

# Slow failover on Microsoft Virtual Server Cluster

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All,

I would appreciate any insight into an issue I'm trying to solve. I recently set up a two node Virtual Server cluster. I have two groups within the cluster: one called "ClusterGroup" which contains the Cluster IP Address, Cluster Name and Quorum disk; the other group contains the shared disk that contains the virtual server .VHD files and the scripts for each Virtual Server that I have in the cluster (the scripts are dependant on the shared disk).

When this was first set up and I was testing failover with one or two guests, the failover was great. Downtime was just a few seconds and then the group would fail over to the other node. But the failover is getting slower and slower as I add more guests to the cluster. I'm up to 5 guests now with at least 3 more to add to the cluster. Failover now is taking 1-2 minutes. It's at the point now where I reboot one node and it's back up before the guests fail over to the other node.

I readily admit that I may not have this set up optimally, but I'm not certain how else to do it. I can't seem to break the guests into separate groups because the guests need to depend on the shared disk to fail over properly.

Any suggestions?

Thanks,

Jon

(And if the formatting of this message is out of whack, it's because this is the first time I've posted to a newsgroup using Newsbin)

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