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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

IBM® WebSphere® Application Server 8.5 supports a range of applications, each with their own unique set of features, requirements, and services. Just as no two applications will use an application server in exactly the same way, no single set of tuning parameters will likely provide the best performance for any two different applications.

This document explains the best practices followed for Web Sphere application server tuning in the perspective of FLEXCUBE UBS.

1.2 Basics of Websphere

IBM websphere application server cluster deployment contains the below key elements

- Cell
- Nodes
 - Deployment Manager Node- "DMGR"
 - > Node- "NodeXX"
 - Node Agent- "NAXX"
- Profiles
- Cluster
- Cluster Members
- Data Sources

1.3 Profile



Following are the details about profile:



Cell

A cell is a grouping of nodes into a single administrative domain. In a Network Deployment environment, a cell can consist of multiple nodes (and node groups), which are all administered from a single point, the deployment manager.

Node

A node is an administrative grouping of application servers for configuration and operational management within one operating system instance

Node Agent

In distributed server configurations, each node has a node agent that works with the deployment manager to manage administration processes. A node agent is created automatically when you add (federate) a stand-alone node to a cell.

Cluster:

A cluster is a logical collection of application server processes that provides workload balancing and high availability. Application servers that belong to a cluster are members of that cluster and must all have identical application components deployed on them.

A profile is a Websphere runtime environment formed by collection of User data and Product files. Product Files are shared application binaries for Websphere. User data is set of user customizations for a specific runtime environment.

Prominent profile types are:

- Stand-alone Application Server
- An application server environment runs Enterprise Application. Application server is managed from its own administrative console and functions independently from other application server.
- Deployment Manager:

A Deployment Manager manages operations for a logical group or cell of other servers. It is the central administration point of a cell that consists of multiple nodes and node groups in a distributed server configuration. The deployment manager uses the node agent to manage the application servers within one node. A deployment manager provides management capability for multiple federated nodes and can manage nodes that span multiple systems and platforms. A node can only be managed by a single deployment manager and must be federated to the cell of that deployment manager.

Deployment Manager is part of Network Deployment Edition of Websphere.



1.4 <u>References</u>

Before proceeding with the document, ensure the below documents are followed for setup

- For resource creation(JDBC Provider, Datasource, Queue connection factory, JMS queue), refer to Resource_Creation_WAS.doc
- For cluster configuration, refer to FCUBS_Cluster_Creation_WAS.doc
- For application deployment, refer to FCUBS_Application_WAS.doc
- For deployment of Gateway applications, refer to GATEWAY_Applications_WAS.doc
- For SSL configuration in Websphere, refer to SSL_Configuration_WAS.doc



2. JDBC Tuning

The JDBC provider object encapsulates the specific JDBC driver implementation class for access to the specific vendor database of your environment. The datasource object supplies your application with connections for accessing the database. In a typical production environment database and application needs to use the perfect combination of parameters to achieve higher throughput.

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Connection Time out	180
Maximum Connection	10
Minimum Connections	1
Reap Time	180
Unused Time	180
Aged Timeout	0
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Navigation Path >> Resources-> JDBC->Data Sources ->DATA_SOURCE_NAME->Connection Pools ->Advanced Connection Pool Properties



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Surge creation interval	0
Stuck timer interval	0
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Stuck threshold	0



3. JVM Tuning

3.1 JVM Heap Size

When a Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is started, it obtains a large area of memory from the underlying operating system. This area is called the heap, and Java performs its own memory management by allocating areas of the heap as memory is needed by the process. Performance tuning generally starts with the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), which serves as the foundation for the application server. From that point forward, tuning is primarily driven by the application server components that are used by the application.

Every 75 concurrent FLEXCUBE users require one websphere application server of size 4GB. I.e. for 300 concurrent FLEXCUBE users, it is recommended to have 4 websphere application servers.

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Parameter	Value
Initial Heap Size	1024
Maximum Heap Size	4096



3.2 Thread Pool Size

Each task performed by the server runs on a thread obtained from one of WebSphere Application Server's many thread pools. A thread pool enables components of the server to reuse threads, eliminating the need to create new threads at run time to service each new request. Three of the most commonly used (and tuned) thread pools within the application server are:

Web container: Used when requests come in over HTTP.

Default: Used when requests come in for a message driven bean or if a particular transport chain has not been defined to a specific thread pool.

ORB: Used when remote requests come in over RMI/IIOP for an enterprise bean from an EJB application client, remote EJB interface, or another application server.

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ORB.thread.pool	10	50	3500
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* Minimum Size 20 threa	ds
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4. Logging

When working with IBM to debug request processing problems, there might be occasions where low-level tracing components must be enabled to capture details for how the request is processed. These low-level Application server trace components do not have knowledge of the request intent or the potential data within. Therefore, when enabled, it is possible that these tracing components might potentially include sensitive information, in plain text, in the trace file.

It is recommended whenever possible to not enable these types of tracing components on a production system and attempt to simulate the problem on a quality assurance environment to capture the appropriate information.

Navigation Path >> Application Server->APPLICATION_SERVER_NAME->Process Definition-> Logging And Tracing

4.1 Diagnostic Trace

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Use this page to view and modify the properties of the diagnostic tr about how the application server components run within this manag the server is restarted. Changes on the Runtime panel apply imme	ace service. Diagnostic trace provides detailed information ed process. Changes on the Configuration panel apply when diately.
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General Properties	Additional Properties
Trace Output	Change log detail levels
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* File Name	
\${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/trace.log	
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Apply OK Reset Cancel	

Parameter	Value
Trace Output	File



4.2 JVM Logs

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System.err	
* File Name:	
\${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/SystemErr.log	
Log File Rotation	
File Size	Time
Maximum Size	Start Time
1 MB	24
	Repeat Time

Parameter	Value	Remarks
System. out	\${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/SystemOut.log	File Name and File Size
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4.3 Process Logs

Middleware servers
<u>Middleware servers</u> > <u>MS01</u> > <u>Process definition</u> > <u>MS01</u> > <u>Process Logs</u> Use this page to view or modify settings to specify the files to which standard out and standard error streams write. The process logs are created by redirecting the standard out and standard error streams of a process to independent log files. Native code writes to the process logs. These logs can also contain information that relates to problems in native code or diagnostic information written by the JVM. One set of process logs is created for each application server and all of its applications. Process logs are also created for the deployment manager and each node manager. Changes on the Configuration panel apply when the server is restarted. Changes on the Runtime panel apply immediately.
Configuration Runtime General Properties
* Stdout File Name \${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/native_stdout.log
* Stderr File Name \${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/native_stderr.log
Apply OK Reset Cancel

Parameter	Value
Stdout File Name	\${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/native_stdout.log
Stderr file name	\${SERVER_LOG_ROOT}/native_stderr.log

4.4 IBM Service Logs

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Use this page to configure the IBM service log, also known as the activity log. The IBM server messages that are written to the System.out stream and special messages that you can use to analyze problems. One service log exists for all Java virtual machines i servers and their node agent, if present. A separate activity log is created for a deploy The IBM Service log is maintained in a binary format. Use the Log Analyzer or Showlog	service log contains both the application contain extended service information that (JVMs) on a node, including all application ment manager in its own logs directory. tool to view the IBM service log.
Configuration	
General Properties Enable service log File Name:	
\${LOG_ROOT}/activity.log	
* Maximum File Size	
Enable Correlation ID	
Apply OK Reset Cancel	



Parameter	Value
Enable Service Log	False
Maximum File Size	2
File Name	\${LOG_ROOT}/activity.log
Enable Correlation Id	True

4.5 Change Log Level Details

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Parameter	Value
Disable logging	False
Enable Log and Trace Correlation	False



4.6 NCSA Access and HTTP Error Logging

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Use this page to configure HTTP error logs and National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) access logs.	
Configuration	
General Properties	
Enable logging service at server start-up	
NCSA Access logging	
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Maximum number of historical files	
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Error log maximum size	
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* Error logging level	
Warning	

Parameter	Value
NCSA Access logging Enable	True
Error logging Enable	True



5. Session Management

Web browsers and applications use HTTP to communicate. Since HTTP is a stateless protocol (meaning that each command is executed independently without any knowledge of the commands that came before it), there must be a way to manage sessions between the browser side and the server side. Session management is used to configure session manager properties to control the behavior of Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) session support.

Navigation Path >> Enterprise Application->APPLICATION_NAME->Web Module Properties->Session Management

figuration	
General Properties	Additional Properties
Override session management	Custom properties
Enable SSL ID tracking	- Distributed environment settings
Enable cookies	
Enable URL rewriting	
Enable protocol switch rewriting	
Maximum in-memory session count:	
1000 sessions	
Allow overflow	
Session timeout:	
No timeout Set timeout	
30 minutes	
Security integration	
Serialize session access:	
Allow serial access	
0 seconds	
Allow access on timeout	

Parameter	Value
Enable SSL ID Tracking	False
Enable Cookies	True
Enable URL rewriting	False
Maximum in-memory session count	1000
Session timeout	30 Minutes
Security Integration	False



Parameter	Value
Serialization Session access	True



6. Appendix A: Frequently Encountered Errors

Error 1: Websphere is causing too many database locks.

Solution: In order to avoid problems with database locks issue, change the custom property "webSphereDefaultIsolationLevel=2". By default Webpshere uses Repeatable Read isolation level(4) for transactions. Before proceeding with the isolation level change make sure these locks are not caused by the application.

Possible Values	JDBC Isolation Level	Isolation Level
8	TRANSACTION_SERIALIZABLE	Repeatable Read (RR)
4 (default)	TRANSACTION_REPEATABLE_READ	Read Stability (RS)
2	TRANSACTION_READ_COMMITTED	Cursor Stability (CS)
1	TRANSACTION_READ_UNCOMMITTED	Uncommitted Read (UR)
0	TRANSACTION_NONE	No Commit (NC)

Navigation Path >> Resources-> JDBC->Data Sources ->DATA_SOURCE_NAME-> Custom Properties

If this property is found then update the value to 4 and Save, else create a new property with below mentiond steps:

- 1. Click New.
- 2. Enter webSphereDefaultIsolationLevel for the name field.
- 3. Enter 2 for the value field.



<u>Data sources</u> > <u>Default Datasource</u> > <u>Custom properties</u> > New...

Data sources

Use this page to specify custom properties that your enterprise information system (EIS) requires for the resource providers and resource factories that you configure. For example, most database vendors require additional custom properties for data sources that access the database.

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