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Preface

The *Sun Java™ System Access Manager Performance Tuning Guide* describes how to tune Access Manager and its related components to improve performance and efficiency.

Access Manager is a component of the Sun Java™ Enterprise System (Java ES), a set of software components that provide services needed to support enterprise applications distributed across a network or Internet environment.

Who Should Use This Book

This book is primarily intended for system and network administrators who are tuning Access Manager and its related components.

Before You Read This Book

Readers should be familiar with the following components and concepts:

- Access Manager technical concepts, as described in the *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Technical Overview*.
- Deployment platform: Solaris™ or Linux operating system.
- Access Manager Web container: Sun Java System Application Server, Sun Java System Web Server, BEA WebLogic, or IBM WebSphere Application Server.
- Technical concepts: Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), Java™ technology, JavaServer Pages™ (JSP) technology, HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP), HyperText Markup Language (HTML), and eXtensible Markup Language (XML).

How This Book Is Organized

This book is organized as follows:

[Chapter 1](#) is an introduction to Access Manager performance tuning.

[Chapter 2](#) describes how to run the Access Manager tuning scripts.

[Chapter 3](#) describes how to tune Sun Java System Directory Server.

[Appendix A, Tuning Considerations](#) provides considerations for the Solaris OS, Linux OS, and third-party web containers, including IBM WebSphere Application Server and BEA WebLogic Server.

Related Books

Related documentation is available as follows:

- [“Access Manager Core Documentation”](#) on page 8
- [“Sun Java Enterprise System Product Documentation”](#) on page 9

Access Manager Core Documentation

- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Release Notes* will be available online after the product is released. It gathers an assortment of last-minute information, including a description of what is new in this current release, known problems and limitations, installation notes, and how to report issues with the software or the documentation.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Technical Overview* provides an overview of how Access Manager components work together to consolidate access control functions, and to protect enterprise assets and web-based applications. It also explains basic Access Manager concepts and terminology.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Deployment Planning Guide* provides information for planning an Access Manager deployment within an existing information technology infrastructure.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Deployment Planning Guide* provides planning and deployment solutions for Access Manager based on the solution life cycle.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Administration Guide* describes how to use the Access Manager console as well as manage user and service data via the command line interface.

- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Federation and SAML Administration Guide* provides information about the Federation module based on the Liberty Alliance Project specifications. It includes information on the integrated services based on these specifications, instructions for enabling a Liberty-based environment, and summaries of the application programming interface (API) for extending the framework.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Developer's Guide* provides information about customizing Access Manager and integrating its functionality into an organization's current technical infrastructure. It also contains details about the programmatic aspects of the product and its API.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 C API Reference* provides summaries of data types, structures, and functions that make up the public Access Manager C APIs.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Java API Reference* provides information about the implementation of Java packages in Access Manager.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Performance Tuning Guide* (this guide) provides information about how to tune Access Manager and its related components for optimal performance.
- The *Sun Java System Access Manager Policy Agent 2.2 User's Guide* provides an overview of the policy functionality and the policy agents available for Access Manager.

Updates to the *Access Manager Release Notes* and links to modifications of the core documentation can be found on the Access Manager documentation web site (<http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/coll/1292.1>).

Sun Java Enterprise System Product Documentation

For useful information for related products, see the following documentation collections on the Sun Java Enterprise System documentation web site (<http://docs.sun.com/prod/entsys.05q4>):

- Sun Java System Directory Server:
<http://docs.sun.com/coll/1316.1>
- Sun Java System Web Server:
<http://docs.sun.com/coll/1308.1>
- Sun Java System Application Server:
<http://docs.sun.com/coll/1310.1>
- Sun Java System Message Queue:
<http://docs.sun.com/coll/1307.1>
- Sun Java System Web Proxy Server:

<http://docs.sun.com/coll/1311.1>

Related Third-Party Web Site References

Third-party URLs are referenced in this document and provide additional, related information.

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Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic changes that are used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

| Typeface or Symbol | Meaning | Example |
|--------------------|---|---|
| AaBbCc123 | The names of commands, files, and directories, and onscreen computer output | Edit your <code>.login</code> file. Use <code>ls -a</code> to list all files. <code>machine_name%</code> you have mail. |
| AaBbCc123 | What you type, contrasted with onscreen computer output | <code>machine_name% su</code> Password: |
| <i>aabbcc123</i> | Placeholder: replace with a real name or value | The command to remove a file is <code>rm filename</code> . |
| <i>AaBbCc123</i> | Book titles, new terms, and terms to be emphasized | Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> . Perform a <i>patch analysis</i> . Do <i>not</i> save the file. [Note that some emphasized items appear bold online.] |

Shell Prompts in Command Examples

The following table shows the default system prompt and superuser prompt for the C shell, Bourne shell, and Korn shell.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

| Shell | Prompt |
|--|----------------------------|
| C shell prompt | <code>machine_name%</code> |
| C shell superuser prompt | <code>machine_name#</code> |
| Bourne shell and Korn shell prompt | <code>\$</code> |
| Bourne shell and Korn shell superuser prompt | <code>#</code> |

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For example, the title of this book is *Sun Java System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 Performance Tuning Guide*, and the part number is 819-2138-12.

Introduction to Access Manager Tuning

This guide provides performance tuning information for Sun Java™ System Access Manager, including how to run the Access Manager tuning scripts. You can run these scripts to tune Access Manager and its related components.

Before You Begin

Before you use this guide, Access Manager and other Sun Java Enterprise System component products such as Directory Server, Web Server, and Application Server must be installed. For information about installing these products, see the *Sun Java Enterprise System 2005Q4 Installation Guide for UNIX*.

Note – Tuning Access Manager and its related components is an iterative process that can vary for different deployments. The Access Manager tuning scripts try to apply the optimal tuning parameter settings. However, each deployment is unique and might require further customization to suit specific requirements.

Tuning Access Manager and Other Components

This guide includes the following information:

- [Chapter 2](#) describes how to run the Access Manager tuning scripts.
- [Chapter 3](#) describes how to tune Sun Java System Directory Server.

Access Manager Tuning Scripts

The Sun Java™ System Access Manager 7 2005Q4 tuning scripts allow you to tune Access Manager and other components of your deployment, including Sun Java System Directory Server, the web container running Access Manager, and the Solaris™ Operating System (OS) kernel.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “Overview of the Access Manager Tuning Scripts” on page 15
- “Access Manager `amtune-env` File Parameters” on page 18

Note – It is highly recommended that you apply the latest Access Manager 7 2005Q4 patch, available for both Solaris SPARC and Solaris x86 systems. You can request this patch from your Sun Microsystems technical representative.

The Access Manager 7 2005Q4 patch resets the LDAP connection values in the `/etc/opt/SUNWam/config/serverconfig.xml` file to their default values. Therefore, be sure to apply this patch before you run the `amtune-identity` script.

Overview of the Access Manager Tuning Scripts

The Access Manager tuning scripts are non-interactive. To run a script, you first edit the parameters in the `amtune-env` configuration file to specify the tuning options you want to set for your specific environment. Then, you run either the `amtune` script, which calls other scripts as needed, or a specific script. For example, you might run only the `amtune-identity` script to tune only Access Manager.

The Access Manager tuning scripts and the `amtune-env` configuration file are installed in the following directory, depending on your platform:

- Solaris systems: *AccessManager-base/SUNWam/bin/amtune*
- Linux systems: *AccessManager-base/identity/bin/amtune*

AccessManager-base is the Access Manager 7 2005Q4 base installation directory. The default base installation directory is `/opt` on Solaris systems and `/opt/sun` on Linux systems.

The following table describes the tuning scripts that are available in the Access Manager 7 2005Q4 release.

TABLE 2-1 Access Manager Tuning Scripts

| Script | Description |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>amtune</code> | Wrapper script that calls other scripts based on values in the <code>amtune-env</code> file. |
| <code>amtune-identity</code> | Tunes the installed instance of Access Manager. |
| <code>amtune-os</code> | Tunes the Solaris OS kernel and TCP/IP parameters. |
| <code>amtune-ws61</code> | Tunes the Sun Java System Web Server 2005Q4 (6.1) Web container. |
| <code>amtune-as8</code> | Tunes the Sun Java System Application Server Enterprise Edition 8 (8.1) Web container. |
| <code>amtune-as7</code> | Tunes the Sun Java System Application Server 7 Web container. |
| <code>amtune-prepareDSTuner</code> | Generates the <code>amtune-directory</code> script, which you can use to tune the Directory Server that supports Access Manager. For more information, see Chapter 3 . |

Tuning Modes

The Access Manager tuning scripts can run in the following modes, as determined by the `AMTUNE_MODE` parameter in the `amtune-env` file.

- **REVIEW** mode (default). The scripts return tuning recommendations for an Access Manager deployment, but they do not make any actual changes to the environment.
- **CHANGE** mode. The scripts make all of the tuning modifications that are defined in the `amtune-env` file, except for Directory Server. For more information, see [Chapter 3](#).

In either mode, the scripts return a list of tuning recommendations to the `amtune` debug log file and the terminal window. The location of the log file is determined by the `com.ipplanet.services.debug.directory` parameter in the `AMConfig.properties` file. The default debug directory depends on your platform:

- Solaris systems: `/var/opt/SUNWam/debug`

- Linux systems: `/var/opt/sun/identity/debug`



Caution – Tuning is an iterative process that can vary for different deployments. The Access Manager tuning scripts try to apply the optimal tuning parameter settings. However, each deployment is unique and might require further customization to suit specific requirements.

Therefore, use CHANGE mode only after you have reviewed and understand the tuning changes that will be applied to your deployment.

Running an Access Manager Tuning Script

To run a tuning script, use the following syntax:

```
amtune-script admin_password dirmanager_password [ as8_admin_password ]
```

The tuning script parameters are:

- *amtune-script* is one of the tuning scripts: *amtune*, *amtune-identity*, *amtune-os*, *amtune-ws61*, *amtune-as7*, *amtune-as8*, or *amtune-prepareDSTuner*.
- *admin_password* is the Access Manager Administrator password.
- *dirmanager_password* is the Directory Manager (cn=Directory Manager) password.
- *as8_admin_password* is the Administrator password that is required if you are tuning Application Server (WEB_CONTAINER is set to AS8).

▼ To Run a Tuning Script

This section describes the basic steps to run an Access Manager Tuning script.

- Steps**
1. **Log in as or become superuser.**
 2. **If you have not run the scripts in REVIEW mode, ensure that AMTUNE_MODE is set to REVIEW (default value) in the *amtune-env* file.**
 3. **Edit other parameters in the *amtune-env* file, depending on the components you want to tune:**
 - Access Manager *amtune-env* file parameters
 - Installation environment tuning parameters
 - “[Application Server 8 Tuning Parameters](#)” on page 26 (if Application Server 8 is the web container)

To tune the Directory Server that supports Access Manager, see [Chapter 3](#).

4. In REVIEW mode, run either the `amtune` script or one of the component scripts.
5. Review the tuning recommendations in the debug log file. If needed, make changes to the `amtune-env` file based on this run.
6. If you are satisfied with the tuning recommendations from the REVIEW mode run, set `AMTUNE_MODE` to `CHANGE` in the `amtune-env` file.
7. In CHANGE mode, run either the `amtune` script or one of the component scripts. For example, to tune the Solaris OS, run `amtune-os`, as follows:

```
# ./amtune-os admin_password dirmanager_password
```
8. Check the debug log file for the results of the run.

Note – In CHANGE mode, the `amtune` script might need to restart the Web container and Access Manager. In some instances, `amtune` might also recommend a system restart.

Access Manager `amtune-env` File Parameters

The `amtune-env` file contains the following parameters to define the tuning options for an Access Manager deployment:

- Access Manager tuning parameters
- Installation environment tuning parameters
- Application Server 8 tuning parameters

For a description of the Directory Server parameters, see [Chapter 3](#).

Access Manager Tuning Parameters

The following table describes the specific parameters for tuning Access Manager.

TABLE 2-2 Access Manager Tuning Parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|---------------------------|--|
| AMTUNE_MODE | <p>Sets the tuning mode to one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ REVIEW– The scripts return tuning recommendations for an Access Manager deployment but do not make any actual changes to the deployment environment.■ CHANGE– The scripts make all of the tuning modifications that you have defined in the <code>amtune-env</code> file, except for Directory Server. For more information, see Chapter 3. <p>Default: REVIEW</p> |
| AMTUNE_TUNE_OS | <p>Tunes the Solaris OS kernel and TCP/IP settings.</p> <p>Default: true</p> |
| AMTUNE_TUNE_DS | <p>Generates a script to tune the Directory Server that supports Access Manager.</p> <p>Default: true</p> |
| AMTUNE_TUNE_WEB_CONTAINER | <p>Tunes the Access Manager web container, which can be either Web Server or Application Server.</p> <p>Default: true</p> |
| AMTUNE_TUNE_IDENTITY | <p>Tunes the installed instance of Access Manager.</p> <p>Default: true</p> |
| AMTUNE_DEBUG_FILE_PREFIX | <p>Identifies the prefix for the <code>amtune</code> log file. If this parameter is set, all operations performed by the <code>amtune</code> scripts are logged. The location of the log file is determined by the <code>com.ipplanet.services.debug.directory</code> parameter in the <code>AMConfig.properties</code> file.</p> <p>If this parameter is not set, information is not logged, and all output is sent to <code>/dev/null</code>.</p> <p>Default: <code>amtune</code></p> |

TABLE 2-2 Access Manager Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| AMTUNE_PCT_MEMORY_TO_USE | <p>Specifies the percent of available memory used by Access Manager.</p> <p>Currently, Access Manager can use a maximum of 4 GB, which is the per process address space limit for 32-bit applications.</p> <p>Access Manager requires a minimum of 256 MB RAM.</p> <p>When you set AMTUNE_PCT_MEMORY_TO_USE to 100, the maximum space allocated for Access Manager is the minimum between 4 GB and 100% of available RAM.</p> <p>When you set AMTUNE_PCT_MEMORY_TO_USE to 0, Access Manager is configured to use 256 MB RAM</p> <p>Default: 75</p> <p>The following values are derived from this parameter setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ JVM memory usage - Heap sizes, NewSizes, PermSizes■ Thread pool sizes - Web Server RqThrottle, Authentication LDAP connection pool, SM LDAP connection pool, Notification thread pools■ Access Manager caches - SDK caches and session caches■ Maximum sizes - Maximum number of sessions and maximum number of cache entries <p>AMConfig.properties File Settings</p> <p>Notification thread pool settings:</p> <pre>com.iplanet.am.notification.threadpool.size com.iplanet.am.notification.threadpool.threshold</pre> <p>SDK cache maximum size setting:</p> <pre>com.iplanet.am.sdk.cache.maxsize</pre> <p>Session settings:</p> <pre>com.iplanet.am.session.httpSession.enabled com.iplanet.am.session.maxSessions com.iplanet.am.session.invalidsessionmaxtime com.iplanet.am.session.purgedelay</pre> |

TABLE 2-2 Access Manager Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|--|---|
| AMTUNE_PER_THREAD_STACK_SIZE | <p>Sets the available stack space per thread in Java (Web container). The per thread stack size is used to tune various thread-related parameters in Access Manager and the Web container.</p> <p>Default: 128 KB</p> <p>Caution: Do not change this value unless absolutely necessary.</p> |
| AMTUNE_DONT_TOUCH_SESSION_PARAMETERS | <p>Specifies whether session time-out tuning using the next three parameters is enabled. To enable, set to false.</p> <p>Default: true</p> |
| AMTUNE_SESSION_MAX_SESSION_TIME_IN_MTS | <p>Sets the maximum session time in minutes.</p> <p>Default: 60</p> <p>However, the default value might be different for your installation. If the session service is registered and customized at the any other level, the tuning will not apply.</p> <p>Setting this parameter to very high or very low values affects the number of active user sessions an Access Manager deployment can support, so this parameter is optional for tuning purposes.</p> <p>To use this parameter, AM_TUNE_DONT_TOUCH_SESSION_PARAMETERS must be set to false.</p> |
| AMTUNE_SESSION_MAX_IDLE_TIME_IN_MTS | <p>Sets the maximum idle time for a session in minutes.</p> <p>Default: 10</p> <p>However, the default value might be different for your installation. If the Session service is registered and customized at the any other level, the tuning will not apply.</p> <p>Setting this parameter to very high or very low values affects the number of active user sessions an Access Manager deployment can support, so this parameter is optional for tuning purposes.</p> <p>To use this parameter, AM_TUNE_DONT_TOUCH_SESSION_PARAMETERS must be set to false.</p> |

TABLE 2-2 Access Manager Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|--|--|
| AMTUNE_SESSION_MAX_CACHING_TIME_IN_MTS | <p>Sets the maximum session cache time in minutes.</p> <p>Default: 2</p> <p>However, the default value might be different for your installation. If the Session service is registered and customized at the any other level, the tuning will not apply.</p> <p>Setting this parameter to very high or very low values affects the number of active use sessions an Access Manager deployment can support, so this parameter is optional for tuning purposes.</p> <p>To use this parameter, AM_TUNE_DONT_TOUCH_SESSION_PARAMETERS must be set to false.</p> |

Installation Environment Tuning Parameters

The following table describes the Access Manager installation environment tuning parameters.

TABLE 2-3 Installation Environment Tuning Parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------|--|
| HOSTNAME | <p>Specifies the host name of the system where Access Manager is deployed.</p> <p>If the host name for your environment cannot be obtained using the <code>hostname</code> command, comment the following line:</p> <pre>HOSTNAME='/bin/hostname /bin/cut -f1 -d" . "'</pre> <p>Then, add a line setting the correct host name. For example:</p> <pre>HOSTNAME=<i>myhost</i></pre> |

TABLE 2-3 Installation Environment Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|--------------------|--|
| DOMAINNAME | <p>Specifies the domain name of the system where Access Manager is deployed.</p> <p>If the domain name for your environment cannot be obtained using the <code>domainname</code> command, comment the following line:</p> <pre>DOMAINNAME= '/bin/domainname'</pre> <p>Then, add a line setting the correct domain name. For example:</p> <pre>DOMAINNAME=example.com</pre> |
| IS_CONFIG_DIR | <p>Specifies the Access Manager configuration directory.</p> <p>Default: <code>/etc/opt/SUNWam/config</code></p> <p>Note: Do not change this parameter.</p> |
| WEB_CONTAINER | <p>Specifies the name of the Web container on which Access Manager is deployed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ WS61 specifies Web Server 6.1.■ AS8 specifies Application Server 8.■ AS7 specifies Application Server 7. <p>Default: WS61</p> <p>Any other value returns a validation error.</p> |
| CONTAINER_BASE_DIR | <p>Specifies the base directory for the Web container that is running Access Manager. If you installed the Web container in a non-default location, change this value before running <code>amtune</code>.</p> <p>Default values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Web Server 6.1 or later: <code>/opt/SUNWwbsvr</code>■ Application Server 7: <code>/var/opt/SUNWappserver7</code>■ Application Server 8: <code>/var/opt/SUNWappserver</code> |

TABLE 2-3 Installation Environment Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| WEB_CONTAINER_INSTANCE_NAME | <p>Specifies the instance name of the Access Manager web container.</p> <p>Typically, this value is the host name where Access Manager is deployed. If you have multiple instances for the Web container, this value might be different from the host name, and you must set it to the correct instance name.</p> <p>Defaults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Web Server 6.1 or later: <i>hostname</i>■ Application Server 7: <i>domains/server1</i>■ Application Server 8: <i>domains/domain1</i> |

TABLE 2-3 Installation Environment Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|------------------|---|
| IS_INSTANCE_NAME | <p>Specifies the Access Manager instance names. IS_INSTANCE_NAME is used to determine the properties file names for the Access Manager installation.</p> <p>Default: none</p> <p>You can deploy multiple instances of Access Manager on the same machine, but generally, there is one set of properties files for each Access Manager instance, and the instance name is appended to the file names.</p> <p>If there is only one instance of Access Manager on a machine, the instance name is not appended to the file name.</p> <p>For example, there might be a single instance of Access Manager running under the default instance of Web Server.</p> <p>If Access Manager is installed on a machine named <code>server.example.com</code>, typically the first instance of Web Server is <code>https-server.example.com</code>. The properties files for the first Access Manager instance will not have the instance name appended (for example, <code>AMConfig.properties</code>).</p> <p>Multiple Access Manager Instances</p> <p>Multiple instances will have different names. For example, if there are three instances of Web Server, the Web Server instances might be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <code>server.example.com-instance1</code>■ <code>server.example.com-instance2</code>■ <code>server.example.com-instance3</code> <p>If three instances of Access Manager are deployed (one per web container instance), the primary properties file names for Access Manager (typically, <code>AMConfig.properties</code>) might be named as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <code>AMConfig-instance1.properties</code>■ <code>AMConfig-instance2.properties</code>■ <code>AMConfig-instance3.properties</code> |

TABLE 2-3 Installation Environment Tuning Parameters (Continued)

| Parameter | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| IS_INSTANCE_NAME (continued) | <p>You can specify <code>IS_INSTANCE_NAME=instance1</code>. The <code>amtune</code> script resolves the properties file names in the following order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <code>AMConfig-IS_INSTANCE_NAME</code>2. <code>AMConfig-WEB_CONTAINER_INSTANCE_NAME</code>3. <code>AMConfig.properties</code> <p>The script uses the first available properties file in the list.</p> <p>The <code>amadmin</code> utility should also point to the correct server name. Java option: <code>-Dserver.name=IS_INSTANCE_NAME</code></p> <p><code>amtune</code> automatically tries to associate the instance names with the Access Manager properties files using this parameter. Currently, only these files are based on this instance name:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ <code>AMConfig.properties</code>■ <code>serverconfig.xml</code> |
| CONTAINER_INSTANCE_DIR | <p>Specifies the base directory for the Access Manager web container instance. If you have installed the web container in a non-default location, change this value before running <code>amtune</code>.</p> <p>Default values are:</p> <p>Web Server 6.1 or later: <code>\$CONTAINER_BASE_DIR/https-\${WEB_CONTAINER_INSTANCE_NAME}</code></p> <p>Application Server 7 or later: <code>\$CONTAINER_BASE_DIR/\${WEB_CONTAINER_INSTANCE_NAME}</code></p> |

Application Server 8 Tuning Parameters

The following table describes the tuning parameters that you can set when you are using Application Server 8 as the Access Manager web container.

TABLE 2-4 Application Server 8 Web Container Tuning Parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|---------------------|--|
| ASADMIN | <p>Specifies the Application Server 8 <code>asadmin</code> utility location.</p> <p>Default values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Solaris systems: /opt/SUNWappserver/appserver/bin/asadmin ■ Linux systems: /opt/sun/appserver/bin/asadmin |
| ASADMIN_USER | <p>Specifies the Application Server 8 administrator user account.</p> <p>Default: <code>admin</code></p> |
| ASADMIN_PASSFILE | <p>Specifies the temporary password file location used by the <code>asadmin</code> utility. The <code>amtune-as8</code> script creates this file and then deletes it after use.</p> <p>Default: <code>/tmp/passfile</code></p> |
| ASADMIN_HOST | <p>Specifies the Application Server 8 admin host name.</p> <p>Default: <code>\$HOSTNAME</code></p> |
| ASADMIN_PORT | <p>Specifies the Application Server 8 admin port.</p> <p>Default: <code>4849</code></p> |
| ASADMIN_SECURE | <p>Specifies whether the <code>ASADMIN_PORT</code> is secure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <code>--secure</code> specifies the port is secure. ■ Blank specifies that the port is not secure. <p>Default: <code>--secure</code></p> |
| ASADMIN_TARGET | <p>Specifies whether this Application Server 8 installation is used exclusively for Access Manager and Portal Server.</p> <p>Default: <code>server</code>, indicating that Application Server 8 installation is exclusively used for Access Manager and Portal Server.</p> |
| ASADMIN_INTERACTIVE | <p>Specifies whether Application Server 8 administrator operates interactively.</p> <p>Default: <code>false</code></p> <p>Caution: Do not change this parameter.</p> |

TABLE 2-4 Application Server 8 Web Container Tuning Parameters *(Continued)*

| Parameter | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| AMTUNE_WEB_CONTAINER_ JAVA_POLICY | Specifies whether Application Server 8 evaluates Java security descriptors, as specified in the <code>server.policy</code> file. Default: <code>false</code> Caution: Do not change this parameter. Evaluating Java security descriptors can add a significant performance overhead. |

Directory Server Tuning

You can run the tuning scripts to tune the Directory Server that supports Sun Java™ System Access Manager for your deployment. Access Manager should use an existing Directory Server (local or remote) in non-exclusive mode.



Caution – If you are working with a production Directory Server or a Directory Server that has not been backed up (both the data and the configuration), it is recommended that you do not run the `amtune-directory` script in `CHANGE` mode to apply tuning changes.

After you run the `amtune-directory` script in `REVIEW` mode, review the tuning recommendations and apply them manually, if they meet your deployment needs.

Also, make sure you back up both your Directory Server data and configuration before you make any changes.

This chapter includes the following topics:

- “Directory Server Tuning Parameters” on page 29
- “Directory Server Tuning Scripts” on page 30

Directory Server Tuning Parameters

The following table describes the Directory Server tuning parameters in the `amtune-env` configuration file.

TABLE 3-1 Directory Server Tuning Parameters

| Parameter | Description |
|------------------------------|--|
| AMTUNE_TUNE_DS | Generates a script to tune the Directory Server that supports Access Manager. Default: true |
| DIRMGR_UID | Specifies the user ID of the Directory Manager. If your deployment uses a user ID other than the default value (cn=Directory Manager), you must set this parameter with that value. Default: cn=Directory Manager |
| RAM_DISK | Specifies the location of the RAM disk. Default: /tmp |
| DEFAULT_ORG_PEOPLE_CONTAINER | Specifies the people container name for the default organization. This parameter is used to tune the LDAP authentication module's search base. It can be useful when there are no sub-organizations in the default organization. If this value is empty (""), tuning is skipped. Note: Along with appending the people container to the search base, the search scope will be modified to "OBJECT" level. The default search scope is "SUBTREE". Default: ""(empty) |

Directory Server Tuning Scripts

- [“Running in REVIEW Mode” on page 30](#)
- [“Applying the Tuning Changes” on page 31](#)

Running in REVIEW Mode

The `amtune` script and `amtune-prepareDSTuner` scripts do not actually tune Directory Server. However, you must run one of these scripts to generate the `amtune-directory` script, which you can then use to tune Directory Server.

1. Log in as or become superuser.

2. Make sure that the following parameter is set in the `amtune-env` file:

```
AMTUNE_TUNE_DS=true
```

3. Run the `amtune` script or `amtune-prepareDSTuner` script. The script generates the following tar file:

```
/tmp/amtune-directory.tar
```

4. Copy the `amtune-directory.tar` file to a temporary location on the server that is running Directory Server.

5. Untar the `amtune-directory.tar` file in the temporary location.

6. In the `amtune-directory` script, make sure REVIEW mode is set:

```
AMTUNE_MODE="REVIEW"
```

7. Set these parameters, if you prefer a value other than the default (`amtune`):

- `DEBUG_FILE_PREFIX` is a prefix that will be included with the timestamp to specify the filename of the log file where the script writes the recommended tuning changes.
- `DB_BACKUP_DIR_PREFIX` is a prefix that will be included with the timestamp to specify the name of the Directory Server backup directory.

8. Run the `amtune-directory` script in REVIEW mode. For example:

```
# ./amtune-directory dirmanager_password
```

The `dirmanager_password` is the Directory Manager password.

9. Review the recommended tuning settings for Directory Server in the debug log file.

The script creates the log file in the debug directory specified by the `com.iplanet.services.debug.directory` parameter in the `AMConfig.properties` file. The default debug log file directory depends on your platform:

- Solaris systems: `/var/opt/SUNWam/debug`
- Linux systems: `/var/opt/sun/identity/debug`

Applying the Tuning Changes



Caution – If you are working with a production Directory Server or a Directory Server that has not been backed up (both the data and the configuration), it is recommended that you do not run the `amtune-directory` script in CHANGE mode to apply to the tuning changes. Review the tuning recommendations from REVIEW mode and apply the changes manually, if they meet your deployment needs.

Before making the tuning changes, the `amtune-directory` script stops and backs up Directory Server.

If you are working with a pilot or prototype Directory Server and you are sure you want to apply the tuning changes, follow these steps:

1. Back up both your Directory Server data and configuration.
2. Set the following parameter in the `amtune-directory` script:

```
AMTUNE_MODE="CHANGE"
```

3. Run the `amtune-directory` script in CHANGE mode. For example:

```
# ./amtune-directory dirmanager_password
```

The *dirmanager_password* is the Directory Manager password.

4. Check the `amtune` log file for the results of the run.

Tuning Considerations

- “Operating System (OS) Considerations” on page 33
- “Third-Party Web Containers” on page 37

Note – The following tuning considerations are based on the tuning of various test deployments. Because each deployment is unique, you might need further customization and interactive testing to satisfy your specific requirements.

Operating System (OS) Considerations

- “Solaris OS Kernel and TCP/IP Parameters” on page 33
- “Linux OS” on page 34

Solaris OS Kernel and TCP/IP Parameters

Note – It is highly recommended that you apply the latest Access Manager 7 2005Q4 patch, available for both Solaris SPARC and Solaris x86 systems. You can request this patch from your Sun Microsystems technical representative.

The Access Manager 7 2005Q4 patch resets the LDAP connection values in the `/etc/opt/SUNWam/config/serverconfig.xml` file to their default values. Therefore, be sure to apply this patch before you run the `amtune-identity` script.

For Solaris SPARC systems with CMT processor with CoolThreads technology, in the `/etc/opt/SUNWam/config/AMConfig.properties` file, it is recommended that you add the following properties at the end of the file:

```
com.sun.identity.log.resolveHostName=false
com.sun.am.concurrencyRate=value
```

where *value* depends on the number of cores in a Sun Fire T1000 or T2000 server. For example, for 8 cores, set *value* to 8, or for 6 cores, set *value* to 6.

Linux OS

To tune for maximum performance on Linux systems, you need to make tuning adjustments to the following items:

- “File Descriptors” on page 34
- “Virtual Memory” on page 35
- “Network Interface” on page 36
- “Disk I/O Settings” on page 36
- “TCP/IP Settings” on page 36

Note – If you are running Application Server 8.1 on Red Hat Linux, the stack size of the threads created by the Red Hat OS for Application Server is 10 Mbytes, which can cause JVM resource problems (CR 6223676). To prevent these problems, set the Red Hat OS operating stack size to a lesser value such as 2048 or even 256 Kbytes, by executing the `ulimit` command before you start Application Server. Execute the `ulimit` command on the same console that you will use to start Application Server. For example:

```
ulimit -s 256
```

File Descriptors

You might need to increase the number of file descriptors from the default. Having a higher number of file descriptors ensures that the server can open sockets under high load and not abort requests coming in from clients. Start by checking system limits for file descriptors with this command:

```
cat /proc/sys/fs/file-max
8192
```

The current limit shown is 8192. To increase it to 65535, use the following command (as root):

```
echo "65535" > /proc/sys/fs/file-max
```

To make this value to survive a system reboot, add it to `/etc/sysctl.conf` and specify the maximum number of open files permitted:

```
fs.file-max = 65535
```

Note: The parameter is not `proc.sys.fs.file-max`, as you might expect.

To list the available parameters that can be modified using `sysctl`:

```
sysctl -a
```

To load new values from the `sysctl.conf` file:

```
sysctl -p /etc/sysctl.conf
```

To check and modify limits per shell, use the following command:

```
limit
```

The output will look something like this:

```
cputime          unlimited
filesize        unlimit
datasize        unlimited
stacksize       8192 kbytes
coredumpsize    0 kbytes
memoryuse       unlimited
descriptors     1024
memorylocked    unlimited
maxproc         8146
openfiles       1024
```

The `openfiles` and `descriptors` show a limit of 1024. To increase the limit to 65535 for all users, edit `/etc/security/limits.conf` as `root`, and modify or add the `nofile` setting (number of file) entries:

```
*          soft  nofile          65535
*          hard  nofile          65535
```

The asterisk (*) is a wildcard that identifies all users. You could also specify a user ID instead.

Then edit `/etc/pam.d/login` and add the line:

```
session required /lib/security/pam_limits.so
```

On Red Hat Linux, you also need to edit `/etc/pam.d/sshd` and add the following line:

```
session required /lib/security/pam_limits.so
```

On many systems, this procedure will be sufficient. Log in as a regular user and try it before doing the remaining steps. The remaining steps might not be required, depending on how pluggable authentication modules (PAM) and secure shell (SSH) are configured.

Virtual Memory

To change virtual memory settings, add the following to `/etc/rc.local`:

```
echo 100 1200 128 512 15 5000 500 1884 2 > /proc/sys/vm/bdflush
```

For more information, view the man pages for `bdflush`.

Network Interface

To ensure that the network interface is operating in full duplex mode, add the following entry into `/etc/rc.local`:

```
mii-tool -F 100baseTx-FD eth0
```

where `eth0` is the name of the network interface card (NIC).

Disk I/O Settings

To tune disk I/O performance for a non-SCSI disk, follow these steps:

1. Test the disk speed with this command:

```
/sbin/hdparm -t /dev/hdX
```

2. Enable direct memory access (DMA) with this command:

```
/sbin/hdparm -d1 /dev/hdX
```

3. Check the speed again using the `hdparm` command. Given that DMA is not enabled by default, the transfer rate might have improved considerably. In order to do this at every reboot, add the `/sbin/hdparm -d1 /dev/hdX` line to `/etc/conf.d/local.start`, `/etc/init.d/rc.local`, or whatever the startup script is called.

TCP/IP Settings

To tune the TCP/IP settings, follow these steps:

1. Add the following entry to `/etc/rc.local`:

```
echo 30 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_fin_timeout
echo 60000 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_keepalive_time
echo 15000 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_keepalive_intvl
echo 0 > /proc/sys/net/ipv4/tcp_window_scaling
```

2. Add the following to `/etc/sysctl.conf`:

```
# Disables packet forwarding
net.ipv4.ip_forward = 0
# Enables source route verification
net.ipv4.conf.default.rp_filter = 1
# Disables the magic-sysrq key
kernel.sysrq = 0
net.ipv4.ip_local_port_range = 1204 65000
net.core.rmem_max = 262140
net.core.rmem_default = 262140
net.ipv4.tcp_rmem = 4096 131072 262140
net.ipv4.tcp_wmem = 4096 131072 262140
net.ipv4.tcp_sack = 0
net.ipv4.tcp_timestamps = 0
net.ipv4.tcp_window_scaling = 0
```

```
net.ipv4.tcp_keepalive_time = 60000
net.ipv4.tcp_keepalive_intvl = 15000
net.ipv4.tcp_fin_timeout = 30
```

3. Add the following as the last entry in `/etc/rc.local`:

```
sysctl -p /etc/sysctl.conf
```

4. Reboot the system.

5. Use this command to increase the size of the transmit buffer:

```
tcp_recv_hiwat ndd /dev/tcp 8129 32768
```

Third-Party Web Containers

- “IBM WebSphere Application Server” on page 37
- “BEA WebLogic Server” on page 38

IBM WebSphere Application Server

Consider making the following changes in the WebSphere Administrative Console:

- “JVM Tuning Parameters” on page 37
- “Servlet Caching” on page 38
- “Thread Pool Size” on page 38

For more information, see the “IBM WebSphere V5.1 Performance, Scalability, and High Availability WebSphere Handbook Series” at:

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/Redbooks.nsf/RedbookAbstracts/sg246198.html?OpenDocument>

JVM Tuning Parameters

Add the JVM tuning parameters shown below, by following these links in the console:

```
Servers>Application Servers>server1>Process Definition>Java Virtual Machine
```

Add “-server” as the first parameter in the “Generic JVM arguments” box. Then, add the following entries after the other existing parameters:

```
-XX:NewSize=336M -XX:MaxNewSize=336M
-XX:+DisableExplicitGC
-XX:+UseParNewGC
-XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC
-XX:+CMSPermGenSweepingEnabled
```

```
-XX:+UseCMSCompactAtFullCollection
-XX:CMSFullGCsBeforeCompaction=0
-XX:+CMSClassUnloadingEnabled
-XX:SoftRefLRUPolicyMSPerMB=0
-XX:+PrintClassHistogram
-XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps
-Xloggc:/opt/WebSphere/AppServer/logs/server1/gc.log
-XX:-CMSParallelRemarkEnabled
```

Servlet Caching

Make sure that servlet caching is enabled by checking the checkbox next to “Enable servlet caching” by following these links in the console:

```
Application Servers>server1>Web Container>Configuration: Servlet caching
```

Thread Pool Size

Allow the thread pool to grow beyond the maximum thread pool size set by checking the checkbox next to “Allow thread allocation beyond maximum thread size” by following these links:

```
Application Servers>server1>Web Container>Thread Pool Is Growable
```

BEA WebLogic Server

Consider making the following changes:

- “JVM GC Parameter” on page 38
- “Heap Size” on page 39
- “Execute Queue Thread Count” on page 39
- “Connection Backlog Buffering” on page 40

JVM GC Parameter

For BEA WebLogic Server 8.1 SP4, to avoid the `java.lang.OutOfMemoryError` reported by the WebLogic JVM 1.4.2_05, add the following JVM GC (garbage collection) parameter in the `startWebLogic.sh` `JAVA_OPTIONS`:

```
-XX:-CMSParallelRemarkEnabled
```

Set this parameter in addition to the other heap size and GC parameters that have been added for JVM 1.4.2 and 1.5.0 for Application Server 8.1 and Web Server 6.1.

For example, if Access Manager is installed in the default `user_projects` location (`/usr/local/BEA/user_projects/domains/mydomain/startWebLogic.sh`):

```

JAVA_OPTIONS="-XX:+DisableExplicitGC -XX:+UseParNewGC
-XX:+UseConcMarkSweepGC -XX:+CMSPermGenSweepingEnabled
-XX:+UseCMSCompactAtFullCollection -XX:CMSFullGCsBeforeCompaction=0
-XX:+CMSClassUnloadingEnabled -XX:-CMSParallelRemarkEnabled
-XX:SoftRefLRUPolicyMSPerMB=0 -XX:+PrintClassHistogram
-XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps
-Xloggc:/usr/local/BEA/user_projects/domains/mydomain/myserver/gc.log"

```

Heap Size

Modify the `commonEnv.sh` script in the `/usr/local/BEA/weblogic81/common/bin` directory for heap size increases in the section where `$PRODUCTION_MODE = "true"` (which should be set to true, before running Access Manager in `/usr/local/BEA/user_projects/domains/mydomain/startWebLogic.sh`):

```

# Set up JVM options base on value of JAVA_VENDOR
if [ "$PRODUCTION_MODE" = "true" ]; then
  case $JAVA_VENDOR in
    BEA)
      JAVA_VM=-jrockit
      MEM_ARGS="-Xms128m -Xmx256m"
      ;;
    HP)
      JAVA_VM=-server
      MEM_ARGS="-Xms32m -Xmx200m -XX:MaxPermSize=128m"
      ;;
    IBM)
      JAVA_VM=
      MEM_ARGS="-Xms32m -Xmx200m"
      ;;
    Sun)
      JAVA_VM=-server
      MEM_ARGS="-Xms2688M -Xmx2688M -XX:NewSize=336M -XX:MaxNewSize=336M"
      # MEM_ARGS="-Xms32m -Xmx200m -XX:MaxPermSize=128m"

```

Execute Queue Thread Count

Set the Execute Queue Thread count to be more than the number of CPUs. For example, consider using a value that is twice the number of CPUs. Set this value in either the console or in the

`/usr/local/BEA/user_projects/domains/mydomain/config.xml` file:

```
<ExecuteQueueName="MyExecute Queue" ThreadCount="8" ThreadsIncrease="4"/>
```

For more information, see "Modifying the Default Thread Count" in "WebLogic Server Performance and Tuning" at:

<http://e-docs.bea.com/wls/docs81/perform/WLSTuning.html#1142218>

Connection Backlog Buffering

A guideline for setting Connection Backlog Buffering is 8192 for a server with 4 Gbytes of physical memory (which is equivalent to the `ConnectionQueue` size tuning set in the Sun Java System Web Server 6.1 `magnus.conf` file).

For more information, see “Tuning Connection Backlog Buffering” in the “WebLogic Server Performance and Tuning” document at:

<http://e-docs.bea.com/wls/docs81/perform/WLSTuning.html#1136287>

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