Db2 Mirror for i
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IBM Db2 Mirror for i

- **IBM Db2 Mirror for i: Enables Continuous Availability**
  - High speed synchronous replication of Db2 for i (Data Center Solution)
  - Access Db2 objects from either LPAR
- **Application Availability Enablement**
  - Two Nodes read and write to the same DB Files
  - Enables quickly moving all work to one node, for planned maintenance or node failure
- **Enables Business Continuity for Disruptive System Upgrades**
  - Nodes can be at different OS levels
  - Nodes can be on different Power Hardware Generations
  - Rolling upgrades for no downtime
  - Roll a node back a release with minimal impact if Active/Active applications are deployed

Requires POWER8 or later and IBM i 7.4
New IBM i LPP 5770DBM
High Availability topology classification & positioning

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<td>Application level clustering; applications in the cluster have simultaneous access to the production data therefore no app restart upon an app node outage. Certain types enable read-only access from secondary nodes</td>
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- N = number of licensed processor cores on each system in the cluster
- Illustrations represent two-node shared-storage configurations for conceptual simplicity. There are many other topologies and data resiliency combinations
**Db2 Mirror – Active Active**

- **Node 1**
  - App
  - Database
  - Name | Age
  - Fred | 24

- **Node 2**
  - App
  - Database

- **Operating System**
  - Synchronous Replication

- **RoCE**

- **Synchronous Database Update on both nodes**
  - SYSBASE or IASP
Db2 Mirror – Database Supported Objects

Database replication eligible objects

**Native:**
- Database Physical & Logical File

**SQL:**
- Alias
- Function
- Global Variable
- Index
- Procedure
- Schema
- Sequence
- SQL Package
- Table
- Trigger
- User Defined Type
- View
- XML Schema Repository

Included with File support:
- Row Permission
- Column Mask
- Temporal Table
- Constraint
- Etc...

 DDS / Record Level Access
 SQL / Set Based Access

Application running separate on each node
Db2 Mirror – Other Supported Objects

— Other Objects
  • User profiles
  • Authority
  • Ownership
  • Security
  • PGM/SRVPGM
  • Data Areas
  • Data Queues (DDL Only)
  • SYSVALs
  • ENVARs
  • LIB
  • JOBD
  • Journals
  • Files (also has DDL Only option)

— Special Handling
  • OUTQ / Spool
  • Job Queue

Objects can be in either **SYSBAS** or **IASPs**
IFS Support

- Requires IASP
- IFS accessible on both Nodes (R/W)
- Requires PowerHA
  - Db2 Mirror provides the simultaneous access.
- PowerHA switches the IASP
- Filesystem automatically ’mutates’ when the storage is switched
Db2 Mirror – Active Active, Web Clients

Application layer connects with either JDBC or Load Balancer
Db2 Mirror – Active Passive

Run Production Workloads on this node

Node 1

App

Database

RoCE

Node 2

App

Database

Run Queries and reports on this node
Rolling Upgrade Scenario
Suspend the secondary node
Do your maintenance on the Secondary suspended node

Install PTFs and do Server Maintenance. This may include IPLing the system.
The Primary Node is the one designated to track changes.
Resume Mirroring to get the Systems back in Sync
Resync is Complete, Swap roles and repeat
Db2 Mirror – What makes it different

— New integrated IBM i synchronization technology
— Does not leverage any existing availability technology to provide continuous availability
  • But does work with existing technology
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RoCE

< 200M

Metro or Global Mirror
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Db2 Mirror GUI

GUI runs on IBM i

GUI can run on the Db2 Mirror nodes

GUI can run outside of the Db2 Mirror nodes and manage multiple pairs

http://systemname:2006/Db2Mirror
- EXECUTE SQL privilege on this procedure
- *USE* authority on the QSYS/QMRDBSSDBA *SRVPGM*

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  (OBJECT_NAME => object-name,)
  (APPLY_LABEL => apply-label)
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Performance Expectations

• With synchronous replication the complete path length will increase since the action may drive I/O on both nodes in order to finish. This could increase by up to ~\((2\text{-}3)X\) for Db2 changes

• The ability to run transactions on both nodes will mitigate per transaction overhead and with a target of achieving equal to or greater transactional throughput

• Read workloads will not be impacted since they do not have to be replicated

• Single threaded or serial I/O workloads will be the most impacted.
Setup of Db2 Mirror 2nd Node

- Guided wizard to setup
  - Input secondary config information
  - Start DB2Mirror
  - Clone original lpar

- On the clone lpar initial IPL, the config information will be set. ie IP addresses and system name.

- The Source and Clone will connect and form a cluster.

- The Source will sync any new changes that have happened after the clone and before the cluster formation.
Setup of Db2 Mirror 2\textsuperscript{nd} Node

— Before starting setup

1. Define a second lpar at the HMC
   - CPU/MEM should be similar to the source lpar

2. Zone/Connect Storage Controller to the Node 2 lpar

3. Create LUNs the same number and size as Node1.

4. Assign LUNs to Node 2
Setup of Db2 Mirror 2\textsuperscript{nd} Node

- Input HMC info:
  - Source and Target don’t have to be on the same HMC
- Select the LPARs from the List
Communication Hardware

4 Adapter Options

- PCIe3 2-port 10 Gb NIC & ROCE SR/Cu adapter (FC EC2R and EC2S; CCIN 58FA)

- PCIe3 2-port 25/10 Gb NIC & ROCE SFP28 adapter (FC EC2T and FC EC2U; CCIN 58FB)

- PCIe3 2-port 100 GbE NIC & ROCE QSFP28 Adapter (FC EC3L and EC3M; CCIN 2CEC)

- PCIe4 2-port 100 GbE ROCE x16 adapter (FC EC66 and EC67; CCIN 2CF3)

Max Cable length = 100 M
Optional RoCE switch
Power9 enables SR-IOV
Network Redundancy Groups (NRG)

- Network Redundancy Groups are a logical group of physical ports.
- Up to 16 links can form an NRG.
- Ability to prioritize different types of traffic onto separate physical links
- Failover domain is the entire group of ports
Db2 Mirror Setup

5 separate NRG categories to isolate traffic
Default Inclusion State for Replication Rules

NOTE: Can only be chosen at setup time or re-configuration time.
Replication List Rules

Add Rules for existing objects and objects that don’t exist yet
Add Rules for an object type or a specific object name
Replication List Rules

Set the rule to include or exclude the object/library from replication.

Default Inclusion State: Exclude

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Inspect what the Rules look like applied to the System
**System Defined Rules**

System Defined Rules are predefined and cannot be changed.
Create a group of rules before applying them to the system.
Visualize Pending Groups

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#### Manage Replication List - Rules

- **Primary**: ZZP28
- **Secondary**: ZZP29
- **Pending Group**: `app1`

**Add a Rule**

- **Test1pgms**: *PGM
- **All**: *ALL
- **Exclude/Include**: Exclude
- **Definition Only**: Yes

**Default Inclusion State**: Exclude

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**Apply Pending Group**
Detecting Errors

- Nodes are designed as a 'Primary' or 'Secondary' to indicate which node is preferred to 'track'.

- HMCs are used for failure detection of the partner node to indicate the Secondary can automatically take over as the Primary and begin tracking to allow Db2 transactions to continue.

- The Secondary side will block changes to Db2 transactions
Detecting Errors – State Change

— If the Secondary Fails:
  - IPLs
  - MSD
  - Goes to Restricted State

— The Primary will begin tracking replicated object changes and the application will continue to run.

— The Secondary will be in a ‘blocked’ state and not allow changes to replicated objects until the two nodes have resumed mirroring.
Detecting Errors – State Change

— If the Primary Fails (Crash/MSD):

— If the secondary can connect to the HMC and determine the primary has failed, the secondary will take over as the primary and begin tracking.

— If the secondary cannot detect the failure it will remain blocked. The user may choose to force the secondary to become the primary.
Detecting Errors – State Change

— If the network fails:

— If there is no communication between the 2 nodes over the RoCE network, the Primary will continue to track replicated objects and the secondary will block changes to replicated objects until the mirroring is resumed.
Resume Automatically

- The resume automatically property is defaulted to yes. This means if it was a system detected event such as a communication failure or crash, the mirror will resume once the failure is resolved.

- If the user suspends mirroring, then the user has to explicitly call resume.
Resync Parallelism

- If 5770SS1 Option 26 (DB2® Symmetric Multiprocessing) is installed you can take advantage of resyncing multiple objects at the same time.
Spool File Wait Time

Spool files are periodically gather up and save/restored to the other node. The wait time defines the interval to wait before bundling them up. If your system creates spool files very rapidly this can be a more efficient way to replicate them to the other side.
## Managing and Monitoring

— Exit Points for several of the state transitions

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# Alerts

## QSYSOPR Messages

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### Message Details

- **Message ID:** CPIC904
- **Severity:** 0
- **Message Type:** INFORMATIONAL
- **Time Sent:** 2019-01-13 16:14:41
- **From User:** QSYS
- **From Program:** QMRDBEUTIL
- **From Job:** 131607/QSYS/QMRDBECTLR
- **Message Text:**

Db2 Mirror replication is active for ASP group "SYSBAS".

**Cause:**

Db2 Mirror replication has been started or resumed for the ASP group.

**Recovery:**

**Technical Description:**

For more information, refer to the Db2 Mirror topic collection in the IBM Knowledge Center.
IASPs
Db2 Mirror IASP Support

- IASPs are optional for Db2 data
- IASPs are required for IFS concurrent sharing
  - PowerHA required to switch IFS IASPs
- DB IASPs have their own Replication Rules and Object Tracking List
IASP Support
IASP Support
Switch over IFS IASPs
Disaster Recovery
Topography Options – DR

- As long as one local Db2Mirror node is up, production will remain at the local site.
- If both local nodes are unavailable, then a switch to the DR site can be initiated.
- The default will be that a switch to DR requires system administrator intervention, although a policy could be defined to initiate the switch automatically.
- Only one node will be activated at the DR site, and then a Db2Mirror resynch will be started to the 2nd DR node.
Topology Options – DR

- As long as one local Db2Mirror node is up, production will remain at the local site.
- If both local nodes are unavailable, then a switch to the DR site can be initiated.
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Topology Options – DR

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Software Requirements and Licensing
Software Required for Db2 Mirror Pair

- 5770SS1 Option 3 (Extended Base Directory Support)
- 5770SS1 Option 12 (Host Servers)
- 5770SS1 Option 26 (DB2® Symmetric Multiprocessing) - Optional
- 5770SS1 Option 30 (Qshell)
- 5770SS1 Option 34 (Digital Certificate Manager)
- 5770SS1 Option 41 (High Availability Switchable Resources)
- 5770SS1 Option 48 (IBM Db2Mirror)
- 5770JV1 *BASE (IBM Developer Kit for Java)
  - Option 16 (Java SE 8 32 bit)
  - Option 17 (Java SE 8 64 bit)
- 5733SC1 *BASE (IBM Portable Utilities for i)
  - Option 1 (OpenSSH, OpenSSL, zlib)
- 5770DG1 *BASE (IBM HTTP Server for i)
- 5770DBM *BASE (IBM Db2 Mirror for i)
  - Option 1 (Db2 Mirror Enablement)
Open Source Packages Required for Setup

- python2-six-1.10.0-1.ibm17.1.noarch.rpm
- python2-itoolkit-1.5.1-1.ibm17.1.ppc64.rpm
- python2-ibm_db-2.0.5.8-1.ibm17.1.ppc64.rpm
- cloudinit-1.0-0.ibm17.1.ppc64.rpm
Software Required for Db2 GUI Node

- 5770SS1 Option 3 (Extended Base Directory Support)
- 5770SS1 Option 12 (Host Servers)
- 5770SS1 Option 26 (DB2® Symmetric Multiprocessing) — Optional
- 5770SS1 Option 30 (Qshell)
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Licensing

Db2 Mirror for i (5770-DBM)

— Pricing: $20K (U.S. list price)* per processor core - for any size machine
  • Note: e-config offers Small and Medium price features, both are priced the same
  • Includes one year of SWMA

— License both source and target
  • The processor cores to support the workload on source and target must be licensed

— IBM i (5770-SS1) Option 48 “Db2 Data Mirroring” is required and automatically included with 5770-DBM orders
  • No additional charge for Option 48
  • Option 48 is only available with Db2 Mirror and cannot be ordered separately

— 70-day evaluation period available for 5770-DBM and IBM i Option 48
  • I.e. standard try-and-buy period as IBM i and the keyed IBM i LPPs. After 70 days, enter the software license key

* Prices are subject to change without notice
Licensing, continued

— Db2 Mirror price structure:
  • Processor feature is 5051 is the priced feature
  • Base feature 5050 is a no-charge user interface for managing Db2 Mirror on other systems in the network

— The Db2 Mirror two production nodes will not qualify as a CBU. DR nodes could qualify

— For Db2 Mirror, the processor charge metric and subcapacity terms are the same for DB2 Mirror as, e.g., IBM i operating system and PowerHA for i
  • Workload Capping Groups are not supported for subcapacity licensing for Db2 Mirror

Db2 Mirror Software License Terms
Db2 Mirror for i workshop
IBM Systems Lab Services — Power Systems IBM i

Overview
The Db2 Mirror for i workshop will provide customers and business partners the opportunity to build skills in Db2 mirror as well as testing their applications on a DB2 Mirror environment in the lab. The workshop will be 2 weeks with the first week covering planning, implementation, setting up libraries in a DB2 Mirror environment and Database requirements/changes. The second week will focus on application changes and performance requirements/testing.

Target Audience
• Any customer or BP who wishes to learn about Db2 mirror in depth and test their application

Benefits
• By the end of the workshop, the attendees will have the skills to start planning their Db2 mirror environment.

Qualifying Questions
• Do you need a zero time failover environment to an active high availability system
• Do you wish to start working towards a true active/active solution

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Key Features
• The workshop is fixed price for 2 weeks. It is anticipated that not all people will attend both weeks. The first week is aimed more at technical specialists while the second week is more application and performance.
• During the 2 weeks, access to consultants across aspects of IBM i will be available to maximize the benefit of the workshop. This includes, performance, database/SQL, application and infrastructure experts
• The hardware will be capped at 5 x Power 8 processors per partition with 32 GB of memory per core, and 10TB of DS8000 disk per partition.
• The testing can be performed for IASP/PowerHA, or full system
• No HIPAA or PHI data can be loaded on the IBM systems

Deliverables
• Any presentation used in the workshop will be available to the attendees
• Any data (performance, object changes etc) will be available for the attendees to save to tape and take home

Duration (optional)
80 hours (no outside working hours)
Db2 Mirror – Where to get more information

www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/ssw_ibm_i_74/db2mi/db2mintro.htm

Start of Db2 Mirror documentation.

- **PDF file for Db2 Mirror**
  Use this to view and print a PDF of this information.

- **Intro and architecture**
  chapter 1 placeholder

- **Db2 Mirror concepts**
  This section describes the basic concepts you need to understand when working with Db2 Mirror.

- **Application considerations**
  chapter 3 placeholder

- **Planning and setup**
  There are many decisions that need to be made as you prepare and step through the Db2 Mirror setup process. Db2 Mirror configuration should be understood before starting in order to make the right decisions for your business.
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