

Website Monitoring - Bug #1524

Inputs hang each other up (especially ones that timeout)

10/18/2016 04:57 PM - Luke Murphey

Status:	Closed	Start date:	10/19/2016
Priority:	Normal	Due date:	
Assignee:	Luke Murphey	% Done:	100%
Category:		Estimated time:	0.00 hour
Target version:	2.0		
Description			
To save memory, the input currently uses single instance mode (a single input running all of the inputs).			
To fix this, I could:			
1. Change input away from single instance mode			
1. This is difficult to do because then I would have to use Splunk's interval which doesn't support time specifiers (like 5m).			
2. Would need to a process to convert these to Splunk's interval and the current interval; UI would likely need to accept and convert to/from Splunk's interval			
2. Switch to a multi-threading model			
Subtasks:			
Task # 1529: Change base class to use RLocks			Closed
Task # 1530: Create multiple threads for performing pings			Closed
Task # 1531: Clean up threads on shutdown			Closed

History

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- Subject changed from Inputs hang each other up to Inputs hang each other up (especially ones that timeout)

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<https://docs.python.org/2/library/threading.html>

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- <https://answers.splunk.com/answers/464902/website-monitoring-app-not-working-as-per-the-sche.html>
- <https://answers.splunk.com/answers/462699/website-monitoring-is-there-a-limit-on-the-number.html>
- <https://answers.splunk.com/answers/386292/polling-frequency-seems-to-default-to-10m.html>
- <https://answers.splunk.com/answers/308170/website-monitoring-why-does-monitoring-seem-slow-a.html>

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- Target version set to 2.0

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Things that need to be changed to support multi-threading:

- **logger():** needs to not allow multiple thread access (is thread safe per <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/2973900/is-pythons-logging-module-thread-safe>)
- **output_result():** needs to control multiple thread access to output_event()
- **run():** needs to instantiate multiple threads
- **shutdown():** needs to cleanup threads

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<http://effbot.org/zone/thread-synchronization.htm>

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Uncontesting access to locks doesn't appear to have much of a performance issue :

<http://stackoverflow.com/questions/11966471/python-cost-of-locking-vs-performance-does-multithreading-make-sense>

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