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Overview

• Target Audience

• System Owners, Architects, Analysts, Administrators, and Operators

• Touch on the Benefit of Cray's Call-home Platform

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- Improve customer system availability through proactive support
- Lower customer and Cray operational costs through support process automation

• Outline

- Provide a Cray SSA operational update
- Provide a brief history of Cray ClusterStor and SSA Integration
- Describe and define ClusterStor Reliability, Availability, and Serviceability (RAS) telemetry types
- Preview Cray Call-home Service Action Features for ClusterStor
- Discuss Support Data Capture on ClusterStor, future use of SSA
- Preview Next Generation Call-home Architecture: Cray Central Telemetry and Triage Services (C2TS)
- Summary
- Q&A

Cray SSA Operational Update

- Call-home production use started June 2015
- Active at 21 customer sites, 78 systems reporting
- Processed ~ 80K call-home snapshots, 48K product health events
- Logged 414 proactive and triage case association events
- Field Notice (FN) 6122 contains client release details

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Brief History: ClusterStor and SSA Integration

- SSA was qualified for Sonexion in September 2016
- In June 2017, SSA became the official RAS call-home transport on Sonexion
- Cray acquired the ClusterStor Product in 2017
- In March 2018, the first unified SSA Client released for Sonexion and ClusterStor
- Cray recommends all ClusterStor and Sonexion customers use SSA for call-home enablement

ClusterStor RAS Telemetry Types



Interesting Event Messages (IEMs)

- Structured, highly contextual diagnostic events
- Cover a broad range of topics
 - Lustre, disk and enclosure services, systems management, ...

• Service Event Messages (SEMs)

- Signal when 'service is needed', clear when service is completed
- Generated through analysis of IEMs and related context
- Translate to service event e-mails and alerts local to product

Machine Reportable Product Data (MRPD)

 Infrequent (daily) snapshots of system inventory, status, and, diagnostic information

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ClusterStor Standalone RAS Rules Engine ⊂ PAY

Overview

- Analyzes stream of RAS telemetry events
- Orchestrates Response Actions
 - (internal) Updates rule engine state and context
 - Creates SEMs and thus local service alerts





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ClusterStor RAS Telemetry: Examples

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ClusterStor RAS Call-home



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ClusterStor Call-home Service Actions

• Automated Field Replaceable Unit (FRU) Repair Part Orders

• On FRU Failure, create and populate a service case, create a corresponding repair part request, and ship part to the customer

• Proactive Service Recommendations

- Utilizes up-to-date knowledge of product releases and defects
- Rules can be vetted via call-home, updated in future standalone engine updates
- Types of recommendations Cray is investigating
 - 'you might want to upgrade' or 'the following issues exist for your release...'
 - Faster/better detection for subtle or complex product failures
 - For example, excessive errors on a data path, possible enclosure failures

ClusterStor Support Data Capture

• ClusterStor currently has a Support Bundle Feature

- Collects system status, logs, ...
- Data used by support and product teams for root cause analysis of Cray internal and customer issues

• SSA currently supports 'triage' snapshots

• Goal is very similar to that of Support Bundle

• Plan is to reach feature parity in SSA, deprecate Support Bundle over time

- Provides streamlined tooling, improved test, and standard interfaces across Cray Products
- SSA triage snapshots are integrated into Cray customer service systems



Next Generation Call-home Architecture

Cray Central Telemetry and Triage Services (C2TS)

- Evolution of Cray's Call-home platform
- Design informed from lessons learned after five years of experience with SSA
- Requirements driven by
 - Parity-or-better SSA features
 - Cray's next generation supercomputing platform
 - Better alignment with ClusterStor, ClusterStor RAS



SSA's Relationship to C2TS

- C2TS new 'back-end' for SSA and future call-home services
- Major usability enhancements in C2TS for SSA
- Adds cleaner delineation between data lake and applications
 - Embraces the concept of other application stacks leveraging callhome data lake services

C2TS Motivations

- Availability
 - Cray supports customers 24x7x365
- Scalability
 - Number of systems, data size and data volume increasing
 - Time to solution requirements decreasing
- Usability
 - Cray product support and engineering teams, need to focus on data, not tooling
 - Streaming data is better processing model for some use cases
 - Get more call-home data in front of customers, versus behind-the-curtain
- Programmability
 - Less esoteric APIs, data schemas
- Serviceability
 - Easy to diagnose, fix issues, understand behavior

C2TS Reference Architecture



Summary

- Cray ClusterStor is designed to enable proactive and automated product support via call-home telemetry
- SSA provides a secure call-home transport and a product support automation capability across Cray platforms
- Cray plans to streamline support data collection on ClusterStor, using SSA
- C2TS is Cray's next generation call-home platform, designed with Cray's next generation system platforms in mind and lessons learned from five years of experience operating SSA

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