CSC563 Multithreaded Distributed Programming Assignment 2: Building HA Cluster

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Abstract— For this project, I learned how to build a virtual cluster using CentOS 7. Using the Pacemaker software solution, I designed and built a virtual cluster of 5 nodes with one data node.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, I will discuss the design and system structure for the Pacemaker virtual cluster. This includes the host machine configuration and the virtual machine configuration settings. This report also discusses the implementation of the cluster with a step-by-step setup of the virtual cluster and data node. I also show the readers the results of adding/removing nodes and node failure tests. At the end of this paper, I analyze the results of the experiments run during this project. This project had the following requirements.

- The cluster should have at least four nodes.
- The cluster should have global shared storage space.
- The cluster should be able to host a website.
- Show how to add/remove a node from the cluster.
- We need to simulate the situation where one of the nodes fails.

II. DESIGN AND SYSTEM STRUCTURE

System Architecture:

- Four nodes
- Shared Storage data node

Host machine configuration:

Dell Inspiron 17 7000 Series

- 16Gb ram
- CPU: Intel Core i7-7500U 4 Cores

• GPU: NVIDIA GeForce 940MX (2GB GDDR5)

Virtual Machine configuration:

Hypervisor: Oracle VirtualBox 6.1

Each node has the following configuration.

📃 General	Preview	
Name: CentOS-node1 Operating System: Red Hat (64-bit)	2008 (1909 2 (1909) 1999 (1918 1918 2 (1919)) 1999 (1918 1918 2 (1919))	
System		
Base Memory: 1024 MB Boot Order: Floppy, Optical, Hard Disk Acceleration: VT-x/AMD-V, Nested Paging, PAE/NX, KVM Paravirtualization		
📃 Display		
Video Memory: 16 MB Graphics Controller: VMSVGA Remote Desktop Server: Disabled Recording: Disabled		
Storage		
Controller: IDE IDE Secondary Device 0: [Optical Drive] Empty Controller: SATA SATA Port 0: CentOS-node1-disk1.vdi (Norm	nal, 8.00 GB)	
🜵 Audio		
Host Driver: PulseAudio Controller: ICH AC97		
Network		
Adapter 1: Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (NAT) Adapter 2: Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (Host-only Adapter, 'vboxnet0') Adapter 3: Intel PRO/1000 MT Desktop (Bridged Adapter, wIs8)		
🖉 USB		
USB Controller: OHCI Device Filters: 0 (0 active)		
Shared folders		
None		
Description		
None		

III. CLUSTER IMPLEMENTATION

Update Network:

cd /etc/sysconfig/network-scripts cp ifcfg-enp0s3 ifcfg-enp0s8

Update ifcfg-enp0s3

[root@localhost network-scripts]# cat ifcfg-enp0s3 TYPE=Ethernet PROXY METHOD=none BROWSER_ONLY=no BOOTPROTO=dhcp DEFROUTE=yes IPV4_FAILURE_FATAL=no IPV6INIT=yes IPV6_AUTOCONF=yes IPV6_DEFROUTE=yes IPV6_FAILURE_FATAL=no IPV6_ADDR_GEN_MODE=stable-privacy NAME=enp0s3 UUID=772cbf25-2c82-418e-9165-7e640ab20d2d DEVICE=enp0s3 <u>ONBO</u>OT=yes [root@localhost network-scripts]#

Update ifcfg-enp0s8

[root@localhost network-scripts]# cat ifcfg-enp0s8 TYPE=Ethernet PROXY_METHOD=none BROWSER_ONLY=no BOOTPROTO=static DEFROUTE=yes IPV4_FAILURE_FATAL=no IPV6INIT=yes IPV6_AUTOCONF=yes IPV6_DEFROUTE=yes IPV6_FAILURE_FATAL=no IPV6_ADDR_GEN_MODE=stable-privacy NAME=enp0s8 IPADDR=10.0.0.118 DEVICE=enp0s8 ONBOOT=yes [root@localhost network-scripts]#

Rename hostname

echo node5.mycluster.localdomain > /etc/hostname

Update /etc/hosts



Reboot node:

shutdown now -r

Install Required packages and setup:

yum install pcs

Installed: pcs.x86_64 0:0.9.169-3.el7.centos.1 Setup firewall:

firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=high-availability && firewall-cmd --reload

root@node5 ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=high-availability && firewall-cmd --reloac arning: ALREADY_ENABLED: high-availability uccess uccess

Enable and start PCS services

systemctl start pcsd.service systemctl enable pcsd.service

[root@node5 -]# systemctl start posd.service;systemctl enable posd.service;systemctl status posd.service froated symlink from /etc/systemd/system/pult-user.target.wants/posd.service to /usr/lib/systemd/system/posd.service e posd.service - PCS GUI and remote configuration interface Loaded: loaded: loaded /usr/lib/systemd/system/posd.service; enabled; vendor preset: disabled) Active: active (running) since Sun 2021-10-31 14:13:45 EDT; 117ms ago Docs: man:posd(8) man:pos(8) Moin PDID: 14:037 (posd) COTorup: /system.slice/poed.service __14637 /usr/inir/uby /usr/lib/posd/posd __14633 /usr/inir/uby/arr/lib/posd/posd __1453 /usr/bin/python2 -Es /usr/sbin/pos status nodes corosync Loaded startise rodes.mycluster.localdomain systemd[1]: Starting PCS GUI and remote configuration interface... col 13 14:13:45 node6.mycluster.localdomain systemd[1]: Starting PCS GUI and remote configuration interface.

Disable STONITH

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[root@node1 ~]# pcs property set stonith-enabled=false
[root@node1 ~]# crm_verify -L
[root@node1 ~]#
[root@node1 ~]#
[root@node1 ~]#
```

Virtual IP address:

pcs resource create vClusterIP ocf:heartbeat:IPaddr2 ip=10.0.0.115 cidr_netmask=32 nic=enp0s8 op monitor interval=30s

Install Apache HTTP Server as a cluster Service

yum install -y httpd wget

Installed: httpd.x86_64 0:2.4.6-97.el7.centos.1	wget.x86_64 0:1.14-18.el7_6.1
Configure firewall for http traffic:	
<pre>[root@node5 ~]# firewall-cmdpermanent success</pre>	add-service=http
[root@node5 ~]# firewall-cmdreload success	
Create Website:	
<pre>[root@node5 ~]# cat <<-END>/var/www/html/</pre>	index.html

```
> <html>
> <body>Mv
```

<body>My Test Site - \$(hostname)</body>

```
> </html>
> END
```

Enable the Apache status URL

```
[root@node5 ~]# cat <<-END >/etc/httpd/conf.d/status.conf
  <Location /server-status>
  SetHandler server-status
```

- Require local
- </Location>
- END

Create Resource Website:

```
pcs resource create WebSite ocf:heartbeat:apache \
configfile=/etc/httpd/conf/httpd.conf \
statusurl="http://localhost/server-status" \
op monitor interval=1min
```

Ensure Resources Run on the same host: pcs constraint colocation add WebSite with vClusterIP INFINITY

Set resources Start/Stop order: pcs constraint order vClusterIP then WebSite

PCS Cluster:

[root@node1 ~]# pcs status Cluster name: pacemaker1 Stack: corosvnc Current DC: node2 (version 1.1.23-1.el7_9.1-9acf116022) - partition with quorum Last updated: Sun Oct 31 14:15:38 2021 Last change: Sat Oct 30 13:44:20 2021 by hacluster via crmd on node1 4 nodes configured 2 resource instances configured Online: [node1 node2 node3 node4] Full list of resources: Started node2 WebSite Started node2

Daemon Status: corosync: active/disabled pacemaker: active/disabled pcsd: active/enabled

Verify website lynx http://10.0.0.115/index.html



NSF Setup:

Create NFS server by cloning node1 and updating network, hostname, and /etc/hosts file.

On all node install:

yum install nfs-utils

Then update the firewall.

firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=nfs && firewall-cmd

-reload success [root@node5 ~]# success [root@node5 ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=nfs && firewall-cmd --reload

On the data node:

systemctl enable nfs-server systemctl start nfs-server

mkdir /var/nfsshare

vi /etc/exports

/var/nfsshare 10.0.0.0/24(rw,sync,no_root_squash)

Reload the exports exportfs -r

Update the firewall:

[root@datanode ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=rpc-bind && firewall-cmd --reload Warning: ALREADY_ENABLED: rpc-bind success [root@datanode ~]# firewall-cmd --permanent --add-service=mountd && firewall-cmd --reload

success [root@datanode ~]# 📕

On the nodes

[root@node5 ~]# showmount -e datanode Export list for datanode: /var/nfsshare 10.0.0.0/24 [root@node5 ~]#

[root@node5 ~]# showmount -e datanode Export list for datanode: /var/nfsshare 10.0.0.0/24 [root@node5 ~]# mount datanode:/var/nfsshare /var/www [root@node5 ~]# df -hT |grep nfs datanode:/var/**nfs**share **nfs**4 6.2G 1.3G 5.0G 21% /var/www [root@node5 ~]#

Enable clients to use NFS for web services:

setsebool httpd use nfs on

[rootQnode5 ~]# getsebool -a | grep httpd_use_nfs httpd_use_nfs --> on [rootQnode5 ~]#

Edit /etc/fstab to make the NFS mount permanent.

/etc/fstab # Created by anaconda on Tue Feb 26 12:31:34 2019 # # Accessible filesystems, by reference, are maintained under '/dev/disk' # See man pages fstab(5), findfs(8), mount(8) and/or blkid(8) for more info # /dev/mapper/centos-root / UIID=b11fdev7-ro22-46d=6802-c44deecb610d /boot /dev/mapper/centos-swap swap /dev/mapper/centos-swap swap

Copy files to NFS share and update website:

cp -r /var/www/* /var/nfsshare/

vi /var/www/html/index.html

<html>
<body>My Test Site - NFS shared storage!!!</body>
</html>

PCS Status:



IV. EXPERIMENT

Add/Remove nodes

On a node in the existing cluster, you need to run the following commands.

First, you need setup authentication for the hacluster user on the new node:

root@node1 ~]# pcs cluster auth node5 -u hacluster -p Gi926ToR@WoRk --force node5: Authorized

Then you can add the node to the cluster. This action adds the new node to the existing cluster. The command syncs the cluster configuration file corosync.cnfg to all the nodes in the cluster [1].

[root@node1 ~]# pcs cluster node add node5startenable
Disabling SBD service
node5: sbd disabled
Sending remote node configuration files to 'node5'
node5: successful distribution of the file 'pacemaker_remote authkey'
node1: Corosync updated
node2: Corosync updated
node3: Corosync updated
node4: Corosync updated
Setting up corosync
node5: Succeeded
node5: Cluster Enabled
node5: Starting Cluster (corosync)
Starting Cluster (pacemaker)
Synchronizing pcsd certificates on nodes node5
node5: Success
Restarting pcsd on the nodes in order to reload the certificates
nodoEt Success

PCS Status after adding the new node.

[root@node1 ~]# pcs status	
Cluster name:	pacemaker1	
Stack: corosy	nc	
Current DC: n	Current DC: node2 (version 1.1.23-1.el7_9.1-9acf116022) - partition with quorum	
Last updated: Tue Nov 2 19:29:06 2021		
Last change:	Tue Nov 2 19:26:32 2021 by hac]	luster via crmd on node2
5 nodes confi	gured	
2 resource in	stances configured	
Online: [nod	Online: [node1 node2 node3 node4 node5]	
Full list of	resources:	
vOluctorTD	(acf. bcortboot. Toddr2).	Started pade2
Volusterip	(ocf::heartbeat::Padurz);	
website	(ocr::neartbeat:apache):	Started nodez
Daemon Status		
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To remove the node.

root@node1 ~1#

corosync: active/disabled
pacemaker: active/disabled
pcsd: active/enabled

The following command shuts down the specified node and removes it from the cluster configuration file /etc/corosync/corosync.conf. The command also removes the node from all the other nodes in the cluster [1].

```
[root@node1 ~]# pcs cluster node remove node5
node5: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
node5: Successfully destroyed cluster
node1: Corosync updated
node2: Corosync updated
node3: Corosync updated
node4: Corosync updated
[root@node1 ~]#
```

Standby mode:

The following commands will put a specified node in and out of standby mode. The selected node in the standby command will no longer be able to host resources [1].



To put the node back into the cluster, run the following command after putting it into standby mode.

pcs cluster unstandby node name



Testing Nodes failure:

PCS status before shutdown node1



On node1, I ran shutdown now -r to reboot the node. From the screenshot of the log below, you can see that node1 was lost.



PCS Status after node1 went down.

Current DC: Last updated Last change:	node2 (version 1.1.23-1.el7_9.1- 1: Tue Nov 2 20:16:00 2021 2: Tue Nov 2 20:09:36 2021 by roo	-9acf116022) - partition with quor ot via cibadmin on node1
4 nodes conf 2 resource i	figured instances configured	
Online: [no OFFLINE: [r	ode2 node3 node4] node1]	
Full list of	* resources:	
vClusterIP WebSite	(ocf::heartbeat:IPaddr2): (ocf::heartbeat:apache):	Started node2 Started node2
Daemon Statu corosync:	s: active/enabled active/enabled	

After shutdown node2, the entire cluster has stopped.

	[root@node4 ~]# pcs status
	Cluster name: pacemaker1
	Stack: corosync Current DC: node4 (version 1 1 23-1 el7 9 1-0acf116022) - nartition WITHOUT quorum
	Last updated: Tue Nov 2 20:33:41 2021
	Last change: Tue Nov 2 20:09:36 2021 by root via cibadmin on node1
	4 nodes configured
	2 resource instances configured
	Online: [node3 node4]
	OFFLINE: [node1 node2]
	Full list of resources:
	vClusterIP (ocf::heartbeat:IPaddr2): Stopped
	WebSite (ocf::heartbeat:apache): Stopped
	Failed Resource Actions:
	* WebSite_start_0 on node3 'unknown error' (1): call=12, status=Timed Out, exitreason='', last-rc-change='Tue Nov 2 20:28:41 2021', queued=0ms, exec=40005ms
	Daemon Status:
	corosync: active/enabled
um	pacemaker: active/enabled
pann -	pcsd: active/enabled

Reviewing the logs, I have found the following that states node2 is down.

nfo: pcmk_cpg_membership: Group crmd event 6: node2 (node 2 pid 3893) left via cpg_leave nfo: crm_update_peer_proc: pcmk_cpg_membership: Node node2[2] - corosync-cpg is now offline nfo: peer_update_callback: Clint node2/peer now has status [offline] (DC=node2, changed=4000000) ice: peer_update_callback: Our peer on the DC (node2) is dead

Digging deeper in the logs, I have found the reason the cluster stopped.

warning.	cruster_status. Te	icing and resource management disabled due to rack of quorum
info:	determine_online_status:	Node node4 is online
info:	determine_online_status:	Node node3 is online
warning:	unpack_rsc_op_failure: Pr	cessing failed start of WebSite on node3: unknown error rc=1
info:	unpack_node_loop: No	e 4 is already processed
info:	unpack_node_loop: No	e 3 is already processed
info:	unpack_node_loop: No	e 4 is already processed
info:	unpack_node_loop: No	e 3 is already processed
info:	common_print: vClusterIP	(ocf::heartbeat:IPaddr2): Stopped
info:	common_print: WebSite (o	f::heartbeat:apache): Stopped
info:	pe_get_failcount: We	Site has failed INFINITY times on node3
warning:	check_migration_threshold	Forcing WebSite away from node3 after 1000000 failures (max=1000000)
notice:	LogAction: * Start	vClusterIP (node4) due to no quorum (blocked)
notion.	Londotions in Chart	WabSite (pode() due to po guarum (blocked)

Since the cluster no longer had quorum pcs, shut down the cluster.

To bring the cluster online again, the administrator could shut down the online nodes and start the cluster again.

```
[root@node4 ~]# pcs cluster stop --all
node2: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
node1: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
node3: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
node4: Stopping Cluster (pacemaker)...
node1: Stopping Cluster (corosync)...
node2: Stopping Cluster (corosync)...
node4: Stopping Cluster (corosync)...
node3: Stopping Cluster (corosync)...
[root@node4 ~]# pcs cluster start --all
node1: Starting Cluster (corosync)...
node3: Starting Cluster (corosync)...
node2: Starting Cluster (corosync)...
node4: Starting Cluster (corosync)...
node4: Starting Cluster (pacemaker)...
node3: Starting Cluster (pacemaker)...
node1: Starting Cluster (pacemaker)...
node2: Starting Cluster (pacemaker)...
```

PCS Status after starting all the nodes again:



V. ANALYSIS

For this project, I did several experiments to understand better how the Pacemaker software worked. During these experiments, I added and removed nodes from the cluster, put them in standby mode, took them out of standby mode, and performed node failure tests. As a system administrator administering a PCS cluster, adding and removing nodes would be a common occurrence. Suppose there was an issue with one node, the administrator would need to remove that broken node from the cluster and add a new working node back. To add a new node to the cluster, the required software must first be installed on that node [1]. In addition to the software install, the firewall must also be set up to allow the high availability service [1]. Then the password needs to be set for the hacluster user. According to the Redhat documentation, it is recommended that this password be the same for each node in the cluster [1]. Next, the pcsd service should be started and then enabled [1]. The next step in adding a new node to the cluster is authenticating the hacluster user to the new cluster node [1]. Once the user is authenticated, the node can be added to the cluster. The pcs cluster node add command will add the node to the existing cluster. This command will also sync the cluster configuration file to all the nodes in the cluster [1]. The administrator would run the pcs command "pcs cluster node remove nodename" to remove an existing cluster. This command would shut down the specified node and remove it from the cluster [1]. The cluster configuration file would be updated on the remaining nodes in the cluster [1]. Another action an administrator would apply to the cluster is putting nodes in and out of standby mode. One reason this would be used is for maintenance. Putting a node in standby mode will make the specified node unable to host resources [1]. This would allow the admin to update the nodes while the node is no longer active in the cluster. The standby command could also be used to test node failure without shutdown the node [1]. Once the maintenance or testing has been completed, the node can be removed from standby mode by running "pcs cluster unstanby nodename" command [1]. During the node failure test, I discovered that after shutting down two of the nodes in the cluster, the entire cluster was shut down. Reviewing the logs, I found the reason this happened was because of quorum. To maintain cluster integrity and high availability, clustered environments use a concept known as quorum to prevent data corruption [2]. A cluster has quorum when more than half the clusters nodes are available [2]. To avoid the possibility of data corruption due to failure, Pacemaker by default stops all resources in the cluster if the cluster no longer has quorum [2]. Ouorum is established using a voting system. When a cluster's node is no longer functioning or loses communication with the rest of the cluster, the other nodes can vote to remove that node from the cluster [2]. We can lose one node in our four-node cluster without stopping the cluster since there is still quorum. But once the second node is removed, the cluster no longer has quorum and stops the cluster. One problem that can exist with a cluster partition is split-brain [3]. A split-brain can occur when the cluster communication between nodes is lost, and the cluster becomes partitioned into subclusters, and each subcluster believes it is the primary partition. The subcluster is not aware of the other subcluster and causes conflicts in shared resources [3]. A split-brain can be avoided by giving each node in the cluster one vote and mandating a majority of votes in the cluster for an operational cluster [3]. A cluster partition with a majority of the votes has quorum and is allowed to operate [3].

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