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# Sun Gathering Debug Data for Sun Java System Web Server

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This technical note describes how to use Sun™ Gathering Debug Data (Sun GDD or GDD) that the Sun Support Center requires to debug problems with Sun Java™ System Web Server. By collecting this data at the time of raising a Service Request, you can substantially reduce the time needed to analyze and resolve the problem. For more information on how this document and associated scripts can help you in better dealing with Web Server problems, see:

<http://www.sun.com/service/gdd/index.xml>

This document is intended for anyone who needs to raise a Service Request about Web Server issues with the Sun Support Center.

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## 1.1 Technical Note Revision History

Version	Date	Description of Changes
1.2	June 2007	Addressed review comments and added information about the new script <code>wshang.ksh</code> .
1.1	January 2007	Updated <a href="#">“To Configure Solaris to Generate Core Files”</a> on page 22.
1.0	December 2006	Initial release of this technical note.

## 1.2 About This Technical Note

This document covers the following versions of Sun Java System Web Server on the Solaris™, HP-UX, Linux, and Microsoft Windows platforms:

- Sun Java System Web Server 7.0
- Sun Java System Web Server 6.1 (SunONE Web Server)
- iPlanet™ Web Server 6.0

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**Note** – The versions mentioned above include all update release or service packs for the products.

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You can use this document in all types of environments, including test, pre-production, and production. Verbose debugging is not used (to reduce performance impact), except when it is deemed necessary. At the same time, it is possible that the problem could disappear when you configure logging for debug mode. However, this is the minimum requirement to understand the problem. In the majority of cases, the debug data described in this document is sufficient to analyze the problem.

This document does not provide workarounds, techniques or tools to analyze debug data.

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**Note** – If your problem does not fit into any of the specific categories, provide the general information described in [“1.5 Types of Web Server Debug Data”](#) on page 9 and clearly explain your problem.

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If the information you initially provide is not sufficient to find the root cause of the problem, Sun Support Center will ask for more details, as needed.

## 1.2.1 Prerequisites for Gathering Web Server Debug Data

The prerequisites for Sun GDD for Web Server are as follows:

- Make sure you have superuser privileges.
- For the Solaris platform, obtain the `pkg_app` and the `wshang` scripts and for UNIX and Linux, obtain the `webinfo` scripts from the following location:  
<http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/scripts/indexSjs.html>
- For Windows platform, download the free Debugging Tools for Windows to analyze the process hang problems.

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**Note** – The debugger Dr. Watson is not useful for process hang problems because it cannot generate a crash dump on a running process.

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Download the free Debugging Tools from the following location:

<http://www.microsoft.com/whdc/devtools/debugging/default.msp>

Install the latest version of Debugging Tools and the OS Symbols for your version of Windows. Also, you must add the environment variable `NT_SYMBOL_PATH` in the windows environment variable. Refer to Operating System version documentation or follow the installation guide for the OS Symbols package.

Use the command `drwtsn32 -i` to select Dr. Watson as the default debugger. Use the command `drwtsn32`, check all options, and choose the path for crash dumps.

## 1.2.2 Variables Used in This Technical Note

This section describes the variables used in the procedures in this document. Gather the values of the variables before you try to do the procedures.

- *slapd-identifier*: The Directory Server instance name used during installation. The installation program automatically added the prefix `slapd-` to the name you specified. For example, if you named the identifier `tango`, the installation program created is `slapd-tango` and `slapd-tango` is the *slapd-identifier*.
- *web-pid*: Process ID of a Web Server daemon.
- *web-port*: Port number on which the Web Server is listening.
- *web-identifier*: The Web Server instance name used during installation. The installation program automatically adds the prefix `https-` to the name you specified. For example, if you named the identifier `tango`, the installation program created `https-tango`, it is the *web-identifier*.

- *server-root*: The directory on the Web Server machine that stores the server specific information. This directory holds the server program, configuration, maintenance, and log files.
- *windbg-root*: The directory on the Windows Web Server machine that stores the Win Debugger program, and configuration, maintenance, and information files.

## 1.3 Overview of Gathering Debug Data for Web Server

Sun GDD for a Web Server problem involves these basic operations:

1. Gather system information.
2. Gather specific problem information (installation problem, process hang, Startup, or process crash).
3. Create a tar .gz file of all the debug information and upload it for the Sun Support Center.
4. Create a Service Request with the Sun Support Center.

## 1.4 Creating a Service Request with the Sun Support Center

When you create a Service Request with the Sun Support Center, either online or by phone, provide the following information:

- A clear problem description
- Details of the state of the system, both before and after the problem started
- Impact on end users
- All recent software and hardware changes
- Any actions already attempted
- Whether the problem is reproducible; when reproducible, provide the detailed test case
- Whether a pre-production or test environment is available
- Name and location of the archive file containing the debug data

Upload your debug data archive file to one of the following location:

<http://supportfiles.sun.com/upload>

<https://supportfiles.sun.com/upload>

For more information on how to upload files to this site, see:

<http://supportfiles.sun.com/show?target=faq>



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**Note** – When opening a Service Request by phone with the Sun Support Center, provide a summary of the problem in a text file named `Description.txt`. Be sure to include `Description.txt` in the archive along with the rest of your debug data.

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## 1.5 Types of Web Server Debug Data

This section describes the various kinds of debug data that you need to provide to the Sun Support Center. The procedure to obtain debug data based on the kind of problem you are experiencing is described in-detail.

This section contains the following topics:

- “To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9
- “To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Installation Problems” on page 11
- “To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Startup Problem” on page 12
- “To Gather Debug Data on a Hung or Unresponsive Web Server Process” on page 13
- “To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Crashed Process” on page 19

### ▼ To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem

To report problems described in this technical note, you need to gather some basic information. Basic information includes System details and date and time when the problem occurred. Follow these steps to gather the basic information.

- 1 **Note the day(s) and time(s) the problem occurred.**
- 2 **Provide a graphical representation of your deployment. Include all hosts and IP addresses, host names, operating system versions, role they perform, and other important systems such as load balancers, firewalls, and so forth.**

- 3 **Note the Version of the operating system.**

Solaris    `uname -a`

HP-UX    `uname -r`

Linux    `more /etc/redhat-release`

Windows `C:\Program Files\Common files\Microsoft Shared\MSInfo\msinfo32.exe`  
`/report C:\report.txt`

- 4 **Note the patch level.**

Solaris `showrev -p`

HP-UX `swlist`

Linux `rpm -qa`

Windows Already provided in the `C:\report.txt` file above.

## 5 Note the version of Web Server.

If a configured JDK is used instead of the default JRE then provide the output of the command `java -version`.

Web Server version is indicated in the error log of the instance during the start.

- Start Instance Script

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `cd server-root/web-identifier/start`

- Error logs

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `cd server-root/web-identifier/logs/errors`

Windows `cd server-root\web-identifier\logs\errors`

- Access logs

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `cd server-root/web-identifier/logs/access`

Windows `cd server-root\web-identifier\logs\access`

## 6 Create a tar file of the Web Server configuration directory.

- Sun Java System Web Server :

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `cd server-root/web-identifier/config`  
Create a tar file of the `server-root/config` directory.

Windows `cd server-root\web-identifier\config`  
Create a compressed file of the `server-root\config` directory.

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**Note** – If possible, provide an explorer (`SUNWexplo`) of the machine where the problem occurs. For UNIX and Linux systems, the customer can use the script `webinfo`. For more information on how to run the `webinfo` script, see [“To Run the webinfo Script” on page 24](#).

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## ▼ To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Installation Problems

Follow these steps if you are unable to complete the installation or if you get a “failed” installation status for Web Server.

### 1 See the following troubleshooting information:

- Sun Java Enterprise System 5:  
<http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/doc/820-0464>
- Sun Java Enterprise System 2005Q4:  
Troubleshooting  
<http://docs.sun.com/app/docs/doc/819-2328>
- Sun Java Enterprise System 2005Q1:  
<http://docs.sun.com/source/819-0056/troubleshooting.html>
- Sun Java Enterprise System 2004Q2:  
<http://docs.sun.com/source/817-5760/troubleshooting.html>
- Sun Java Enterprise System 2003Q4:  
<http://docs.sun.com/source/816-6874/std-troubleshooting.html>

If the problem persists after using this troubleshooting information, then continue with this procedure to gather the necessary data for the Sun Support Center.

### 2 Gather the general system information as explained in “To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9.

### 3 Specify whether this is a first-time installation or a Hot Fix installation on a pre-existing Web Server.

### 4 Get the installation logs.

- Sun Java System Web Server (Web Server 7.0):  
Web Server 7.0 log files mostly reside in the *server-root*/log directory. However, the initial configuration log files reside in the *server-root*/install directory, which also contains information on the initial configuration.  
  
Solaris                    /var/sadm/install/logs  
The log file names start with  
Java\_Enterprise\_System\*\_install.Bdateime, where *date* and  
*time* correspond to the failing installing (for example, B12161532).

HP-UX and Linux     /var/opt/sun/install/logs  
The log file names start with  
Java\_Enterprise\_System\*\_install.Bdatetime, where *date* and  
*time* correspond to the failing installing (for example, B12161532).

Windows            C:\DocumentsandSettings\current-user\LocalSettings\Temp  
The log file names start with MSI\*.log (usually a text file). The  
asterisk (\*) represents a random number in the Temp directory for  
each MSI based setup.

- Sun Java System Web Server (Web Server 6.1):

Web Server 6.1 log files mostly reside in the *server-root*/log directory. However, the initial configuration log files reside in the *server-root*/install directory, which also contains information on the initial configuration.

Solaris             /var/sadm/install/logs  
The log file names start with  
Java\_Enterprise\_System\*\_install.Bdatetime, where *date* and  
*time* correspond to the failing installing (for example, B12161532).

HP-UX and Linux     /var/opt/sun/install/logs  
The log file names start with  
Java\_Enterprise\_System\*\_install.Bdatetime, where *date* and  
*time* correspond to the failing installing (for example, B12161532).

Windows            C:\DocumentsandSettings\current-user\LocalSettings\Temp  
The log file names start with MSI\*.log (usually a text file). The  
asterisk (\*) represents a random number in the Temp directory for  
each MSI based setup.

- iPlanet Web Server (Web Server 6.0):

Rerun the installation with the following command and save the output file.

Solaris     truss -ealf -rall -wall -vall -o /tmp/install-web.truss ./setup

HP-UX      tusc -v -fealT -rall -wall -o /tmp/install-web.tusc ./setup

Linux      strace -fv -o /tmp/install-web.strace ./setup

Windows    Use DebugView tool. You can download this tool from  
<http://www.sysinternals.com/Utilities/DebugView.html>

## ▼ To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Startup Problem

Follow these steps if you are unable to start a Web Server instance.

- 1 **Gather the general system information as explained in “To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9.**

- 2 **Run the netstat command and save the output.**

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `netstat -an | grep web-port`

Windows `netstat -an`

- 3 **Run the following command on the Web Server start script and provide the resultant file.**

Solaris `truss -eafL -wall -vall -rall -o /tmp/web-start.truss ./start`

HP-UX `tusc -v -fealT -rall -wall -o /tmp/web-start.tusc ./start`

Linux `strace -fv -o /tmp/web-start.strace ./start`

Windows Use DebugView tool. You can download this tool from <http://www.sysinternals.com/Utilities/DebugView.html>

- 4 **If logs file does not contain any error message about the problem, do the following:**

Edit and add the following line to the configuration file to get more debug information during the start.

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux Edit the file `server-root/web-identifier/config/server.xml` and change the loglevel to finest: `logLevel=finest` in `server.xml`.

Windows Edit the file `server-root\web-identifier\config\server.xml` and change the loglevel to finest: `logLevel=finest` in `server.xml`.

## ▼ To Gather Debug Data on a Hung or Unresponsive Web Server Process

A process hang is defined as one of the Web Server processes not responding to requests while the `httpd` process is still running.

**Before You Begin** Make sure that you collect all the data over the same time frame in which the problem occurs. See “1.6 Configuring Solaris to Generate Core Files” on page 22 if a core file is not generated.

Gather the following information for process hang problems. Run the commands in the order when the problem occurs. Be sure to specify the time when the process hanged and list the affected processes, if possible.

- 1 **Gather the general system information as explained in “To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9.**
- 2 **For Solaris, use the `ptree` command on the `uxwdog` process to find about the process.**

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**Note** – If you are using Web Server 6.1 or Web Server 7.0, instead of the `uxwdog` process, use the `websrvd-wdog` process.

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Output

```
ptree 11449
11449 ./uxwdog -d /prods/crypto/60SP6/https-sun/config
  11450 ns-httpd -d /prods/crypto/60SP6/https-sun/config
    11451 ns-httpd -d /prods/crypto/60SP6/https-sun/config
```

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**Note** – Gather the data on the highest PID process, which in this example is 11451. The Web Process is either `ns-httpd` or `websrvd`, depending on the Web Server version.

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- 3 **Run the `netstat` command and save the output.**

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux     `netstat -an | grep web-port`

Windows                                 `netstat -an`

- 4 **(For Solaris), `wshang` script captures the debug data.**

The `wshang` script is available at: <http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/scripts/indexSjs.html>

Run the script `pkg_app` on one of the core file generated by the `wshang` script. For more information on how to run the `wshang` script, see “To Run the `wshang` Script” on page 25.

- 5 **Run the following commands and save the output.**

Solaris

```
ps -aux
server-root
vmstat 5 5
iostat [ -t ] [ interval [ count ] ]
top
uptime
```

HP-UX

```
ps -aux
server-root
vmstat 5 5
```

```
iostat [ -t ] [ interval [ count ] ]
top
sar
```

#### Linux

```
ps -aux
server-root
vmstat 5 5
top
uptime
sar
```

Windows Obtain the WEB process PID:

```
C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe
```

Obtain the process details of the WEB running process PID:

```
C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe web-pid
```

### 6 Get the swap information.

Solaris `swap -l`

HP-UX `swapinfo`

Linux `free`

Windows Already provided in `C:\report.txt` as described in [“To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9.](#)

### 7 If the Web Server uses a Directory Server, provide the access, errors and audit logs of the Directory Server used by the Web Server.

#### ■ Access log

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/access`

Windows `server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\access`

#### ■ Errors log

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/errors`

Windows `server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\errors`

#### ■ Audit log

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/audit`

Windows `server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\audit`

**Note** – The paths of these logs files are specified by the following parameters in the `dse.ldif` file. `nsslapd-accesslog`, `nsslapd-errorlog`, and `nsslapd-auditlog`

The `dse.ldif` file is located in the `config` directory.

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux     `server-root/slapd-identifier/config/dse.ldif`

Windows                                 `server-root\slapd-identifier\config\dse.ldif`

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**8 (For Solaris) If you are able to isolate the hanging process, get the following debug data for that process. Otherwise, get the following data for each of the Web Server processes.**

For Solaris     Using the PID obtained in Step 3, get a series of five of the following commands (one every 10 seconds):

`pstack web-pid`

`pmap -x web-pid`

Additionally, get the outputs of the following commands:

`prstat -L -p web-pid`

`pfiles web-pid`

`pmap web-pid`

**9 Search for any core file that could have been dumped by one of the Web Server processes. If you find one, see “To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Crashed Process” on page 19.**

**10 Get the output of the following command.**

Solaris     `truss -ealf -rall -wall -vall -o /tmp/WEBProc-PID -p web-pid`

HP-UX     `tusc -v -fealT -rall -wall -o /tmp/WEBProc-PID -p web-pid`

Linux     `strace -fv -o /tmp/WEBProc-PID.strace -p web-pid`

Windows    Use DebugView tool. You can download this tool from  
<http://www.sysinternals.com/Utilities/DebugView.html>

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**Note** – Wait for a minute after launching the appropriate command (`truss`, `strace`, `tusc`, or `DebugView`) then stop it by pressing **Control+C** in the terminal where you launched the command.

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**11 Get core files and the output of the following commands.**

If a process hangs, it is helpful to compare several core files to review the state of the threads over time. Make a copy of the core file to a new name, wait for approximately one minute then rerun the following commands, so that the core files are not overwritten. Do this three times to obtain three core files.

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**Note** – For HP-UX, you need PHKL\_31876 and PHCO\_32173 patches to use the `gcore` command. If you cannot install these patches, use the HP-UX `/opt/langtools/bin/gdb` command from version 3.2 and later, or the `dumpcore` command.

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Solaris    `cd server-root/bin/https/bin;`  
           `gcore -o /tmp/web-core web-pid;`  
           `pstack /tmp/web-core`

HP-UX

```
# cd server-root/bin/https/bin
gcore -p web-pid
(gdb) attach web-pid
Attaching to process web-pid
No executable file name was specified
(gdb) dumpcore
Dumping core to the core file core.web-pid
(gdb) quit
The program is running. Quit anyway (and detach it)? (y or n) y
Detaching from program: , process web-pid
```

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**Note** – The `core.web-pid` should be generated in the `web-identifier/config` directory.

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Linux

```
# cd server-root/bin/https/bin
gdb
(gdb) attach web-pid
Attaching to process web-pid
No executable file name was specified
(gdb) gcore
Saved corefile core.web-pid

(gdb) backtrace
(gdb) quit
```

Windows Get the WEB process PID:

```
C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe
```

Generate a crash dump on the WEB running process PID:

```
C:\windbg-root>adplus.vbs -hang -p web-pid -o C:\crashdump_dir
```

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**Note** – For Windows, provide the complete generated folder under C:\crashdump\_dir.

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**12 For Solaris, Archive the result of the script pkg\_app (at least one core file is required).**

```
./pkg_app.ksh -c [pid-of-application or corefile] -p <full path to process binary of webservd>
```

The Sun Support Center requires the output from the pkg\_app script to properly analyze the core file(s). For more information on how to run the pkg\_app script, see [“To Run the pkg\\_app Script” on page 25](#)

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**Note** – Make sure that the appropriate limitations are set by using the ulimit command, and that the user is not *nobody*. Also check the coreadm command for additional control. See [“1.6 Configuring Solaris to Generate Core Files” on page 22](#) if a core file is not generated.

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**Note** – If you are using Web Server 6.1 or Web Server 7.0, do not proceed further with the next step.

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**13 For UNIX and Linux, If JVM is used for the Web applications, provide the JVM Stack traces during a hang situation.**

A series of three to five Stack traces will be required.

To enable thread dumps for version 6.0, perform the following steps:

**a. Edit the configuration file**

```
server-root/https-host/obj.conf
```

**b. Modify the following line**

```
Init fn="NSServletLateInit" LateInit=yes
```

```
to
```

```
Init LateInit="yes" fn="NSServletInit" CatchSignals="yes" Signals=SIGQUIT
```

- c. **Add or modify the following line in** `/server-root/https-host/jvm12.conf`  
`jvm.printerrors=1`
- d. **Restart Web Server.**

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**Note** – When a problem occurs during a restart, issuing a kill —3 against the process dumps the stack traces into the Web Server errors log.

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## ▼ To Gather Debug Data on Web Server Crashed Process

Use this task to gather data when a Web Server process has stopped (crashed) unexpectedly. Run all the commands on the actual machine where the core file(s) were generated.

- 1 **Gather the general system information as explained in “To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem” on page 9.**
- 2 **Try to restart Web Server.**
- 3 **If the Web Server is using a Directory Server, provide the access, errors and audit logs of the Directory Server used by the Web Server**
  - Access log
 

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux	<code>server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/access</code>
Windows	<code>server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\access</code>
  - Errors log
 

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux	<code>server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/errors</code>
Windows	<code>server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\errors</code>
  - Audit log
 

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux	<code>server-root/slapd-identifier/logs/audit</code>
Windows	<code>server-root\slapd-identifier\logs\audit</code>

**Note** – The paths of these logs files are specified by the following parameters in the `dse.ldif` file. `nsslapd-accesslog`, `nsslapd-errorlog`, and `nsslapd-auditlog`

The `dse.ldif` file is located in the `config` directory.

UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX) and Linux `server-root/slapd-identifier/config/dse.ldif`

Windows `server-root\slapd-identifier\config\dse.ldif`

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#### 4 Get the output of the following commands.

Solaris `ps -aux | server-root`  
`vmstat 5 5`  
`iostat -x`  
`top`  
`uptime`

HP-UX `ps -aux | server-root`  
`vmstat 5 5`  
`iostat -x`  
`top`  
`sar`

Linux `ps -aux | server-root`  
`vmstat 5 5`  
`top`  
`uptime`  
`sar`

Windows Obtain the WEB process PID:

`C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe`

Obtain process details of the WEB running process PID:

`C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe web-pid`

#### 5 Get the swap information.

Solaris `swap -l`

HP-UX `swapinfo`

Linux `free`

Windows Already provided in `C:\report.txt` as described in [“To Gather General Debug Data for Any Web Server Problem”](#) on page 9.

## 6 Get the system logs.

Solaris and Linux	<code>/var/adm/messages</code> <code>/var/log/syslog</code>
HP-UX	<code>/var/adm/syslog/syslog.log</code>
Windows	Event log files: Start-> Settings-> Control Panel —> Event Viewer-> Select Log Then click Action-> Save log file as and type the name for the resulting file.

## 7 Get core files (called “Crash Dumps” in Windows).

Solaris See “[1.6 Configuring Solaris to Generate Core Files](#)” on page 22 if a core file was not generated.

Linux Core dumps are turned off by default in the `/etc/profile` file. You can make user-specific changes by editing your `~/.bash_profile` file. Look for the following line:

```
ulimit -S -c 0 > /dev/null 2>&1
```

You can either comment out the entire line to set no limit on the size of the core files or set your own maximum size.

Windows Generate a crash dump during a crash of Web Server by using the following commands:

Get the WEB process PID :

```
C:\windbg-root>tlist.exe
```

Generate a crash dump when the WEB process crashes, by executing the following commands:

```
C:\windbg-root>adplus.vbs -crash -FullOnFirst -p web-pid -o  
C:\crashdump_dir
```

The `adplus.vbs` command monitors `web-pid` until it crashes and generates the dmp file. Provide the complete generated folder under `C:\crashdump_dir`.

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**Note** – If you have not installed the Debugging Tools for Windows, you can use the `drwtsn32 -i` command to select Dr. Watson as the default debugger. Use the `drwtsn32` command, check all options, and choose the path for crash dumps. Then provide the dump and the `drwtsn32.log` files.

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- 8 (Solaris) For each core file, provide the output of the following commands.**

```
cd server-root/bin/https/bin
file corefile
pstack corefile
pmap corefile
pflags corefile
```

- 9 (Solaris) Archive the result of the script pkg\_app (one core file is sufficient).**

```
./pkg_app.ksh Pid-of-application corefile
```

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**Note** – The Sun Support Center must have the output from the pkg\_app script to properly analyze the core file(s). For more information on how to run the pkg\_app script, see [“To Run the pkg\\_app Script” on page 25](#).

All these commands must be executed on the actual machine where the core file(s) were generated.

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## 1.6 Configuring Solaris to Generate Core Files

Core files are generated when a process or an application terminates abnormally. You can manage the core files with the coreadm command. This section describes how to use the coreadm command to configure a system so that all process core files are placed in a single system directory. This enables you to track problems by examining the core files in a specific directory whenever a Solaris process or daemon terminates abnormally.

Before configuring your system for the core files, make sure that the /var file system has sufficient space. Once you configure Solaris to generate the core files, a core file is written to the /var/cores directory every time a process crashes.

### ▼ To Configure Solaris to Generate Core Files

- 1 Run the following commands as root.**

```
mkdir -p /var/cores
coreadm -g /var/cores/%f.%n.%p.%t.core -e global -e global-setid -e
log -d process -d proc-setid
```

In this command:

- g Specifies the global core file name pattern. Unless a per-process pattern or setting overrides it, core files are stored in the specified directory with a name such as *program.node.pid.time.core*, for example: *mytest.myhost.1234.1102010309.core*.

- e Specifies options to enable. The preceding command enables:
  - Use of the global (that is, system-wide) core file name pattern (and thereby location)
  - Capability of `setuid` programs to also dump core as per the same pattern
  - Generation of a syslog message by any attempt to dump core (successful or not)
- d Specifies options to disable. The preceding command disables:
  - Core dumps per the per-process core file pattern
  - Per-process core dumps of `setuid` programs

The preceding command stores all core dumps in a central location with names identifying what process dumped core and when. These changes only impact processes started after you run the `coreadm` command. Use the `coreadm -u` command after the preceding command to apply the settings to all existing processes.

## 2 Display the core configuration.

```
# coreadm global core file pattern: /var/cores/%f.%n.%p.%t.core
  init core file pattern: core
    global core dumps: enabled
  per-process core dumps: disabled
  global setid core dumps: enabled
per-process setid core dumps: disabled
  global core dump logging: enabled
```

See the `coreadm` man page for further information.

## 3 Set the size of the core dumps to unlimited.

```
# ulimit -c unlimited
# ulimit -a

      coredump(blocks) unlimited
```

See the `ulimit` man page for further information.

## 4 If the Web Server instance is running in SSL mode, it does not generate a core file. To enable the instance to generate the core file, add the following line to the server start script `start`.

```
SSL_DUMP=1; export SSL_DUMP
```

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**Note** – This step applies to Web Server 6.0 and 6.1. If you are using Web Server 7.0, this step must be skipped.

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## 5 Verify the core file creation.

```
# cd /var/cores
# sleep 100000 &
[1] PID
```

```
# kill -8 PID
# ls
```

## 1.7 Running the Web Server Debugging Scripts

This section describes how to run the `pkg_app`, `webinfo`, and `wshang` scripts.

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**Note** – The `webinfo` script is currently applicable to only Web Server 6.0.

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### ▼ To Run the `webinfo` Script

There may be commands within the `webinfo` script that you can run manually.

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**Note** – You can download a new version of the script at the following URL:

<http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/scripts/indexSjs.html>

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To run the `webinfo` script, perform the following steps:

- 1 Move `webinfo_version.sh` to a temporary directory.**
- 2 Change the following environment variable at the beginning of the file, `info.sh`**  
`SERVER_ROOT=`  
`INSTANCE=`  
`TMPDIR= /tmp`
- 3 Make sure that you have a space between the parameter `TMPDIR=` and the value that you entered.**
- 4 Run the script.**

This creates the `$(TMPDIR)/webinfo.date` directory and a tar file of that directory `$(TMPDIR)/webinfo.date.tar`

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**Note** – Run this script as the Web Server user rather than root.

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- 5 Send the tar file to The Sun Support Center.**

Clean up `$(TMPDIR)`, if necessary.



For error information which is related to your problem, see the Administrator or Web Server errors and access files.

## ▼ To Run the `wshang` Script

- 1 The `wshang` script collects three snapshots of the following information at 15 seconds interval against the hung instance:

```
pstack
pfiles
prstat -L -a
pflags
pmap -x
pldd
```

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**Note** – You can modify the time interval by editing the script and changing the variable *DURATION*

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- 2 Run the `wshang` script. It shows a list of Web Server Process.
- 3 Choose the process that has the problem.

## ▼ To Run the `pkg_app` Script

This script packages an executable and all of its shared libraries into one tar file. Optionally, you can provide the PID of the application and the name of the core file. The files are stripped of their directory paths and are stored under a relative directory named `app/` allowing them to be unpacked in one directory.

On Solaris 9 or higher version, the list of files is derived from the core file rather than the process image if the core file is specified. You must provide the PID of the running application to assist in path resolution.

Two scripts are created to facilitate opening the core file when the tar file is unpacked:

- `opencore`. Execute this script after you unpack the tar file. The script sets the name of the core file and the linker path to use the `app/` subdirectory and then invokes `dbx` with the `dbxrc` file as the argument.
- `dbxrc`. This script contains the `dbx` initialization commands to open the core file.

1 Copy the script to a temporary directory on the system where Web Server is installed.

2 Login as superuser.

3 Execute the `pkg_app` script.

```
./pkg_app.ksh -c [pid-of-application or corefile] -p <full path to process binary of  
webservd>
```

## 1.8 Reporting Problems

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