Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor™ Version 1.1 User's Guide

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Preface

The *Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor Version 1.1 User's Guide* describes how to install, configure, and use the Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor (CDM) software. The primary audience of this manual is advanced system end users.

How This Book Is Organized

This user's guide is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1 provides a general overview of the CDM software.
- Chapter 2 describes how to install and remove the CDM software.
- Chapter 3 describes how to configure and use the CDM software.
- Appendix A provides the online manual page for `cputst`(1M), the online CPU test.
- Appendix B provides the online manual page for `cpudiagd`(1M), the CDM daemon.
- Appendix C provides the online manual page for `cpudiagd.conf`(4), the CDM daemon configuration file.
- Appendix D provides the `/etc/init.d/cpudiagd` startup script.

Using UNIX Commands

This document does not contain information on basic UNIX® commands and procedures such as shutting down the system, booting the system, and configuring devices.

See one or more of the following for this information:

- *Solaris Hardware Platform Guide*
- Online documentation for the Solaris operating environment available at `http://docs.sun.com`
- Other software documentation that you received with your system

Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Examples
`AaBbCc123`	The names of commands, files, and directories; on-screen computer output	Edit your `.login` file. Use `ls -a` to list all files. `% You have mail.`
`AaBbCc123`	What you type, when contrasted with on-screen computer output	`% su` `Password:`
AaBbCc123	Book titles, new words or terms, words to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in the *User's Guide*. These are called *class* options. You *must* be superuser to do this.
	Command-line variable; replace with a real name or value	To delete a file, type `rm` *filename*.

Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
C shell	*machine_name%*
C shell superuser	*machine_name#*
Bourne shell and Korn shell	$
Bourne shell and Korn shell superuser	#

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CHAPTER 1

Product Overview

This chapter provides an overview of the Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor™ software and architecture, and includes the following sections:

What is the Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor?

The Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor (CDM) is an online CPU diagnostic program for platforms based on the UltraSPARC® III family of processors. CDM continuously verifies proper functioning of processors in the system. CDM provides additional high reliability to systems by detecting and taking action on faulty CPUs.

CDM is designed to run on production systems. Because CDM provides high reliability against CPU failures, it is highly recommended to install CDM on production systems.

When using the default configuration, the expected performance impact of CDM is either negligible or less than 1% CPU usage for most applications measured in a steady state.

Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor Architecture

The following diagram depicts the general architecture of CDM.

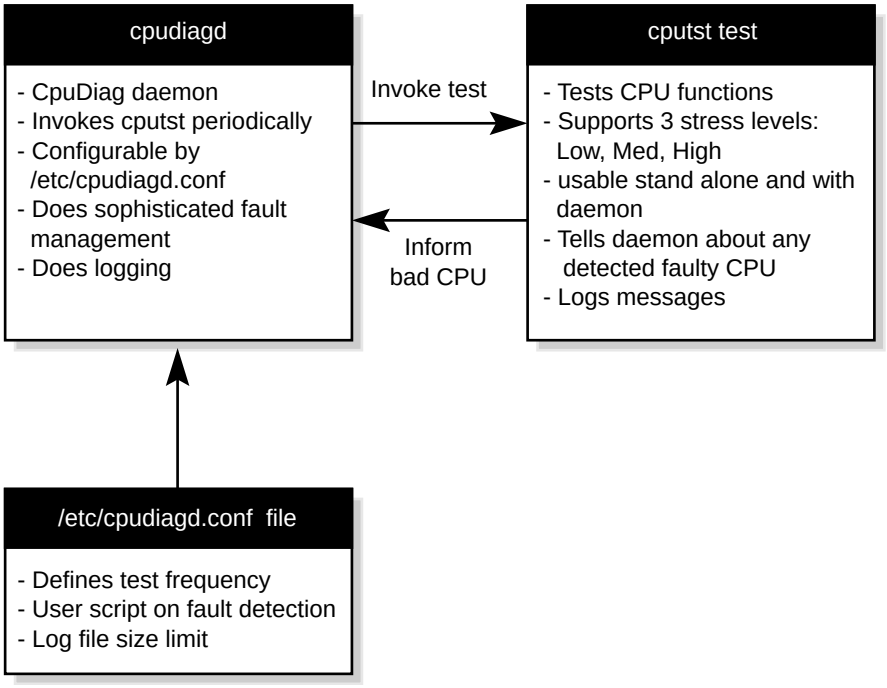

FIGURE 1-1 CDM General Architecture

CDM performs CPU diagnostics periodically on the system and takes the appropriate actions such as offlining the faulty CPU and logging error messages. The primary components of CDM consist of a CPU diagnostics test, a daemon to schedule the test, and a user configuration file.

CDM Components

The main components and interfaces of CDM are:

- `cputst` – CPU diagnostics test
- `cpudiagd` – CPU diagnostics monitor daemon
- `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` – CPU diagnostics monitor configuration file

CPU Diagnostics Monitor Daemon

The CPU Diagnostics monitor daemon `/usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd` is started from a system startup script during the boot sequence. The daemon reads the configuration file on bringup and is responsible for scheduling tests and performing fault management based on test results.

The `cpudiagd` daemon invocation syntax is as follows:

```
# /usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd [-vdi]
```

TABLE 1-1 `cpudiagd` Command-Line Syntax

Option	Description
`-v`	Verbose Mode. Prints verbose messages to `stdout`. Specifying verbose mode also places the daemon in non-daemon mode.
`-d`	Invokes the daemon to run in the foreground and operate as non-daemon.
`-i`	Performs initial testing during system boot before becoming a daemon.

`cpudiagd` Return Exit Code

`cpudiagd` exits with error code 0 on success and 1 on error.

CPU Diagnostics Test

The CPU diagnostics test `/usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst` is provided for all platforms supporting `sparcv9+vis2` instruction architecture. Platforms based on the UltraSPARC III family of processors support `sparcv9+vis2` instruction set.

The test supports options to test at 3 levels of varying stress: low, medium and high. The test invocation syntax is as follows:

```
# cputst  [ -s 1|2|3 ] [-d dev_id] [-vnh]
```

TABLE 1-2 `cputst` Command-Line Syntax

Option	Description
`-s 1|2|3`	Specifies one of the following stress level: • 1 – Perform low stress testing • 2 – Perform medium stress testing • 3 – Perform high stress testing By default, low stress testing is performed.
`-d dev_id`	Specifies the processor ID to be tested. If this option is not specified, all CPUs are tested sequentially.
`-v`	Prints verbose messages to `stdout`.
`-n`	Notifies the `cpudiagd` daemon on fault. If this option is not specified, the errors are printed to `stderr`, and no information about detected faulty CPUs is communicated to the `cpudiagd` daemon.
`-h`	Displays help message.

`cputst` Return Exit Code

`cputst` exits with one of the following exit codes:

- 0 – Indicates successful execution; the CPU is functioning properly.
- 1 – At least one CPU failed.
- 2 – Internal software error. (`malloc` failure, etc.)
- 3 – Command-line usage error

Configuration File

The configuration file `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` can be used to configure CDM. This file is read by the `cpudiagd` daemon on startup. You can force reconfiguration after updating the configuration file by sending `SIGHUP` to the daemon.

For a detailed description of the parameters supported by this configuration file, see Appendix C or the online manual page for `cpudiagd.conf`(4). The supported parameters in the configuration files are:

- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_MIN_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`
- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_MED_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`
- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_HIGH_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`

The above parameters can be used to schedule `cputst` at different stress levels: low, medium and high respectively. The suffixes `s`, `m`, and `h` are used for seconds, minutes, and hours respectively. The value of `0` disables testing at the specified stress level. By default, the tests are scheduled at the system-defined scheduling intervals. (See TABLE 3-1 on page 14 for the system-defined scheduling intervals.)

CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC=command_line

This parameter is used to specify a user-provided script / binary that will be executed after detecting a faulty CPU.

The faulty processor ID is passed to the script by setting the environment variable `CPU_ID_FAILED` to the decimal value of the processor ID.

LOG_MAX_NUM_BACKUPS=[0-9]+

This parameter specifies the number of maximum backup logs that need to be maintained for CDM-specific information and error logs. The minimum value is `1` and the maximum value is `100`. By default, only one backup log is maintained.

LOG_MAX_SIZE=[0-9]+

This parameter is the maximum log size in Kbytes. The minimum value is `1` and the maximum value is `1000000`, which means the minimum log size is 1 Kbyte and the maximum size is 1 Gbyte. The default value is 1000 which means 1 Mbyte.

LOG_ENABLE_INFO_STATS = yes/no

This parameter enables / disables the logging of test execution statistics information. By default, it is enabled (which is equivalent to specifying `yes`). However if power management is enabled, the test execution informational logging is disabled by default.

Specifying `LOG_ENABLE_INFO_STATS=no` will disable this parameter.

Note – All blank lines are ignored. All lines for which the first nonwhite character is a pound sign (#) are treated as comments.

CHAPTER 2

Installing the Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor Software

This chapter describes how to install and remove the Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor (CDM) software, and includes the following sections:

CDM Packages

The following is a list of the CDM packages:

TABLE 2-1 CDM Packages

Package Name	Description
`SUNWcdiar`	CDM (root) package that contains the startup scripts and the default configuration file (`cpudiagd.conf`).
`SUNWcdiax`	CDM 64-bit package that contains the CPU diagnostics test, `cputst` and the CDM daemon, `cpudiagd`.
`SUNWcdiam`	CDM package that contains the online manual pages for `cputst`(1M), `cpudiagd`(1M) and `cpudiagd.conf`(4).

Installation Requirements

The CDM software is supported on SPARC 64-bit only and will not work on 32-bit platforms. The hardware platform should support at minimum at least one member of the UltraSPARC III family of processors. Either the Solaris 8 or Solaris 9 operating environments must be installed (with core system support software group `SUNWCreq` at a minimum). The operating environment must support SPARC 64-bit. To verify that your platform supports a minimum of UltraSPARC III family of processors, verify that the following command's output includes `sparcv9+vis2`.

```
# /usr/bin/isalist
sparcv9+vis2 ...
```

You must be root user to install the CDM software. There must be at least 2 Mbytes of available disk space in both root (`/`) and `/usr` partitions. There must be at least 1 Mbyte available disk space in the `/var` partition.

Installing the CDM Software

There are several utilities available for installing packages. This section describes how to use the `pkgadd` utility to install CDM from the file system directory containing the CDM packages:

▼ To Install the CDM Software

1. **Become root user.**
2. **Use the** `pkgadd` **command to install the packages in the following order:**

```
# pkgadd -d path_to_packages_directory SUNWcdiax SUNWcdiar SUNWcdiam
```

Note – `SUNWcdiar` depends on `SUNWcdiax`; hence, the packages must be installed in the above order.

Note – Installing CDM software also starts the online CPU diagnostics monitoring by starting the `cpudiagd` daemon.

Detecting the Version of the Installation

To verify the version of the installed software at any time, use one of the following methods.

- To individually examine the version of `cputst` and `cpudiagd` binaries:

```
# /usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst -v
```

The test verbose messages displayed should indicate the `cputst` version number as 1.1 if the latest version is installed.

The `cpudiagd` binary version number can be detected by examining the informational log file:

```
# tail /var/cpudiag/log/info.log
```

The entries in the informational log message file contain the version number of the installed software. The last message entry by `cpudiagd` should contain version 1.1 if the latest version is installed.

- To use the `pkginfo` command to indicate the correct installed version of the packages (1.1 is the latest):

```
# /usr/bin/pkginfo -l SUNWcdiax SUNWcdiar SUNWcdiam
```

Removing the CDM Software

Use the `pkgrm` command to remove the installed CDM packages in the following order:

```
# pkgrm SUNWcdiam SUNWcdiar SUNWcdiax
```

CHAPTER 3

Configuring and Using CDM

This chapter describes how to configure and use the CDM software, and includes the following sections:

Starting and Stopping CDM

The `cpudiagd` daemon is automatically started during system startup from the `/etc/rc2.d/S22cpudiagd` startup script. This link is a hard link to the `/etc/init.d/cpudiagd` script.

See Appendix D for the contents of `/etc/init.d/cpudiagd` script.

To manually start CDM directly, type the following as root user:

```
# /usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd
```

To perform `cpudiagd` in verbose mode and in the foreground, type the following as root user:

```
# /usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd -v
```

Note – The `/etc/init.d/cpudiagd` file is used as a system startup script, not the binary.

During system startup, the `/usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd` daemon is invoked with the `-i` option which performs initial low stress CPU testing on all CPUs in parallel before becoming the daemon.

To stop running the `cpudiagd` daemon and the `cputst` processes, type the following as root user:

```
# /etc/init.d/cpudiagd stop
```

To stop only the daemon, type the following as root user:

```
# pkill -x cpudiagd
```

To terminate only the `cputst`, type the following as root user:

```
# pkill -x cputst
```

Error Handling

When a faulty CPU is detected by the `cputst`, it communicates the information about the faulty CPU to the daemon. Then the following sequence of operations take place:

1. The daemon logs an error message about the detected fault using the `syslog`(3C) mechanism which logs the error message into the `/var/adm/messages` file by default. In addition, the CDM-specific error log is updated.
2. The daemon creates a bad CPU history file (`/var/cpudiag/data/bad_cpu_id.X` [`X` is the decimal processor ID]). This file is used by the daemon to recognize the faulty CPU as a suspected bad CPU across reboots until this file is manually deleted by the system administrator after the faulty CPU is replaced.
3. The CDM software performs an initial attempt to offline the detected faulty CPU. The offline attempt fails if any process is bound to the faulty CPU. The offline attempt always fails on a single processor system.
4. If the user has provided a binary/script to be run when a fault is detected, it is invoked. This script could, for example, notify the system administrator about the fault and shut down any user applications that may be explicitly bound to the faulty CPU.

See Appendix C or the online manual pages for `cpudiagd.conf`(4) for more information on specifying the command line to be executed on fault detection.

5. The CDM software attempts to offline the faulty CPU again. This reattempt to offline is likely to succeed if the binary / script has shut down the user applications and all processes bound to the faulty CPU were terminated.

6. If the offline reattempt fails and if the bad CPU is still online, the CDM software will reboot the system if the system has multiple online processors, otherwise the CDM software will just halt the system.

   Emergency category `syslog` messages are logged before the system is rebooted or halted. Messages are sent to all users and the messages are also displayed in all terminals including the console. The messages include the specific cause of the problem with the processor ID that failed when the system was halted or rebooted.

7. On reboot, the CDM software invokes the daemon with the `-i` option from the startup script. If there is a suspected faulty CPU indicated by a bad CPU history file (`/var/cpudiag/data/bad_cpu_id.X` [X is the processor ID]) as created from Step 2, the CDM software performs `cputst` with the high stress mode to test the CPU.

   If the CPU is found faulty, the CDM software performs Step 2 to Step 5. If the faulty CPU still cannot be taken offline, the CDM software halts the system. This step is provided to prevent any potential indefinite looping on reboot.

Log Files

CDM errors are logged using the `syslog` mechanism (see the online manual page for `syslog`(3C)) which logs the messages in the `/var/adm/messages` file by default. In addition, the errors are logged in a CDM-specific error log file, `/var/cpudiag/log/error.log`. The informational messages such as test execution start, end, and elapsed time statistics are logged in a CDM-specific information log file, `/var/cpudiag/log/info.log`.

The growth size of the log files and the number of additional backup logs are configurable with the configuration file parameters. See Appendix C or the online manual page for `cpudiagd.conf`(4) for more information.

Runtime Resource Consumption and Default Scheduling Intervals

CPU testing (`cputst`) can be invoked with three levels of stress (low, med, or high). The operations performed in all three modes are the same. The difference between low, med, and high stress is defined by how many times an operation or set of operations is performed.

`cputst` performs complex mathematical operations, like operations with matrices. The stress level is also reflected in the size of the matrices with which `cputst` operates.

Low stress tests provide functional coverage of the floating point and caches in the CPU. High stress tests simulate a floating point intensive application.

There is a better chance to catch errors in the high stress mode, than in the low stress mode. However, the run time increases with the stress level.

The approximate memory resources consumed by the `cputst` and approximate runtimes are listed in TABLE 3-1. The runtimes vary greatly depending on the hardware platform and the system load. The figures in TABLE 3-1 are approximate and were taken from a system with 900 MHz UltraSPARC III family of processors with no user applications running at the same time.

TABLE 3-1 Default Configuration and Resource Consumption

Stress Level	Memory	Run Time	Test Interval
Low	4 MB	80 milliseconds / CPU	30 seconds
Medium	8 MB	1.5 seconds / CPU	15 minutes
High	130 MB	80 seconds / CPU	12 hours

On machines with less than 512 Mbytes of physical memory, invocation of high stress testing is disabled by default. However, if the high stress testing interval is explicitly specified in the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` file, then it is invoked accordingly.

The `cputst` invoked by the daemon during normal operation tests all CPUs in the system sequentially. Testing at different stress levels is scheduled independently; hence, they could partially overlap. Even if a very low test interval is configured, the daemon does not perform a new `cputst` invocation until the previous invocation completes the testing on the same stress level. For example, if the high stress testing frequency is specified as 5 seconds, the invocation of a new `cputst` high stress testing would still be delayed until the previous invocation is completed.

The CPU usage of the CPU that is under testing would be close to 100% during the brief time of the test run. The average CPU usage of the testing with default parameters have been measured to be less than 1% on systems based on the UltraSPARC III family of processors.

Note – Some SPARC desktop models satisfy the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR® Memorandum of Understanding #3 guidelines. On these systems, by default, power management is enabled and the online CPU testing will be done only when the CPUs are not in power save mode. However, if the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` file is explicitly modified to specify test intervals, the testing is done exactly as configured. See man `power.conf`(4) for more information about power management.

Scheduling Tests at Specific Times

In most cases, changing the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` file is sufficient for changing scheduling parameters. However, if you choose to schedule testing only during specific times of the day, this can be achieved by disabling the testing in the `cpudiagd.conf` entry, and making a `crontab`(1) entry to invoke the test.

For example, to invoke the `cputst` program in high stress mode at 1:00 AM daily, the following entry needs to be made using `crontab`(1): (See the `crontab`(1) man page)

```
0  1 * * *  /usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst -s 3 -n
```

Note – Since the `cputst` program is invoked with the `-n` option, this will result in the automatic notification to the `cpudiagd` daemon which takes appropriate action if any CPU failures are detected.

To disable high stress testing invoked by the daemon, add the following entry to the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` file:

```
CPU_TEST_FREQ_HIGH_STRESS=0
```

See the `cpudiagd.conf`(4) man page for more details.

Customizing Tests on Demand at Arbitrary Check Points

In some customized environments, performing some quick testing on demand could be desirable. Such quick testing can be done using an administrative script to run tests on all CPUs in parallel.

See the following examples:

Example 1:

In addition to the active CDM running periodic testing in the background, the following script may be executed by an application at certain definite points to verify the reliability of the CPU at that instant:

```
#!/bin/sh
#
#   Example 1: Perform medium stress test in parallel on all CPUs.
#
for cpu in ‘/usr/sbin/psrinfo | grep on-line | cut -f1‘
do
   /usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst -s 2 -d $cpu -n &
done
wait
#  End of the script
```

Note – Since `cputst` is invoked with the `-n` option, the daemon is notified of any fault.

Note – The test is invoked in parallel on all CPUs in the background. By default, when the `-d` option is not used, the testing is done sequentially over one CPU at a time, which can take a significantly longer time.

Note – The `cpudiagd` daemon is capable of handling multiple simultaneous fault notifications from different instances of the `cputst` processes. Hence, even if multiple `cputst` processes are running at the same time (some invoked by `cpudiagd` and some from another script), this will be properly handled by `cpudiagd` daemon.

Example 2:

Completely disable `cputst` invocations from the `cpudiagd` daemon and let other administrative scripts do testing at different points of time on demand.

To disable test invocations, specify interval `0` in `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` for all low, medium, and high stress test frequencies. (See the `cpudiagd.conf`(4) man page.)

Develop the custom script to do testing similar to the script in Example 1.

Example 3:

Completely disable running CDM; perform testing and fault management by administrative scripts.

The `/etc/rc2.d/S22cpudiagd` script can be modified to disable starting the `/usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd` daemon. This will completely disable CDM.

A script similar to the following can be used for testing and fault management without making use of the `cpudiagd` daemon for fault management:

```
#!/bin/sh
CPUTST=/usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst
for cpu in ‘/usr/sbin/psrinfo | grep on-line | cut -f1‘
do
  (  $CPUTST -s 2 -d $cpu >> /var/adm/cpuerrs.log 2>&1 ;
     if [ $? -eq 1 ]; then
       (date; echo Error: CPU $cpu is found faulty ) >> /var/adm/cpuerrs.log
        # Include application specific fault management actions here.
        # Do: "psradm -f $cpu" to take faulty cpu offline, etc, if desired
     fi
  ) &
done
wait
# End of script
```

Note – `cputst` is invoked without the `-n` option, so the `cpudiagd` daemon does not need to run and the daemon is not notified of CPU failures. When the `-n` option is not specified, the `/var/cpudiag/data/bad_cpu_id.X` (where X = `processor_id`) file is not created after a fault detection because it is done only by the daemon.

Note – The test exit status 1 is used to detect CPU failure.

Example 4:

Perform medium stress testing from a script continuously with five second intervals between test completion and a new invocation. Do testing sequentially on one CPU at a time to minimize any performance impact during this time. Also, disable test invocations by the CDM daemon.

Disable test invocation by the daemon by modifying `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` to specify corresponding test intervals as `0`.

A script similar to the following can be used:

```
#!/bin/sh

while true;
do
  /usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst -s 2 -n >>/var/adm/cpuerrs.log
  sleep 5
done
# End of script
```

Note – `cputst` is invoked with the `-n` option. This requires the `cpudiagd` daemon to be running.

Note – Since no `-d` option is specified, the testing is done sequentially over all CPUs, one CPU at a time.

APPENDIX **A**

Online Manual Page for `cputst`

This appendix provides the online manual page for `cputst`.

Name

`cputst` - CPU Test for Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor

Synopsis

```
/usr/platform/sun4u/sbin/sparcv9+vis2/cputst [-vnh] [ -s
<stress_level> ] [ -d <dev_id> ]
```

Description

`cputst` primarily exercises and tests the Floating Point Unit (FPU) on Sun platforms supporting a minimum of UltraSPARC III family of processors. The FPU functionality is checked by doing FPU-oriented operations with single and double precision numbers. The computed results are verified against known good results.

Options

TABLE A-1 `cputst` Options

Option	Description
`-s <stress_level>`	1=low, 2=medium, 3=high. The default is 1.
`-d <dev_id>`	Specify the `processor_id` of the CPU to be tested. By default, all CPUs in the system are tested sequentially.
`-v`	Verbose Mode – the default is Verbose off.
`-n`	Notify `cpudiagd`(1M) for subsequent fault management. The default is no notification.
`-h`	Display help message.

Examples

Example 1: Using `cputst` to test all the CPUs with low stress and without notification.

```
# ./cputst
```

Example 2: Using `cputst` to test CPU 20 with medium stress, without notification, and with verbose messages.

```
# ./cputst -s 2 -v -d 20
```

Example 3: Using `cputst` to test all the CPUs, with medium stress, and with notification.

```
# ./cputst -s 2 -n
```

Exit Status

- 0 – No failures or errors are detected in the system.
- 1 – Failures or errors are detected in the system.
- 2 – An internal `cputst` error occurred.

Attributes

See `attributes`(5) for descriptions of the following attributes:

TABLE A-2 Attributes for `cputst`

Attribute Type	Attribute Value
Availability	`SUNWcdiax`
Interface Stability	Evolving

See Also

`cpudiagd`(1M), `cpudiagd.conf`(4)

APPENDIX **B**

Online Manual Page for `cpudiagd`

This appendix provides the online manual page for `cpudiagd`(1M).

Name

`cpudiagd` - Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor daemon

Synopsis

```
/usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd [ -vdi ]
```

Description

The Online CPU Diagnostics Monitor daemon runs in the background and schedules periodic executions of the CPU diagnostics test `cputst`(1M) to monitor CPUs in the system to provide high reliability. If any faulty CPU is detected, it is immediately taken offline if possible.

The daemon is started from a system startup script. It reads the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` configuration file on startup. Users can send a `SIGHUP` signal to the daemon to force reconfiguration after updating the configuration file. For the description of the configuration file, see `cpudiagd.conf`(4).

The daemon schedules the CPU diagnostics test `cputst`(1M) periodically on system-defined default intervals. The frequency of scheduling the test can also be explicitly configured using the `cpudiagd.conf` file.

The `cputst` communicates information about any detected faulty CPU to the daemon. On detecting the fault, the daemon attempts to offline the faulty CPU immediately. Then the daemon creates a bad CPU history data file (explained later).

Then the daemon executes any user configured CPU fault action executable, if specified in the `cpudiagd.conf`(4) configuration file.

After executing the fault action executable, the daemon reattempts to offline the faulty CPU again if it is not already offline. If for some reason, the faulty CPU still can not be taken offline, the machine is rebooted or halted as appropriate. On single processor systems, the machine will be halted if the only online CPU is found faulty. On multi-processor systems, the machine would be rebooted if it is likely to be taken offline after the next reboot. If the faulty CPU can not be taken offline during early system startup testing (when invoked with `-i` flag), then the machine will be halted.

One of the primary reasons for not being able to take the bad CPU offline is that processes are bound to the CPU. To force successful CPU offline in such cases, the user fault action script could kill/unbind any processes bound to the faulty CPU, if that is desired. The environment variable `CPU_ID_FAILED` is used to export the faulty processor ID to the user executable. See the online manual pages for `cpudiagd.conf`(4) for more information.

Information about detected faulty CPU is maintained in a bad CPU history data file `/var/cpudiag/data/bad_cpu_id.X` where X = processor ID of the faulty CPU. This can be easily processed by any other script to recognize the faulty CPU processor ID. The contents of the bad CPU history file includes information about the timestamp of the failure on that CPU.

The daemon recognizes the existence of the file and assumes the CPU as indicated by the suffix of the file is a suspected bad component. It runs high stress testing during system startup (when invoked with `-i` flag) on suspected bad CPUs. If any system monitoring tool is to consume this data file, then the format of the contents should not be assumed to be stable.

After replacing bad CPU, user should manually remove this file to prevent additional system startup delay of around 1.5 to 2 minutes due to testing on any suspected bad CPU. If any bad CPU history data file is left over, then appropriate warnings are displayed and logged during startup of the daemon.

All critical errors such as those related to detection and offline of faulty CPUs are logged using `syslog`(3C) as well as in `/var/cpudiag/log/error.log` file. The informational messages such as test execution statistics are maintained in the `/var/cpudiag/log/info.log` file. The maximum growth size of the log files and the number of additional backup logs are user-configurable using `cpudiagd.conf` file entries.

In the event of a dynamic reconfiguration operation to remove any CPU board, `cpudiagd` temporarily suspends scheduling of any CPU testing until the operation is complete. `cpudiagd` is notified of CPU board dynamic reconfiguration events by the `rcmscript`(4) plug-in script `/usr/platform/sun4u/lib/rcm/scripts/SUNW,cpudiagd`

Options

The following options are supported:

TABLE B-1 `cpudiagd` Options

Option	Description
`-v`	Prints Verbose messages to `stdout`. Also implies the `-d` option.
`-d`	Runs in non-daemon mode; used for debugging.
`-i`	Invoked during early system startup. It performs minimum initial testing before becoming daemon. Use of this option is discouraged unless started from early system startup sequence from `rc` script.

Exit Status

`cpudiagd` exits with `0` on success and exits with `1` on failure.

Environment Variables

CPU_ID_FAILED

The processor ID of detected faulty CPU. This environment variable is exported to the user script/binary that is specified to be executed on fault detection.

Files

`cpudiagd` uses the following files:

TABLE B-2 Files Used by `cpudiagd`

File	Description
`/etc/cpudiagd.conf`	User configuration file
`/var/cpudiag/log`	Log files directory
`/var/cpudiag/log/error.log`	Log file containing Error Messages
`/var/cpudiag/log/info.log`	Log file containing Informational Messages

TABLE B-2 Files Used by `cpudiagd` *(Continued)*

File	Description
`/var/cpudiag/log/error.log.0`, `/var/cpudiag/log/error.log.1`, etc.	Backup error logs
`/var/cpudiag/log/info.log.0`, `/var/cpudiag/log/info.log.1`, etc.	Backup information logs
`/var/cpudiag/data`	Data files directory
`/var/cpudiag/data/bad_cpu_id.X`	Bad CPU history data file where `X` = processor ID of the faulty CPU
`/etc/init.d/cpudiagd`	Start/stop script
`/var/run/cpudiagd_door`	Door file used for communication with `cputst`(1M)
`/var/run/cpudiagd.pid`	Contains PID of the daemon
`/usr/platform/sun4u/lib/rcm/scripts/SUNW,cpudiagd`	`rcmscript`(4) plug-in script for `cpudiagd`

Attributes

See `attributes`(5) for descriptions of the following attributes:

TABLE B-3 Attributes for `cpudiagd`

Attribute	Description
Availability	`SUNWcdiax`
Interface Stability	Evolving

See Also

`cputst`(1M), `cpudiagd.conf`(4)

Notes

Some SPARC desktop models satisfy the United States Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR(R) Memorandum of Understanding #3 guidelines. On these systems, by default, power management is enabled and the online CPU testing will be done only when the CPUs are not in power save mode. However, if the `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` file is explicitly modified to specify test intervals, the testing is done exactly as configured. See man `power.conf`(4) for more information about power management.

APPENDIX **C**

Online Manual Page for `cpudiagd.conf`

This appendix provides the online manual page for `cpudiagd.conf`(4)

File format – `cpudiagd.conf`(4)

Name

`cpudiagd.conf` - configuration file for `cpudiagd`(1M)

Synopsis

```
/etc/cpudiagd.conf
```

Description

The file `/etc/cpudiagd.conf` contains information used by the online CPU diagnostics daemon, `cpudiagd`(1M). The daemon runs CPU diagnostics test `cputst`(1M) in the background periodically. The daemon reads this file during startup. It also rereads this file if it receives a `SIGHUP` signal.

Each parameter entry in the configuration file is of the form Name=Value. The following entries are supported in the configuration file:

- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_MIN_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`
- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_MED_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`
- `CPU_TEST_FREQ_HIGH_STRESS=DEFAULT|[0-9]+[smh]`

These parameters specify the time interval on which CPU diagnostics test `cputst`(1M) is scheduled. The test can run at three stress levels low, medium, and high. The time interval for scheduling tests at each of the low, medium and high levels can be configured independently by using the above three parameters respectively.

The value for the above parameters could either be the string `DEFAULT` or a non-negative integer followed by one of the letters `s`, `m` or `h` which specifies seconds, minutes, and hours respectively. For example, `30s` specifies 30 seconds and `15m` specifies 15 minutes and `12h` specifies 12 hours.

If the value is specified as `DEFAULT`, the system schedules the tests at the system defined default intervals. On machines with total memory less than 512 Mbytes, the high stress test is not invoked by default. The explicit specification of intervals override the default behavior.

If the value is specified as `0`, the invocation of the test at the corresponding stress level is disabled.

CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC=command_line

This parameter specifies the user configurable script/binary that should be executed after detecting a faulty CPU. The command can have optional command line options specified at the end.

After detecting a faulty CPU, an initial offline attempt of the faulty CPU is performed and then the user specified command is invoked irrespective of whether the initial offline attempt had succeeded or not. After executing the user specified executable, one more offline attempt of the faulty CPU is be performed if the faulty CPU has not already been offlined.

The faulty processor ID is passed to the script by setting environment variable `CPU_ID_FAILED` to the decimal value of the processor ID.

The command line specified should be the absolute executable path name with optional command line arguments.

The user-provided script can be used to notify the system administrator of the failure. The user-provided script can also enable shutting down the user applications to potentially make the subsequent faulty CPU offline attempt by `cpudiagd` daemon more likely to succeed. Note that the primary reason for a CPU offline attempt to fail is that processes are bound to the faulty CPU.

LOG_MAX_NUM_BACKUPS=[0-9]+

This parameter specifies a number of maximum backup logs that need to be maintained for CPU diagnostics monitor specific information and error logs. The minimum value is 1 and maximum value is 100. By default only one backup log is maintained.

LOG_MAX_SIZE=[0-9]+

This parameter specifies the maximum log size in Kbytes. The minimum value is `1` and maximum value is `1000000`, which means the minimum log size is 1 Kbyte and the maximum size is 1 Gbyte. The default value is 1000 which means 1 Mbyte.

LOG_ENABLE_INFO_STATS=yes/no

This parameter enables / disables the logging of test execution statistics information. By default, it is enabled (which is equivalent to specifying "`yes`"). However if power management is enabled, the test execution informational logging is disabled by default.

Specifying "`LOG_ENABLE_INFO_STATS=no`" will disable this feature.

Note – Blank lines in the `cpudiagd.conf` file are ignored. Lines for which the first nonwhite character is a pound sign (#) are treated as comments.

Environment Variables

CPU_ID_FAILED

The processor ID of the detected faulty CPU. This environment variable is exported to the user script / binary that is specified to be executed on fault detection. See the description of `CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC` parameter.

Examples

Example 1: A Sample `cpudiagd.conf` Configuration File

```
# Example configuration file start.
CPU_TEST_FREQ_MIN_STRESS=30s
CPU_TEST_FREQ_MED_STRESS=15m
CPU_TEST_FREQ_HIGH_STRESS=6h
CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC=/home/admin/bin/cpuflt.sh
# end of example configuration file.
```

The above configuration file specifies that the `cputst`(1M) should be scheduled to execute at minimum stress level once in 30 seconds, at medium stress level once at 15 minutes, at high stress level once in 6 hours. This configuration file also specifies that the script `/home/admin/bin/cpuflt.sh` should be executed on detecting a faulty CPU.

Example 2: Another Sample `cpudiagd.conf` Configuration File

```
# Example configuration file start.
    CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC=/home/admin/bin/killprocs.sh
# end of example configuration file.
```

Example `killprocs.sh` script:

```
#!/bin/sh
    #

    if [ "‘psrinfo -s $CPU_ID_FAILED‘" != "1" ]; then
      exit 0     # bad cpu is not online now.
    fi

    # The bad CPU is still online.
    # kill all processes bound to any CPU (not only the faulty one).
    # (not necessary to kill all bound processes, but example works).
    BOUND_PIDS=‘/usr/sbin/pbind -q |/usr/bin/tr ’:’ ’ ’ |
                /usr/bin/awk ’{print $3;}’‘

    kill -9 $BOUND_PIDS
    /usr/sbin/psradm -f $CPU_ID_FAILED  # offline the faulty CPU now.

    # script end.
```

The above script would kill all the bound processes. The `pbind`(1M) command can be used to unbind the bound processes if unbinding is desired over killing.

Example 3: Another Sample `cpudiagd.conf` Configuration File

```
# Example configuration file start.
    CPU_ON_FLT_EXEC=/usr/sbin/halt -d
# end of example configuration file.
```

The above command halts the system immediately on fault detection (irrespective of whether the bad CPU could be offlined or not) and forces a system crash dump as specified by the `-d` option.

Files

`cpudiagd.conf`(4) uses the following files:

TABLE C-1 Files Used by `cpudiagd.conf`

File	Description
/etc/cpudiagd.conf	`cpudiagd` configuration file
/var/cpudiag/log	Log files directory
/var/cpudiag/log/error.log	Error log file
/var/cpudiag/log/info.log	Information log file
error.log.0, error.log.1, etc.	Backup error logs
info.log.0, info.log.1, etc.	Backup information logs

See Also

`cpudiagd`(1M), `cputst`(1M)

APPENDIX **D**

`cpudiagd` Startup Script

This appendix provides the `/etc/init.d/cpudiagd` startup script.

```
#!/sbin/sh
#
#
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#
#ident  "@(#)init.cpudiagd  1.4  03/03/22  SMI"

isalist=‘/usr/bin/isalist‘
DAEMON=

#
# Automatically enabled on sparcv9+vis2 arch (supported by UltraSparc-III )
#

case "$isalist" in
        *sparcv9+vis2*)
                DAEMON=/usr/lib/sparcv9/cpudiagd
                ;;
        *)
                DAEMON=
                ;;
esac

case "$1" in
’start’)
        if [ -x "$DAEMON" ];
        then
                echo ’Starting cpudiagd ... \c’
                $DAEMON -i
                echo ’done.’
        fi
```

```
#!/sbin/sh
        ;;
'stop')
         /usr/bin/pkill -x -u 0 '(cputst|cpudiagd)'
        ;;
*)
        echo "Usage: $0 { start | stop }"
        exit 1
        ;;
esac
exit 0
```