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- SSSI: <http://www.snia.org/forums/sssi>
- SSSI WIOCP: <http://www.snia.org/forums/sssi/wiocrp>

The “hIOmon™ Disk I/O Ranger” software tool (from hyperI/O LLC) was used to capture, collect, and export the I/O operation performance metrics. No I/O operation trace data nor file names were captured; only automatically-summarized I/O operation performance metrics were collected and periodically written (upon a 10-minute basis) to the standard Comma-Separated-Values (CSV) export files contained within this download file package.

Additional information about the “hIOmon Disk I/O Ranger” and how it was used as part of the SSSI WIOCP can be found here:

<http://www.hyperIO.com/hIOmon/hIOmonSSSIworkloadIOcaptureprogram.htm>

Download File Package Details:

Package Name: SNIA-SSSI-WIOCP-01-PC-4804570

Basic System Information: Personal computer; 32-bit; Microsoft Windows XP

System Usage/Workloads: Normal usage (Microsoft Excel/Word/PowerPoint/Outlook, Adobe Reader, Microsoft Visual Studio, etc.)

Collection Time Span: January 23, 2013 – January 29, 2013

Brief descriptions of the files contained within this download file package:

- 1) hIOmonSystemReport.txt: A plain text file generated by the hIOmon software that includes a variety of information about the system upon which the I/O operation metrics were collected. This information includes basic details about the hIOmon software used, operating system information, basic information about the computer system such as the number/type of processors, amount of memory, basic information about the attached storage devices, etc.).

- 2) SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics for each logical disk, associated OS physical volume, and associated OS physical disk whose I/O operations were monitored – 4089 records
- 3) SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices_Daily.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices.csv“ file that have been coalesced/aggregated upon a daily basis – 157 records
- 4) SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices_Totals.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices.csv“ file that have been coalesced/aggregated in toto (i.e., a single row for each device) – 8 records
- 5) SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices_Totals_MetricsByRow.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryDevices_Totals.csv“ file that have been transposed (reformatted) with each row representing a different summary I/O operation performance metric and the columns reflecting a different device.
- 6) SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics for each process/application whose I/O operations were monitored – 8000 records
- 7) SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_Daily.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses.csv“ file that have been coalesced/aggregated upon a daily basis – 2152 records
- 8) SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_Totals.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses.csv“ file that have been coalesced/aggregated in toto, i.e., a single row for each process, further qualified by the associated Process ID (PID) – 1622 records
- 9) SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_Totals_PIDless.csv: Contains the summary I/O operation performance metrics from the “SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_Totals.csv“ file that have been coalesced/aggregated upon an unique process name regardless of associated Process ID (PID) – 86 records
- 10) SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_TopTens.csv: Contains the “Top Ten” processes (based upon the “SSSIioProfileSummaryProcesses_Totals_PIDless.csv” file) for a selected subset of the summary I/O operation performance metrics (i.e., I/O operation count, maximum IOPS, maximum MB/s, maximum and average response times, and the data transferred amount for read and write I/O operations separately) – 120 records

The following URL provides additional information about the various types of automatically-summarized I/O operation performance metrics that were collected by the SSSI WIOCP and included within the CSV export files noted above:

<http://www.hyperIO.com/hIOmon/WIOCP/SSSI/hIOmonSSSI-WIOCP-CollectedMetricsDefinition.htm>

Also note that the “_Daily” and “_Totals” summary CSV export files above additionally include the following calculated metrics:

- 1) “DataTransferred/Time Index (DTXI)” metrics separately for read, write, and combined read and write I/O operations. Additional information about this metric can be found here: <http://www.hyperIO.com/hIOmon/hIOmonDataTransferredTimeIndexMetric.htm>
- 2) ”xxx Fast IOP %”, which is the percentage of the respective I/O operation type that completed within less than one millisecond; e.g., “Read Fast IOP %” is “ReadFastIOPcount“ divided by “Read IOP Count”
- 3) “SysCache xxx IOP Count %”, which is the percentage of the respective I/O operation type that explicitly requested the use of the system file cache; e.g., “SysCache Read IOP Count %” is “ReadSystemCacheIOPcount“ divided by “Read IOP Count”
- 4) ”Overall xxx Avg Response Time (ms)”, which is the overall average response (in milliseconds) for the respective I/O operation type; e.g., “Overall Read Avg Response Time (ms)” is “Read Time Total “ divided by “Read IOP Count”
- 5) ”xxx Ran IOP %”, which is the percentage of the respective I/O operation type that was considered to be a random access I/O operation; e.g., “Read Ran IOP %” is “Read Random Access IOP Count “ divided by (“Read Random Access IOP Count” plus “Read Seq Access IOP Count”)
- 6) “xxx Ran Xfer %”, which is the percentage of the total amount of data transferred by the respective I/O operation and access type; e.g., “Read Ran Xfer %” is “ReadRandomAccessDataXfer“ divided by (“ReadRandomAccessDataXfer” plus “ReadSeqAccessDataXfer”)
- 7) “Total Read Write Time”, which is the combined total of the read I/O operation and write I/O operation responses times
- 8) “Total Read Write Data Xfer”, which is the combined total amount of data transferred by the read and the write I/O operations