This document provides a brief description about the Oracle System Monitoring Plug-in for Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise, details on the versions the plug-in supports, prerequisites for installing the plug-in, and step-by-step instructions on how to download, install, verify, and validate the plug-in.

Description

The System Monitoring Plug-in for Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise extends Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control to add support for managing Sybase Adaptive Server instances. By deploying the plug-in within your Grid Control environment, you gain the following management features:

- Monitor Sybase Adaptive Server instances.
- Gather configuration data and track configuration changes for Sybase Adaptive Server instances.
- Raise alerts and violations based on thresholds set on monitored metrics and configuration data.
- Provide rich out-of-box reports based on the gathered data.
- Support monitoring by a remote agent. For remote monitoring, the agent need not be on the same host as the Sybase Adaptive Server.

Versions Supported

This plug-in supports the following versions of products:

- Enterprise Manager Grid Control 10.2.0.1 or higher
- Oracle Management Agent 10.2.0.1 or higher for Windows
- Version 15.x or higher of Express (XE), Enterprise (EE), and Developer (DE) editions of Sybase Adaptive Server

Note: The system monitoring plug-in for Sybase Adaptive Server is not certified for monitoring Sybase Adaptive Server Clusters. For more information, refer to the known issues described in the Oracle Enterprise Manager System Monitoring Plug-in Troubleshooting Guide available at:

http://www.oracle.com/technology/documentation/oem.html
Prerequisites
The following prerequisites must be met before you can deploy the plug-in:

- Sybase Adaptive Server Enterprise version 15.x or higher is installed.
- The following components of Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control are installed and running:
  - Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control 10.2.0.1 or higher
  - Oracle Management agent for Windows 10.2.0.1 or higher
    You can install the agent on the same computer as Sybase Adaptive Server (referred to as local agent monitoring), or you can install the agent on a different computer from Sybase Adaptive Server (referred to as remote agent monitoring).
- Preferred credentials are set on all agents where you want to deploy the plug-in.
- The MDA tables must be installed before they can be queried. The MDA tables only exist on 12.5.0.3 and higher. To install MDA tables, do the following:
  1. Ensure that the configuration parameter enable cis is set to 1. If not, restart ASE. Run the following command:
     ```
     sp_configure 'enable cis', 1
     go
     ```
  2. Add 'loopback' server name alias (assuming @@servername is also defined in the interfaces file). This step is no longer required in 15.0 ESD#2 or later.
     ```
     use master
     go
     sp_addserver loopback, null, @@servername
     go
     ```
  3. Test this configuration. This step is no longer required in 15.0 ESD#2 or later.
     ```
     set cis_rpc_handling on
     go
     ```
     Alternatively, run the following command and then disconnect and reconnect your session:
     ```
     sp_configure 'cis rpc handling', 1
     exec loopback...sp_who -- note: 3 dots!
     go
     ```
  4. Install the MDA tables. Do not run this script with ‘sqsh’ as it will cause errors. ‘sqsh’ sees a ‘$’ as the start of a sqsh variable, and this distorts the native RPC names, since these start with a ‘$’ as well. Instead, either use ‘isql’ as below, or run ‘sqsh’ with the ‘-Lexpand=0’ option to disable sqsh variable expansion feature. For ASE 15.0.2 and higher, this script is included in the installmaster.
     ```
     isql -U sa -P yourpassword -S YOURSERVER \ 
     -i $SYBASE/$SYBASE_ASE/scripts/installmontables
     ```
5. Assign `mon_role` to logins allowed MDA access. This also applies to the 'sa' login.
   ```sql
   use master
go
   grant role mon_role to sa
go
   ```

6. Test basic MDA configuration as follows. You may need to disconnect and reconnect to activate `mon_role` when you grant this role to the login you are currently using.
   ```sql
   select * from master..monState
go
   ```

7. Enable all configuration parameters. These are all dynamic (except the per object statistics active parameter). For all 'pipe' tables, the number of messages is set to 100 here, but you can choose a larger size.
   ```sql
   sp_configure "enable monitoring", 1
go
   sp_configure "sql text pipe active", 1
go
   sp_configure "sql text pipe max messages", 100
go
   sp_configure "plan text pipe active", 1
go
   sp_configure "plan text pipe max messages", 100
go
   sp_configure "statement pipe active", 1
go
   sp_configure "statement pipe max messages", 100
go
   sp_configure "errorlog pipe active", 1
go
   sp_configure "errorlog pipe max messages", 100
go
   sp_configure "deadlock pipe active", 1
go
   sp_configure "deadlock pipe max messages", 100
go
   sp_configure "wait event timing", 1
go
   sp_configure "process wait events", 1
go
   sp_configure "object lockwait timing", 1
go
   sp_configure "SQL batch capture", 1
go
   sp_configure "statement statistics active", 1
go
   sp_configure "per object statistics active", 1
go
   ```

8. For ASE 15.0.2, also run the following command:
   ```sql
   sp_configure "enable stmt cache monitoring", 1
go
   ```
9. Set the following static parameter to a higher value (the setting is in bytes per user connection) if you’re expecting a lot of (or long) SQL batches:

```
sp_configure "max SQL text monitored", 2048
```

```
go
```

**Note:** Enabling the following configuration parameters will result in >5% performance overhead:

```
sp_configure "sql text pipe active", 1
sp_configure "sql text pipe max messages", 100
sp_configure "max SQL text monitored", 2048
sp_configure "plan text pipe active", 1
sp_configure "plan text pipe max messages", 100
sp_configure "statement pipe active", 1
sp_configure "statement pipe max messages", 100
sp_configure "statement statistics active", 1
sp_configure "per object statistics active", 1
```

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**Configuring Sybase Adaptive Server for Monitoring**

To monitor the Sybase Adaptive Server target using Enterprise Manager, the Sybase Adaptive Server user must have the role `mon_role`. In addition to `mon_role` permissions, the monitoring user must also have Select permissions to access the following `sys` tables:

- `syslisteners`
- `sysloginroles`
- `syssrvroles`

The following commands will grant Select permission to the monitoring user:

```
grant select on syslisteners to public
```

```
go
```

```
grant select on sysloginroles to public
```

```
go
```

```
grant select on syssrvroles (name, srid) to public
```

```
go
```

The above steps will give Select permission to all existing users in the database. To grant Select permission to only the monitoring user, referred to as `monuser` below, run the following commands. To execute these commands, the user must have `sa_role` permissions.

1. Create a group.

```
sp_addgroup OracleEMGroup
```

```
go
```

2. Add the user `monuser` to the group.

```
sp_adduser monuser, null, OracleEMGroup
```

```
go
```

3. Grant Select permission on the tables to `OracleEMGroup`.

```
grant select on syslisteners to OracleEMGroup
```

```
go
```

```
grant select on sysloginroles to OracleEMGroup
```

```
go
```

```
grant select on syssrvroles (name, srid) to OracleEMGroup
```

```
go
```
grant select on sysloginroles to OracleEMGroup

go
grant select on syssrvroles (name, srid) to OracleEMGroup

go

Deploying the Plug-in

After you ensure that the prerequisites are met, follow these steps to deploy the plug-in:

1. Download the Sybase Adaptive Server Plug-in archive to your desktop or computer on which the browser is launched. You can download the archive from the Oracle Technology Network (OTN).

2. Log into Enterprise Manager Grid Control as a Super Administrator.

3. Click the Setup link in the upper right corner of the Grid Control Home page, then click the Management Plug-ins link on the left side of the Setup page. Figure 1 shows the Management Plug-ins page.

4. Click Import.

5. Click Browse and select the plug-in archive.

6. Click List Archive.

7. Select the plug-in and click OK.

8. Verify that you have set preferred credentials on all agents where you want to deploy the plug-in.

10. Click Add Agents, then select one or more agents to which you want to deploy the plug-in. The wizard reappears and displays the agent you selected.

11. Click Next, then click Finish.
If you see an error message stating that the preferred credential is not set up, go to the Preferences page and add the preferred credentials for the Agent target type.

12. To check the deployment status, go to Related Links and click the link Deployment Status.

Setting up the JDBC Driver
Following are the steps to set up jConnect for the Sybase Adaptive Server plugin:
2. Create a jdbcdriver directory under agent/sysman/ and place the jConn3.jar file in that directory.
3. Add the location of the driver .jar file to the classpath.lst file under the $ORACLE_HOME/sysman/config directory.
4. If the agent is installed on a system that is part of an OS cluster, you need to edit the classpath.lst file under the $ORACLE_HOME/<node_name>/sysman/config directory, where node_name is the name of the clustered node where the agent is running.
   If the classpath.lst file does not exist, create the file. For example, the classpath.lst file in a UNIX environment might appear as shown in the following example:
   /home/usera/agent/sysman/jdbcdriver/sybase/jConn3.jar

TCP/IP Port Information
The following sections provide information you require to enable the TCP/IP port and to find the TCP/IP port for a particular Sybase Adaptive Server instance.

Enabling TCP/IP Port
For all editions of Sybase Adaptive Server
1. From the Sybase Adaptive Server Configuration Manager, select Sybase Adaptive Server Network Configuration in the left panel and navigate to the Sybase Adaptive Server instance.
   The right panel displays all protocols for the specified Sybase Adaptive Server instance and their status.
2. Ensure that TCP/IP is enabled.
3. (If TCP/IP is disabled), right-click TCP/IP and select Properties. The TCP/IP Properties dialog box appears.
4. In the Protocol tab, select enabled, and click Apply.
5. Restart the Sybase Adaptive Server instance.

Finding TCP/IP Port
To find the TCP/IP port number for a particular Sybase Adaptive Server instance, run the following query:

```
Select address_info from syslisteners
```

The above query returns the host address followed by the port number.

Adding Instances for Monitoring
After successfully deploying the plug-in, follow these steps to add the plug-in target to Grid Control for central monitoring and management:

1. From the Agent home page where the plug-in was deployed, select the Sybase Adaptive Server target type from the Add drop-down list, then click Go. The Add Sybase Adaptive Server page appears as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2  Configuration Properties Page

2. Provide the following information for the properties:
   - **Name** — Unique target name across all the Grid Control targets, such as `SybaseServer_Hostname`. This is the display name in the Grid Control. It represents this Sybase Adaptive Server target across all user interfaces within Grid Control.
   - **JDBC URL** — Provide the URL in the format `jdbc:sybase:Tds:<system>:<tcp/ip port>`
     For example, `jdbc:sybase:Tds:stmpi2.idc.oracle.com:5000`
   - **JDBC Driver** — Optional parameter. Provide this value in the format `com.sybase.jdbc3.jdbc.SybDriver`
   - **Database Username** — Valid user for the database in mon_role.
   - **Password for the Database User** — Corresponding password for the database user
3. Click Test Connection to make sure the parameters you entered are correct.

4. Reenter the encrypted parameters from step 2 if the connection test was successful, then click **OK**.

   **Important:** If you do not reenter the encrypted parameters before clicking **OK**, you might encounter an error suggesting that the login failed.

After you deploy and configure the plug-in to monitor one or more targets in the environment, you can customize the monitoring settings of the plug-in. This alters the collection intervals and threshold settings of the metrics to meet the particular needs of your environment. If you decide to disable one or more metric collections, this could impact the reports that the metric is a part of.

**Verifying and Validating the Plug-in**

After waiting a few minutes for the plug-in to start collecting data, use the following steps to verify and validate that Enterprise Manager is properly monitoring the plug-in target:

1. Click the Sybase Adaptive Server target link from the Agent home page Monitored Targets table. The Sybase Adaptive Server home page appears.

   The Sybase Adaptive Server home page appears as shown in Figure 3.

   **Figure 3  Sybase Adaptive Server Home Page**

2. Verify that no metric collection errors are reported in the Metrics table.

3. Ensure that reports can be seen and no errors are reported by clicking the Reports property page.

4. Ensure that configuration data can be seen by clicking the **View Configuration** link in the Configuration section. If configuration data does not immediately appear, click **Refresh** in the View Configuration page.
Undeploying the Plug-in

Follow these steps to undeploy the plug-in from an agent:

1. Log in to Enterprise Manager Grid Control as a Super Administrator.
2. Select the Targets tab, then the All Targets subtab. The All Targets page appears.
3. Select the Sybase Adaptive Server Plug-in target and click Remove. You must do this step for all targets of the plug-in.
4. Make sure that the preferred credentials are set on the agents where the plug-in is deployed.
5. Click the Setup link in the upper right corner of the All Targets page, then click the Management Plug-ins link on the left side of the Setup page. The Management Plug-ins page appears.
7. Check all the agents that are currently deployed with the Sybase Adaptive Server Plug-in and click OK.
   You must undeploy the plug-in from every agent in the system to completely remove it from the enterprise.

Troubleshooting the Plug-In

If the following parameters are not enabled for the Sybase Adaptive Server plug-in, metric collection errors may occur:

```sql
sp_configure 'sql text pipe active', 1
sp_configure 'sql text pipe max messages', 100
sp_configure 'max SQL text monitored', 2048
sp_configure 'plan text pipe active', 1
sp_configure 'plan text pipe max messages', 100
sp_configure 'statement pipe active', 1
sp_configure 'statement pipe max messages', 100
sp_configure 'statement statistics active', 1
sp_configure 'per object statistics active', 1
```

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