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Overview

Intended Audience

This document is intended for, but not limited to:

- Technical Architects
- Performance Engineers
- Configuration Engineers
- Application Administrators
- Database Administrators
- System Administrators

System Components

Performance management activities affect all aspects of the system, including computer nodes, network, disks, database, and so on.

One person or role may be responsible for one, several, or all the components. Some of the roles include:

- Hardware Engineer
- System Administrator
- Network Engineer - Local Area or Wide Area
- Application Server Administrator
- Database Administrator
- Capacity Planning Engineer
- Performance Analyst
- Gentran Integration Suite Administrator

Performance management documentation includes the following information:

- Background information about the different performance and tuning issues when running Gentran Integration Suite.
- Step-by-step information that helps you:

- Optimize the performance of Gentran Integration Suite.
- Diagnose and resolve performance issues, if any, with Gentran Integration Suite to suit your environment.

You can work through most performance and tuning issues using the following tools:

- Properties file settings, which you can access through the properties directory in your installation directory.
- The Gentran Integration Suite user interface. Use the Operations option in the Administration menu to access the following tools:
 - JDBC Monitor (**Operations > JDBC Monitor**)
 - JVM Monitor (**Operations > System > Performance > JVM Monitor**)
 - Message Monitor (**Operations > Message Monitor**)
 - Performance Statistics Report (**Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**)
 - Performance Tuning Wizard (**Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**)
 - System Troubleshooting (**Operations > System > Troubleshooter**)
 - Thread Monitor (**Operations > Thread Monitor**)

Based on the diversity of the roles and the responsibilities associated with them, the *Gentran Integration Suite Performance Management Guide* is divided into the following sections:

- Overview - Provides performance tuning overview, audience information, performance concepts overview, performance tuning methodologies, and tuning issues that may arise when running Gentran Integration Suite.
- Performance recommendations checklist - Provides general, planning, and implementation (single node and cluster) checklists. This topic caters to hardware engineers, system administrators, network engineers, capacity planners, and Gentran Integration Suite administrators.
- Database management system - Discusses key recommendations for Oracle®, IBM DB2®, Microsoft SQL Server™, and MySQL databases. This topic caters to database administrators.
- Java Virtual Machines - Explains configuration, recommendations, and so on. This topic caters to application server administrators.
- Monitoring operations, performance tuning, and performance statistics - Discusses monitoring operations, performance tuning (utility and manual), and management of performance statistics.
- Monitoring operations - Provides information about system logs, auditing, business process threads, messages, system information, and cluster node status.
- Performance tuning - Explains performance tuning using the performance tuning wizard, and manual performance tuning recommendations such as scheduling policies, cache contents, persistence levels, property files, and system recovery.
- Performance statistics - Provides information about managing, enabling and disabling, and reporting performance statistics.
- Troubleshooting - Provides information about resolving full database issues, Java Database Connectivity (JDBC™) connections, cache issues, memory issues, slow system issues, and improving business process execution time.
- Performance and tuning worksheet - Helps you to take an inventory of the different parts of your Gentran Integration Suite installation that affects performance.
- workFlow Launcher - Explains how to run business processes from the command line.

Note: It is recommended that the performance analyst, capacity planner, and Gentran Integration Suite administrators read all the topics.

Performance Concepts Overview

Typically, performance in general, and optimal performance in particular, are associated with the following criteria:

- Latency – The amount of time taken to generate a response to a request (speed).
- Throughput – The amount of data transferred during a specified period (volume).
- Scalability – The ability of the system to adapt to increasing workload (additional hardware).
- Load – The ability of the system to continue performing at optimal level even when the pressure on the system increases.

Gentran Integration Suite's performance can be tuned to meet various processing requirements, including higher processing speed and ability to sustain high volumes. The amount of resources given to the interactive and batch components of a mixed workload determines the trade-off between responsiveness (speed) and throughput (work completed in a certain amount of time).

When using the Gentran Integration Suite, if you face any performance issues, perform the applicable task or tasks from the following list:

- Change performance parameters in the properties files or through the performance tuning utility. For more information about changing performance parameters, refer to the topic [Performance Tuning Utility](#) on page 102.
- Add additional hardware.
- Tune your business processes to run more efficiently on Gentran Integration Suite.
- Monitor and archive the database to free up resources.
- Create Gentran Integration Suite cluster for load balancing and scaling.

Before You Begin Performance Tuning

Before you carry out performance tuning actions, you must consider capacity planning issues. The "Performance and Tuning Worksheet" topic provides information about how to determine your capacity requirements. This worksheet, and other capacity planning tools, also help you adjust your current workload, regardless of your future requirements.

Following is a list of some capacity issues that impact performance and tuning:

- Daily volume requirements, including the average size and number of transactions to be processed.
- Additional processing requirements, for example, translation, and straight-through processing.
- Types of pay loads, including EDIFACT, XML, and other formats.
- Translation requirements, for example, translation from EDIFACT to XML.
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) integration requirements, for example, integration with SAP® or PeopleSoft®.
- Number of processors that are available and can be dedicated to Gentran Integration Suite.
- Memory available to meet your processing requirements.
- Disk space available.
- Hard disk Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) level. RAID arrays use two or more drives in combination for fault tolerance and performance. The recommended RAID level for Gentran Integration Suite is Level 5.
- Database size requirements.

Note: When conducting a performance tuning activity, keep the information provided in this topic at hand for easy reference and future planning.

Performance Tuning Methodology

For effective performance tuning, you must first identify the performance issues and determine the corrective actions. Following is a methodology that helps you focus your efforts and reduce redundant tasks.

Use the following methodology to identify and resolve performance issues in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. Fill out the Requirements Planning Worksheet to determine the hardware requirements for a given processing volume and speed.

Note: If you purchased Sterling Commerce Consulting Services, you would have received a report containing information about your hardware requirements based on your business needs.

2. Verify that your hardware and memory specifications match the hardware and memory recommendations provided during the performance planning phase.
3. Verify that you have installed the requisite patches on your system, which will help you fix your performance issues from the Sterling Commerce Customer Center Web site at <https://cn.sterlingcommerce.com/login.jsp>.
4. Verify that you have the supported Java Virtual Machine (JVM™) on the computer running Gentran Integration Suite, and on the DMZ computer if you are running perimeter servers. Both the JVM versions must match each other and your Gentran Integration Suite version requirements. The build date and lower release numbers must also match.
5. Verify that you are running the supported version of your operating system.
6. Verify that you are running the supported versions of the JDBC drivers.
7. Verify that you have created your business processes using the most current adapters and services, well-structured XPath statements, and the lowest persistence by step and business process.
8. Tune Gentran Integration Suite using the Performance Tuning Utility and the information that you provided in the Requirements Planning Worksheet (refer to the topic *The Performance and Tuning Worksheet* on page 172). The Performance Tuning Utility enables you to tune the cache, memory, and other system components, but not the business processes.

For more information about this utility, refer to the topic *Performance Tuning Utility* on page 102.

9. Navigate to **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**. In the Statistics page, select the **Enable Performance Statistics** option. The Performance Statistics reports provide information about the time taken to perform business processes and execute activities, database connections and persistence, and business process queue performance. You can use this information to tune your system according to your volume and speed requirements.

For more information about performance statistics, refer to the topic *Manage Performance Statistics* on page 137.

10. Review your history of incoming and outgoing documents and enter this information in charts, showing daily, weekly, and monthly processing trends. Use these charts to determine your peak volume processing levels based on your processing pattern history.
11. Conduct initial performance testing by running your business processes with sample data that is the same size as the data that will be processed in production. In addition, run your business processes with data that

approximates your anticipated peak processing volume. This helps you tune your system as close to your production environment as possible.

12. Review the Performance Statistics Report for processing speeds, volumes, and database connections.
13. Review the other reports, such as the Database Usage Report and the Cache Usage Report, for information about the areas that can be tuned.
14. Retune Gentran Integration Suite using the Performance Tuning Utility, based on the information you gathered from your initial performance testing.

Continue this process until your processing time and volume requirements are met.

15. Create a new Performance Statistics Report called *Benchmarksdd/mm/yy*.
16. Conduct the same test that you conducted in step 11.
17. Review the *Benchmarksdd/mm/yy* Performance Statistics Report. If the statistics in this report are not similar to your previous statistics, repeat steps 11 - 14.
18. Compare your monthly or weekly Performance Statistics Reports with this Benchmark report to verify that your system is processing business processes efficiently and that your resources are being used efficiently. Using this methodology as a proactive measure may reduce downtime and processing issues.

Performance Recommendations Checklist

Gentran Integration Suite: General Recommendations Checklist

The general recommendations checklist provides a list of guidelines to plan for the required elements, and to enhance the performance of Gentran Integration Suite.

Note: In the following tables, the Development and Production columns indicate whether the recommendations are Recommended (R), Critical (C), or Not Applicable (NA) in a development or production environment.

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
OS version and OS kernel parameters	C	C	You should ensure that you install Gentran Integration Suite on certified OS versions and levels. Refer to the <i>System Requirements</i> documentation of the corresponding OS versions.
Network speed	C	C	You should ensure that your network cards are operating at the highest speeds. The network interface and the network switch can negotiate to lower speed. When that happens, performance degrades even under normal processing periods.
AIX page space allocation	C	C	The AIX default page space allocation policy does not reserve swap space when processes allocate memory. This can lead to excessive swap space, which forces AIX to kill processes when it runs out of swap space.

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			<p>You should ensure that you either have sufficient swap space, or set the following environment policy variables:</p> <p><i>PSALLOC=EARLY</i></p> <p><i>NODISCLAIM=TRUE</i></p>
Monitor CPU Utilization	NA	C	You should monitor CPU utilization to ensure that there is no CPU contention.
Monitor Swap Usage	C	C	If not enough space is left on the swap device (or paging file), the operating system may prevent another process from starting, or in some cases, be forced to kill the running processes.
Monitor Paging	C	C	<p>The JVMs and database management systems rely on large memory buffers or heaps, and are sensitive to paging. Performance can noticeably degrade if enough memory is not available to keep the JVM heap in memory.</p> <p>You can monitor paging levels using standard operating system or third-party measurement tools, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIX/Linux – SAR • Windows – System Monitor
Monitor Heap Garbage Collection Performance	C	C	Monitoring heap GC performance is critical for performance and availability. For example, if the amount of heap that is free after a GC is continually increasing, and approaching the maximum heap size, the JVM can experience OutOfMemory exceptions.
Planning			
Server node sizing	NA	C	<p>You should ensure that you have sufficient computing capacity to process peak transaction volumes.</p> <p>Refer to <i>System Requirements</i> documentation</p>

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			<p>to get an estimate of the processor, memory, and other requirements.</p> <p>You can also engage Sterling Commerce Professional Services to conduct a capacity plan study of your system. This study involves measuring your system, and using the measurements to forecast resource requirements at anticipated peak processing periods.</p>
Database disk sizing	NA	C	<p>You should ensure that you have sufficient disk space for the database server.</p> <p>The size of the database disk subsystem may vary from a few gigabytes to several terabytes. The size depends on the processing volume, its complexity, and the length of time you want to keep the data active in the database.</p>
JVM			
JVM version	C	C	<p>You must ensure that you install Gentran Integration Suite on certified JVM versions and levels.</p> <p>Run the <code>-showversion</code> command in the command prompt to ensure that you have installed the correct version.</p>
Verbose GC statistics	NA	C	<p>You can enable verbose GC statistics collection.</p> <p>Understanding the health of GCs for each JVM is critical for performance.</p>
Paging	C	C	<p>The JVM heap must be resident in the memory. The performance can noticeably degrade if the operating system has to page portions of the heap out to disk.</p>
OutOfMemory Exceptions	C	C	<p>OutOfMemory exceptions can cause unpredictable behavior. You should ensure that you have allocated sufficient physical memory to</p>

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			Gentran Integration Suite based on your processing requirements.
JVM VM mode	C	C	For HotSpot JVM, the server mode is applicable for long-running workloads.
Heap size	C	C	<p>Correct heap size configuration is critical for both performance and availability. If the heap size is too big, the GC pauses can be long. Similarly, if the heap size is too small, it can lead to OutOfMemory exceptions. You should ensure that heap size is not set larger than physical memory to avoid thrashing.</p> <p>Gentran Integration Suite supports both 32-bit and 64-bit JVMs. You should allocate more heap space when you are running a 64-bit JVM.</p>
Database			
Monitor and regulate indexes	C	C	<p>Gentran Integration Suite comes with a default set of indexes. In some cases, the indexes may not apply to your operational environment.</p> <p>You should regularly monitor the resource cost of frequently used queries to check if additional indexes are required. Similarly, you can also monitor the database to delete indexes if they are not required.</p>
Cursor sharing	C	C	<p>If you are using Oracle database, cursor sharing enables dynamic SQL to be reusable, thereby reducing the contention on the shared pool.</p> <p>You should ensure that you set cursor_sharing=EXACT</p>
Parameters governing DB2 locking strategy	C	C	Set DB2_EVALUNCOMMITTED, DB2_SKIPDELETED, and

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			DB2_SKIPINSERTED to reduce lock contention.
Parameters governing DB2 memory	C	C	Set parameters to manage various memory structures such as LOCKLIST, SORTHEAP, and so on, to AUTOMATIC.
Volatile table	NA	C	Mark tables that change significantly, as volatile.

Sterling File Gateway: Specific Recommendations Checklist

Sterling File Gateway is installed on an instance of Gentran Integration Suite, and shares many of the resources with the latter, including:

- Communication Adapters
- Business Processes
- Security Services
- Perimeter Services
- Encryption
- Decryption
- Account Management

You should, therefore, tune your Gentran Integration Suite installation first, and then perform the Sterling File Gateway-specific tuning and troubleshooting tasks. Be aware that the changes you make to Sterling File Gateway can also affect the performance of Gentran Integration Suite.

Note: Do not edit the properties files. Make all the changes in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. For example, to change the `pgpCmdline2svcname` property, enter the following line in the `customer_overrides.properties` file:

```
filegateway.pgpCmdline2svcname=CUSTOM
```

In this line, replace `CUSTOM` with the name of your Command Line 2 adapter. For more information about the `customer_overrides.properties` file, refer to the *Gentran Integration Suite Property Files* documentation, which can be accessed from:

<http://www.sterlingcommerce.com/Documentation/SI50/PropFilesPage.htm>

The following table describes some of the key parameters that must be configured to optimize Sterling File Gateway's performance.

In the following table, the Development and Production columns indicate whether the recommendations are Recommended (R), Critical (C), or Not Applicable (NA) in the development and production environments.

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
Increase the value of Sterling File Gateway. Property: <code>fgRouteConcurrentSessionLimit</code>	R	R	Number of Sterling File Gateway services that can be run concurrently. The services are split into two groups, and each group has

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			<p>this value as the limit. Therefore, the total number of services that can run concurrently is equal to the value for this property multiplied by two. Set this to a value that is higher than the sum of business process threads in queues 4 and 6 (where Sterling File Gateway services run).</p> <p>Default value: 8 (Maximum: 64)</p>
<p>If you are processing very large files, increase the probe values to avoid timeout conditions.</p> <p>Property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filegateway.bpCompletionProbes.2 • filegateway.bpCompletionSleepMsec.2 	R	R	<p>Timeouts and sleep intervals that control the period for which Sterling File Gateway waits for each of the sub-business process it invokes. The timeouts and sleep intervals control the timeouts when a business process is executed synchronously during routing. The types of business processes that run during routing are consumer identification and PGP processing. Setting the values for these properties also enables one set of relatively quick probes, followed by a second set of slower probes. The first set will be reactive, but consumes more processor capacity. The second set will be activated for longer-running processes and will consume less processor capacity.</p> <p>First, probe 120 times, with 100 milliseconds between each probe, for a total of 12 seconds.</p> <p>Default value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bpCompletionProbes.1=120 • bpCompletionSleepMsec.1=100 <p>Then, probe 600 times with 2000 milliseconds between each probe, for a total of 1200 seconds (20 minutes).</p> <p>Default value:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bpCompletionProbes.2=600 • bpCompletionSleepMsec.2=2000
<p>If you have a high volume of PGP traffic, you can improve your performance by specifying a group for the file gateway.</p> <p>Property: pgpCmdline2svcname</p>	R	R	<p>The name of the Command Line 2 adapter to be used for PGP packaging and unpackaging. You can override this property in the <code>customer_overrides.properties</code> file if a custom Command Line 2 adapter is used for PGP operations. You can also specify an adapter group name to balance the outbound PGP sessions load across multiple adapter instances.</p> <p>Default value: pgpCmdline2svcname=PGPCmdlineService</p>

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
<p>If you have very large files that will be processed by PGP, increase the value of the file gateway.</p> <p>Property: fgRoutePGPCmdLineSocketTimeout</p>	R	R	<p>Timeout value, in milliseconds, for PGP package and unpackage operations invoked by Sterling File Gateway.</p> <p>Default value: 240000 milliseconds (4 minutes)</p>
<p>If you have high volumes of FTP traffic, you can improve your performance by specifying a group.</p> <p>Property: filegateway.ftpClientAdapterName</p>	R	R	<p>The FTP Client Adapter instance or service group that the FileGatewayDeliverFTP business process will use. You can override this property in the <code>customer_overrides.properties</code> file to use a custom FTP Client Adapter instance to contact trading partners. You can also specify an adapter group name to balance the outbound FTP sessions load across multiple adapter instances.</p> <p>Default value: ftpClientAdapterName=FTPClientAdapter</p>
<p>Decrease the value of evaluation frequency.</p> <p>Property:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRules <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRulesSubMin 	R	R	<p>You can enable either MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRules or MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRulesSubMin. MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRulesSubMin verifies the presence of routable messages once every 10 seconds, and can be edited for other intervals of less than one minute by modifying the MailboxEvaluateAllAutomaticRulesSubMin business process.</p>
<p>Suppress Duplicate Messages</p> <p>Property: mailbox.disallowDuplicateMessages=true</p>	R	R	<p>Prevents duplicate messages from using system resources.</p>
<p>Increase the number of steps a business process must complete prior to returning to the queue.</p> <p>Property: noapp.AE_ExecuteCycle.#</p>	R	R	<p>Number of steps involved in the completion of a business process before the business process returns to the queue. Higher values will accelerate individual business process execution, while lower values will provide smoother multitasking capabilities. Interactive use favors a lower number of steps, while batch processing favors a higher number of steps. The value of noapp.AE_ExecuteCycle.# can be different for each queue. .# indicates the queue number.</p> <p>When a business process has one service to begin a protocol session and another service to use the protocol session, a very low AE_ExecuteCycle may lead many business processes to be in the queue, with only the first service running. This may result in many protocol sessions accumulating in</p>

Recommendation	Development	Production	Comments
			an open state, and session limits being met sooner than is necessary.
Increase the time period that a business process can use a thread, before releasing it to be used for another business process. Property: noapp.AE_ExecuteCycleTime.#	R	R	Maximum time period, in milliseconds, for which a business process can use a thread before releasing it for use by another business process. This value will override the value set for AE_ExecuteCycle. Tuning the value for this property ensures that a series of unusually slow steps will not tie up a thread completely. This value can be different for each queue. .# indicates the queue number. A value that is too low may result in the accumulation of more sessions than are recommended.
Increase the number of concurrent threads. Property: noapp.MaxThreads	R	R	Total number of concurrent threads that Sterling File Gateway is allowed to use. This number may be verified against the licensed number of threads. This value is the total number of threads available to a workflow engine to execute business process steps. Other, nonworkflow engine threads do not come under the purview of this limit. For example, the threads set in fgRouteConcurrentSessionLimit do not come under the purview of this limit.
Set storage type. Property: filegateway_ui.storagetype=file	R	R	File System is more efficient. Default value: database

Database Management System

Planning

This section provides information about the tasks elements that have to be completed prior to the implementation phase. The key planning tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Selecting a certified database management server software and version. Refer to the *Gentran Integration Suite System Requirements* for a list of supported database configurations.
- Determining the size and configuration of the database server node
- Determining the size and configuration of the database disk subsystem
- Determining the disk technology

Monitoring Disk Space

At the operating system level, it is important to monitor disk space utilization, as this is one of the most common causes of database freeze up. On various UNIX/Linux-based platforms, run the `df` command as a line command or in a shell script. Various third-party tools are also available.

Server Sizing

At appropriate times in the project lifecycle, you can request a Server Sizing study from your Sterling Commerce Professional Services Project Manager or a Sterling Commerce Sales Executive. This study starts with the Gentran Integration Suite Server Sizing Questionnaire. Sterling Commerce Performance Engineering creates a sizing document that provides information about the estimated processor, memory, and network requirements for the standard/baseline Gentran Integration Suite. On your part, you must consider additional requirements such as other workloads on the same node (for example, additional third-party software, customization, performance monitors, and so on).

Storage and File Systems

This section covers the following topics:

- Capacity Requirements
- Use of Native File Systems
- Monitoring Disk Space

Capacity Requirements

Your disk capacity requirement is a very important input to the disk configuration planning process. This involves many considerations to ensure survivability, manageability, scalability, and performance.

The following table provides information about the tasks that you must perform to ensure that the required behavior is achieved.

Goal	Strategy
Survivability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure disks with the ability to survive single or multiple disk failures (for example, RAID-1, RAID-5, or RAID-10). • Configure the disk array with multiple I/O paths to the server to survive I/O path failures. • Configure disks to be accessible from multiple server nodes to tolerate single-node failures.
Manageability	If you have limited-time windows to back up the database, select techniques such as array snapshots or SAN-based (storage area network) mirroring that allow logical backups.
Scalability and Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure the disk array with many small disks instead of a few large disks to increase the number of I/O paths. • Configure the disk array with large NVRAM cache to improve read and write performance. • Configure the disks with striping (for example, RAID-0 or RAID-10). • In some circumstances, you may also want to consider using solid-state disks.

Capacity Requirements: An Example

Let us consider the following example to understand the concept of capacity requirements better. Assume you require 900 GB of storage and you have disk arrays or SANs that are made up of 93 GB disks. Let us further assume that the database is implemented over ninety 10 GB data files.

The following table summarizes the choices for the common disk organizations and the trade-offs involved.

Technology	Scalability	Survivability	Maintainability	Num Disks
JBOD	Poor. Subject to throughput of individual disks	Poor. Single-disk failure creates outage and requires database recovery	Poor. High disk utilization skew.	10
RAID-0	Excellent. Striping n disks provides read/write throughput at n times a single disk.	Poor. Single-disk failure creates outage and requires database recovery.	Excellent. Expect near-uniform disk utilization within a	10

Technology	Scalability	Survivability	Maintainability	Num Disks
			logical unit. Potential LUN utilization skew.	
RAID-1	Poor. Similar performance to that of JBOD.	Better. Can survive multiple disk failures, assuming that these occur in different mirrored sets.	Poor. High disk utilization skew.	20
RAID-5	Excellent for read (similar to RAID-0). Potentially poor for write performance.	Better. Able to survive a single-disk failure. Multiple disk failures create an outage and require database recovery.	Excellent. Low disk utilization skew. Possible LUN utilization skew.	11
RAID-01	Excellent read/write performance.	Can tolerate up to two disk failures as long as both failures are not in the same mirrored set.	Excellent. Low disk utilization skew. Possible LUN utilization skew.	20
RAID-10	Excellent read/write performance.	Can tolerate up to n disk failures as long as two failures do not occur in the same mirrored set.	Excellent. Low disk utilization skew. Possible LUN utilization skew.	20

Use of Native File Systems

Using file systems for storage can simplify administration tasks, although potentially at some loss of some performance over using raw disks. It is recommended that you consult with your storage administrator and storage vendor.

Operating System	Native File System
Windows	NTFS
Linux	EXT3
Solaris	UFS
AIX	JFS2
HP-UX	VxFS

Database Management for Gentran Integration Suite

Gentran Integration Suite uses a database server as a repository for transactional, reference, and history data that it generates and uses. Refer to the *Gentran Integration Suite Installation Guide* for a list of supported database configurations.

This section covers the following concepts:

- JDBC Connection Pool Overview
- Configuring Parameters for a Database Pool
- Schema Objects

JDBC Connection Pool Overview

Gentran Integration Suite uses internal connection pooling in an effort to minimize delays in the creation of new connections to the database server. When a connection is requested, an existing connection is used whenever possible. This improves performance by removing the overhead of going to the driver and creating and destroying a new connection each time one is needed.

Gentran Integration Suite internal connection pooling mechanism implements a connection pool in every JVM started for the product. In a cluster with multiple nodes, the number of connections the database has to establish is the total of all connections for all the connection pools.

For example, if you have four JVM instances and each connection pool averages around 30 connections, your database server will have to establish 120 database connections.

With this implementation, the database will report any idle connections to the system. This is the expected behavior. JDBC properties can be tuned in the `jdbc.properties` file to destroy idle connections and minimize usage.

Note: Override the JDBC properties in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. Do not modify the `jdbc.properties` file directly. For more information about the `jdbc.properties` file, refer to *Gentran Integration Suite Property Files* documentation.

How Connection Pooling is Implemented

Each database pool is created with an initial number of connections, as defined by the `initsize` property in the `jdbc.properties` file. As more connections are required, Gentran Integration Suite requests additional connections up to the maximum number defined by the `maxsize` property. When Gentran Integration Suite finishes using a connection, it returns it to the pool of connections for later use.

If Gentran Integration Suite requires connections beyond the maximum size limit for each database pool, and every pool is in use, Gentran Integration Suite can request new connections up to the value defined by the `buffer_size` property. Connections in this “buffer range” (that is, beyond the number of connections defined by the `maxsize` property) are created as needed, and destroyed when the calling process is completed. To detect this, search for warning messages such as connections exceeded in the `noapp.log`. Performance will drop if Gentran Integration Suite runs in this range for a long period of time.

The `buffer_max` value is a hard maximum. When the number of connections defined by `buffer_max` (`maxsize` + `buffersize`) is reached, additional requests for connections are denied. An error is written to the logs indicating that the pool has been exhausted and the attempt to create a new connection has failed.

Summary

Each JVM can create connections for each of the pools defined in the `jdbc.properties` file and configured in the `customer_overrides.properties` file. Each pool grabs the initial number of connections (`initsize`) configured.

Because a pool requires additional connections beyond the initial size, it creates new connections up to the `maxsize` limit for that pool. Connections that are created with fewer than the `maxsize` are returned to that pool for reuse, thus improving performance.

If a pool is using all the connections up to the `maxsize` limit, it creates a new connection as needed within the buffer size limit. Connections beyond `maxsize` and below the `buffersize` are not reused. Each connection is

created when needed, and destroyed when no longer needed by the calling process. This is expensive and will hit performance if Gentran Integration Suite runs for continued amounts of time in this state.

When the number of connections (maxsize + buffersize) is reached, new requests for connections are refused.

Configuring Parameters for a Database Pool

The following table describes the primary parameters of a database pool and the recommended value for each:

Parameter	Description and Recommended Value
initsize	<p>When a JVM is created and connection pool objects are instantiated for each of the pools, a call is made to the JDBC driver for each pool and an initial number of connections are created for each. Connections created from the initsize are part of the connections that will exist in the pool for reuse, as needed.</p> <p>Since various JVMs may load the initial number of connections, but may not really need them, it is recommended that you do not set the initsize to a large value. The noapp JVM may benefit from having a larger initsize for some pools.</p> <p>Default value: 0 or 1 Recommended value: 1</p>
maxsize	<p>Maximum size of the connection pool pertaining to a database pool. Once a connection is created up to this value, it is not destroyed. It remains idle until needed.</p>
Buffersize	<p>Maximum number of connections that can be created. Connections created beyond the maxsize value are created and destroyed as needed.</p> <p>Once all the connections are used (maxsize + buffersize), and a new request for a connection comes in, the new request is denied and an error is written stating that a connection cannot be created and that the connection pool has been exhausted.</p>
maxConn	<p>This parameter is not used in Gentran Integration Suite 4.x.</p>

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: How many connections will I need?

A: The number of connections needed depends on the load. For example, you can start with 25 connections per pool and monitor noapp.log. Ensure that you are not close to the maximum size of the connection pool (maxsize). Monitor over a longer period and observe if the usage is increasing. If yes, you should tune the system and add additional connections per pool.

- Q: Why are connections shown as being idle?

A: Getting a new connection from the database is expensive. Connections are held in a pool in order to be available when the system needs them. This means that connections will often be shown as being idle. This is a performance trade-off that enables connections to be available when needed.

• Q: Can I kill idle connections?

A: Configure the pool to keep fewer connections, and release connections after a specified amount of time.

Schema Objects

This topic covers the following concepts:

- Placement of Schema Table Objects
- Placement of Indexes
- Gentran Integration Suite Database Tables

Placement of Schema Table Objects

The *Gentran Integration Suite Installation Guide* provides directions about how to create the database, including the necessary changes to some critical parameters. The DDL statements allow you to create a simple schema that is suitable for general use. You will need to review, and possibly modify, these statements prior to production.

Placement of Indexes

The DDL statements create a minimal set of indexes for general use. You may need to create additional indexes or modify existing indexes to suit your business needs.

You may want to create additional tablespaces for storing indexes in addition to those for the base tables. Tablespaces should have multiple data files for I/O load balancing.

Important: Indexes can also be separated out into different storage areas. This should be done in coordination with your database administrator. However, if you are moving tables to different storage areas, do so only in coordination with Sterling Commerce Professional Services to prevent upgrade issue in the future.

Gentran Integration Suite Database Tables

The following table lists some of the tables defined in Gentran Integration Suite experience substantial input, output, and rapid growth.

Table Name	Table Function
DATA_TABLE and TRANS_TABLE	These tables hold the binary payload of documents used for processing within Gentran Integration Suite.
DOCUMENT, CORRELATION_SET	Contains document metadata used for searchability and enablement of various document processing tasks.
WORKFLOW_CONTEXT	Contains step status and business process flow information.
ARCHIVE_INFO	Holds lifespan information pertaining to all business processes and document storage in the system.

These tables are candidates for moving to a tablespace or segment that is separate from the rest of the database.

Important: Move these tables only in coordination with Sterling Commerce Professional services. When patches or upgrades that need to recreate a table are installed, the installation will attempt to create them in the default tablespace.

Oracle Database 10g Configuration and Monitoring

This topic provides information about configuring and monitoring Oracle Database 10g. It also provides information about concepts such as init parameter configuration, rolling back or undoing changes to the database, database storage, and monitoring with Automatic Workload Repository (AWR) reports.

init Parameter Configuration Checklist

The following table lists the settings that have been found useful or critical to Gentran Integration Suite performance on an Oracle Database 10g.

Parameter	Mandatory or Recommended	Description and Recommend Value
processes	Recommended	Must be greater than the number of connections required by Gentran Integration Suite (sum of transactional or local and NoTrans pools in jdbc.properties), and operational management tools.
sga_max_size sga_target pga_aggregate_target	Recommended	1 GB to <i>n</i> GB, depending on the amount of physical memory on your database server. If the server is running only this database, up to 80% of physical memory. To size SGA (Shared Global Area) pools automatically, refer to the topic <i>SGA Pool Sizing</i> .
cursor_sharing	Mandatory	Recommended value: Exact
timed_statistics	Recommended	Recommended value: True
optimizer_mode	Recommended	Recommended value: All_rows
open_cursors	Recommended	Recommended value: 2000 or higher if prepared statement caching is to be used.
db_cache_size	Recommended	Recommended value: Greater than or equal to 19200.
Sort area size	Recommended	Recommended value: Greater than or equal to 65536 (for backward compatibility with Oracle 9i database).
Sort area retained size	Recommended	Recommended value: Greater than or equal to 65536 (for backward compatibility with Oracle 9i database).
Character set	Mandatory	Recommended value: AL32UTF8

init Parameter Descriptions

Parameter	Description
Number of processes	<p>Maximum number of processes that the Oracle server can create. Each inbound connection from a client requires an available process on the Oracle server, as well as internal processes that execute in the Oracle server itself.</p> <p>This setting needs to be set high enough to accommodate the expected peak connections from Gentran Integration Suite as well as additional processes for internal server processes plus the possible usage of buffer connections from the Gentran Integration Suite pools. Note that the expected peak connections from Gentran Integration Suite are per node, and this number should be multiplied by the number of nodes in a cluster.</p> <hr/> <p>Important: Exceeding the allocated processes can destabilize the entire Oracle server and cause unpredictable issues.</p> <hr/> <p>Normally, the Gentran Integration Suite logs a report if this has occurred, by logging an “ORA-00020 maximum number of processes exceeded” error.</p>
open_cursors	<p>Number of cursors that the Oracle server can create. Each process that is servicing a connection will normally spawn two or more cursors, plus additional cursors that are needed for internal server processes.</p> <p>As with the processes, this needs to be set high enough to accommodate the expected peak connections, multiplied by two, plus an allocation for possible buffer connections. This should also be multiplied by the number of nodes in the cluster.</p> <p>A simple rule of thumb is to set this to four times the number of processes, four times the number of nodes of Gentran Integration Suite, plus an additional 10%.</p> <p>If the number of cursors is exceeded, Gentran Integration Suite logs “ORA-01000: maximum open cursors exceeded.”</p>
Character Set	<p>Controls the storage of character data in the Oracle database. The UTF8 set most closely matches the default character set for Java and will prevent any conversion of character data.</p> <p>AL32UTF8 is the preferred setting for Oracle Database 10g.</p>
cursor_sharing	<p>Controls whether SQL sent from a client is reparsed each time, or if the server can reuse (“share”) the compiled plan.</p> <p>Gentran Integration Suite requires the setting to be “exact” for both performance and data integrity.</p>

Parameter	Description
sga_max_size	<p>Maximum size of the memory allocated to the System Global Area (SGA). This controls the maximum memory that can be allocated to the system area of the Oracle instance. The size of the SGA should never exceed the size of the actual memory (RAM) installed on the server.</p> <p>A rule of thumb is that the SGA maximum size should be allotted as much memory as possible, but should not exceed 80% of the total memory of the server.</p>
sga_max_target	<p>Target value that Oracle uses for automatic allocation of SGA pool resources.</p> <p>Recommended setting is equal to the sga_max_size. The exception is for extremely large databases, where this may need to be adjusted manually.</p>
pga_aggregate_target	<p>Specifies the target aggregate Program Global Area memory available to all server processes attached to the Oracle instance. These are normally internal Oracle processes, and are not used by clients connecting to the instance.</p> <p>Recommended setting is a non-zero value. This allows the Oracle instance to size the SQL working areas automatically as needed.</p>
timed_statistics	<p>Controls whether database statistics for particular times are logged by Oracle. This information may be useful to monitor system or application performance.</p> <p>Setting timed_statistics to TRUE may incur a slight overall load increase on the Oracle instance. However, the information it creates is valuable for diagnosing issues with performance of the instance.</p>
optimizer_mode	<p>Controls the mode that the optimizer uses to select the proper execution path for fulfilling query results, among other functions.</p> <p>Setting this to an incorrect mode can dramatically affect the overall performance of the server.</p> <p>Recommended setting for Gentran Integration Suite: all_rows</p>
db_cache_size	<p>Controls the size of the memory data buffer cache region. This setting works in conjunction with the sga_target to control memory allocation to the data buffer in the Oracle instance. Having sufficient cache available allows the Oracle instance to load the required data blocks into memory, and increase the speed query results and reduce the number of I/O operations required to do so.</p>

Parameter	Description
	Recommended setting: 80% of total SGA, with minimum of 19200
Sort area size	<p>Maximum amount of memory that can be used to sort the results of an SQL query. Having this set too low can force Oracle to use disk I/O operations to sort the result set, dramatically slowing the return of query results. Conversely, over-allocating can induce swapping or paging, and slow down the instance.</p> <p>Recommended setting: 65536</p>
Sort area retained size	<p>Amount of memory that will remain allocated for a sort if Oracle expects that sort results may be required.</p> <p>A lower setting reduces memory usage on the server, but can also result in higher disk I/O usage to the temporary area of the disk.</p> <p>Recommended setting is 65536.</p>

SGA Pool Sizing

As an alternative to sizing the main SGA pools in Oracle Database 10g manually, it is recommended that you use ASMM (Automatic Shared Memory Management). This feature controls pool size dynamically at run time, readjusting the sizes of the main pools (`db_cache_size`, `shared_pool_size`, `large_pool_size`, `java_pool_size`) based on existing workloads.

Set the following values to enable Oracle ASMM:

- Use an spfile for the `init.ora` values
- Set `sga_target` to a non-zero value
- Set `statistics_level` to `TYPICAL` (the default) or `ALL`
- Set `shared_pool_size` to a non-zero value

Rolling Back or Undoing Changes in Oracle Database 10g

Oracle Database 10g supports `AUTO UNDO` management. Its use is recommended to avoid manual monitoring of `UNDO` segments. Set the `UNDO_MANAGEMENT=AUTO` parameter in `init<SID>.ora`. Your database administrator needs to determine the `UNDO_RETENTION` setting.

Ensure that the file system where `UNDOTBS1` tablespace is located has enough space to use the `AUTOGROW` setting. As a starting point, size the undo tablespace at 20% of the total database size.

Redo Logs

Redo logs are critical for database and instance recovery. Correct redo log configuration is also critical for performance. We have seen best performance while implementing redo logs on ASM. The following is recommended:

- Consider implementing redo logs on dedicated disk devices, preferably RAID 10.
- Consider implementing redo log group log files on alternating disks.

Redo File Size

Your choice of redo file size depends on your trade-off between performance and availability, specifically the time required to recover the Oracle instance in the event of a failure. For performance, some installations opt to create large redo logs in order to reduce the frequency of log switches. However, this means potentially more transactions in the redo logs that must be replayed during recovery.

The general rule for sizing redo log files is to consider the time it takes to switch log files. Generally, do not switch logs more than once every 20 to 30 minutes.

Issue the following query to see how often the redo log files are changing:

```
select * from v$loghist order by first_time desc
```

Following is an example of the output:

```
THREAD# SEQUENCE# FIRST_CHANGE# FIRST_TIME SWITCH_CHANGE#
1 97 7132082 10/20/2008 11:47:53 PM 7155874
1 96 7086715 10/20/2008 11:32:04 PM 7132082
1 95 7043684 10/20/2008 11:15:07 PM 7086715
1 94 6998984 10/20/2008 11:00:57 PM 7043684
1 93 6950799 10/20/2008 10:48:03 PM 6998984
```

In this example, the logs are switched every 15 minutes.

Database Storage

This topic provides information about database storage.

ASM

It is recommended that you use Oracle Automatic Storage Management (ASM) to manage database storage. The benefits of using ASM include:

- Improved I/O performance and scalability
- Simplified database administration
- Automatic I/O tuning
- Reduction in number of objects to manage

For more information, consult these sources:

- ASM documents available on the Oracle Web site:
<http://www.oracle.com/technology/products/database/asm/index.html>
- Storage vendor best practice papers about how to configure ASM for their storage products

Raw Disks

For performance-critical systems, importing only raw devices into ASM is recommended. For high-volume processing environments, ensure that ASM is configured with disk devices from high-performance disk storage arrays. Some characteristics that you should look for include large NVRAM caches in order to buffer the disk reads and writes, and for efficient RAID implementation.

Configure ASM with External Redundancy to ensure that redundancy is provided by your storage array.

Raw devices (raw partitions or raw volumes) can be used directly under Oracle on UNIX-based or Linux-based systems and can help performance. However, raw disks have the following potential disadvantages:

- Raw devices may not solve problems with file size writing limits.

To display current UNIX file size limits, run the following command:

```
ulimit -a
```

- It may not be possible to move files to other disk drives if you are using raw devices. If a particular disk drive has intense I/O activity, and performance will benefit from the movement of an Oracle data file to another drive, it is likely that no acceptably-sized partition or volume exists on a drive with less I/O activity.
- Raw devices are more difficult to administer than data files stored on a file system or in an Automatic Storage Management disk group.

When deciding whether to use raw devices, consider the following issues:

- Raw disk partition availability

Use raw partitions for Oracle files only if you have at least as many raw disk partitions as Oracle data files. If disk space is a consideration, and the raw disk partitions are already created, match the data file size to the partition size as closely as possible to avoid wasting space.

You must also consider the performance implications of using all the disk space on a few disks as opposed to using less space on more disks.

- Logical volume manager

Logical volume managers manage disk space at a logical level and hide some of the complexity of raw devices. With logical volumes, you can create logical disks based on raw partition availability.

The logical volume manager controls fixed-disk resources by:

- Mapping data between logical and physical storage
- Enabling data to span multiple disks and to be discontiguous, replicated, and dynamically expanded

For RAC, you can use logical volumes for drives associated with a single system, as well as those that can be shared with more than one system of a cluster. Shared drives enables all the files associated with a RAC database to be placed on these shared logical volumes.

- Dynamic performance tuning

To optimize disk performance, you can move files from disk drives with high activity to disk drives with low activity. Most hardware vendors who provide the logical disk facility also provide a graphical user interface (GUI) that you can use for tuning.

Refer to your operating system documentation on how to use raw devices with your OS.

Tablespaces (Single or Multiple)

Prior to production, you should plan the overall storage strategy. The DDLs to create temporary tablespaces and data tablespaces are left to the discretion of the customer. General recommendations include:

- Implement these tablespaces as locally managed tablespaces (LMTs) by specifying extent management as local when creating the tablespace.
- Implement tablespaces with Automatic Space Management by specifying segment space management as auto.
- With LMTs, you may want to consider creating tablespaces that store small reference tables with the autoallocate extent allocation model.
- Consider putting large tables into their own tablespace and using the uniform extent allocation model. Use the default extent size 1 MB.

- Create your temporary tablespace as a temporary data file (temp files). Temp files are used to store intermediate results, such as from large sort operation. Changes to temp files are not recorded in the redo logs.

Monitoring with the AWR Report

Important: The information in an Automatic Workload Repository (AWR) report needs to be considered in relation to Gentran Integration Suite performance. This information is not meaningful in isolation. You should monitor AWR over a period of time to establish your steady state performance baseline. You should monitor AWR even if Gentran Integration Suite is performing to your satisfaction; doing so could uncover issues before they become noticeable.

The AWR is used to collect performance statistics, including:

- Wait events used to identify performance problems
- Time model statistics indicating the amount of DB time associated with a process from the V\$SESS_TIME_MODEL and V\$SYS_TIME_MODEL views
- Active Session History (ASH) statistics from the V\$ACTIVE_SESSION_HISTORY view
- Selected system and session statistics from the V\$SYSSTAT and V\$SESSTAT views
- Object usage statistics
- Resource-intensive SQL statements

The repository is a source of information for several other Oracle Database 10g features, including:

- Automatic Database Diagnostic Monitor
- SQL Tuning Advisor
- Undo Advisor
- Segment Advisor

By default, AWR snapshots of the relevant data are taken every hour and retained for seven days. It is recommended to set shorter intervals, for example, 30 minutes, because at longer intervals, the issues are less noticeable. Default values for these settings can be altered with statements such as:

```
BEGIN
DBMS_WORKLOAD_REPOSITORY.modify_snapshot_settings(
retention => 43200, -- Minutes (= 30 Days).
Current value retained if NULL.
interval => 30); -- Minutes. Current value retained if NULL.
END;
/
```

A typical Gentran Integration Suite deployment contains characteristics of both interactive and batch data processing systems, including a high volume of small transactions that rapidly update the database and periodic long-running transactions that touch many records.

The key areas to inspect in an AWR report are:

- Top SQL (by CPU or I/O)
- Top wait events
- Buffer cache hit ratio (refer to the topic "Instance Efficiency Percentages")

- I/O contention (hot spots) on disks (refer to the topic " Tablespace IO Stats and File IO Stats")

Instance Efficiency Percentages

When viewing the Instance Efficiency Percentages area, focus on Buffer Hit % and Buffer Nowait % as shown in the following figure. These are the key performance indicators on the Oracle Database 10g database server. The goal is to keep these values at 95% or greater, which can typically increase efficiency by increasing buffer cache available to the DB server.

Note: When Gentran Integration Suite performs internal maintenance, these values may be affected.

Instance Efficiency Percentages (Target 100%)

Buffer Nowait %:	100.00	Redo NoWait %:	100.00
Buffer Hit %:	99.80	In-memory Sort %:	100.00
Library Hit %:	99.96	Soft Parse %:	99.79
Execute to Parse %:	61.03	Latch Hit %:	99.98
Parse CPU to Parse Elapsed %:	233.33	% Non-Parse CPU:	90.82

The following figure shows the buffer pool statistics.

Buffer Pool Statistics

- Standard block size Pools D: default, K: keep, R: recycle
- Default Pools for other block sizes: 2k, 4k, 8k, 16k, 32k

P	Number of Buffers	Pool Hit%	Buffer Gets	Physical Reads	Physical Writes	Free Buff Wait	Writ Comp Wait	Buffer Busy Waits
D	962,240	100	206,779	428	1,391	0	0	0

Tablespace IO Stats and File IO Stats

Review the IO Stats area to obtain information about hotspots or drive contention. Analysis of information such as Buffer Wait and Average Buffer Waits can help you determine whether you are getting the best performance from your drives, and identify potential bottlenecks. Separation of objects into their own unique tablespaces can contribute to performance tuning of specific areas.

Wait Events

The AWR report for Gentran Integration Suite shows typical wait events as displayed in the following figure. To see if the wait events are problematic, compare it to a baseline in your environment. The following figures are an example of what you can see normally for Gentran Integration Suite.

Wait Events

- s - second
- cs - centisecond - 100th of a second
- ms - millisecond - 1000th of a second
- us - microsecond - 1000000th of a second
- ordered by wait time desc, waits desc (idle events last)

Event	Waits	%Time -outs	Total Wait Time (s)	Avg wait (ms)	Waits /txn
db file sequential read	424	0.00	0	1	2.90
os thread startup	9	0.00	0	38	0.06
log file parallel write	353	0.00	0	1	2.42
control file parallel write	204	0.00	0	0	1.40
db file scattered read	13	0.00	0	6	0.09

Event	Waits	%Time -outs	Total Wait Time (s)	wait (ms)	Waits /txn
log file sync	11,740,794	.0	68,378	6	1.0
db file sequential read	16,471,961	.0	26,834	2	1.4
log file parallel write	8,371,728	.0	15,820	2	0.7
enq: TX - index contention	665,441	.0	7,239	11	0.1
log file sequential read	187,827	.0	2,100	11	0.0
FX Deq Credit: send blkl	42,843	.0	740	17	0.0
Log archive I/O	204,864	.0	681	3	0.0

The SQL statements that should be inspected are SQL ordered by Gets and SQL ordered by Reads as shown in the following figure. Again, compare these with the baseline of the system to determine if any SQL statement is behaving oddly. If yes, refer to the query plans to determine if the query plan is appropriate.

SQL Statistics

- SQL ordered by Elapsed Time
- SQL ordered by CPU Time
- SQL ordered by Gets
- SQL ordered by Reads
- SQL ordered by Executions
- SQL ordered by Pages Scans
- SQL ordered by Shareable Memory
- SQL ordered by Version Counts
- Complete List of SQL Text

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SQL ordered by Elapsed Time

- Resources reported for PL/SQL code includes the resources used by all SQL statements called by the code.
- % Total DB Time is the Elapsed Time of the SQL statement divided into the Total Database Time multiplied by 100.

Elapsed Time (s)	CPU Time (s)	Executions	Elap per Exec (s)	% Total DB Time	SQL Id	SQL Module	SQL Text
1	1	1	1.00	152.68	00000000000000000000		insert into wms_sga_target_...
1	0	1	0.78	80.80	00000000000000000000		select n.owner# n.owner, de...
0	0	350	0.00	15.96	00000000000000000000	DEMO_SystemPool	begin NGMT_CB_ENGINE.get_ac...
0	0	10	0.01	12.45	00000000000000000000		DECLARE job BINARY_INTEGER = ...
0	0	8	0.01	6.18	00000000000000000000	DEMO_SoundecPool	INSERT INTO NGMT_SEVERITY(ACTL...
0	0	19	0.00	3.90	00000000000000000000	DEMO_SystemPool	REQUIREMENT_NOTIFICATION_QUE...
0	0	1	0.05	5.32	00000000000000000000		insert into wms_uxch (sna...

A key table to look for is WORKFLOW_CONTEXT. This table usually receives a full table scan. Look for the wait times in this table.

Index and Table Statistics

Database optimizers rely on relatively up-to-date table and index statistics to generate optimal access plans. Oracle does not require statistics to be absolutely correct or current, just relatively correct and representative. Therefore, you do not have to gather statistics every day for every table, especially if your database is already large (in the terabyte range).

Oracle Database 10g gathers statistics automatically during its maintenance window (10 p.m. to 2 a.m. on week nights and all day on weekends) for tables that have undergone sufficient changes. Oracle bypasses statistics generation for tables that have not changed significantly.

To manually refresh statistics, use the DBMS_STATS package. This sample invocation refreshes the statistics for the entire database:

```
EXECUTE DBMS_STATS.GATHER_SCHEMA_STATS(<schema owner>, CASCADE => TRUE, OPTIONS => 'GATHER AUTO')
```

where <schema owner> = Gentran Integration Suite schema owner.

One way to determine the update frequency for statistics is when the data for one customer changes by approximately 20%. This is governed by the document's lifespan.

Speak with the Gentran Integration Suite Administrator to find out more about document lifespans. Generally, updating statistics once every 24 hours is sufficient.

Index Rebuilds

Index rebuilds are also recommended for the Gentran Integration Suite schema when the data in the tables change by approximately 20%. However, this must be validated by looking at the system performance as a whole. Online index rebuilds, which cause minimal impact to the system, is possible.

The Gentran Integration Suite system administrator should coordinate with the DBA to identify the indexes that should be rebuilt, for example, the tables in which indexes should be rebuilt are:

- DATA_TABLE and TRANS_TABLE
- DOCUMENT, CORRELATION_SET
- WORKFLOW_CONTEXT
- ARCHIVE_INFO

Gentran Integration Suite is a high-volume OLTP application, and rarely, there may be times when you may need to shrink the tables or rebuild indexes. The following Oracle documentation provides details about these:

- Shrinking Database Segments Online –

http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/B19306_01/server.102/b14231/schema.htm#sthref2136

- Rebuilding an Existing Index –

http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/B19306_01/server.102/b14231/indexes.htm#sthref2553

Enable BLOB Caching

By default, Oracle Database 10g configures Oracle with the BLOB caching disabled when you choose Oracle as your database during Gentran Integration Suite installation.

You can significantly improve performance by enabling the cache on the BLOB data object,. Run the following command while connected to the database:

```
ALTER TABLE DATA_TABLE MODIFY LOB DATA_OBJECT CACHE
```

For regular tuning and best practices pertaining to Oracle, refer to the corresponding Oracle documentation.

IBM DB2 for LUW Configuration and Monitoring

This topic provides information about configuring and monitoring IBM DB2 for LUW (Linux, UNIX, and Windows). It describes the recommended registry variables and DBM CFG parameters. It also provides details about the storage subsystem, log configuration, database monitoring, and index and table statistics.

Recommended Settings for IBM DB2 Registry Variables

The following table describes the DB2 registry values that are either recommended or are critical for IBM DB2 for LUW (Linux, UNIX, and Windows) performance with Gentran Integration Suite:

Variable	Mandatory or Recommended	Recommended Value
DB2_USE_ALTERNATE_PAGE_CLEANING	Recommended	Recommended value: ON
DB2_EVALUNCOMMITTED	Recommended	<p>Enabling this variable can reduce the amount of unnecessary lock contention from Read Share and Next Key Share. By default, UDB requests share locks on the index or record before verifying if the record satisfies the query predicate. Queries that scan a set of records in tables with high frequency of inserts or updates can unnecessarily block records that do not belong to its result set.</p> <p>When you set DB2_EVALUNCOMMITTED to ON, UDB performs an uncommitted read on the record to perform the predicate verification. If the record satisfies the predicate, UDB requests a share lock on that record.</p> <p>Recommended value: ON</p>
DB2_SKIPDELETED	Recommended	<p>Allows index-range queries or table-scan queries to skip records that are in an uncommitted delete state. This reduces the amount of lock contention from Read Share and Next Key Share locks from range queries in tables with a high frequency of deletes.</p> <p>When enabled, DB2_SKIPDELETED allows, where possible, table or index access scans to defer or avoid row locking until a data record is known to satisfy predicate evaluation. This allows predicate evaluation to occur on uncommitted data.</p> <p>This variable is applicable only to statements using either Cursor Stability or Read Stability isolation levels. For index scans, the index must be a type-2 index. Deleted rows are skipped unconditionally</p>

Variable	Mandatory or Recommended	Recommended Value
		<p>on table scan access while deleted keys are not skipped for type-2 index scans unless DB2_SKIPDELETED is also set.</p> <p>Recommended value: ON</p>
DB2_SKIPINSERTED	Recommended	<p>Allows SELECTs with Cursor Stability or Read Stability isolation levels to skip uncommitted inserted rows. This reduces record lock contention on tables with heavy insert rates.</p> <p>Recommended value: ON</p>
DB2_PARALLEL_IO	Recommended	<p>Changes the way in which UDB calculates I/O parallelism to the tablespace. By default, UDB sets I/O parallelism to a tablespace equal to the number of containers in that tablespace. For example, if the tablespace has four containers, prefetches to that tablespace are performed as four extent-sized prefetch requests.</p> <p>Set the DB2_PARALLEL_IO variable if you have implemented containers on striped devices (for example, RAID-5, RAID-10, or RAID-01). If you set DB2_PARALLEL_IO=ON or DB2_PARALLEL_IO=*, UDB assumes that containers are implemented on a RAID 5 (6+1) configuration: six data disks plus one parity disk.</p> <p>In this example, prefetches to the four-container tablespace mentioned above are performed in 24 extent-sized prefetch requests.</p> <p>To assess the effectiveness of your prefetch parallel I/O settings, monitor the unread_prefetch_pages and prefetch_wait_time monitor element with the snapshot_database monitor. The unread_prefetch_pages monitor element tracks the number of prefetch pages that were evicted from the buffer pool before it was used. A continually growing number indicates that the prefetch requests are too large, either because the prefetch size is larger than the pages needed or the prefetch activities are bringing in too many pages for the capacity of the buffer pool. In either case, you may want to consider reducing the prefetch size.</p> <p>If you have high prefetch_wait_time values, the application might be waiting for pages.</p>
DB2_NUM_CKPW_DAEMONS	Recommended	<p>Set this on IBM AIX 5.3 only if you observe a memory leak during connect authentication within DB2 UDB's authentication daemons (db2ckpwd processes) as a result of calling the AIX loginsuccess() API.</p> <p>Symptoms may include excessive memory usage, an instance crash due to a trap in the db2ckpwd</p>

Variable	Mandatory or Recommended	Recommended Value
		<p>process, or general authentication failures. Verify by monitoring the SZ and RSS values for db2ckpwd processes. Use the <code>ps aux grep db2ckpwd</code> command and look at the fifth and sixth columns of output.</p> <p>DB2 UDB workaround exists for this problem. Set the following registry variable, and recycle this instance:</p> <pre>db2set DB2_NUM_CKPW_DAEMONS=0</pre> <p>Also see IBM APAR IY78341.</p> <p>Recommended value: 0</p>
DB2LOCK_TO_RB	Recommended	Recommended value: STATEMENT

Recommended Settings for DBM CFG Parameters

Let UDB automatically manage the following parameters for DB2 9.x by accepting the default values:

- INSTANCE_MEMORY
- FCM_NUM_BUFFERS
- FCM_NUM_CHANNELS

Enabling the following monitor switches is recommended in production:

Parameter	Mandatory or Recommended	Recommended Value
DFT_MON_BUFPOOL	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_LOCK	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_SORT	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_STMT	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_TABLE	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_TIMESTAMP	Recommended	ON
DFT_MON_UOW	Recommended	ON
MON_HEAP_SZ	Recommended	16384
MAXAGENTS	Recommended	Limits the number of database manager agents (both coordinator or subagents) that can run concurrently. Pick a high enough number so that the combined connection requirements from the application servers, agents, monitoring tools, and so on do not exceed the MAXAGENTS limit during peak processing periods. If you do, you must restart the UDB instance to increase this limit.

Parameter	Mandatory or Recommended	Recommended Value
		<p>Recommend value: Must be greater than the number of connections needed by Gentran Integration Suite (that is, the sum of transactional (local) plus NoTrans pools in jdbc.properties file) plus the connections needed by operational management tools.</p> <p>With the use of connection pooling in the NoApp Server, the number of database connections is less than the number of users who are logged in. Depending on your anticipated peak workload traffic, this parameter may range from a small number such as 25 to a large number in the thousands.</p> <p>Monitor the number of concurrent connections in production (especially during peak periods) to ensure that it does not reach the maximum. When the MAXAGENTS limit is reached, UDB refuses to establish new connection requests.</p>

Estimation Guidelines for Number of Connections

You can roughly estimate the number of concurrent user connections required for Gentran Integration Suite with this formula:

$$\text{Concurrent (UDB) connections} = A + B + C$$

Variable	Description
A	Maximum number of UI-based connections
B	Maximum NoApp Server connection pool max size times the number of NoApp Server instances (as in a cluster)
C	Any additional connections that are opened by customized code or user exits that do not go through the NoApp Server connection pools. This connection requirement is specific to your implementation.

Benchmarking

Benchmarking your system to validate assumptions and estimates prior to a production implementation is strongly recommended. During the test, monitor the connection pool usage levels in each of the application server instances, the number of agents to run to meet your processing and service levels, and the actual UDB database connections established.

Recommended Settings for DB CFG Parameters

For optimal performance, the parameters and values described in the following table are recommended for DB2 9.x.

Note: Some settings may not apply to DB2 8.x. Refer to the relevant DB2 8.x documentation from IBM.

Parameter	Mandatory or Recommended	Description and Recommended Value
SELF_TUNING_MEM	Recommended	Enables the DB2 self-tuning memory manager (STMM) to automatically and dynamically set memory allocations to memory consumers such as buffer pools, lock lists, package cache, and sort heap. Recommended value: ON
DATABASE_MEMORY	Recommended	Allows DB2 to adjust the amount of database memory depending on load, memory pressures, and other factors. Recommended values: AUTOMATIC (for Windows and AIX) COMPUTED (for Linux, HP-UX, and Solaris)
LOCKLIST	Recommended	Allows STMM to dynamically manage memory allocations. Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
MAXLOCKS	Recommended	Allows STMM to dynamically manage memory allocations. Recommended values: AUTOMATIC If AUTOMATIC is not supported: 100
PCKCACHESZ	Recommended	Allows STMM to dynamically manage memory allocations. Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
SHEAPTHRES_SHR	Recommended	
SORTHEAP	Recommended	
NUM_IOCLEANERS	Recommended	Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
NUM_IOSERVERS	Recommended	Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
DFT_PREFETCH_SZ	Recommended	Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
MAXAPPLS	Recommended	Recommended value: AUTOMATIC
APPLHEAPSZ	Recommended	Recommended values: AUTOMATIC If AUTOMATIC is not supported, 10000 or greater
APP_CTL_HEAP_SZ	Recommended	512 Note: APP_CTL_HEAP_SZ is deprecated in DB2 9.5.

Parameter	Mandatory or Recommended	Description and Recommended Value
DBHEAP	Recommended	Amount required depends on the amount of memory available and the traffic volume. Recommended value: 5,000 or higher Note: The default DBHEAP value is inadequate.
LOGFILSIZ	Recommended	Refer to the topic Log Configuration on page 42. Recommended value: 65536 if configuring 20 transaction logs of 256 MB (65536 4 K pages)
LOGPRIMARY	Recommended	Number of primary transaction logs. Refer to the topic Log Configuration on page 42. Recommended value: 20
LOGSECOND	Recommended	Number of secondary transaction logs. These are allocated by UDB when UDB cannot reuse any of the primary logs due to active transactions. Refer to the topic Log Configuration on page 42. Recommended value: 12
NUM_LOG_SPAN	Recommended	Refer to the topic Log Configuration on page 42. Recommended value: LOGPRIMARY - Safety buffer
DFT_DEGREE	Recommended	Sets the default degree of parallelism for intrapartition parallelism. In general, online transactional applications such as Gentran Integration Suite typically experience a high volume of short queries that do not benefit from parallel queries. Recommended value: 1 – Disable intrapartition parallelism
DB2LOCK_TO_RB	Recommended	Recommended value: STATEMENT
Database Code Set	Mandatory	Recommended value: UTF-8

Storage Subsystem

Prior to production, plan the overall storage strategy. The DDLs to create temporary tablespaces and data tablespaces are left to the discretion of the customer. This topic discusses some general recommendations.

The Gentran Integration Suite installation creates tables and indexes. The tables use different page sizes: 4K, 8K, and 16K. You should have a tablespace to accommodate tables with these page sizes. DB2 automatically places tables and indexes in the available tablespaces using its internal logic.

SMS Tablespaces in DB2

In an SMS (System Managed Space) table space, the operating system's file system manager allocates and manages the space where the table is stored. The storage model typically consists of many files, representing table objects, stored in the file system space. The user decides on the location of the files, DB2 controls their names, and the file system is responsible for managing them. By controlling the amount of data written to each file, the database manager distributes the data evenly across the table space containers. By default, the initial table spaces created at database creation time are SMS.

SMS table spaces are defined using the `MANAGED BY SYSTEM` option in the `CREATE DATABASE` command, or in the `CREATE TABLESPACE` statement.

Consider two key factors when you design your SMS table spaces:

- Containers for the table space. You must specify the number of containers that you want to use for your table space. It is crucial to identify all the containers you want to use, because you cannot add or delete containers after an SMS table space is created.
- In a partitioned database environment, when a new partition is added to the database partition group for an SMS table space, the `ALTER TABLESPACE` statement can be used to add containers for the new partition.

Each container used for an SMS table space identifies an absolute or relative directory name. Each of these directories can be located on a different file system (or physical disk). Estimate the maximum size of the table space with:

Number of containers * maximum file system size supported by the operating system

This formula assumes that there is a distinct file system mapped to each container, and that each file system has the maximum amount of space available. In practice, this may not be the case, and the maximum table space size may be much smaller. There are also SQL limits on the size of database objects, which may affect the maximum size of a table space.

- Extent size for the table space

The extent size can only be specified when the table space is created. Because it cannot be changed later, it is important to select an appropriate value for the extent size. If you do not specify the extent size when creating a table space, the database manager will create the table space using the default extent size as defined by the `dft_extent_sz` database configuration parameter. This configuration parameter is initially set based on the information provided when the database is created. If the `dft_extent_sz` parameter is not specified in the `CREATE DATABASE` command, the default extent size is set to 32.

DMS Tablespaces in IBM DB2

In a DMS (Database Managed Space) table space, the database manager controls the storage space. The storage model consists of a limited number of devices or files whose space is managed by DB2. The database administrator decides which devices and files to use, and DB2 UDB manages the space on those devices and files. The table space is essentially an implementation of a special-purpose file system designed to meet the needs of the database manager.

A DMS table space containing user-defined tables and data can be defined as:

- A regular table space to store any table data, and optionally, index data
- A large table space to store long field or LOB data, or index data

When designing your DMS table spaces and containers, you should consider the following:

- The database manager uses striping to ensure an even distribution of data across all containers.
- The maximum size of regular table spaces is 64 GB for 4 KB pages, 128 GB for 8 KB pages, 256 GB for 16 KB pages, and 512 GB for 32 KB pages. The maximum size of large table spaces is 2 TB.

Unlike SMS table spaces, the containers that make up a DMS table space do not have to be the same size. However, the use of unequal container sizes is not usually recommended because it results in uneven striping across the containers, and results in suboptimal performance. If any container is full, DMS table spaces use the available free space from other containers.

- Because space is preallocated, it must be available before the table space can be created. When using device containers, the device must also exist with enough space for the definition of the container. Each device can have only one container defined on it.

To avoid wasted space, the size of the device and the size of the container should be equivalent. If, for example, the device is allocated with 5000 pages, and the device container is defined to allocate 3000 pages, 2000 pages on the device will not be usable.

By default, one extent in every container is reserved for overhead. Only full extents are used. For optimal space management, use the following formula to determine an appropriate size when allocating a container:

$$\text{extent_size} * (n + 1)$$

In this formula:

- `extent_size` is the size of each extent in the table space
- `n` is the number of extents that you want to store in the container
- Device containers must use logical volumes with a "character-special interface," and not physical volumes.

You can use files instead of devices with DMS table spaces. No operational difference exists between a file and a device; however, a file can be less efficient because of the run-time overheads associated with the file system. Files are useful when devices are not directly supported, a device is not available, maximum performance is not required, or you do not want to set up devices.

If your workload involves LOBs or LONG VARCHAR data, you can derive performance benefits from file system caching.

Automatic Storage Management (ASM)

Automatic storage grows the size of your database across disk and file systems. It removes the need to manage storage containers manually by taking advantage of the performance and flexibility of database managed storage. In DB2 9, automatic storage is enabled by default.

A database needs to be enabled for automatic storage when it is created. You cannot enable automatic storage for a database if it was not created to accommodate for it. Similarly, you cannot disable automatic storage for a database that was originally created to use it.

With automatic storage, you no longer need to worry about tasks such as creating additional table spaces for capacity, adding containers, and monitoring container growth. When you want to restore a database backup, on a different system (using different directory or path structures), you can redefine the storage paths, such that the new paths are used instead of the ones stored in the backup.

The following examples illustrate automatic storage usage on UNIX and Linux systems.

When a database is created, you can specify the storage pool for use by the database. If no storage paths are specified, the default database path (`dftdbpath`) is used.

```
CREATE DATABASE test on /data/path1, /data/path2
```

You can add additional storage paths to the pool:

```
ALTER DATABASE ADD STORAGE /data/path3, /data/path4
```

Earlier, when you created tablespaces, you had to specify containers for them. You can now specify that they automatically use the database storage pool:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE ts1 MANAGED BY AUTOMATIC STORAGE
```

You can also define policies for storage growth and limits:

```
CREATE TABLESPACE ts2  
INITIAL SIZE 500K  
INCREASE SIZE 100K  
MAXSIZE 100M
```

Note: For performance and simplicity, Automatic Storage Management is recommended. If this is not possible, define SYSCATSPACE and SYSTOOLSPACE, temporary tablespaces as SMS, and other tablespaces holding application data as DMS.

Log Configuration

This topic provides information about the following logs:

- LOGFILSIZ, LOGPRIMARY, LOGSECOND
- NUM_LOG_SPAN

LOGFILSIZ, LOGPRIMARY, LOGSECOND

At a minimum, configure 20 transaction logs (LOGPRIMARY=20) of 256 MB (LOGFILSIZ=65536 4K-pages) for Gentran Integration Suite.

As an additional precaution, configure at least 12 secondary transaction logs (LOGSECOND=12). UDB allocates secondary logs when it cannot reuse any of the primary logs due to active transactions.

Track the following monitor elements to assess the effectiveness of these settings, and adjust as needed:

- total_log_used and tot_log_used_top to see how much of the logs are used
- Which workloads are consuming or holding the transaction logs when LOGPRIMARY approaches the total primary log capacity. If needed, raise the setting for LOGPRIMARY.
- sec_log_used_top and sec_logs_allocated to see if secondary transaction logs are used. Investigate how often logging spills over to the secondary logs and what workloads are running during the spill. If needed, increase LOGPRIMARY to prevent log spills.

NUM_LOG_SPAN

This parameter limits the number of logs a transaction can span, which prevents situations where UDB cannot switch transaction logs because all the transaction logs are active. For example:

- Someone may have updated a record in Control Center, but may have forgotten to commit the change.
- Updates to one or more database records might not get committed due to a software bug.

Set NUM_LOG_SPAN to a minimum of 12 so that valid long-running transactions are not prematurely forced, and a maximum of LOGPRIMARY minus a safety buffer. For example, if LOGPRIMARY=20 and you decide upon a safety buffer of 4, the maximum NUM_LOG_SPAN=16.

DB2 Monitoring

DB2 UDB on Linux, UNIX, and Windows includes many facilities for tracing system activity at just about any level of detail. This section covers the following topics:

- Snapshot Monitors
- Snapshot Monitor Commands
- DB2 Event Monitors
- Use an Event Monitor to Diagnose and Flush Deadlocks
- DB2 Performance Expert

Snapshot Monitors

Information about snapshot monitors is available at <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/data/library/techarticle/dm-0408hubel/index.html#N1007C>.

Snapshot monitors collect information about the state of a DB2 UDB instance and any databases it controls at a specific point in time. Snapshots are useful for determining the status of a database system. When taken at regular intervals, they can provide information that lets you observe trends and identify potential problem areas. Snapshot monitoring is performed by executing the `GET SNAPSHOT` command from the DB2 Command-Line Processor (CLP).

Snapshot Monitor Commands

To use snapshot monitors, turn on the monitor switches and view data. The following table describes the command and syntax for specific tasks:

Task	Command and Syntax
Turn on monitor switches	<pre>db2 UPDATE MONITOR SWITCHES USING options</pre> <p>Options are:</p> <pre>lock on sort on statement on table on timestamp on uow on</pre> <hr/> <p>Note: Monitor switches can also be controlled in the database manager configuration.</p>
Check status of monitor switches	<pre>GET MONITOR SWITCHES</pre>
View snapshot data	<p>Switches must be turned on to view data.</p> <pre>GET SNAPSHOT FOR options</pre> <p>Options:</p> <pre>bufferpools on database_name</pre>

Task	Command and Syntax
	locks on database_name dynamic sql on database_name tables on database_name applications on database_name tablespaces on database_name database on database_name

DB2 Event Monitors

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Event monitors are used to monitor events in an area over time, such as by producing event records at the start and end of multiple events. These records are useful for resource planning, trend analysis, and so on.

The most common uses for event monitors are for connections, locks, and statements. Output can be written to files, named pipes (useful if writing programs to retrieve monitor data), or to tables.

Event monitor output can be either blocked or nonblocked. Blocked output ensures against data loss, but should generally be avoided for systems that produce a large volume of records and for statement event monitors to avoid crashes.

You can limit the granularity of an event monitor to a single user or application.

Connection events can be used to track system usage on a user basis or application basis. This data allows you to identify poorly performing programs, the heaviest users, and usage trends. Daily review facilitates discussions with users about the activity or about adjusting the DB2 physical design.

Use an Event Monitor to Diagnose and Flush Deadlocks

Gentran Integration Suite, along with the necessary DB2 registry variables, is designed to minimize the occurrence of deadlocks. However, deadlocks may still occur in some situations, including the following:

- Custom BP code may obtain records in a different order.
- DB2 may choose an access plan that retrieves records in a different order.

The following table describes the actions to be performed for specific tasks:

Task	What to Do
Set an event monitor to help diagnose deadlocks	Run this command: db2 -v create event monitor \$MON for deadlocks with details write to file \$OUTDIR buffersize 64 nonblocked db2 -v set event monitor \$MON state = 1 Options: MON – Monitor name (for example, DLMON) OUTDIR – directory to store deadlock information

Task	What to Do
Determine that a deadlock has occurred	View data in the db2diag.log or in the Gentran Integration Suite logs
Release a deadlock by flushing buffers	Run the following command: <pre>db2 flush event monitor \$MON db2evmon -path \$OUTDIR</pre> <p>The flush ensures that the deadlock records in the buffers are written out. The db2evmon command formats the deadlock information.</p>

DB2 Performance Expert

DB2 Performance Expert (PE) is a performance analysis and tuning tool for managing a mix of DB2 systems with a single end-user interface. DB2 PE simplifies DB2 performance management by providing the ability to monitor applications, system statistics, and system parameters using a single tool. It can help in scenarios such as:

- Reviewing sort performance
- Verifying the need to reorganize tables
- Ensuring that there are sufficient DB2 agents to handle the workload
- Examining frequently used SQL statements from the package cache
- Analyzing buffer pools
- Monitoring system health

For more information about the DB2 Performance Expert, refer to <http://www-01.ibm.com/software/data/studio/performance-expert-luw>

DB2 Index and Table Statistics

DB2 uses catalog statistics to determine the most efficient access plan for a query. Out-of-date or incomplete statistics for a table or an index may slowdown query execution.

Manual statistics management can be time-consuming. Automatic statistics collection can run the RUNSTATS utility in the background to collect and maintain the statistics you require.

To configure your database for automatic statistics collection, set each of the following parameters to ON:

- AUTO_MAINT
- AUTO_TBL_MAINT
- AUTO_RUNSTATS

Volatile Tables

In some cases, the content of the WORKFLOW_CONTEXT, TRANS_DATA, and other tables can fluctuate significantly during the day. The resulting statistics, which represent a table at a single point in time, can be misleading. In such situations, mark the table as volatile with the following command:

```
alter table <table name> volatile cardinality
```

For information about regular tuning and best practices for DB2, refer to the corresponding IBM documentation.

Update Table Statistics Manually

In rare cases you may need to update statistics for a table manually. Run the following command for the table in the Gentran Integration Suite schema:

```
db2 runstats on table <table name> on key columns with distribution on key columns  
and sampled detailed indexes all allow read access
```

Microsoft SQL Server Configuration and Monitoring

This topic provides information about configuring and monitoring Microsoft® SQL Server®. It describes the recommended instance-specific settings, database-specific settings, maintenance plan, and system monitoring. It also provides information about Address Windowing Extensions (AWE), storage subsystem, dynamic management views, and index and table statistics.

It is highly recommended that you use Microsoft SQL Server 2005 although Gentran Integration Suite 4.3 supports both Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft SQL Server 2005.

Recommended Instance-Specific Settings for Microsoft SQL Server 2005

The default collation of Microsoft® SQL Server® should match the collation for the Gentran Integration Suite database to prevent collation conversions. A tempdb must be created with the same collation as that of Microsoft SQL Server's default collation. The Microsoft SQL Server uses tempdb for results that are too large to fit in memory. If the collation is different between the tempdb and the Gentran Integration Suite database, the engine must convert from the Gentran Integration Suite collation to the tempdb collation, and then back again before sending the results to the Gentran Integration Suite server. This may lead to severe performance issues. In order to avoid such a situation, the server's default collation and the Gentran Integration Suite database's collation should be set to SQL_Latin1_General_CP850_Bin.

The parameter settings described in the following table are recommended:

Parameter	Value	Mandatory/ Recommended
Server Collation	SQL_Latin1_General_CP850_Bin	Mandatory
Max server memory (MB)	500 MB to x MB depending on the amount of physical memory available on your database server. if the server is running only this SQL Server instance; x can be up-to 80% of the physical memory (RAM).	Recommended
Min server memory (MB)	0	Recommended

Additionally, you must also perform these tasks:

- Allow Microsoft SQL Server 2000 or Microsoft SQL Server 2005 to manage memory dynamically (default).
- Disable any antivirus software running on the Microsoft SQL Server data, transaction log, and binaries directory.

Microsoft SQL Server Memory with Address Windowing Extensions (AWE)

You can use the Microsoft® SQL Server® memory (with AWE) when running Microsoft SQL Server 2000 or Microsoft SQL Server 2005 (32-bit) on Windows Server (32-bit). This is helpful when your server has more than 4 GB of RAM and you want Microsoft SQL Server to be able to use that. For Microsoft SQL Server 2000 with AWE, use the same value for minimum and maximum server memory because this will be a static memory allocation. To use Microsoft SQL Server 2005 with AWE, use the recommended values for minimum and maximum server memory for instance-level settings. For more information about Enabling AWE Memory for Microsoft SQL Server Memory, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190673\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190673(SQL.90).aspx)

Recommended DB-Specific Settings for Microsoft SQL Server

The collation required for the Gentran Integration Suite database is a collation that most closely matches the character set used by Java®. By using this collation, you can remove the necessity to perform character data conversions before they are stored in the database tables. Use the parameters described in the following table when configuring the DB-specific settings:

Parameter	Value	Mandatory/Recommended	Notes
Collation	SQL_Latin1_General_CP850_Bin	Mandatory	This parameter value applies to both Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft SQL Server 2005.
IsAutoCreateStatistics	True	Recommended	This can be set to False if you have a maintenance plan. This parameter value applies to both Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft SQL Server 2005.
IsAutoUpdateStatistics	True	Recommended	This can be set to False if you have a maintenance plan. This parameter value applies to both Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and Microsoft SQL Server 2005.
Page_verify_option	Checksum (Microsoft SQL Server 2005 default)	Recommended	This parameter value applies only to Microsoft SQL Server 2005.

Row Versioning-Based Isolation Level (READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT) for Microsoft SQL Server 2005

This new feature, which is available in Microsoft SQL Server 2005, can help in the following ways:

- Resolve concurrency issues such as excessive blocking
- Reduce deadlocks

The following T-SQL statement enables the READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT for a database:

```
ALTER DATABASE <DB NAME> SET READ_COMMITTED_SNAPSHOT ON;
```

This snapshot option increases the number of I/Os as well as the size of tempdb. It is important to have tempdb on fast disks as well as to have it sized according to your workload. For more information about Using and Understanding Snapshot Isolation and Row Versioning, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/tcbchxcb\(VS.80\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/tcbchxcb(VS.80).aspx).

Storage Subsystem

Prior to production, you should plan the overall storage strategy. You must have DDLs to create and place tempdb and the user database for Gentran Integration Suite. A typical subsystem configuration would be:

- OS and SQL Server binaries on a RAID 1 disk set
- SQL Server data files on one or more RAID 5 disk sets
- SQL Server transaction logs on a RAID 10 disk set

Consider and ensure the following when planning a storage subsystem:

- Place SQL Server binaries on a separate set of physical disks other than the database data and log files.
- Place the log files on physical disk arrays other than those with the data files. This is important because logging is more write-intensive, and the disk arrays containing the SQL Server log files require sufficient disk I/O to ensure that performance is not impacted.
- Set a reasonable size for your database. Estimate how big your database will be. This should be done as part of presales exercise working with Sterling Commerce Professional Services.
- Set a reasonable size for the transaction log. The transaction log's size should be 20–25 per cent of the database size.
- Leave the Autogrow feature on for the data files and the log files. This helps the SQL Server to automatically increase allocated resources when necessary.
- Set a reasonable size for the Autogrow increment. Setting the database to automatically grow results in some performance degradation. Therefore you should set a reasonable size for the Autogrow increment to prevent the database from growing automatically often.
- Set the maximum size for the data files and log files in order to prevent the disk drives from running out of space.
- If you have several physical disk arrays, try to create at least as many files as there are physical disk arrays so that you have one file per disk array. This improves performance because when a table is accessed sequentially, a separate thread is created for each file on each disk array in order to read the table's data in parallel.
- Place the heavily accessed tables in one file group and place the tables' indexes in a different file group on a different physical disk arrays. This improves performance, because separate threads will be created to access the tables and indexes. For more information about Gentran Integration Suite tables, refer to the "Schema Objects" and "Gentran Integration Suite Database Tables" sections in the topic [Database Management for Gentran Integration Suite](#) on page 20.

Monitoring Microsoft SQL Server Using Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio

Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio is a tool kit for configuring, managing, and administering all components of Microsoft SQL Server 2005. Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio combines the features of Enterprise Manager, Query Analyzer, and Analysis Manager. For more information about Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms174173\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms174173(SQL.90).aspx).

Monitoring Microsoft SQL Server Using SQL Server Profiler

SQL Server Profiler is a graphical tool used to monitor an instance of Microsoft SQL Server. This tool is a good troubleshooting tool, but should not be enabled for day-to-day operations because there is an inherent overhead in capturing this data daily. The data about each event can be captured to a file or a table for analysis at a later date.

The SQL Server Profiler can be used to:

- Monitor the performance of an instance of the SQL Server Database Engine
- Identify procedures and queries that are executing slowly
- Replay traces of one or more users
- Perform query analysis
- Troubleshoot problems
- Audit and review activity
- Correlate performance counters
- Configure trace problems

For more information about Using the SQL Server Profiler, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms187929\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms187929(SQL.90).aspx).

Enable the following events in SQL Server Profiler to capture deadlock-related information:

- Deadlock graph
- Lock: Deadlock
- Lock: Deadlock Chain
- RPC:Completed
- SP:StmtCompleted
- SQL:BatchCompleted
- SQL:BatchStarting

For more information about Analyzing Deadlocks with SQL Server Profiler, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188246\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188246(SQL.90).aspx).

For more information about Troubleshooting Deadlocks in Microsoft SQL Server 2005, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from:

<http://blogs.msdn.com/sqlserverstorageengine/archive/2006/06/05/617960.aspx>.

Microsoft SQL Dynamic Management Views

The Dynamic Management Views (DMVs) introduced in Microsoft SQL Server 2005 provide DBA information about the current state of the SQL Server machine. These values help an administrator diagnose problems and tune the server for optimal performance. For more information about dynamic management views and functions, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188754\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188754(SQL.90).aspx).

Microsoft SQL System Monitor

The performance monitor (Perfmon) or system monitor is a utility used to track a range of processes and provide a real-time graphical display of the results. It can also be used to measure SQL Server performance. You can view SQL Server objects, performance counters, and the behavior of other objects, such as processors, memory, cache, threads, and processes. For more information about Monitoring Resource Usage (System Monitor), refer to the Microsoft TechNet Web site, which can be accessed from:

[http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms191246\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms191246(SQL.90).aspx).

Microsoft SQL Server Maintenance Plan

A maintenance plan is a set of measures (workflows) taken to ensure that a database is properly maintained and routine backups are scheduled and handled. Microsoft SQL Server maintenance plans can be configured by a wizard in Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Management Studio, which can help alleviate some of the burden involved in creating the plan. In Microsoft SQL Server 2005 Database Engine, maintenance plans create an Integration Services package, which is run by an SQL Server Agent job. The goal of a maintenance plan is to:

- Back up the Gentran Integration Suite database regularly using either the simple model or the full recovery model
- Update the statistics on all Gentran Integration Suite tables and associated indexes
- Rebuild or reorganize indexes on Gentran Integration Suite tables
- Run database consistency checks

For more information about MS SQL Maintenance Plans, see the Microsoft Developer Network Web site:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms187658\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms187658(SQL.90).aspx)

You can use either the simple recovery model or the full recovery model with the database. If you are unsure about which model to use, use the full recovery model.

Consider the simple recovery model if you are agreeable to the following:

- Point of failure recovery is not necessary. If the database is lost or damaged, you are willing to lose all the updates between a failure and the previous backup.
- You are willing to risk the loss of some data in the log.
- You do not want to back up and restore the transaction log, preferring to rely exclusively on full and differential backups.
- You are willing to perform a differential database backup every day and a full database backup over the weekends (during low activity period).

For more information about Backup Under the Simple Recovery Model, see the Microsoft Developer Network Web site:

[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms191164\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms191164(SQL.90).aspx)

Consider the full recovery model if you are agreeable to the following:

- You want to recover all the data.
- You want to recover to the point of failure.
- You want to be able to restore individual pages.
- You are willing to incur the cost of additional disk space for transaction log backups.
- Performance of transaction log backups every 30-45 minutes.

For more information about Backup Under the Full Recovery Model, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190217\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190217(SQL.90).aspx).

For more information about Transaction Log Backups, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190440\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190440(SQL.90).aspx).

Microsoft SQL Server Index, Table Statistics, and Index Rebuilds

Your maintenance plan should include updation of statistics and rebuilding or reorganizing indexes. If you have a maintenance plan for updating statistics, set `IsAutoCreateStatistics` and `IsAutoUpdateStatistics`, at the database level, to `False`. This helps control when the maintenance plan runs, which should be at low load periods. If you have not included this in your maintenance plan, then set `IsAutoCreateStatistics` and `IsAutoUpdateStatistics`, at the database level to `True`.

Following is an example of a T-SQL statement for updating the statistics on a table, including the statistics pertaining to all the indexes on the table:

```
UPDATE STATISTICS <TABLE NAME>
```

When the data in the tables have changed by approximately 20 per cent, index rebuilds are recommended for the Gentran Integration Suite database. This must be validated by looking at system performance as a whole. Online index rebuilds, which cause minimal impact to the system, are possible. To find out more about document life-spans, and when the data in the tables change by approximately 20 per cent, speak to the Gentran Integration Suite system administrator.

You can rebuild indexes either online or offline. Online indexes can be rebuilt, with the following exceptions:

- Clustered indexes if the underlying table contains LOB data types
- Nonclustered indexes that are defined with LOB data type columns. Nonclustered indexes can be rebuilt online if the table contains LOB data types, but none of these columns are used in the index definition as either key or nonkey columns.

For ease of maintenance, it is easier to either build all the indexes offline because offline rebuilding does not have the restrictions listed previously, or reorganize the index.

Following is an example of a T-SQL statement for rebuilding indexes offline:

```
ALTER INDEX ALL ON <TABLE NAME> REBUILD
```

Following is an example of a T-SQL statement for reorganizing indexes offline:

```
ALTER INDEX ALL ON <TABLE NAME> REORGANIZE
```

For more information about Reorganizing and Rebuilding Indexes, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms189858\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms189858(SQL.90).aspx).

For more information about Alter index (Transact-SQL), refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188388\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms188388(SQL.90).aspx).

Windows Defragmentation

You must run Windows defragmentation on disks with SQL Server data files and transaction logs once a month. This helps reduce the fragmentation in the SQL Server files at the file system level. You can create a schedule for this using Windows Task Scheduler. For more information about the Disk Defragmenter Tools

and Settings, refer to the Microsoft TechNet Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc784391\(W.S.10\).aspx](http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc784391(W.S.10).aspx).

Microsoft SQL Server Tips

Following are some additional tips pertaining to Microsoft SQL Server in the context of Gentran Integration Suite:

- When using Gentran Integration Suite with Microsoft SQL Server, Windows Integrated authentication is not supported.
- When working with Gentran Integration Suite and Microsoft SQL Server 2000, the SQL Server must be patched to SP4, and the parallelism set to 1.
- Ensure that network components such as routers, firewalls, and so on, do not drop the idle connections between Gentran Integration Suite and Microsoft SQL Server where they are on separate physical servers. Gentran Integration Suite uses JDBC connection pool, and idle connections are typical.
- It is recommended that you run Microsoft SQL Server and Gentran Integration Suite on separate physical servers because this helps improve performance, ease of maintenance, and recoverability.
- It is important to understand the difference between simple blocking and deadlocks:
 - Blocking is an unavoidable characteristic of Microsoft SQL Server because it uses lock-based concurrency. Blocking occurs when one session holds a lock on a specific resource, and a second session attempts to acquire a conflicting lock type on the same resource. Typically, the time frame for which the first session locks the resource is small. When it releases the lock, the second session is free to acquire its own lock and continue processing. This is the normal behavior of Microsoft SQL Server with Gentran Integration Suite, and is generally not a cause for concern. It is a cause for concern only when sessions are getting blocked for a long time.
 - Deadlocks are much worse than simple blocking. A deadlock typically occurs when a session locks the resources that another session has to modify, and the second session locks the resources that the first session intends to modify. Microsoft SQL Server has a built-in algorithm for resolving deadlocks. It will select one of the deadlock participants and roll back its transaction. This session becomes the deadlock victim. Microsoft SQL Server 2005 has two trace flags that can be set to capture deadlock-related information. The flags are Trace Flag 1204 and Trace Flag 1222. These trace flags can be used as an alternative to using SQL Server Profiler.

For more information about Detecting and Ending Deadlocks, refer to the Microsoft Developer Network Web site, which can be accessed from: [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms178104\(SQL.90\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms178104(SQL.90).aspx).

Java Virtual Machines

Overview of JVM

Java Virtual Machine (JVM) is a platform-independent programming language that converts Java bytecode into machine language and executes it. When you compile a Java source, you get an intermediate Java file called the Java class. The class file is made up of bytecodes representing abstract instruction codes. These codes are not directly executable by any computer processor.

To run a Java program, you start a JVM and pass the class file to the JVM. The JVM provides many services, including loading the class file and interpreting (executing) the byte codes. The JVM is the core technology that provides the runtime environment in which a Java application runs.

Each Java program or application runs in its own JVM. For example, if you configured an application server cluster with ten managed server instances that are controlled by one administrative instance, your configuration runs 11 JVM processes.

Since JVM is the underlying processing engine, it is critical that the JVMs are optimally configured and are running efficiently. Incorrect JVM settings may lead to poor application performance or JVM outages too.

Run the following command to find out the JVM version installed in your system:

```
$JAVA_HOME/bin/java -version
```

View the Performance Tuning Configuration Settings

To view the JVM performance tuning configuration settings:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**.
2. In the Performance Tuning page, under **View**, next to **View Performance Configuration**, click **Go!**
3. Review the performance settings.

Performance settings includes information on:

- Number of CPUs
- Physical memory (MB) allocated to GIS
- BP Queue

- Database Pool
 - BP Execution
 - Cache
4. Click **Return** when finished.

View JVM Settings in the tuning.properties file

To view JVM settings in the tuning.properties file:

1. Locate the tuning.properties file.
(The file should be located in the *install_dir*/properties directory.)
2. Review the file using a file editor.
3. Look for the following properties with reference to the appropriate host OS:

JVM Attribute	Attribute Description
INIT_HEAP	Initial amount of JVM long-lived memory reserved at startup
MAX_HEAP	Maximum amount of JVM long-lived memory that can be reserved
INIT_AGE	Initial amount of JVM short-lived memory
MAX_AGE	Maximum amount of JVM short-lived memory

Edit Performance Tuning Configuration Settings

To edit performance tuning configuration settings:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**.
2. In the Performance Tuning page, under **Edit**, next to **Edit Performance Configuration**, click **Go!**
3. When prompted with the following message, click **OK**.

Performance Tuning UI lock enabled message, click OK.

The Performance Tuning UI lock releases when you click **Cancel** or **Finish** during the edit process. If the lock is not released, or if you close the page without clicking **Cancel** or **Finish**, you must use the Lock Manager function to release the lock.

4. In the Edit Mode page, select **Edit settings** and click **Next**.

Gentran Integration Suite displays the current setting for each property (system, BP queue, database pool, memory, BP execution, cache). You can either keep the current setting or enter a new value based on your performance requirements.

5. After completing the necessary modifications for each property, click **Next**.
6. In the Performance Tuning: Confirm page, click **Finish** to retain the modified settings.

Garbage Collection Statistics

Garbage Collection (GC) statistics provide heap-related information such as:

- What are the sizes of the different heaps?
- How full is each section of heap?
- How fast is the heap getting full?
- What is the overall overhead of GC to clean the non-live objects?

Collecting and analyzing GC statistics help size the different sections of a heap correctly. It is recommended that you continuously collect garbage collection statistics for all the JVMs, even in production. The collection overhead is minor compared to the benefit. With these statistics, you can tell if:

- The JVM has or is about to run into a memory leak
- Garbage collection is efficient
- Your JVM heap settings are optimal

JVM Verbose Garbage Collection

JVM Verbose garbage collection (GC) statistics are critical and must always be enabled in production environments. These statistics can be used to understand the behavior of the JVM heap management and the efficiency of the JVM.

JVM Garbage Collection Example

Following is an example of the GC output for JVM:

```
<af type="tenured" id="100" timestamp="Sun Nov 25 15:56:09 2007"
  intervalsms="120245.593">
  <minimum requested_bytes="10016" />
  <time exclusiveaccessms="0.045" />
  <tenured freebytes="2704" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="0" >
    <soa freebytes="2704" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="0" />
    <loa freebytes="0" totalbytes="0" percent="0" />
  </tenured>
<gc type="global" id="100" totalid="100" intervalsms="120245.689">
  <refs_cleared soft="0" threshold="32" weak="0" phantom="0" />
  <finalization objectsqueued="0" />
  <timesms mark="35.301" sweep="5.074" compact="0.000" total="40.426" />
  <tenured freebytes="808526296" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="75" >
    <soa freebytes="808526296" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="75" />
    <loa freebytes="0" totalbytes="0" percent="0" />
  </tenured>
</gc>
<tenured freebytes="808516280" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="75" >
  <soa freebytes="808516280" totalbytes="1073741824" percent="75" />
  <loa freebytes="0" totalbytes="0" percent="0" />
</tenured>
```

```
<time totalms="40.569" />
</af>
```

In this example, `<af type="tenured" id="100">` indicates that this is the 100th time an attempt to allocate memory has failed, and as a result, a GC was initiated. An allocation failure is not an error in the system or code. When enough free space is not available in the heap, the JVM automatically initiates a garbage collection. The last time an allocation failure occurred was 120245.593 milliseconds ago (or 120.245 seconds).

The lines starting with `<gc type="global" id="100">` provide information about the collection process. In this example, garbage collection initiated the mark phase and the sweep phase, which were completed in 35.301 and 5.074 milliseconds respectively. The JVM determined that the heap was not fragmented, and that compacting the heap was not required. At the end of the GC, the heap had 808,516,280 bytes of available memory.

It is important that the frequency of GCs be monitored. This can easily be achieved by looking at the time between the allocation failures. Typically, a healthy JVM will spend less than 0.5 seconds in each GC cycle. Also, the overall percentage of time spent on garbage collection should be less than 3 percent. To calculate the percent of time spent performing garbage collection, divide the sum of the garbage collection time over a fixed interval by the fixed interval.

IBM provides documentation pertaining to its Garbage Collector and how to interpret its GC statistics.

Refer to either the *IBM JDK 5.0: Java Diagnostics Guide* or the IBM DeveloperWorks article "Fine-tuning Java garbage collection performance", which is available at the following Web site:

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibm/library/i-gctroub/>

Enable JVM Verbose Garbage Collection

To enable JVM Verbose Garbage Collection:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > JVM monitor**.
2. In the JVM MONITOR page, under **Enable**, select the check box next to **Enable GCoutput**.
3. When prompted with the steps to complete the process, click **OK**.
4. Using a terminal window, navigate to the `install_dir/bin` directory and run the following command:

```
setupfiles.sh
```
5. Restart the Gentran Integration Suite instance.

After Gentran Integration Suite is restarted, you can find the Verbose GC output logged in the `noapp.log` file in the `install_dir/logs` directory.

Introduction to HotSpot JVM Performance and Tuning

The Sun HotSpot JVM is used when you deploy Gentran Integration Suite on a Sun Solaris operating system running on Sun UltraSPARC processor-based servers and on a Windows operating system.

The HP HotSpot JVM is used when you deploy Gentran Integration Suite on a HP-UX for IA64 (Itanium) or HP-UX on any other processor.

HotSpot JVMs provide many tuning parameters. There is no golden set of JVM settings that apply to all customers and conditions. Fortunately, the HotSpot JVMs provide good measurement feedback that allows you to measure the effectiveness of the settings. The settings, especially memory settings, are highly dependent on:

- Transaction mix
- Amount of data cached
- Complexity of the transactions
- Concurrency levels

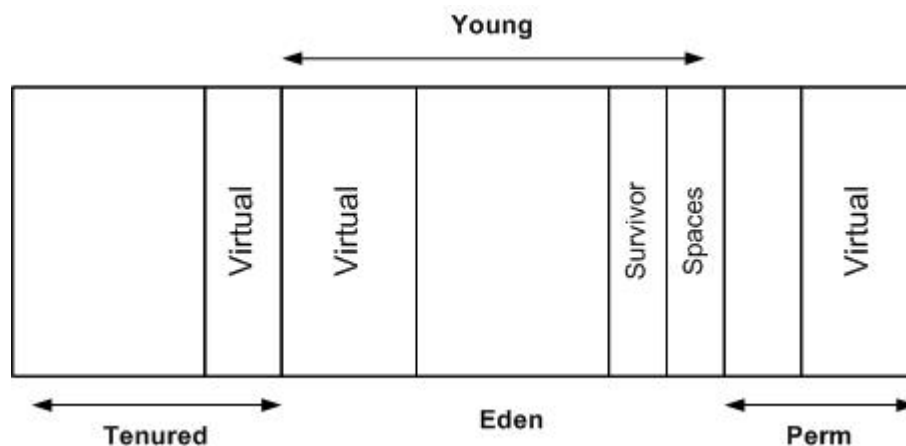
This topic describes the processes involved in planning, implementing, configuring, monitoring, and tuning the HotSpot Java Virtual Machines.

HotSpot JVM Heap Memory and Garbage Collection

The JVM run-time environment uses a large memory pool called the heap, for object allocation. The JVM automatically invokes garbage collections (GC) to clean up the heap of unreferenced or dead objects. In contrast, memory management in legacy programming languages such as C++ is left to the programmer. If the JVM heap settings are not set correctly, the garbage collection overheads can make the system appear unresponsive. In the worst case, your transactions or the JVM may abort due to `OutOfMemory` exceptions.

Garbage collection techniques are constantly being improved. For example, the Sun JVM supports a "stop-the-world" garbage collector where all the transactions have to pause at a safe point for the entire duration of the garbage collection. The Sun JVM also supports a parallel concurrent collector, where transactions can continue to run during most of the collection.

The Sun heap and HP heap are organized into generations to improve the efficiency of their garbage collection, and reduce the frequency and duration of user-perceivable garbage collection pauses. The premise behind generational collection is that memory is managed in generations or in pools with different ages. The following diagram illustrates the layout of the generational heap.



At initialization, a maximum address space is virtually reserved, but not allocated, to physical memory unless it is needed. The complete address space reserved for object memory can be divided into young and tenured (old) generations.

New objects are allocated in the Eden. When the Eden fills up, the JVM issues a scavenge GC or minor collection to move the surviving objects into one of the two survivor or semi spaces. The JVM does this by first identifying and moving all the referenced objects in the Eden to one of the survivor spaces. At the end of the scavenge GC, the Eden is empty (since all the referenced objects are now in the survivor space) and ready for object allocation.

The scavenge GC's efficiency depends on the amount of referenced objects it has to move to the survivor space, and not on the size of the Eden. The higher the amount of referenced objects, the slower the scavenge GC. Studies have, however, shown that most Java objects live for a short time. Since most objects live for a short time, one can typically create large Edens.

Referenced objects in the survivor space bounce between the two survivor spaces at each scavenge GC, until it either becomes unreferenced or the number of bounces have reached the tenuring threshold. If the tenuring threshold is reached, that object is migrated up to the old heap.

When the old heap fills up, the JVM issues a Full GC or major collection. In a Full GC, the JVM has to first identify all the referenced objects. When that is done, the JVM sweeps the entire heap to reclaim all free memory (for example, because the object is now dead). Finally, the JVM then moves referenced objects to defragment the old heap. The efficiency of the Full GC is dependent on the amount of referenced objects and the size of the heap.

The HotSpot JVM sets aside an area, called permanent generation, to store the JVM's reflective data such as class and method objects.

HotSpot JVM Garbage Collection Tools

If you want to analyze the Garbage Collection (GC) logs, use some of the tools described in the following table:

Tool Name	For Additional information, Refer To
GCViewer	http://www.tagtraum.com/gcviewer.html
IBM Pattern Modeling and Analysis Tool for Java Garbage Collector	http://www.alphaworks.ibm.com/tech/pmat
visualgc	http://java.sun.com/performance/jvmstat/visualgc.html Note: Visualgc can be tied to running JVM processes at any time. It is helpful if you have not enabled the GC flags, but want to take a look at the heaps and GC overheads, and you do not want to restart your JVM.
HPjmeter	https://h20392.www2.hp.com/portal/swdepot/displayProductInfo.do?productNumber=HPJMETER

HotSpot JVM Startup and Runtime Performance Optimization

In some cases, an application's startup performance is more important than its runtime performance. Applications that start once and run for a longer period should be optimized for runtime performance. By default, HotSpot JVMs are optimized for startup performance.

The Java Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler impacts the startup and runtime performance. The time taken to compile a class method and start the server are influenced by the initial optimization level used by the compiler. You

can reduce the application startup times by reducing the initial optimization level. This degrades your runtime performance because the class methods will now compile at the lower optimization level.

It is not easy to provide a specific runtime performance impact statement, because compilers may recompile the class methods based on the impression that recompiling provides better performance. Short-running applications will have their methods recompiled more often than long-running applications.

HotSpot JVM Default Parameters

The following tuning options are configured and shipped out-of-the-box in Gentran Integration Suite on HotSpot Sun JVM on Solaris and Windows.

Parameter	Description	Gentran Integration Suite Default Value
-server	HotSpot-based JVMs generally use low optimization levels, which takes less time to start up, but leads to low runtime performance. Normally, a simple JIT compiler is used. To increase the runtime performance for applications such as Gentran Integration Suite, an optimizing compiler is recommended. Using this method may, however, lead a JVM to take longer time to warm up.	Windows = -server (optimizing compiler) Solaris = -server (optimizing compiler) HP-UX = -server (optimizing compiler)

The following parameters are useful for setting the heap size:

Heap Size Parameter	Description	Default Value
-Xms	Controls the initial size of a Java heap. If this is tuned correctly, it can reduce the overhead associated with garbage collection by improving the server response time and throughput. If you see a large number of minor garbage collections, the default value set to this parameter might be too low. Try increasing it.	Windows = 768m Solaris = 512m HP-UX = 768m
-Xmx	Controls the maximum size of a Java heap. If this parameter is tuned correctly, it can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the overhead associated with the garbage collection and the risk of encountering an Out-Of-Memory (OOM) condition • Improve the server response time and throughput If you see a large number of garbage collections, try increasing the value. Based on the Operation System (OS), and whether it is a 32-bit JVM or 64-bit JVM, and the available memory, the maximum value that you can go up to will change.	Windows = 768m Solaris = 768m HP-UX = 768m
-XX:+DisableExplicitGC	Disables the explicit garbage collection calls that are caused by invoking System.gc() inside the application. It is recommended that the developers avoid the System.gc() calls to cause programmer-initiated,	Windows = -XX:+DisableExplicitGC Solaris = -XX:+DisableExplicitGC HP-UX = -XX:+DisableExplicitGC

Heap Size Parameter	Description	Default Value
	full-compaction garbage collection cycles, because such calls can interfere with the tuning of resources and garbage collection for the entire application system. If your application pause times caused by <code>System.gc()</code> are more than your expected pause times, it is strongly recommended that you use this option to disable the explicit GC, so that the <code>System.gc()</code> calls will be ignored.	
<code>-XX:MaxNewSize=</code> and <code>-XX:NewSize=</code>	<code>-XX:NewSize</code> controls the minimum young generation size in a heap, and the <code>-XX:MaxNewSize</code> controls the maximum young generation size in a heap. These parameters are used with the throughput/parallel collector instead of using the JVM built-in tuning that the <code>-XX:+UseAdaptiveSizePolicy</code> parameter provides.	Windows = <code>-XX:MaxNewSize=256m</code> and <code>-XX:NewSize= 256m</code> Solaris = <code>-XX:MaxNewSize=256m</code> and <code>-XX:NewSize=128m</code> HP-UX = <code>-XX:MaxNewSize=256m</code> and <code>-XX:NewSize=256m</code>
<code>-XX:MaxPermSize</code>	Stores all the class code and class-like data. The value of the parameter should be large enough to fit all the classes that are concurrently loaded. Sometimes, it is difficult to determine the actual value of this parameter because generally, this region is smaller and expands slowly, and the utilization is commonly observed at 99-100 percent of its current capacity. If you have not configured this region correctly, the JVM might fail with the <code>Java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: PermGen space error</code> .	Windows = 128m Solaris = 256m HP-UX = 256m
<code>-Xss</code>	Determines the stack size for each thread in the JVM. Every thread in a JVM gets a stack, and this value determines the number of threads you can start in a JVM. If this value is too large, you might run into an OOM. Each time a method is invoked, a stack frame is created and pushed into the thread stack. At a minimum, a stack frame contains a method's local variables and arguments. If a thread's actual stack size reaches beyond this limit, you will get a <code>java.lang.StackOverflowError</code> exception.	Windows = 256k Solaris = 256k HP-UX = 256k HP-UX (IA64) = 512k
<code>-XX:CompileThreshold</code>	Determines the number of method invocations and branches before compiling. Setting a low value for this parameter will trigger the compilations of hot methods sooner.	Windows = <code>-XX:CompileThreshold=1000</code> Solaris = <code>-XX:CompileThreshold=1000</code>
<code>-XdoCloseWithReadPending</code>	Enables a thread to <code>close()</code> a socket when there is an outstanding read pending on the same socket by another thread. The default behavior is that the <code>close()</code> operation of thread-1 will be blocked until the read from thread-2 is complete. If you use this flag, the <code>close()</code> operation takes precedence and	HP-UX = <code>-XdoCloseWithReadPending</code>

Heap Size Parameter	Description	Default Value
	closes the socket, and the other thread will get a <code>Socket Closed</code> exception message.	
-Xnocatch	Disables the Java catch-all signal handler. This option is used to get clean, native code stack traces.	HP-UX = -Xnocatch

Enable HotSpot JVM Verbose Garbage Collection

To enable HotSpot JVM Verbose Garbage Collection:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > JVM Monitor**.
2. In the JVM MONITOR page, under **Enable**, select the check box next to **Enable GCoutput**.

This adds the `-verbose:gc` flag to your JVM arguments, and the gc output will be logged to `install/logs/noapp.log`. In order to enable the other flags, edit `tmp.sh.in`. However, it is recommended that you contact Sterling Customer Support prior to editing this script directly.

On Windows, to collect GC statistics, uncomment the following lines in the `InstallNoappsWindowsService.cmd.in` by removing `rem`. You will see `verbosegc.log` under the `<install>/logs` directory if you use the following parameters:

```
echo -verbose\:gc >> %PARAM_FILE%
set out_path=&LOG_DIR_WIN;\verbosegc.log
set out_path=%out_path:\=\\%
set out_path=%out_path::=\\:
echo -Xloggc\:%out_path% >> %PARAM_FILE%
echo -XX\:+PrintGCDetails >> %PARAM_FILE%
echo -XX\:+PrintGCTimeStamps >> %PARAM_FILE%
```

3. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
4. If you are using Linux or UNIX, using a terminal window, navigate to the `install_dir/bin` directory and enter the following commands:

```
setupFiles.sh
run.sh
```

Note: On Solaris and HP-UX, to add any additional JVM parameters, edit `tmp.sh`, and add the parameters to the `SERVER_FLAGS` variable under the respective OS.

5. If you are using Windows, using a terminal window, navigate to the `install_dir/bin` directory and enter the following commands:

```
setupFiles.cmd
uninstallWindowsService.cmd
InstallWindowsService.cmd
run.cmd
```

Note:

On Windows, to add any additional flag, edit `InstallNoappsWindowsService.cmd.in`, and add a flag using the syntax shown in the following example:

```
"echo -XX\:+PrintGCTimeStamps >> %PARAM_FILE%"
```

Display HotSpot Statistics for HP JVM

To display HotSpot Statistics for the HP JVM, run one of the following commands:

- `-XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -Xloggc:<gcfilename> -verbose:<gc>`

This displays the following:

```
11.010: [GC [PSYoungGen: 196608K->20360K(229376K)] 196608K->20360K(753664K),
0.0514144 secs] 13.987: [GC [PSYoungGen: 216968K->32746K(229376K)]
216968K->48812K(753664K), 0.1052434 secs]
```

- `-Xverbosegc [:help] | [0 | 1] [:file = [stdout | stderr | <filename>]]`

This displays the following:

```
<GC: 1 4 11.988605 1 64 7 201326592 64 201326592 0 20850824 33554432 0 0 536870912
15563792 15563792 21757952 0.040957 0.040957 > <GC: 1 4 13.400027 2 864 7
201326592 864 201326592 20850824 33539216 33554432 0 16479936 536870912 17504224
17504224 21757952 0.088071 0.088071 >
```

Refer to the corresponding HP documentation , which can be accessed from the following Web site:

<http://docs.hp.com/en/5992-5899/ch06s01.html>

Display HotSpot Statistics for Sun JVM

To display HotSpot Statistics for the Sun JVM enable one of the following command:

- `-XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamp -Xloggc:<gcfilename>`

This displays the following:

```
0.000: [GC 0.001: [DefNew: 32192K->511K(33152K), 0.0383176 secs]
32192K->511K(101440K), 0.0385223 secs] 1.109: [GC 1.110: [DefNew:
32703K->198K(33152K), 0.0344874 secs] 32703K->697K(101440K), 0.0346844 secs]
```

Refer to the corresponding Sun documentation, which can be accessed from the following Web site:

http://java.sun.com/docs/hotspot/gc5.0/gc_tuning_5.html

HotSpot JVM Heap Monitoring

You may want to monitor the following items in a healthy heap:

- During steady state, you should mostly see minor Garbage Collections (GC) and an occasional full GC caused by allocation failures.
- The sum of the GC times should not exceed 3 percent of the measurement interval. For example, in a 1-hour measurement interval, the time taken for all the GCs should not be more than 108 seconds.
- The JVM will choose to perform a full GC when it realizes that the live objects in the Eden and Survivor spaces cannot fit in the old generation. The JVM then tries to free up the space in the old generation by performing a full GC. The full GC pauses the application. The amount of pause time depends on the GC algorithm you are using (Gentran Integration Suite uses the default JVM GC algorithm, that is, Parallel GC algorithm on 1.5 JDK on server class machines), and the size of the heap. The JVM will choose to perform a full GC when it realizes that the live objects in the Eden and Survivor spaces will not fit into the old generation. In an attempt to free up the space in the old generation, the JVM will perform a full GC, which pauses the application. The amount of pause time depends on:

- Type of GC algorithm currently in use. Gentran Integration Suite uses the default JVM GC algorithm, that is, Parallel GC algorithm, on 1.5 JDK on server class machines.
- Size of the heap. Too many full GCs have a negative effect on performance.

If you observe many full GCs, try to determine if your old generation is sized too small to hold all the live objects collected from the Survivor and Eden spaces. Alternatively, there may be too many live objects that do not fit into the configured heap size. If it is the latter, increase the overall heap size.

- If you are monitoring the heap and notice an increase in the number of live objects, and see that the GC is not able to clear these objects from the heap, you might run into an Out-Of-Memory (OOM) condition, and there may be a possible memory leak. In such a situation, take a heap dump at various intervals and analyze the dump for the leak suspect.

HotSpot JVM Thread Monitoring

Monitoring JVM threads will help you locate thread deadlocks if there are blocked threads in a Java code or in SQL. It also helps you to understand which part of the code the threads are blocked in a hung application or running application.

Following is an example of a thread dump:

```
Full thread dump Java HotSpot(TM) Server VM (1.5.0_11-b03 mixed mode):
"Thread-817" daemon prio=10 tid=0x00b9c800 nid=0x667 in Object.wait()
[0xa4d8f000..0xa4d8faf0]
  at java.lang.Object.wait(Native Method)
    - waiting on <0xf678a600> (a EDU.oswego.cs.dl.util.concurrent.LinkedNode)
  at
EDU.oswego.cs.dl.util.concurrent.SynchronousChannel.poll(SynchronousChannel.java:353)
    - locked <0xf678a600> (a EDU.oswego.cs.dl.util.concurrent.LinkedNode)
  at
EDU.oswego.cs.dl.util.concurrent.PooledExecutor.getTask(PooledExecutor.java:707)
  at
EDU.oswego.cs.dl.util.concurrent.PooledExecutor$Worker.run(PooledExecutor.java:731)
    at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:595)
"Low Memory Detector" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001e64e8 nid=0x19 runnable
[0x00000000..0x00000000]

"CompilerThread1" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001e5388 nid=0x18 waiting on condition
[0x00000000..0xb72fed2c]

"CompilerThread0" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001e4510 nid=0x17 waiting on condition
[0x00000000..0xb73febac]

"AdapterThread" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001e3698 nid=0x16 waiting on condition
[0x00000000..0x00000000]

"Signal Dispatcher" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001e2928 nid=0x15 waiting on condition
[0x00000000..0x00000000]

"Finalizer" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001d6078 nid=0x14 in Object.wait()
[0xdf6f000..0xdf6fa70]
```

```

at java.lang.Object.wait(Native Method)
at java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue.remove(ReferenceQueue.java:116)
- locked <0xc9e89940> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
at java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue.remove(ReferenceQueue.java:132)
at java.lang.ref.Finalizer$FinalizerThread.run(Finalizer.java:159)

"Reference Handler" daemon prio=10 tid=0x001d5b20 nid=0x13 in Object.wait()
[0xfe04f000..0xfe04f8f0]
at java.lang.Object.wait(Native Method)
at java.lang.Object.wait(Object.java:474)
at java.lang.ref.Reference$ReferenceHandler.run(Reference.java:116)
- locked <0xc9e90860> (a java.lang.ref.Reference$Lock)

"VM Thread" prio=10 tid=0x001d3a40 nid=0x12 runnable

"GC task thread#0 (ParallelGC)" prio=10 tid=0x000d8608 nid=0x2 runnable

```

The output consists of a header and a stack trace for each thread. Each thread is separated by an empty line. The Java threads (threads that are capable of executing Java language code) are printed first. These are followed by information on VM internal threads.

The header line contains the following information about the thread:

- Thread Name indicates if the thread is a daemon thread
- Thread Priority (Prio)
- Thread ID (TID) is the address of a thread structure in memory
- ID of the native thread (NID)
- Thread State indicates what the thread was doing at the time of the thread dump
- Address range gives an estimate of the valid stack region for the thread

The following table lists the possible thread states that can be printed:

Thread State	Definition
NEW	The thread has not yet started.
RUNNABLE	The thread is executing in the JVM.
BLOCKED	The thread is blocked, waiting for a monitor lock.
WAITING	The thread is waiting indefinitely for another thread to perform a particular action.
TIMED_WAITING	The thread is waiting for another thread to perform an action for up to a specified waiting time.
TERMINATED	The thread has exited.

Note: The thread header is followed by the thread stack.

Performing a Thread Dump

To perform a thread dump in UNIX (Solaris and HP-UX):

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > JVM Monitor**.
2. In the JVM MONITOR page, under **Thread Dump**, next to **Take Thread Dump**, click **Go!**.

The Thread Dump pop-up window is displayed.

3. To see the latest Dumps in the View Dumps list, click **Go!** in the Thread Dump pop-up window.
4. Close the Thread Dump pop-up window.
5. Under **View Dumps**, select the Name of the thread dump file and click **Go!** to view it.
The Download Dumps pop-up window is displayed.
6. Click the **Dumps download** link.
7. Open or save the file.
8. Close the Download Dumps pop-up window.

For Windows, if you have started Gentran Integration Suite as a Windows service, use the stacktrace tool to take a thread dump.

For more information, refer to the following Web site: <http://www.adaptj.com/main/stacktrace>.

If you are starting Gentran Integration Suite for debug purposes, use the `start_gis_console.cmd` script to start the Gentran Integration Suite in interactive mode. To take a thread dump, press **CTL + BREAK** in the noapp console. The thread dump is logged to the `Noapp_exe.log`. However, note that the `start_gis_console.cmd` is not supported in production. You can also use VisualVM in remote mode to take a thread dump on Windows when you start Gentran Integration Suite in service mode.

Refer to the corresponding VisualVM documentation for information about remote monitoring of JVM, which is available in the following Web site:

<https://visualvm.dev.java.net/>

HotSpot Thread Dump Tools

Following is a list of tools that can be used to analyze thread dumps:

- Thread Dump Analyzer (TDA): (Refer to <https://tda.dev.java.net/>)

Note: In order to use TDA, you must strip off any starting “< “ symbols in the thread dump if you are using Gentran Integration Suite UI to take thread dumps.

- You can also use VisualVM for live monitoring of threads in JVM. (Refer to <https://visualvm.dev.java.net/>)

HotSpot JVM DeadLock Detection

In addition to the thread stacks, the **Ctrl+Break** handler executes a deadlock detection algorithm. If any deadlocks are detected, it prints additional information after the thread dump on each deadlocked thread.

```
Found one Java-level deadlock:
=====
"Thread2":
  waiting to lock monitor 0x000af330 (object 0xf819a938, a java.lang.String),
  which is held by "Thread1"
"Thread1":
  waiting to lock monitor 0x000af398 (object 0xf819a970, a java.lang.String),
  which is held by "Thread2"
Java stack information for the threads listed above:
=====
"Thread2":
  at Deadlock$DeadlockMakerThread.run(Deadlock.java:32)
  - waiting to lock <0xf819a938> (a java.lang.String)
```

```
- locked <0xf819a970> (a java.lang.String)
"Thread1":
  at Deadlock$DeadlockMakerThread.run(Deadlock.java:32)
  - waiting to lock <0xf819a970> (a java.lang.String)
  - locked <0xf819a938> (a java.lang.String)
Found 1 deadlock.
```

If the Java VM flag `-XX:+PrintConcurrentLocks` is set, **Ctrl+Break** will also print the list of concurrent locks owned by each thread.

HotSpot JVM Blocked Thread Detection

Look for threads that are blocked. Threads might be waiting on SQL or might be serialized on a synchronize block. If you see threads that are blocked they are waiting on another thread to complete, it means that you are serializing on some part of code or SQL, and need some attention.

HotSpot JVM Troubleshooting Tips

`java.lang.OutOfMemory` errors occur when either the Java heap or the native heap run out of space. These exceptions may indicate that the number of live objects in the JVM require more memory than what is available (which can be adjusted by tuning the heap), or that there is a memory leak (which may indicate a problem with an application component, the JVM, or the OS). There are many variants of this error, with each variant having its own cause and resolution.

Generally, `java.lang.OutOfMemory` (OOM) indicates that insufficient space has been allocated for a requested object in the heap, or in a particular area of the heap, even after a garbage collection is attempted. An `OutOfMemory` exception does not always indicate a memory leak. It could indicate that the heap parameters are not configured properly for an application or that the bug is complex, with you having to troubleshoot different layers of native code.

When an OOM error is from the native code, it is difficult to tell whether it is from Java heap exhaustion or native heap exhaustion because of low space. The first step in diagnosing an OOM is identifying whether the Java heap is full or the native heap is full.

Exception in thread "main" `java.lang.OutOfMemoryError`

This error condition might be due to a simple configuration issue. It might be that the `-Xms` value configured for this type of application is throwing the error. This error generally occurs when object allocation fails even after a Garbage Collection (GC).

This error condition may be because of a memory leak, in which case, the object references are held by the application even if they are no longer needed. Over a period of time, this unintentional object growth increases and causes this OOM.

This type of OOM error can also be seen in applications in which excessive finalizer calls are made. In such applications, where the finalizer call is made, the GCs cannot reclaim the object space. Instead, they are queued for finalization to occur, which might happen some time later. In a Sun implementation, the finalizer call is made by a separate daemon thread. If there are excessive finalize calls, the finalization thread cannot keep up with the load, and eventually, the heap might become full and an OOM might occur. For example, applications that create high-priority threads that cause the finalization to increase at a rate that is faster than the rate the finalization thread can process, may generate this error.

Exception in thread “main” java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: PermGen space

This error is seen when permanent generation is full. Permanent generation is the area in which the class and method objects are stored. For an application that loads a large number of classes, the value of `-XX:MaxPermSize` should be sized accordingly. Permanent generation also gets used when the `java.lang.String intern()` method is invoked on an object of class `java.lang.String`. Exhaustion of the permanent generation area may occur if an application interns a large number of strings.

Generally, `java.lang.String` maintains the string pool, and when an interned method is called on a string, it first verifies that an equal string is already present in the pool. If an equal string exists, `java.lang.String` returns the canonical representation of the string, which points to the same class instance; otherwise, `java.lang.String` adds the string to the pool.

Exception in thread “main” java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: Requested array size exceeds VM limit

This error occurs when the application requests the JVM to allocate an array that is larger than the heap size. For example, if the application requests an allocation of 512 MB array and your heap size is only 256 MB, this error will be seen. This error may occur because of a low `-Xms` value, or a bug in the application in which it is trying to create a huge array.

Exception in thread “main” java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: request <size> bytes for <reason>. Out of swap space?

Although the error is an OOM condition, the underlying cause is that the JVM failed to allocate the requested size from the native heap, and the native heap is close to exhaustion.

The `<size>` in the error message is the size that failed to allocate. The `<reason>` is the name of the source module reporting failure. In a few cases, the actual reason is printed.

In order to troubleshoot this error, use the OS utilities to find the actual cause. One possible cause is that the OS has been configured with insufficient swap space. Another possible cause is that other processes in the machine are consuming all the memory, or possibly a native leak, in which the application or the library code is continuously allocating memory, and the OS is not releasing it.

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: <reason> <stack trace>(Native method):

If you see this OOM, it means that the native method encountered an allocation failure. The main difference between this error and the `Exception in thread “main” java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: request <size> bytes for <reason>. Out of swap space?` error is that the allocation failure in this case occurred in the JNI native method rather than the JVM code. In order to troubleshoot this error, use the OS utilities to find the actual cause.

A Crash, Instead of an OutOfMemoryError

In rare cases, you may have a JVM crash instead of OOM because of the allocation from the native heap failing because the native code that does not check for errors returns memory allocation functions. For example, this may occur if the native code `malloc` returns `NULL` (no memory available), and if the native code is not checking for that error, and references the invalid memory location. If the diagnosis of this failure results in native code not checking for errors because of memory allocation failures, the reasons for memory allocation failures should be examined. The failures may be due to reasons such as insufficient swap space, some other processes consuming all the memory, or a native leak.

Hung Processes or Looping Processes

Generally, the most common reasons for a hang to occur are deadlocks in application code, API code, library code, or a bug in the HotSpot VM. However, in a few cases, the hang might be because of a JVM consuming all the available CPU cycles, most likely because of a bug, which in turn causes one or more threads to go into an infinite loop.

If a hang is seen, determine whether the JVM is idle or consuming all the CPU cycles. You can use the OS utilities to determine the CPU utilization. If you conclude that the hang process is using the entire CPU, the hang might be because of a looping thread. On the other hand, if the process is idle, it is most likely because of deadlock. On Solaris, for example, `prstat -L -p <pid>` can be used to report the statistics for all the LWPs in the target process. This will identify the threads that are consuming a lot of CPU cycles.

Diagnosing a Looping Process

If your observations on CPU utilization indicate that the process is looping, take a thread dump, and from the thread dump and stack trace, you should be able to gather information about where and why the thread is looping.

In the thread dump, look for the runnable threads. You will in all probability find the threads that are looping. In order to be certain about the threads that are looping, take multiple thread dumps to see if the thread remains busy.

Diagnosing a Hung Process

If you have determined that a process is hanging, and not looping, the cause is likely to be an application (thread) deadlock.

Take a thread dump and analyze it to find the deadlocked threads.

When you take a thread dump on a HotSpot JVM, the deadlock detection algorithm is also executed and the deadlock information in the thread dump printed.

Following is an example of some deadlock output from a document. For more information, refer to the following Web site:

http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.5/pdf/jdk50_ts_guide.pdf

```
Found one Java-level deadlock:
=====
"AWT-EventQueue-0": waiting to lock monitor 0x000ffbf8 (object 0xf0c30560, a
java.awt.Component$AWTTreeLock),
    which is held by "main"
"main":
    waiting to lock monitor 0x000ffe38 (object 0xf0c41ec8, a java.util.Vector),
    which is held by "AWT-EventQueue-0"
Java stack information for the threads listed above:
=====
"AWT-EventQueue-0":
at java.awt.Container.removeNotify(Container.java:2503)
- waiting to lock <0xf0c30560> (a java.awt.Component$AWTTreeLock)
at java.awt.Window$1DisposeAction.run(Window.java:604)
at java.awt.Window.doDispose(Window.java:617)
at java.awt.Dialog.doDispose(Dialog.java:625)
at java.awt.Window.dispose(Window.java:574)
at java.awt.Window.disposeImpl(Window.java:584)
at java.awt.Window$1DisposeAction.run(Window.java:598)
```


Stack Overflow

This error generally occurs when the stack space is exhausted in a JVM. Generally, this occurs because of:

- A deeply nested application
- An infinite loop within an application
- A problem in the Just-In-Time (JIT) compiled code

Not all instances of this error should be considered as programming errors. In the context of some applications, you may require a greater value for the stack size (-Xss), for example, applications having intensive graphics might require more stack size.

The stack overflow error can be either from the native code or because of an infinite loop in the Java program.

To determine if the error is in the native code, review the stack trace. In most cases, the information you get will be difficult to interpret. However, if the error is due to an infinite loop, you can see the stack trace of the error. Verify whether there are any recursive method calls, and whether they are deep. If it does not appear to be an infinite loop, try increasing either the Java stack or the native stack to resolve the issue.

Taking Heap Dumps and Profiling JVM Using Hprof

A JVM's HPROF can be used get information about CPU usage and heap allocation statistics, and to monitor contention profiles. You can also get complete heap dumps and the states of all the monitors and threads in the JVM.

In Gentran Integration Suite, HPROF can be invoked by adding an option to SERVER_FLAGS on Solaris and HP-UX in tmp.sh.in under the respective OS section. On Windows, add “echo -agentlib\;hprof[=options] >> %PARAM_FILE% “ in InstallNoappsWindowsService.cmd.in.

```
-agentlib:hprof[=options]
```

Or

```
-Xrunhprof[:options]
```

For more information about how to use HPROF on Sun JVM, refer to the following Web site:

<http://java.sun.com/developer/technicalArticles/Programming/HPROF.html>

For more information about how to use HPROF HP JVM, refer to the following Web site:

http://docs.hp.com/en/5992-5899/ch05s03.html#using_xrunhprof

On HP JVM, you can also use -Xeprof to collect profiling data for performance tuning. For information about -Xeprof, refer to the following Web site:

http://docs.hp.com/en/5992-5899/ch05s03.html#using_xeprof

In order to analyze the data using -agentlib:hprof and -Xeprof, you can use HPJmeter. For more information about this tool, refer to the following Web site:

<http://docs.hp.com/en/5992-4687/ch01s07.html>

To enable hprof options in Gentran Integration Suite, on Solaris and HP-UX , edit tmp.sh.in and include the hprof flags described previously under the respective OS section.

Introduction to the IBM® JVM Performance and Tuning Guidelines

The IBM® Java™ Virtual Machine (JVM) contains a number of private and proprietary technologies that distinguish it from other implementations of JVM. For instance, the IBM JVM uses mixed-mode interpretation (MMI). When the MMI detects that bytecodes have been interpreted multiple times, it invokes a just-in-time (JIT) compiler to compile those bytecodes to native instructions. Due to the significant performance benefits, the JIT and MMI are enabled by default. The JVM performance degrades considerably when JIT is disabled. For more information about the JIT compiler and MMI, refer to the *IBM JDK 5.0: Java Diagnostics Guide*.

The IBM 5.0 JVM is supported when you deploy the Gentran Integration Suite on the following system configurations:

- IBM AIX® operating system on POWER4™-based or POWER5™-based servers
- Red Hat® Enterprise Linux® operating system on Intel processor-based servers
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server operating system on Intel processor-based servers

This topic describes the processes involved in tuning, monitoring, and performing basic troubleshooting when deploying the Gentran Integration Suite using the IBM JVM.

Before You Begin Tuning Your IBM® JVM

Using the Performance Tuning Utility, Gentran Integration Suite calculates the recommended settings based on the number of cores and the amount of physical memory that is being made available to Gentran Integration Suite. On host systems that use a 32-bit JVM, 3 GB is the maximum amount of physical memory that can be allocated to Gentran Integration Suite.

Four JVM-specific arguments will be set through the Performance Tuning Utility. These arguments control the initial and maximum JVM long-lived memory, as well as the initial and maximum JVM short-lived memory. For the IBM 5.0 JVM, the maximum JVM long-lived memory is set to the full amount of physical memory that is being made available to Gentran Integration Suite. The initial JVM long-lived memory will be set to half of the maximum JVM long-lived memory. The initial and maximum JVM short-lived memory for the IBM 5.0 JVM is always set to 64 MB and 128 MB respectively through the Performance Tuning Utility.

The resulting performance properties are stored in the tuning.properties file in the install_dir/properties directory. The formulae used to calculate these setting can be found in the tuningFormulas.properties file in the install_dir/properties directory.

The calculated values should be used as a guideline. Further tuning may be necessary to attain a well-tuned system. If you are still unable to attain a well-tuned system, you may want to engage Sterling Commerce Professional Services. Contact your Sales Representative for more information about this.

IBM® JVM Default Parameters for Gentran Integration Suite

The follow table provides the IBM® JVM parameters and the default values you should use when configuring the system:

Parameter	Description
-Xms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Controls the initial size of the Java heap• Corresponds to the JVM long-lived memory (min) value

Parameter	Description
	<p>Default Value for Linux: 512m</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: 256m</p>
-Xmx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls the maximum size of the Java heap Corresponds to the JVM long-lived memory (max) value <p>Default Value for Linux: 768m</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: 768m</p>
-Xmns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls the initial size of the new area to the specified value when using -Xgcpolicy:gencon. Corresponds to the JVM short-lived memory (min) value <p>Default Value for Linux: 64m</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: 64m</p>
-Xmnx	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls the maximum size of the new area to the specified value when using -Xgcpolicy:gencon Corresponds to the JVM short-lived memory (max) value <p>Default Value for Linux: 128m</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: 128m</p>
-Xjit:count	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controls the compilation threshold of the JIT compiler Value given to count causes the Java method to be compiled after n runs <p>Default Value for Linux: 1000</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: 1000</p>
-Xgcpolicy:gencon	<p>Controls the behavior of the Garbage Collector. They make trade-offs between the throughput of the application and the overall system, and the pause times that are caused by garbage collection. By specifying the gencon value, the GC policy requests the combined use of concurrent and generational GC to help minimize the time that is spent in any garbage collection pause.</p>
-Xss	<p>Controls the maximum Java stack size for any thread.</p> <p>Default Value for Linux: 256 K</p>
-Djava.awt.headless	<p>Controls the headless mode capability. Headless mode is a system configuration in which the display device, keyboard, or mouse is not available.</p> <p>Default Value for Linux: True</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: True</p>
-Dorg.apache.xml.dtm.DTMMManager	<p>Controls which implementation of the DTMMManager is used by the JVM.</p> <p>Default Value for Linux: org.apache.xml.dtm.ref.DTMMManagerDefault</p> <p>Default Value For AIX: org.apache.xml.dtm.ref.DTMMManagerDefault</p>
-Djava.net.preferIPv4Stack (AIX only)	<p>Controls the IP protocol stack used by the JVM. By setting this value to True, the preferred protocol stack is set to IPv4, and the preferred address family type to inet4.</p>

Parameter	Description
	Default Value for Linux: Not applicable to Linux Default Value For AIX: True

IBM® JVM Troubleshooting Tips

This topic describes the various issues that may arise when using the IBM JVM and the troubleshooting tip pertaining to each of these errors.

OutOfMemoryError Exceptions and Memory Leaks

OutOfMemoryError exceptions occur when either the Java heap or the native heap run out of space. These exceptions indicate that there is either a memory leak or that the number of live objects in the JVM require more memory than is available.

The first step to troubleshooting an OutOfMemoryError exception is to determine whether the error is caused because of lack of space in either the Java heap or the native heap. When the OutOfMemoryError is caused because of lack of space in the native heap, an error message is displayed with an explanation about the allocation failure. If an error is not present, the exception is likely to have occurred because of lack of space in the Java heap. In the latter scenario monitor the Java heap by using the Verbose GC output.

The Java heap is consumed when the Garbage Collector is unable to compact or free the objects being referenced. Objects that are no longer referenced by other objects, or are referenced from the thread stacks, can be freed by performing the garbage collection task. As the number of referenced objects increases, garbage collection will take place more frequently. With each garbage collection instance, less memory will be freed. If this trend continues, the Garbage Collector will not be able to free enough objects to allocate new objects. When this happens, the heap will be near 100% utilized and the JVM will fail with an OutOfMemoryError exception.

Increasing the size of the Java heap may resolve an OutOfMemoryError exception. However, if the exception is due to a memory leak, increasing the heap size will not resolve this issue. In this case, further troubleshooting, including analyzing the contents of the heap using heap dump analysis or a tool such as JProbe® or OptimizeIt™ is necessary. Refer to the *IBM 5.0: Java Diagnostics Guide* for more information about heap dump analysis.

The Application Hangs

The application hangs when either a deadlock occurs or a loop is encountered. A potential deadlock scenario is one in which multiple threads in the JVM are blocked and are waiting on the same object resource. Another situation that may result in a deadlock is when there is a missed notification between threads because of a timing error. Similarly, a loop may be encountered if there is a missed flag, which in turn may terminate the loop. A loop can also be encountered if the wrong limit has been set for the loop iterator. In either of these cases, the thread will fail to exit in a timely manner.

The recommended approach is to trigger a Javadump and interpret the Javadump. The Javadump provides all the information pertaining to the object resources in the JVM. A Javadump can be triggered to take a snapshot of all the information related to the JVM and a Java application at a particular point during execution. The information that is captured includes the OS level, hardware architecture, threads, stacks, locks, monitors, and memory.

By default, Javadumps are enabled. A Javadump is triggered when the JVM is terminated unexpectedly, an OutOfMemoryError is encountered, or when a user sends specific signals to the JVM. Gentran Integration Suite also enables users to trigger a Javadump through the Gentran Integration Suite UI.

Trigger Javadump

To trigger a Javadump:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > JVM monitor**.
2. In the JVM MONITOR page, under **Thread Dump**, next to **Take Thread Dump**, click **Go!**.

The Thread Dump Taken page is displayed. It may take some time to generate the thread dump. During this time you may not be able to access other pages. If heap dumps are enabled, the delay will be longer before the process is completed.

3. Click **Go!** in the **Thread Dump** pop-up window to have the thread dumps populated on the JVM MONITOR page.
4. Close the **Thread Dump Taken** pop-up window.
5. To view the dump, in the JVM MONITOR page, under **View Dumps**, select the dump file, and click **Go!**.
6. In the Dumps download pop-up window, click the **Download** link to download the file to the local machine.

The Javadump can also be found on the host machine in the `install_dir/noapp/bin` directory. After the download is complete, close the Dumps download pop-up window.

Because Javadumps are created in a text format, they do not require any software to make them human readable. A Javadumps is broken into sections. Following is a brief description of each Javadumps tag:

Javadumps Tag	Description
TITLE	Basic information about the event that caused the Javadump, along with the timestamp and the generated name.
GPINFO	Contains general information about the operating system. General Protection Fault (GPF) information is included in this section if the failure was caused by a GPF.
ENVINFO	Contains the JRE level and details about the environment and command-line arguments that were used to launch the JVM process.
MEMINFO	Contains information about the Memory Manager, and free space, current size of the heap and the garbage collection history data.
LOCKS	Contains information about the locks and monitors being held by each Java object.
THREADS	Contains a complete list of threads that have not been stopped.
CLASSES	Contains the class loader summaries, including the class loaders and their relationships.

For more information about interpreting Javadump, refer to the *IBM JDK 5.0: Java Diagnostics Guide*.

Heapdumps

Heapdumps are useful for troubleshooting memory-related issues since they contain all the live objects used by the Java application. With this information, the objects that are using large amounts of memory can be identified. The contents of a heapdump can also help a user understand why objects cannot be freed by the Garbage Collector.

By default, a heapdump is generated in a compressed binary format know as Portable Heap Dump (PHD). Several tools are available to help analyze the dump. IBM recommends the use of the Memory Dump Diagnostic for Java (MDD4J) when performing the heapdump analysis. This tool can be downloaded from IBM Support Assistant (<http://www-01.ibm.com/software/support/isa/>).

Heapdumps are generated when the Java heap is exhausted by default. They can also be configured so that they are generated when a user sends a specific signal to the JVM.

For more information about heapdumps, refer to the *IBM JDK 5.0: Java Diagnostics Guide*.

Enable a Heapdump

To enable a heapdump to respond to user signals through the Gentran Integration Suite UI:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > JVM monitor**.
2. In the JVM Monitor page, under **Enable**, select the checkbox next to **Enable Heapdump**.
3. When prompted with the steps to complete the process, click **OK**.
4. In a terminal window, change to the *install_dir/bin* directory and execute the *setupfiles.sh* script.
5. Restart the Gentran Integration Suite instance.

After Gentran Integration Suite is restarted, you can generate heapdumps by sending the QUIT signal to the JVM. The heapdumps will also be generated if the JVM encounters an OutOfMemory error.

Monitoring Operations

Monitoring Operations

The Operations functions enable you to monitor the operational status of Gentran Integration Suite, its components and services, current threads and system logging, and to troubleshoot system problems.

Managing System Logs

Gentran Integration Suite comprises multiple components, including software applications such as archive tools, Web servers, and database servers. To monitor the activities of each component, Gentran Integration Suite generates log files based on the system's monitoring activity. These log files are one of the tools that enable you to monitor the way the system operates.

Each operations server on a host has its own operations log file. Log files are created in the logs directory of the installation directory. To prevent the system log files from taking up excessive storage space and main memory, Gentran Integration Suite generates a log file only when a component runs. This in turn improves the performance of Gentran Integration Suite.

Each open log file is closed once every 24 hours (usually at midnight), and a new file is created. When moving into or away from Daylight Savings Time, you must stop Gentran Integration Suite and restart it in order to ensure that files are created with the correct timestamp.

Log files are allowed to grow only up to a maximum size. If a log file reaches its maximum size, it is closed and another file is created. There is a limit to the number of log files that can exist simultaneously. If this limit is exceeded, the old logs files are automatically deleted. If the Gentran Integration Suite Dashboard interface links to a deleted log file (which will display a blank page), click the link to a newer log file.

Note: If you are working in a clustered environment, the log information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the **Select Node** list.

Naming Conventions

This section provides information about the naming conventions to be used in Gentran Integration Suite.

Use the following naming convention for a directory:

- UNIX - `install_dir/logs/directory`

- Windows - `install-dir\logs\directory`

In this convention:

- `install_dir` or `install-dir` refers to the name of the installation directory.
- `logs` refers to the primary log directory.
- `directory` refers to the subdirectory created when you start Gentran Integration Suite.

All the old log files are moved to this subdirectory for archiving. The naming convention to be used for the old log directory is `logs_mmddyy_hhmmss`.

Use the following naming convention for a log file:

`name.log.Dyyyymmdd.Thhmmss_#`

In this convention:

- `name` identifies the type of the log file.
- `log` refers to the file name extension, which indicates the file type.
- `Dyyyymmdd` refers to the date in the year, month, and day format. The `D` at the beginning refers to Date.
- `Thhmmss` refers to the time in hours, minutes, and seconds format. The `T` at the beginning refers to Time.
- `_#` is the increment of the log file. If you attempt to write a log file that already exists, `_#` is appended to the log file name, allowing you to write a new file and save the integrity of the existing file.

For example, if `mylog.D20041101.T092022` exists, and you try to save a new log file with the same name, the new file becomes `mylog.D20041101.T092022_2`, where `_2` indicates that it is the second log in a sequence using the same file name.

Note: The date and time components in a naming convention may or may not be present, depending on the type of the log. For example, the `noapp.log` does not include date and time information, but `ui.log.Dyyyymmdd.Thhmmss` includes date and time information.

Each time Gentran Integration Suite is started, the log files created since the last time it was started are archived in a time-stamped subdirectory. New log files, those created subsequent to the most recent execution of Gentran Integration Suite, are written to the `install_dir/logs` directory.

Viewing Log File Contents

Users of Gentran Integration Suite can view the contents of both current log files and old log files.

Note:

- If you are working in a clustered environment, the log information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the **Select Node** list.
 - The Gentran Integration Suite interface displays only the last 2500 lines of a current log file. To view the entire log, you must have read permission for the file system on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed. Open the log file in read-only mode using a text editor.
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To view the current log file contents in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Logs**.
2. Click the appropriate log file.

To view the old log file contents in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. In the `install_dir/logs/log` directory, locate the old log file that you want to view.
2. Open the log file in read-only mode using a text editor.

Analyzing Log File Contents

The contents of a log file provide information about system activities and problems. The format used for entries written to a log file is `YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.ss loglevel 'message code' Scope.Subsystem.Name 'information string'`.

In this convention:

- `YYYY-MM-DD` refers to the date in year, month, day format.
- `HH:MM:SS.ss` refers to the time in hour, minutes, seconds, and hundredths of a second format.
- `loglevel` indicates how much information is logged and the relative importance of the message. A subsystem may log only a subset of these messages (as defined in the `subsystem.loglevel` property of `log.properties`), discarding those that have a severity that is lower (less severe) than the current log level set for that subsystem.
 - **ERROR** – Collects only error conditions.
 - **INFO** – Collects additional information.
 - **TIMING** – Collects timing information.
 - **DEBUG** – Collects detailed information about data flow.
 - **ALL** – Collects information about all the conditions.
- `YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.ss loglevel 'message code' Scope.Subsystem.Name 'information string' message code` describes the activity or problem in the following format:
 - The first four digits specify the scope, such as Workflow, Ops, and Util.
 - The next digit specifies the log severity level (default conventions use 1 for errors or exceptions, 2 for debug messages, 3 for warnings, and 4 for information or other messages).
 - The last four digits specify the error number.
- `YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS.ss loglevel 'message code' Scope.Subsystem.Name 'information string' information string` is a brief description of the activity that occurred.

Following is an example of this format:

```
[2006-05-30 11:06:55.661] ALL 000440020297
```

```
SERVICES.SERVICES_CONTROLLER.INFO_sdi_getName startup: loading HTTP_SEND_ADAPTER
```

This indicates that at 11:06:55.661 a.m. on May 30, 2006, Gentran Integration Suite was started, and attempted to load the HTTP Send adapter (`HTTP_SEND_ADAPTER`). The message also provides information about:

- Scope (Services)
- The affected part of Gentran Integration Suite (Services Controller)
- What occurred (`INFO_sdi_getName`)
- Error code (0297)

Changing Log Settings

Gentran Integration Suite enables you to change the log settings globally and locally.

Changing Log Settings Globally

You can change log settings globally using the `customer_overrides.properties` file, which prevents customized property file changes from being overridden by updates or patches. You can change global settings in the `log.properties` file. For more information about the `customer_overrides.properties` file, refer to *Gentran Integration Suite Property Files* documentation.

Note: The customer override property file is not a part of the initial Gentran Integration Suite installation. It must be created and named `customer_overrides.properties`.

To change the property file settings using the `customer_overrides.properties` file, perform the following tasks:

1. In the `install_dir/properties` directory, either create or locate the `customer_overrides.properties` file.
2. Open the `customer_overrides.properties` file using a text editor.
3. Specify the settings for the global log properties described in the following table. These properties are displayed in the following format:

`logService.Property=Value`

- `logService` identifies the `log.properties` file in the `customer_overrides.properties` file.
- `Property` is the global property of the `log.properties` file that you want to set. See the following table for a list of properties.
- `Value` is the property setting of the `log.properties` file.

Property	Description
<code>newloggers</code>	Specifies whether to allow new log files to be created when the maximum log file size setting has been exceeded. Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>true</code> – Allow new logs to be created (Default) • <code>false</code> – Do not allow new logs to be created Example: <code>logService.newloggers=true</code>
<code>defaultlog</code>	Specifies the name of the default log. Default is <code>systemlogger</code> . Example: <code>logService.defaultlog=logtype</code>
<code>logtype.maxnumlogs</code>	Specifies the maximum number of logs to retain before deleting the old logs. Default is 10. Examples: <code>logService.defaultlog.maxnumlogs=15</code> sets the maximum number of a log type specified as the default log (<code>systemlogger</code> , by default) to 15. <code>logService.uilogger.maxnumlogs=20</code> sets the maximum number of UI type logs to 20.

The following table provides the log type name for each log file name defined by default in the `log.properties` file. If you have changed the file name, use the original file name to find the log type name.

File Name of Log (As Shown on the System Logs Screen)	Log Type (For the <code>customer_overrides.properties</code> file)
<code>alerterlogger.log</code>	<code>alerterlogger</code>
<code>archive.log</code>	<code>archivelogger</code>
<code>Authentication.log</code>	<code>AuthenticationLogger</code>
<code>cdinterop.log</code>	<code>cdinteroplogger</code>
<code>cdinterop_cdjava.log</code>	<code>cdinteropcjava_logger</code>

File Name of Log (As Shown on the System Logs Screen)	Log Type (For the customer_overrides.properties file)
ceuinterop.log	ceulogger
common3splogger.log	common3splogger
corbadapter.log	corbadapter
delete.log	deletelogger
ebXML.log	ebXMLlogger
EDIINT.log	EDIINTLogger
event.log	event
ftp.log	ftplogger
ftpclient.log	psftpclientlogger
http.log	httplogger
httpclient.log	httpclientlogger
jetty.log	jettylogger
lifecycle.log	lifecycleLogger
mailbox.log	mailboxlogger
mgmtdash.log	neo
noapp.log	noapplogger
oftp.log	oftplogger
ops_exe.log	opslogger
Perimeter.log	PSLogger
pipeline.log	pipelinelogger
report.log	reportlogger
resourcemonitor.log	resourcemonitorlogger
mif.log	rnlogger
sap.log	saplogger
schedule.log	schedulelogger
Security.log	SecurityLogger
servicesctl.log	sclogger
sftpclient.log	sftpclientlogger
sftpserver.log	sftpserverlogger
si_exe.log	sillogger
sql.log	sqllogger
SyncEngine.log	SyncEngineLogger

File Name of Log (As Shown on the System Logs Screen)	Log Type (For the customer_overrides.properties file)
system.log	systemlogger
system.log	purgellogger
test.log	testlogger
tracking.log	tracking
txtrace.log	txtracellogger
ui.log	uilogger
ui_performance.log	ui_perf_logger
webdav.log	webdavlogger
WebSphereMQSuite.log	wsmqSuiteLogger
webx.log	webxlogger
wf.log	wflogger
wfexception.log	wfexception_logger
wfstatistics.log	wfstatistics

4. Save and close the customer_overrides.properties file.
5. Stop the Gentran Integration Suite and restart it to use the new values.

Changing Log Settings for an Individual Log Type

For each log, you can specify the following information:

- Location of the log file
- The number of lines pertaining to the log file to be saved
- The amount of details to log

Note: If you are working in a clustered environment, the information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the **Select Node** list.

To change the log settings for an individual log type:

1. From the Administration menu, select **Operations > System > Logs**.
2. Click the icon next to the log type whose log settings you want to change.
3. In the Log Settings page, specify the settings for the options described in the following table:

Option	Description
Location	Specifies the absolute path for the log file.
Rollover Interval	If newloggers is set to false, the rollover interval specifies the point at which the oldest lines in the log file are deleted as new lines are created. If newloggers is set to true (default), the rollover interval is the maximum number of lines allowed in the log file before a new file is created. Select one of the following rollover interval values:

Option	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50000 lines • 100000 lines • 150000 lines • 200000 lines <hr/> <p>Note: Here, the term “lines” refers to logical lines (entries) and not physical lines. For example, following is a “line”:</p> <pre>[2005-07-11 08:12:07.679] ALL 000440020297 SERVICES.SERVICES_CONTROLLER.INFO_sdi_getName startup: loading HTTP_SEND_ADAPTER FtpConfig.logConfiguration() client configuration: ftpListenPort=[10021] localDataPortCollection=[null] localControlPortCollection=[null] minThreadPoolSize=[3] maxThreadPoolSize=[6] systemCertificateId=[null] caCertificatesIds=[null] passphrase=[*****] cipher=[Strong] sslOption=[SSL_NONE] sslAllowed=[false] sslRequired=[false] sslImplicit=[false] cccAllowed=[false] cccRequired=[false] clusterNodeName=[Node1] perimeterServerName=[local] nonTerminationCharsToTotalCharsRatio=[0.9]</pre> <hr/>
Logging Level	<p>Specifies the amount of details to log. Select one of the following values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On – Set the logging level to ALL, which includes debugging (creates larger files) • Off – Set the logging level to ERROR (Default), which only logs errors (creates smaller files) <hr/> <p>Note: Setting the logging level to ALL may generate an excessive amount of debugging information. You should lower the logging level after you have retrieved the debugging information you require.</p> <hr/>

4. Click **Save**.

Changing Log File Location

Gentran Integration Suite enables you to modify the location of the log files. Perform the following tasks:

1. Modify the LOG_DIR setting in `sandbox.cfg`.
2. Run the `setupfiles.sh` script to apply the changes.

However, the following log files created by the Gentran Integration Suite dashboard interface are not moved to the changed location indicated in `sandbox.cfg`:

- `jetspeed.log`
- `jetspeedservices.log`
- `torque.log`
- `turbine.log`
- `access.log`

To modify the location of these log files, run the `deployer.sh` script. This script rebuilds and redeploys the Web ARchive (WAR) files of the dashboard interface.

The locations of the log files created by the service configuration are hard coded in the configuration. As a result, the locations of these log files cannot be changed by modifying the setting in `sandbox.cfg`. Following is a list of these log files and their corresponding service configuration:

- `einvoicing.log` - eInvoiceLogger
- `SyncEngine.log` - SyncEngineLogger
- `UCCnet22.log` - UCCnet22Logger
- `UCCnetEdition.log` - UCCnetEditionLogger

To modify the location of these log files, you must modify the settings at the service configuration level.

Log File Types

The log files in Gentran Integration Suite can be classified under various types. The following table lists these types along with a description of the same.

Note: If you are working in a clustered environment, the log information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the **Select Node** list.

Log Type	Log Name	Description
Central Operations Server		
Operations Security	<code>opsSecurity.log</code>	Used by the security components. Indicates problems with startup, passwords, and passphrases.
Operations Server	<code>ops.log</code>	Used by the operations server.
	<code>opsServer.log</code>	Receives all the log messages the operations servers generate during startup.
Gentran:Server for UNIX		
Data Adapter		<p>Logs activities of the Gentran:Server for UNIX adapter. You cannot turn logging on or off for Gentran:Server for UNIX data adapter.</p> <p>Note: The Gentran:Server for UNIX logs are displayed only if you have Gentran Integration Suite configured for Gentran:Server for UNIX.</p>
Application Logs		

Log Type	Log Name	Description
Adapter Server	servicesctl.log	Used by the service controller component.
AFT Routing	aftrouting.log	
Alerter	alerterlogger.log	Logs notification failures and Alert own errors in the Alert Service. When debug is turned on, the alerter log type also logs all the alert information, such as defined alerter and filter information.
Archive	archive.log	Used by the archive components.
Business Process Exceptions	wfexception.log	Tracks the exceptions that occur while a business process is running.
Business Process Execution	wf.log	Captures information that is specific to running a business process.
Business Process Policy Statistics	wfstatistics.log	Contains workflow policy statistics generated by the workflow scheduling policy. Although the actual content depends on the scheduling policy in place, the business process policy statistics log type basically contains XML timestamps followed by XML records.
Connect:Direct Secure Perimeter Adapter	cdsp.log	
Connect:Direct Server Adapter Protocol Layer	cdinterop_cdjava.log	Used by the Connect:Direct Server adapter.
Connect:Direct Server and Requester Adapter and Services	cdinterop.log	Used by the Connect:Direct Server and Requester Adapter and related services
Connect:Enterprise Server Adapter and Services	ceuinterop.log	Used by the Connect:Enterprise Server adapter.
CORBA Adapter	corbaadapter.log	Used by the CORBA components.
Crypto	crypto.log	
CSP2 FTP Adapter	cspftp.log	
CSP2 Http Adapter	csphttp.log	
Dashboard and Community Management	mgmtdash.log	Used by the Dashboard and Community Manager components.
Data Store Approval Engine	approval.log	
Delete Resources	delete.log	Logs information about resources that have been deleted from Gentran Integration Suite.
Document Tracking	tracking.log	Logs document tracking activities.
ebXML Business Process Execution	ebXML.log	Logs ebXML business process execution activities.
EDI Log	edi.log	
EDIINT	EDIINT.log	Used by the EDIINT components.

Log Type	Log Name	Description
AS1 and AS2		
Embedded Engine	embeddedEngine.log	
Event Framework	event.log	Logs event framework activities for events completed in Gentran Integration Suite.
FTP Client Adapter and Services	ftpclient.log	Used by the FTP Client Adapter and related services.
FTP Server	ftp.log	Used by the FTP server components.
G:Server UNIX Lifecycle	lifecycle.log	Used by the Gentran:Server for UNIX Lifecycle components when loading lifecycle records.
Gentran:Server for UNIX Lifecycle Purge Service	system.log	Used by the Gentran:Server for UNIX Lifecycle purge components when purging lifecycle records.
HTTP Client Adapter and Services	httpclient.log	Used by the HTTP Client Adapter and related services.
HTTP Server Adapter	http.log	Used by the HTTP Server Adapter.
Integrator Administration	ui.log	Used by the Gentran Integration Suite interface.
Jetty HTTP Server	jetty.log	Used by the Jetty HTTP Server.
JMX Agent	jmx.log	
Log.ResourceMonitorLog	resourcemonitor.log	Used by the Resource Monitor.
Mailboxing Subsystem	mailbox.log	Used by the mailbox components in Gentran Integration Suite.
Odette FTP Adapter Administration	OdetteFTP.log	
OFTP Administration	oftp.log	Logs OFTP administration activities.
Perimeter Services	Perimeter.log	Used by the perimeter server components in Gentran Integration Suite.
Pipeline	pipeline.log	Used by the pipeline components.
Platform	platform.log	
Report	report.log	Used by the reporting components.
Reporting Services	bizIntel.log	
Resource Monitor	resourcemonitor.log	
RosettaNet Business Process Execution	rnif.log	Used by the RosettaNet™ components.
SAP Adapter Administration	sap.log	Used by the SAP® components.
SAP XI Adapter Administration	sapxi.log	
Schedule	schedule.log	Logs scheduling activities.
Schedule Monitor	schedulemonitor.log	

Log Type	Log Name	Description
Secure Proxy	secureproxy.log	
Security	security.log	Used by the security components. Indicates problems with startup and component licensing.
SFTP Client Adapter and Services	sftpclient.log	Used by the SFTP Client adapter and related services.
SFTP Common Log	common3splogger.log	Logs SFTP security errors.
SFTP Server Adapter	sftpserver.log	Used by the SFTP Server adapter.
SQL Manager	sql.log	Logs queries sent to the database by the SQL Query service.
SWIFTNet	swiftnet.log	
SyncEngine Components	SyncEngine.log	Logs synchronization engine activities.
System	system.log	Used as a general logging service, typically the default system log.
	noapp.log	Used on an application server-independent system as a general activity log.
System Output/Error Redirect	noapp.log	Used to provide additional system log information.
Translation Log	tx.log	
Translation Trace Output	txtrace.log	Used as a logging service that helps with map debugging. This log contains debugging messages that show how the translator traversed the maps definition and matched each block of data against the map.
User Authentication	Authentication.log	Logs user authentication attempts and activities.
Visibility	visibility.log	
Web Extension	webx.log	Used by the Web Extensions components in Gentran Integration Suite.
Web Services Security	wssec.log	
WebDAV Server	webdav.log	
WebSphereMQ Suite	WebSphereMQSuite.log	Used by the WebSphereMQ Suite Async Receiver adapter and related services.
Windows Service GI	si_exe.log	Log file created by the Gentran Integration Suite Windows service.
Windows Service Ops log	ops_exe.log	Log file created by the Opserver Windows service.
WorkFlow Deadline	bpdeadline.log	
WS-Reliability Routing	wstrm.log	

The following table describes the log files pertaining to the Gentran Integration Suite Windows service:

Log Name	Description
ScheduleBackup.log	Temporary file that is created when Gentran Integration Suite Windows service stops.
Backuplogs.log	Temporary file that is created when Gentran Integration Suite Windows service stops.
ScheduleStopOps.log	Temporary log file that can be ignored.

The following table describes the log files pertaining to the DMZ perimeter server:

Log Name	Description
PSLogger.Dyyyyymmdd.Thhmmss	Logs perimeter server information for the DMZ perimeter server.
StartupPS.log	Logs startup activities for the DMZ perimeter server.

Auditing

In Gentran Integration Suite, you can find information about the creation, modification, and deletion of a Gentran Integration Suite resource, using the AUDIT_ADMIN table. Resources include business processes, certificates (CA, trusted, system), maps, and schemas. You can access the AUDIT_ADMIN table through a simple database query.

The AUDIT_ADMIN table contains the following information:

- The date and time of a resource operation.
- The resource that was created, modified, or deleted.
- The resource operation (creation, modification, or deletion).
- The User ID of the user who performed the operation.

The AUDIT_ADMIN table also contains information about when a user obtains or releases a lock on a resource using the Lock Manager, if the type of modification cannot be determined in the Lock Manager.

You can generate reports (by Resource Type or User ID) from the AUDIT_ADMIN table. Use the following procedure to generate an Admin-Audit Report:

1. In the **Administration** Menu, select **Operations > Reports**.
2. In the **Search** section of the screen that is displayed, select the **Admin Audit** type.
3. Click the **source manager** icon adjacent the report you want to generate:
 - AdminAuditByObjectType (by Resource Type)
 - AdminAuditByPrincipal (by User ID)
4. In the Report Source Manager page that is displayed, click the **execute** icon.

The Admin-Audit Report is displayed.

The Admin-Audit Report (whether by Report Type or User ID), includes the following columns. The AUDIT_ADMIN table field name is displayed within parentheses after the column name.

- Action Type (ACTION_TYPE)

Example: Modified

- Action Value (ACTION_VALUE)

Example: Message Purge

- Principal (PRINCIPAL)

Example: UserID

- Resource Name (OBJECT_NAME)

Example: Message Maintenance

- Resource Type (OBJECT_TYPE)

Example: User News

- Time (TIME)

Example: 07/15/2008 12:48:54 PM

The AUDIT_ADMIN table also includes the ARCHIVE_DATE field, which is the earliest date on which the data can be purged.

The audit process tracks the following resources:

- Accounts
- Application Configurations
- Business Processes
- Digital Certificates
- Communities
- ebXML Specifications
- Extended Rule Libraries
- Maps
- Mail Boxes
- PGP Profiles
- Proxy policies
- Proxy Setmaps
- Perimeter Servers
- Report Configurations
- Schedules
- XML Schemas
- Security Tokens
- Service Configurations
- SSH Resources
- SWIFTNet Routing Rules
- Trading Partner Data
- Web Resources
- Web Services
- WSDL
- Web Templates
- XSLTs

Monitoring a Business Process Thread

A thread is a basic unit of program execution. Threads perform the actual work in a process. A process can have several threads working concurrently, for example, transferring a file to one node using FTP, and to another node using HTTP. The Activity Engine is that part of a business process workflow engine (WFE) that calls the business process service, takes the results from the service, and immediately starts the next business process service cycle.

You can monitor the threads related to business processes in Gentran Integration Suite using the Thread Monitor. The Thread Monitor lists all the threads that are currently running in the Activity Engine. This information is useful for troubleshooting business processes that have either stopped or are hanging. You can also stop a thread from the Thread Monitor.

Note: Whenever possible, stop business processes using the options provided in the Business Process Monitor. These options allow you to maintain the state and the status information.

Monitoring a Thread

To monitor threads, from the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > Thread Monitor**. Gentran Integration Suite displays the following information for each thread:

- The state of the thread.
- The ID of the thread. (Click the ID number for more information about the thread.)
- The type of the thread:
 - Business Process – Click the ID number in the ID column to display the Business Process Detail page.
 - RMI (Remote Management Interface) – Click the ID number in the ID column to display the Business Process Detail page.
 - Harness – Click the ID number in the ID column to display the Business Process Detail page.
 - Schedule – Click the ID number in the ID column to display the Schedule settings.
- The processing priority assigned to the thread
- The date and time at which the thread was registered

Note: You can also view thread details from the System Troubleshooting screen (**Operations > System > Troubleshooter**).

Interrupting a Thread

Important: Before using the Thread Monitor to interrupt a thread, contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support for assistance. Else, unexpected processing results may occur, which may in turn affect other processes. It is recommended that you interrupt the business processes from the Business Process Monitor.

To interrupt a thread, click the **Interrupt** icon adjacent that thread. This instructs the thread to immediately interrupt processing without waiting for any steps to complete or exit with an error. In most cases, the thread will be interrupted immediately, but the display in the Thread Monitor will not be changed immediately. The thread will be marked as interrupted later.

Note: In some situations, it may not be possible to interrupt a thread, and your attempt may not succeed. Interrupting a thread does not stop the service the thread is using. The service is still available for Gentran Integration Suite to use in other business processes.

Stopping a Thread

Important: Before using the Thread Monitor to interrupt a thread, contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support for assistance. Else, unexpected processing results may occur, which may in turn affect other processes. It is recommended that you interrupt the business processes from the Business Process Monitor.

To stop a thread, click the **Stop** icon adjacent the thread that is to be stopped. This instructs the thread to immediately stop processing without waiting for any steps to complete or exit with an error. In most cases, the thread will stop immediately. However, this will not immediately change the display in the Thread Monitor. The thread will eventually be marked as interrupted.

Note: In some cases, it is not possible to stop a thread, and your attempt will be unsuccessful. Stopping a thread does not stop the service that is performing that thread. The service is still available for Gentran Integration Suite to use in other business processes.

Setting the Refresh Option for the Thread Monitor

By default, the Thread Monitor is set to automatically refresh every 15 seconds. To turn this option off, clear the **Automatically refresh every 15 seconds** check box.

Monitoring Messages

In Gentran Integration Suite, business processes use messages to communicate with each other. Certain business processes create Produce and Consume messages. While the Produce business processes produce messages that are to be consumed, the Consume business processes wait for messages from the Produce business processes.

Sometimes the handoff from the Produce business processes to the Consume business processes does not occur. Either the produced message has no waiting Consume process, or the waiting Consume process waits without success for the Produce message. Use the Message Monitor to track unsuccessful message handoffs within Gentran Integration Suite.

It is recommended that you keep the following considerations in mind when monitoring messages within Gentran Integration Suite:

- The Message Monitor pages of the Gentran Integration Suite interface display only those messages associated with a failed Produce or Consume activity. Messages that are successfully produced or consumed are not monitored.
- Messages are tied closely to business processes. You can search for messages by business process name, type of business process (Produce or Consume), and date and time on which the associated business process step invokes the Produce or Consume activity. However, messages also have identities that are separate from business processes. Messages have names, and their names can be used as search input.
- Sometimes Produce and Consume business processes have to choose between messages having the same name. Let us for example consider that two Produce processes run at different times; both produce a message named OutMsg1. Thus, there are two messages named OutMsg1 in Gentran Integration Suite, but with different start date/times. When a Consume process detects the two messages, it consumes the OutMsg1 with the later start date/time. The situation also works in reverse. Two Consume processes request an identically named message (InMsg1). When a Produce process produces InMsg1, it produces InMsg1 for the Consume process with the earlier start date/time.
- Unsuccessful messages remain in Gentran Integration Suite until an appropriate Produce or Consume business process step completes the message handoff and uses the message.

Note: Unsuccessful messages never expire or time out.

Searching for a Message

To search for a message in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > Message Monitor**.
2. In the Message Monitor screen that is displayed, select one of the following search criteria and click **Go!**
 - **Message Name** – Displays messages whose names contain the specified character or string.
 - **Start Date:** and **End Date:** – Displays messages for which the related business process step invokes either the Produce or Consume activity at the specified start date and time. The start date and time that are displayed by default depends on whether Gentran Integration Suite has outstanding unsuccessful messages.
 - If there are no unsuccessful messages in Gentran Integration Suite, the **Start Date:** field displays the current system date and time minus one minute, and the **End Date:** field displays the current system date and time plus one minute.
 - If there are unsuccessful messages in Gentran Integration Suite, the **Start Date:** field displays the date and time of the unsuccessful message with the earliest start date and time, minus one minute, and the **End Date:** field displays the date and time of the unsuccessful message with the latest start date and time, plus one minute.
 - **Alphabetically** or **by message type** (ALL, Producer, or Consumer) – Displays those messages initiated by business processes that:
 - Have names starting with a particular letter or number selected from the Alphabetically list. Default is ALL (all business processes).
 - Are either Produce or Consume processes, or both (ALL).
3. Review the information pertaining to the listed messages. This information is displayed in the following columns:
 - **Type** – Type of business process associated with the message, either Produce or Consume.
 - **ID** – ID of the business process associated with the message. Click an ID in this column to display the Business Process Details page of the business process.
 - **Process Name** – Name of the associated Produce business process or Consume business process. Click a process name in this column to display the BPML of the business process.
 - **Message Name** – Name of the unconsumed message.
 - **Start Time** – Start date and time of the associated step within the business process.

Reviewing System Information

Use the System Troubleshooting page (**Operations > System > Troubleshooter**) to review system information and troubleshoot system issues in Gentran Integration Suite.

From the System Troubleshooting page, you can perform the following tasks:

- View system information on different nodes from any node in a clustered environment.
- Refresh system status.
- Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
- View database usage statistics.

Note: If IBM DB2 is your database, the database usage statistics are always displayed as unavailable in the System Troubleshooting page.

- View business process queue and usage statistics.
- Terminate a business process.

- View system classpath information.
- View system JNDI tree information.
- View environment statistics, including cache and memory used.
- View perimeter server information.
- View when the archive, index, and purge tasks were completed.

The System Troubleshooting page is divided into different areas. The following table provides a general description of each area. The subsequent sections provide further details about each area.

Area	Information
Select Node	<p>The Select Node list is displayed only if you are working in a clustered environment. Your selection determines which node's information is displayed in the rest of the System Troubleshooting page.</p> <p>The select node list enables you to select a node in a clustered environment, which in turn decides the node whose information is to be displayed in the System Troubleshooting page.</p>
System Status	<p>The System Status area displays the following information and options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start time • Uptime • Refresh status • Stop the system • Database usage • Business process queue usage • Business process usage • Classpath information • Java™ Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) tree structure • Length of time since the following system cleanup processes (the Clean-Up Processes Monitor link) were completed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule_BackupService • Schedule_IndexBusinessProcessService • Schedule_PurgeService • Schedule_BPLinkagePurgeService • Schedule_BPRcovery <hr/> <p>Note: To refresh the system status, click Refresh Status.</p>
Gentran:Server	<p>This area is displayed only if you have configured your system for Gentran:Server Data Manager support.</p> <p>The Gentran:Server area displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host • Location • State • Controllers • Adapters

Area	Information
Application Status	<p>The Application Status area displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster Node <hr/> <p>Note: The cluster node name is displayed only if you are working in a clustered environment.</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host • Location • State • Memory available • Active threads • Cache usage • Threads • List of active controllers • List of all the adapters in the system and their status <hr/> <p>Note: Click an adapter name to view details about its status in the Service Settings page.</p>
Database Services	<p>The name of this area changes along with the database that you are running, for example, MySQL Services for a MySQL database.</p> <p>The Database Services area displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host • Location • State
RMIAPrime Services	<p>The RMIAPrime Services area displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host • Location • State
Perimeter Servers	<p>The information in this area is displayed only after you have added a perimeter server to Gentran Integration Suite.</p> <p>The Perimeter Servers area displays the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cluster node name (in a clustered environment only) • Whether the perimeter server is on or off • State, either enabled or disabled • Name of the perimeter server • Last activity

The System Status Area

The System Status section of the System Troubleshooting page displays the following information:

Note: If you are working in a clustered environment, the information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the Select Node list.

- Current date and time
- Start Time – The date and time on which the system was last started or restarted.
- Uptime – The amount of time for which the system has been running since the last start or restart.
- Refresh Status – Updates the system status.
- Stop the System – Stops Gentran Integration Suite using the softstop script.
- Database Usage – Displays database usage statistics, such as database capacity and environment pool usage.
- Business Process Queue Usage – Displays business process queue usage statistics.
- Business Process Usage – Displays business process usage statistics for different states, such as Active, Halted, and Interrupted_Man.
- Classpath – Displays the Gentran Integration Suite classpath.
- JNDI Tree – Displays the JNDI tree in Gentran Integration Suite.
- Clean-Up Processes Monitor – Displays the time since the archive, index, and purge tasks were completed.

Refreshing System Status

System status information is collected continuously. To view the most current system status, refresh the system status using the following procedure:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **Refresh Status**.
3. The system status information is refreshed and the most current information is displayed.

Stopping Gentran Integration Suite from the System Troubleshooting Page

You can stop Gentran Integration Suite using the System Troubleshooting page. However, stopping Gentran Integration Suite in this manner stops Gentran Integration Suite using the softstop script, allowing all the business processes to complete before stopping the system.

Important: Using the Stop the System option stops only the Gentran Integration Suite interface immediately, while all the business processes that are in progress run until complete. After all the business processes' current services are completed, Gentran Integration Suite stops. To stop the system and all the processing immediately, in the *install_dir/bin* directory, run the hardstop script. All the processes that have not been completed will stop and have to be restarted.

To stop Gentran Integration Suite using the System Troubleshooting page:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **Stop the System**.
3. A message asking you for confirmation is displayed. Click **OK**.

The interface stops immediately, but all the business processes that are in progress are completed before the system stops.

Viewing Database Usage Statistics

Database usage statistics show how your database is performing, including database insert information, database capacity, and environment pool usage. Gentran Integration Suite uses pools to store database connections. To change pool settings, you must manually edit the configuration files and restart the system.

Note: Database usage statistics are not available for DB2.

To view database usage statistics:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **Database Usage**.

Note: If you have the `displayGraphics` property, which is located in the `install_dir/properties/ui.properties` file, set to true, the Database Usage page is displayed in graphic format. Otherwise, the Database Usage page is displayed in text format. The default is true for Linux[®], Sun[™], HP, and Microsoft Windows[®] operating systems. The default is false for IBM AIX[®] and IBM iSeries[®] operating systems.

The Database Usage report is displayed with the following information for each unit test of the database:

- Average time taken to perform a given number of database inserts in a unit test
- Number of inserts performed to the database in a unit test

Note: You can change the value of the `dbAccessLoopCnt` property in the `install_dir/properties/ui.properties.in` file. After making the changes, in the `install_dir/bin` directory, run the `setupfiles` script.

- Size of the inserts performed to the database in the unit test.

Note: You can change the value of the `dbAccessDataSize` property in the `install_dir/properties/ui.properties.in` file. After making the changes, in the `install_dir/bin` directory, run the `setupfiles` script.

- Size of the database and the amount of the database used (in megabytes):
 - Green – Normal range
 - Yellow – Warning range
 - Red – Critical range
- Number of business processes that are waiting to be archived, indexed, or purged
- Size (in megabytes) of the following pools and the number of requests that had to wait for the following pools:
 - `gentranTPPool`
 - `databaseArchivePool`
 - `databasePool`
 - `databasePool_local`
 - `databasePool_NoTrans`
 - `databasePool_Select`
 - `databaseUIPool`

Note: The database part of the pool names changes depending on the database you are using, for example, if the database is MySQL, you will see `mysqlPool`.

Viewing the System Classpath

You can view the system classpath for debugging purposes and to verify whether third-party libraries are available in the classpath.

To view the system classpath:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **Classpath**.

Information about the System Class Path and the Dynamic Class Loader is displayed.

Viewing the System JNDI Tree

You can view the system JNDI tree for debugging purposes and to verify whether the expected resources, for example, adapters or pool names, are in the JNDI tree.

To view the system JNDI tree:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **JNDI Tree**.

The system JNDI tree displays the JNDI name and class name pairs.

Viewing a Node JNDI Tree in a Clustered Environment

You can view a specific node's JNDI tree for debugging purposes and to verify whether the expected resources, for example, adapters or pool names, are in the JNDI tree. This option is available only in a clustered environment.

To view a node's JNDI tree in a clustered environment:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **node#**, where # is the number of the node you want to view information about.

The node's JNDI tree displays JNDI name, class name pairs, and the node name.

Viewing the Clean-Up Processes Monitor Details

You can view details about the time that has lapsed since the completion of different cleanup processes, including archiving, purging, and indexing. This helps you view, at a single location, information about whether these processes are running and completing.

To view the Clean-Up Process Monitor details:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, in the System Status area, click **Clean-Up Processes Monitor**.

The Clean-Up Processes Monitor Details window displays the status, workflow (or cleanup process) name, the date and time at which the workflow was last run, and the workflow ID.

The Status column has the following values:

- Red – More than four times the scheduled interval has elapsed without a successful execution.
- Yellow – More than three times the scheduled interval has elapsed without a successful execution.
- Green – The last scheduled instance completed successfully.
- Gray – Either the process has never completed any scheduled instance or has never been scheduled.

Note: Red or Yellow status may mean that the process is not able to complete the data cleanup tasks. If this condition continues even after you have taken steps to resolve the errors, contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support.

The Application Status Area

The Application Status area of the System Troubleshooting page displays the current operational status of the processing environment for your installation of Gentran Integration Suite. The System Troubleshooting page displays separate information for each installation.

If you are working in a clustered installation of Gentran Integration Suite, the information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the Select Node list.

The following information is provided for each installation:

- The cluster node name, if you are working in a clustered installation of Gentran Integration Suite.

Note: The cluster node list is displayed only if you are working in a cluster. After you set up your cluster, the selected cluster node list is displayed.

- Host - The name of the host on which a specific installation resides.
- Location - The location or path of the installation.
- State - The running state of the installation, either Active (available for processing) or Inactive.
- Memory in use - The amount of memory used by Gentran Integration Suite.
- Active threads - The number of concurrent threads that are active.
- Cache usage - Information about the caches used by Gentran Integration Suite.
- Threads - Information about the active threads.
- Controllers - The state and name of each controller or server in the Gentran Integration Suite installation.
- Adapters - The state, name, and type of each adapter installed in the Gentran Integration Suite installation.

Viewing Cache Usage Information

Gentran Integration Suite uses caches to hold information that is frequently requested by the system. For each cache, the Cache Usage report displays statistics pertaining to the count, number of requests, and number of successful hits. To change cache settings, refer to the information provided in the topic [Performance Tuning Utility](#) on page 102. You can view the cache usage information to monitor the use of various cache types.

To view cache usage:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Application Status area of the System Troubleshooting page, click **Cache Usage**.

The Cache Usage report displays the following information for each cache type:

- Cache name – Name of the cache
- Count – Number of objects in the cache
- Requests – Number of times an object was requested from the cache, irrespective of whether it was found or not.
- Hits – Number of times an object was requested from the cache, and was found successfully.

Viewing Threads

To view threads in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Application Status area of the System Troubleshooting page, click **Threads**.

The Threads report is displayed.

Refreshing a Controller

You can refresh the controllers that are running in your environment using the System Troubleshooting page.

To refresh a controller:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Application Status area of the System Troubleshooting page, under the Refresh column, click the **Refresh** icon adjacent the controller you want to refresh.

The controller is refreshed.

The Database Services Area

The Database Services area of the System Troubleshooting page displays the following information about your database:

- Name of the host on which a database resides
- Location or path of the database installation
- State of the database, either Active or Inactive

Notes:

- The name of the Database Services area that is displayed depends on the database you are running, for example, MySQL Services for a MySQL installation.
 - In a cluster, the database is shared by all the nodes in the cluster. The database information displayed in the Database Services area is the same across all the nodes in the cluster.
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The RMIAPrime Service Area

The RMIAPrime Service area of the System Troubleshooting page displays the following information about the RMIAPrime Service:

- Name of the host
- Location of or path to the RMIAPrime Service
- State of the RMIAPrime Service, either Active or Inactive

Note: If you are working in a clustered environment, the information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the Select Node list.

The Perimeter Servers Area

The Perimeter Servers area of the System Troubleshooting page displays the following information about each of your perimeter servers:

- Name of the cluster node with which the perimeter server is associated
- State of the perimeter server, Enabled or Disabled
- Name of the perimeter server
- Date and time of the last activity the perimeter server performed

Notes:

- If you are working in a clustered environment, the information that is displayed is determined by the node you select from the Select Node list.
 - If you are not using a perimeter server, the perimeter server name is displayed as local, and the server state is Enabled.
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Enabling a Perimeter Server

You can enable a disabled perimeter server using the System Troubleshooting page.

To enable a perimeter server:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Perimeter Servers area of the System Troubleshooting page, under the On/Off column, select the check box adjacent the perimeter server you want to enable.

Disabling a Perimeter Server

You can disable an enabled perimeter server using the System Troubleshooting page.

To disable a perimeter server:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Perimeter Servers area of the System Troubleshooting page, under the On/Off column, select the check box adjacent the perimeter server you want to disable.

Viewing Perimeter Server Settings

You can view the perimeter server settings to either verify the settings' accuracy or to plan changes as required.

To view perimeter server settings:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the Perimeter Servers area of the System Troubleshooting page, under the Name column, click the name of the perimeter server whose details you want to view.

Monitoring Node Status

If you are working in a clustered environment, information is available about all the nodes in the cluster.

To view node status information:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Cluster > Node Status**. The Node Status page displays the information described in the following table:

Heading	Description
Name	Displays the names of the nodes.
URL	Displays the uniform resource locator of node.
Troubleshooter	Provides a link to the System Troubleshooter.
Token Node	Indicates whether this is a token node. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• True – Indicates that this is the token node.• False – Indicates that this is not the token node.
Creation Time	Displays the date and time on which a node was created.
Status	Displays the status of a node. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Active – Indicates that a node is working and is available for processing.• Node went down – Indicates that a node is not working and is not available for processing.

Heading	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Node completely down – Indicates that all the services of a node have been stopped completely. • Starting Ops – Indicates that a node is starting up, but is not available for processing. <hr/> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is indicated that a node has gone down, in the <i>install_dir/bin</i> directory of the node, run the <i>hardstop.sh</i> (for UNIX) or the <i>hardstop.cmd</i> (for Windows) script, and then run the <i>run.sh</i> (for UNIX) or the <i>startWindowsService.cmd</i> (for Windows) script. This stops all processing, and restarts the node. • Rerun the script of a node when its status is Node completely down. You can monitor the status of the restarted node in the other nodes of the cluster too.

2. To view more details about a node, click the name of the node in the Node Status page. This displays a details page containing the information described in the following table:

Heading	Description
Node Name	Displays the name of the node.
URL	Displays the uniform resource locator of node.
Token	<p>Indicates whether this is a token node.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • True – Indicates that this is the token node. • False – Indicates that this is not the token node.
Creation Time	Displays the date and time on which a node was created.
Status	<p>Displays the status of a node.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active – Indicates that a node is working and is available for processing. • Node went down – Indicates that a node is not working and is not available for processing. • Node completely down – Indicates that all the services of a node have been stopped completely. • Starting Ops – Indicates that a node is starting up, but is not available for processing. <hr/> <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it is indicated that a node has gone down, in the <i>install_dir/bin</i> directory of the node, run the <i>hardstop.sh</i> (for UNIX) or the <i>hardstop.cmd</i> (for Windows) script, and then run the <i>run.sh</i> (for UNIX) or the <i>startWindowsService.cmd</i> (for Windows) script. This stops all processing, and restarts the node. • Rerun the script of a node when its status is Node completely down. You can monitor the status of the restarted node in the other nodes of the cluster too.
Location	Displays the directory path on which the node is installed.

Heading	Description
Role	States the role of the node.
Operation Controller Host	Displays the name of the server acting as the Operation Controller Host.
Operation Controller Port	Displays the port number of the Operation Controller.
Gentran Integration Suite Version	Displays the version of Gentran Integration Suite that is installed in the node.
JVM Version	Displays the version number for the Java Virtual Machine (JVM™).
JVM Vendor	Shows the vendor who provided the JVM™.
The information described in the following rows is displayed only if queueWatcher=true in the <i>install_dir/properties/noapp.properties</i> file.	
Multicast Info	<p>Provides information about the communication mechanism across nodes. This is used to provide load factor and status information about a node to all the other nodes in a cluster.</p> <p>Clustering uses the JGroups communication toolkit, which supports the following communication protocols, which can be configured during deployment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UDP (User Datagram Protocol) (IP multicast) • TCP
Engine Queue Content (Use the drop-down menu to select the queue you want to review)	Provides a link to the Engine Queue Content page for the node and queue. This page contains details about active threads, and the items in the queue that are waiting for a thread.
Distribution Size	<p>Provides a link to the Distribution Size page. This page contains the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduling policy details • Soft reference cache details • Queue details (for each queue)

Retiring and Removed Services and Adapters

Gentran Integration Suite retires and removes resources that include services, adapters, business processes, and maps. Following are the reasons for retiring and removing resources:

- An existing resource has been replaced by an improved version of the same resource.
- An existing resource has become obsolete because of changes in the behavior of Gentran Integration Suite.

Refer to the [Retiring and Removed Services and Adapters](#) documentation for more information.

Performance Tuning

Performance Tuning Utility

Gentran Integration Suite provides a utility that calculates the tuning parameter values for you. Using the Performance Tuning Utility, you can tune and configure Gentran Integration Suite according to your business requirements. You can change the database settings, memory allocations, and pool settings to enable Gentran Integration Suite to perform according to your requirements. However, note that you cannot use the Utility to tune your business processes. For more information about tuning business processes, refer to *Gentran Integration Suite Business Process Modeling Guide*.

This topic provides information about calculating the settings required and viewing and editing performance configuration settings.

Calculating the Settings Required

Gentran Integration Suite calculates the settings that are required based on the number of cores and the amount of memory you specify. These performance properties are stored in the `tuning.properties` file in the `install_dir/properties` directory. The calculations are made according to formulae in the `tuningFormulas.properties` file in the `install_dir/properties` directory. The calculations for determining the appropriate number of threads is only a guideline, using which you can achieve a well-tuned system.

Repeat the following procedure until your system is well tuned:

1. Run a one-hour load test on the system on which you have installed Gentran Integration Suite. Record the results for CPU utilization and application performance. Monitor the average utilization and peaks. If the peaks are sustained for more than approximately 20 minutes, improper sizing may result in substantial queuing of work while waiting for resources. The nature of the application and the business problem it is solving determines whether you should use average utilization or peak utilization for determining the desired performance levels.
2. Increase or decrease the number of threads by approximately 10% for each iteration. The number of threads that are increased or decreased should be a multiple of the number of cores, or one thread for every two cores, where core is an independent processing engine.

Note: Monitor all the nodes in a clustered deployment.

3. Run the one-hour load test again. Record the results for CPU utilization and application performance.

- Compare the results of CPU utilization and application performance to determine if your new thread allocation has improved performance.

Note: An increase in the number of global threads may require you to increase the amount of memory allocated to the Gentran Integration Suite JVM. If out-of-memory conditions occur during testing, or if CPU utilization increases because of JVM garbage collection activities, increase the amount of memory allocated to the JVM. In general, garbage collection activity should not account for more than 3% of CPU utilization.

On a 32-bit JVM, you cannot increase the memory of the JVM beyond 2 GB.

If you are still unable to achieve a well-tuned system, you may want to engage Sterling Commerce Professional Services. Contact your Sales Representative for more information about this.

The following table shows the default and calculated performance tuning properties for a 6-core system:

Performance Tuning Property (Formula)	Default Value	User-Identified Value
Number of cores in system (shipped value = 4)	2	6
Physical memory (MB) allocated to Gentran Integration Suite (shipped value = 1024)	768	2048

The following properties are calculated according to the number of cores and physical memory	Default Value	Calculated Value
Desired Global Threads (4 * Processor Number)	8	24
In memory cache size (MB) for small contexts (0.25 * Physical Memory)	192	512
Disk cache size (MB) (2 * Physical Memory)	1536	4096
Transactional pool connections (initial) ((4 * Processor Number) + 5)	13	29
Transactional pool connections (max) ((4 * Processor Number) + 30)	38	54
Non-transactional pool connections (initial)	13	29

The following properties are calculated according to the number of cores and physical memory	Default Value	Calculated Value
((4 * Processor Number) + 5)		
Non-transactional pool connections (max) ((4 * processor number) + 5)	13	29
JVM long-lived memory (min) (Any number greater than 512 is calculated to 2048)	768	2048
JVM long-lived memory (max) (Any number greater than 512 is calculated to 2048)	768	2048
JVM short-lived memory (min) (0.33333 * Physical Memory)	256	683
JVM short-lived memory (max) (0.33333 * Physical Memory)	256	683
Number of BP steps executed before returning to queue (No formula)	100	100
Initial steps in the first execute cycle (No formula)	2	2
Translation maps Cache (No formula)	100	100
Envelopes Cache (No formula)	500	500
Other EDI Cache (No formula)	100	100

Viewing or Editing Performance Configuration Settings

This topic provides information about the following tasks:

- Viewing Performance Configuration Settings
- Editing Performance Configuration Settings

Viewing Performance Configuration Settings

You can view the performance configuration settings to verify if a particular performance configuration setting is correct.

To view your performance configuration settings:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**.
2. In the Performance Tuning page, under **View**, next to **View Performance Configuration**, click **Go!**.
3. In the Performance Settings page, review the performance configuration settings.
4. Click **Return** to return to the Performance Tuning page.

Editing Performance Configuration Settings

To reach the level of performance you require, you may have to allocate the following items in higher or lower quantity to specific components of Gentran Integration Suite:

- System memory
- Database pools
- Cache

You can use the performance tuning utility to accomplish your goals and meet your business requirements.

You should configure the performance settings based on your processing and volume requirements. If you have used Sterling Commerce Consulting Services, review the Recommended Requirements report. If you have not used Sterling Commerce Consulting Services, refer to the topic [The Performance and Tuning Worksheet](#) on page 172 and tune Gentran Integration Suite according to the requirements specified in the worksheet.

You can use the Performance Tuning Utility to edit the Gentran Integration Suite performance configuration using the settings calculated by the system. Alternatively, if you have specific requirements, you can edit the existing performance configuration without using the settings calculated by the system.

To edit your performance configuration:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**.
2. In the Performance Tuning page, under **Edit**, next to **Edit Performance Configuration**, click **Go!**.
3. On clicking Go, the Performance Tuning UI lock-enabled message is displayed:

Performance Tuning UI lock enabled. Lock will be released only by clicking on Cancel or Finish in the wizard.

Click **OK**. If the lock is not released or if you close the page without clicking **Cancel** or **Finish**, you must use the Lock Manager function to release the lock.

4. In the Edit Mode page that is displayed, select one of the following options:
 - **Generate recommended settings** – On selecting this option, Gentran Integration Suite calculates the recommended settings based on the number of CPUs and amount of memory you specify. Refer to the topic [Calculating the Settings Required](#) on page 102 for more information about the settings that have been calculated. The Performance Tuning pages will display both the current setting and the recommended setting for each property. You can either accept the recommended setting or enter a different value in the fields under the Recommended column, based on your performance requirements.
 - **Edit settings** – On selecting this option, Gentran Integration Suite displays the current setting for each property. You can either keep the current setting or enter a new value based on your performance requirements.
5. Click Next.
6. In the System page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.

- If yes, click **Next**.
- If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Field	Description
Number of CPU(s)	This field is displayed only if you select Generate recommended settings in the Edit Mode page. Number of actual CPUs in the system. Gentran Integration Suite does not scan your system to obtain this information. Therefore you must enter a value in this field. This field changes the PROCESSORS property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 2.
Physical memory (MB) allocated to Gentran Integration Suite	Amount of memory allocated for use in processing Gentran Integration Suite operations. This field changes the MEMORY property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 768 MB.

If you selected Generate recommended settings in the Edit Mode page, the remaining recommended settings are calculated according to the number of CPUs and allocated memory you specify.

7. In the BP Queue page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.

- If yes, click **Next**.
- If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Field	Description
Desired Global Threads	Number of active business processes that can run concurrently. This field changes the GLOBAL_THREADLIMIT property and the JMS_LISTNERS property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 8. Typically, you require higher values with more CPUs, and lower values with fewer CPUs. Too many threads cause thrashing, in which the hard disk is used a lot for virtual memory, and performance slows down.
In memory cache size (MB) for small contexts	Amount of memory allocated to the business process queue. After Gentran Integration Suite reaches this limit, it writes all the messages, except active messages, to disk. This field changes the JMS_PAGING_HIGH property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 192 MB. Increasing this value too much reduces the amount of memory available for the other components of Gentran Integration Suite, such as caches and general processing.
Disk cache size (MB)	Maximum amount of disk space used to store the business process context when it is being moved from memory. This limit ensures that Gentran Integration Suite does not

Field	Description
	consume all the available disk space. This field changes the JMS_PAGING_MAX property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 1536 MB.

8. In the Database Pool page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.

- If yes, click **Next**.
- If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Transactional pool connections are used by the workflow engine to manage database operations during a workflow step. Commands issued to a transactional connection are not committed to the database until the end of the workflow step, allowing rollback if the workflow step fails. Nontransactional pool connections are used when rollback is not required.

The pool size must be large enough to process business processes without waiting for a connection. In addition, if you have many File System adapters, you may have to increase the value of this property to improve performance.

Field	Description
Transactional pool connections (initial)	Initial number of connections that are reserved and available for critical data requests (for example, persisting workflow data) when Gentran Integration Suite starts. If Gentran Integration Suite uses all the connections concurrently, it creates a new connection until it reaches the maximum number of connections. This field changes the MIN_TRANS_POOL property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 13.
Transactional pool connections (max)	Maximum number of connections that are reserved and available for critical data requests that Gentran Integration Suite can use concurrently. After a connection is no longer in use, the connection is returned to the available connections pool and can be reused. When Gentran Integration Suite reaches the value specified in this field, it must wait for a connection to be returned to the pool before processing the data request. This field changes the MAX_TRANS_POOL property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 38.
Non-transactional pool connections (initial)	Initial number of connections that are reserved and available for general data requests (for example, retrieving data) when Gentran Integration Suite starts. If Gentran Integration Suite uses all the connections concurrently, it creates a new connection until it reaches the maximum number of connections.

Field	Description
	This field changes the MIN_NONTRANS_POOL property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir</i> /properties directory. Shipped value is 13.
Non-transactional pool connections (max)	<p>Maximum number of connections that are reserved and available for general data requests that Gentran Integration Suite can use concurrently. When a connection is no longer in use, the connection is returned to the available connection pool and can be reused. When Gentran Integration Suite reaches the value specified in this field, it must wait for a connection to be returned to the pool before processing the data request.</p> <p>This field changes the MAX_NONTRANS_POOL property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir</i>/properties directory. Shipped value is 13.</p>

If you have purchased additional adapters, you may have to increase the database pools to reduce the chances of a business process or adapter having to wait for a database connection.

9. In the Memory page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.
 - If yes, click **Next**.
 - If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Field	Description
JVM long-lived memory (initial)	Initial amount of JVM memory that Gentran Integration Suite reserves for long-lived objects when Gentran Integration Suite starts. This field changes the INIT_HEAP property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir</i> /properties directory. Shipped value is 768.
JVM long-lived memory (max)	Maximum amount of JVM memory that Gentran Integration Suite can use for long-lived objects. This field changes the MAX_HEAP property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir</i> /properties directory. Shipped value is 768.
JVM short-lived memory (min)	<p>Initial amount of JVM memory that Gentran Integration Suite uses for short-lived objects. This field changes the INIT_AGE property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir</i>/properties directory. Shipped value is 256.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: JVM short-lived memory has a fast garbage collection rate. To avoid reduced performance, set the JVM short-lived memory to one-third of the JVM long-lived memory.</p> <hr/>
JVM short-lived memory (max)	Maximum amount of JVM memory that Gentran Integration Suite uses for short-lived objects. This field changes the MAX_AGE property in the tuning.properties

Field	Description
	<p>file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 256.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: JVM short-lived memory has a fast garbage collection rate. To avoid reduced performance, set the JVM short-lived memory to one-third of the JVM long-lived memory.</p> <hr/>

10. In the BP Execution page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.

- If yes, click **Next**.
- If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Field	Description
Number of BP steps executed before returning to queue	<p>Number of business process steps that are run before returning to the queue. This field changes the BP_STEPS property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 100.</p> <p>Typically, this property must match the number of steps in your largest business process.</p> <p>If your business processes contain loops, you may have to increase this property to improve performance. If you find that you have to increase this number, you must streamline your business processes to remove unnecessary loops.</p> <p>If you set this value too low, your business processes may not be able to complete processing before they are returned to the queue, allowing another business process to complete some or all of its processing. This slows processing time and causes bottlenecks in Gentran Integration Suite.</p>
Initial steps in the first execute cycle	<p>Number of steps executed before returning a business process to the queue on its first execution cycle. This field changes the ASYNC_BP property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 2.</p>

11. In the Cache page that is displayed, decide whether you want to use the current settings or the recommended settings.

- If yes, click **Next**.
- If no, enter information in the following fields and click **Next**.

Field	Description
Translation Maps	<p>Amount of cache used to store translation maps. This field changes the MAP_CACHE property in the</p>

Field	Description
	<p>tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 100.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Increasing the cache size for items that are not used frequently may degrade performance. Increase the cache size for items that are used frequently to improve performance.</p>
Envelopes	<p>Amount of cache used to store envelopes. This field changes the ENVELOPE_CACHE property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 500.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Increasing the cache size for items that are not used frequently may degrade performance. Increase the cache sizes for items that are used frequently in order to improve performance.</p>
Other EDI	<p>Amount of cache used to store EDI data. This field changes the EDI_CACHE property in the tuning.properties file in the <i>install_dir/properties</i> directory. Shipped value is 100.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Increasing the cache size for items that are not used frequently may degrade performance. Increase the cache sizes for items that are used frequently to improve performance.</p>

12. In the Confirm page that is displayed, review the changes you made to the performance configuration, and perform one of the following tasks:

- To change your performance configurations, click **Back**.
- To abandon the performance configurations you carried out, click **Cancel**.
- To save the performance configurations you carried out, click **Finish**.

13. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.

14. From the System Troubleshooting page, click **Stop the System**. This runs the softstop script, allowing a fixed amount of time for the business processes to complete before stopping the system.

15. From the *install_dir/bin* directory, run one of the following commands:

- (UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
- (Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

The performance configuration changes populate the initial setup files that are used during startup.

16. From the *install_dir/bin* directory, start Gentran Integration Suite by running one of the following commands:

- (UNIX or Linux) `run.sh`
- (Windows) `startWindowsService.cmd`

Gentran Integration Suite starts and the updated performance configuration settings are applied.

Manual Performance Tuning

You may find that you have to tune some application server-independent (ASI) properties that are not tuned into the Performance Tuning Utility. You can manually tune these properties in the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties* file in Gentran Integration Suite.

This topic provides information about tuning your ASI environment, scheduling policies, tuning queues, and changing persistence levels. It also provides information about concepts such as customizing property files, changing system logging, enabling trusted domains for schemas, managing system recovery, and optimizing system performance for Sterling e-Invoicing.

Note: For large volume operations pertaining to FTP, Mail Box, Advanced File Transfer, and File Broker, set the number of open file descriptors to at least 4096, using the command `ulimit -n 4096`.

Tuning Your ASI Environment

You can tune your application server-independent (ASI) system using the properties found in the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties* file, or in the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties_gis_ext.in* file (for the *persistence_level* property).

Properties that you may have to tune include:

Property	Description
SchedulingPolicyName	Set of rules that Gentran Integration Suite uses to make decisions about how to manage the workload. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BasicSchedulingPolicy• FairShareSchedulingPolicy <p>Note: For more information about scheduling policy, refer to the topic Scheduling Policy on page 116.</p>
MemCacheSize	Size, in megabytes, of the in-memory cache used for small objects. This cache can speed up execution by eliminating the necessity for data to be retrieved from the database or disk.
DiskCacheSize	Maximum size of the disk cache, so that your cache does not increase beyond your available disk space.
DiskCachePath	Directory to use for caching objects.
MemCacheThreshold	Threshold size, in bytes, for caching a context in the in-memory cache versus the disk cache. In general, the distribution of context sizes tends to look vaguely like an "M", with one cluster of small contexts and another cluster of larger contexts. If this value is large, the value of MemCacheSize should also be large. A moderate multiple of the disk block size seems to work well in many cases.
MaxThreads	Total number of concurrent threads that Gentran Integration Suite is allowed to use. Verify this number against the licensed number of threads.
AE_ExecuteCycle.#	Number of steps for a business process to complete prior to returning to the queue. Higher values will accelerate individual business process execution, while lower values enable smoother multitasking. Interactive use favors a lower number

Property	Description
	<p>of steps while batch processing favors a higher number of steps. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
AE_ExecuteCycleTime.#	<p>Maximum time period, in milliseconds, for which a business process can use a thread for, before releasing it for use by another business process. This value will override the value set for the AE_ExecuteCycle. This is intended to ensure that a series of unusually slow steps do not tie up a thread completely. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
QueueDepth.#	<p>Maximum number of business processes that can be in a queue at a given time. Generally, this value should be left at the default value of 10,000, unless you anticipate having more than 10,000 business processes in the queue at the same time. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
MaxPoolSize.#	<p>Maximum number of threads executed for a specific queue. The MaxThreads value overrides this value if this value is set higher than the MaxThreads value. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Setting all the queues' MaxPoolSize parameters to the maximum threads available does not mean that you will have faster processing. Depending on your system resources, setting the MaxPoolSize value too high may cause the queues to back up and degrade performance. A good place to start is 4 times the number of your CPUs. Interactive use tends to favor more threads, while batch or document processing tends to favor fewer threads.</p>
CacheThreshold.#	<p>Number of business processes that must be in the queue before any business process is cached. In addition, this value is the minimum number of business processes in the queue before any rescheduling occurs. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p> <p>In general, setting this value high improves performance by keeping more business process contexts in memory when they are placed in the queue. To estimate the amount of memory that will be consumed, multiply this value by the average size of your business process contexts. You can obtain the average context size using the Gentran Integration Suite System Troubleshooter. For more information about reviewing system, refer to the topic Reviewing System Information on page 91.</p> <p>There is a tradeoff between performance and memory consumption. Setting this value too high can result in one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Gentran Integration Suite with insufficient memory in some circumstances • Cause some business processes to remain in the queue for too long without being examined for rescheduling

Property	Description
	<p>Note that in most cases, even if this value is set low, business process contexts will usually be recovered from one of the in-memory caches and not from the disk.</p>
MinPoolSize.#	<p>Minimum number of threads reserved for a specific queue. The sum total of the queues' MinPoolSize values must be equal to or less than the MaxThreads value. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
JavaPriority.#	<p>Java priority of the threads running business processes. This enables you to set some queues to run more slowly to reduce the issues associated with heavily used computers being unresponsive to the user interface. This value can be different for each queue. Not all JVMs handle this the same way, with some not respecting it at all (particularly, the IBM AIX® JVM).</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
EnableDeadlines.#	<p>Enables or disables deadline support for a particular queue. Having deadlines enabled controls both notifications and the execution order in the queue. If enabled, business processes with deadlines are executed before those without deadlines. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • false – Disables deadline support for a queue. • true – Enables deadline support for a queue. <p>This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
Rescheduling.#	<p>Enables or disables rescheduling support for a queue. Valid values are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • false – Business processes are not rescheduled in a queue. • true – Business processes are rescheduled in a queue. <p>This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
ReschedulingInterval.#	<p>Time interval, in milliseconds, to wait before the rescheduler passes through the queue to reschedule business processes. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
MaxWaitTime.#	<p>Maximum time, in milliseconds, for which a business process can be in the queue without it being reviewed for rescheduling. If a business process is rescheduled, the business process is moved forward in the queue. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p> <p>Example: MaxWaitTime.8=60000 sets the maximum wait time for queue number 8 as 60 seconds.</p>

Property	Description
ResourceAllocation.#	<p>Amount of resources to allocate to a specific queue for fair share scheduling. For example, if you have only two queues configured, queue 1 for a few small business processes, and queue 2 for many large business processes, you can set the amount of resources available for each queue by a percentage. You can set queue 1 with a resource allocation of 10 and queue 2 with a resource allocation of 90. This ensures that queue 2 has more resources for processing, which in turn improves processing time and ensures efficient use of system resources. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Set the resource allocations according to the percentage of use for each queue and the importance of processing completed on each queue. If you have higher priority items on one queue, increase the resource allocation to that queue in order to increase processing capability. Apply a lower percentage of resources to lower priority queues or less used queues in order to keep resources free for higher priority processing.</p> <hr/> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
InitialCycles.#	<p>Number of cycles to be executed the first time a business process gets to execute. Normally, this value should be 5 or less. This is intended to facilitate business processes (particularly Web services) for which normal processing is quite short, but for which there is longer processing in special cases. It also allows a mix of short and long business processes in a queue, favoring the shorter ones. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
StealThreads.#	<p>Enables or disables the ability to steal threads from other queues. Valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true – Enables the ability to steal threads. • false – Disables the ability to steal threads. <p>Queues that are configured to steal threads from other queues (StealThreads property set to true) steal only from queues that have the AllowStealing property set to true. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
AllowStealing.#	<p>Enables or disables the ability of other queues to steal threads from this queue. Valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true – Allows other queues to steal threads. • false – Does not allow other queues to steal threads. <p>Queues that are configured to steal threads from other queues (StealThreads property set to true) only steal from queues that have the AllowStealing property set to true. This value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p>
persistence_level	<p>Persistence (storage to the database) level for Gentrant Integration Suite. Set the persistence_level value to PERSISTENCE_NONE during day-to-day processing.</p> <p>Valid values are:</p>

Property	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERSISTENCE_DEFAULT (defined in noapp.properties) • PERSISTENCE_FULL – From user interface tracking, every step will be persisted in full, which includes all the documents, status report (if any), and instance data. • PERSISTENCE_MINIMAL/PERSISTENCE_STEP_STATUS – From user interface tracking, every step will be persisted, but the document, status report (if any), and instance data will not be persisted in some of the steps (for example, assign and sleepservice). Most of the services that create documents will be persisted in full. • PERSISTENCE_NONE/PERSISTENCE_BP_START_STOP – From user interface tracking, the first step and last step will be persisted in full. Some of the services will not be persisted (for example, assign and sleepservice). Services that are defined as full will be persisted in full. Documents created through a stream and stored in the file system will be persisted. <hr/> <p>Note:</p> <p>If you have configured a business process with INVOKE_MODE set to SYNC, which in turn invokes business processes with INVOKE_MODE set to INLINE and persistence_level set to BP Start Stop Engine May Override, the business processes may fail. To counter the business process failure, follow either of the workarounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the INVOKE_MODE of the second business process from INLINE to SYNC. • Add a dummy <assign> statement after the <operation> statement as shown: <pre style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 10px;"> <process name = "Call_BP_withError.kj"> <sequence name="Sequence Start"> <operation name="Invoke Sub-Process"> <participant name="InvokeSubProcessService"/> <output message="InvokeSubProcessServiceTypeInputMessage"> <assign to="INVOKE_MODE">INLINE</assign> <assign to="WFD_NAME">Called_BP_withError.kj</assign> <assign to="." from="*"></assign> </output> <input message="inmsg"> <assign to="." from="*"></assign> </input> </operation> <assign to="." from="*"></assign> </sequence> </process> </pre> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERSISTENCE_OVERRIDE_MINIMAL/PERSISTENCE_STEP_STATUS_ONLY – The first step will be persisted in full. The last step will be persisted minimally. Documents created through a stream and stored in the file system will be persisted.

Property	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PERSISTENCE_OVERRIDE_NONE – From user interface tracking, the first step will be persisted in full and the last step will be persisted minimally. Some of the services will not be persisted (for example, assign and sleepservice). Services that are defined as full will not be persisted. Documents created through a stream and stored in the file system will be persisted. • PERSISTENCE_OVERRIDE_NONE_KEEP_ERRORS PERSISTENCE_BP_START_STOP_ONLY – The first step will be persisted in full and the last step will be persisted minimally. Documents created through a stream and stored in the file system will be persisted. • PERSISTENCE_WF_NONE (can only be used with workflow definition in sync mode) – From user interface tracking, nothing will be persisted. The business process runs in the caller's thread. If it is running in the Gentran Integration Suite engine, and if the service is creating documents in the document stream, or if FS is document storage, the document will be persisted. If it is running in an embedded engine, document stream and file system document storage is not allowed. • PERSISTENCE_WF_ERROR_ONLY – From user interface tracking, nothing will be persisted. Unless the service is performing document stream FS as document storage, only the first step will be persisted, or, when the business process generates errors, the first step (initial workflow context) and the error step will be persisted. The error step will be persisted as minimal in order to avoid the problem of resuming. If there is an onfault in the business process and the business process generates errors, the first step (initial workflow context), error step, and last step from the onfault will be persisted. If the onfault block runs fine, or if the onfault block generates errors too, the error step in onfault will be persisted minimally instead of the last step in onfault. If a step is persisted, the first step's initial workflow context is always persisted in full. <hr/> <p>Note: This property is set in the noapp.properties_gis_ext.in file. If the persistence level property is a comment in the noapp.properties_gis_ext file (#persistence_level= <i>value</i>), the persistence level is the default value of full (PERSISTENCE_FULL).</p>

Scheduling Policy

Gentran Integration Suite uses scheduling policies to manage workload. A scheduling policy is a set of rules that Gentran Integration Suite uses to determine how workload is managed. Workload management decisions include, but are not limited to:

- The number of threads to run at a given time.
- The order in which to run the business processes.
- The number of steps a business process should run before releasing the thread for use by other business processes.
- The caching requirements when a business process is returned to the queue.
- The workload distribution, if you are working in a clustered environment.

Scheduling policy choices include:

- Basic Scheduling Policy – Recommended for consistent workloads that do not have data processing peaks or change in data or processing types.

- Fair Share Scheduling Policy – Recommended for mixed workloads that include both batch and online processing, and in environments that have data processing peaks (Default). For more information about this policy, refer to the topic [Queues in an Application Server Independent Environment](#) on page 117.

Changing a Scheduling Policy

To change a scheduling policy in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. Open the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file using a text editor.
2. In the `noapp.properties` file, locate the following code:


```
# SCHEDULING POLICY CONFIGURATION
```
3. Under `# SCHEDULING POLICY CONFIGURATION`, locate the following property:


```
SchedulingPolicyName=
```
4. Adjacent the `SchedulingPolicyName` parameter, enter one of the following code samples, depending on your choice of either basic or fair-share scheduling policy. Next to the `SchedulingPolicyName` parameter, enter:
 - Basic scheduling policy:


```
com.sterlingcommerce.woodstock.workflow.queue.BasicSchedulingPolicy
```
 - Fair-share scheduling policy:


```
com.sterlingcommerce.woodstock.workflow.queue.FairShareSchedulingPolicy
```
5. Save the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file. Changing either the name or the location of the `noapp.properties` file may prevent your changes from taking effect.

Queues in an Application Server Independent Environment

Gentran Integration Suite uses fair-share scheduling, which is in-memory queuing and caching, to enable you to set a global thread limit and allocate resources on a queue-by-queue basis. This enables flexible management of your workload. The global thread limit is the maximum number of business processes that can run simultaneously in Gentran Integration Suite. You can change the thread limit and queue the resource allocations in the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file. The thread limit is set in the `MaxThreads` property. For more information about the `MaxThreads` property, refer to the topic "Tuning Queues".

You can set both a maximum and minimum thread number for each queue you use. Gentran Integration Suite includes nine queues (Q1 to Q9). When you check in a business process, you must assign a queue to process the business process.

Each queue can use its minimum thread number always, but can never exceed its maximum thread number. The sum of the minimum numbers should be less than the `MaxThreads` limit.

The following example procedure explains the fair-share scheduling process:

1. Open the `install_dir/noapp.properties` file using a text editor.
2. Set the global number of threads as 16 by entering 16 as the new `MaxThreads` value.
3. Determine that queue Q1 is for small items and set the `MinPoolSize.1` value to 10 and the `MaxPoolSize.1` value to 16. This means that this queue always has 10 threads available for use, but if no other queues are using threads, this queue can use all 16 threads.
4. Determine that according to the number of small items requiring processing, queue Q1 requires a resource allocation of 70% of the total resources, and you enter 70 as the new `ResourceAllocation.1` value.

5. Determine that queue Q8 is for batch processing and set the `MinPoolSize.8` value to 1 and the `MaxPoolSize.8` value to 4.
6. Determine that according to the number of batch items requiring processing, queue Q8 requires a resource allocation of 30% of the total resources, and you enter 30 as the new `ResourceAllocation.8` value.
7. During processing, different conditions arise, as shown in the following examples:
 - If there is no batch processing for queue Q8, but a lot of processing for queue Q1, queue Q1 uses all the 16 threads to complete processing faster.
 - If there is some batch processing for queue Q8, but also some processing for queue Q1, queue Q1 uses up to 12 threads to complete processing faster, while queue Q8 uses up to 4 threads to complete processing faster. These numbers are according to the percentages applied to the `MaxThreads` value of 16. In the case of queue Q1 with 70% of resource allocations, it is $16 * 0.70 = 11.2$. In the case of queue Q8 with 30% of resource allocations, it is $16 * 0.30 = 4.8$ rounded to 5, but because `MaxPoolSize.8` is set to 4, only 4 threads can be used by queue Q8, enabling the 12th thread to be used by queue Q1.
 - If there is no processing for queue Q1, but a lot of processing for queue Q8, queue Q8 uses all 4 threads to complete processing faster, because the `MaxPoolSize.8` for queue Q8 is 4.

Tuning Queues

To tune the queues in Gentran Integration Suite:

1. Open the `install_dir/noapp.properties` file using a text editor.
2. In the `noapp.properties` file, under the `# POLICY CONFIGURATION - ALL Policies`, locate the `MaxThreads` property and change the value to the value you determine is best for your level of processing.

Note: Setting the `MaxThreads` value higher does not guarantee that you will have faster processing. Depending on your system resources, setting the `MaxThreads` value too high may degrade performance. Set `MaxThreads` according to your processing volumes in relation to your number of CPUs.

3. In the `noapp.properties` file, under the `# QUEUE CONFIGURATION, Queue # - ALL Policies`, where `#` indicates the queue number, locate the properties described in the following table and change the values for each as appropriate. Complete this step for each queue that you are using.

For each property, `#` indicates the queue number, for example, `AE_ExecuteCycle.3` is the `AE_ExecuteCycle` property for the third queue. Also, property values can be different for each queue.

Property	Description
<code>AE_ExecuteCycle.#</code>	Number of steps for a business process to complete prior to returning to the queue. Higher values will accelerate individual business process execution, while lower values enables smoother multitasking. Interactive use favors a lower number of steps, while batch processing favors a higher number of steps.
<code>AE_ExecuteCycleTime.#</code>	Maximum time period, in milliseconds, that a business process can use a thread, for releasing it for use by another business process. This value will override the value set for <code>AE_ExecuteCycle</code> . This is intended to ensure that a series of unusually slow steps do not tie up a thread completely.
<code>QueueDepth.#</code>	Maximum number of business processes that can be in a queue at a given time. Generally, this value should be left at the default value of 10,000, unless you anticipate having more than 10,000 business processes in a queue at the same time.

Property	Description
MaxPoolSize.#	<p>Maximum number of threads executed for a specific queue. The MaxThreads value overrides the MaxPoolSize value if the MaxPoolSize value is set higher than the MaxThreads value.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Setting all the queues' MaxPoolSize parameters to the maximum threads available does not mean you will have faster processing. Depending on your system resources, setting the MaxPoolSize value too high may cause the queues to back up and degrade performance. A good place to start is 4 times the number of your CPUs. Interactive use tends to favor more threads, while batch or document processing tends to favor less threads.</p>
CacheThreshold.#	<p>Number of business processes that must be in the queue before any business processes are cached. In addition, this value is the minimum number of business processes in the queue before any rescheduling occurs.</p> <p>In general, setting this value high improves performance by keeping more business process contexts in memory when they are placed in the queue. To estimate the amount of memory that will be consumed, multiply this value by the average size of your business process contexts. You can obtain the average context size by using the Gentran Integration Suite System Troubleshooter. For more information, refer to the topic Reviewing System Information on page 91.</p> <p>There is a trade-off between performance and memory consumption. Setting this value too high can lead to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave Gentran Integration Suite with insufficient memory in some circumstances • Cause some business processes to remain in the queue for too long without being examined for rescheduling. <p>Note that in most cases, even if this value is set low, business process contexts will usually be recovered from one of the in-memory caches and not from the disk. The performance impact is usually seen when the context is placed in the queue.</p>
MinPoolSize.#	<p>Minimum number of threads reserved for a specific queue. The sum total of all the queues' MinPoolSize values must be equal to or less than the MaxThreads value. The MinPoolSize value can be different for each queue.</p> <p>.# indicates the queue number.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Setting the MinPoolSize parameter too low may cause queues to back up and degrade performance.</p>
JavaPriority.#	<p>Java priority of the threads that are running business processes. This enables you to set some queues to run more slowly in order to reduce the issues associated with heavily used computers being unresponsive to the user</p>

Property	Description
	interface. Not all JVMs handle this the same way, with some not respecting it at all (particularly, the IBM AIX® JVM).
EnableDeadlines.#	Enables or disables deadline support for a queue. Having the deadlines enabled controls both the notifications and the execution order in the queue. If enabled, business processes with deadlines are executed before those without deadlines. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • false – Disables deadline support for a queue. • true – Enables deadline support for a queue.
Rescheduling.#	Enables or disables rescheduling support for a queue. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • false – Business processes are not rescheduled in a queue. • true – Business processes are rescheduled in a queue.
ReschedulingInterval.#	Time interval, in milliseconds, to wait before the rescheduler passes through the queue to reschedule business processes.
MaxWaitTime.#	Maximum time for which a business process can be in the queue without being rescheduled. If a business process is rescheduled, the business process is moved forward in the queue.

4. In the noapp.properties file, under the # QUEUE CONFIGURATION, Queue # - FairShareSchedulingPolicy, where # indicates the queue number, locate the properties described in the following table and change the value for each as appropriate. Complete this step for each queue you are using.

For each property, # indicates the queue number, for example, ResourceAllocation.3 is the ResourceAllocation property for the third queue. Also, property values can be different for each queue.

Property	Description
ResourceAllocation.#	Amount of resources to be allocated to a specific queue for fair share scheduling. This ensures that the queue has more resources for processing, which improves processing time and ensures the efficient use of system resources. <p>Note: Set the resource allocations according to the percentage of use for each queue and the importance of processing completed on each queue. If you have higher priority items on one queue, increase the resource allocation to that queue in order to increase processing capability. Apply lower percentages of resources to lower priority queues or less used queues in order to keep resources free for higher priority processing.</p>
InitialCycles.#	Number of cycles to be executed the first time a business process gets to execute. Normally, this value should be 5 or less. This is intended to facilitate business processes (particularly Web services) for which normal processing is

Property	Description
	quite short, but for which there is longer processing in special cases. It also allows a mix of short and long business processes in a queue, favoring the shorter ones.
StealThreads.#	<p>Enables or disables the ability to steal threads from other queues. Valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true – Enables the ability to steal threads • false – Disables the ability to steal threads <p>Queues that are configured to steal threads from other queues (StealThreads property set to true) steal from only queues that have the AllowStealing property set to true.</p>
AllowStealing.#	<p>Enables or disables the ability of other queues to steal threads from this queue. Valid values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • true – Allows other queues to steal threads • false – Does not allow other queues to steal threads <p>Queues that are configured to steal threads from other queues (StealThreads property set to true) steal from only queues that have the AllowStealing property set to true.</p>

5. Save the noapp.properties file under the same name in the *install_dir*/properties directory.

Important: Saving the noapp.properties file under a different name or in a different location will prevent the changes from being applied to Gentran Integration Suite.

6. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
7. In the *install_dir*/bin directory, apply these changes by running one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

8. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

The changes are applied to Gentran Integration Suite, and override the changes made in the *install_dir*/properties/tuning.properties file.

Compress Cache Contents

You can compress cache contents from queues before the cache is written to disk. Compressing this information increases performance, requiring fewer bytes to be written to and retrieved from storage. If the cache contents are compressed when they are written to disk, the contents are decompressed after the information is read back from the disk.

To compress the cache contents before the cache is written to disk:

1. Open the *install_dir*/properties/workflows.properties file using a text editor.
2. In the workflows.properties file, locate the compressObj property and change the value to true. The default value is false.
3. Save the workflows.properties file under the same name in the *install_dir*/properties directory.

Important: Saving the `workflows.properties` file under a different name or in a different location will prevent the changes from being applied to Gentran Integration Suite.

4. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
5. In the `install_dir/bin` directory, run one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`
6. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

The changes are applied to Gentran Integration Suite and the cache contents are compressed before being written to disk and decompressed after being read from the disk.

Set the Document Body Serialization Threshold Property

When the size of the documents increase, there is a significant increase in the use of resources for serialization and deserialization of the business process context. When you install Gentran Integration Suite, the default value is `documentInlineSerializationThreshold = 102400` bytes.

If the business process requires the use of the document body at almost every step, the number of database reads may use more resources than serialization or deserialization. In such a scenario, set the value higher. If, however, the documents are large and used infrequently, set the value lower.

To increase performance, in the `install_dir/properties/jdbc.properties.in` file, perform the following actions:

1. In the `install_dir/properties/jdbc.properties.in` file, add the following line:

```
stream_threshold_bytes = &tune.noapp.documentInlineSerializationThreshold;
```
2. Set the value of the `tune.noapp.documentInlineSerializationThreshold` property in the `install_dir/properties/tuning.properties` file according to your document size.
3. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
4. In the System Troubleshooting page, click **Stop the System**.

This runs the `softstop` script, allowing a fixed amount of time for the business processes to be completed before the system is stopped.
5. From the `install_dir/bin` directory, run one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

The performance configuration changes populate the initial setup files that are used during startup.

6. From the `install_dir/bin` directory, start Gentran Integration Suite by running one of the following commands:
 - (UNIX or Linux) `run.sh`
 - (Windows) `startWindowsService.cmd`

Gentran Integration Suite starts, and the updated performance configuration settings are applied.

Allocate JNDI Contexts

Several components of Gentran Integration Suite use Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) to locate objects. You may find that you have to change the allocation of JNDI contexts in Gentran Integration Suite to enhance performance. In Gentran Integration Suite, the default value is 50.

To change the JNDI allocation:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**.
2. In the System Troubleshooting page, click **Stop the System**.

This runs the softstop script, allowing a fixed amount of time for the business processes to be completed before the system is stopped.

3. In the *install_dir*/properties directory, open the tuning.properties file using a text editor.
4. Locate the tune.noapp.jndi.contextpoolsz property, and change the value to the level you require.
5. In the *install_dir*/bin directory, run one of the following commands:

- (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
- (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

The changes populate the initial setup files that are used during startup.

6. In the *install_dir*/bin directory, start Gentran Integration Suite by running one of the following commands depending on your operating system:

- (For UNIX or Linux) `run.sh`
- (For Windows) `startWindowsService.cmd`

Gentran Integration Suite starts, and the updated performance configuration settings are applied.

Changing Persistence Levels

Persistence level is the level of detail written to the database even as the business process runs. Gentran Integration Suite can persist either all the data or only a small amount of data for each activity that is processed. The default value for Gentran Integration Suite is Full persistence. You may find that you have to change the persistence level to a lower level in order to enhance performance.

When you design your business processes, review your persistence requirements and set persistence levels appropriately to reduce the chances of your database filling up and slowing both your processing and your system. You may have some business processes for which you have to persist all the steps and data, and other business processes for which you do not have to persist any of the steps or data.

There are three levels at which you can set persistence:

- **Global** – Change the value of the persistence_level property in the *install_dir*/properties/noapp.properties_gis_ext.in file. The default value is SYSTEM DEFAULT. You cannot set the value to PERSISTENCE_WF_NONE or PERSISTENCE_ERROR_ONLY.

Note: It is more efficient to set persistence levels at either the business process level or the activity level.

- **Business Process** – Change the persistence level during the check-in process. The business process persistence level overrides the global persistence level.
- **Activity Level** – Change the persistence level in the service or adapter. The activity persistence level overrides the business process persistence level and the global persistence level. However, changing the persistence level at the Activity level is rarely necessary.

Changing Persistence at the Global Level

To edit the global persistence levels:

1. Open the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties_gis_ext.in* file using a text editor.
2. In the property file, locate the `persistence_level` property, and change the value to the persistence level you want.

Note: If the persistence level property is a comment in the *noapp.properties_gis_ext.in* file (`#persistence_level=value`), the persistence level is the default value of full (`PERSISTENCE_FULL`).

- `PERSISTENCE_FULL` – Saves a complete copy of the process data along each step of the process.
- `PERSISTENCE_MINIMAL` – Saves all the steps in a business process and selected copies of process data.
- `PERSISTENCE_NONE` – Saves the first and last steps of a business process and any steps with an override persistence level.

Note: Use `PERSISTENCE_NONE` for day-to-day processing.

3. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
4. In the *install_dir/bin* directory, run one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`
5. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

Changing Persistence at the Business Process Level

To edit the persistence at the business process level:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Business Processes > Manager**.
2. Enter either the entire business process name for which you want to edit the persistence level or a part of the business process name in the **Search** box and click **Go!**
3. Click **source manager** adjacent to the business process you want to edit.
4. Click **edit** adjacent to the corresponding business process in order to lock the business process and access the Graphical Process Modeler.
5. In the BPML Specification that is displayed, enter a new description that will help you identify this version of the business process.
6. Click **Next**.
7. In the Process Levels page, indicate the level of persistence you want to assign for the business process:
 - **Full** - Retains all the data for this business process, including associated documents, activities, and all the process data.

Note: This choice uses the maximum amount of system resources compared to other persistence settings.

- **Step Status (Engine May Override)** - Retains the process data and documents for services configured to always persist data for a business process. Gentran Integration Suite may persist the additional data that is requested by the process engine or service parameters.

This setting is recommended for most processes because it helps optimize performance and provides a level of process recovery that is suitable for most business requirements.

- BP Start Stop (Engine May Override) - Retains additional data as requested by the process engine or service parameters.
- System Default - Assumes that Gentran Integration Suite is already configured to retain data.
- Step Status Only - Every step in the business process runs with minimal persistence, even if a service or adapter is preconfigured for full persistence. Gentran Integration Suite does not persist additional data.

Select this setting if you want to persist only the status information for each step, you are certain that your process will execute successfully without persisted data, and your recovery requirements do not depend on the step data being saved.

- BP Start Stop Only - Retains only error information. Select this setting when you are certain that your process will execute successfully without persisted data, and when your recovery requirements do not depend on the process step data being saved.
- Zero - Does not retain any data.
- Error Only - Retains process information only when an error occurs. If nothing is wrong and streamed document data is not used, nothing is retained.

8. Click **Next**.
9. In the Deadline Settings page that is displayed, click **Next**.
10. In the Life Span page that is displayed , click **Next**.
11. In the Default Version page that is displayed , click **Next**.
12. In the Confirm page that is displayed , click **Finish**.

Changing System Logging

Gentran Integration Suite writes various types of messages to the log files on disk. The default is to log only the errors. For more information about system logs, refer to the topic [Managing System Logs](#) on page 76.

If your system logging level is set to ALL, you may find that you do not require all the logging messages that are collected because of resource limitations.

If your system logging level is set to ERROR, you may find that you require additional messages from more detailed logging.

For information about how to change system logging levels, refer to the topic [Managing System Logs](#) on page 76.

Enable Trusted Domains for Schemas

Gentran Integration Suite has document type definitions (DTDs) and schemas in a repository for XML components. When a DTD or schema is required, Gentran Integration Suite searches the database for the appropriate file. If Gentran Integration Suite cannot find the appropriate file, you can configure the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties* file to have Gentran Integration Suite go to trusted Web sites and download the appropriate DTD or schema.

To configure Gentran Integration Suite to go to trusted Web sites for the DTD and schema data:

1. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate the *noapp.properties.in* file.
2. Locate the *schemaResolver.trustedDomain.#* property and type the URL for the Web site. For example, the first trusted domain could be *schemaResolver.trustedDomain.1 = http://www.gdsregistry.org* . The second trusted domain could be *schemaResolver.trustedDomain.2=URL* , and so on.

Gentran Integration Suite will search through these Web sites to find the appropriate DTD or schema.

3. Save the `noapp.properties.in` file under the same name and in the same location.
4. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
5. In the `install_dir/bin` directory, run one the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

6. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

The changes are applied and you can now download the DTD and schema data from the trusted Web sites.

Enable the Console Listener

You can enable the Console Listener to append the events identified in the Events Viewer to the `noapp.log` file, during processing. If you do not enable the Console Listener, the events are not appended to the `noapp.log` file, and consequently, are not captured in one location for future use. You will then have to view each component log file individually to see the events that are logged.

To enable the Console Listener:

1. In the `install_dir/properties` directory, locate the `listenerStartup.properties.in` file.
2. Locate the following line:

```
#Listener.Class.1=com.sterlingcommerce.woodstock.event.listeners.console.ConsoleListener
```
3. Delete the `#` symbol in the first line to make the line active.
4. Save the `listenerStartup.properties.in` file under the same name and in the same location.
5. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
6. In the `install_dir/bin` directory, run one the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`

7. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

The changes are applied and you can now view the events as they are appended to the `noapp.log` file during processing.

Enable the JMX Event Listener

You can enable the JMX (Java Management Extensions) Event Listener to capture Sterling Commerce platform events and perform the necessary notification and handling based on your custom JMX event handling requirements. You can plug in standard JMX tools to monitor the Sterling Commerce platform and its application components.

If you have an existing infrastructure for your enterprise applications to perform JMX-based management and event monitoring, you can establish a uniform way to handle event notifications from Gentran Integration Suite or Sterling Platform, along with your other applications, through your JMX framework, using the JMX console and tools.

To enable the JMX Event Listener:

1. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate the *jmx.properties* file.
2. Set the *jmx.start* and *jmx.eventListener.start* properties to true.
If necessary, restart the Sterling Commerce Platform to pick up these changes.
3. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate the *noapp.properties* file.
4. Set the *startup.class4* property to `com.sterlingcommerce.woodstock.jmx.event.SPEventJMXAgentStartup` by either adding this line or editing the existing line.
This starts the JMX Agent when the Sterling Commerce Platform starts.
To view the MBeans configured in the Sterling Commerce Platform, go to `http:// host:port` , where *port* is the HTMLAdapterServer port configured in the *jmx.properties* file.
5. Configure a business process to send an event at startup, completion, or at any other time.
6. In the Sterling Commerce Platform JMX Console, you can view platform events by looking at the MBean named “name=eventMonitor” in the EventAgent domain. This shows the most recent event that was received.
Using external JMX tools that support remote JMX connectivity, it is also possible to connect remotely to the Event Listener JMX agent. The JMX agent will be started with a remote connector listening on the *jmx.rmi.port* port as specified in *jmx.properties*. The URL for remote connection will take the form `/jndi/rmi://[HOST]:[jmx.rmi.port]/events`. Use this URL to connect to the JMX agent and receive all the system-wide events.
It is possible to listen to select events, rather than all of them. By adding a (comma-separated) list of event schema IDs to the *jmx.eventListener.forward* property, the JMX agent will restrict JMX notifications to only those events specified in the list.

Enhance EDI Performance

You can boost EDI performance in Gentran Integration Suite by adjusting the tracking level in the *enveloping.properties* file. The tracking level setting affects the following EDI functionalities:

- EDI Correlation Search
- EDI Document Tracking
- EDI Reporting

To modify the tracking level:

1. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate the *enveloping.properties.in* file.
2. Locate the following line:
`TRACKING_LEVEL=setting`
3. Change the value of the setting to achieve the required EDI performance and functionality, as shown in the following table:

Setting	Description
none	Provides the largest EDI performance boost with the least tracking and search functionality. EDI Correlation Search, EDI Document Tracking, and EDI Reporting are nonfunctional.
basic	Provides an EDI performance boost while also providing search functionality. EDI Correlation Search is functional.

Setting	Description
	EDI Document Tracking is nonfunctional. EDI Reporting is partially functional; you can use the EDI Outbound Acknowledgment report type.
full	Default setting. Provides the lowest EDI performance with the highest search and tracking functionality. EDI Correlation Search, EDI Document Tracking, and EDI Reporting are fully functional.

4. Save the `enveloping.properties.in` file under the same name and in the same location.
5. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
6. In the `install_dir/bin` directory, run one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`
7. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

The changes are applied to the `enveloping.properties` file, and the new settings will determine the default EDI performance and functionality of your business processes.

The default EDI performance settings that are set in the `enveloping.properties` file can be overridden for certain EDI services by using a `TRACKING_LEVEL` parameter. This allows you to obtain maximum EDI performance in some business processes, and maximum search and tracking functionality in others. Refer to *Gentran Integration Suite Services and Adapters* documentation for more information about EDI services.

Note: Document tracking is turned off by default in the system-defined EDI business processes. If you define an EDI business process and turn Document Tracking on, `TRACKING_LEVEL` settings in both the `enveloping.properties` file and the EDI service parameter are overridden.

Customizing Property Files

The property files in Gentran Integration Suite help you set up, customize, and diagnose problems pertaining to the installation and operation of Gentran Integration Suite. You can maintain your customized property file settings with a customer override property file (`customer_overrides.properties`) that overrides the default property settings in the property files. The customer override property file is not changed during the installation of Gentran Integration Suite upgrades or patches.

To prevent your customized settings from being overwritten, use the customer override property file whenever possible rather than directly editing the Gentran Integration Suite property files or the associated `.in` files. For information about how to use the customer override property file to change property files, refer to the *Gentran Integration Suite Property Files* documentation.

Caution: Property files directly affect the operation of Gentran Integration Suite. Contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support before changing any properties.

The following tasks use the `customer_overrides.properties` file:

- [Changing Advanced File Transfer Settings](#) on page 131
- [Change the SoftStop Time Limit](#) on page 130

Managing System Recovery

Gentran Integration Suite is designed to automatically reset itself to a previous, stable state following a system crash. After the reset is complete, the system is up and operational.

After a system crash, restore the server on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed to a stable state, and then restart Gentran Integration Suite. After it is restarted, the system invokes the Recovery business process to search for and requeue any unprocessed transactions. If the database goes down, Gentran Integration Suite stops pulling jobs from queues. The system recovers these jobs when the database becomes available.

Gentran Integration Suite uses multithread operation to restart or resume business processes following a system crash. Unfinished business processes, up to a preconfigured number, are stored in a pool. Each of the preconfigured number of threads receive a batch of business processes to restart or resume. The size of the batch is also preconfigured. When a thread finishes restarting or resuming a batch of business processes, it requests another batch from the pool. This cycle continues until the pool is empty.

By default, the system uses 10 threads, each of which resumes or restarts 10 business processes, and then requests and processes another 10, up to a total of 1000 business processes for all threads. You can configure the system settings to adjust recovery performance according to your business requirements.

To configure the system recovery process settings, perform the following actions:

1. In the *install_dir*/properties directory, locate (or create, if necessary) the customer_overrides.properties file.
2. Open the customer_overrides.properties file using a text editor.
3. Add override statements as required, using the following format for each new line:

```
bprecovery.property=new_value
```

These statements will override the property settings in the bprecovery.properties file. The applicable properties are described in the following table:

Property	Description
maxAutorecoveryCount	<p>Maximum number of business processes that will be resumed or restarted by the Recovery business process each time it runs. Default is 1000.</p> <p>This defines the maximum size of the pool used to hold the business processes that have to be resumed or restarted. Each time a thread requests a batch of business processes to restart or resume, the pool size is reduced by the size of the batch (specified by the batchSize property).</p>
numberOfThreads	<p>Number of threads that will be used simultaneously to restart or resume business processes. Default is 10.</p> <p>Each thread will start or resume a batch of business processes. The size of the batch is specified by the batchSize property. When the thread is finished with the batch, it will request another batch from the pool. This process will continue until the pool of business processes that have to be restarted or resumed is empty.</p> <p>If you frequently have very large numbers of business processes running at the same time, a larger</p>

Property	Description
	<p>numberOfThreads value will enhance recovery performance.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Increasing the number of threads will speed up the recovery process, but will use more system resources. Decreasing the number of threads will free up system resources, but will slow the recovery process. Adjust this value based on your business requirements.</p>
batchSize	<p>Maximum number of business processes that will be resumed or restarted by each thread before it requests more business processes from the pool. Default is 10.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Increasing the batch size will speed up the recovery process, but will use more system resources. Decreasing the batch size will free up system resources, but will slow the recovery process. Adjust this value based on your business requirements.</p>

Let us for example, assume that you want to change the number of threads from the default value of 10 to 20 and the batch size from 10 to 5. To do so, add the following lines to the customer_overrides.properties file:

```
bprecovery.numberOfThreads=20
```

```
bprecovery.batchSize=5
```

4. Save and close the customer_overrides.properties file.
5. Stop Gentran Integration Suite and restart it to use the new values.

For assistance in determining the proper settings for your business requirements, contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support.

Change the SoftStop Time Limit

By default, the time limit for a softstop of Gentran Integration Suite is 5 minutes in order to give the business processes that are running the time to finish. At the end of the time limit, the system performs a hardstop that immediately shuts down Gentran Integration Suite. You can change the time limit for a softstop by overriding the default value.

To override the default softstop time limit:

1. In the *install_dir*/properties directory, locate (or create, if necessary) the customer_overrides.properties file.
2. Open the customer_overrides.properties file using a text editor.
3. Add the following line:

```
noapp.shutdown_timeout=new_value
```

Note: This line overrides the shutdown_timeout property in the noapp.properties file.

In this line, *new_value* refers to the new time limit, in seconds, for a softstop of Gentran Integration Suite.

For example, assume that you want to change the softstop time limit from the default value of 300 seconds (5 minutes) to 600 seconds (10 minutes). To do so, add the following line to the `customer_overrides.properties` file:

```
noapp.shutdown_timeout=600
```

4. Save and close the `customer_overrides.properties` file.
5. Stop Gentran Integration Suite and restart it to use the new values.

Changing Advanced File Transfer Settings

Advanced File Transfer (AFT) Visibility performance can be tuned by overriding three properties in the `visibility.properties` file. The following settings can be adjusted:

- The looping interval of the AFT Worker thread (`persistent_batching_interval`)

The AFT Worker thread stores the AFT events in the database. It consumes all the current events in an input event queue, and then sleeps for the duration of the specified batching interval. This allows events to build up so that they can be more efficiently batched into the database. You can improve AFT visibility performance by adjusting the batching interval. The batching interval controls how much latency is programmed into the backend in order to batch up the events.

- The capacity of the AFT database listener event queue (`event_input_queue_capacity`)

Note: For large volume operations of FTP, Mailbox, Advanced File Transfer, and File Broker, the number of open file descriptors should be set to at least 4096, using the command `ulimit -n 4096`.

You can specify the size of the event input queue. By default, the AFT backend will store up to 2048 AFT events while waiting for the AFT Database worker thread to return and process them. If the thread does not return before Gentran Integration Suite fills up the event queue, the event queue will block client threads until space is available in the queue. The clients cannot continue with their tasks, such as copying a file, until the AFT Database worker thread empties the queue. If the AFT Database worker thread returns and the event queue is filled to capacity, a message will be written to the visibility log file as shown in the following example:

```
DmiVisEventWarehouse.Worker - ALERT ISSUED - AFT Warehouse input BoundedQueue
has reached capacity! Client threads are now blocking! The AFT Warehouse will
temporarily suspend the sleep interval and work full time to handle this spike
in event activity.
```

At this point, the Worker thread will suspend sleep operations and service the event queue. The Worker thread will also monitor the number of events it is retrieving from the input queue. When the queue is no longer filled to capacity, the Worker thread will resume normal sleep intervals after the current events are processed and write a message into the visibility log file as shown in the following example:

```
DmiVisEventWarehouse.Worker - ALERT RESCINDED - AFT Warehouse input BoundedQueue
is operating below capacity! The normal batch sleep interval is now
re-established.
```

By adjusting the size of the event queue, you can improve the AFT Visibility performance.

- The amount of AFT coverage to enable `visibility_coverage`.

You can improve performance by adjusting the amount of AFT Visibility coverage that is enabled. You can specify settings ranging from None, which disables AFT Visibility, to All, which enables all the AFT Visibility components. Specifying the proper settings according to your requirements allows you to disable unnecessary components and improve performance, while preserving core file transfer and data flow capabilities.

To specify AFT Visibility settings, perform the following steps:

1. Navigate to the `install_dir/properties` directory and locate (or create, if necessary) the `customer_overrides.properties` file. For more information about customizing property files, refer to the topic [Customizing Property Files](#) on page 128.
2. Open the `customer_overrides.properties` file using a text editor.
3. Add the property settings that you want to use in the following format, using the information provided in the following table as reference:

```
dmivisibility.PROPERTY_NAME=PROPERTY_VALUE
```

Here, `PROPERTY_NAME` is the name of the property.

`PROPERTY_VALUE` is the value you want to assign to the property.

For example, assume that you want to change the persistent batching interval from the default value of 2000 to a value of 3000. To do so, add the following line to the `customer_overrides.properties` file:

```
dmivisibility.persistent_batching_interval=3000
```

Property	Description
<code>persistent_batching_interval</code>	Specifies the time interval, in milliseconds, between batching AFT events to the database. Default is 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds). Example: <code>dmivisibility.persistent_batching_interval=2000</code>
<code>event_input_queue_capacity</code>	Specifies the capacity of the bounded queue (AFT database listener event queue) through which all the AFT events must pass en route the database. Default is 2048. Example: <code>dmivisibility.event_input_queue_capacity=2048</code> Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the value of this property is set too high, it may negatively impact system performance because of excessive memory usage. This property should be tuned with the <code>persistent_batching_interval</code> property for optimum results. • For large volume operations of FTP, Mailbox, Advanced File Transfer, and File Broker, the number of open file descriptors should be set to at least 4096, using the command <code>ulimit -n 4096</code>.
<code>visibility_coverage</code>	Specifies which AFT Visibility components are enabled. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All – Enables all the AFT Visibility components. This includes CommBase, Authentication, Authorization, NonFileXfer, and AdminAudit. • CommBase – Enables the basic level of visibility coverage that includes Communication Sessions, File Transfers, and Process File Events. AFT Routing events and records are also included in this setting. • Authentication – Enables Authentication events and records. • Authorization – Enables Authorization events and records. • NonFileXfer – Enables Non File Transfer events and records (such as FTP CWD). • CommAll – Enables CommBase, Authorization, Authentication, and NonFileXfer. • AdminAudit – Enables Administrative Audit trail events and records. • None – Disables AFT Visibility. Example: <code>dmivisibility.visibility_coverage=All</code> Visibility coverage property settings can be also combined using commas as delimiters, for example:

Property	Description
	dmivisibility.visibility_coverage=CommBase,Authentication,AdminAudit

4. Save and close the customer_overrides.properties file.
5. Stop Gentran Integration Suite and restart it to use the new values.

Optimize System Performance for Sterling e-Invoicing

Sterling e-Invoicing is installed on an instance of Gentran Integration Suite, and shares many of the resources with the latter.

You should, therefore, tune your Gentran Integration Suite installation first, and then perform the Sterling e-Invoicing-specific tuning task. However, be aware that the changes you make to Sterling e-Invoicing can also affect the performance of Gentran Integration Suite.

Note: Do not edit the property files directly. Make the changes in the customer_overrides.properties file.

To optimize the performance of Sterling e-Invoicing:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Business Processes > Manager**.
2. Enter TrustWeaverEInvoicing in the **Search** box and click **Go!**
3. Click **source manager** adjacent to the business process you want to edit.
4. Click **edit** adjacent to the corresponding business process in order to lock that business process.
5. In the BPML Specification page that is displayed, enter a new description that will help you identify this version of the business process.
6. Click **Next**.
7. In the Process Levels page that is displayed, select a single workflow queue to dedicate solely to the TrustWeaverEInvoicing process, for example, queue 5.
8. Click **Next**.
9. In the Deadline Settings page that is displayed, click **Next**.
10. In the Life Span page that is displayed, click **Next**.
11. In the Default Version page that is displayed, select the version being edited and click **Next**.
12. In the Confirm page that is displayed, click **Finish**.
13. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
14. Modify the tuning.properties file so that the selected queue's minimum and maximum pool sizes are equal to the number of simultaneous connections allowed to TrustWeaver. For example, if you are using queue 5, and are using up to 10 simultaneous connections to TrustWeaver, you must set the following properties in the tuning.properties property file:
 - NOAPP.MAX_POOL_SIZE_5=10
 - NOAPP.MIN_POOL_SIZE_5=10
15. After you edit the property file, run setupfiles.sh (setupfiles.cmd for Windows).
16. Restart Gentran Integration Suite to apply the change.

The Order of Segments in Maps and Data

The benefit of correctly constructed maps is faster processing of input data. A correctly constructed map contains segments on the input (left) side of the map in the same order in which those segments occur in the input data.

In order to locate a matching segment identifier, a search is conducted in the map for each input record in the data stream, starting with the last segment entry plus one. The search is sequential, and wraps to the beginning of the map if the target segment is not found when the search reaches the end of the map. If the target segment identifier is not found even after the entire map has been searched, an error is generated, and the processing continues with the next record in the data stream. You can minimize the processing time by organizing the map segments in the same order as that of the input document segments.

The following scenario demonstrates a situation where an entire map is searched to match each input segment stream.

The following table lists the order of the identifiers in the map:

Segment Identifier
00001
00002
00003
00004

The following table lists the order of the input data segments in the document:

Segment Identifier
00004
00003
00002
00001

Let us assume that a translator searches three records in the map before finding the fourth map record matching the first segment in the input data stream. Similarly, to process the second segment in the input data stream, the translator begins the search after the fourth segment, wraps to the beginning of the file, and searches three more segments, before finding the correct match. The same search sequence is followed until all the segments are processed in the input stream. If map segments are missing in an input document, it results in lower throughput.

Tune HTTP Server Adapter

This topic provides information about tuning HTTP Server Adapter for optimal usage during high concurrency periods. For a variety of reasons, you may find that response times are slow, which may lead to response timeout for some requests or a delay in response time.

Note: The suggested configuration settings provided in this topic are based on standard calculations. You should test the configuration settings in a test environment with appropriate load and then apply the settings in the production environment.

Following is an example procedure for tuning HTTP Server Adapter to perform optimally during a high concurrency situation:

Note: The following procedure assumes that there are four HTTP requests coming in per second from different trading partners concurrently. Each request is handled by a separate client at the rate of one request per second concurrently. You may choose to ignore settings that may not be relevant in your operating environment.

1. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
2. Navigate to `install_dir/install/properties` (`install_dir\install\properties` for Windows) directory.
3. Locate and open `visibility.properties.in` file to modify DMI visibility event settings. To disable DMI visibility, modify the following parameter:

```
visibility_coverage=None
```

Note: In communication adapters, you can view and monitor the various events fired when handling a request. However, it is an overhead to the processing as these events perform additional DB operations while processing requests.

4. Reduce the business process persistence level to **Error Only**. It reduces the average business process execution time considerably.

The default persistence level for all business processes is full, which means each step is persisted and stored in the database, which increases the business process execution time. It is recommended to reduce the business process persistence level to a lower value, such as **Error Only** or **BP Start Stop**.

5. Increase the business process queue depth threshold to 500 in the HTTP Server Adapter configuration.

The queue depth threshold determines the number of business processes that can be present in the queue at a given time. If the number of business processes in the queue attains the threshold limit, the adapter returns the following error message:

```
Server too busy please try again later
```

6. Increase the number of threads by setting the following parameter in the `http.properties.in` file:

```
numOfmaxThread = 32
```

By setting this value to a higher number, HTTP Server Adapter can process higher number of incoming threads. It is recommended to increase the number of threads if you are expecting higher transaction rate, which translates to efficient concurrent processing.

7. Configure the business process bootstrap queue settings in which the HTTP Server Adapter runs by increasing the following values in the `tuningFormulas.properties.in` file:

```
NOAPP.RESOURCE_ALLOCATION_  
QueueNumber  
=50  
NOAPP.MAX_POOL_SIZE_  
QueueNumber  
=32  
NOAPP.MIN_POOL_SIZE_  
QueueNumber  
=32  
GLOBAL_THREADLIMIT= 96
```

In this convention, *QueueNumber* is the number of the queue. Replace it with the queue number in which HTTP Server Adapter is configured to run.

8. In the `install_dir/bin` (`install_dir\bin` for Windows) directory, apply these changes by running one of the following commands:
 - (For UNIX or Linux) `setupfiles.sh`
 - (For Windows) `setupfiles.cmd`
9. Start Gentran Integration Suite.

Performance Statistics

Manage Performance Statistics

The Performance Statistics Report is the key to managing your Gentran Integration Suite's performance.

Before you can generate or view a performance statistics report, you must turn on performance statistics. For more information about how to turn it on, refer to the topic [Turning On and Turning Off Performance Statistics](#) on page 147. You can turn on and turn off performance statistics as many times as you want to. When performance statistics is turned off, the statistics are simply discarded, and when performance statistics is turned on, the current report resumes the process of collecting statistics. If you do not generate a report before you turn on performance statistics, the default report is generated automatically, and collects the performance statistics.

Run the Performance Statistics Report to obtain benchmarks directly after you perform each of these tasks:

- Install Gentran Integration Suite.
- Tune Gentran Integration Suite using the information provided in the topic "Performance Tuning Utility".
- Complete manual tuning, if any, to the *install_dir/properties/noapp.properties* file.
- Make improvements to your business processes, if necessary, including changing the persistence levels.

After you receive your initial benchmark Performance Statistics Report, generate a new report every few weeks or at least once a month to have a snapshot of the way your Gentran Integration Suite is performing in relation to your benchmarks.

If you note variances between your benchmarks and your current report, you can use the information in the report to troubleshoot and resolve issues before they cause performance delays. The most current report is always at the top of the **View Report** list. After you close a report, no further data can be added to the report. Every time you generate a new report, the new report becomes the current report.

Viewing a Performance Statistics Report

To view a Performance Statistics Report:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.
2. In the Performance Statistics Report Manager page, under **View Report**, select a name from the list, and click **Go!**.

Reading a Performance Statistics Report

Performance Statistics Report provides you with information that can help you maintain your Gentran Integration Suite system, and reduce performance issues before they become problems. Performance Statistics Report helps you identify and analyze bottlenecks in your business processes and the time taken for the completion of each activity.

The report displays business process statistics and system statistics since the time the report was generated first. If a new report is generated, it does not contain historical statistics, only the statistics collected after it was generated the previous time.

Performance Statistics Report consists of the following sections:

- Business Process Statistics
- Internal System Statistics

Business Process Statistics

The following figure displays the Business Process Statistics section of a Performance Statistics Report:

Performance Statistics Report

Business Process Statistics							
Name	Min (ms)	Max (ms)	Average (ms)	Invocations	Total (ms)	Pre-Service (ms)	Post-Service (ms)
CIIDevelope	19183	19275	19229.0	2	38458	Invocations per hour: 271.583	
--> 1 DevelopeCII	18474	18872	18573.0	2	37146	152.0	176.0
--> 2 DevelopeEngineService	0	0	0.0	2	0	5.0	100.0
EDDevelope	16142	16142	16142.0	1	16142	Invocations per hour: 237.745	
--> 1 EDDevelope	0	14859	14859.0	1	14859	0.0	53.0
Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	733	1732	1144.0	7	8008	Invocations per hour: 5.973	
--> 1 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	0	1	0.0	7	3	1.0	7.0
--> 2 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	15	82	33.0	7	235	0.0	32.0
--> 3 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	4	29	10.0	7	73	1.0	5.0
--> 4 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	545	1034	838.0	7	5867	0.0	14.0
--> 5 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	13	26	23.0	7	157	0.0	12.0
Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	447	1226	809.0	7	5667	Invocations per hour: 5.380	
--> 1 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	1	17	3.0	7	23	1.0	0.0
--> 2 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	17	126	59.0	7	373	1.0	13.0
--> 3 Sched.Job_nceBusinessProcessService	1	28	11.0	7	0	1.0	6.0

The following table describes the columns in the Business Process Statistics section:

Note: Business process statistics are more varied than what is described in the Description column of the following table.

Statistic Name	Description
Business Process Statistics	
Name	Name of a business process, followed by numbered rows pertaining in the individual activities in the business process. The number of each row indicates the corresponding step in the business process. For example, in the preceding figure, the business process CIIDevelope includes two activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • --> 1 DevelopeCII

Statistic Name	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • --> 2 DecisionEngineService
Min (ms)	<p>Minimum time (in milliseconds) it took for a business process or activity to complete. If there are multiple invocations, this is the lowest minimum time taken for all the invocations.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the CIIDevelope business process took 19183 ms to complete, while the Deenvolving step (1 DeenvoloperCII) took a minimum time of 18474 ms. Both these are the lowest statistics; there were two invocations of the business process.</p> <p>Use this statistic to track business processes or activities that begin to slow down. If you notice this statistic increasing over your benchmark value, it may be indicative of a performance issue. If you see an occasional variance for a business process or activity, it does not necessarily indicate a performance issue. If, however, you notice a continuous variance between production statistics and your benchmarks, you probably have a real issue that should be addressed.</p> <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution on page 167.</p> <p>For more information about improving business process execution time, refer to the topic Symptoms and Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time on page 164.</p>
Max (ms)	<p>Maximum time (in milliseconds) it took for a business process or activity to complete. If there are multiple invocations, this is the highest maximum time taken for all the invocations.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the CIIDevelope business process took 19275 ms to complete, while the Deenvolving step (1 DeenvoloperCII) took a maximum time of 18672 ms. Both these are the highest statistics; there were two invocations of the business process.</p> <p>Use this statistic to track business processes or activities that begin to slow down during processing. If you notice this statistic increasing over your benchmark value, it may be indicative of a performance issue. If you see an occasional variance for a business or activity, it does not indicate a performance issue. If, however, you notice a continuous variance between production statistics and your benchmarks, you must resolve the issue.</p> <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution on page 167.</p>

Statistic Name	Description
	<p>For more information about improving business process execution time, refer to the topic Symptoms and Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time on page 164.</p>
Average (ms)	<p>Average processing time taken for a business process or service to be completed.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the CIIDevelope business process took an average of 19229.0 ms to complete, while the Deenveloping step (1 DeenveloperCII) took an average time of 18573.0 ms. Both these are the average statistics; there were two invocations of the business process.</p> <p>Use this statistic to track the overall averages of business processes or activities that begin to slow down during processing. If you notice this statistic increasing over your benchmark value, it may be indicative of a performance issue. If you see an occasional variance for a business or activity, it does not necessarily indicate a performance issue. If, however, you notice a continuous variance between production statistics and your benchmarks, you probably have a real issue that should be addressed.</p> <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution on page 167.</p> <p>For more information about improving business process execution time, refer to the topic Symptoms and Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time on page 164.</p>
Invocations	<p>Number of times the business process or service was invoked since the report was generated first. The number of invocations should be the same for both the business process and each activity in the business process, unless you have a business process that loops several times. In such a situation, you can set the number of invocations lower than the number of activities in the business process.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the CIIDevelope business process had two invocations, and the Deenveloping step (1 DeenveloperCII) had two invocations.</p> <p>Use this statistic to determine if the number of business processes expected are running, and if all the activities in the business processes are running. If you see a variance between the business process invocation number and the activity number, this may indicate that a business process has an error, and is in a waiting, interrupted, or halted state. You can also use this statistic to determine the processing load on your system during different processing periods, such as peak and nonpeak processing hours.</p>

Statistic Name	Description
Total (ms)	<p>Total time for (in milliseconds) a business process or service has taken to process since the time you last generated the report. This is the sum of total time taken for the completion of all the business processes.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the CIIDevelope business process took 38458 ms to process since the report was last generated and the Deenveloping step (1 DeenveloperCII) took a total of 37146 ms.</p> <p>Use this statistic to see if the total processing time for a business process or activity is increasing substantially over the number of invocations. If this number does increase over the number of invocations, it indicates that the processing time is longer. If the processing time is longer than your benchmark, you must resolve the issue.</p> <hr/> <p>Note: Because statistics are accumulated from the beginning of monitoring until its end, you might have to turn monitoring on and off and collect the statistics at regular intervals. This allows you to monitor performance at certain times during processing. A change in the total work a business process performs during the intervals might indicate a problem, but only if the demand for that business process is constant throughout the measurement period.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information about improving business process execution time, refer to the topic Understanding Business Process on page 164.</p>
Pre-Service (ms)	<p>Total time taken by the business process engine to complete activities before a business process or service is run.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the DeenvelopeCII activity took 37146 ms for preservice activities. Every time an activity is run, Gentran Integration Suite must complete system service invocations before running the activity.</p> <p>Use this statistic to see if the system services are taking a long time to run before a business process is run. If you see a variance between the report time and the benchmark time, this may indicate that there is a database, operating system, or some other system issue that must be resolved.</p> <p>For more information about operating system issues, refer to your vendor's documentation.</p> <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution on page 167.</p>

Statistic Name	Description
Post-Service (ms)	<p>Total time taken by the business process engine to complete activities after the business process or service is run.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, it can be seen that the DecisionEngineService activity took 100 ms for postservice activities. Every time an activity runs, Gentran Integration Suite completes some persistence of information to the database. This persistence takes time to complete, and the postservice time includes this persistence time.</p> <p>Use this statistic to see if the system services are taking a long time to run after a business process is run. If you see a variance between the report time and the benchmark time, this may indicate that there is a database, operating system, or some other system issue that must be resolved.</p> <p>For more information about operating system issues, refer to your vendor's documentation.</p> <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution on page 167.</p>

Internal System Statistics

The Internal System Statistics section of the Performance Statistics Report includes a lot of information that you can use to monitor your Gentran Integration Suite system and ensure that it meets the benchmarks that you have established.

The following figure displays the Internal System Statistics section of a Performance Statistics Report:

Internal System Statistics					
Name	Min (ms)	Max (ms)	Average (ms)	Invocations	Total (ms)
Persist a Document to the Database	0	212	111.0	3	303
Persist a Business Process Step to the Database	0	381	99.0	163	16156
Assign from an XPath Statement	0	43	10.0	39	390
Execute an XPath Statement	1	43	6.0	141	846
Acquire Database Connection	1	4080	3.0	18703	57291
Run Business Process on the GUCUS	1	49	3.0	38	45

The following table describes the columns in the Internal System Statistics section:

Statistic Name	Description
Internal System Statistics	
Name	<p>Name of the system activity, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persist a Business Process Step to the Database • Persist a Document to the Database • Assign from an XPath Statement • Acquire a Database Connection • Execute an XPath Statement

Statistic Name	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put a Business Process on the Queue
Min (ms)	<p>Minimum time (in milliseconds) the system activity took to complete. If there are multiple invocations, this is the lowest time for all the invocations.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, the Persist a Document to the Database activity took 9 ms to complete. This is the shortest time of the nine invocations of the activity.</p>
Max (ms)	<p>Maximum time (in milliseconds) the system activity took to complete. If there are multiple invocations, this is the highest time for all the invocations.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, the Persist a Document to the Database activity took 212 ms to complete. This is the longest time of the nine invocations of the activity.</p>
Average (ms)	<p>Average processing time taken for the system activity to complete. This is the average time for all invocations.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, the Persist a Document to the Database activity took an average of 111 ms to complete. This is the average processing time taken by the nine invocations of the activity.</p>
Invocations	<p>Number of times the system activity was invoked since you last generated the report.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, the Persist a Document to the Database activity was invoked nine times.</p>
Total (ms)	<p>Total time (in milliseconds) the system activity has taken to process since the report generation began. This is the sum total time of all the system activity completion times.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, the Persist a Document to the Database activity took a total of 1003 ms to complete.</p>

The following table describes each internal system activity, and how to use the statistics to reduce the chances of a performance issue occurring:

Statistic Name	Description
Persist a Document to the Database	<p>The length of time and the number of times a document was persisted to the database.</p> <p>For more information about persistence, refer to the topic Changing Persistence Levels on page 123.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Persist a Document to the Database had the following statistics:</p>

Statistic Name	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 9 • Max (ms) – 212 • Average (ms) – 111.0 • Invocations – 9 • Total (ms) – 1003 <p>The Persist a Document to the Database statistic is helpful in determining database issues and slow processing issues. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that the database is becoming full, or that you have a connection leak. • The number of invocations are increasing. This indicates that your persistence level is set too high. • The number of invocations is small and the Min (ms) and Max (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that you are persisting large documents to the database, which can be moved to the disk to save database space.
Persist a Business Process Step to the Database	<p>The length of time and the number of times a business process step was persisted to the database.</p> <p>For more information about persistence, refer to the topic Changing Persistence Levels on page 123.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Persist a Business Process Step to the Database had the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 5 • Max (ms) – 391 • Average (ms) – 59.0 • Invocations – 163 • Total (ms) – 9735 <p>The Persist a Business Process Step to the Database statistic is helpful in determining database issues and slow processing issues. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that either the database is becoming full, or you have a connection leak. • The number of invocations are increasing. This indicates that your persistence level is set too high. <p>For more information about slow systems, refer to the topic Changing Persistence Levels on page 123.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of invocations is small and the Min (ms) and Max (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that you are

Statistic Name	Description
	<p>persisting large documents to the database, which can be moved to the disk to save database space.</p>
<p>Assign from an XPath Statement</p>	<p>The length of time and the number of times an assign activity was completed from an XPath statement in a business process.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Assign from an XPath Statement had the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 2 • Max (ms) – 43 • Average (ms) – 10.0 • Invocations – 29 • Total (ms) – 310 <p>The Assign from an XPath Statement statistic is helpful in determining if you have well-structured XPath statements in your business processes. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that the XPath statement is not written efficiently, and may slow down your process time. Write XPath statements using relative paths. For example, write <code>PurchaseOrder/text</code> instead of <code>/ProcessData/PurchaseOrder/text()</code>. In addition, do not use <code>//</code> at the beginning of an XPath statement, because this causes the entire process data to be traversed.
<p>Execute an XPath Statement</p>	<p>The length of time and the number of times an XPath statement ran in a business process.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Assign from an XPath Statement had the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 1 • Max (ms) – 43 • Average (ms) – 5.0 • Invocations – 111 • Total (ms) – 598 <p>This statistic is helpful in determining if you have well-structured XPath statements in your business processes. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that the XPath statement is not written efficiently, and may slow down your process time. Write XPath statements using relative paths. For example, write <code>PurchaseOrder/text</code> instead of <code>/ProcessData/PurchaseOrder/text()</code>. In addition, do not use

Statistic Name	Description
	<p>// at the beginning of an XPath statement, because this causes the entire process data to be traversed.</p>
Acquire a Database Connection	<p>The length of time and the number of times a database connection was made.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Acquire a Database Connection had the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 1 • Max (ms) – 4990 • Average (ms) – 3.0 • Invocations – 16102 • Total (ms) – 57722 <p>The Acquire a Database Connection statistic is helpful in determining whether you have database issues, resource leaks, or whether you have to increase the number of database pools. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) times are increasing. This indicates that the database is quite active if it is used by other applications outside of Gentran Integration Suite. • The number of invocations are increasing. This indicates that your persistence level is set too high, causing too much data to be stored in the database, or your cache levels are not tuned correctly, causing the data to be stored and retrieved from the database instead of from the cache. • The number of invocations are low and not increasing. This indicates that either you have a resource leak that is not releasing previously used database connections to be used by other threads, or you do not have enough database pools set in the Performance Tuning Utility.
Put a Business Process on the Queue	<p>The length of time and the number of times a business process was placed in a queue.</p> <p>For example, in the figure preceding this table, Put a Business Process on the Queue had the following statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min (ms) – 1 • Max (ms) – 49 • Average (ms) – 3.0 • Invocations – 38 • Total (ms) – 146 <p>The Put a Business Process on the Queue statistic is helpful in determining if you are using a queue instead of your cache during processing. When you compare this information with your benchmarks, verify if you notice increasing invocation</p>

Statistic Name	Description
	times. If yes, it indicates that you are not using your cache efficiently.

Turning On and Turning Off Performance Statistics

You may find that you want to have performance statistics turned on during specific time periods and turned off during other time periods. For example, you may want to turn on the performance statistics when you are testing or running your weekly or monthly report in order to compare your benchmarks, and turn off performance statistics during the day-to-day operations in order to save your system resources for processing.

To turn on performance statistics:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.
2. In the Performance Statistic Report Manager page, under **On/Off**, select the check box adjacent **Enable Performance Statistics**.

Performance statistics are turned on, and are ready to be captured in a report.

To turn off performance statistics:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.
2. In the Performance Statistic Report Manager page, under **On/Off**, clear the check box adjacent **Disable Performance Statistics**.

Performance statistics are turned off.

Reporting Performance Statistics

Reporting performance statistics includes the following tasks:

- Creating a New Performance Statistics Report
- Deleting a Performance Statistics Report

Creating a New Performance Statistics Report

After enabling performance statistics, create a Performance Statistics report to view the statistics:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.
2. In the Performance Statistic Report Manager page, under **Create New Report**, enter a name for the new report in the **Name** box, and click **Go!**

The new report is created and the name is displayed in the list under **View Report**. This displays the latest report at the top and the oldest report at the bottom.

Deleting a Performance Statistics Report

You may have to delete a Performance Statistics Reports to free up storage or to simply remove old reports from Gentran Integration Suite:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.

2. In the Performance Statistic Report Manager page, under **Delete Reports**, next to **Delete All Inactive Reports**, click **Go!**.

All the reports, except the latest report, are deleted from Gentran Integration Suite.

Troubleshooting

Database Maintenance Check

Gentran Integration Suite performs a scheduled maintenance check on the database every Monday at 4:00 a.m. This is the default setting and is configurable. This maintenance check is performed by the DB Monitor service and its associated Schedule_DBMonitorService business process. The system verifies if any of the following conditions have occurred:

- Database is more than 80 percent full.
- Database has grown more than 30 percent since the last maintenance check.
- Database has to be indexed.

If any of these conditions are found, the system sends an event notification. By default, it sends an e-mail to the system administrator.

If you are notified that the database has to be indexed, contact your database administrator or use the db_optimization_tool script to rebuild the indexes and optimize the database.

Important: The reports and tools described in this section are not a replacement for standard database tools and maintenance scripts, and should be used only if your DBA is not involved with regular maintenance on the Gentran Integration Suite database.

View the Database Statistics Report

To view information about business processes in the database:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > Reports**.
2. In the Reports page, under **Search**, enter DBStats in the **Name** box and click **Go!**.

Note: The DBStats report can also be found under **List**. However, it cannot be found using the Type "list" under **Search**.

3. Click **source manager**.
4. Select the appropriate report format from the drop-down list and click **execute**.

Database Statistics Report

The Database Statistics Report provides statistical information about business processes in the database. You should review the Database Statistics Report if you experience full database or failed database connection problems, or if you receive automated notification that the database's health needs to be checked.

The Database Statistics Report is divided into the following sections:

Report Section	Description and Fields
Business Process Runs in Active System	<p>Lists all the business process definitions that have had at least one instance executed. Fields are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Process Name – Name of the business process instance. • Number of Runs – Number of times the instance has run. • Number of Persisted Steps – Number of steps persisted per business process definition. • Average Number of Persisted Steps – Average number of steps persisted.
Business Process Runs in Active System - Last 24 Hours	<p>Lists all the business process definitions that have had at least one instance executed in the last 24 hours.</p>
Business Process Runs in Active System - Interval of Last 48 to 24 Hours	<p>Lists all the business process definitions that have had at least one instance executed during the previous day (24-48 hours before the current time).</p>
Number of BPs by Removal Method	<p>Shows the number of business processes flagged to be archived, purged, or indexed. It contains the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archive Flag – Shows the number of business processes in each category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Be Archived – Business processes flagged to be archived • To Be Purged – Business processes flagged to be purged • Archived, to be Purged – Business processes that have been archived and are flagged to be purged • To Be Indexed – Business processes flagged to be indexed • Count - Total number of business processes with the stated Archive flag
Number of Eligible BPs by Removal Method	<p>Number of eligible business processes that are flagged to be archived, purged, or indexed.</p> <p>The Number of BPs by Removal Method To Be Indexed count minus the Number of Eligible BPs by Removal Method To Be Indexed count provides the number of business processes that, for whatever reason, are not eligible for indexing. These business processes will not be purged until they become eligible for indexing.</p>
Archive Dates by Removal Method	<p>Shows the date range of business processes that are flagged to be archived, purged, or indexed. Fields are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archive Flag – Shows one of the following conditions:

Report Section	Description and Fields
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Be Archived – Business processes flagged to be archived • To Be Purged – Business processes flagged to be purged • Archived, to be Purged – Business processes that have been archived, and are flagged to be purged • Min – Date and time of the first expired business process • Max – Date and time of the last expired business process
Table Row Counts	<p>Shows the number of rows for each table in the active system. Fields are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Name – Name of the table • Count – Number of rows in the table
Table Row Counts - Last 24 Hours	Shows the number of rows for each table in the active system during the last 24 hours.
Table Row Counts - Interval of Last 48 to 24 Hours	Shows the number of rows for each table in the active system during the previous day (24 to 48 hours prior to the current time).
Table Row Counts - Index	Shows the number of rows that have not been indexed for each table in the active system.
Table Row Counts - Archive	The Table Row Counts - Archive section shows the number of rows eligible for archiving for each table in the active system.
Table Row Counts - Purge	The Table Row Counts - Purge section shows the number of rows eligible for purging for each table in the active system.
Number of Rows with No Matching Records in Archive Info	<p>Shows the number of rows in a table that are orphaned (have no matching records in the archive data). It contains the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table Name – Name of the table • Orphaned Record Count – Number of orphaned rows
No Matching Workflow ID (Null)	<p>The section shows the number of records in DATA_TABLE with NULL workflow IDs or -1 workflow IDs. It contains the following fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of BPs with No Matching Records in Data Table, and Count – Total number of workflows with -1 Workflow IDs in the data table • No Workflow ID Assigned, and Count – Number of business processes that have a null workflow ID.

Optimize the Database with the db_optimization_tool Script

Genran Integration Suite provides a database optimization script that allows you to optimize your database by performing tasks such as analyzing tables and rebuilding indexes.

Note: The `db_optimization_tool` script does not work for DB2.

To run the database optimization script, run the following from the command line:

- For UNIX, run `install_dir /bin/db_optimization_tool.sh options`
- For Windows, run `install_dir \bin\db_optimization_tool.cmd options`

Option	Description
-l	View a list of all index rebuild or analyze database SQL statements. Must be used with -i or -a, or both. Uses the current date and time as the cutoff for expired data, unless the -t option is used. Either -l or -r is required.
-r	Run all index rebuild or analyze database SQL statements. Must be used with -i or -a. Uses the current date and time as the cutoff for expired data, unless the -t option is used. Either -l or -r is required.
-i	Use a list of the table indexes that need to be rebuilt (optimized). Must be used with -l or -r. Either -i or -a is required.
-a	Use a list of the tables to analyze. Must be used with -l or -r. Either -i or -a is required.
-t	Date and time cutoff to look for expired data. Format: <code>yyyyMMdd-HH:mm:ss.SSS</code> . Default is current date. This date and time will be used as the starting point to check for expired tables. If the table has expired since the last time it was rebuilt, that table is added to a list for rebuild or index analyzing. Must be used with -l or -r. Optional.
-o	Specifies a file name to save output messages to. Provide a full path to the file. If not used, output will be displayed only on the screen. Must be used with -l or -r. Optional.
-d	Check all tables. If not used, the check will only be done on tables that were recorded on the database after the last rebuilds. Must be used with -l or -r. Optional.
-p	Print the stack trace if there is an exception. If used with the -o option, the stack trace will print to a file. Otherwise, it is displayed on the screen. Must be used with -l or -r. Optional.
-h or -?	View the help screen.

Command Examples

To view a list of table indexes that have to be rebuilt, and to save the output to a file named myList, go to the install_dir/bin directory and run the following command:

```
db_optimization_tool.sh -l -i -o myList
```

To rebuild the indexes for all the tables, run the following command:

```
db_optimization_tool.sh -r -i -d
```

Full Database Issues and Resolution

For a variety of reasons, you may find that your Gentran Integration Suite database has become full. This may cause performance issues that appear to be related to memory or other resource usage.

If your database is set to auto extend, the database may attain 99 percent capacity before extending automatically. In this situation, the 99 percent capacity does not indicate a performance issue.

After you run Gentran Integration Suite for some time and you take out from the database approximately the same amount of data that you put into the database, the database size becomes consistent.

If other applications are using the same database that Gentran Integration Suite uses, verify that the other applications are also experiencing slow database returns before making any database adjustments.

If the other applications are not experiencing database issues, the performance issue may be related to a cause other than the database.

Symptoms and Causes of a Full Database

The symptoms of a full database may include:

- Database does not accept new data.
- Database Usage Report shows that your database usage is increasing to capacity.
- Gentran Integration Suite interface is slow.
- Business process execution times are slow.

Determining the cause of a full or filling database requires you to review your business processes and your archival and purging practices. Causes of a full or filling database may include:

- The database is not sized properly. Determine if the current database size exceeds the expected size determined with your Sterling Commerce Sales Representative at the time of sales. (Customers must have this information in the form of a sizing sheet.)
- Persistence levels set to high globally in your business processes or for each activity in a business process, causing too much data to be persisted to the database.
- Indexing business process is not working properly, causing no data to be flagged for archival or purging and no data being removed from the database. The indexing business process runs every 10 minutes.
- Backup business process is not working properly, causing no data to be removed from the database and archived to another location. The archive business process checks for the archive flag and then the date on which the archive is to be completed. When the archive date is reached, the archive business process archives the record.
- Purging business process is not working properly, causing no data to be purged from the database. The purge business process checks for the purge flag and then the date on which the purge is to be completed. When the purge date is reached, the purge business process purges the record from the database.
- Large or old files that can be archived elsewhere are being stored in the database, causing the database to fill up.

- Size of the database is not optimized for your processing requirements, causing the database to fill up prematurely.
- Data retention period is set too high, causing data to be kept in the database longer than necessary.
- BPRecovery business process is either not running or failing, causing business processes to remain in the database in an interrupted state.
- IndexBusinessProcess business process is either not running or failing, causing no business processes to be flagged for archival or purging.
- AssociateDocsToBP business process is either not running or failing, causing expired documents to not be associated for being purged from the system.

To determine the cause of a full database:

- Monitor the Database Usage Report in Gentran Integration Suite to determine the levels of database usage. If the usage level increases to the high end of its capacity, you may need to take corrective action, unless you have your database set to auto extend (increase in capacity when a specified level is reached). For more information about auto-extending your database, refer to the documentation pertaining to your database.
- Review the archive.log and database-specific log by navigating to **Operations > System > Logs** for information about archiving and purging activities and errors.

Resolve Full Database Issues

Try the following approaches to resolve full database issues.

Approach	Details
Change persistence levels	For information about how to change persistence levels, refer to the topic Changing Persistence Levels on page 123.
Complete indexing activities	<p>If your index business process is scheduled, but not running, no data is flagged for archival or purging, and your database may fill up. Review the index business process and verify that the schedule is defined and turned on in the business process, and that business processes are being indexed.</p> <p>To verify that the index business process is running, review the archive.log file for data that was purged or archived. This log file will state whether each data purge or data archive was successful. If the archive.log file shows no data being archived or purged, your index business process may not be running, causing your database to fill up.</p> <p>If the index business process is running and failing, contact Sterling Commerce Professional Services for assistance.</p>
Complete archiving activities	<p>If your archival business process is scheduled, but is not running, your database can fill up because data is not being archived and moved off the database tables to another storage location. Review the archival business processes and verify that the schedule is defined and turned on in the business process, and that business processes are archived after a reasonable amount of time.</p> <p>To verify that the archival business process is running, review the archive.log file for data that was purged or archived. This log file will state whether each data purge or data archive was successful. If the archive.log file shows no data being</p>

Approach	Details
	<p>archived or purged, your archival business process may not be running, causing your database to fill up.</p> <p>If the archival business process is running and failing, contact Sterling Commerce Professional Services for assistance.</p>
Complete purging activities	<p>If your purging business process is scheduled, but is not running, your database can fill up because data is not being removed from the database tables. Review the purging business processes and verify that the schedule is defined and turned on in the business process, and that business processes are purged after a reasonable amount of time.</p> <p>To verify that the purging business process is running, review the archive.log file for data that was purged or archived. This log file will state whether each data purge or data archive was successful. If the archive.log file shows no data being archived or purged, your purging business process may not be running, causing your database to fill up.</p> <p>If the PurgeService business process is running and failing, contact Sterling Commerce Professional Services for assistance.</p>
Complete Associate Docs to BP activities	<p>If an associate document to BP business process is scheduled but not running, your database can fill up because expired document data will not be associated to be removed.</p> <p>Review the business processes and verify that the schedule is defined and turned on in the business processes, and that business processes are purged after a reasonable amount of time.</p>
Reduce the amount of large or old data stored in the database	<p>If old data and large files are using database resources and causing your database to fill up, archive those files to another file system instead of to database tables.</p>
Optimizing the Size of Your Database	<p>As your business and processing needs change, you may find that your initial database size requirements are different from your requirements. If your database is filling and your volume is increasing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the size of your database to reflect your processing needs. • Compress your database, if your database has this feature, in order to save more data to the same size database. <p>For more information about compressing your database, refer to your database documentation.</p>
Optimizing the Data Retention Period	<p>You may be retaining information in the database for longer periods of time than necessary.</p> <p>Set the data retention period in the database to lower levels as appropriate.</p>

Approach	Details
	For more information about setting data retention periods in your database, refer to your database documentation.
BPREcovery Business Process is Not Running or is Failing	<p>If your BPREcovery business process is either not running or is failing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Sterling Commerce Professional Services for assistance with the BPREcovery business process 2. Run the corrected BPREcovery. 3. Restart, resume, or terminate interrupted business processes. <p>You can perform a mass termination of business processes if many are in an interrupted state.</p>

Document Persistence

Gentran Integration Suite offers two options for persisting documents: a database option and a file system option. When dealing with database sizing, it is important to understand these differences and ensure that you have chosen the correct option for your environment.

- Database option – The payload of each document in the system is stored in the DATA_TABLE or TRANS_DATA tables. When documents (payloads) become large, it leads to inefficient use of database disk space and results in greatly increased network traffic.
- File system persistence option – This option was created to store the payload of documents out on disk. For documents with file system persistence, the DATA_TABLE/TRANS_DATA tables are still utilized. The difference is that the content of the BLOB data is not the payload, but a serialized Java HashMap that contains the file name of the payload. This is used to tie the file with the document.

Use of the database or the system for persisting the document payload is specified in the jdbc.properties file with the defaultDocumentStorageType property. This setting is the system default and can be inherited or overridden at the WFD (workflow definition) level. The location of document payloads is also configurable in the jdbc.properties file with the document_dir property.

Database Connection Issues

You may find that your business process throughput slows down in Gentran Integration Suite during data bursts (sudden increase in data volumes) or connection or cursor leaks (unreleased database connections). These can also result in an increased number of failed pool requests.

Symptoms and Causes of Failed Database Connection Requests

The symptoms of an increasing number of failed pool requests may include:

- Slow business process throughput (volume being processed in a specific time period).
- Increasing number of failed pool requests as seen in the Database Usage Report by navigating to **Operations > System > Troubleshooter**. This report shows the number of pool requests and failed requests.

Determining the cause of an increasing number of failed pool requests necessitates you to investigate many areas of the system and the way in which you are implementing Gentran Integration Suite. The causes of an increasing number of failed pool requests may include:

- Increased data volume, causing more business processes to compete for the connections.
- Data bursts – High rates of data in short transmission periods.
- Connection or cursor leaks – Database connections that are opened for a business process and then kept open by that business process instead of being released back to Gentran Integration Suite for use by other business processes. This leads to fewer available connections to the database.
- Improperly tuned performance properties – Fewer database pools configured than is required by your processing volumes. For more information, refer to the topic "Calculating the Settings Required".

To determine the cause of failed database connection requests:

- Monitor the Database Usage report.
- Monitor database tools specific to your database. For more information about this, refer to your database documentation.

Monitor the Database Usage Report

This report shows the number of failed requests for each pool type. You can use this information to determine which pool settings to change in the Performance Tuning Utility.

1. From the Administration menu, navigate to **Operations > System > Troubleshooter** as shown in the following figure.
2. The System Troubleshooting page is displayed as shown in the following figure. Click **Database Usage**.



The Database Usage Report (details) is displayed, as shown in the following figure.



Resolve Database Connection Issues by Increasing the Database Pool Size

You can change the size of the database pools to allow more connections to the database and resolve the following issues:

- Increased volume levels
- Data bursts
- Connection or cursor leaks

To increase the size of specific database pools in Gentran Integration Suite, navigate to **Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**.

For more information about increasing the database pool size, refer to the topic [Performance Tuning Utility](#) on page 102.

Database Down Check

Gentran Integration Suite performs a scheduled check on the database connection every 120 seconds to verify that it has not gone down. These checks are performed by the DB Resource Monitor and are logged in the `resource_monitor.log` file.

If the check finds that the database has gone down, the system administrator is sent an e-mail notification stating that the database is unreachable. The date and time of the check is also provided as shown in the following example:

```
Database Unreachable
The database was unreachable at 2005.07.19 14:29:36 EDT.
E-mails will be sent at increasing intervals of
1, 5, 15, 30, 45, and 60 minutes until Gentran Integration Suite is shut
down or the database can be reached.
Event Information:
eventType: ResourceMonitor.DBResourceMonitor.ExceptionSQLException.3
ExceptionLevel: Exceptional
timestamp: 1121797776902
datetime: 2005.07.19 14:29:36 EDT
Status: SQL Exception
host: myhost
node: node1
subject: Database Server Unreachable (Node- node1 Host- myhost)
```

Additional e-mail notifications are sent at increasing intervals of 1, 5, 15, 30, 45, and 60 minutes unless Gentran Integration Suite is shut down or the database can be reached. If the database can be reached, the system administrator is sent an e-mail notification that the database connection was successful as shown in the following example:

```
Database Connection Successful
Database was reachable at 2005.07.19 14:34:47 EDT.
Event Information:
eventType: ResourceMonitor.DBResourceMonitor.SUCCESS.1
ExceptionLevel: Exceptional
timestamp: 1121798087408
datetime: 2005.07.19 14:34:47 EDT
Status: Success
host: myhost
```

```
node: nodel
subject: Database Connection Successful (Node- nodel Host- myhost)
```

Configure DB Resource Monitor

The DB Resource Monitor can be configured to perform the database down check at intervals other than the default interval of every two minutes. To change the interval, perform the following tasks:

1. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate (or create, if necessary) the *customer_overrides.properties* file.
2. Open the *customer_overrides.properties* file using a text editor.
3. Add the following override statement. This statement will set the value of the *DBResourceMonitor.delay* property of the *resource_monitor.properties* file.

```
resourceMonitor.DBResourceMonitor.delay=new_interval
```

The value for *new_interval* is the interval, in milliseconds, at which you want the database down check to run. For example, the default value of 120000 runs the check every 120 seconds, or once every two minutes. If you want to configure the check to run every 10 minutes (as opposed to the default), you should set the *new_interval* value to 600000 (600000 milliseconds = 600 seconds = 10 minutes). To do so, add the following line to the *customer_overrides.properties* file:

```
resourceMonitor.DBResourceMonitor.delay=600000
```

4. Save and close the *customer_overrides.properties* file.
5. Stop and restart Gentran Integration Suite to use the new values.

For assistance in determining the proper settings to suit your business needs, contact Sterling Commerce Customer Support.

Tracking JDBC Connections

Gentran Integration Suite provides the capability to track your JDBC connections. This is useful when troubleshooting high connection usage or running out of connections at the database. These problems may be caused by connection leaks that occur when a component requests a connection from the pool and does not return it. When enabled, JDBC tracking will track all the active JDBC connections.

If JDBC tracking is enabled, you can view or save a JDBC report to help you troubleshoot database connection problems. You can view the report to perform troubleshooting by yourself, or save the report and send it to Sterling Commerce Customer Support to aid in resolving the problem. The JDBC report provides current database stack dump information at the time the JDBC report is viewed or saved.

Enable or Disable JDBC Tracking

JDBC tracking that is enabled through the JDBC Monitor will be reset to Disabled if Gentran Integration Suite is restarted. This feature helps prevent degraded performance if JDBC Tracking is accidentally left Enabled after you have finished the troubleshooting activity. You should always disable JDBC Tracking when you have finished the troubleshooting activity.

To enable or disable JDBC tracking:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > JDBC Monitor**.
2. To change the enable/disable state, select one of the following in the **On/Off** box:
 - If JDBC tracking is disabled, click **(Enable)** to enable JDBC tracking.

- If JDBC tracking is enabled, click **(Disable)** to disable JDBC tracking.

If you want to enable JDBC tracking for extended troubleshooting so that it remains enabled even if Gentran Integration Suite is restarted, you can use the internal **use tracking** parameter.

To control JDBC tracking with the **use tracking** parameter:

1. Stop Gentran Integration Suite.
2. In the *install_dir/properties* directory, locate the *jdbc.properties.in* file.
3. Open the *jdbc.properties.in* file using a text editor.
4. In the *jdbc.properties.in* file, locate the **use tracking** parameter.
 - To enable JDBC tracking, set the *databasePool.useTracking* property to `true`.
 - To disable JDBC tracking, set the *databasePool.useTracking* property to `false`.
5. Save the *jdbc.properties.in* file.
6. Restart Gentran Integration Suite to apply the change.

Note: Always disable JDBC tracking when you have completed the troubleshooting activity in order to improve performance.

View or Save a JDBC Report

To view or save a JDBC report:

1. From the **Administration** menu, select **Operations > JDBC Monitor**.
2. In the **View** box, next to **View JDBC Report**, click one of the following:
 - To view a JDBC Tracking Report, click the **View** icon. Click **F5** to refresh the report, as needed.
 - To save a JDBC Tracking Report, click **(Download)**.

Types of Cache Memory

Gentran Integration Suite utilizes the memory cache types described in the following table to execute processes:

Memory Types	Description
Soft reference cache	When objects are removed from the memory cache in order to keep the memory cache size constant, they are moved to a soft reference cache, which can grow or shrink based on the available memory. If the JVM has to reclaim memory space, it takes it from the soft reference cache.
Memory cache	Uses the amount of memory necessary to hold the objects in memory at all times. You can configure this in the <i>noapp.properties</i> file.
Disk cache	Objects can be read more quickly from the disk than from the database. When objects are no longer in the soft reference cache because they have been garbage collected, the disk cache provides a faster access mechanism than object retrieval from the database. You can configure this in the <i>noapp.properties</i> file.

A soft cache is an in-memory cache. The difference between a soft cache and a traditional cache is that the memory used to cache the objects is reclaimed as soon as memory becomes constrained. When the system is

low on memory, the cached objects are automatically removed from memory. This is possible because the objects themselves are backed by persistent data in the database or disk and can be reread from there.

This behavior is similar to an operating system disk cache. The disk cache retains recently read files or sections of files in memory in order to speed up subsequent access to that data. However, if the system requires memory for applications to run, the cache size is reduced proportionally. You can see this in Windows by watching the size of the disk cache fall when you open a large file.

Gentran Integration Suite follows this practice with soft caches. Most soft caches in Gentran Integration Suite are implemented by Java Soft References. For more information about Java Soft References, refer to the following Web site: <http://java.sun.com/developer/technicalArticles/ALT/>

JVM short-lived min/max memory values are used for generational garbage collection. For more information about generational garbage collection, refer to the following Web sites:

- http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/javasdk/v5r0/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.java.doc.diagnostics.50/html/mm_gc_generational.html
- <http://java.sun.com/docs/hotspot/gc1.4.2/faq.html>

Based on the amount of memory allocated to Gentran Integration Suite and the number of CPUs, the Gentran Integration Suite tuning wizard will allocate disk cache and in-memory cache. In-memory cache is a combination of the soft reference cache and memory cache displayed on the cache usage screen.

Symptoms and Causes of Inefficient Cache Usage

The symptoms of inefficient use of cache include:

- Slow-running business processes
- Longer completion time for business processes
- Increased cache hits reported in the Cache Usage Report

Determining the reasons behind the inefficient use of cache may require you to investigate many areas of your system and the way you are implementing Gentran Integration Suite.

The reasons for inefficient use of cache may include:

- Improperly tuned performance properties
- High cache usage for less frequently used large objects
- Low cache usage for frequently used small objects

To determine the reason behind the inefficient use of cache, review the Cache Usage Report that is displayed in the System Troubleshooting (**Operations > System > Troubleshooter**) page for the number of counts, requests, and hits for each cache in Gentran Integration Suite.

An increase in the number of requests and a decrease in the number of hits indicates that you have to increase the cache size for the affected cache. Each request that is not met with a hit requires a call to the database for data, which slows down the processing time and uses more resources, which could be used by other components of Gentran Integration Suite.

For example, if the SchemaCache on the Cache Usage report has 5 counts, 5 requests, and 0 hits, it indicates that the schema cache may be too small for the number of requests from the cache or too small for the size of the documents used. Zero hits means that the business processes requesting the schema from the cache did not

find the requested data and called the database to receive the schema data, which in turn slowed the processing time.

Resolving Inefficient Cache Usage

Following are the different ways in which inefficient use of cache can be resolved, depending on the identified cause:

- Improperly Tuned Cache Performance Properties
- High Cache Allocation for Less Frequently Used Large Objects
- Low Cache Allocation for More Frequently Used Small Objects

For more information about changing the cache values in the Performance Tuning Utility, refer to the topic [Viewing or Editing Performance Configuration Settings](#) on page 104.

For more information about changing the cache values manually using the `noapp.properties` file, refer to the topic [Manual Performance Tuning](#) on page 111.

Improperly Tuned Cache Performance Properties

If you review the Cache Usage Report and notice that the number of requests are increasing and the number of hits are decreasing for the same cache, increase the cache values using the Performance Tuning Utility, or manually increase the values in the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file.

Following are the possible consequences of increasing the cache size:

- Increasing the size too much does not make the system any more effective than reading from the disk. Depending on your system and your configuration, you may have to adjust the cache settings to attain peak performance without losing the benefit of cache over disk.
- Increasing the cache sizes for items that are not used frequently may degrade performance because more resources are allocated to the caches, but are not being used.

High Cache Allocation for Less Frequently Used Large Objects

If you review the Cache Usage Report and notice that the number of requests to the cache are low, you can reduce the size of the cache values using the Performance Tuning Utility, or manually decrease the values in the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file. The low request number indicates that the objects in the cache are not used frequently with your business processes. Review the value for the cache property and reduce the cache size if the cache size is large.

Decreasing the cache size too much may cause a reduced number of hits to the caches, which results in a call to the database for data, and increases the processing time. Depending on your system and your configuration, you may have to adjust the cache settings to attain peak performance without losing the benefit of cache over disk.

Low Cache Allocation for More Frequently Used Small Objects

If you review the Cache Usage Report and notice that the number of requests to the cache are high and the number of hits to the cache are low, you can increase the size of the cache values using the Performance Tuning Utility, or manually increase the values in the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file. The high request number indicates that the objects in the cache are being used frequently with your business processes. Review the values for the cache properties and increase the cache size if the cache size is small. This is especially

important for the smaller objects that are used frequently and are static in value. Cache retrieval is faster than disk or database retrieval.

Increasing the cache sizes too much may cause a reduced number of hits to the caches for larger objects. This results in a call to the database for data, and increases the processing time. Depending on your system and your configuration, you may have to adjust the cache settings to attain peak performance without losing the benefit of cache over disk.

Correcting Dropped Data Problems

Proper requirements planning and performance tuning usually prevent most memory-related issues from occurring. However, because it is not possible to anticipate every situation, you may occasionally experience a memory problem. Some of the more common issues are covered in this section. Whenever you adjust memory allocations after initial performance tuning, you must increase the memory amount by the smallest increment to resolve the issue.

Because Gentran Integration Suite interacts extensively with other systems, sometimes, problems with dropped data occur because of the configuration settings of the other systems.

For example, when Gentran Integration Suite is under sufficient load and requires business processes to be placed in queue, the HTTPSyncSend adapter attempts to respond with a Message Disposition Notification (MDN). If this is not completed in a timely manner, the client that initiated the session may release the connection because of a timeout. If this occurs, the HTTPSyncSend operation appears to complete successfully by handing off to perimeter servers, but there is a possibility of the data being dropped.

In this example, the timeout settings in the client can be adjusted to resolve the problem. Alternatively, the amount of memory available to Gentran Integration Suite can be increased to allow the operation to be pulled from the queue and completed before the timeout occurs.

To increase the amount of memory available to Gentran Integration Suite, use the Performance Tuning wizard (**Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**) and change the value in the **Physical memory (MB) allocated to GIS** box to a higher value. For more information about allocating physical memory to Gentran Integration Suite, refer to the topic [Viewing or Editing Performance Configuration Settings](#) on page 104.

Correcting Out-Of-Memory Errors

Occasionally, a specific operation may require more memory than the current configuration allocates to Gentran Integration Suite. For example, with the default settings, attempting to view a large code list (over 100,000 entries) may result in an Out-Of-Memory error. This type of error is typically written to the noapp.log file.

To increase the amount of memory available to Gentran Integration Suite, use the Performance Tuning wizard (**Operations > System > Performance > Tuning**) and change the value in the **Physical memory (MB) allocated to GIS** box to a higher value. For more information about how to increase the memory available to Gentran Integration Suite, refer to the topic [Viewing or Editing Performance Configuration Settings](#) on page 104.

Understanding Business Process

You may find that business process execution times are longer than expected, which might be the result of an increase in volume or improperly written business processes. This indicates that either the performance does not match your requirements and corrective action is required, or that you have business processes containing errors and require manual attention.

The following concepts are explained under this topic:

- [Symptoms and Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time](#) on page 164
- [Resolving Halted, Halting, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes](#) on page 165

Symptoms and Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time

The symptoms of increasing business process execution time include:

- Performance Statistics Report showing the Min (ms), Max (ms), and Average (ms) time increasing for business processes, activities, and internal system activities. To access this report, navigate to **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.
- Increasing business process execution time in the wf.log in the install_dir/logs directory.

Determining the cause of increasing business process execution time may require you to investigate many areas of the system and the way in which you are implementing Gentran Integration Suite.

Typically, the cause of increasing business process execution time is because of:

- The database is full or is receiving too many requests
- Improperly designed business processes

Improperly designed business processes may involve the following issues:

- Business process persistence levels are set too high, which causes too much data to be stored to the database.

For more information about persistence levels, refer to the topic [Changing Persistence Levels](#) on page 123.

- Unnecessary service invocations, which use resources that can otherwise be used by Gentran Integration Suite's other business processes or components.
- Improperly tuned cache properties, which cause the business process to query the database or disk for information that can be provided in a queue.

For more information about caches, refer to the topic [Resolving Inefficient Cache Usage](#) on page 162.

- A full database or database maintenance issues, which cause longer query times and increased execution times.

If you find that all your business processes are experiencing an increase in execution time, you may also find that your database is full or is receiving many requests, causing the entire processing to slow down.

- Unnecessary loops, which cause the use of resources that can otherwise be used by Gentran Integration Suite's other business processes or components.
- Improperly written XPath statements, which use resources that can otherwise be used by Gentran Integration Suite's other business processes or components.

Use relative paths when writing XPath statements, for example, write `PurchaseOrder/text` instead of `/ProcessData/PurchaseOrder/text()`.

In addition, do not use `//` at the beginning of an XPath statement because this causes the entire process data to be searched, and slows down the search time significantly.

- Running services in modes other than the literal mode, which is significantly faster than the other modes available.
- Using older services and adapters instead of newer and more efficient ones, which may combine the functionality of more than one older service or adapter into one service.

Note: Adapters and services that are retiring are placed on the Retiring stencil in the Graphical Process Modeler. Although adapters and services on the Retiring stencil are available for use, if you are designing new business processes, use the newer adapters and services in your business processes.

Determining the Causes of Poor Business Process Execution Time

To determine the cause of increasing business process execution time:

- Review the `wf.log` file in the `install_dir/logs` file for time and date stamp information showing increases in execution time, and errors in each business process.
- Review the Performance Statistics Report by navigating to **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**. This report shows the number of invocations and processing time for each business process and system activity.
- Review business processes that show increasing execution time for improper design, mode, or XPath statements, for example, using a Command Line adapter to retrieve data instead of a File System adapter. The Command Line adapter uses more resources than the File System adapter, which can accomplish the same goal in some situations. Or, in some situations, you can create an XPath statement in an Assign service, which will replace the need for both the Command Line adapter and the File System adapter.

Also, use relative paths in XPath statements. For example, write `PurchaseOrder/text` instead of `/ProcessData/PurchaseOrder/text()`. In addition, do not use `//` at the beginning of an XPath statement because this causes the entire process data to be traversed.

Resolving Halted, Halting, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes

A business process in a Halting, Halted, Interrupted_Man, or Interrupted_Auto state requires immediate attention because the business process has stopped processing. Business processes remain in a halted or interrupted state until some action is taken on the business process. Business processes that fail receive a state of Halted, which enables you to take manual corrective action without the business process being archived or purged.

When you notice a halted or interrupted business process, you have two options:

- Terminate the business process.
- Restart the business process.

When you notice a business process in a waiting state, you have three options:

- Allow the business process to remain in the waiting state if it is waiting on one of the following:
 - Resources
 - A service or activity that is disabled, but will be enabled

- Terminate the business process.
- Restart the business process.

The following sections show how to diagnose and resolve issues with halting, halted, waiting, or interrupted business processes:

- Symptoms of Halting, Halted, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes
- Causes of Halting, Halted, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes

Symptoms of Halting, Halted, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes

Symptoms of an increasing number of business processes in a halting, halted, waiting, or interrupted state may include:

- Slow system performance

For more information on resolving a slow system, refer to the topic [A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution](#) on page 167.

- The database is getting full or having performance issues.

For more information on resolving a database issues, refer to the topic [Full Database Issues and Resolution](#) on page 153.

- Business processes complete with errors, which places them in a halted state.
- Business Process Usage report shows an increasing number of business processes in a halted, halting, waiting, or interrupted state.

Causes of Halting, Halted, Waiting, or Interrupted Business Processes

Causes of an increasing number of business processes in a halting, halted, waiting, or interrupted state may include:

- System, business process, or activity schedules are disabled. For example, if a business process requires an output from, or access to, a different service or business process that is scheduled to work, but the schedule is not turned on, this places the business process in a halted or waiting state.
- System errors. For example, Java, JVM, out of memory errors, or operating system errors may cause a business process to halt or be interrupted. Check your business process logs for causes of the halted or interrupted business processes. If the logs show JVM errors, Java errors, or operating system errors, review your operating system documentation for resolutions.
- Improperly designed business processes. For example,
 - Using the Wait service in a business process for time periods of less than one minute, instead of using the Sleep service. This can cause a business process to be placed into a waiting state instead of an active state, until the Wait service completes.
 - Using Produce and Consume services instead of the Invoke Subprocess service to invoke subprocesses. Using Produce and Consume services places a business process into a waiting state, waiting for the Produce service to create the document and for the Consume service to use the document.
- Gentran Integration Suite stops running. For example, your site experiences a power outage and you must restart Gentran Integration Suite after power is restored. Your business processes at the time of the power outage may be in halted, interrupted, or waiting states after the recovery operations run, depending on the activities being completed at the time of the outage.

To determine the cause of an increasing number of business processes in a halting, halted, waiting, or interrupted state:

- Review the Business Process Usage report on the **Operations > System > Troubleshooting** page. This report shows the number of business processes in the different states. You can click the number next to the state to view detailed information about the process, which may help troubleshoot any problems.
- Review applicable system and business process schedules to verify that they are turned on. For example, if you notice many business processes are halting and each of these business processes is dependent on the schedule of another business process or service, this indicates that the scheduled business process or service may not be turned on.
- Review the Performance Statistics report for information related to the business process execution times. Increasing execution times for key business processes or activities may indicate that a business process is not efficiently designed, or that a resource leak may have occurred.

For more information about the Performance Statistics report, refer to the topic [Turning On and Turning Off Performance Statistics](#) on page 147.

- Review appropriate log files in the **Operations > System > Logs** page. The following log files may provide troubleshooting information:
 - archive.log – Provides information about successful and unsuccessful archiving and purging activities.
 - wf.log – Provides information about business process states, errors, and processing.
 - Adapter and service logs – Provide information on specific adapter or service activities and errors.
 - system.log – Provides information about the general system.
 - noapp.log – Provides information about ASI (application server-independent) activity. Review business processes to verify that they are effectively designed to meet your business needs.

A Slow System: Symptoms, Causes, and Resolution

You may find that your Gentran Integration Suite is working slowly because of a variety of reasons. An increase in volume or improperly designed business process may cause slower than expected performance.

The symptoms of a slow system include:

- Slow transaction processing
- Unusually long delay in starting a business process
- Unusually large number of business processes waiting in the queues
- Slow user interface log in
- Slow business process searches
- Slow system services, such as indexing and purging
- Slow user interface performance

Potential Causes of a Slow System

A slow system can be caused by many areas of your system and the in which way you are implementing Gentran Integration Suite.

Potential causes of a slow system include:

- Improperly designed business processes.
- Various system services being turned off. For more information about turning off system services, refer to the topic "Disabled Service".
- Improperly tuned performance properties. For more information about tuning performance properties, refer to the topic "Improperly Tuned Performance Properties".

Determining the Cause of a Slow System

To determine the cause of a slow system, complete some, if not all, the following tasks, depending on your situation:

- Review your operating system and database performance if other applications are using these resources. If other applications using the same resources are slow, it indicates that the performance issue is not specific to Gentran Integration Suite. Review your operating system or database applications for performance issues.
- Review the log files for errors and processing information. If your system is slow, good places to start troubleshooting are the `system.log` and the `noapp.log` in the `install_dir/logs` directory.

For more information about logs and system information, refer to the topic [Managing System Logs](#) on page 76 and [Reviewing System Information](#) on page 91.

- Review the Gentran Integration Suite Internal System Statistics Report by navigating to **Operations > System > Performance > Statistics**.

This report shows the number of invocations and the processing time taken for each business process and system activity. You can use this information to identify activities that are slowing down and impacting performance.

For more information, refer to the topic [Manage Performance Statistics](#) on page 137.

- Perform a thread dump to identify business process bottlenecks in Gentran Integration Suite.

For more information about thread dumps, refer to the topic [Conducting a Thread Dump](#) on page 169.

Resolving a Slow System

A system may have slowed down because of the following reasons:

- Improperly Designed Business Processes
- Disabled Service
- Improperly Tuned Performance Properties

Improperly Designed Business Processes

Improperly designed business processes can cause performance issues with Gentran Integration Suite. These issues can be averted or resolved by implementing well-designed business processes.

Disabled Service

If a service that Gentran Integration Suite uses for processing is disabled, the following issues may arise:

- Business processes may start to fail or wait until the service becomes available.
- Indexing, archiving, or purging activities may not occur, causing the database to fill up.

Both these issues cause your system to run slowly.

For example, if the index service is disabled, the data in the database cannot be flagged for archiving or purging. If the index service is disabled, archiving and purging activities may run, but no data is archived or purged. This results in the database storing too much information and slowing your system.

To resolve this issue, start the disabled service.

Improperly Tuned Performance Properties

Gentran Integration Suite may run slowly if you have not tuned the system performance using the Performance Tuning Utility or have manually tuned the system performance in the `install_dir/properties/noapp.properties` file.

To resolve this, you may have to make changes to the appropriate performance tuning properties either manually or using the Performance Tuning Utility. For more information about performance tuning, refer to the topic [Performance Tuning Utility](#) on page 102 or [Manual Performance Tuning](#) on page 111.

Conducting a Thread Dump

A thread dump is a snapshot of every thread that is running in Gentran Integration Suite at the time the thread dump is generated. The thread dump shows exactly what each thread is doing at the time the thread dump is generated. You can conduct a thread dump to determine bottlenecks in Gentran Integration Suite. Typically, problem threads are in a state of waiting. Threads with a state of runnable or R indicate a healthy thread.

For information about the different states of a thread dump, refer to the topic "Reading a Thread Dump".

The subsequent sections describe command-line methods for working with thread dumps. You can also work with thread dumps from the user interface by accessing the JVM Monitor page that is available by navigating to **Operations > System > Performance > JVM Monitor**.

Note: The JVM Monitor page is available only for Linux, IBM AIX, Sun Solaris™, and HP-UX platforms. The heap dump option is available only on Linux and AIX platforms.

The JVM Monitor page enables you to:

- Conduct a thread dump.
- Download and delete the dumps conducted from the system.
- Enable GC (garbage collector) output. Enabling causes the GC output to be written into the noapp.log.
- (Linux and AIX only) Enable or disable heap dumps. Enabling causes a heap dump to be generated along with thread dumps.

Performing a Thread Dump in UNIX (HP-UX or Sun Solaris)

To perform a thread dump in UNIX (HP-UX or Sun Solaris):

1. Access the computer on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed.
2. Change your working directory to *install_dir*.
3. In the command line, enter `cat noapp.pid .`

This lists the parent thread process ID.

4. Enter `ps -ef | grep noapp.pid .`

This returns all the child process IDs associated with the parent process ID.

5. Enter `kill -QUIT noapp.pid child.pid .`

(You must include both the parent PID and the child PID.)

6. The thread dump is placed in the noapp.log file in the *install_dir/logs* directory.

Performing a Thread Dump in UNIX (IBM AIX)

To perform a thread dump in IBM AIX:

1. Access the computer on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed.
2. Change your working directory to *install_dir* directory.
3. In the command line, enter `cat noapp.pid .`

This lists the parent thread process ID.

4. Enter `ps -ef | grep noapp.pid` .

This returns all the child process IDs associated with the parent process ID.

5. Enter `kill -QUIT noapp.pid child.pid` .

(You must include both the parent PID and the child PID.)

The thread dump is placed in the `javacore*.txt` file in the `install_dir/noapp/bin` directory.

Performing a Thread Dump in Linux

To perform a thread dump in Linux:

1. Access the computer on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed.
2. Change your working directory to `install_dir` directory.
3. In the command line, enter `killall -QUIT java` .

The thread dump is completed. Depending on your JVM, the thread dump is placed in one of the following locations:

- `noapp.log` in the `install_dir/logs` directory
- `javacore*.txt`

Performing a Thread Dump in Windows

To perform a thread dump in Windows:

1. Navigate to `install_dir\bin` directory.
2. Run `hardstop.cmd` command to stop Gentran Integration Suite.
3. Run `start_GIS_console.cmd` command from the `install_dir\bin` directory. It will run Gentran Integration Suite in console mode.

Running `start_GIS_console.cmd` command does not start Gentran Integration Suite services. It will run Gentran Integration Suite services in a series of command prompt windows, which cannot be closed while it is running. You can track the progress by watching `si_exe.log` as running this command takes longer time for Gentran Integration Suite to start.

4. Perform a thread dump using the following steps:
 - Go to the `debug_noapp.cmd` command prompt window.
 - Press **Ctrl + Break**.
 - Open the `noapp_exe.log` file in the `install_dir\logs` directory and scroll to the bottom.
 - Verify that the thread information is present in the log file.

Performing a Thread Dump in IBM iSeries®

To perform a thread dump in iSeries:

1. Access the computer on which Gentran Integration Suite is installed.
2. In the iSeries command line, enter `WRKACTJOB` .
3. Locate the two QP0ZSPWP jobs that are running in Gentran Integration Suite and note the name of the user associated with these jobs.
4. Press **F11** twice to locate the job numbers.
5. In the iSeries command line, enter `DMPJVM` and press **F4**.

6. In the Dump Java Virtual Machine (DMPJVM) panel, enter QP0ZSPWP as the job name and user as the user prompt and jobnumber as the number prompt.
7. Press **Enter**. The thread dump is completed.
8. Repeat step 6 for the second job number.
9. In the command line, enter WRKSPLF and locate the two QDMPJVM spooled files. These files are the output from your thread dump.

Reading a Thread Dump

A thread dump contains the following components:

- List of all the threads running in a virtual machine.
- List of all the created monitors, including the current owner and number of threads waiting for that monitor to be released.
- List of all the special monitors used internally in the virtual machine.

Each thread has an associated state. The following states may be associated with a thread:

- Other than IBM JVMs:
 - runnable – Running or executable thread.
 - object.wait () – Thread is waiting on a condition variable.
- For IBM JVM:
 - R – Running or executable thread.
 - S – Suspended thread.
 - CW – Thread is waiting on a condition variable.
 - MW – Thread is waiting on a monitor lock.
 - MS – Thread is suspended waiting on a monitor lock. An MS state indicates a virtual machine error.

The following example shows a thread in a runnable state and a thread in a waiting state:

```
"RMI TCP Accept-0" daemon prio=5 tid=0x015931f0 nid=0x1a runnable [bbbff000..bbb
ffc28]
at java.net.PlainSocketImpl.socketAccept(Native Method)
at java.net.PlainSocketImpl.accept(PlainSocketImpl.java:353)
- locked <0xcc709620> (a java.net.PlainSocketImpl)
at java.net.ServerSocket.implAccept(ServerSocket.java:448)
at java.net.ServerSocket.accept(ServerSocket.java:419)
at sun.rmi.transport.tcp.TCPTransport.run(TCPTransport.java:334)
at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:534)
"RMI
RenewClean-[10.117.2.193:58586,com.sterlingcommerce.woodstock.util.frame.jndi.AddrClientFactory@c837cd]"
daemon prio=5 tid=0x00b5f6f8 nid=0x13 in Object.wait() [bc97f000..bc97fc28]
at java.lang.Object.wait(Native Method)
- waiting on <0xcc709728> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
at java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue.remove(ReferenceQueue.java:111)
- locked <0xcc709728> (a java.lang.ref.ReferenceQueue$Lock)
at
sun.rmi.transport.DGCClient$EndpointEntry$RenewCleanThread.run(DGCClient.java:500)
at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:534)
```

Appendix A

The Performance and Tuning Worksheet

The Performance and Tuning Worksheet can assist you in tuning Gentran Integration Suite for optimal performance. It helps you take an inventory of the different parts of your installation that affect performance.

Note: This worksheet is optional. It does not replace the *Gentran Integration Suite System Requirements* documentation that you used to install Gentran Integration Suite.

Use the Performance and Tuning Worksheet to help you determine your hardware requirements according to your processing volumes, operating system, hardware vendor, and number of CPUs you are running.

Request	Description	Your Answer
How many processing days are there in a month?	Enter the number of processing days in a month. Use 30 days as an average. This gives 5 days of maintenance time throughout the year.	
How many processing hours are there in a day?	Enter the number of hours you allow for processing all the data.	
How many translations are required for each transaction?	Enter the largest number of translations you will have if multiple translations are required for a business process. For example, is data mapped to a common format, and is the common format used to interface with all the external systems?	
Is content-based routing required?	If content-based routing is required in your business processes, you require maps, XML encoder, BPML choice, assigns, adapters that are used for routing, and possibly other components.	

Request	Description	Your Answer
Does the content of a transaction have to be verified?	This requires translating data into XML. The data will then have to be put in process data and verified using XPath.	
What percentage of the content of the transaction should be verified?	Typically, only a small part of a transaction has to be verified. However, if most of a transaction requires verification, you may have significant resources depending on the verification path.	
How many rules have to be applied to verify the content?	This is used to calculate the Service Latency.	
How many content elements have to be verified?	Enter the number of elements that have to be verified.	
What is the future system growth rate?	Current daily volume addition in the future. The default for the current volume is 1. For example, 2 means 100% growth or doubling the system requirements.	
What is the business process persistence level that is required?	Enter the level of persistence (storage to the database) you require for your business process. Choices include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full – Saves a complete copy of process data along each step of the process. • Minimal – Saves all the steps in a business process and selected copies of process data. • None – Saves the first and the last step of a business process, steps with an override persistence level, and selected steps in business process data. 	
What is the average business process size (KB)?	Unless you are very experienced and understand business process context, enter 3.5.	
Who is the hardware vendor hosting Gentran Integration Suite?	Enter the hardware vendor's name, for example, IBM, Sun, HP, or Dell.	
What is the speed of CPUs in the host?	Enter the speed in MHz, for example, 450, 1900 (1.9 GHz).	

Request	Description	Your Answer
What is the number of CPUs in the host?	Enter the number of CPUs installed or the number you plan to install.	
What is the amount of main memory in the host (RAM)?	Enter the amount of memory in MB, for example, 500 MB, 2048 MB.	
What is the operating system that you are using to host Gentran Integration Suite?	Enter the host operating system, for example, Solaris, Windows®, Windows Server® 2003, AIX, or Linux.	
What is the operating system release and version number?	For example, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, Release 3, or Windows 2003 Server Standard Edition R2.	
What are the JVM version numbers?	For example, IBM 1.5.0 build pxi32devifx-20070806 (SR5a). Your JVM version must match the requirements for your version of Gentran Integration Suite. The build date and lower release numbers must also match.	
What are the Gentran Integration Suite version and patch numbers?	Enter the version and patch number for your copy of Gentran Integration Suite.	
Are you integrating with an application server? If so, who is the vendor?	Enter the application server to integrate with, for example, JBoss or BEA WebLogic.	
What is the application server version and patch number?	Enter the version number and patch number of the application server.	
Who is your relational database vendor?	Enter the name of the relational database vendor Gentran Integration Suite uses, for example, MySQL, Oracle, or DB2.	
What is the relational database version and patch number?	Enter the version number and patch number of the relational database.	
What are the other business applications that have to be integrated with?	Enter the vendor name of the other business applications that you use in your business, for example, SAP or PeopleSoft. This helps determine which adapters and services you require to complete processing.	

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What are the other business applications' version number and patch number?	Enter the version number and patch number of the other business applications.	
What data format do you use to exchange data with the other business applications?	Enter the different data formats that you use to exchange data with the other business applications, for example, XML or IDOC. This helps determine the amount of translation processing that may be needed to increase system resource requirements.	
What type of inbound transactions do you have?	Enter the types of inbound transactions that Gentran Integration Suite will process.	
What is the average size of each inbound transaction type?	Enter the average size of your inbound transactions that Gentran Integration Suite will process. Base your planning on the larger transactions at peak times for better performance.	
How many of each inbound transaction type do you receive daily?	Enter the number of each inbound transaction type received by you daily. This helps determine the processing volumes.	
What is the sum total size of each inbound transaction type?	Enter the sum total of each inbound transaction type. This helps in determining the processing volumes.	
What is the average number of files in each inbound transaction by type?	Enter the average number of files in each inbound transaction type. This helps determine the processing volumes.	
What types of outbound transactions do you have?	Enter the types of outbound transactions that Gentran Integration Suite will process.	
What is the average size of each outbound transaction type?	Enter the average size of each of your outbound transactions that Gentran Integration Suite will process. Base your planning on the larger transactions during peak periods for better performance.	
How many of each outbound transaction type do you receive daily?	Enter the number of each outbound transaction type received by you daily. This helps	

Request	Description	Your Answer
	in determining the processing volumes.	
What is the sum total of each outbound transaction type?	Enter the sum total of each outbound transaction type. This helps in determining the processing volumes.	
What is the average number of files in each outbound transaction by type?	Enter the average number of files in each outbound transaction type. This helps determine processing volumes.	

Appendix B

workflowLauncher: Running a Business Process from a Command Line

Genran Integration Suite provides a utility called workflowLauncher that allows you to launch a business process from a command line. The utility launches a business process and provides the status when it has completed, or when a timeout has occurred (whichever comes first).

To launch a business process from a command line:

1. Change to the *install_dir/bin* directory.
2. Run one of the following commands:

- (For UNIX) - `./workflowLauncher.sh -n BPname [option(s)]`
- (For Windows) - `workflowLauncher.cmd -n BPname [option(s)]`

BPname is the name of the business process you want to launch. The available options are listed in the following table:

Option	Description
<code>-n BPname</code>	Specifies the name of the business process definition to launch. Mandatory. Example: <code>workflowLauncher.sh -n testBP</code> An error will be generated if the business process name is not provided.
<code>-s</code>	Specifies Silent mode. Optional. In Silent mode, less information about the business process is output to the standard output. Default is Verbose mode.
<code>-u username</code>	Specifies the user name from which to include the userToken. Optional. Example: <code>-u username</code> This parameter is used to specify the user token of the business process.
<code>-d directory</code>	Specifies the output directory. Optional.

Option	Description
	<p>Example: <code>-d absolutePath/directory</code></p> <p>Used in conjunction with the <code>-t</code> parameter when you generate step XML trace files. This is used to set the directory output of the trace files.</p>
<code>-t</code>	<p>Turns on step XML trace generation. Optional. Used in conjunction with the <code>-d</code> parameter when you want to generate XML trace files.</p> <p>By default, the trace file name will be prefixed with the business process ID. To turn this feature off, use the <code>-o</code> parameter.</p>
<code>-o</code>	<p>Used to prevent prefixing the trace file name with the business process ID when generating step XML trace files. Optional.</p>
<code>-v versionNumber</code>	<p>Specifies a specific version of the business process definition to launch. Optional.</p> <p>Example: <code>-v business_process_version_number</code></p> <p>The version number is not the user description string. It is the internal running number (a positive integer) that is automatically incremented each time you check in a new version of the same business process (as described using the Graphical Process Modeler and/or XML). If there is only one version, the version number will be 1. An error will be generated if the version number is not found.</p> <p>You can view the version number by resting your mouse on, or clicking the information icon for the business process in the Change History section of the Gentran Integration Suite Business Process Source Manager.</p>
<code>-f inputFile</code>	<p>Specifies a file to use as the primary document when launching the business process. Optional.</p> <p>Example: <code>-f path/filename</code></p> <p>Only one file is allowed. An absolute path or a relative path to the file may be used. To specify the encoding of the file, use the <code>-e</code> parameter.</p> <p>An error will be generated if the file is not found.</p>
<code>-e encoding</code>	<p>Specifies the encoding of the primary document. Optional.</p> <p>Example: <code>-e encodingName</code></p> <p>Used in conjunction with the <code>-f</code> parameter.</p> <p>To see what encoding names are supported, see the <code>encodings.properties</code> file in the <code>install_dir/properties</code> directory. The full listing is shown in the <code>encodings_large.properties</code> file.</p>
<code>-w count</code>	<p>Specifies the number of times to sleep. Default is 10.</p> <p>Example: <code>-w count</code></p>

Option	Description
	Used in conjunction with the -i parameter to define the total timeout value. For an example showing the total timeout value, see the -i parameter.
-i <i>time</i>	<p>Specifies the length of time, in milliseconds, to sleep. Default is 3000 (3 seconds).</p> <p>Example: <code>-i time</code></p> <p>Used in conjunction with the -w parameter to define the total timeout value.</p> <p>For example, the default value for -i time is 3000 milliseconds and the default value for -w count is 10. Therefore, the default timeout value is 30,000 milliseconds (3000 milliseconds x 10), or 30 seconds.</p>
-x	Specifies not to return an exit code. Optional. By default, the utility returns an exit code.
-h -?	Displays the Help screen.

Exit Codes

The workflowLauncher utility returns the following exit codes:

Exit Code	Description
0	The business process completed with success status.
1	The business process completed with error status.
99	The workflowLauncher utility reached timeout while waiting for status from the business process.

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