

# Lesson 3: Monitoring Servers

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Windows Server 2012

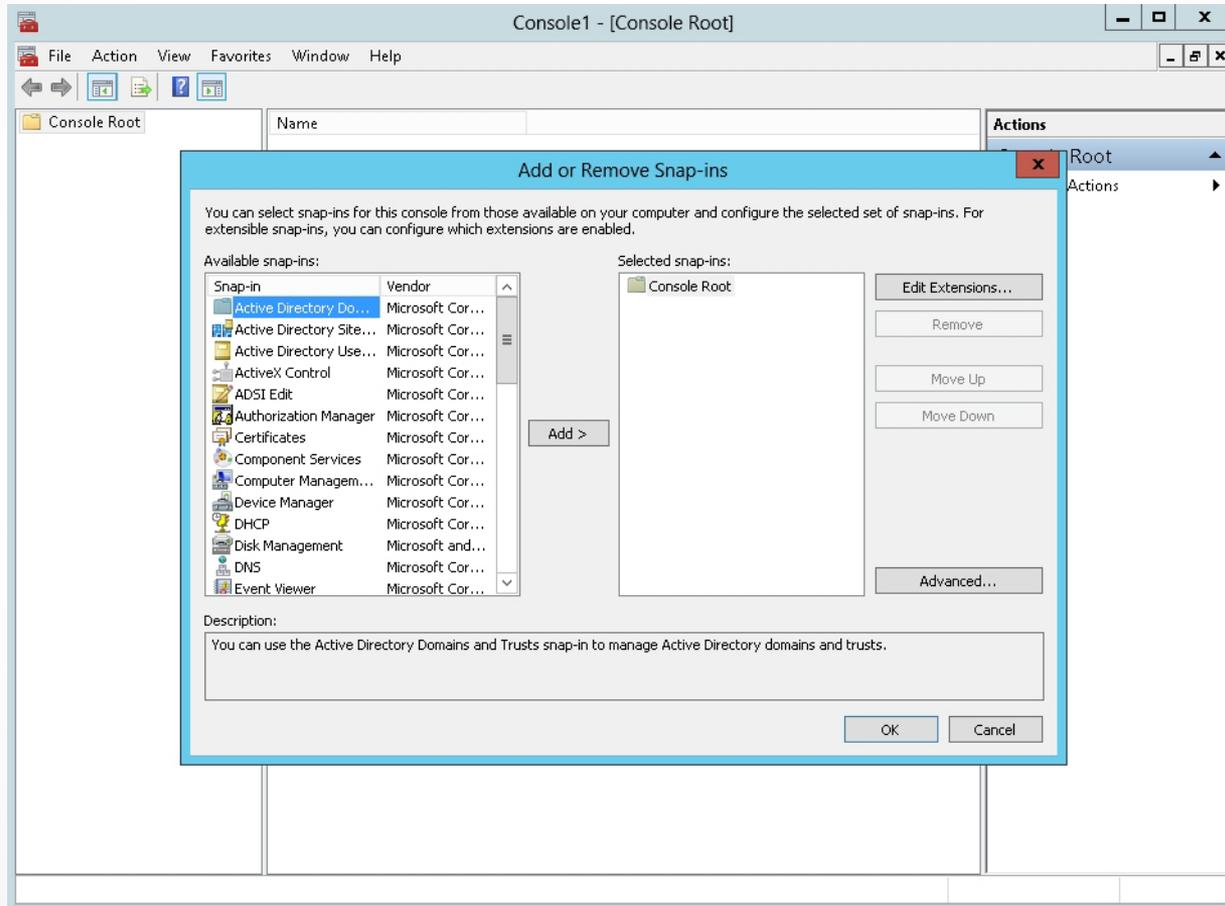
# Overview

- Exam Objective 1.3: Monitor Servers
- Introducing the Microsoft Management Console (MMC)
- Using Event Viewer
- Using Reliability Monitor
- Managing Performance
- Monitoring the Network
- Monitoring Virtual Machines (VMs)

# Introducing the Microsoft Management Console (MMC)

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# Microsoft Management Console (MMC)



# Commonly Used Administrative Tools

Computer  
Management

Event Viewer

Performance  
Monitor

Resource  
Monitor

Security  
Configuration  
Wizard

Server  
Manager

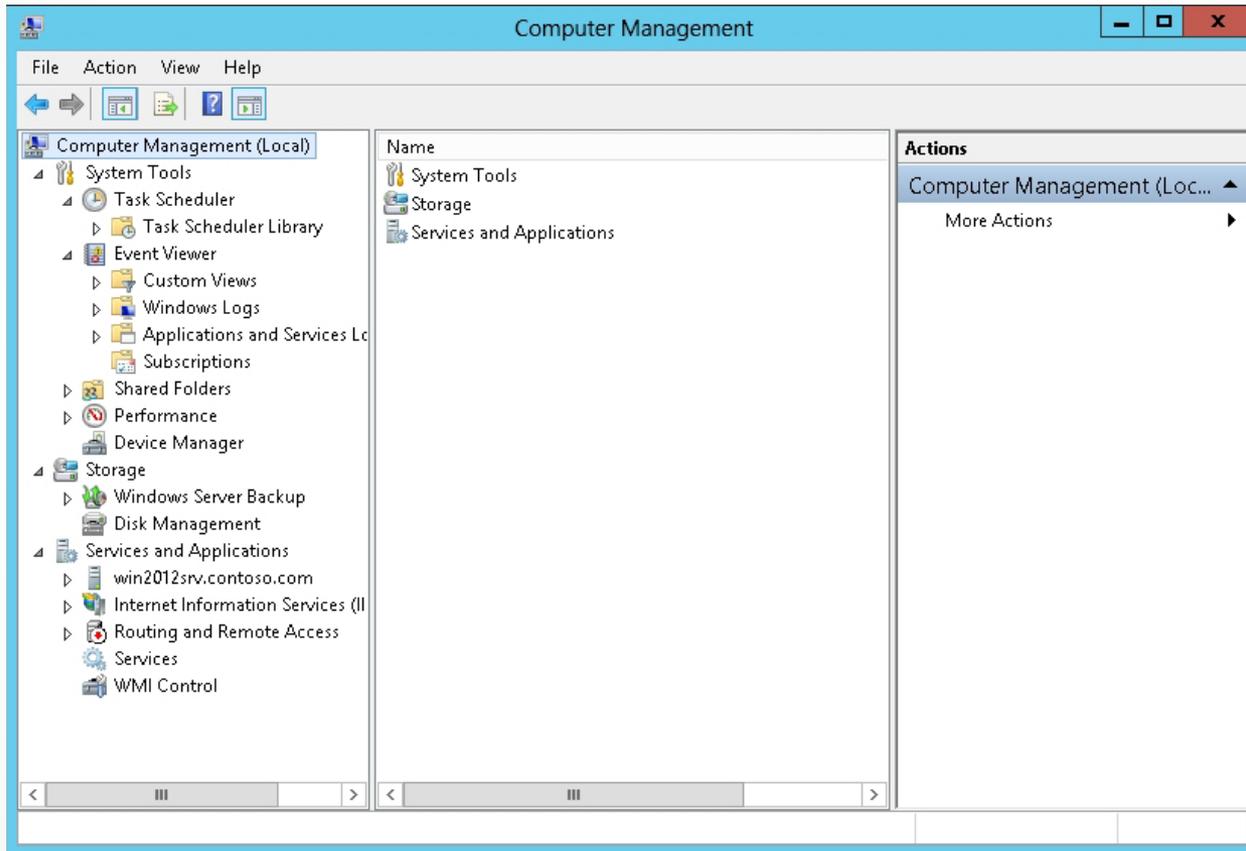
Services

Task  
Scheduler

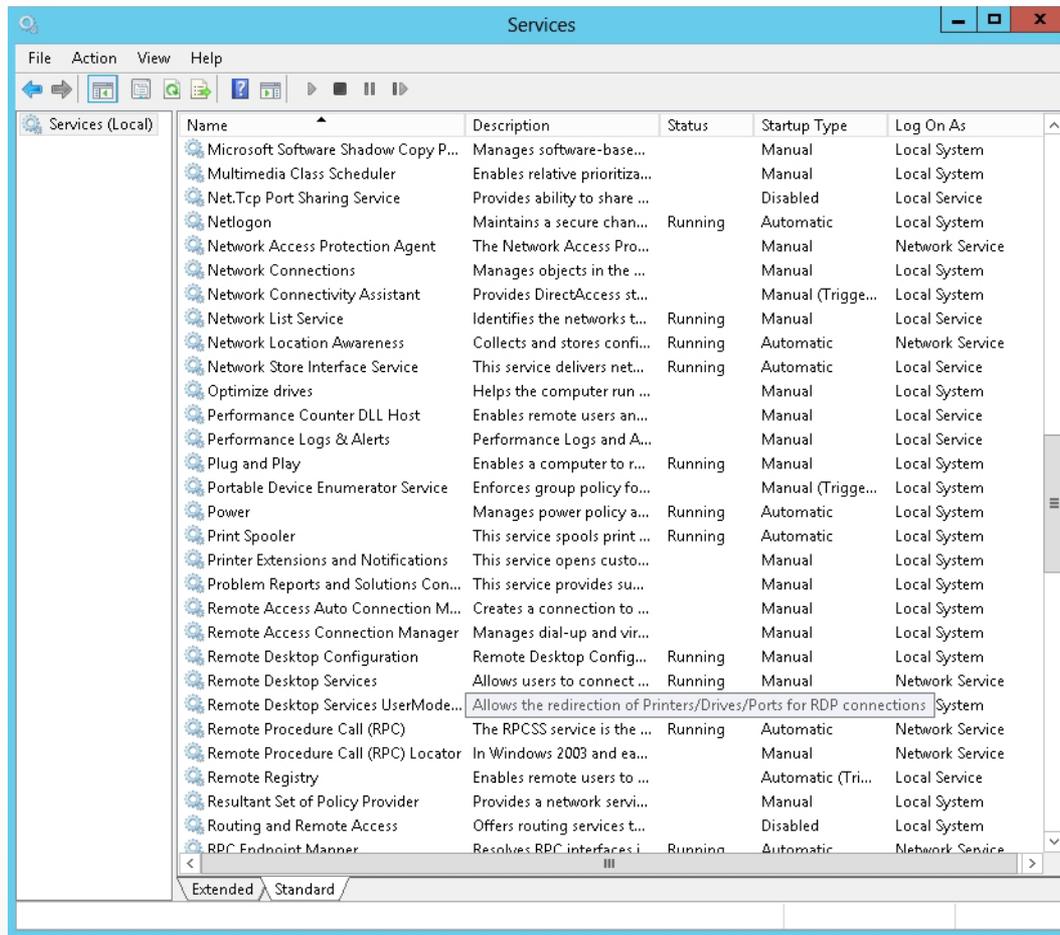
# Using Server Manager

- Add roles and features.
- View events.
- Perform server configuration tasks.
- Add remote servers to a pool of servers that Server Manager can be used to manage.
- Install or uninstall roles, role services, and features on the local server or remote servers.
- View and make changes to server roles and features that are installed on local or remote servers.
- Perform management tasks.
- Scan roles for compliance with best practices.
- Run role-management tools.
- Determine server status, identify critical events, and analyze and troubleshoot configuration issues or failures.
- Restart servers.

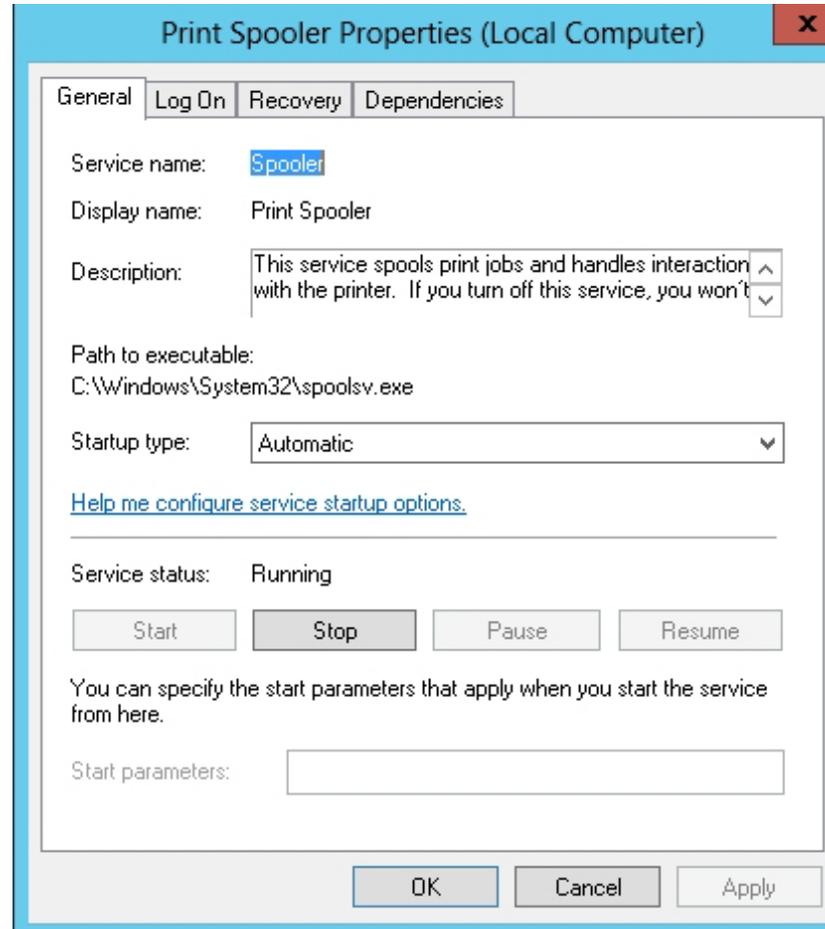
# Using Computer Management



# Using the Services Console



# The Services Console Properties Dialog Box

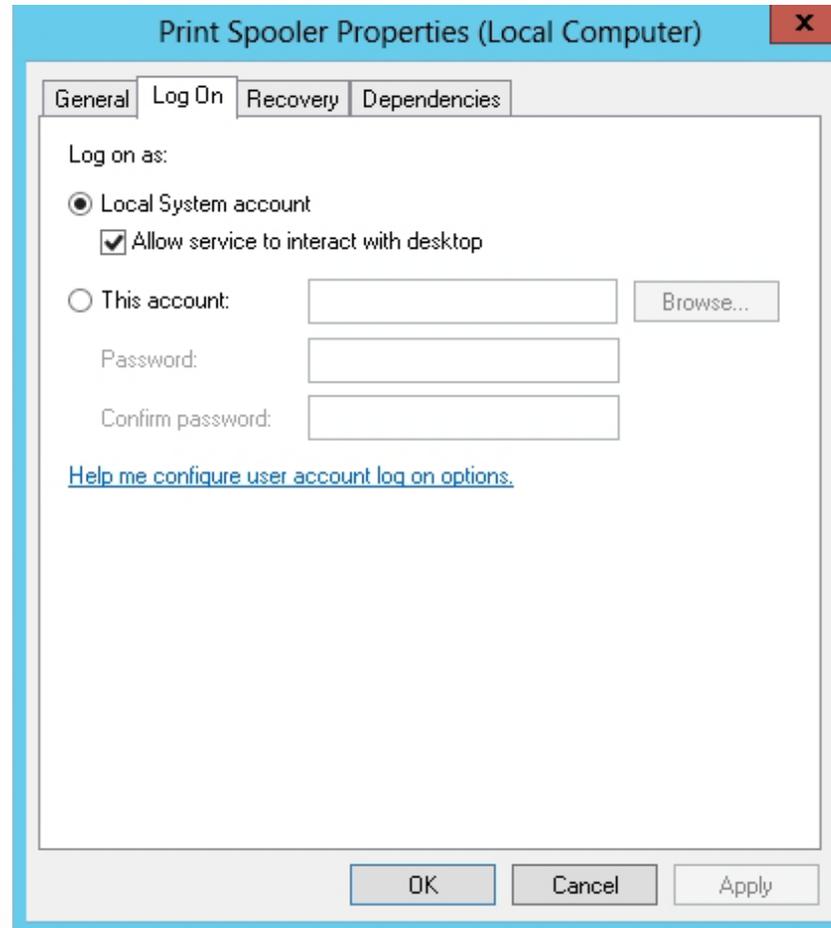


Configuring a service

# Windows Built-In Accounts

- **Local System:** Highly privileged account that can access most resources on the local computer.
- **NT Authority \ LocalService:** Has the same privileges of the local Users group on the computer. When it accesses Network resources, it uses no credentials and a null session.
- **NT Authority \ NetworkService:** Has the same level of access as the Users group on the local computer. When it accesses network resources, it does so under the context of the local computer account.

# The Services Console Properties Dialog Box



Viewing the Log On tab

# Services Best Practices

- Use caution when changing the startup parameters for a service:
  - Includes the *Startup type* and *Log on as* settings.
  - Changes might prevent key services from running correctly.
- Do not change the *Allow service to interact with desktop* setting.
  - Allows service to access any information displayed on the interactive user's desktop.
- Use the account with minimum rights and permissions for the service to operate.
- Use different service accounts for different services.

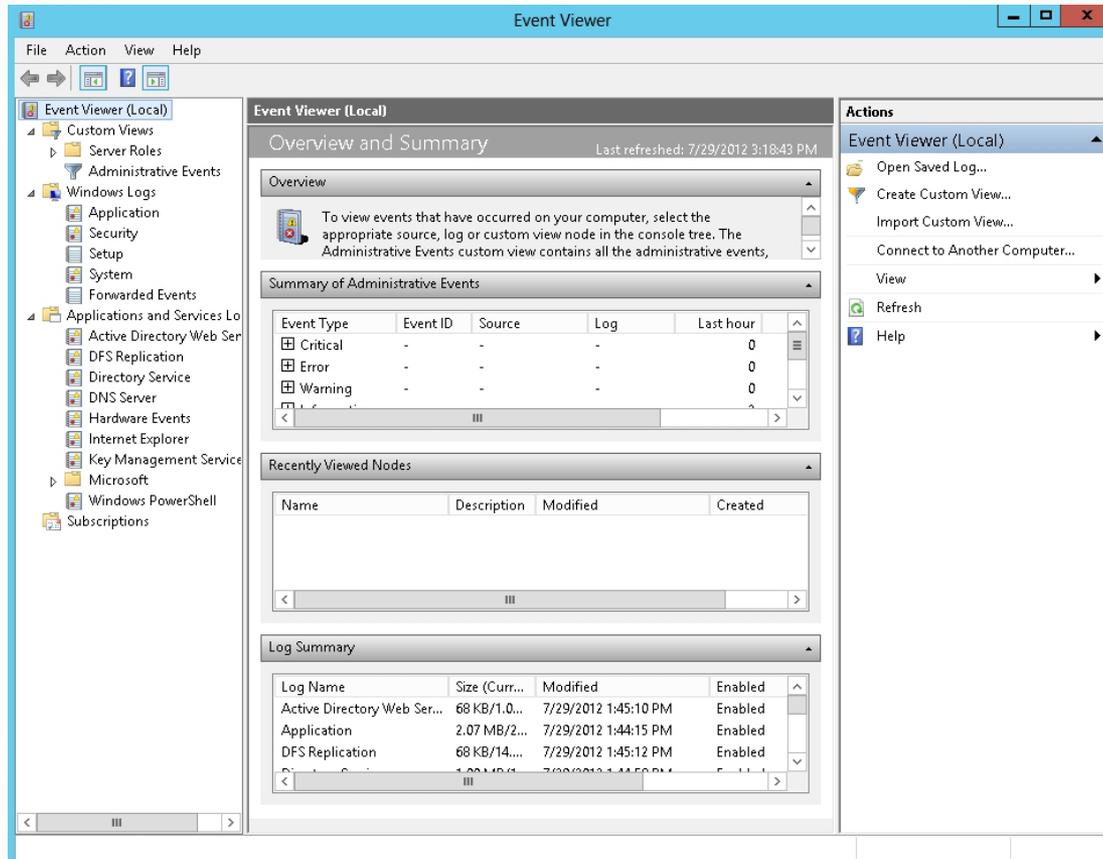
# Using Event Viewer

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# Event Viewer

- View events from multiple event logs.
- Save useful event filters as custom views that can be reused.
- Schedule a task to run in response to an event.
- Create and manage event subscriptions.

# Event Viewer MMC Snap-In

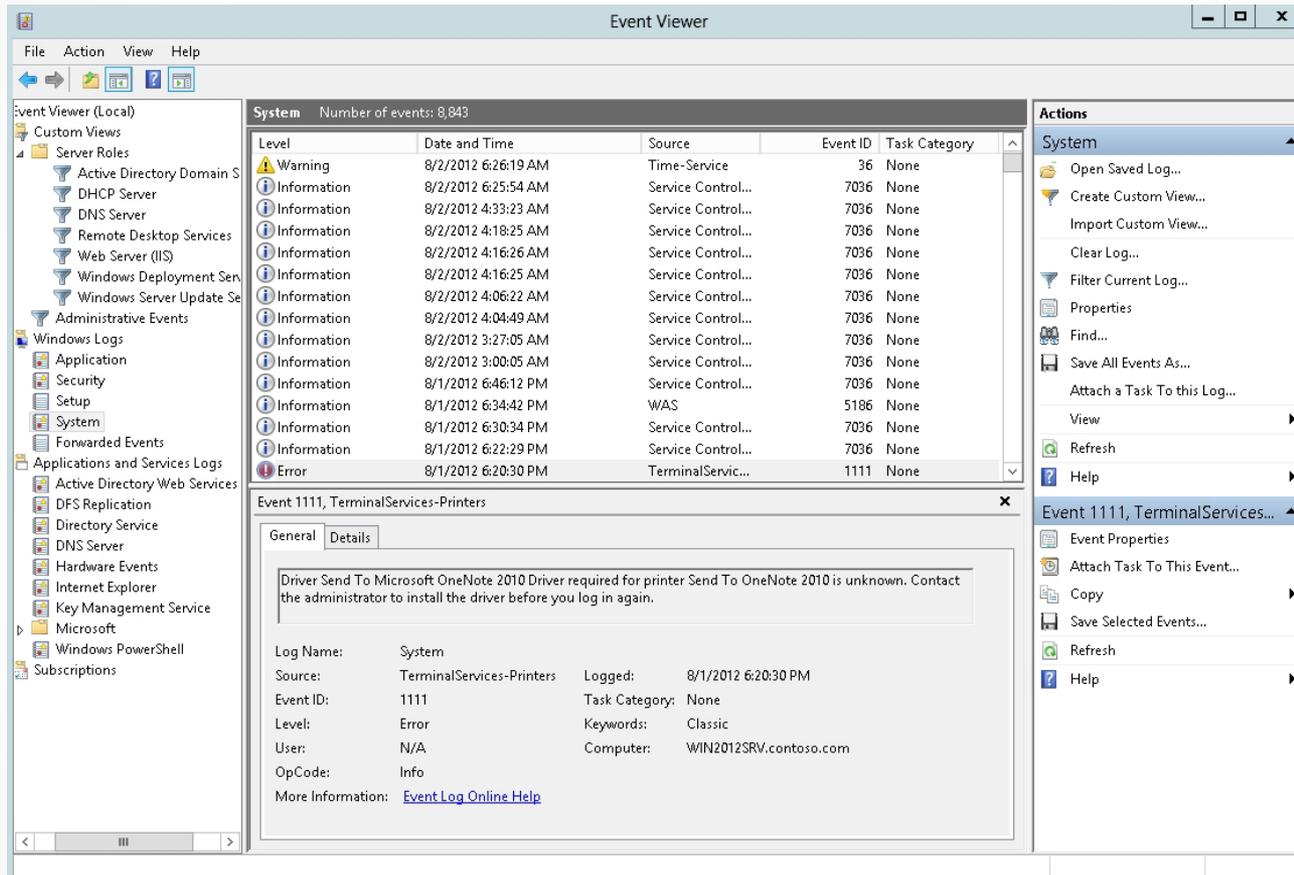


Event Viewer

# Understanding Logs and Events

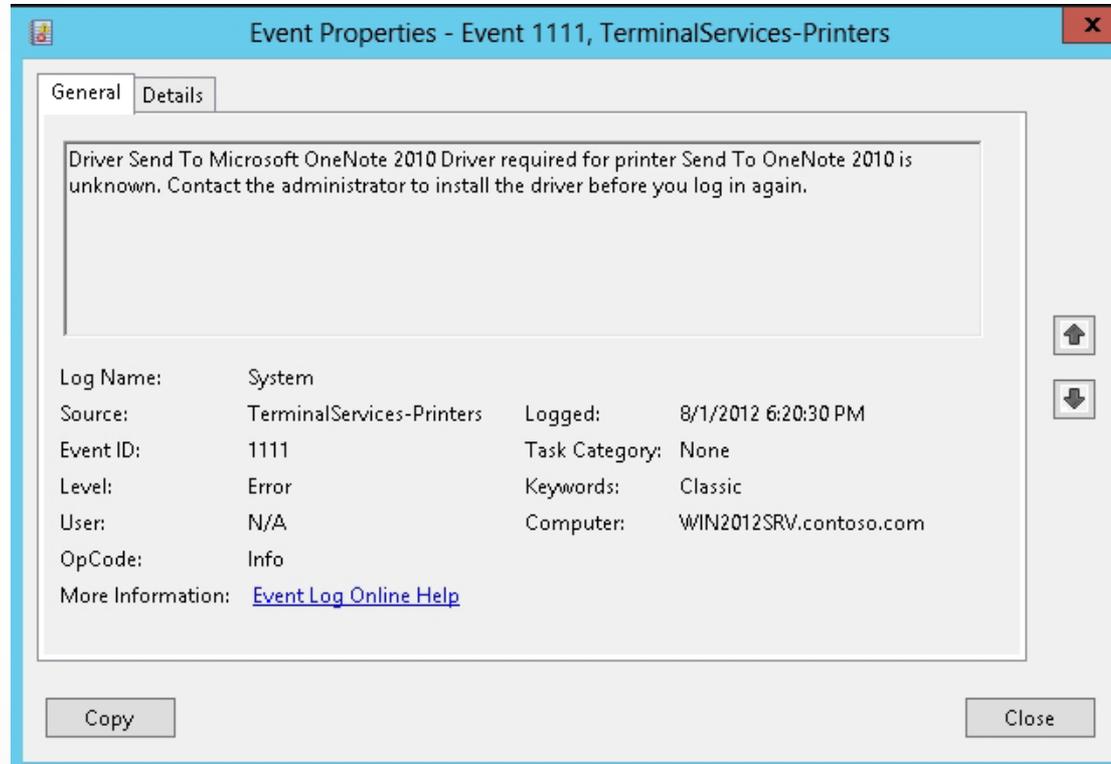
- Custom Views
- Windows Logs
- Applications and Services Logs

# Event Viewer MMC Snap-In



Viewing System logs

# Event Viewer MMC Snap-In

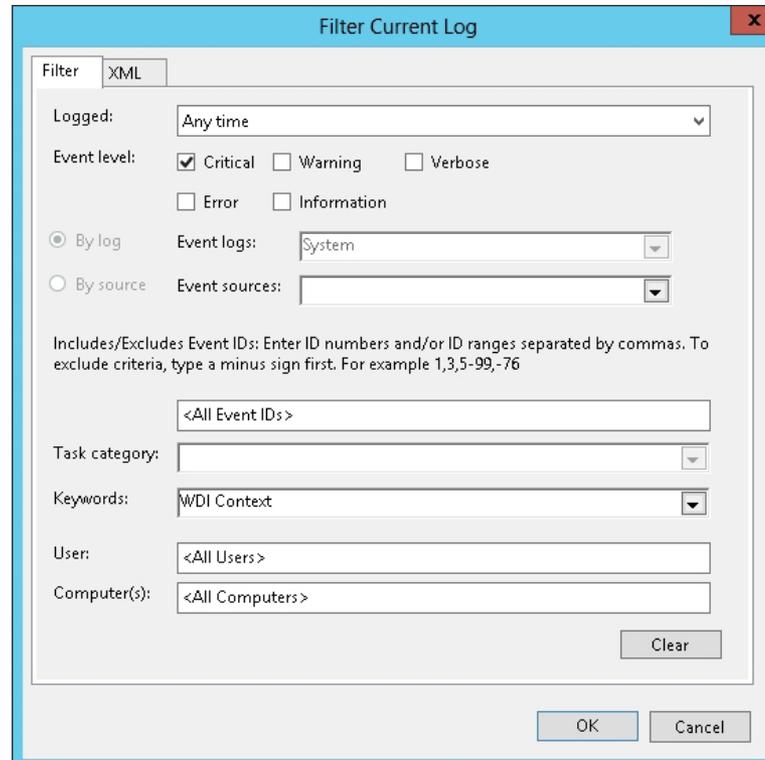


Viewing an event

# Common Files Displayed in Event Viewer Logs

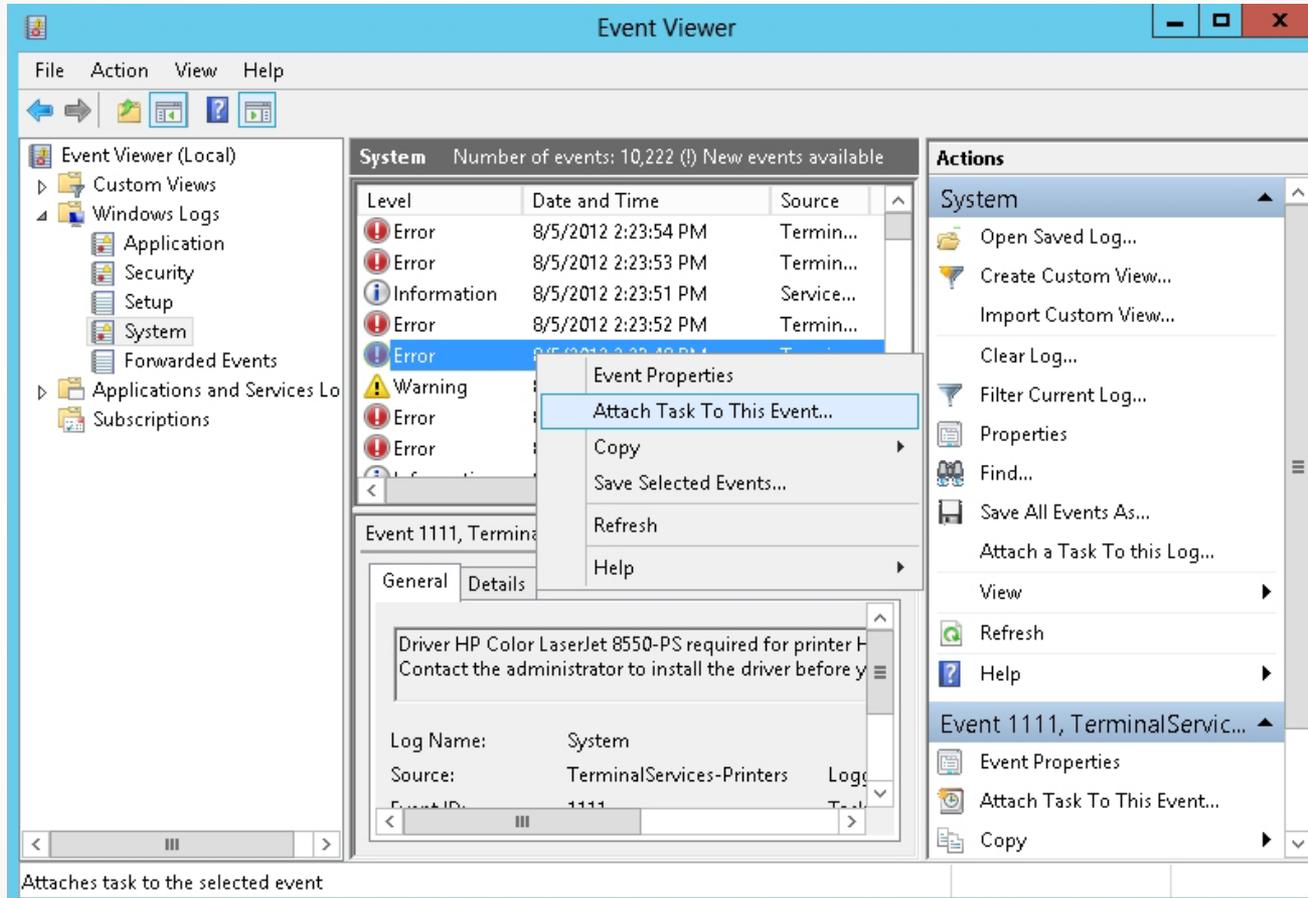
<i>Property Name</i>	<i>Description</i>
Source	The software that logged the event, which can be a program name (such as "SQL Server") or a component of the system or of a large program (such as a driver name).
Event ID	A number identifying the particular event type.
Level	<p>A classification of the event severity.</p> <p>Information: Indicates that a change in an application or component has occurred (such as an operation has successfully completed, a resource has been created, or a service started).</p> <p>Warning: Indicates that an issue has occurred that can impact service or result in a more serious problem if action is not taken.</p> <p>Error: Indicates that a problem has occurred that might impact functionality that is external to the application or component that triggered the event.</p> <p>Critical: Indicates that a failure has occurred from which the application or component that triggered the event cannot automatically recover.</p> <p>Success Audit: Shown in security logs to indicate that the exercise of a user right was successful.</p> <p>Failure Audit: Shown in security logs to indicate that the exercise of a user right has failed.</p>

# Filtering Events



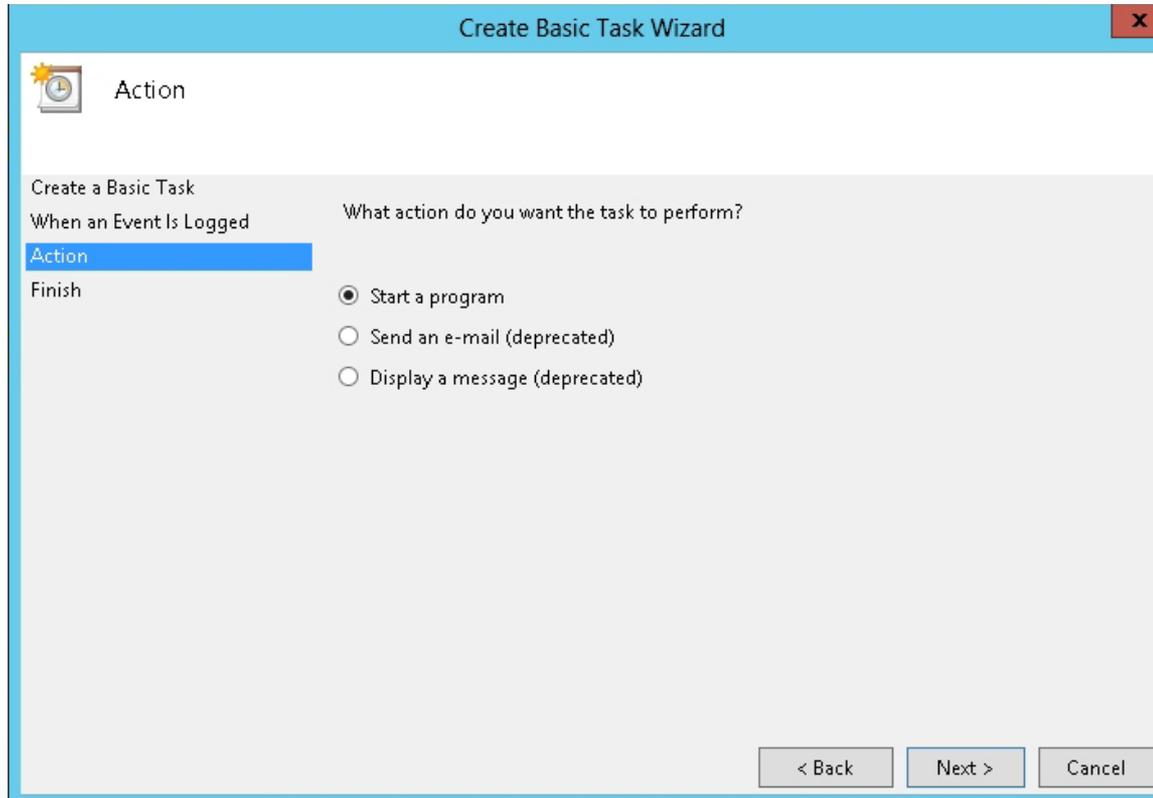
The Filter Current Log dialog box

# Create a Basic Task



Attaching a Task to an event

# Create a Basic Task



Choosing an action

# Create a Basic Task

The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Create Basic Task Wizard" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Start a Program" and features a clock icon. On the left, a vertical list of steps includes "When an Event Is Logged", "Action", "Start a Program" (highlighted in blue), and "Finish". The "Action" section contains a "Program/script:" label followed by a text input field and a "Browse..." button. Below this are "Add arguments (optional):" and "Start in (optional):" labels, each followed by a text input field. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel".

Configuring the Start a Program page

# Configuring Event Subscriptions

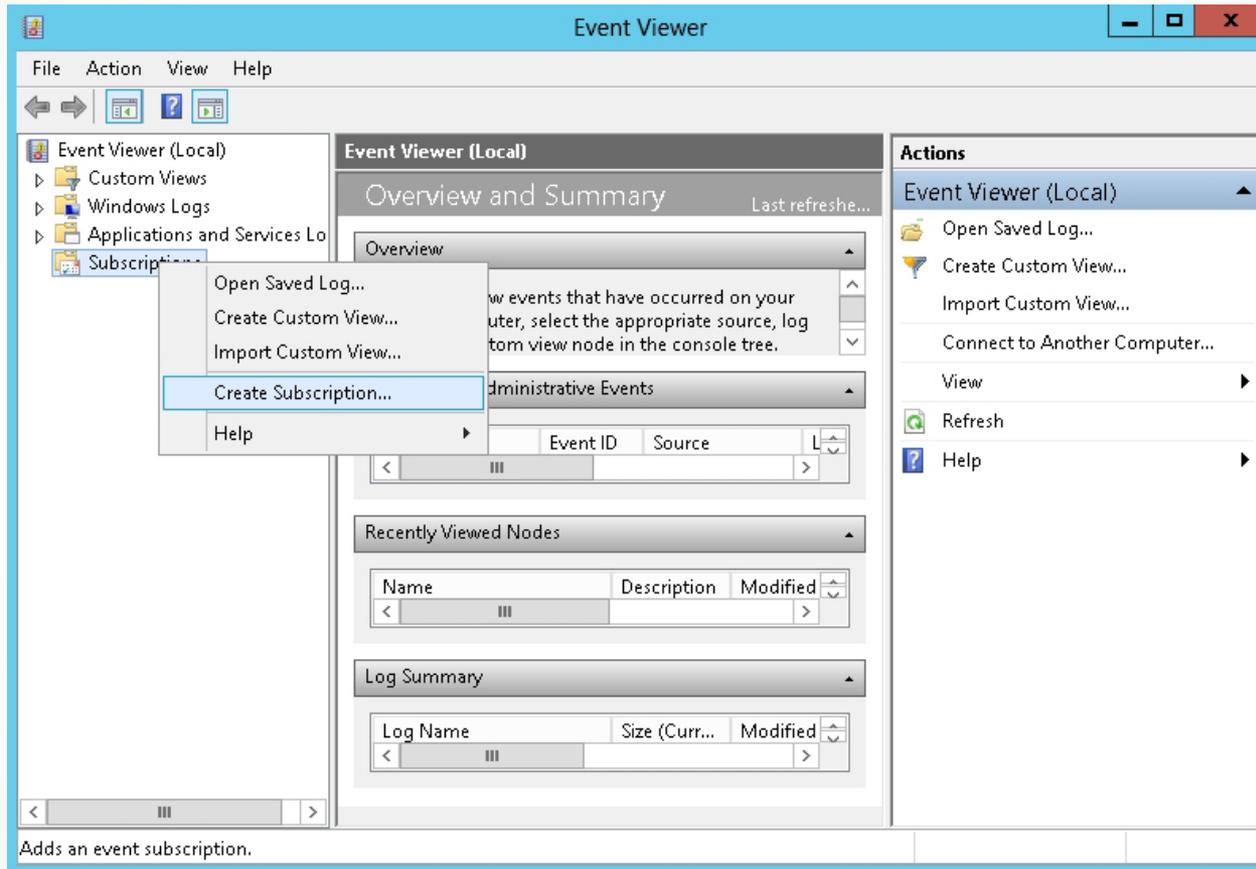
Event Viewer can collect copies of events from multiple remote computers and store them locally.

An **event subscription** specifies which events to collect.

To configure event subscriptions:

1. Configure the forwarding computer.
2. Configure the collecting computer.
3. Create an event subscription.

# Create an Event Subscription



Creating a subscription

# Create an Event Subscription

The image shows a screenshot of the 'Subscription Properties' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with the text 'Subscription Properties' and a close button (X) on the right. The main area contains several fields and options:

- Subscription name:** An empty text input field.
- Description:** An empty text area with up and down arrow buttons on the right.
- Destination log:** A dropdown menu currently showing 'Forwarded Events'.
- Subscription type and source computers:** A section with two radio button options:
  - Collector initiated:** Selected with a radio button. To its right is a 'Select Computers...' button. Below it is the text: 'This computer contacts the selected source computers and provides the subscription.'
  - Source computer initiated:** Unselected with a radio button. To its right is a 'Select Computer Groups...' button. Below it is the text: 'Source computers in the selected groups must be configured through policy or local configuration to contact this computer and receive the subscription.'
- Events to collect:** A dropdown menu showing '<filter not configured>' and a 'Select Events...' button.
- User account (the selected account must have read access to the source logs):** A text field containing 'Machine Account'.
- Change user account or configure advanced settings:** A button labeled 'Advanced...'.
- At the bottom right, there are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Configuring subscription properties

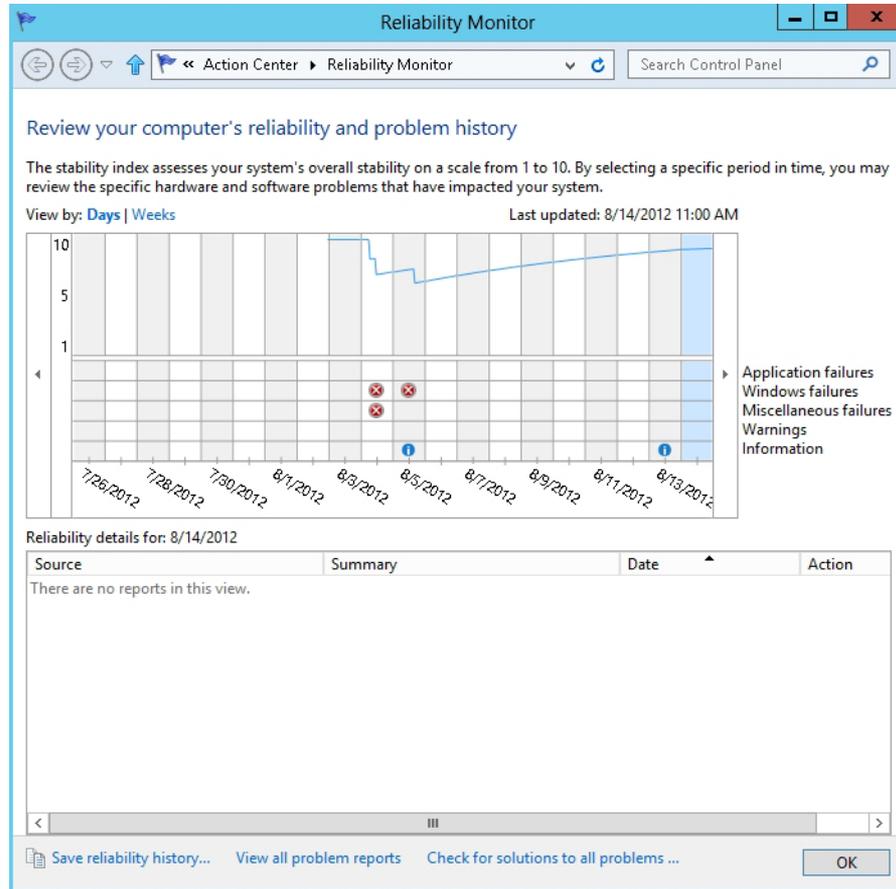
# Using Reliability Monitor

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# Reliability Monitor

- Provides a stability index that ranges from 1 (the least stable) to 10 (the most stable).
- Index helps you evaluate the reliability of your computer.
- In Reliability Monitor, view:
  - Event details
  - Stability index over a specific period of time
  - Reports of problems that have occurred on your computer

# Reliability Monitor



Viewing the Reliability Monitor information

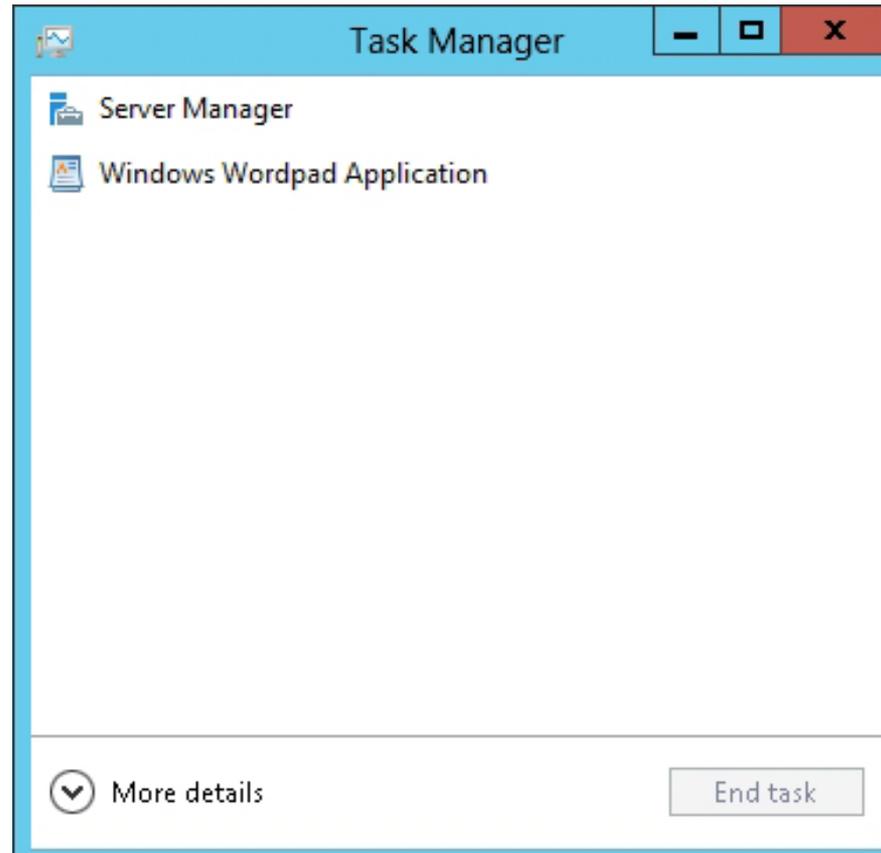
# Managing Performance

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# Using Task Manager

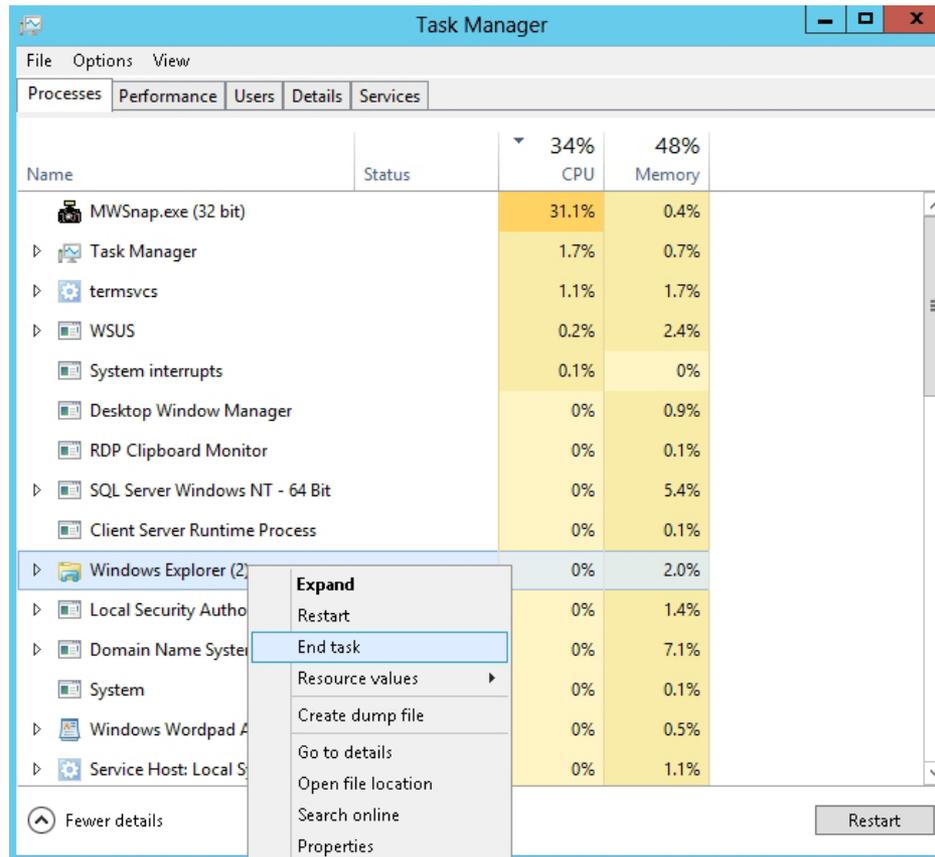
- Shows which programs are using the most system resources on your computer.
- Displays status of running programs and programs that have stopped responding.

# Using Task Manager



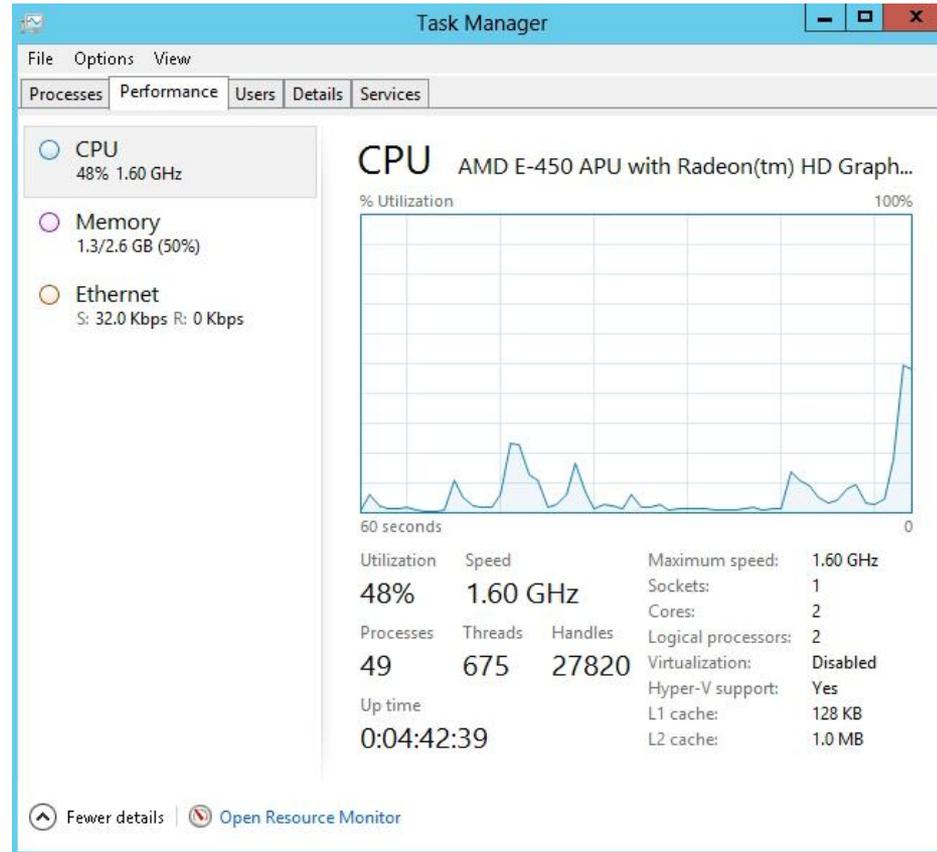
Task Manager displays running applications

# Using Task Manager



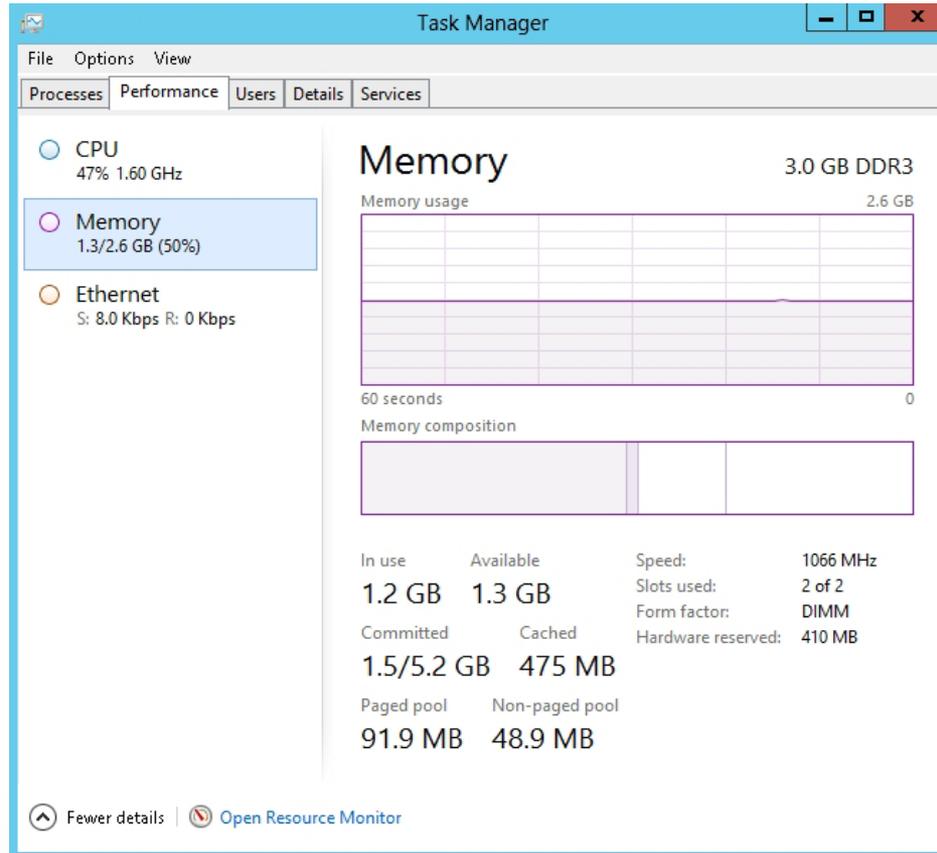
Ending a task

# Using Task Manager



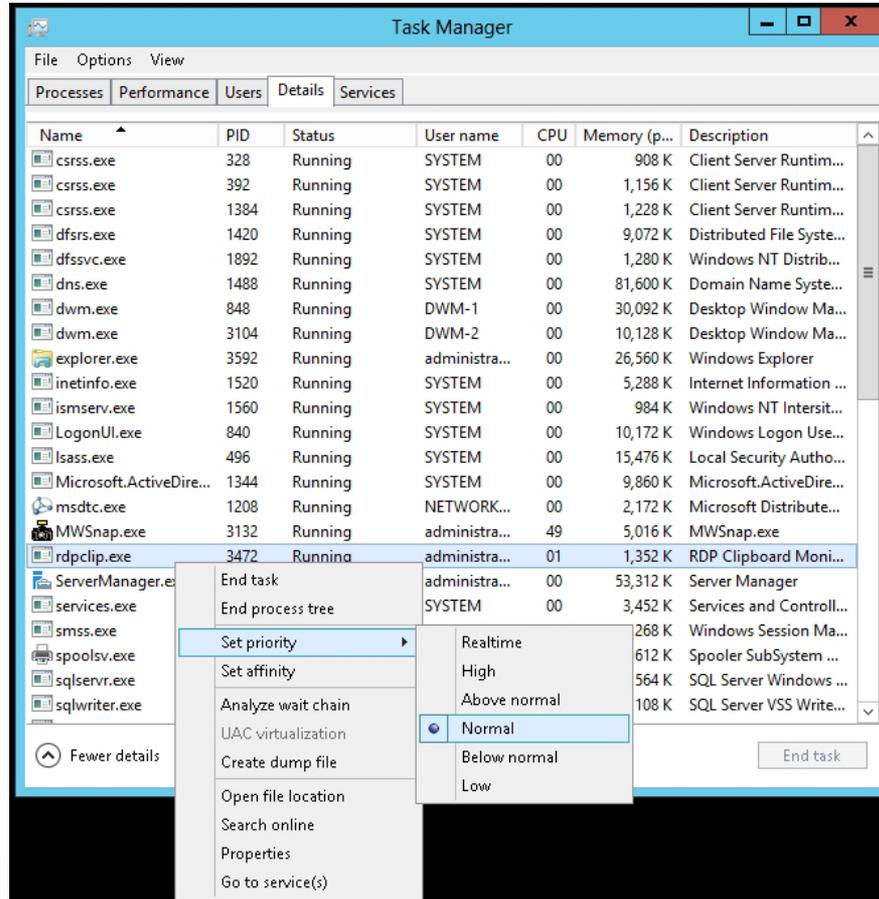
Viewing CPU usage

# Using Task Manager



Viewing Memory usage

# Using Task Manager

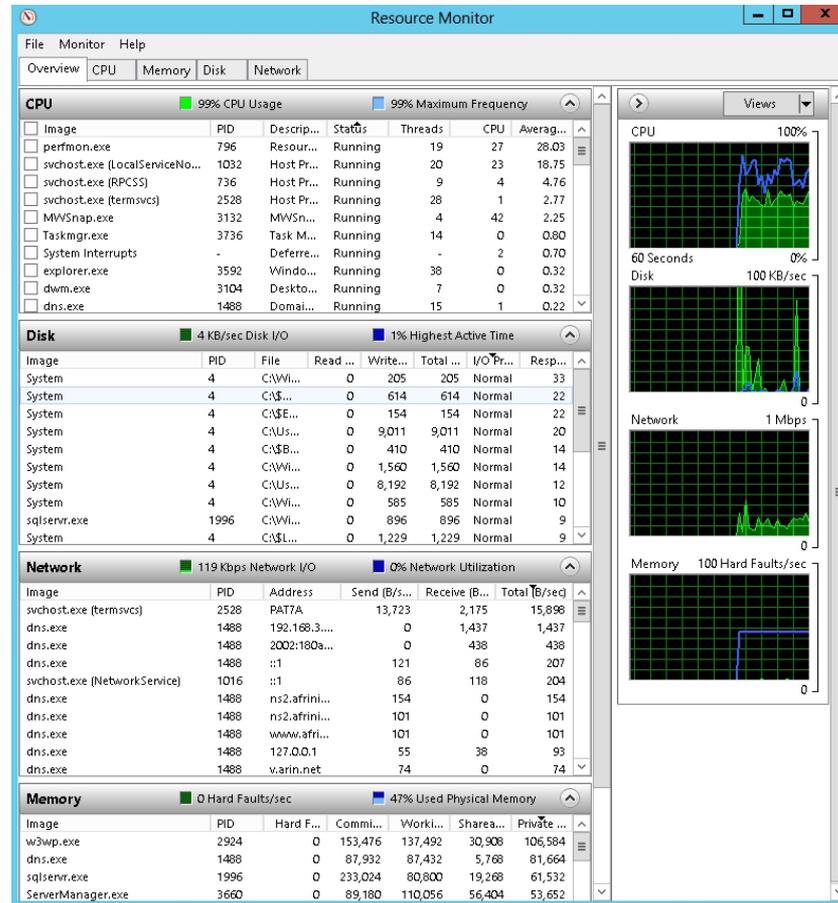


Setting a priority level

# Using Resource Monitor

- Monitors resource usage in real time.
- Shows how system resources are used by processes and services.
- Helps analyze unresponsive processes.
- Identifies which applications are using files.
- Controls processes and services.

# Using Resource Monitor

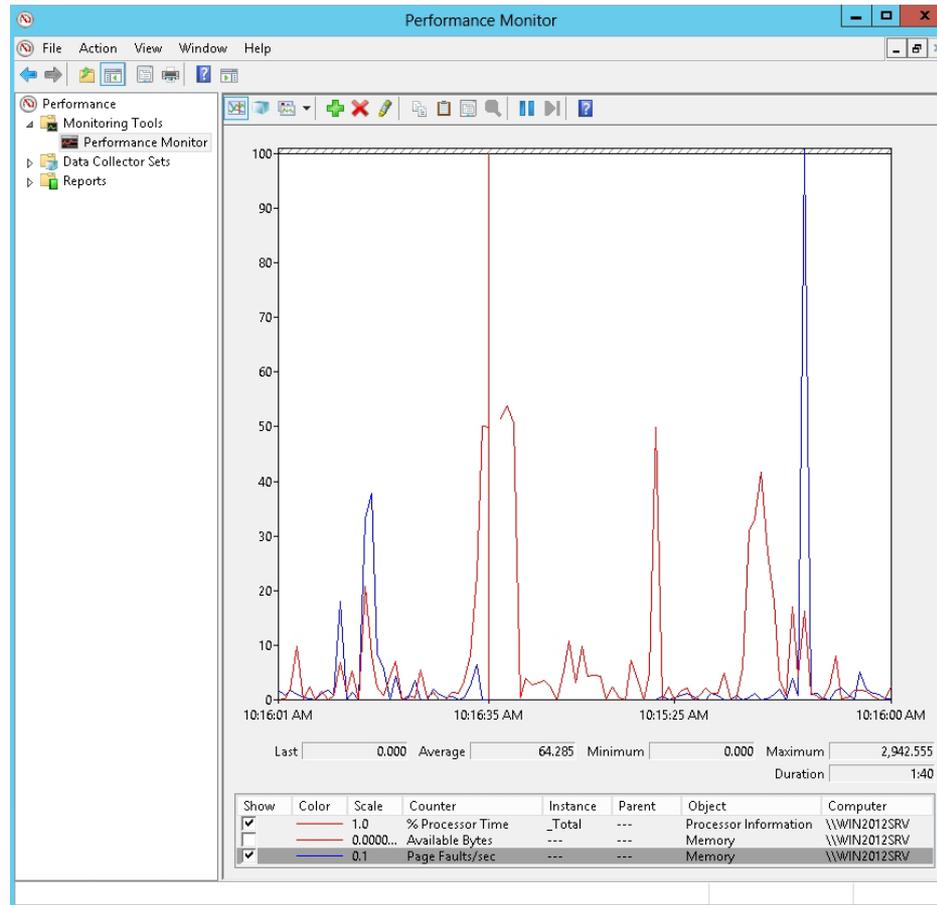


Viewing Resource Monitor

# Using Performance Monitor

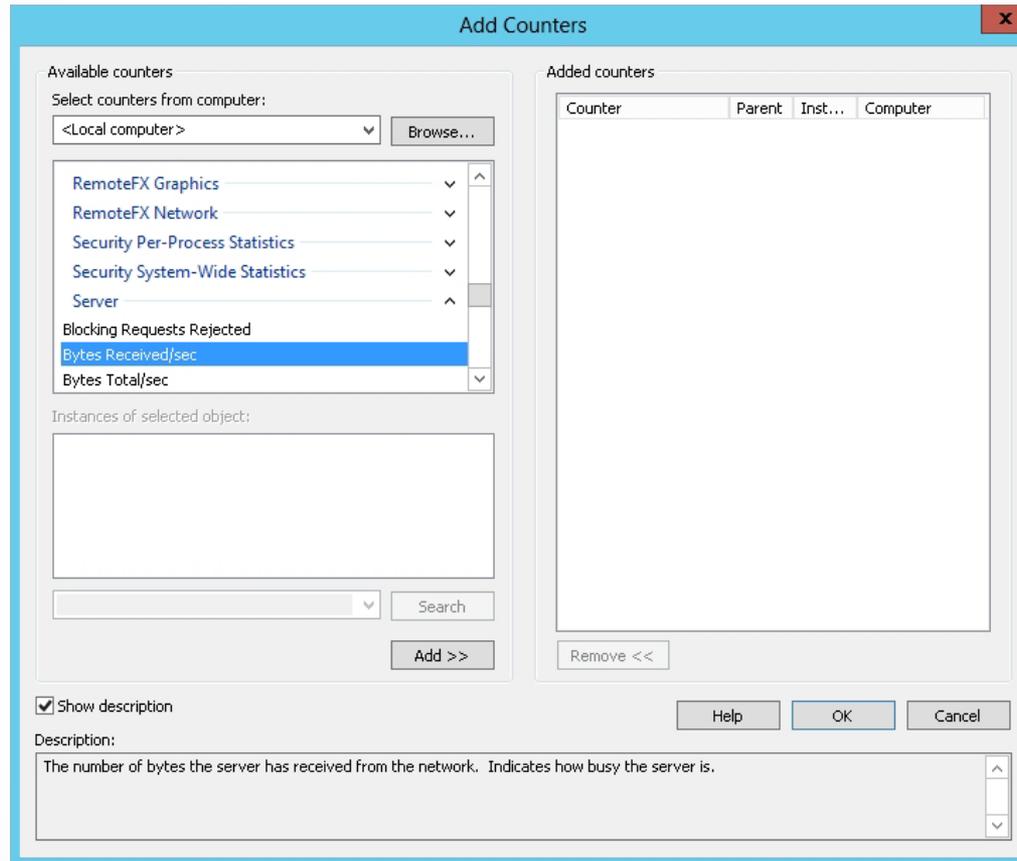
- An MMC snap-in that provides tools for analyzing system performance.
- Monitors application and hardware performance in real time.
- Generates reports.
- Displays past performance data in a variety of ways.
- Lets you specify:
  - Data you want to collect in logs
  - Thresholds for alerts and automatic actions

# Using Performance Monitor



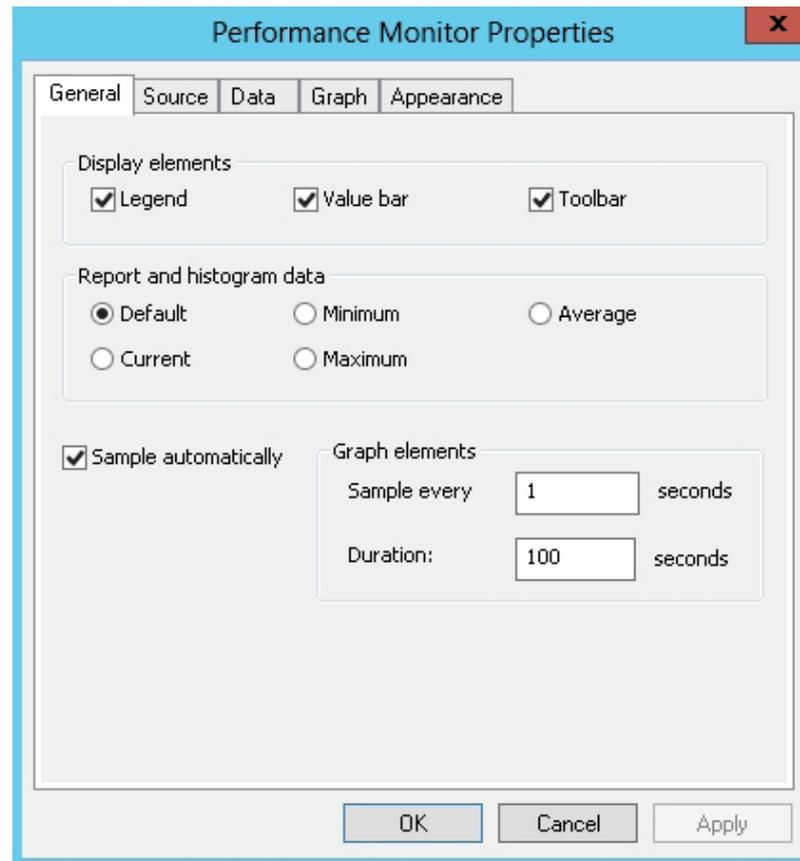
Viewing Performance Monitor

# Using Performance Monitor



## Adding counters to Performance Monitor

# Using Performance Monitor



Configuring Performance Monitor properties

# Performance Monitor Tabs

General

Source

Data

Graph

Appearance

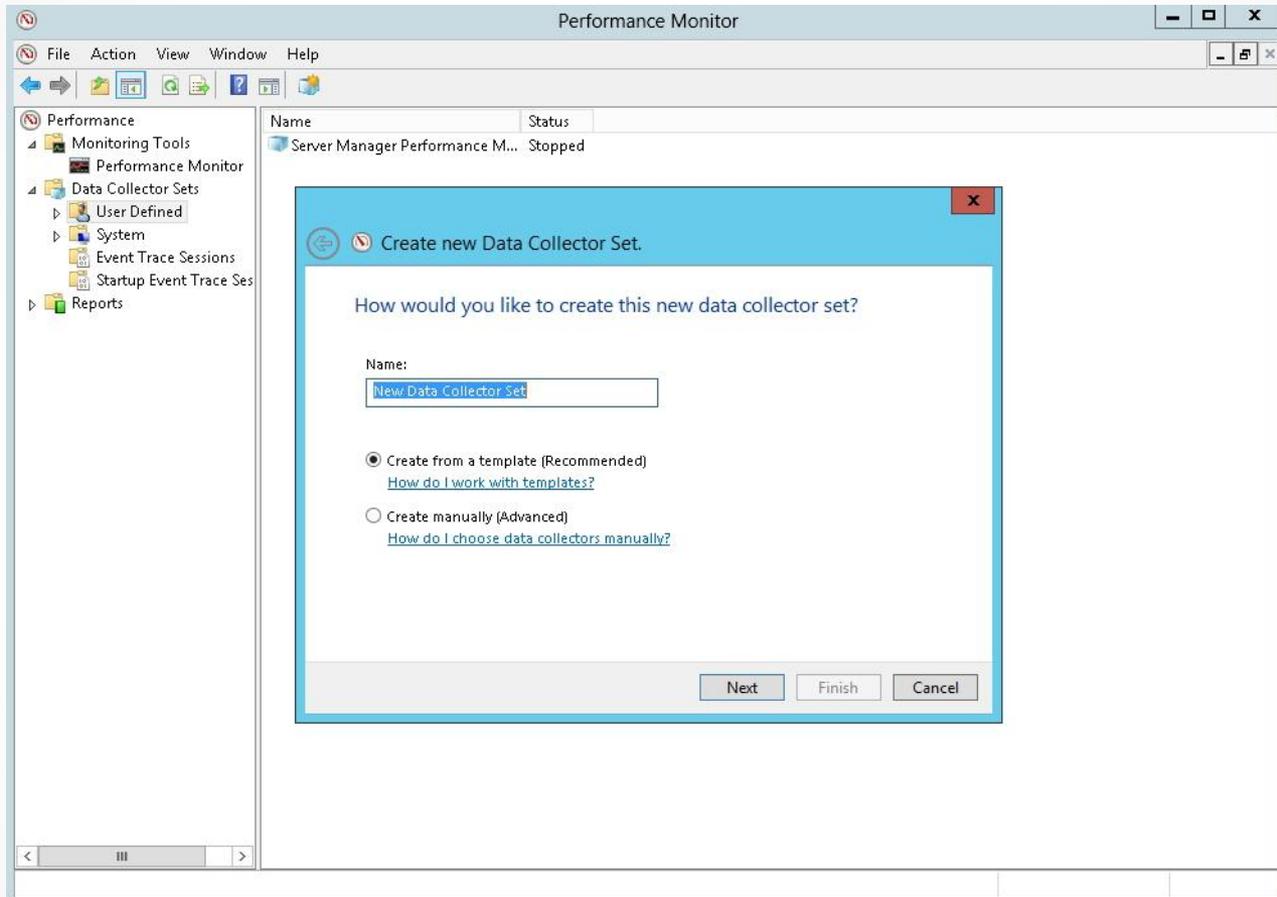
# Using Common Performance Counters

- Processor:%Processor Time
- pages/sec
- Paging File:%Usage
- Physical Disk:%Disk Time
- Physical Disk:%Avg. Disk Queue Length

# Configuring Data Collector Sets (DCS)

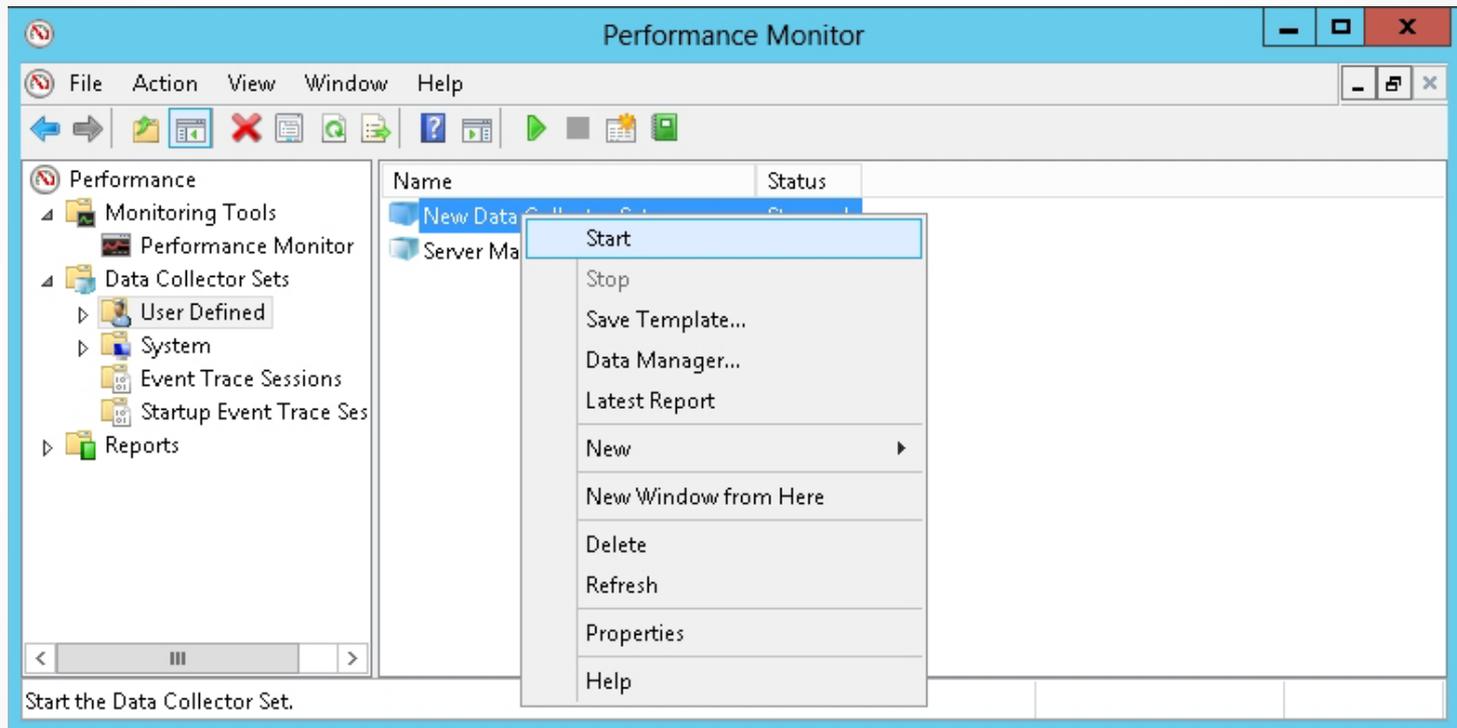
- Windows Performance Monitor uses performance counters, event trace data, and configuration information, which can be combined into Data Collector Sets:
  - **Performance counters:** Current value requested at specified time intervals by Windows Performance Monitor.
  - **Event trace data:** Collected from trace providers, which are components of the operating system or of individual applications that report actions or events.
  - **Configuration information:** Collected from key values in the Windows registry.

# Create a Data Collector Set



Creating a new Data Collector Set

# Create a Data Collector Set



Starting the Data Collector Set

# Create a Performance Alert

← Create new Data Collector Set. [X]

Which performance counters would you like to monitor?

Performance counters:

[Empty list box] [Add...] [Remove]

Alert when: [Above] Limit: [0]

[Next] [Finish] [Cancel]

Choosing performance counters

# Create a Performance Alert

The screenshot shows a 'Folder Action' dialog box with the following configuration:

- Active range:**
  - Beginning date: 8/ 4/2012
  - Expiration date: 8/ 4/2012
- Launch:**
  - Start time: 12:00:00 AM
  - Days:  Monday,  Tuesday,  Wednesday,  Thursday,  Friday,  Saturday,  Sunday

Buttons: OK, Cancel

Configuring a schedule

# Monitoring the Network

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# Troubleshooting Network Issues

- Make sure you are connected.
- Make sure the network interface is enabled.
- Check local IP configuration using `ipconfig`.
- Use the `ping` command to determine what you can reach and what you cannot reach:
  - Ping the loopback address (127.0.0.1).
  - Ping a local IP address.
  - Ping a remote gateway.
  - Ping a remote computer.
- Identify each hop (router) between two systems using the `tracert` command.
- Verify DNS configuration using the `nslookup` command (discussed in Lessons 8 and 9).

# Using the `netstat` Command

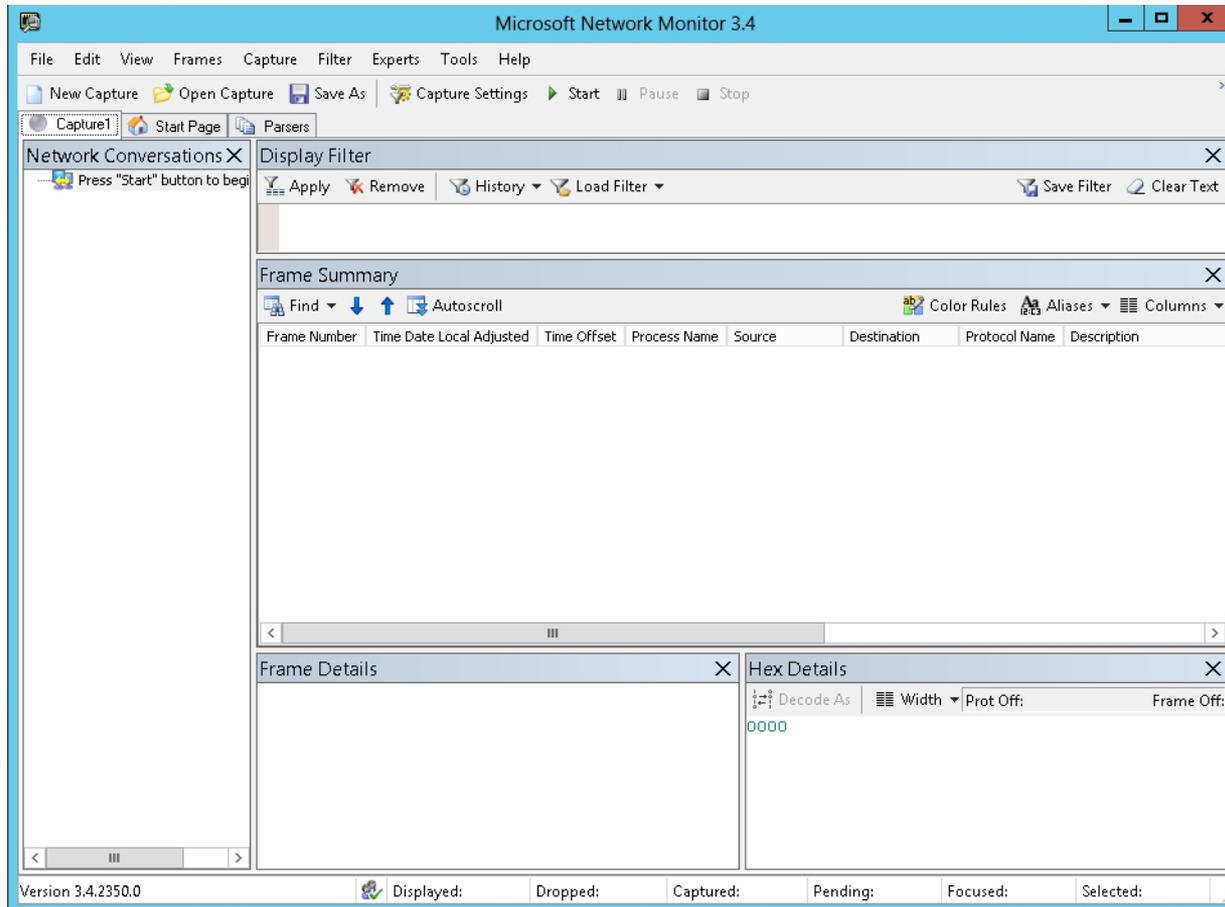
`netstat` shows all the outbound TCP/IP connections. Options include:

- `netstat -a` displays all connections
- `netstat -r` displays the route table plus active connections
- `netstat -e` displays Ethernet statistics
- `netstat -s` displays per-protocol statistics

# Using Protocol Analyzers

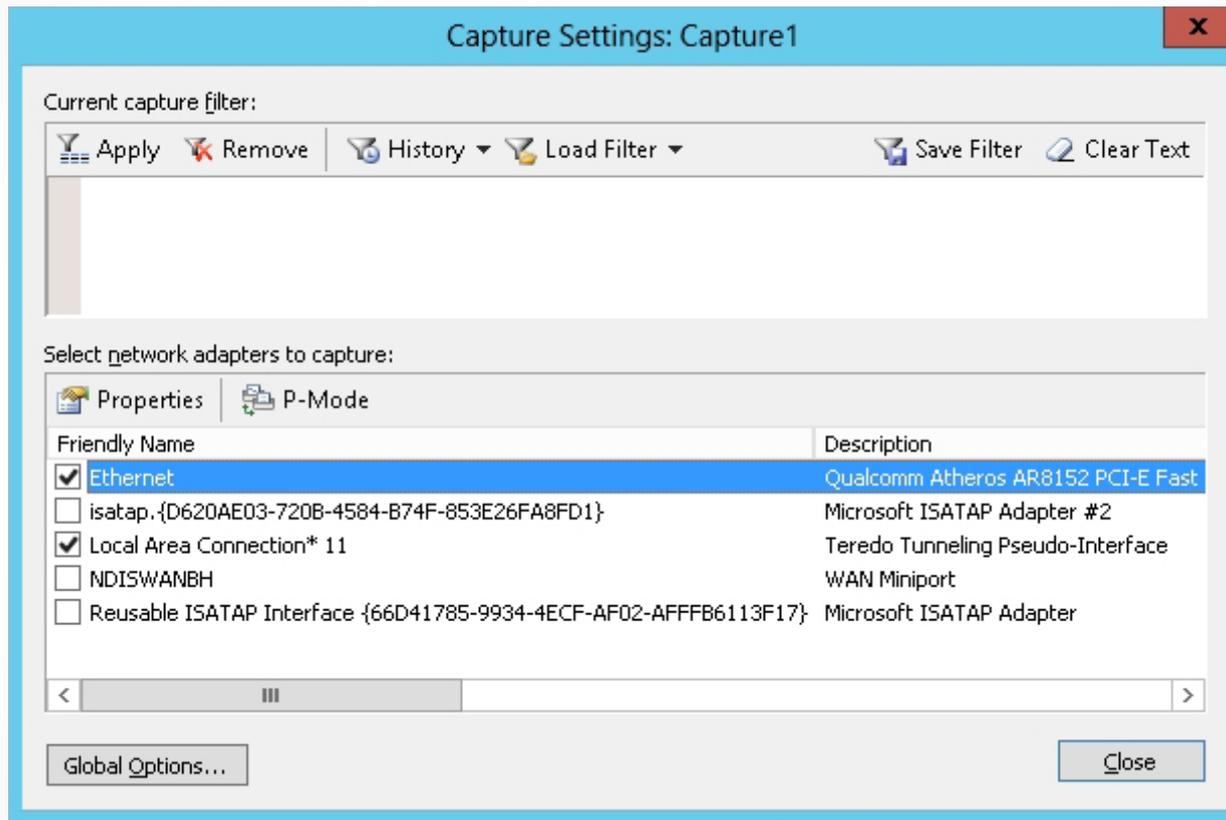
- Allows you to view actual packets on a network
- Examples: Wireshark and Microsoft Network Monitor

# Capture Packets with Network Monitor



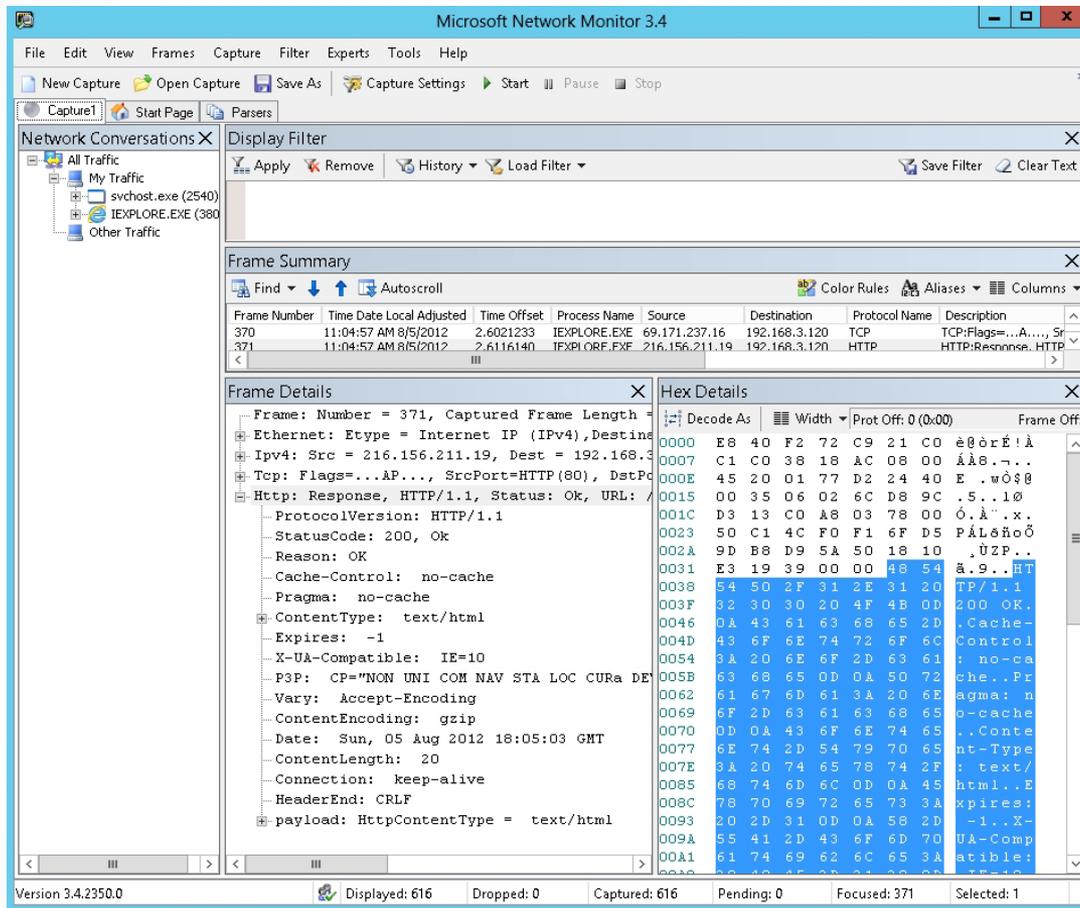
Using the Microsoft Network Monitor

# Capture Packets with Network Monitor



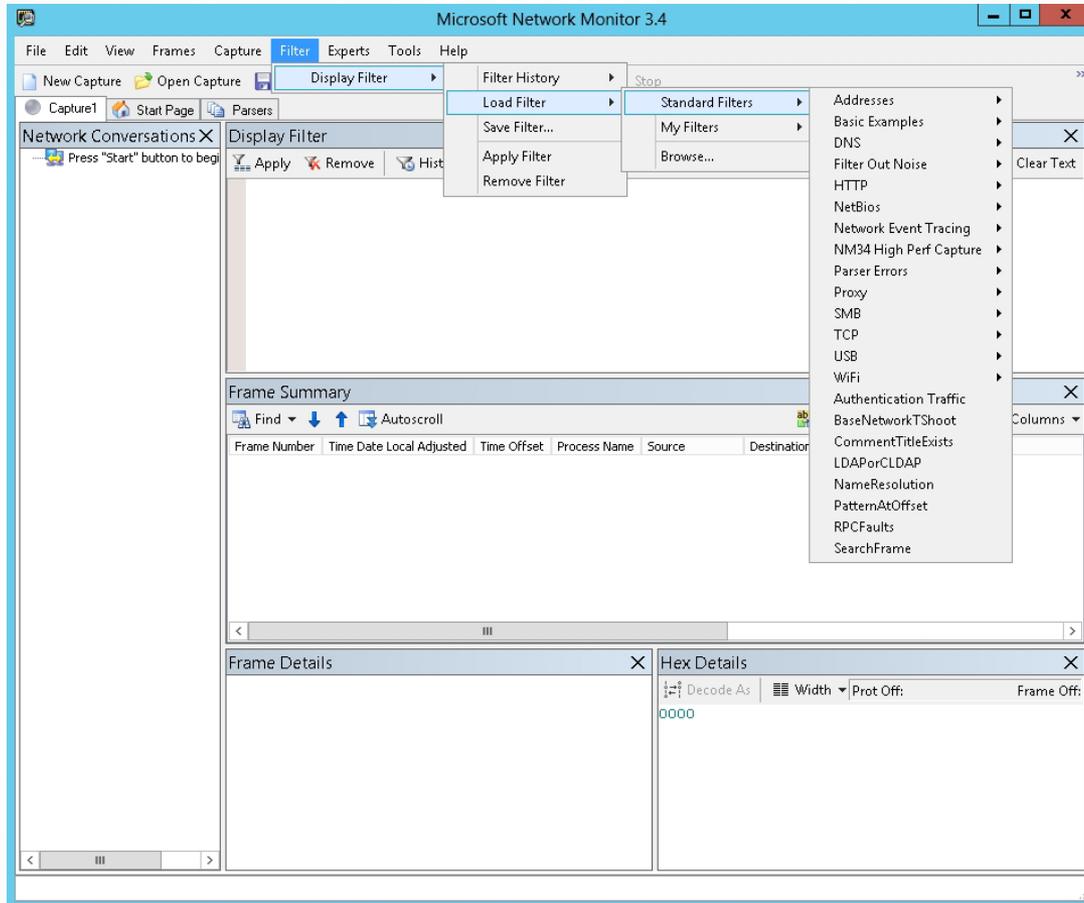
Configuring capture settings

# Capture Packets with Network Monitor



Viewing the frame details

# Capture Packets with Network Monitor



Choosing a standard filter

# Monitoring Virtual Machines (VMs)

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# Hyper-V Resource Metering

- **Hyper-V Resource Metering** is a tool that allows you to view the resource usage of a host and individual VMs.
- Some Hyper-V Resource metering cmdlets:
  - `Enable-VMResourceMetering` starts collecting data per virtual machine.
  - `Disable-VMResourceMetering` disables resource metering per virtual machine.
  - `Reset-VMResourceMetering` resets virtual machine resource-metering counters.
  - `Measure-VM` displays resource-metering statistics for a specific virtual machine.

# Resource Metering with Windows PowerShell

- To enable Hyper-V resource metering on a Hyper-V host:

```
Get-VM -ComputerName <HostName> | Enable-  
VMResourceMetering
```

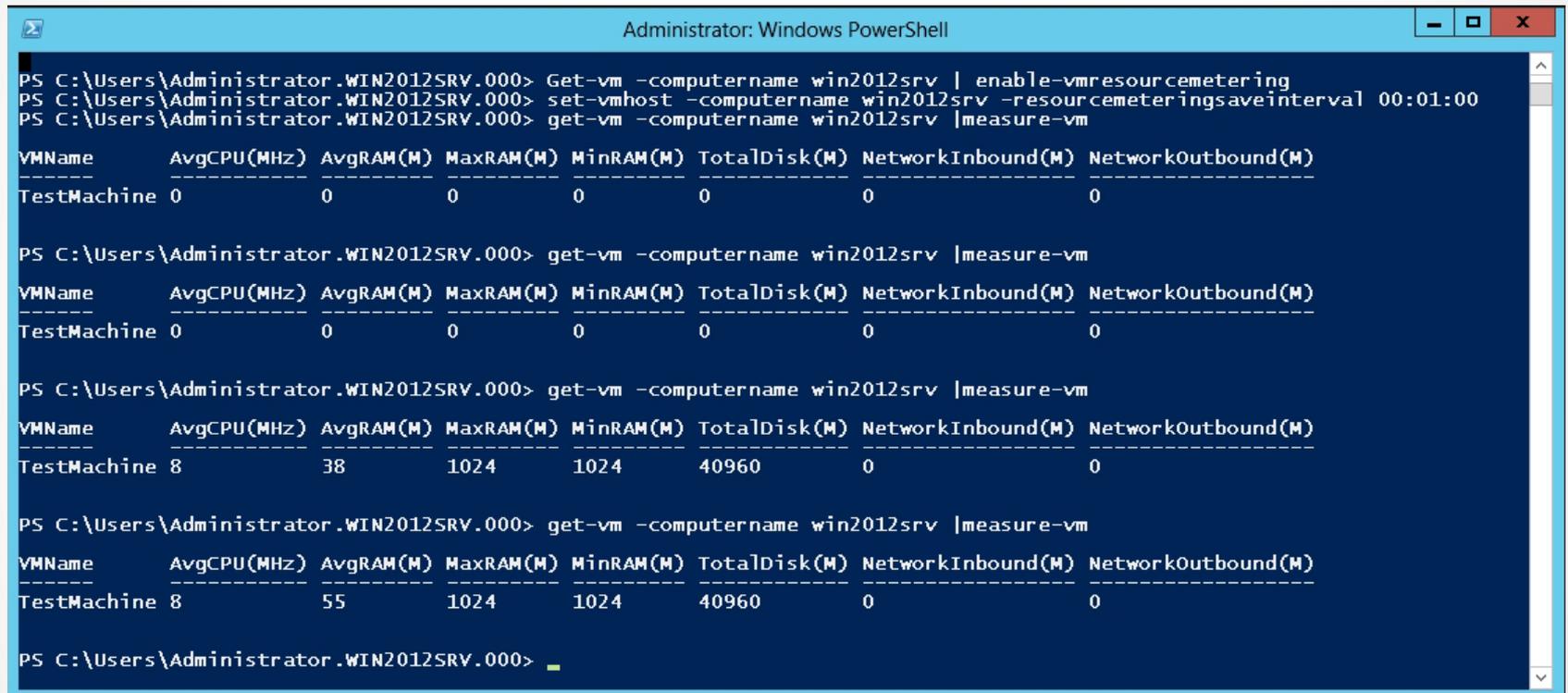
- To change the interval to one minute:

```
Set-vmhost -computername <HostName>  
-ResourceMeteringSaveInterval 00:01:00
```

- To get all VMs metering data for a host:

```
Get-VM -ComputerName <HostName> |  
Measure-VM
```

# Resource Metering



```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator.WIN2012SRV.000> Get-vm -computername win2012srv | enable-vmresource metering
PS C:\Users\Administrator.WIN2012SRV.000> set-vmhost -computername win2012srv -resource metering saveinterval 00:01:00
PS C:\Users\Administrator.WIN2012SRV.000> get-vm -computername win2012srv |measure-vm
```

VMName	AvgCPU(MHz)	AvgRAM(M)	MaxRAM(M)	MinRAM(M)	TotalDisk(M)	NetworkInbound(M)	NetworkOutbound(M)
TestMachine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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VMName	AvgCPU(MHz)	AvgRAM(M)	MaxRAM(M)	MinRAM(M)	TotalDisk(M)	NetworkInbound(M)	NetworkOutbound(M)
TestMachine	8	38	1024	1024	40960	0	0

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VMName	AvgCPU(MHz)	AvgRAM(M)	MaxRAM(M)	MinRAM(M)	TotalDisk(M)	NetworkInbound(M)	NetworkOutbound(M)
TestMachine	8	55	1024	1024	40960	0	0

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.WIN2012SRV.000> _
```

## Enabling Resource Metering

# Lesson Summary

- The Microsoft Management Console (MMC) is one of the primary administrative tools used to manage Windows and many network services provided by Windows.
- Administrative Tools is a folder in the Control Panel that contains tools for system administrators and advanced users.
- Server Manager is a management console in Windows Server 2012 that helps you manage local and remote Windows-based servers.
- The Event Viewer enables you to browse and manage event logs.
- Use Microsoft enhanced Event Viewer to capture events from multiple computers so that you can view the events using one console.
- The Reliability Monitor provides a stability index that ranges from 1 (the least stable) to 10 (the most stable). You can use the index to help evaluate the reliability of your computer.

# Lesson Summary

- Performance is the overall effectiveness of how data moves through the system.
- Task Manager provides information about programs and processes running on your computer.
- Resource Monitor is a powerful tool for understanding how your system resources are used by processes and services.
- Performance Monitor provides tools for analyzing system performance:
  - Create Data Collector Sets (DCS) to organize a set of performance counters, event traces, and system configuration data into a single object that can be reused as needed.
- The `netstat` command displays TCP/IP connections.
- Hyper-V Resource Metering allows you to view the resource usage of a host and individual VMs.

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