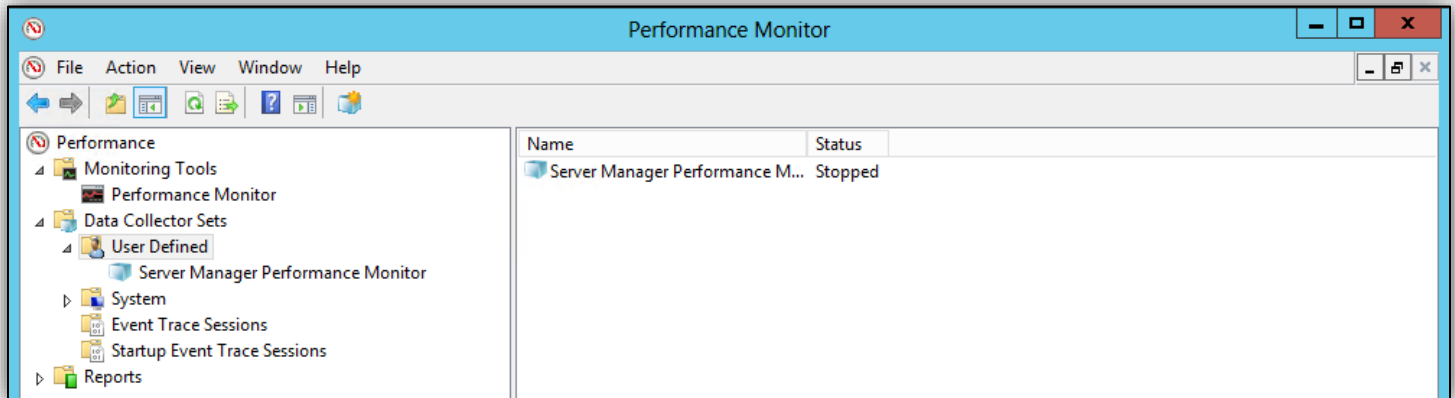


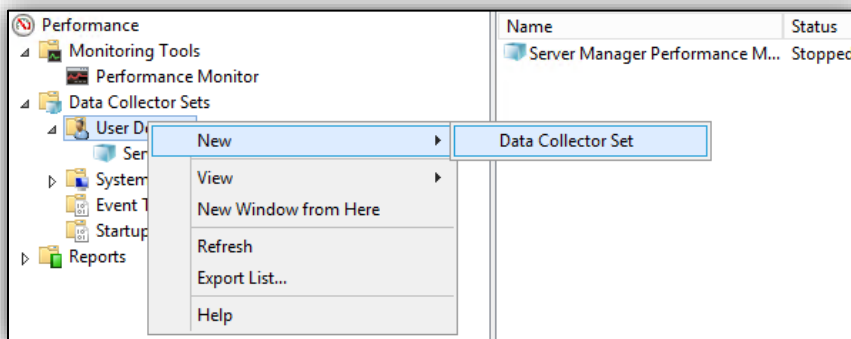
## Perfmon Collection Setup Instructions for Windows Server 2008R2+

Performance statistics are critically vital for the long-term health and capacity management of an enterprise environment. Unless a third-party performance statistics collection utility, such as Microsoft System Center, is already in place in an environment, Perfmon on each Windows Server can be configured to constantly record performance statistics for future use.

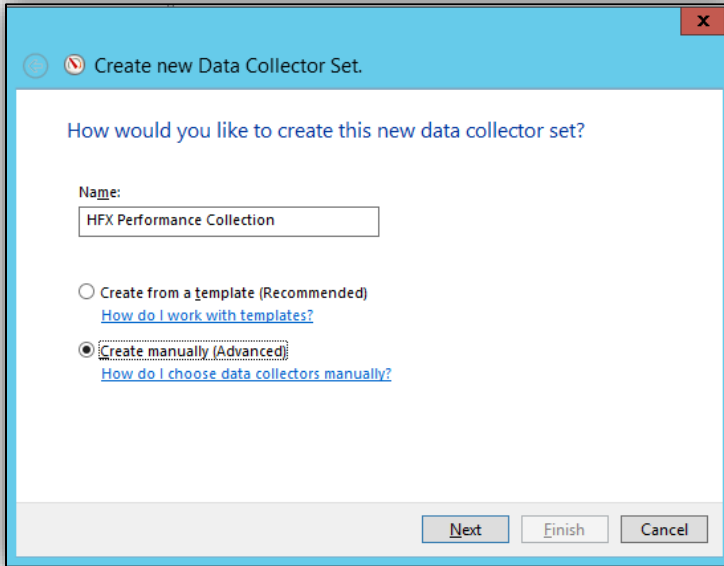
Open Windows Perfmon and expand the Data Collector Sets, User Defined tree item.



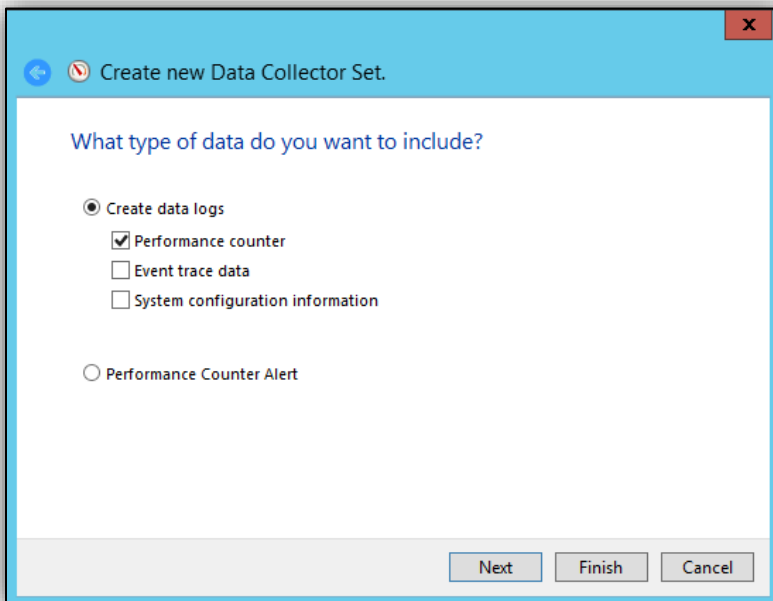
Right-click on User Defined, select New, and select Data Collector Set.



Name the Data Collector Set appropriately, and select Create manually (Advanced).



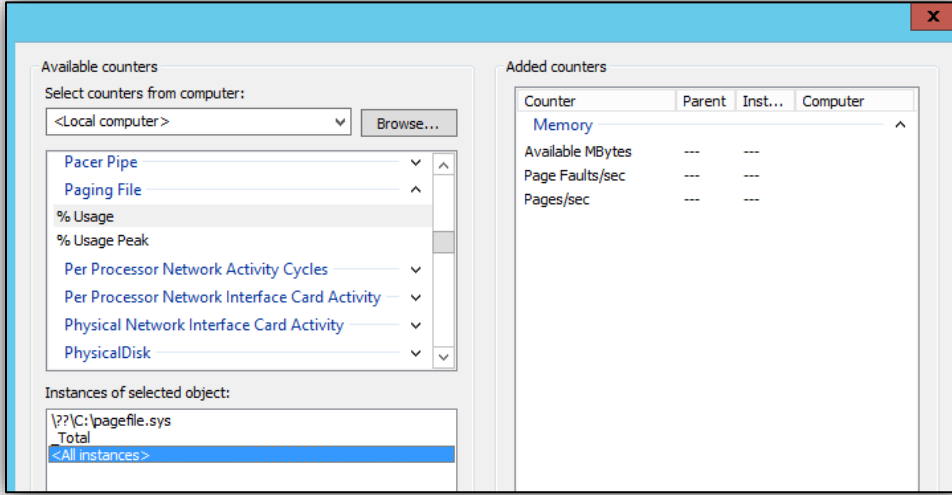
Select Create data logs and then check Performance Counter. Select Next.



Set the Sample interval to thirty seconds. We find we get solid granularity without consuming much disk space at 30 seconds. Next, select the following counters.



**Note:** If a counter has multiple instances of a selected object, make sure you select **<All instances>** instead of **Total** so the counters are separated appropriately. This option helps you get individual statistics for objects like CPU cores or disk drive letters.



**Windows Server Counters**

Counter Group	Counter Set
Memory	Available Mbytes
	Page Faults / sec
	Page Reads / sec
	Page Writes / sec
	Pages / sec
Network Interface	Bytes Received / sec
	Bytes Sent / sec
Paging File	% Usage
PhysicalDisk	% Idle Time
	Avg. Disk Bytes / Read
	Avg. Disk Bytes / Write
	Avg. Disk sec / Read
	Avg. Disk sec / Write
	Disk Read Bytes / sec
	Disk Reads / sec
	Disk Write Bytes / sec
Processor	% Privileged Time
	% Processor Time
	% User Time
Processor Information	% of Maximum Frequency
System	Processor Queue Length

If this server is virtualized on VMware vSphere, add the following VMware-specific counters.

Counter Group	Counter Set
VM Memory	Memory Active in MB
	Memory Ballooned in MB
	Memory Swapped in MB
	Memory Used in MB
VM Processor	% Processor Time
	CPU stolen time
	Effective VM Speed in MHz
	Host processor speed in MHz

If the server is virtualized on Microsoft Hyper-V, add the following Hyper-V-specific counters.

Counter Group	Counter Set	Counters (Otherwise select all)
Overall health	Hyper-V Virtual Machine Health Summary	%Guest Run (_Totals) %Hypervisor Run Time (_Totals) %Idle Run Time (_Totals)
	Hyper-V Hypervisor	
Processor	Hyper-V Hypervisor Logical Processor	
	Hyper-V Hypervisor Root Virtual Processor	
	Hyper-V Hypervisor Virtual Processor	
Memory	Hyper-V Hypervisor Partition	2M GPA Pages Deposited Pages Virtual Processors
	Hyper-V Root Partition	
	Hyper-V VM Vid Partition	Physical Pages Allocated Remote Physical Pages
Networking	Hyper-V Virtual Switch	
	Hyper-V Legacy Network Adapter	
	Hyper-V Virtual Network Adapter	
Storage	Hyper-V Virtual Storage Device	
	Hyper-V Virtual IDE Controller	

If the server a Microsoft Hyper-V host, add the following Hyper-V-specific counters. Select all instances for each counter.

Counter Group	Counter Set
Hyper-V Hypervisor Partition	Virtual Processors
Hyper-V Hypervisor Virtual Processor	% Guest Run Time
	% Hypervisor Run Time
	% Remote Run Time
	% Total Run Time
	CPU Wait Time Per Dispatch
Hyper-V Virtual Network Adapter	Bytes Received / sec

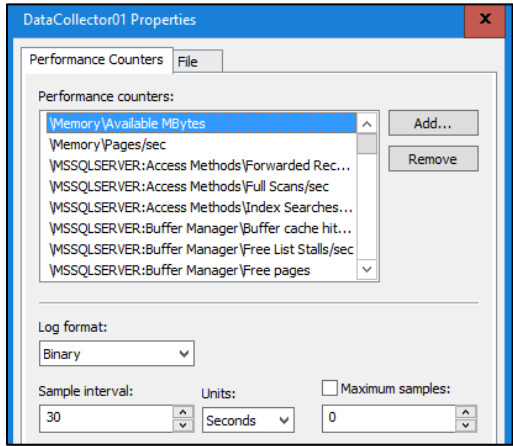
	Bytes Sent / sec
Hyper-V Virtual Storage Device	Read Bytes / sec
	Write Bytes / sec
	Read Operations / sec
	Write Operations / sec
	Queue Length
	Latency

If the server contains one or more SQL Server instances, add the following counters for each SQL Server instance.

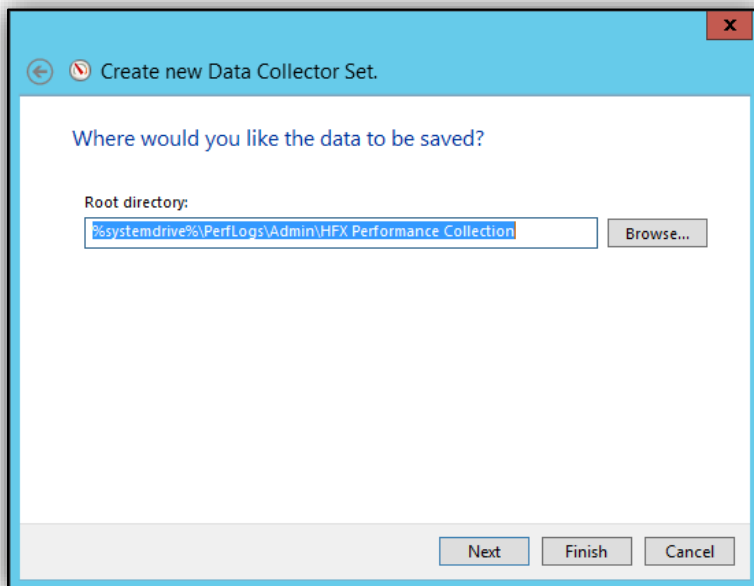
Counter Group	Counter Set
Process (sqlservr.exe)	% Privileged Time
	% Processor Time
SQL Server:Access Methods	Forwarded Records/sec
	Full Scans/sec
	Index Searches/sec
	Page Splits/sec
SQL Server:Batch Resp Statistics	*
SQL Server:Buffer Manager	Buffer cache hit ratio
	Free List Stalls/sec
	Lazy writes/sec
	Page life expectancy
	Page reads/sec
	Page writes/sec
SQL Server:Buffer Node	Local node page lookups/sec
	Page life expectancy
	Remote node page lookups/sec
SQL Server:Databases	Transactions/sec
SQL Server:General Statistics	User Connections
SQL Server:Latches	Latch Waits/sec
SQL Server:Locks	Lock Waits/sec
	Number of Deadlocks/sec
SQL Server:Memory Manager	Target Server Memory (KB)
	Total Server Memory (KB)
	Memory Grants Pending
SQL Server:SQL Statistics	Batch Requests / sec
	SQL Compilations / sec
	SQL Re-compilations / sec

Click OK when finished selecting the available counters. Select Next.

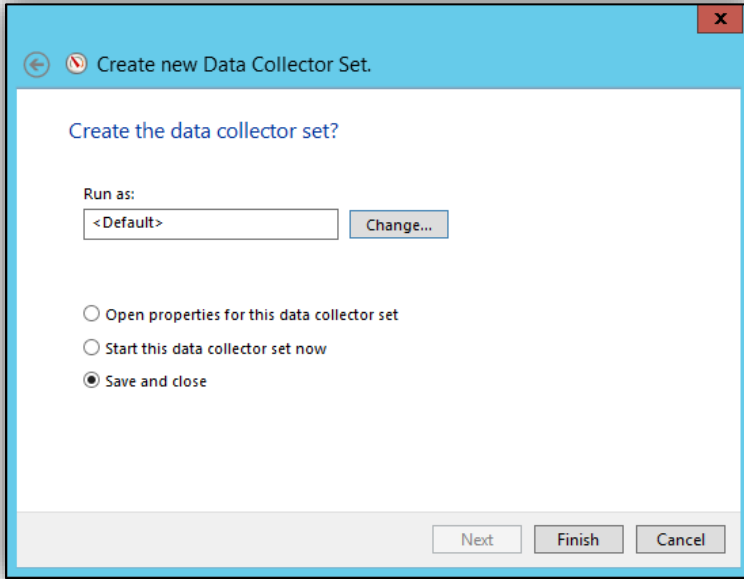
**Note:** Regardless if you are investigating a known issue, or just want ongoing metrics for advanced analysis purposes, set the sample interval to 30 seconds.



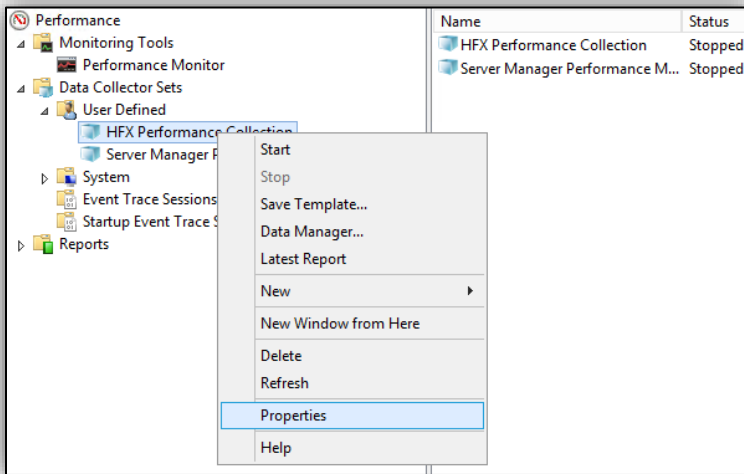
Set the root directory for the log files to be placed, if different than default.



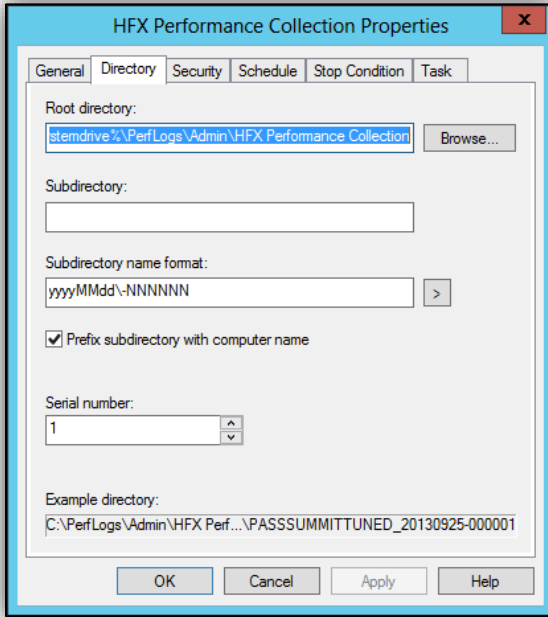
Select Finish to Save and close the new Collector Set.



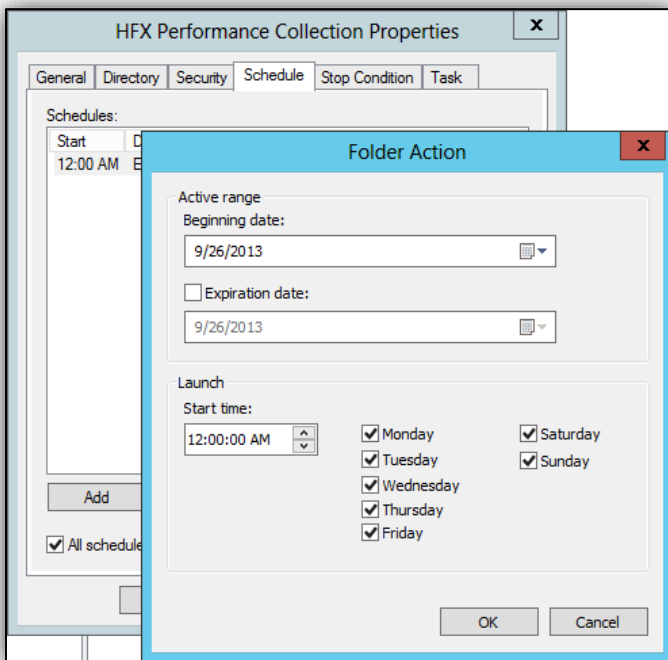
Right click on the new User Defined Collection Set, and click Properties.



In the Directory tab, verify that the root directory and Subdirectory names are appropriate.

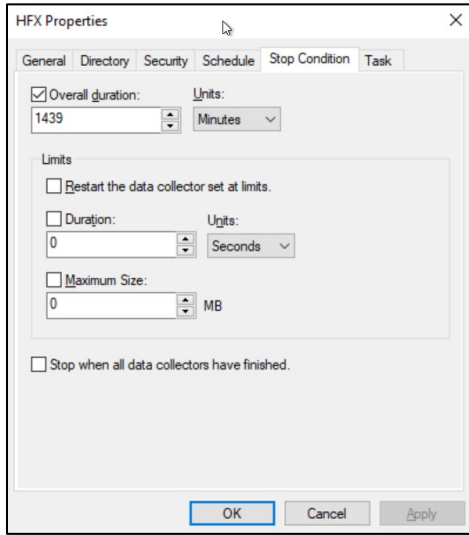


Under the Schedule tab, click Add and select the following day at 12:00 AM. If you select the current day, the log file will not start squarely at midnight and a daily analysis will take a bit more time.

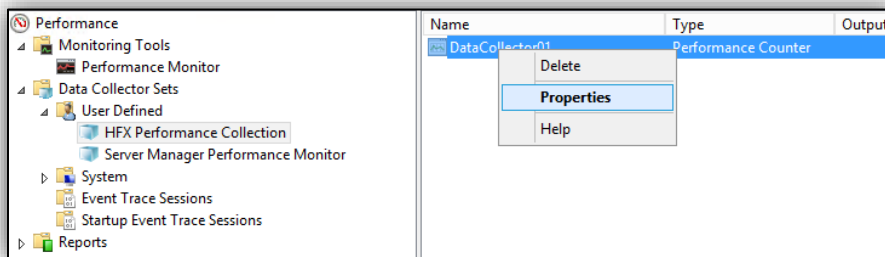


Select the Stop Condition tab. We will be sampling every 30 seconds on this server, and wish to stop the counter each night just before midnight, with a time duration of 1439 minutes. Check the Overall duration checkbox and set the value to one day. Click OK to close out of the collector properties window.

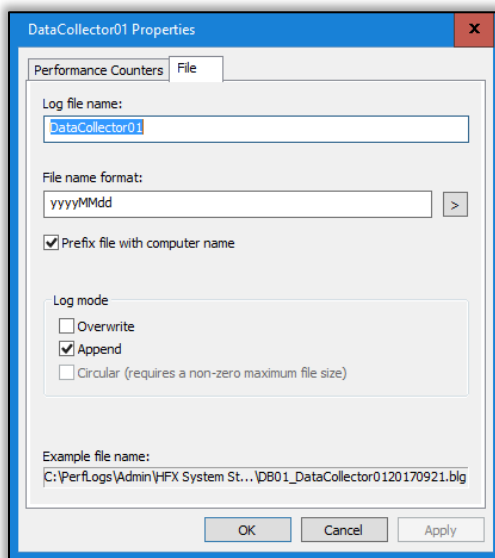




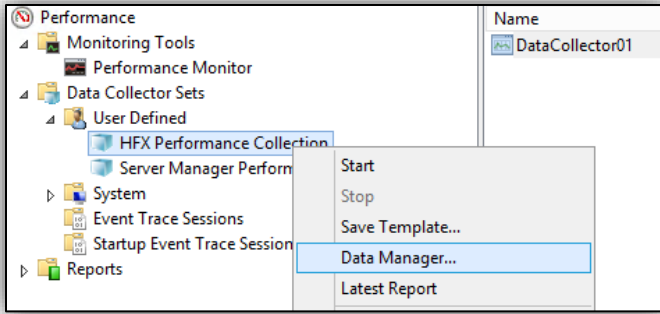
Right click on the new Collection set and select properties.



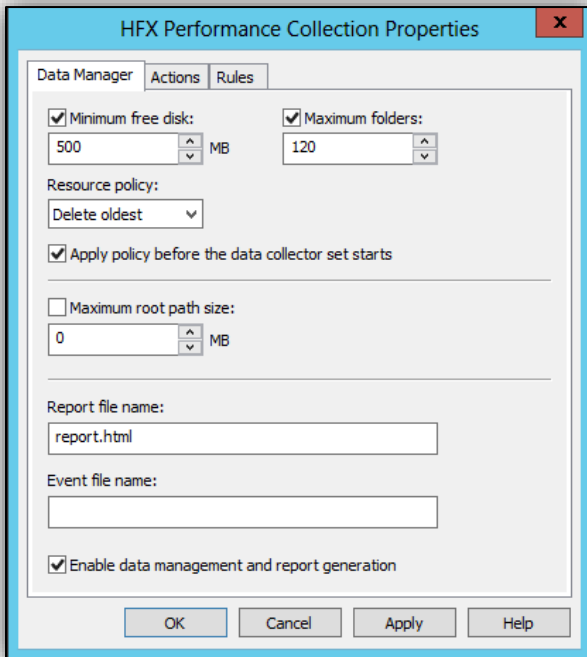
Select the File tab, enter 'yyyyMMdd' into the File name format, and check the box for 'Prefix file with computer name'. Make sure to check 'Append' on the Log mode. Select OK to save.



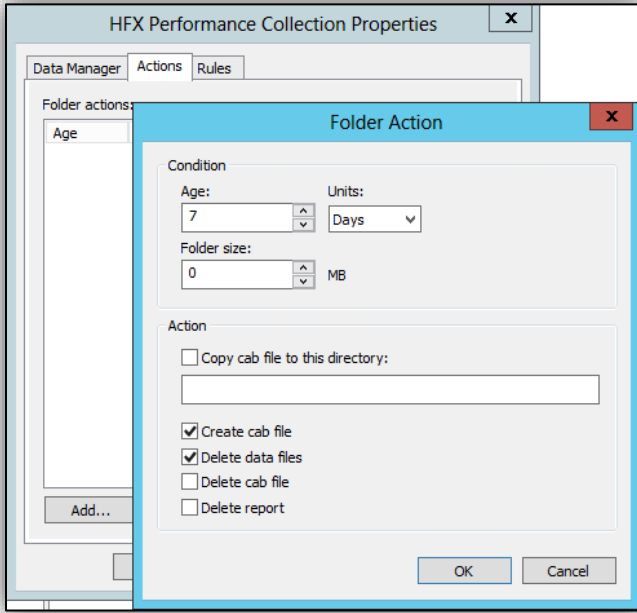
Right click on the User Defined Collection set again, and select Data Manager. This next step controls the amount of space consumed by the Perfmon data collection files.



Under the Data Manager tab, set the minimum free disk, maximum folders (equal to the number of days you wish to retain), Resource policy, and then check 'Apply policy before the data collector starts' and 'Enable data management and report generation'. In this example, 500MB of free space on the C: drive will be retained, 120 days of logging will be stored, the oldest file will be deleted in order, and performance reports will automatically be created each night.



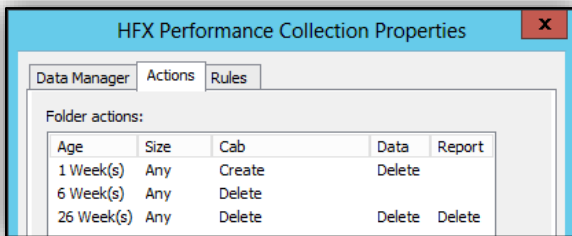
Next, we must clean up after the creation of the daily Perfmon reports. Select the Actions tab and select Add.



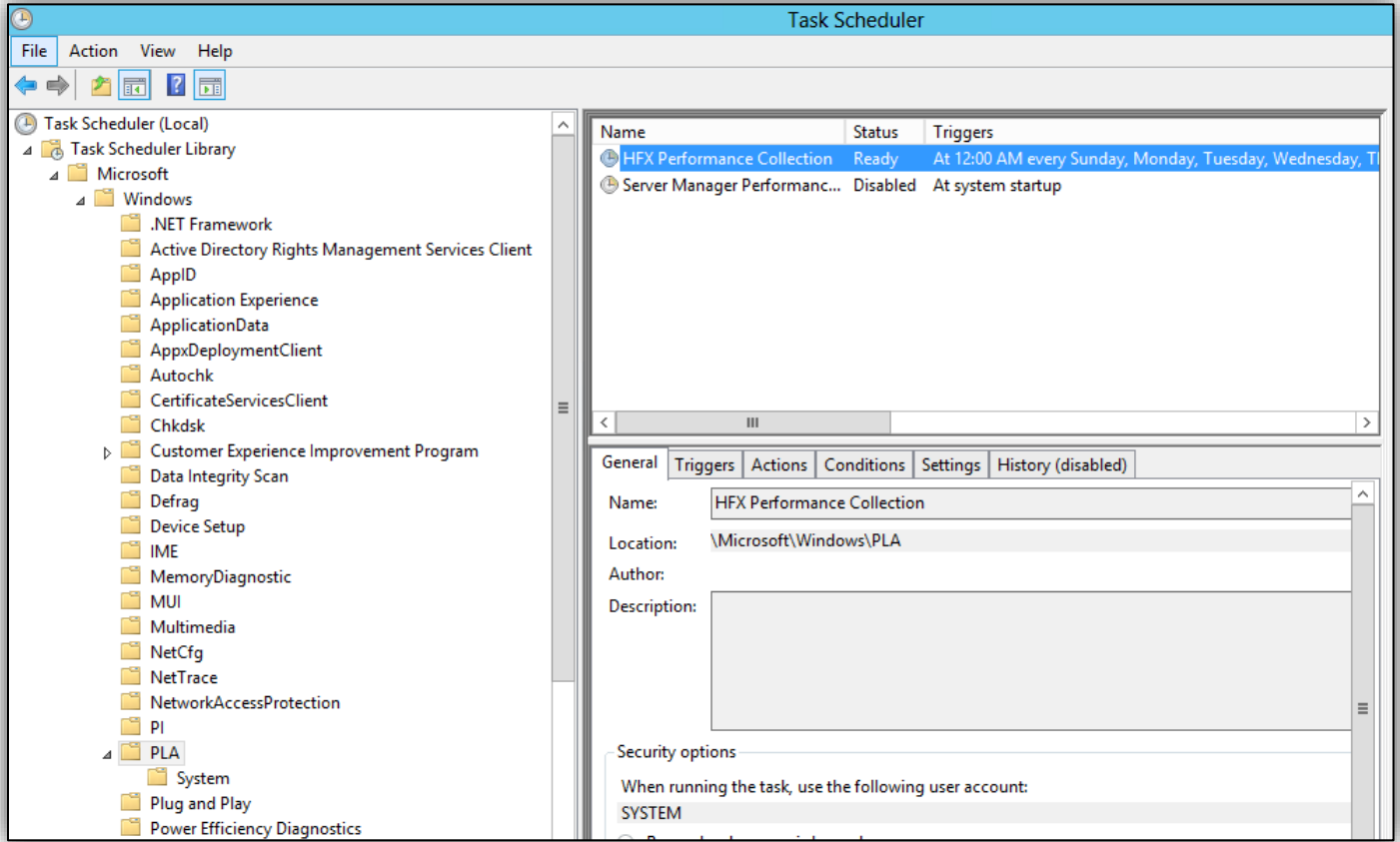
Create three Actions. You can set the durations to any frequency you wish. As an example, the following creates three actions.

- 7 days, create cab and delete data files.
- 6 weeks, delete cab file
- 26 weeks, delete cab, data, and report files.

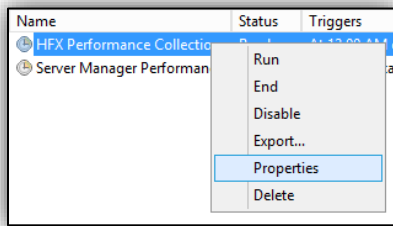
Your end result should resemble the following.



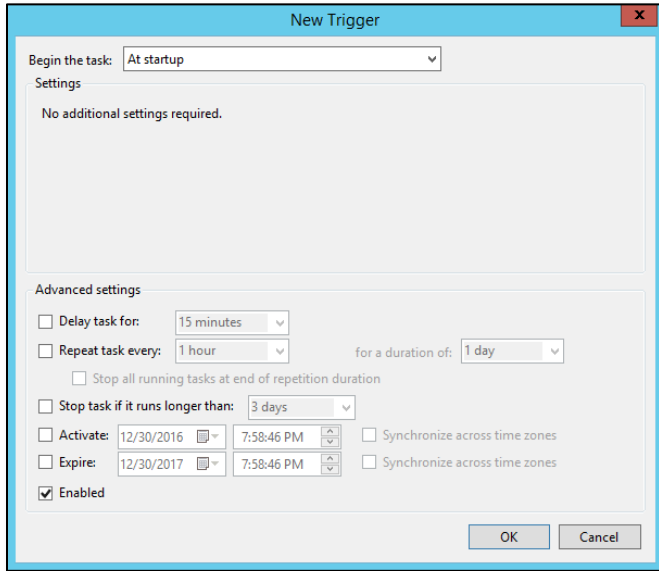
Now, to ensure that the log file starts at Midnight each night and stops other copies of the job that might be mis-scheduled, open Windows Task Scheduler. Perfmon actually uses the Windows Task Scheduler to routinely execute the job on the scheduled intervals. This job is well hidden. Expand Task Scheduler Library, Microsoft, windows, and select PLA.



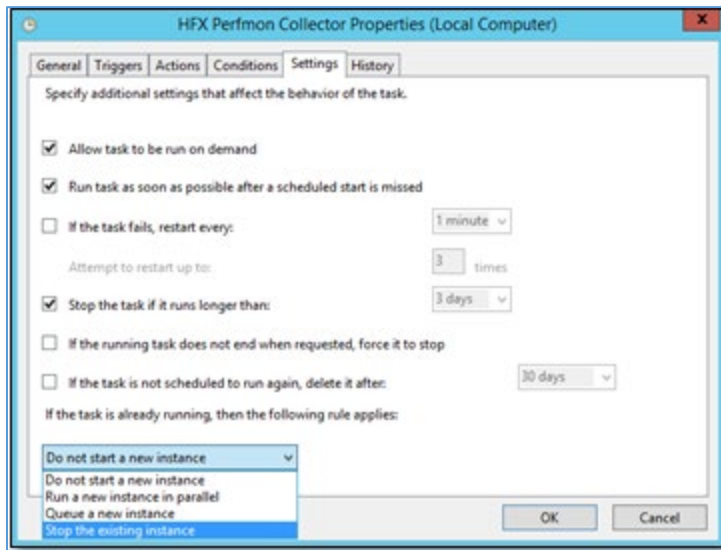
Right click on the job, and click Properties.



In the properties for the job, select the Triggers tab. Add a trigger to the Weekly trigger created by the Perfmon setup process. Select 'At startup' in the Begin the task dropdown. Click OK. This process starts up the Perfmon counter at the time of the next server startup.



Now select the Settings tab, and change the dropdown menu at the bottom from ‘Do not start a new instance’ to ‘Stop the existing instance’. Also, check the box next to ‘Run task as soon as possible after a scheduled start is missed.’



Perfmon is now configured to set up and record all vital base-level system statistics of this environment. Feel free to tailor the counters and configuration to your environment’s requirements.