Configuring the EMC VPLEX data collector

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Configuring the EMC VPLEX data collector

This data collector acquires inventory and performance data from EMC VPLEX storage systems. For configuration, the data collector requires an IP address of the VPLEX server and an administrative level domain account.

Terminology

Cloud Insightst acquires the following inventory information from the VPLEX data collector. For each asset type acquired, the most common terminology used for this asset is shown. When viewing or troubleshooting this data collector, keep the following terminology in mind:

| Vendor/Model Term | Cloud Insights Term |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cluster | Storage |
| Engine | Storage Node |
| Device, System Extent | Backend Storage Pool |
| Virtual Volume | Volume |
| Front-End Port, Back-End Port | Port |
| Distributed Device | Storage Synchronization |
| Storage View | Volume Map, Volume Mask |
| Storage Volume | Backend LUN |
| ITLs | Backend Path |

Note: These are common terminology mappings only and might not represent every case for this data collector.

Requirements

- An IP address of the VPLEX Management Console
- · Administrative level domain account for the VPLEX server
- Port 443 (HTTPS). Requires outbound connectivity to TCP port 443 on the VPLEX management station.
- For performance, read-only username and password for ssh/scp access.
- For performance, port 22 is required.

Configuration

| Field | Description |
|--|---|
| IP address of VPLEX Management Console | IP address or fully-qualified domain name of the VPLEX Management Console |
| User Name | User name for VPLEX CLI |
| Password | Password used for VPLEX CLI |
| Performance Remote IP Address | Performance Remote IP address of the VPLEX Management Console |
| Performance Remote User Name | Performance Remote user name of VPLEX Management Console |
| Performance Remote Password | Performance Remote Password of VPLEX Management Console |

Advanced configuration

| Field | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Communication Port | Port used for VPLEX CLI. The default is 443. |
| Inventory Poll Interval (min) | The default is 20 minutes. |
| Number of connection retries | The default is 3. |
| Performance Poll Interval (sec) | Interval between performance polls. The default is 600 seconds. |
| Number of Retries | The default is 2. |

Troubleshooting

Some things to try if you encounter problems with this data collector:

Inventory

| Problem: | Try this: |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Error: User authentication failed. | Make sure your credentials for this device are |
| | correct. |

Performance

| Problem: | Try this: |
|---|--|
| Error: VPLEX performance for version below 5.3 is not supported. | Upgrade VPLEX to 5.3 or above |
| Error: No enough data collected. | Check collection timestamp in log file and modify polling interval accordingly Wait for longer time |
| Error: Perpetual Log files not being updated. | Please contact EMC support to enable updating the perpetual log files |
| Error: Performance polling interval is too big. | Check collection timestamp in log file \${logfile} and modify polling interval accordingly |
| Error: Performance Remote IP address of VPLEX Management Console is not configured. | Edit the data source to set Performance Remote IP address of VPLEX Management Console. |
| Error: No performance data reported from director | Check that the system performance monitors are running correctly Please contact EMC support to enable updating the system performance monitor log files |

Additional information may be found from the Support page or in the Data Collector Support Matrix.

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