



# Icinga 2.11

# Network Stack

## Problem Analysis

<https://github.com/Icinga/icinga2/issues/7041>

### 01

#### Connections

The current thread pool implementation limits fast connection handling, has asynchronous TLS event polling (blocking), and custom fifo buffers – many problems under the surface.

### 02

#### Context Switches

2.9: Use 1 thread per connection, lots of resources, lock waits, switches  
2.10: Thread pool for resource management, everything is slower but less resource consuming. Still blocks.  
2.11: Find a solution for all the problems since 2.0.

### 03

#### HTTP Server

HTTP Server is written from scratch since 2.4  
Many connections stall and overload the monitoring system  
Long lasting queries are cut off (no detection of waiting clients)

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Boost library – everything not in STD library

01

Boost

- Raise Boost to 1.66+
- ASIO – Network I/O, TLS abstraction
- Beast – HTTP
- Coroutines – non-blocking threads

02

I/O Engine

03

HTTP API

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I/O Engine – Connections & CPU bound work

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Boost

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HTTP API

- FAST async connection handling
- CPU bound work in the background
- IO bound work in the foreground
- Use coroutines to avoid locks
  - Stores function frame on stack
  - Continues when there are resources available
  - <https://www.netways.de/blog/2019/04/04/modern-c-programming-coroutines-with-boost/>

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HTTP Server – REST API

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HTTP API

- Boost Beast
  - Async reads/writes (header, body)
  - Buffers
- HTTP verbs
  - *http::status::ok*
  - *http::field::accept*
  - *http::verb::options*

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Rewrite core parts: The story.

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01

Boost

Boost 1.66+ allows the usage of additional libraries for socket/network I/O, thread pools and HTTP server/clients.

Package Boost on platforms which don't have this in EPEL/Backports.

Status: Done

02

I/O Engine

Replace the current TLS socket I/O implementation with custom event handling (poll, epoll) with Boost ASIO.

Use IoBoundWork and CpuBoundWork thread pools.

Status: Done

03

HTTP API

Replace custom HTTP handling with Boost ASIO & Boost Beast.

Use Beast Buffers, HTTP verbs and more things for compile time errors, not runtime.

Replace HTTP Clients (InfluxDB, Elasticsearch, CLI commands, check\_nscp\_api) with Boost implementation.

Status: 80% done. TODO: console, check\_nscp\_api, logging, docs

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More goodness

01

HA & Failover

02

Configuration

03

Runtime Objects

- Feature HA
  - <https://github.com/Icinga/icinga2/issues/2941>
    - Elasticsearch, Graphite, InfluxDB, etc.
- Failover in HA zones
  - Object authority update every 10s (was 30s)
  - DB IDO failover\_timeout 30s (was 60s)
  - More logging
- **Status: Done**

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More goodness

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Cluster Config

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Runtime Objects

- Story
  - <https://github.com/Icinga/icinga2/issues/6716>
  - Coming from #10000 🤪🤪🤪🤪🤪
- Tackle existing problems
  - Staged sync, no broken config after restart
  - Don't include deleted zones on startup
  - Deal with race conditions on sync
- **Status: PoC PR exists**



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Runtime Objects in API config packages

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Runtime Objects

- Story: <https://github.com/Icinga/icinga2/issues/7119>
  - Runtime objects (downtimes, etc.) are missing after restart (broken config package).
- Uses `_api` package internally
- Active-stage is read from disk every time
  - Race condition: can be empty
  - Incomplete object file path on disk
- Repair broken active stage (timer)
- Logs & troubleshooting docs
- Status: Done (since Friday)

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Fixes, crashes, and code quality – **all done**

## Crashes

- Permission filters API crashes #6874 (ref/NC)
- Logrotate timer crash #6737
- Replay log not cleared #6932

## Bugs

- Windows agent 100% cpu/logging #3029
- JSON library: YAJL -> Nlohmann #6684

## Quality

- UTF8 sanitizing #4703
- Boost Filesystem for I/O #7102
- Boost Asio Thread Pool (checks, etc.) #6988

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Missing, what's next?

Test

Fix

Profit

- Finish Network Stack
- Review PoC for Cluster Config Sync
- Customer problems, anything else
- Draufhaun - <https://github.com/Icinga/icinga2/milestone/72>
- Extensive tests from customers, partners, users required
- Overall status: 60%

# Thank You



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