node IP resolved by DNS with priority

```
New-DatabaseCluster [-Name] [-Shard] [-Port] [-Server]
```

## **Examples:**

• This command creates a cluster named "Pleiades" with the specified shard, its corresponding port, and local machine with first address resolved by DNS as node IP.

```
New-DatabaseCluster -Name Pleiades -Shard shard1 -Port 2101
```

• This command creates a cluster named "Pleiades" with the specified shard, its corresponding port, and remote server IPs with their respective priorities.

```
New-DatabaseCluster -Name Pleiades -Shard shard1 -Port 2101 -Server 192.168.0.15[3], 192.168.2.14
```



## **Troubleshooting**

#### Unable to create the cluster.

This occurs if the environment variables have not been refreshed after the installation and might require a reboot of the system.

However, if you do not want to reboot, you can import the NosDB PowerShell module (NosDBPS.dll) found in the location: [InstallDir]\bin\nosdbps\.

Execute the following command to import the module:

Import-Module NosDBPS

## 6.2. Connect to Existing Database Cluster

Connect-DatabaseCluster establishes a connection with the database cluster which will manage shards, view database details and manage database cluster nodes using the cluster.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Server]	IP of the node connecting to the database cluster	First node IP resolved by DNS
[-Port]	Port of NosDB configuration service for the cluster	9950
[-StandAlone]	To specify if the database is standalone	False

Connect-DatabaseCluster [-Server] [-Port] [-StandAlone]

## **Examples:**

• This command connects to a cluster created on the local machine.

#### Connect-DatabaseCluster

• This command connects to a cluster created on a remote machine.

Connect-DatabaseCluster -Server 192.168.1.187 -Port 2147

This command connects to standalone database created on a remote location.

Connect-DatabaseCluster -Server 192.168.1.187 -Port 2147 -StandAlone



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#### Unable to connect to the cluster.

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However, if you do not want to reboot, you can import the NosDB PowerShell module (NosDBPS.dll) found in the location: [InstallDir]\bin\nosdbps\.

Execute the following command to import the module:

Import-Module NosDBPS

Once connected, the following scripts will be executed from the drive PS NosDB:\>. This drive communicates with the underlying database and all commands will be executed through it.

## 6.3. Disconnect from Cluster

The Disconnect-DatabaseCluster command disconnects PowerShell from the currently connected database cluster.

Disconnect-DatabaseCluster

## 6.4. Remove Database Cluster

Remove-DatabaseCluster removes the currently connected cluster, including all shards and databases created within it.

Remove-DatabaseCluster



## 7. Shards

To manage shards, switch context from cluster to shards in NosDB PSDrive.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards>

## 7.1. Add Shard

Add-Shard adds a new shard to the database cluster.



All shards added to the database cluster are auto-started by default.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Name]*	Unique shard name	-
[-Port]*	Port for the shard -	
[-Server]	Array of IP addresses and corresponding priorities	First node IP resolved by DNS and priority 1
[-HeartBeat]	Heartbeat interval for nodes in seconds	5

Add-Shard [-Name] [-Port] [-Server] [-HeartBeat]

## **Examples:**

This command adds a shard named "shard1" with specified port 2101 and default heartbeat interval i.e. 5
seconds in the cluster, where "shard1" contains the current machine as node with first address resolved by
DNS.

Add-Shard -Name shard1 -Port 2101

• This command adds a shard named *shard1* with specified port 2101 and default heartbeat interval i.e. 5 seconds in the database cluster, where *shard1* contains a remote servers 192.168.0.15 (with priority 3) and 192.168.0.14 (with default priority 1).

Add-Shard -Name shard1 -Port 2101 -Server 192.168.0.15[3],192.168.2.14

This command adds a shard named shard1 with specified port 2101 and specified heartbeat interval i.e. 8 seconds in the database cluster, where shard1 contains a remote servers 192.168.0.15 (with priority 3) and 192.168.0.14 (with default priority 1).



Add-Shard -Name shard1 -Port 2101 -Server 192.168.0.15[3],192.168.2.14 -HeartBeat 8

## 7.2. Remove Shard

Remove-Shard removes the specified shard from the database cluster.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Name]*	Name of shard to be removed -	
[-Quiet]	To execute the operation in quiet mode -	
[-Forced]	To specify if the removal is forceful	False

Remove-Shard [-Name] [-Quiet] [-Forceful]

## **Examples:**

• This command removes "shard1" from the database cluster after prompting confirmation. However, state transfer takes place before removal of the shard.

#### Remove-Shard shard1

• This command removes "shard1" from the database cluster after prompting confirmation. However, data from the shard is lost as removal is forceful.

Remove-Shard shard1 -Forced

• This command removes "shard1" from the database cluster without prompting confirmation. However, state transfer takes place before removal of the shard.

Remove-Shard shard1 -Quiet

• This command removes "shard1" from the database cluster without prompting confirmation. However, data from the shard is lost as removal is forceful.

Remove-Shard shard1 -Quiet -Forced



## 7.3. Start Shard

Start-Shard starts any stopped shard of the database cluster. This command works in the context of shards and the specific shard as well.

Parameters	Description
[-Name]	Name of shard to be started

• This command starts the specified shard from the database cluster.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards> Start-Shard [-Name]

• This command starts the shard in the context of the shard to be started.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1> Start-Shard

## 7.4. Stop Shard

Stop-Shard stops the specified shard of the database cluster. This command works in the context of "shards" and the specific shard as well.

Parameters	Description
[-Name]	Name of shard to be stopped

• This command stops the specified shard from the database cluster.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards> Stop-Shard [-Name]

• This command stops the shard in the context of the shard to be stopped.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1> Stop-Shard

## 7.5. Configure Shard Nodes

To manage nodes of a specific shard, change context from shards to [shard-name] in NosDB PSDrive.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\[shard-name]>



## 7.5.1. Add Node to Shard

Add-Node adds a new node to the shard of the database cluster. The NosDB database service must be installed and running on the specified machine. Note that the node must not be part of any other NosDB database cluster, however they can belong to various shards of the same cluster.



All nodes added to shards are auto-started by default.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Server]	IP of the node to be added	First node IP resolved by DNS
[-Priority]	Priority of the node being added	1

Add-Node [-Server] [-Priority]

## **Examples:**

This command adds the local node with server IP resolved by DNS, and default priority.

#### Add-Node

• This command adds a node with IP 192.168.0.12 and default priority, i.e. 1.

Add-Node -Server 192.168.0.12

• This command adds a node with IP 192.168.0.17 and specified priority, i.e. 2.

Add-Node -Server 192.168.0.17 -Priority 2

## 7.5.2. Remove Node from Shard

Remove-Node removes a node from a shard in the database cluster.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Server]*	IP of the node to be added	Local IP resolved by DNS
[-Quiet]	To execute the operation in quiet mode	False

This command removes a node with IP 192.168.0.17 with user intervention involved.

Remove-Node -Server 192.168.0.17



• This command removes a node with IP 192.168.0.17 without any user intervention.

Remove-Node -Server 192.168.0.17 -Quiet

#### 7.5.3. Start Node on Shard

Start-Node starts the specified node at the shard of the database cluster. This command works in the context of a specific shard or a specific node as well.

Parameters	Description
[-Server]	IP of the node to be started

• This command starts the specified node from the shard.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1> Start-Node [-Server]

This command starts the node in the context of the node to be started.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1\127.0.0.1> Start-Node

## 7.5.4. Stop Node on Shard

Stop-Node stops the specified node at the shard of the database cluster. This command works in the context of a specific shard or a specific node as well.

Parameters	Description
[-Server]	IP of the node to be stopped

• This command stops the specified node from the shard.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1> Stop-Node [-Server]

This command starts the node in the context of the node to be started.

PS NosDB:\cluster\shards\shard1\127.0.0.1> Stop-Node



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# **Configuring Databases**

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## 8. Databases

#### 8.1. Create New Database

The CREATE statement in DDL allows creating a new database in NosDB through PowerShell with the Invoke-SQL –Query command.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE northwind'
```

This command creates a database northwind with default configurations. If you wish to configure the properties for the database, refer to *Configure Database Properties*.

## 8.2. Configure Database Properties

Database properties can be configured through JSON configuration pairs according to the following DDL syntax:

#### **Examples:**

• This command creates a database "northwind" with single-file store, cache size 2117 MB, 100 collections at maximum and default journaling options.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE northwind {"MultiFile": false, "CacheSize":2117,
"MaxCollections": 17}'
```

• This command creates a database "northwind" with 100 collections at maximum, default checksum enabled, and cleanup interval of 50 seconds with a journal file size of 10 MB.



```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE northwind {"MaxCollections": 100, "Journal":
{"CleanupInterval": 50, "FileSizeLimit": 10}}'
```

This command creates a database northwind with encryption provider specified and attachments enabled



Make sure that the MASTER KEY has been created before proceeding to configure and enable encryption.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE northwind
{\"Encryption\":{\"Encryptionprovider\":\"AES_128\"}, \"AttachmentsEnabled\":true,
\"AttachmentsPath\":\"E:\\Attachments\"}'
```

## 8.3. Drop Database

The DROP statement in DDL allows dropping an existing database with the Invoke-SQL -Query command.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP DATABASE northwind'
```

This command drops the database named *northwind* along with all collections in it.



## 9. Collections

#### 9.1. Create Collection

The CREATE statement in DDL allows creating a new collection in NosDB through PowerShell with the Invoke-SQL –Query command: Note that Database and PrimaryKey are compulsory parameters.

## • Single Primary Key

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE COLLECTION Orders {"Database": "northwind", "CollectionType":
"Normal", "PrimaryKey": [{"Field": "OrderID"}]}'
```

This command creates a collection Orders in the database northwind with default configurations.

## Composite Key

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE COLLECTION Customers {"Database": "northwind", "CollectionType":
"Normal", "PrimaryKey": [{"Field": "CustomerName"}, {"Field": "CustomerAddress"}]}'
```

This command creates a collection *Customers* in the database *northwind* with default configurations and composite key [CustomerName, CustomerAddress].

## 9.2. Configuring Collection Properties

```
CREATE COLLECTION <Collection> (<JSONConfigurationPair> [, <JSONConfigurationPair>]*)
[;]
<Collection>
                        ::= <String>
<JSONConfigurationPair> ::= [Database : <String>]
                          [CollectionType : <CollectionType>]
                          [PrimaryKey : <PrimaryKeyObject>]
                          [Expiration : <ExpirationObject>]
                          [Encryption : <EncryptionObject>]
                          | [Shard : <String>]
                          [MaxDocuments : <Number>]
                          [CappedSize : <Number>]
                          [EvictionEnabled : <Boolean>]
<DistributionObject>
                       ::= [Strategy : <Strategy> [, Ranges : <Ranges>] ]
                       ::= [{Field : <String>} {, Field : <String>}* ]
<PrimaryKeyObject>
<ExpirationObject>
                       ::= [ExpirationEnabled : <Boolean> | ExpirationField : <String> |
ExpireAfter: <String> ]
<EncryptionObject>
                        ::= [EncryptionEnabled : <Boolean>]
                        ::= HashBased | RangeBased | NonSharded
<Strategy>
```



```
<Ranges> ::= [MinRange : <String>,MaxRange : <String>, Shard : <String>]
<CollectionType> ::= Normal | SingleShard | Capped
```

```
Invoke-SQL -Query ' CREATE COLLECTION Orders {"Database": "northwind", "CollectionType":
"Normal", "PrimaryKey": [{"Field": "OrderID"}], "Expiration": {"ExpirationEnabled": true,
"ExpirationField": "OrderDate", "ExpireAfter": "600"}}'
```

## 9.3. **Drop Collection**

The DROP statement in DDL allows dropping an existing collection in NosDB through PowerShell with the Invoke-SQL –Query command:

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP COLLECTION Orders {"Database": "northwind"}'
```

This command drops the collection *Orders* in the database *northwind*.



## 10. Indexes

#### 10.1. Create Index

Similar to collections, indexes can be created using CREATE statement.

This command creates an index *ProductIndex* on database *northwind* and collection *Products*, where the attribute for the index is *ProductID*, sorted in ascending order.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE INDEX ProductIndex {"Database": "northwind", "Collection":
    "products", "Attributes": {"Attribute": "ProductID", "SortOrder": "ASC"}, "CachePolicy":
    "None"}'
```

## 10.2. Drop Index

This command drops the index *ProductIndex* from the collection *Products* in database *northwind*.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP INDEX ProductIndex {"Database": "northwind", "Collection":
    "products"}'
```

## 11. CLR Triggers

Before proceeding with creating triggers, please refer to the in-depth explanation and requirements of *CLR Triggers* in <u>Conceptual Guide</u>.

## 11.1. Create Trigger

Similar to collections, triggers can be created using CREATE statement. This command creates a *preupdate* trigger on the collection *Products* in database *northwind*, with the specified class and assembly containing the implementation for the trigger action.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query ' CREATE TRIGGER {"Database": "northwind", "Collection": "products",
"DeploymentID": "myTrigger", "AssemblyFile":
"F:\Projects\myTrigger\myTrigger\bin\Debug\myTrigger.dll", "ClassName":
"myTrigger.Trigger", "TriggerActions": ["preupdate"]}'
```

## 11.2. Drop Trigger

This command drops any trigger in the collection products of database northwind.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP TRIGGER {"Database": "northwind", "Collection": "products"}'
```



## 12. CLR Functions

Before proceeding with creating triggers, please refer to the in-depth explanation and requirements of *CLR Functions* in <u>Conceptual Guide</u>.

## 12.1. Create Function

Similar to collections, functions can be created using CREATE statement. This command creates a function *CalculateChurn* defined in the assembly and class specified.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE FUNCTION CalculateChurn {"Database": "northwind", "DeploymentID":
"myUDF", "AssemblyFile": "F:\Projects\UserDefinedFunction\myUDF\bin\Debug\myUDF.dll",
"ClassName": "myUDF.UserDefinedFunc"}'
```

## 12.2. **Drop Function**

This command drops the function CalculateChurn created in northwind database.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP FUNCTION CalculateChurn {"Database": "northwind"}'
```



## 13. Data Expiration

Enormous datasets of rapidly increasing volume often contain data that can become void or stale after a period of time. Such nature of data requires that it is expired on a regular basis to enhance transactions of the database with relevant data. For example, expiration aids in maintaining sessions. A session can be expired by setting expiration on a DateTime-specific field like sessionCreated. If the difference between current time and sessionCreated is greater than the session duration, the session can be expired.

Hence, incorporating data expiration in a large scale NoSQL database like NosDB results in optimized performance on account of the following factors:

- Network traffic is lowered as transaction load is specific to a certain time duration. For example, let's suppose new logs are generated with the start of any activity. There is no need to fetch the logs from the previous activity, thus they can be expired.
- Memory consumption is regulated as the stale data is removed periodically. For example, expiration can be enabled for a system set to record video for a 5 hours duration. NosDB will then automatically remove the data which was recorded more than 5 hours ago, freeing memory for the next batch.
- Eliminates need to write code for carrying out expiration, as NosDB offers simple GUI and DDL querying based expiration management.

#### **Expiration Interval vs. Cleanup Interval**

Note that there is difference in expiration of data and actual deletion ("clean up") of the data from the database. NosDB provides expiration interval at collection level and cleanup interval at database level. An index is maintained internally on the specified field to keep track of the documents that need to be expired after every expiration interval. Once expired, a background thread executes after a configurable interval (default is 60 seconds) that deletes expired documents. This is the cleanup interval. There may be a delay between when a document is expired and when it is actually removed from the database.

#### Cleanup Interval > Expiration Interval

While a document might be expired, there is possibility that it has not been removed from the database (cleanup interval is greater than expiration interval). For example, expiration interval is set to 30 seconds, while the cleanup interval is 60 seconds. Hence, 30 seconds after insertion of the document, it gets expired from the collection but still hasn't been cleaned up from the database. Therefore, it can still entertain retrieval operations till cleanup interval is completed. Note that this also means that the lifespan of the document is actually [Expiration Interval + Remaining Cleanup Interval] in the database.

#### **Expiration Interval > Cleanup Interval**

Similarly, if expiration interval is 60 seconds and cleanup interval 30 seconds, the deletion of data from the database will only take place after the cleanup interval which succeeds the expiration interval. This can also result in an overlap, as shown in Figure 1.



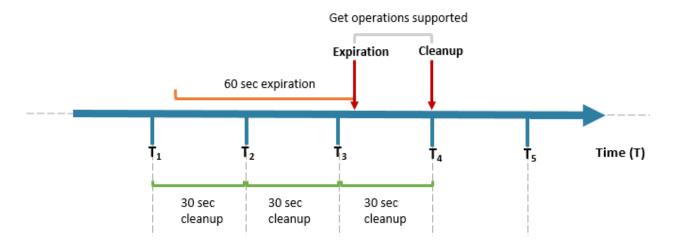


Figure 1. Expiration Interval vs. Cleanup Interval

## 13.1. Expiration Properties

NosDB expiration has the following properties:

## 13.1.1. Expiration Types

- Interval Based: A time duration in minutes/seconds is specified while enabling expiration. The document will automatically expire once the specified time has elapsed since the indexed field value.
- Absolute Time: Upon specifying expiration interval as 0, the expiration strategy compares field value with the current time and expires the document accordingly.

## 13.1.2. Document Specific

- If a document does not contain the specified field, the document will never expire.
- If a specified field is an array of date field, the item will be expired based on the lowest value in array.

#### 13.1.3. Execution Preference

- Expiration of documents will only take place on the primary node of a shard.
- Expiration is performed by a background thread.

## 13.1.4. Monitoring

Number of documents expired can be monitored from a PerfMon counter "Expiration Count".



#### 13.1.5. Limitations

- Expiration strategy cannot be configured on capped collections.
- If the indexed field is not a date field, the document will never expire.
- Expiration strategy can only be created on date fields (value of these fields must match a certain DateTime format). These are single field indexes.

Supported DateTime Formats		
M/d/yyyy h:mm:ss tt	M/dd/yyyy hh:mm	
M/d/yyyy h:mm tt	dd-MM-yy	
MM/dd/yyyy hh:mm:ss	dd/mm/yyyy	
M/d/yyyy h:mm:ss	dd/MM/yyyy HH:mm:ss	
M/d/yyyy hh:mm tt	yyyy-MM-dd	
M/d/yyyy hh tt	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss	
M/d/yyyy h:mm	yyyy-MM-ddTHH:mm:ssK	
MM/dd/yyyy hh:mm	yyyy-MM-ddTHH:mm:sszzz	
dd-MM-yyyy		

## 13.2. Enabling Expiration

#### Create Database

Expiration Interval can be specified at database level:

```
CREATE COLLECTION Orders {"Database": "northwind", "CollectionType": "Normal", "PrimaryKey":
[{"Field": "OrderID"}], "Expiration": {"ExpirationEnabled": true, "ExpirationField":
"OrderDate", "ExpireAfter": "10min"}}
```

#### • Create Collection

Expiration can be enabled through DDL querying while creating collections.

```
CREATE COLLECTION Orders {"Database": "northwind", "CollectionType": "Normal", "PrimaryKey":
[{"Field": "OrderID"}], "Expiration": {"ExpirationEnabled": true, "ExpirationField":
"OrderDate", "ExpireAfter": "10min"}}
```

#### • Alter Collection

The expiration interval can be altered through the ALTER statement:

```
ALTER COLLECTION Orders {"Expiration": {"ExpirationEnabled": true, "ExpirationField": "OrderDate", "ExpireAfter": "5min"}}
```





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# **14.** Security Concepts

In This Chapter:

**Authentication** 

**Roles** 

# 14.1. Logins

Logins facilitate authentication in a system. Authentication includes the process of validating if a user has access to the system on the basis of an authentication mechanism. This is the first step in ensuring security in NosDB.

NosDB provides two types of authentication mechanisms:

#### **Windows Authentication**

This includes a challenge-response based model involving Microsoft Active Directory for the users of a local system, domain or workgroup. If a user belongs to the domain and a registered login of NosDB, he/she is authenticated to access NosDB. The following factors should be kept in mind:

- For a local machine account in **domain** environment, the client, configuration service and database service must be running on the same node.
- For a local machine account in workgroup environment, the account must be registered.

#### **NosDB Authentication**

This is similar to the SQL Server Authentication in SQL Server, which consists of a custom username-password authentication model. The credentials for NosDB authentication will be either passed through the connection string, or as parameters of the API and tools in an encrypted format. By default, the user *admin* is created, of which the password is specified during installation.



For any server-side deployments, make sure that NosDB authentication is used or the services (NosDBSvc and NosConfSvc) are being run from the account which is logged on.

### 14.2. Roles and Users

A role is a set of operations that can be assigned to a user to define his/her responsibilities. In other words, a user is created once a role has been granted to a registered login in NosDB. An operation is the utilization of a resource to demonstrate certain behaviors by the user. NosDB provides a set of built-in roles with varying levels of granularity:

#### 14.2.1. Database Roles

Database Roles		
db_datareader	A user with the $db_datareader$ role can perform only read operations on the database. The $db_datareader$ role is owned by $db_user$ .	



db_datawriter	A user with the <i>db_datawriter</i> role can perform only write (INSERT/UPDATE/DELETE) operations on the database. The <i>db_datawriter</i> role is owned by <i>db_user</i> .	
db_user	A user with the <i>db_user</i> role can perform read and write operations on the database.	
db_admin	A user with the <i>db_admin</i> role can CREATE, DROP or ALTER a collection/index/stored procedure/CLR function/CLR trigger in NosD In addition, a db_admin can also GRANT and REVOKE roles to/from a user on the database.	
db_owner	A user with the <i>db_owner</i> role can perform all managerial operations on the database as performed by the <i>db_admin</i> , along with having th authorization to DROP the database.	

#### 14.2.2. Cluster Roles

Cluster Roles		
dbcreator	A user with the <i>dbcreator</i> role can perform any data definition (DDL) operation on the databases, like CREATE, DROP or ALTER databases over the cluster.	
clustermanager	A user with the <i>clustermanager</i> role can perform start/stop operations on the shards and nodes of the cluster.	
clusteradmin	A user with the <i>clusteradmin</i> role can GRANT and REVOKE roles of the cluster and can perform managerial operations on the cluster like adding and removing the shards and nodes of the cluster.	

### 14.2.3. Server Roles

Server Roles		
securityadmin	A user with the <i>securityadmin</i> role can perform any data definition (DDL) operation on the users, like CREATE, DROP or ALTER users.	
sysadmin	A user with the <i>sysadmin</i> role can perform any operation on the NosDB server, including cluster and database managerial operations.	
distributor	The distributor is a special role, used only for the distributor service. A <i>distributor</i> is only authorized to distribute client operations.	

# 14.2.4. Custom Roles

NosDB provides the flexibility of defining custom roles for users which grant a customized set of varying operation permissions to a user. Custom roles have database level scope, meaning the custom role can only be created on or can have permissions on databases only.

The process of creating and granting custom roles requires the following privileges:

1. The custom role is created by the clusteradmin.





The role name can contain any alpha-numeric combination and special characters except for  $'\c \'$ .

2. Once created, permissions can now be granted to the role. The db\_securityadmin, db\_owner and db\_admin have the privilege to grant permissions to the role. These permissions can be selected from the following permission set:

Permissions		
DropDatabase	AlterDatabase	CreateCollection
DropCollection	AlterCollection	CreateIndex
DropIndex	CreateUserDefinedFunction	DropUserDefinedFunction
CreateTrigger	DropTrigger	BackupDatabase
GrantDBRole	RevokeDBRole	GrantPermission
RevokePermission	Read	Write

3. Once the role has been granted with the permissions, the db\_securityadmin, db\_owner and db\_admin can grant the role to an existing user in NosDB. The user now has permissions to perform the operations on the specified database.



A custom role can contain an **empty** permission set and be granted to a user. Once any permissions are granted to the role, they will be granted to the specified user.

# 14.3. Encryption



Encryption makes data undecipherable using a key and password to render it useless without that key. Hence NosDB provides encryption to enhance the security of data; any data added to the database collection will be encrypted, and will be of no use unless the key is available to decrypt.

NosDB encryption implements the Data Encryption Key (DEK) and Master Key model. The DEK is determined through the encryption provider specified by the user. The encryption provider is an encryption standard, either 3DES or AES. This DEK is used to encrypt the data before it is written to the store.

Moreover, further security is established by encrypting the Data Encryption Keys through the master key. To encrypt/decrypt the DEKs, the user creates a master key for NosDB by specifying a password for the master key. Using that password, NosDB gets a master key from DPAPI (Data Protection Application Programming Interface) and stores it with the DEK in encrypted form in the configuration store to be later used to encrypt and decrypt the Data Encryption Keys. The master key is encrypted through DPAPI as well.

NosDB provides the flexibility to choose from any of the built-in encryption providers to configure encryption at database level:

- 3DES 128
- 3DES\_192
- AES\_128
- AES\_192
- AES\_256

Encryption can be configured and enabled at runtime. However, the encryption provider cannot be reconfigured once it is specified. Note that encryption is configured at the database level and enabled at a collection level. This means while the provider is configured on the database, encryption will need to be enabled individually on each desired collection.



Any existing data in the collection will not be encrypted unless it is updated after encryption is enabled. Any data added after encryption is enabled will be encrypted by default.

NosDB supports document level encryption - complete document is encrypted.

#### • Encryption Process

- 1. Using DDL query, the master key is created from a user specified password.
- 2. A Database Encryption Key is automatically generated when the encryption provider is configured using NosDB Management Studio or DDL query. This DEK will be used to encrypt the data, while the master key encrypts the key.
- 3. Once the encryption provider is configured, encryption can be enabled and disabled on the collection.



# 15. Logins

In This Chapter:

Add Login

**Get Logins** 

**Drop Login** 

# 15.1. Add Login

You can add a new login through the Add-Login tool or through DDL querying.

### 15.1.1. Using Add-Login Tool

Add-Login creates a login on a remote server. It will create an account for the current logged in user of PowerShell on the remote server using Windows credentials of the remote server.



Any login created through this tool will be granted **sysadmin** role by default.

Parameters	Description	
[-Username]	User account name for Windows account of the remote server	
[-Password]	Password for Windows account of the remote server	
[-Server]	IP of the remote server to be added	
[-Port]	Configuration port of the remote server	

Adds login alachisoft\john\_smith on remote server 192.168.0.22 and Port 2280.

```
Add-Login -Username alachisoft\john_smith -Password letMeIn -Server 192.168.0.22 -Port 2280
```

### 15.1.2. Using DDL Query

Logins can also be created through Invoke-SQL.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE LOGIN alachisoft\john_smith {"UserType": "Windows", "Password":
"nosdb123"}'
```

# 15.2. Drop Login

The DROP command drops the existing login *alachisoft\john\_smith* and its details.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP LOGIN alachisoft\john_smith {"UserType": "Windows", "Password":
"nosdb123"}'
```



# 16. Roles and Users

In This Chapter:

**Cluster Roles** 

**Database Roles** 

### 16.1. Server Roles

Server roles offer the most privileges as they are applied across the system. These roles include DDL operations on users and all administrative cluster and database operations. Server roles include:

- 1. securityadmin
- 2. sysadmin
- 3. distributor

For in-depth explanation of these roles, please refer to Server Roles in Security Concepts.

#### Grant Roles

This command grants a *securityadmin* role to the login *alachisoft\john\_smith* registered on the system. This creates a user with the *securityadmin* privileges.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'GRANT securityadmin ON system TO ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```

#### Revoke Roles

This command revokes the role *securityadmin* from the login *alachisoft\john\_smith* on the system the user is logged on.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'REVOKE securityadmin ON cluster FROM ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```

#### 16.2. Cluster Roles

A cluster user with cluster-wide security privileges is created if a registered login is granted with cluster roles. Cluster roles include:

- 1. dbcreator
- 2. clustermanager
- 3. clusteradmin

For in-depth explanation of these roles, please refer to <u>Cluster Roles</u> in *Security Concepts*.



Internally, the cluster name is stored as "cluster". Hence, make sure the cluster name is "cluster" while configuring roles.



#### Grant Roles

This command grants a *clusteradmin* role to the login *alachisoft\john\_smith* registered on the cluster. This creates a user with the *clusteradmin* privileges.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'GRANT clusteradmin ON cluster TO ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```

#### Revoke Roles

This command revokes the role *clusteradmin* from the login *alachisoft\john\_smith* on the cluster the user is logged on.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'REVOKE clusteradmin ON cluster FROM ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```

#### 16.3. Database Roles

Database roles grant database wide security privileges to a user. Database roles include:

- 1. db\_datareader
- db\_datawriter
- 3. db user
- 4. db\_admin
- 5. db\_owner



Internally, the cluster name is stored as "cluster". Hence, make sure the cluster name is "cluster" while configuring roles.

#### Grant Roles

This command grants a *db\_admin* role to the login *alachisoft\john\_smith* on the database *northwind*, creating a database user.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'GRANT db_admin ON cluster.northwind TO ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```

#### Revoke Roles

This command revokes the db\_admin role from the login alachisoft\john\_smith on the database northwind.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'REVOKE db_admin ON cluster.northwind FROM ''alachisoft\john_smith'''
```



#### 16.4. Custom Roles

#### Create Role

The CREATE statement can be used to create a role within the cluster or database context. Make sure you are connected to the database cluster.



The role name can contain any alpha-numeric combination and special characters except for '\'.

The following command creates a role "CustomDropRole" which will be granted all DROP command permissions.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE ROLE CustomDropRole'
```

#### • Grant Permissions To Role

Once the role is created, the db\_securityadmin can grant permissions to the role from the provided permission set. The following example grants all DROP permissions to the role like DROP DATABASE, DROP COLLECTION and DROP INDEX. Any user granted with this role can perform drop operations.

Invoke-SQL -Query 'GRANT dropdatabase, dropcollection, dropindex ON cluster.northwind TO CustomDropRole'

Similarly, the permissions can be revoked from the role using the REVOKE statement.

Invoke-SQL -Query 'REVOKE dropdatabase, dropcollection, dropindex ON cluster.northwind FROM CustomDropRole'

#### Grant Role to Login

Once permissions are granted to a role, the role can be assigned to a user:

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'GRANT CustomDropRole ON cluster.northwind TO
''alachisoft\john smith'''
```



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# 17. Encryption

# 17.1. Create Master Key

Create Master Key from the user specified password.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE MASTER KEY BY PASSWORD = ''12345678'''
```

# 17.2. Configuring Encryption



Make sure that the MASTER KEY has been created before proceeding to configure and enable encryption.

Configure the encryption provider during database creation.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE Northwind {"Encryption": {"Encryptionprovider":
"AES_128"}}'
```

Or, you can specify it later by altering the database properties.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'ALTER DATABASE Northwind {"Encryption": {"Encryptionprovider":
"AES_128"}}'
```

# 17.3. Enabling Encryption

Enable encryption during collection creation so that any data added to it will be encrypted from the start.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE COLLECTION Products {"Database": "Northwind",
"Encryption" :{"Enabled": true}}'
```

If a collection already exists, encryption can be enabled/disabled on run-time as well. Any data added after encryption is enabled will be encrypted by default.



Note that any existing data in the collection will not be encrypted, unless it is updated after encryption is enabled.

• This command enables encryption on the *Products* collection in *Northwind* database over which the encryption provider has been already configured.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'ALTER COLLECTION Products {"Database": "Northwind", "Encryption"
:{"Enabled": true}}'
```



• This command disables encryption on the *Products* collection in *Northwind* database over which encryption provider has been configured.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'ALTER COLLECTION Products {"Database": "Northwind", "Encryption" : {"Enabled": false}}'
```

# 18. Backup Database

Before creating backups for the database, please refer to the in-depth explanation and requirements of *Backup and Restore* in <u>Conceptual Guide</u>.

# 18.1. Distributed vs. Consolidated Storage

Backups can be made to store a copy of the source database to a new location on either configuration:

• **Distributed:** Creates backup of each shard to a specified location on the primary node of the respective shard. For example, D:\database\NosDBbackups.



The location specified for backup must be valid for all primary nodes of each shard.

• **Consolidated:** Creates a backup of all the shards sequentially on a shared location. For example, //server1/backups.



Make sure that NosDB Database service (*NosDBSvc*) and NosDB Configuration service (*NosConfSvc*) have write access on the location.

### 18.2. Backup Database

NosDB automatically detects whether the backup is distributed or consolidated, based on the Path provided. Make sure that if the domain IP is being provided, it is in the format "xx-xxx-xx".

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'BACKUP DATABASE northwind {"Path": "\\server1\Backups", "BackupType":
"Full", "UserName": "domain1\john", "Password": "admin1234"}'
```

The backup is created in the specified location in a folder named with the format *databasename-timestamp-status*. For example, for a complete backup made on the database *northwind*, the folder is created with the name "northwind-20160621161706536-completed".

In case the backup job fails due to any unexpected failure, there might be some shards showing the status "completed", while others might still be named with the status "in-progress". This helps in distinguishing whether the backup was fully made or not.



# 19. Restore Database

Before restoring the database, please refer to the in-depth explanation and requirements of *Backup and Restore* in <u>Conceptual Guide</u>.

Similar to backup, the restoration from distributed or consolidated is determined by the path of the backed up database provided.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'RESTORE DATABASE northwind_restored {"Path":
    "\server1\Backups\northwind-20160624162210440-completed", "UserName": "domain1\john",
    "Password": "admin1234", "SourceDatabase": "northwind"}'
```

# 20. Get Task Information



This feature is only available in NosDB **OpenSource** Edition.

Since the backup and restore tasks are non-blocking, you can carry on other tasks while the database is backed up or restored. Get-TaskInfo fetches and displays the current status of the backup and restore jobs being performed.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-ShowHistory]	Flag to show task information for all tasks executed.	false

#### **Examples:**

• This command shows task information for the current running task.

```
Get-TaskInfo
```

• This command shows task information for all tasks that have been executed.

```
Get-TaskInfo -ShowHistory
```



# 21. Import Data

In This Chapter:

**Import CSV Data** 

**Import JSON Data** 

NosDB PowerShell allows importing data from a JSON or CSV file to a collection. Moreover, the client has the facility to update the data if any data with the same key exists in the collection.

#### **Importing Data into NosDB**

Import-Data imports data from the specified file into the specified collection. This command only works in the context of the specified database. Note that for CSV Import, additional parameters are required like TextQualifier, ColumnDelimiter and RowDelimiter, which are explained further in the section Import CSV Data.

PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]>

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Path]*	Location of the input file to be imported	-
[-Format]*	Format of data in the input file	-
[-CollectionName]*	Name of the NosDB collection into which data is to be imported.	-
[-Overwrite]	Specifies whether the existing data is to be overwritten or not.	False
[-ReportCount]	Report interval in terms of imported rows. No status printed if -Verbose is not specified.	1000

# 21.1. Import CSV Data

#### **Preconditions**

Before importing CSV to a NosDB collection, consistency has to be ensured between the format of data in the CSV file and JSON collection format. Hence, a CSV file import requires taking the following guidelines into consideration:

- 1. The header and its corresponding value should not mismatch as NosDB will populate the collection according to the provided format.
- 2. The format of any date specified within the CSV should comply with **ISO 8601** (YYYY-MM-DD). Any other format of date will be treated as string.
- 3. Since CSV is schema-independent, the system is actually "guessing" the datatypes while importing it into the collection. Hence, a numerical value specified as a string will be treated as string in the collection, which might lead to inconsistency.



4. Any attribute named "\_key" in the CSV will be treated as the document key by default. If no such attribute exists, NosDB will generate the document key automatically.

### How to create CSV data from SQL Server

NosDB allows creating CSV data from data stored in SQL Server 2012 and 2016.

• Export each table in SQL Server into CSV format as explained in the <u>SQL Server Documentation</u> with the following configurations:

Text Delimiter: double-quote ("")

Column Delimiter: TABRow Delimiter: {CR} {LF}

• Import the CSV files into NosDB through Import-Data:

```
Import-Data -Format CSV -Path 'D:\SQLServerData\product.csv' -CollectionName "Products" -
TextQualifier '"' -ColumnDelimiter TAB -RowDelimiter CRLF
```

### **Different CSV Options**

Apart from the aforementioned parameters, the NosDB supports importing data with varying delimiters and qualifiers.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-TextQualifier]	Specifies additional qualifier identifying text fields, such as single quote ("'") or double quote (""').	
[-ColumnDelimiter]	Delimiter for column. Possible values:  TAB, CRLF, CR, LF, ";", ",", " "	"," ,"
[-RowDelimiter]	Delimiter for row. Possible values:  TAB, CRLF, CR, LF, ";", ",", " "	CRLF

#### **Examples**

• Imports CSV file *products.csv* into collection *Products* with default reporting interval, i.e. 1000, no text qualifier, default column delimiter (","), default row delimiter (CRLF) and overwriting of existing rows disabled.

```
Import-Data -Format CSV -Path 'D:\Northwind\products.csv' -CollectionName "Products"
```

• Imports CSV file *products.csv* into collection *Products* with reporting interval of 2000 rows, specified text qualifier ('"), specified column delimiter (TAB), and row delimiter (CRLF). Existing rows with same document ID will be overwritten.



```
Import-Data -Format CSV -Path 'D:\Northwind\product.csv' -TextQualifier '"' -
ColumnDelimiter TAB -RowDelimiter CRLF -ReportCount 2000 -Overwrite
```

### 21.2. Import JSON Data

Since data is stored in the collection in JSON format, the data export from JSON to JSON is smooth and requires no special limitations except that the JSON file being provided is an array of JSON documents.

#### **Examples:**

• Imports JSON file *products.json* into collection *Products* with default reporting interval, i.e. 1000 and overwriting of existing rows disabled.

```
Import-Data -Format JSON -Path 'D:\Northwind\products.json' -CollectionName "Products"
```

• Imports JSON file *products.json* into collection *Products* with default reporting interval, i.e. 1000 and where existing rows with same document ID will be overwritten.

```
Import-Data -Format JSON -Path 'D:\Northwind\products.json' -CollectionName "Products" -
Overwrite
```

# How to create JSON data from SQL Server

#### **Importing Data from SQL Server 2012**

For SQL Server versions 2012 and prior, JSON export is not supported. Thus, in case your source data is stored in a SQL Server 2012 database, you can export the tables into CSV format, convert them to JSON format and then import the JSON files into NosDB.

- Export each table in SQL Server into CSV format as explained in the <u>SQL Server Documentation</u> with the same configurations as explained in *CSV Import*.
- This CSV file can now be converted to JSON format using the online converter <u>CSVJSON</u>.
- Your SQL Server tables as JSON can now be easily imported into NosDB through Import-Data.

```
Import-Data -Format JSON -Path 'D:\SQLServerData\product.json' -CollectionName "Products"
```

#### **Importing Data from SQL Server 2016**

SQL Server 2016 allows exporting the tables directly into JSON format, which is NosDB compliant. Hence, if you wish to import your SQL Server 2016 data into NosDB, you can do so by exporting the data into JSON format from SQL Server, and then importing the JSON files according to the aforementioned steps.



# 22. Export Data

In This Chapter:

**Export CSV Data** 

**Export JSON Data** 

NosDB PowerShell allows exporting data from a collection to a file in JSON or CSV format. In case a query is specified, the result of the query is stored to a file.

#### **Exporting Data from NosDB**

Export-Data exports either the whole data from a collection, or filtered data as a query result to the file. Note that for CSV Export, additional parameters are required like TextQualifier, ColumnDelimiter and RowDelimiter, which have been described in the section <a href="Export CSV Data">Export CSV Data</a>.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-Format]*	Format of data in the output file	-
[-Path]*	Location for the output file	-
[-Query]	Query to filter the data to be exported	-
[-ReportCount]	Report interval in terms of exported rows.	1000

This command works in the context of the specified database if a query is specified, else it will only work through the context of a collection.

• With Query specified:

PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]>

Without Query specified:

PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]>

# 22.1. Export CSV Data

A CSV file is comparatively more rigid than JSON, thus the collection data in JSON has to be parsed accordingly before export. As a CSV file requires headers, NosDB creates the headers by taking the first document of the collection and parsing the attributes accordingly.

The data sequence and number of attributes in the collection should be consistent as the CSV headers are created using the first document in the collection. Hence, in successive documents, the number of attributes can be lesser than those defined as the header but should preferably not be more than them.



# **Different CSV Options**

Apart from the aforementioned parameters, the NosDB supports exporting data with varying delimiters and qualifiers.

Parameters	Description	Default Value
[-TextQualifier]	Specifies additional qualifier identifying  text fields, such as a single quote or  double quote	
[-ColumnDelimiter]	Delimiter for column. Possible values:  TAB, CRLF, CR, LF, ";", ",", " "	" " <b>&gt;</b>
[-RowDelimiter]	Delimiter for row. Possible values:  TAB, CRLF, CR, LF, ";", ",", " "	CRLF

### **Examples**

• Exports result set from the query specified on *northwind* database (in the context) into CSV file with default report count, i.e. 1000 and specified text qualifier (""), specified column delimiter (TAB), and row delimiter (CRLF).

```
cd \cluster\databases\northwind\
Export-Data -Format CSV -Path "D:\Northwind\products.csv" -TextQualifier '"' -
ColumnDelimiter TAB -RowDelimiter CRLF -Query "Select * from Products"
```

• Exports collection *products* (in the context) into CSV file with default report count, i.e. 1000 and specified text qualifier ("',"), specified column delimiter (TAB), and row delimiter (CRLF).

```
cd \cluster\databases\northwind\collections\products

Export-Data -Format CSV -Path "D:\Northwind\products.csv" -TextQualifier "'" -
ColumnDelimiter TAB -RowDelimiter CRLF
```



# 22.2. Export JSON Data

Since data is stored in the collection in JSON format, the data export from JSON to JSON is smooth and requires no special limitations.



Data will be exported in the form of an array of JSON documents to the JSON file.

#### **Examples**

Exports data from collection products (in the context) into JSON file with report count set to 2000 rows.

cd \cluster\databases\northwind\collections\products
Export-Data -Format JSON -Path "D:\Northwind\products.json" -ReportCount 2000 -Verbose

• Exports result set from the query specified on *northwind* database (in the context) into JSON file with default report count, i.e. 1000.

cd \cluster\databases\northwind\
Export-Data -Format JSON -Path "D:\Northwind\products.json" -Query "Select \* from
Products"

# 23. Export Cluster Configuration

NosDB PowerShell allows exporting configuration of the specified database cluster to a file in JSON format.

Export-Configuration exports the configuration to a JSON file named as clustername\_timestamp.json.

Parameter	Description
[-Path]	Location for the output file

Export-Configuration [-Path]

#### **Example:**

Export-Data -Path 'D:\NorthwindConfiguration'



# 24. Using SQL Queries

# 24.1. SQL Queries in PowerShell

NosDB PowerShell allows you to execute DML and DDL queries over the underlying database directly through PowerShell. Since the DDL queries are executed through ExecuteNonQuery(), there is no result returned to the command prompt, apart from any exceptions occurring during the execution of the query. You can perform CREATE, DROP, ALTER, BACKUP and RESTORE queries via NosDB PowerShell. For DML queries, the result for the SELECT queries is displayed on the console.

Commands are invoked through the Invoke-SQL command. NosDB offers two methods of executing queries through Invoke-SQL:

Parameters	Description
[-Query]	Query to be executed
[-InputFile]	Path of the sql file containing queries



Any parameters within the query will be passed in JSON format as explained in **Programmers' Guide**.

# 24.2. Invoking SQL Queries

# **Data Definition Language (DDL) Querying**

For more detail on DDL syntax and examples, refer to DDL Support in Programmers' Guide.

#### 1. CREATE

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'CREATE DATABASE northwind {"MultiFile": false, "CacheSize":2117,
"MaxCollections": 17}'
```

#### 2. DROP

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DROP COLLECTION Products {"Database": "northwind"}'
```

#### 3. ALTER

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'ALTER DATABASE northwind {"Journal": {"FileSizeLimit": 991}}'
```

#### 4. BACKUP

For Backup, NosDB automatically detects whether the backup is distributed or consolidated, based on the Path provided. Make sure that if the domain IP is being provided, it should be in the format "xx-xxx-xx".



```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'BACKUP DATABASE northwind {"BackupType": "Full", "Path":
"\\server1\Backups", "UserName": "domain1\john", "Password": "admin1234"}'
```

#### 5. RESTORE

Similarly for Restore, the restoration from distributed or consolidated is determined by the path of the backed up database provided.

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'RESTORE DATABASE northwind_restored {"RestoreType": "Full", "Path":
   "\server1\Backups\northwind-20160624162210440-completed", "UserName": "domain1\john",
   "Password": "admin1234", "SourceDatabase": "northwind"}'
```

# Data Manipulation Language (DML) Querying

All non-query DML operations can be performed through PowerShell which include SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE and DELETE. For more detail on DML syntax and examples, refer to <u>DML Support</u> in *Database Programming using NosDB .NET API.* 

#### 1. SELECT

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'SELECT Category.Name, Category.Description FROM Products WHERE Name =
"Chai"'
```

#### 2. INSERT

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'INSERT INTO Products (ProductName, UnitsInStock, UnitPrice, Discontinued)
VALUES ('Eggs', 23, 10.50, 'True')'
```

#### 3. UPDATE

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'UPDATE Orders SET "Order".OrderDetails.Discount = 1 WHERE
"Order".OrderDetails.Quantity > 100'
```

#### 4. DELETE

```
Invoke-SQL -Query 'DELETE FROM Orders WHERE $Order$.OrderDetails[0].Quantity = 100'
```

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```
Invoke-SQL -inputFile "D:\SQLProjects\SQLScripts.sql"
```



# 25. Deploy Providers

NosDB PowerShell allows deploying assemblies over the server, which may include MapReduce implementations, Triggers and UDFs.



For any server-side deployments, make sure that NosDB authentication is used or the services (NosDBSvc and NosConfSvc) are being run from the account which is logged on.

Register-Assemblies registers the assemblies to be deployed over the server. Once registered, the assemblies can be found in the specified folder at the location:

[InstallDir]\database\deployment.

Parameters	Description
[-AssemblyPath]*	File location of the assemblies to be registered
[-DependentAssemblyPath]	File location of the dependent assemblies to be registered

If there are multiple assemblies within the path, all of them will be deployed.

Register-Assemblies [-AssemblyPath] [-DependentAssemblyPath]

#### **Example:**

• This command registers all assemblies located in C:\Assembly. If the dependent assemblies reside in the same location, they will be deployed, otherwise not.

Register-Assemblies -AssemblyPath "C:\Assembly"

This command registers assemblies located in C:\Assembly and any dependent assemblies specified in C:\Dependent.

Register-Assemblies -AssemblyPath "C:\Assembly" -DependentAssemblyPath "C:\Dependent"



# 26. Convert Standalone to Clustered Database

NosDB offers the flexibility of converting a standalone database into a clustered database through the Hash Based Distribution Strategy.

Before converting a standalone database to clustered database, the following pre-conditions must be fulfilled:

- The entire cluster must be running during conversion.
- The standalone database must exist on a node which is the primary node of any shard in the cluster.
- No client operations are to be performed during the conversion, as state transfer is taking place.

To convert a stand-alone database to clustered, switch context to the specified standalone database in NosDB PSDrive.

PS NosDB:\standalone\databases\[database-name]>

ConvertTo-ClusteredDatabase converts the standalone database into a clustered database, given that the aforementioned pre-conditions have been fulfilled.

Parameters	Description	Default Value	
[-ClusterConfigServer]	IP of the active node in the running service	First node IP resolved by DNS	
[-Port]	Port of the active node in the running service 9950		
[-NewDatabaseName]	The database name after conversion	Standalone database name	

ConvertTo-ClusteredDatabase [-ClusterConfigServer] [-Port] [-NewDatabaseName]

#### **Examples:**

• Converts a standalone database to the clustered database *CastleBlack* on the default port 9950 and first node IP resolved by the DNS as the configuration server IP.

ConvertTo-ClusteredDatabase -NewDatabaseName CastleBlack

• Converts a standalone database to the clustered database *CastleBlack* on the specified port 2188 and configuration server 192.168.1.125.

ConvertTo-ClusteredDatabase -ClusterConfigServer 192.168.1.125 -Port 2188 -NewDatabaseName CastleBlack



# 27. Move Collection within Shards

NosDB PowerShell allows moving either **single-sharded** or **capped** collections within the shards, as they are contained within a single shard. Normal collections are not moved as they reside on various shards.

Move-Collection moves the collection to the specified shard. This command only works in the context of a single sharded or capped collection in NosDB PSDrive.

PS NosDB:\cluster\databases\[database-name]\collections\[collection-name]>

Parameter	Description
[-NewShard]	Name of shard on which the collection will be moved

Move-Collection [-NewShard]

#### **Examples:**

Moves the collection into shard1.

Move-Collection shard1



If the name of the shard includes any special characters, specify the name within single quotes.

Move-Collection 'shard-1'

# 28. Get NosDB Version Information

Get-NosDBVersion returns details about the currently installed version of NosDB. The following is displayed:

- Utility version
- Copyright
- Registered User details (provided during installation)
- Edition
- Evaluation period

Get-NosDBVersion



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# 29. NosDB Counters

Performance counters provide valuable information about system hardware, services, networks and applications that can be used to determine their performance. It helps in diagnosing problems, fine-tuning systems and applications, monitoring real-time application performance and resolving bottleneck cause of system components.

Performance counters can be viewed from PerfMon and NosDB Monitor (in Enterprise Edition). The *Statistics* view in NosDB Management Studio is also used to view the performance statistics of a database or a shard in Enterprise Edition.

### **Performance Counters**

Counter	Description	
Fetches/sec	Number of successful Get operations per second.	
Inserts/sec	Number of successful Insert operations per second.	
Updates/sec	Number of successful Update operations per second.	
Deletes/sec	Number of successful Delete operations per second.	
Cache Hits/sec	Number of successful Get operations from cache per second.	
Cache Misses/sec	Number of failed Get operations from cache per second.	
Cache Evictions/sec	Number of documents evicted from cache per second.	
Requests/sec	Number of requests being processed per second.	
Journaled Operations	Number of the operations present in Journal.	
Cache Count	Number of documents in the cache.	
Cache Size	Size of the cache in bytes.	
Average Update Time	Average time in microseconds taken to complete one update operation.	
Average Insert Time	Average time in microseconds taken to complete one insert operation.	
Average Delete Time	Average time in microseconds taken to complete one delete operation.	
Average Fetch Time	Average time in microseconds taken to complete one fetch operation.	
<b>Average Query Execution Time</b>	Average time in microseconds taken to complete execution of a query.	
Average Document Size	Average size of documents in bytes.	
Database Size	Size of the current database in bytes.	
<b>Documents Count</b>	Number of documents in the database.	
Documents Persisted/second	Number of documents persisted to store per second.	
Pending Replicated Documents	Number of pending documents in primary node which are yet to be replicated.	
<b>Pending Persistent Documents</b>	Number of documents which are yet to be persisted to store.	
MapReduce Running Tasks	Number of tasks in execution state at a time.	
MapReduce Waiting Tasks	Number of tasks in waiting state when the maximum running tasks limit for execution has been reached.	
MapReduce Mapped/sec	Number of keys mapped per second in running tasks.	



MapReduce Reduced/sec	Number of keys reduced per second in running tasks.
MapReduce Combined/sec	Number of keys combined per second in running tasks.
<b>Expiration Count</b>	Number of documents being expired.

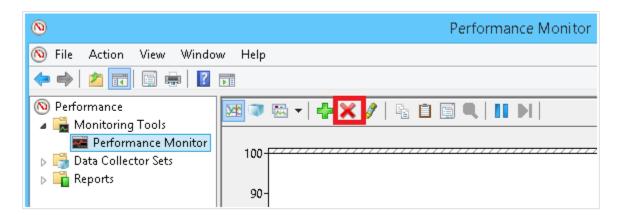
### **Debug Counters**

Counter	Description
State transfer/sec  Number of documents the current node is either reading fron nodes or sending to other nodes during a state transfer mo	
l llata Kalanco/soc	Number of items the current node is either reading from other nodes or sending to other nodes during a Data Load Balancing mode.

# 30. Windows Performance Monitor

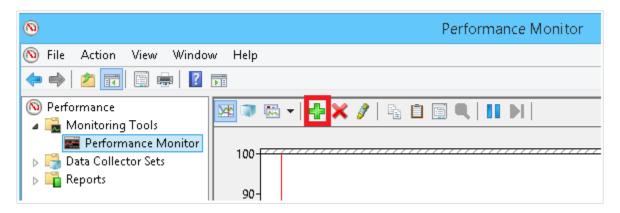
NosDB publishes cache server counters in PerfMon under category NosDB. This category has all the counters related to the cache server. Follow the steps given below to monitor the NosDB counters through PerfMon tool:

- Click on the Windows Start menu, type PerfMon and press ENTER.
- PerfMon tool opens up. Click on the Performance Monitor under Monitoring Tools.

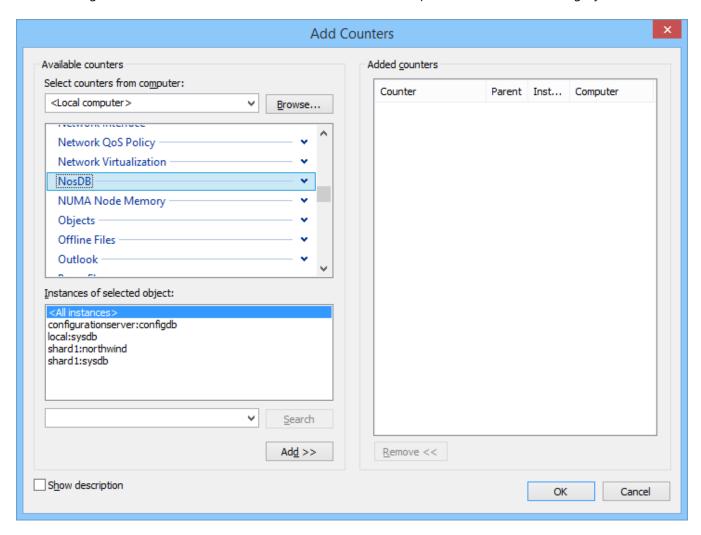


- Click on the cross (X) button to remove the default counter which is already added to it.
- Click on the plus (+) button to open the Add Counters dialog box.



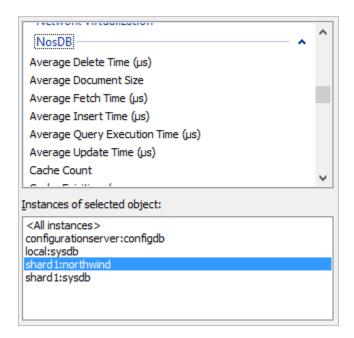


• Using the vertical slider of available counters list box, scroll upward to find **NosDB** category.



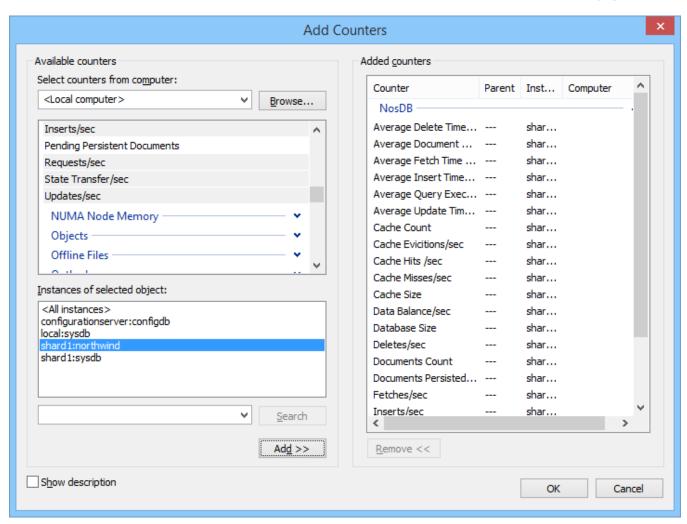
Click on the down arrow head icon to expand the NosDB category. All of its counters are listed under it.





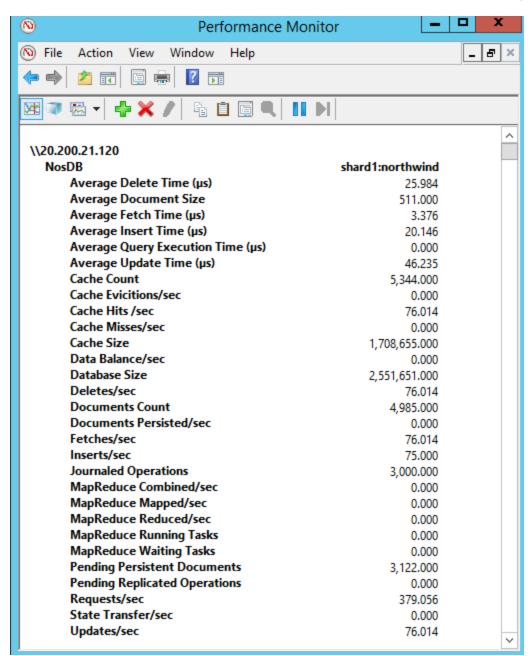
- All running shards and databases appear inside of **Instances of selected objects** list box.
- Add the counters by selecting them from the list.
- Select the required instance or simply click on the <All instances> and click on the Add >> button. All of
  the selected counters for all the selected instances of databases appear in Added counters list box on the
  right side.





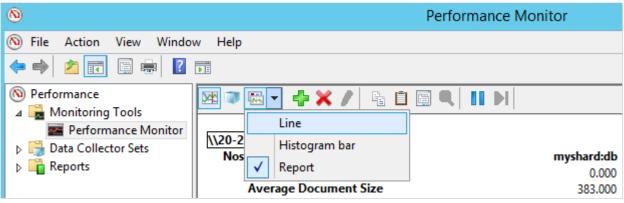
Click OK. All of the selected counters will appear in PerfMon tool and can be monitored:



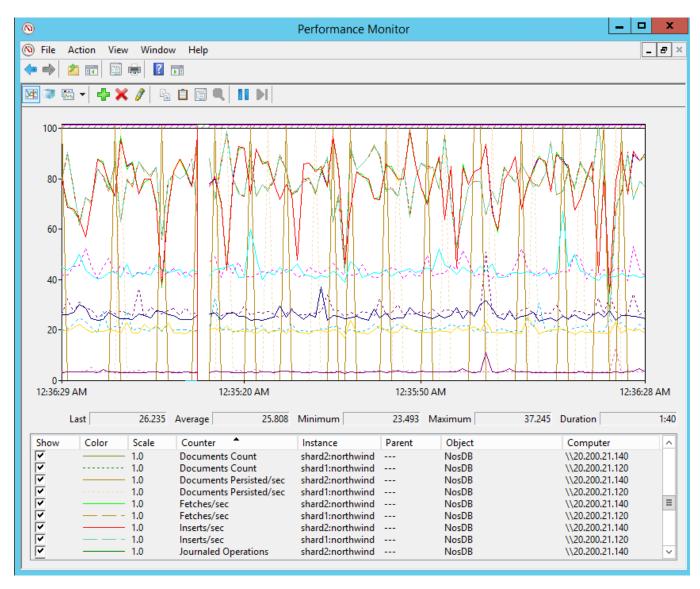


You can also change the view of PerfMon from Report view to Line view:





- Click on the Line option of the drop down menu. This changes the PerfMon view from Report to Line.
- In **Line** view, counters values are displayed in the form of a continuous graph:





# 31. Windows Event Logs

NosDB provides support to view events in Windows Event Log. NosDB logs its important events in **Window Event Logs**. This allows monitoring all such events through Windows Event Viewer or with any other tool that supports Window Event Logger. Some of the events that are logged include:

- All NosDB installation events. These events are combination of successful or aborted installation.
- All errors encountered by NosDB Configuration, Database and Distributor services.
- Service start and stop events.
- Shard start and stop.
- Node joining or leaving a shard.

Application Number of events: 3,552 (!) New events available				
Level	Date and Time	Source	Event ID	Task Ca
Information	4/11/2016 3:20:00 PM	NoSDBSvc	0	None
(i) Information	4/11/2016 3:19:43 PM	System-Restore	8300	None
(i) Information	4/11/2016 3:19:31 PM	LoadPerf	1001	None
(i) Information	4/11/2016 3:19:12 PM	RestartManager	10000	None
<ul><li>Information</li></ul>	4/11/2016 3:19:11 PM	System Restore	8194	None
● Error	4/11/2016 3:18:48 PM	CAPI2	513	None



# 32. NosDB Logs

NosDB provides a rich set of modules for logging and viewing run-time statistics of different components available in NosDB. It also provides different level of logging that includes log-files, report views, statistics and events.

NosDB logs the states of the components into dedicated log files. These log files are created whenever the component is started, and are locked until the component or its respective service is stopped. Log files encapsulate different level of information based on logging status.

NosDB creates each log file for the particular component with specific time stamps. This time initializes as the component or tool starts and continues until its status changes from "running" to "stopped".

- **Database** ([InstallDir]\logs\dblog timestamp.log)
- Configuration Server ([InstallDir]\logs\cslog timestamp.log)
- Manager([InstallDir]\logs\manager\mgrlog timestamp.log)
- Monitor([InstallDir]\logs\monitor\monitorlog timestamp.log)
- **REST Package** ([InstallDir]\logs\REST\restlog timestamp.log)

NosDB writes the log file with the standard default format that provides the user with familiarity while reading the file. It also logs the thread name whenever an operation is performed by any running thread. NosDB presents different stages of logging. These logging levels are configurable and are described as follows:

- **INFO:** Info level describes any useful information about any operation performed on database, such as starting and stopping state of state transfer operations. Info level is disabled by default.
- ERROR: This log flag provides the cause of errors that are raised during operation execution. This status log
  is useful in most of troubleshooting scenarios such as during start of shard nodes, or while establishing
  connection with the server.
- **WARNING:** This flag logs the storage status of any action or operation on the database, and will be logged once storage is about to exceed. This log information is useful to optimize database performance.
- **DEBUG:** This flag is disabled by default but the user can configure it. This log option prints detailed information about each operation like key and buckets during state transfer. This log information allows analyzing any database issues in detail whenever normal debugging is not possible and lets the user to drill down into any hidden issue. However, note that enabling debug logging is an expensive operation, performance wise.