

BW 2.x/3.0 Performance

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Data Load Performance Concepts

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Reporting Performance Tuning Concepts



Architecture: Data Load





Data Load Performance: Key Concepts

The extraction and load process

Analyzing loading performance issues

- Collection and Extraction
 - SAP Content and Generic extractors
- Staging
 - + PSA
- Loading
 - ODS
 - InfoCubes
 - Master Data
- Transformation
 - Transfer and update rules
- Other tuning aspects including..
 - Partitioning
 - Archiving





Overview: Data Load Process

Goals of performance optimization:

First tune the individual single execution and then the whole load processes.

- Eliminating unnecessary processes
- Reducing data volume to be processed
- Deploying parallelism on all available levels

Only Parallel processes are fully scalable!



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How to identify high Extraction Time ?





Further Analysis in case of PERFORMANCE problems extracting data...

Transaction:

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Analyze high ABAP Runtime:

Particularly Useful for User Exits

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Extraction Tuning: Load Balancing

Parallel processes:

- distribute to different servers
 - avoid bottlenecks on one server

Defining a specific server:

Configure in table ROIDOCPRMS

RFC destinations (Trx SM59):



- Example: RFC connection from BW to R/3 and R/3 to BW
- InfoPackages, event chains and Process Chains: all can be processed on specified server groups.
- XML Data loads: HTTP/HTTPS processes can be allocated to specific server groups

Expected Results:

- Avoid CPU/Memory bottlenecks on one server
- Greater Throughput: Faster time to completion per request



Size of DataPackages: Influencing Factors

- Specific to application datasource, the contents and structure of records in the extracted datasets.
- Package size: impacts frequency of COMMITs in DB.
- SAP OSS note 417307: Extractor Packet Size Collective Note for SAP Applications
- Consider both the source system and the BW system (table RSADMINC).
- Package size specified in table ROIDOCPRMS and/or InfoPackages

Scenario:

Set up the parameters according to the recommendations; if upload performance is not improved, try to find other values that fit exactly your requirements.

Expected results:

- In a resource constrained systems, reduce the Data Package size
- In larger systems, increasing the package size to speed collection;
 - but take care not to impact communication process and unnecessarily hold work processes in SAP source system.
 - Greater throughput = Faster time to completion per request



Further Analysis in case of Resource problems when extracting data...



Use Selection Criteria



SAP Content extraction

- Convert old LIS extractors to new V3 collection method
- V3 Collection jobs for different DataSources can be scheduled and executed in parallel
- Tune customer exit coding

Generic extractors:

- Collector jobs can be executed in parallel
- InfoPackages executed in parallel to extract data
 - Not possible for delta extracts from one generic DataSource
- Investigate Secondary indexes on fields used for selection
 - Too many Indexes my slow collector job
- Optimize custom 'collector' ABAP coding





✓ Use a predefined record length (ASCII file)

File should reside on the application server i.e. not on the client PC

Avoid large loads across a slow networks.

Avoid reading load files from tape (copy to disk first)

Avoid placing input load files on high I/O disks Example: same disk drives or controllers as the DB tables being loaded.





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Parallel Processing Power: Extraction & Load

Automatic parallelism by the SAP system

- Data Packets extracting from an SAP system
- Loading into PSA and data targets in parallel

You can start several processes manually (in parallel)

- InfoPackages
- InfoPackage groups (individual groups)
- Event chains
- Process chains

User-controlled parallelism

- Via InfoPackages
 - Loading from the same or different DataSource(s) with different selection criteria simultaneously
 - File Source Systems:
 - split files up for multiple InfoPackages Note: Individual InfoPackage groups don't extract in parallel for files
 - Enables parallel PSA → DataTarget load process (PSA partitions care used)



Data Transfer Times Too High ?







Analyze high PSA Upload Times





Transaction SPRO or RSCUSTV6 :

- From SPRO Business Information Warehouse > Links to Other Systems > Maintain Control Parameters for the Data Transfer
 - Note: If you start more than one load process at a time expecting to have each request in a separate partition, it probably will not work as expected; the PSA threshold is not yet reached when the second process starts writing into PSA

Possible bottleneck (large loads or multiple parallel loads)

- I/O contention
 - High no. of writes during large data loads
 - Disk layout and striping configuration
 - What is located on the same disk or tablespace/DB Space/etc?
 - Database I/O
- Partitioning configuration
 - Partition defined too large, no parallel database sub processes used?
 - Partition too small, too many parallel database sub processes used?
- Sequential loading from PSA to DataTargets selected



DB Statistics

• Usually not an issue as PSA tables are normally sequentially read



Data Processing-Transfer Rules



Data Processing-Update Rules



Tuning Transfer and Update Rules (BW 3.0B)

Debugging and tuning Update and Transfer rules:

- Simple tool for debugging of transfer or update rules
- Improves error search and analysis together with the enhanced error messages



Routines: Potential Performance Bottlenecks

Identify the expensive update/transfer rules rules:

Debug from one update rule to the next update rule for each InfoObject.

Also use ST05 or SM30

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Recommendations:

- SINGLE SELECTs are one of the performance "killers" within these codings; use buffers (such as internal tables) and array operations instead.
- Avoid too many library transformations, as they are interpreted at runtime (currently not compiled like routines)
 - The transformation engine or library is new in BW 3.0

Data Load: Data Targets



Buffering Number Range (InfoCube):

Activate The number range buffer for the dimension ID's

Reduces application server access to Database.

- e.g. set the number range buffer for one dimension to 500, the system will keep 500 sequential numbers in memory
- SAP OSS note 130253: Notes on upload of transaction data into BW

Scenario:

High volumes of transaction data: significant DB access (NRIV table) to fulfill number range requests.

Expected Results:

Accelerates data load performance per load request.

Note:

After the load, reset the number ranges buffer to its original state: minimize unnecessary memory allocation. Also, If the system crashes, the numbers held in the memory are gone.





Load Master data before transaction data

- Creates all SIDs and populates the master data tables (attributes and/or texts).
- **SAP OSS note 130253: Notes on upload of transaction data into the BW**

Scenario:

- Always load master data before transaction data.
 - ODS and InfoCube.
- When completely replacing existing data, delete before the load!

Expected Results:

Accelerates transaction data load performance: all master data SID's are created prior to transaction load.





"Snapshot" Reporting: Data Deletion

Some reporting scenarios require no historical data

Scenario:

When completely replacing existing data, delete before load!

Expected Results:

- Data deleted from PSA can reduce PSA read times
- Data deleted from InfoCube reduces deletion and compression time.
 - * "Drop partition..." DDL statement instead of "delete from table..." DML statement only takes seconds
- Deleting Data also speeds data availability (aggregates, etc)







ODS Activation in BW 2.x





New queuing mechanism replacing previous Maintenance (M)table



ODS Activation example (BW 3.0)



Transaction RSCUSTA2



Controls data packet size utilized during parallel update/activation and number and allocation of work processes.



ODS Load/Activation Tuning Tips

Non-Reporting ODS Objects:



Loads are faster as Master Data SID tables do not have to be read and linked to the ODS data



Update of ODS object with unique records

- Significantly simplifies activation process
- No lookup of existing key values
- No updates in active table, only inserts
- Note: User is responsible for uniqueness!!



- SIDs are created per package
- Multiple packages are handled in parallel by separate dialog processes



Admin WB > Modeling > InfoCube Manage > Performance Tab

Recommendation: Drop secondary Indexes for large InfoCube data loads


Using InfoCube Data Load Performance Tools

New in BW 3.X

Process Chains

Replacement for Event chains

Transaction RSPC

Process type :

- Delete Index
- Generate Index
- Auto suggestion depending on InfoPackage selected.





Archiving in BW

Archiving to reduction data volume

- IDOC archiving available in BW and R/3 (BW 1.2 onwards)
 - Improves extraction/load performance (including use of load monitor)
- Data Archiving (InfoCubes and ODS Objects) available in BW 3.x

Archiving TechEd session: ARCH201 Data Archiving in SAP R/3 Enterprise



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Architecture: Reporting





Many Aspects of Performance

Are there resource constraints at the hardware or DB level impacting system-wide performance?

Do the queries of one InfoCubes generally run slower than the queries of other InfoCubes?

Which queries are the biggest performance concerns?

- Frequently executed by many users
- Lots of navigations by analysts
- High average runtimes

Performance monitoring and tuning is part of a larger design and system maintenance strategy.

Best Practices:

- Performance should be considered in design
- Monitoring and tuning efforts are ongoing and proactive!







Scenario

- General system performance is bad
- You assume a hardware / OS bottleneck

Useful Key Figures

Current Values (snapshots) and history (previous hours)

- + CPU
- Memory
- Swap

Check following parameter values:

- CPU utilization
- Free memory



Analysis Tools: Database Monitor (ST04)

Scenario

General DB performance is bad; you assume a DB bottleneck

Useful Key Figures

- Deadlocks
- DB Buffer Hit Rates
- DB Process Overview
- Explain Query

Check following parameter values:

- Check for deadlocks
- Hit ratios on SGA buffers > 95% (or higher)
- Which access path in the explain plan?
 - Are the DB statistics up to date?
 - Are all indexes available?



Analysis Tools: Database Performance Monitor (DB02)

Scenario

- General DB performance problems
- You assume missing indexes or
 - (e.g. in ORACLE) degenerated indexes

Useful Features

- Missing Indexes
- Table, Index analysis

Check following parameter values:

Compare index size with table size





Analysis Tools: Buffer Monitor (ST02)

Scenario

- The general system performance is bad
- You are concerned about efficient memory utilization

Important Buffers for BW

- Generic Key Table Buffer
 - Most BW-specific control tables (RS*-tables)
- Single Record Key Table Buffer
 - Master Data Tables
- Export/Import Shared Memory
 - OLAP Query Cache

Check following parameter values:

- Hit Ratio
- Swaps
- Free Space / Free Directory







Analysis and Repair of BW Objects (RSRV)

Scenario

Performance of queries of one specific InfoCube is bad

Useful Features

- Database
 - DB statistics for an InfoCube and its aggregates
 - DB indices for an InfoCube and its aggregates
 - DB parameter settings check
 - DB Information about InfoProvider tables
 - InfoCube: Relative size of dimension tables compared to fact table
- "Repair" feature

Check following parameter values:

- Ensure DB statistics are up-to-date for an InfoCube
- Ensure indices exist for InfoCube
- Check for unbalanced InfoCubes
 - (dimension table size 10% or more compared fact table size)



Admin WB > Modeling > InfoCube Manage > Goto menu > Data Target Analysis or Transaction RSRV

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Note the checks for parameter settings, DB statistics, and Indices. The index analysis can detect most degenerated indices, and the repair tool can repair these indices.



Scenario

General Query performance is bad. Find out the queries with the worst performance and try to optimize them.

Useful Features

- Expert Mode
- BW System Load → Analysis of table RSDDSTAT

Check following parameter values:

- Check queries with highest runtimes and check where most time has been consumed
 - OLAP init
 - ◆ DB
 - OLAP
 - Frontend
 - Master data time



Using Analysis Tools: ST03N - Drill Down to Query



Example shows an active query, high DB time, with low OLAP & frontend time.

Overview: Reporting Performance Analysis Tools

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Queries of BW STATISTICS

Using table RSDDSTAT as InfoSource

BW Workload Analysis – ST03N







Enable Capture of Statistical Performance Data



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SAP-delivered tools for analyzing and tuning system performance

Delivered Business Content beginning with BW 1.2A

Redesigned for BW 2.0A

Usage of tools requires Business Content installation

Content Delivery Consists of:

- MultiCube
- InfoCubes
- Queries
- Workbook
- InfoSources
- Transfer Structures, Transfer Rules
- Update Rules
- InfoPackages, InfoPackage Groups
- Role





BW Statistics: Facts (continued)

Maintenance requires scheduling data loads and monitoring

- Delta load functionality delivered
- Transaction Data
- Master Data
- Can be utilized when building aggregates
 - System can "propose" aggregates from BW stats data
- **Object metadata of BW Statistics is transportable**





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Analyzing Reporting Performance Issues

Building Aggregates:

Primary technique for tuning reporting performance
 Analyze to determine if building aggregates will help

Different Starting Points:

Analyze specific InfoProviders



OR

Find problem queries, then analyze them







Analyzing Reporting Performance Issues

Approach: Find InfoCubes of concern & consider aggregates







BW Statistics or ST03N: Find InfoCubes for Analysis

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Indicators That Aggregates Will Help





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Analyzing Reporting Performance Issues

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Scenario

The performance of one specific query is bad. Debug the query to analyze possible bottlenecks

Useful Features

- Execute query in debug mode
 - SAP statistics
 - Explain Plan
 - Display found aggregates
- OLAP query cache monitor

Check following things:

- Are aggregates used?
- Is the OLAP query cache used? (DB time = 0)
- Are the statistics up-to-date?



Query Monitor

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Best Possible Aggregate (1)



Best Possible Aggregate



RSRT Query Monitor: BW Statistics Data

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Reporting Performance Tuning Concepts



Aggregates are materialized subsets of fact table data. They are independent structures where summary data is stored within separate, transparent InfoCubes.



Data transfer from InfoCube to query





Data transfer from InfoCube to query (revenue grouped by month)





Data transfer from InfoCube to query (revenue grouped by month)





Data transfer from InfoCube to query (revenue grouped by month)





To accelerate the response time of queries, by reducing the amount of data that must be read in the database for a given query navigation step.



Query Design: General Recommendation



Aggregates – Properties

Aggregates can be created:

- For Basic InfoCubes
- For dimension characteristics
- Using navigational attributes
- On hierarchy levels
- Using time-dependent navigational attributes New for 3.0!
- On hierarchy levels where the structure is time-dependent

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Aggregate Concepts: Summarize on Hierarchy Levels



Time-independent hierarchies are stored outside the dimension, in a table called /BI0/ICOUNTRY

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Query Behavior: Multiple aggregates per navigation

Queries may be automatically split up over several aggregates, as many queries are comprised of multiple select statements





Definition: Rollup

To apply the newly loaded transaction data to the aggregate

Definition: Change Run

To activate the changes of master data and hierarchies

During the change run, all aggregates containing navigational attributes and/or hierarchies are realigned



Aggregates Concepts: Rollup (1)

Rollup applies the newly uploaded transaction data to the aggregate



Rollup applies the newly uploaded transaction data to <u>all</u> aggregates of an InfoCube





Aggregate Rollup: Create Batch Job



Master data activation = Activating the changes of master data and hierarchies. During the change run, all aggregates containing navigational attributes and/or hierarchies are realigned.



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Why Can Too Many Aggregates Be Harmful?



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> 3 hours data load

7 hours available for aggregate maintenance



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12 hours online reporting; current data in aggregates needed

Current data not available

Query performance harmed

3 hours data load

11 hours needed for aggregate maintenance



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Aggregates: Tuning Tips

Tips for Maintaining Good Aggregates:

- Relatively small compared to parent InfoCube
- Try for summarization ratios of 10 or higher
- Find good subsets of data (frequently accessed)
- Build on some hierarchy levels, not all
- Not too specific, not too general should serve many different query navigations
- Consider "component" aggregates
- Should be frequently used and used recently (except basis aggregates)

Characteristics of Bad Aggregates:

- Too many very similar aggregates
- Aggregates not small enough (compared to parent cube)
- Too many "for a certain query" aggregates, not enough general ones
- Old aggregates, not used recently
- Infrequently or unused aggregates



Time-dependent aggregates

Compression & Data Request

Filling Aggregates: Block Size

Flat Aggregates

MOLAP Aggregates



Aggregates with a time-dependent component (navigational attribute or hierarchy) are calculated for a specific Keydate

A Keydate can be specified in the query definition.

The Keydate can be determined by:

- a BEx variable which is filled via a SAP- or User- Exit.
- a fixed date.

When the aggregate is filled, data is stored in a manner representative of the state of the data as of the specified Keydate



Using Time-dependent Aggregates in Queries



If time-dependent components are used in a query, it can only use aggregates with the same Keydate.

Important for the use of aggregates is not the variable, but the processed Keydate: only data for this Keydate is available in the aggregate.



Adjustment of Time-dependent Aggregates

Since the Keydates the users are interested in change, the timedependent aggregates need to be updated regularly.

Process "Adjustment of Time-Dependent Aggregates" adjusts data of all aggregates with variables for the Keydate to the changes of the Keydate.

This process is only available in the process chains. Only aggregates are recalculated if their Keydate has changed.

This adjustment can take a long time and use many system resources.





Time-Dependency: Example Using Master Data

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Aggregates – Maintenance with Key date








Aggregates – Automatic Compression vs. Delayed

InfoCubes can be marked such that the request is kept in its aggregates. (Administrator Workbench; Tabstrip 'Rollup')

Requests which are not compressed can then be deleted out of the InfoCube and its aggregates, without completely rebuilding the aggregates.

Aggregates of marked InfoCubes are compressed together with the InfoCube.

This feature should only be used for InfoCubes for which deletion of rolled up requests is necessary -> Performance penalty when aggregates are not compressed.





"Two Fact Table" Concept

E fact table

- ... contains consolidated data
- ... is optimized for reading
- ... might be huge
- ... is partitioned by the user
- ... cannot be partitioned once InfoCube contains data!

F fact table

- ... contains data on request level
- ... is optimized for writing / deleting
- ... should be small
- ... is partitioned by the system







Data of large InfoCubes is read in several blocks to prevent resource problems when filling an aggregate. (Transaction SPRO)

Potential problems are, for example, temporary tablespace, memory.

Blocks are distinguished by characteristic values.

The block size can be customized (system-wide).

The best block size depends on the sizing of your system



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If an aggregate has less then 15 components, each component is put into a separate dimension ("Flat Aggregates").

The dimensions (except the package and unit) are marked as "Line Item".

"Flat Aggregates" are filled / rolled up without loading the data into the application server (performance gain).

Line item / high cardinality dimensions already specified in the InfoCube are also used for aggregates for corresponding dimensions (also for non-flat aggregates).



Flat Aggregates

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Data Load Performance Concepts

Reporting Performance Analysis Tools

Reporting Performance Analysis Techniques

Aggregates

Reporting Performance Tuning Concepts



Reporting **Performance Tuning Concepts**





Performance Tuning Concepts





Combination of all types of InfoProviders

No additional data storage

Queries are split automatically and distributed to InfoProviders

Transparent usage for reporting





- An InfoCube represents a reporting scenario.
- Reporting scenarios might comprise sub-scenarios.
- Example (1): plan and actual data.
- Example (2): order, delivery, billing data.





Logical Partitioning via Data Marts





Multi-Cube Example









Queries on MultiCubes are split up over the different Basis Cubes with parallel access to the InfoCube or maximal one aggregate per Cube





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NOPARALLEL execution is automatic via the data manager in BW 3.0



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Reporting

- Local queries (on each InfoProvider)
- Global queries (parallel execution)

Data load

- Independent (parallel) into individual InfoProviders
- Small total data volumes (less redundancy)

Database tables / views

- Smaller
- Less complex
- Less sparsely filled





Performance Tuning Concepts





Platforms with Table Partitioning

- IBM DB2/UDB*
- IBM DB2/390
- Informix
- Oracle

* hash partitioning

Platforms without Table Partitioning IBM DB2/400 Microsoft SQL Server SAP DB



InfoCube Structure: Two Fact Table Concept



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InfoCube Range Partitioning: Example



InfoCube Partitioning example: Two fact tables



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E Table Partitioning: Read a smaller dataset



(1) E Fact Table (2) Dimensions

(3) Characteristics (simplified)

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User Interface: E Table Partitioning

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User Interface: E Table Partitioning: Slide 2

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Partitioning/ MultiCube Example: A combination



Performance Tuning Concepts





SAP BW InfoCube Data Model

- An InfoCube is designed, or "modeled" to meet a set of business reporting requirements.
- Modeling is the process by which reporting requirements are structured into an object with the facts and characteristics that will meet the reporting needs.
- Characteristics are structured together in related branches called "Dimensions".
- The key figures form the "Facts".
- The configuration of dimension tables in relation to the fact table results in what is known as the "star schema"





Characteristics of Dimensions

- Dimensions are groupings of related characteristic attributes.
- The keys of the dimension tables are foreign keys in the fact table. The key is a "DIMID" used to map related values.
- A dimension table contains a primary key (DIMID), characteristic values , and SID values to link to master data tables.

Customer dimension



Product Service Line dimension

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Time dimension

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Example: Multidimensional Schema in BW







Line Item Dimensions



- Line-item or degenerate dimensions arise in nearly every case where the granularity of the fact table represents an actual working document like an order number, invoice number, sequence number, etc.
- Why are line-item dimensions a concern?
 - DIMID column values are often high cardinality (slow read times if bitmap index is used)
 - Join of large dimension table with large fact table is a big overhead for reporting response times.



Line-Item Dimension: The Star Schema



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Performance Tuning Concepts





Different types of users in OLAP reporting



Query activity using the Business Explorer Analyzer requires many more "round trips" for data packets than the Browser

- Communication between the GUI and BW
- Multiple round trips reduces efficiency of data transfer
- Some communication needed for screen controls, MS-interface, etc.

Browser-based web reporting, using http, represents a significant gain in query response time!

- The number of round trips is significantly less than the BEx analyzer!
- HTML compression, MIME compression, MIME caching all possible with Web Reporting only





Data Compression is a benefit to web reporting performance.

Data volume is reduced, consuming less bandwidth, enabling faster throughput

SAP BW development recommends enabling compression for the ICF services used by BW: BEX Service, MIME Service, others.

Implement the latest BW 3.0B support packages: SP 6 and SP 7 contain important performance improvements

MIME (images – company logo, etc) objects are also compressed

Images can be large, and compression speeds data transfer!





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- definition of Aliases
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ICF BEX Service: Enable Compression (trans SICF)

The BEx Service and MIME service: Enable Compression!

See OSS notes: 550669 & 553084 Enable compression for the BW-relevant ICF services:

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Also, "http 1.1" should be configured in the browser settings

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Browser Cache of MIME objects

MIME objects are now cached in the browser, see OSS note 561792 - BW 3.0B SP 7

Performance Gain: Static images (i.e. company logo, etc) are not reloaded (from the server MIME cache) every time a query result set is rendered in the browser – less data to send!

Note:

The ICM will attempt to force a new version of the image into the browser's cache periodically

- based on an instance profile parameter setting.
- A performance gain can be achieved by extending the time MIMEs will sit in the browser cache before the ICM reloads them from the MIME server cache.







Browser Settings for Client Caching of MIMEs

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Reporting Agent: Overview



Reporting Agent: Precalculated Template

The Reporting Agent has performance enhancing functionality!

<u>Precalculation</u> is a set of techniques where you can distribute the workload of running the report to off-peak hours, and have the report result set ready for very fast access to the data



Response-time performance is greatly improved to the end user

And overall system workload is reduced during peak hours



Scope of Application

- Web reports that are accessed by many users.
- Web reports that are static, or involve limited navigation.
- Web reports that should be made available offline.

Goal

- Reduce server load significantly.
- Provide faster data access.
- Re-use data that goes into many web reports.



Pre-Calculating Web Templates – Setup



Access Modes for Web Templates



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Access Modes for Web Templates



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OLAP Caching

Query results and navigation states of the OLAP processor are stored in a cache area of the application server as clustered data

Caching in 2.x and 3.0A:

- One local cache for each session
- No cache access across sessions
- No possibility to set size of cache

Caching in 3.0B:

- Additional global cache which is accessible from all sessions
- Global and local cache sizes can be adjusted
- Global cache can be switched off entirely



Query Execution: From Memory, Aggregate, or Cube



OLAP Caching



Local cache will be used if data cannot be stored in global cache (e.g. if global cache has been switched off)

Benefits: reduced workload on database and application server



OLAP Caching Global Settings

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Customization menu (SPRO)

- Cache inactive:
 - Switch global caching off
- Local size:
 - Max. size of *local* cache (session results only)
- Global size:
 - Max. size of global cache (used for all sessions)
- Persistence Mode
 - Optional: Flat file or clustered table

Note: total size of (uncompressed) runtime objects, actual memory requirements are lower due to compression



OLAP Caching Settings for InfoProvider

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For each InfoProvider:

Set cache mode BEFORE defining a query (inactive / active) Cache is active by default

Settings can also be changed for individual queries (RSRT): run query in debug mode, select "Do not use cache"



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Query Cache

- Part of application buffer
- Query results and navigation status stored
- Similar queries (from any user) can use the cache

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