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Domino Performance Best Practices

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Agenda

- DO's and DON'Ts of performance tuning including...
 - Statistics monitoring & DDM
 - Full text indexing
 - HTTP
 - Mail Routing
 - file sizes
 - mail.box
 - DAOS
 - ODS level
 - Mail, Applications & Data types
 - Notes.ini parameters



DO ...

Monitor statistics



Group Cache

Used to lookup members of groups

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics	
4 MB	15 MB	Sh stat net	

- Key statistics
 - NET.GroupCache.AddsFailed = 0

NET.GroupCache.Hits=155

NET.GroupCache.Misses = 10

NET.GroupCache.NumEntries = 9

NET.GroupCache.Size = 15,360

NET.GroupCache.Used = 2,716

Group_Cache_Size=<size in bytes>



NLCache

Used for name lookups

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics
16 MB prior to 8.5.2 64 MB in 8.5.2	4 GB	Sh stat nlcache

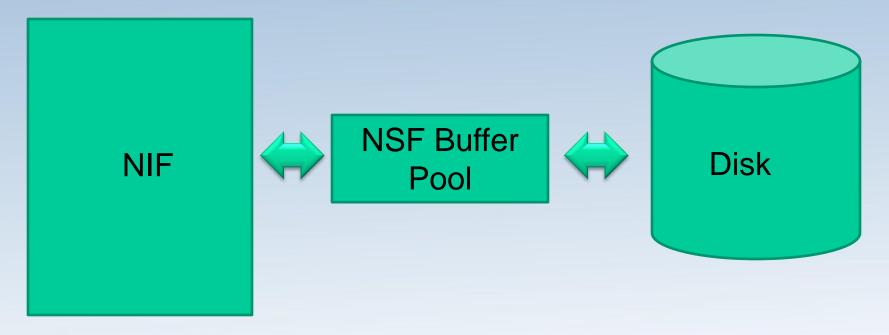
Key statistics

- Database.NAMELookupCacheCacheSize = 16,447,205 Database.NAMELookupCacheLookups = 1,879,903 Database.NAMELookupCacheMaxSize = 16,777,216 Database.NAMELookupCacheMisses = 1,362,746
- NL_Cache_Size=<size in bytes>



Unified Buffer Manager

- Also referred to as the NSF buffer pool
- Buffers data between the NIF and disk





Unified Buffer Manager

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics
300 MB	1.5 GB prior to release 8 1.0 GB for 8.x 300 MB 8.5.x	Sh stat database

- Key statistics
 - Database.Database.BufferPool.Maximum.Megabytes = 170
 - Database.Database.BufferPool.Peak.Megabytes = 168
 - Database.Database.BufferPool.PercentReadsInBuffer = 95.44
- NSB_BUFFER_POOL_SIZE_MB=<size in mb>



Database Cache

Determines the number of databases a server can hold in its cache

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics
3x NSF buffer pool	10,000	Sh stat database

- Key statistics
 - Database.DbCache.CurrentEntries = 510
 - Database.DbCache.HighWaterMark = 714
 - Database.DbCache.MaxEntries = 510
 - Database.DbCache.OvercrowdingRejections = 8385
- NSF_DbCache_Maxentries=<number of entries>



NSF Monitor Pool

Caches event monitors such as server and user mail rules

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics	
40 MB	256 MB	Sh stat database	

- Key statistics
 - Database.MonitorPool.Event.Used = 52309
 - Database.MonitorPool.Monitors.Used = 1184
 - Database.MonitorPool.Size = 41943040
- NSF_MONITOR_POOL_SIZE_MB=<size in MB>



DO ...

Tune for full text indexing



Full Text Index Tuning

- Spawn full-text indexing off to own thread
 - Update_Fulltext_Thread=1
 - Prevents long full text indexing operations from delaying view updates
 - By default, view updates and full text indexing are driven by the same thread

FT.Index.Count	FT.Index.Search	FT.Search.Total.Results	
56,150	27,652	1,002,317	



Customer Tuning Example

Semaphore timeouts

Semaphore Timeout	# of times occurring	Description
3A05	793	SEM_HTTP_AGENT
0266	20	NSF per-database full-text semaphore
0244	15	NSF per-database semaphore
0931	8	Task sync semaphore
03A8	2	DBCONT page zero semaphore

 Enabling Update_Fulltext_Thread=1 eliminated semaphore timeouts



Full Text Indexing

- Take full text indexing out of Domino memory pool
 - Uses memory from OS pool
 - Frees up Domino memory
 - Notes.ini setting
 - ftg_use_sys_memory=1



DO ...

Properly tune HTTP



HTTP Tuning

- Threading model is important!!
 - High contention applications benefit from R5 threading model
 - HTTPQueueMethod=2
 - -Most optimal for:
 - » URLs that run application code
 - » Large uploads/downloads
 - -Threads work off a queue

**NOTE: Default setting in 8.5.2



HTTP Tuning

Customer example

	Default HTTP threading model	R5 threading model
# users	400	400
# errors	37 (4.6%)	0 (0%)
Max response time	103 seconds	77 seconds

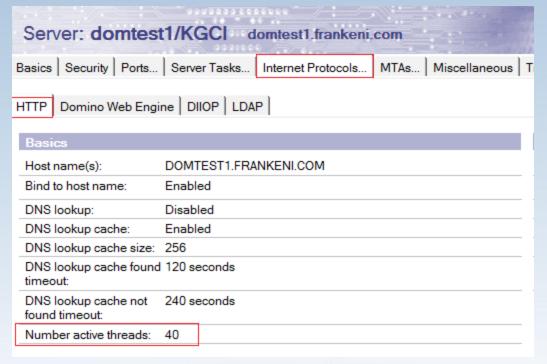


HTTP Server Threads

Number of threads to handle web server requests

Default Size	Maximum Size	To View Statistics
40	512	Sh stat database Sh stat http

- Key statistics
 - Http.Workers
 - Domino Threads. Active Peak





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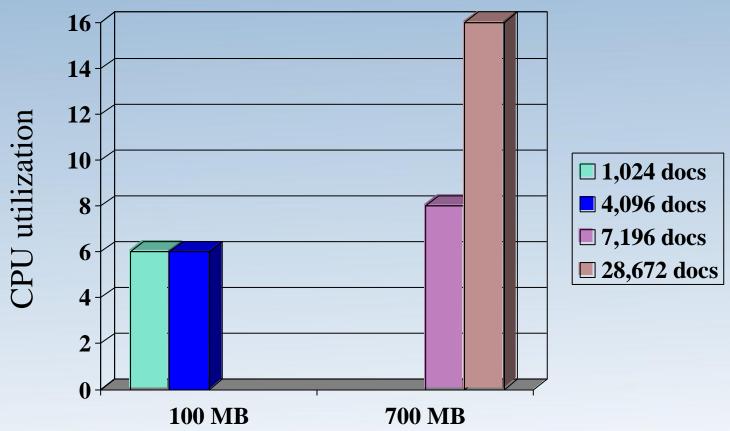
DO

Keep mail file sizes in check



Mail Performance Tuning

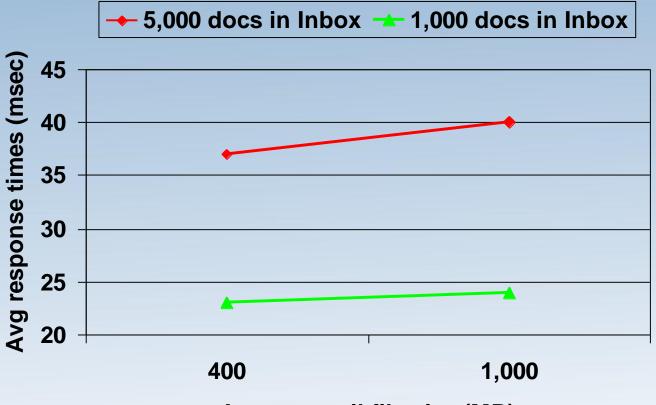
Keep mail files below 500 MB





Mail Performance Tuning

Size of inbox impacts end user response time







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Mail Performance Tuning

• Use Inbox maintenance agent

Basics Security Ports Serv	ver Tasks Internet Protocols MTA	s Miscellaneous Transactional Logging Shared Mail Lotus Trave	eler Administration
Administration Process Agent M	Manager Domain Catalog Directory	Cataloger Internet Cluster Manager Web Retriever Remote Debug N	Manager
Basics		Mailfile Deletion Interval	
Maximum number of threads:	3_	Interval between purging mail file and deleting when using object store:	[□] _ day(s)
Normal Request Settings		Delayed Request Settings	
Interval:	ு minutes	Start executing on:	[©] Sun _□ ▼ day(s)
Execute once a day requests at:	1	Start executing at:	7
Miscellaneous		Mail Inbox Maintenance	
Mail file moves expire after:	ີ21 _⊒ days	Start executing Inbox Maintenance agent on:	『Sat』▼ day(s)
entries when status of no change is recorded:	「No』▼	Start executing Inbox Maintenance agent at:	[©] 01:00 AM _□
Suspend Admin Process at:	1	 Maintain inboxes for only these selected users on this home server 	
		Maintain inboxes based on policies	
Restart Admin Process at:	J	Selected users:	
			^ເ 90
		Maximum number of documents to remove per cleanup:	[©] 500 ₂
		Do not remove unread documents from Inbox:	☐ Yes



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DON'T ...

Accept mail.box default settings



Number of Mail.Box Files

- Mail.Mailbox.Accesses
- Mail.Mailbox.AccessConflicts
 - Want a lower percentage of conflicts (2% or less)
 - Mail.Mailbox.AccessConflicts / Mail.Mailbox.Accesses = < 0.02

Mail Delivery Statistic	Original	After Tuning
Mail.Mailbox.AccessConflicts	1151	8
Mail.Mailbox.Accesses	3877	3023
Server.MailBoxes	2	4



DON'T ...

Forget to DAOS enable mail.box



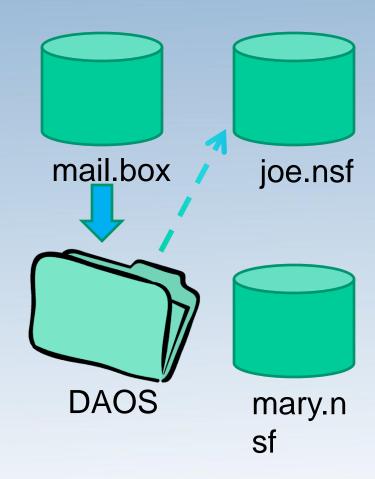
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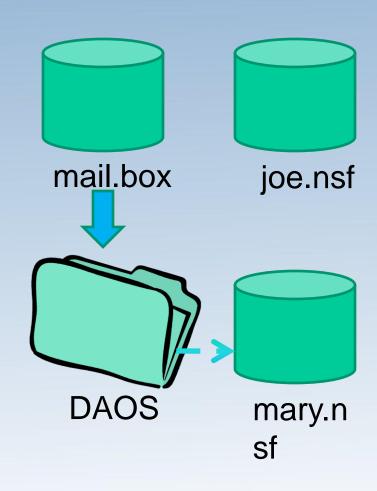


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 - On delivery to Joe
 - 2. Read from mail.box
 - 3. Written to DAOS & saved
 - 4. Ticket written to joe.nsf





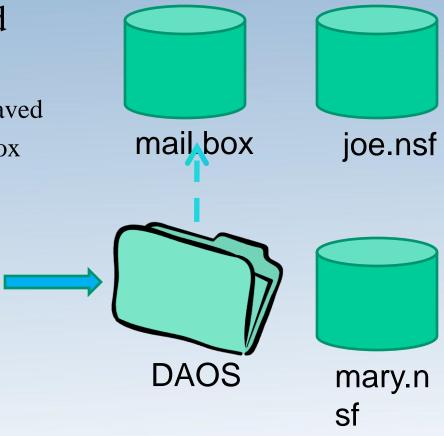
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 - 4. Ticket written to joe.nsf
 - On delivery to Mary
 - 5. Read from mail.box
 - 6. Written to DAOS & discarded
 - 7. Ticket written to mary.nsf





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 - On mail submission
 - Written to DAOS and saved
 - Ticket written to mail.box

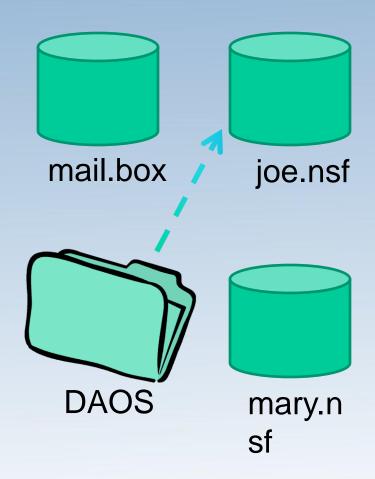




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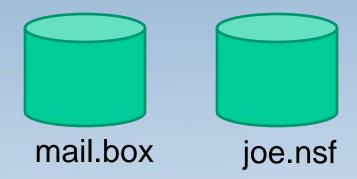
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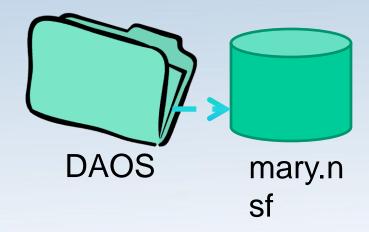
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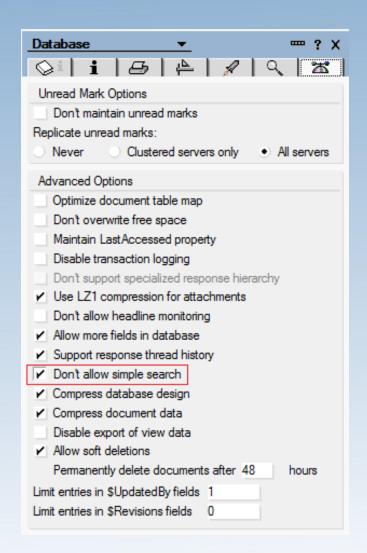
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Get to the latest ODS level



Better Control of Search

- Don't allow simple search
 - Prevents users from searching a database that is not full-text enabled
 - Doesn't prevent searches on whole server!!





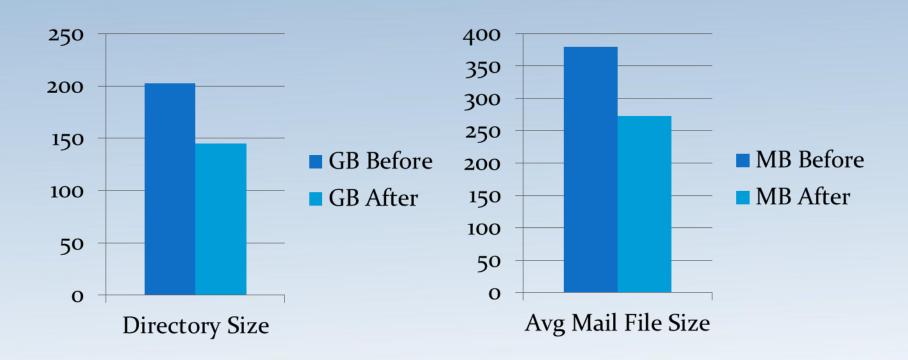
Database Performance Improvements

- Compress database design
 - Compresses design objects in a database
 - Mail files now start at 8 MB, not 18 MB
- Compress document data
 - Reduces size of all documents in a database
 - Real-life example:
 - www.bleedyellow.com/blogs/jonesy/entry/domino_8_0_1_comp ression
 - 533 mail files



Database Performance Improvements

Compress document data



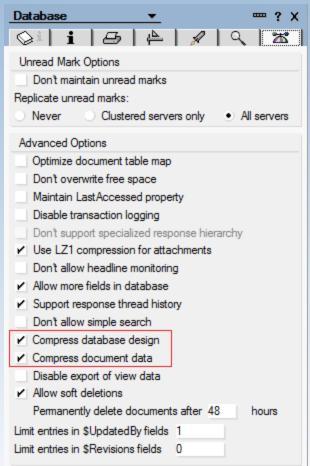


Database Performance Improvements

• Enabling 'compress database design' and

'compress document data'

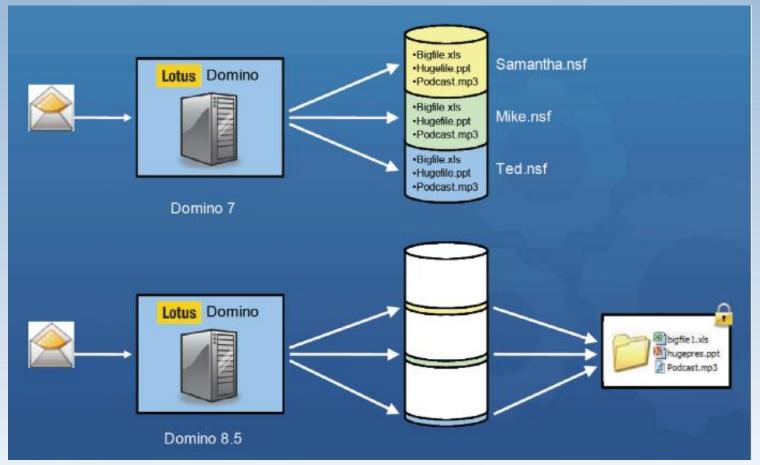
- 1) Create_R85_Databases=1
- 2) Enable database property
- 3) Copy style compact (-C)





Database Performance Improvements

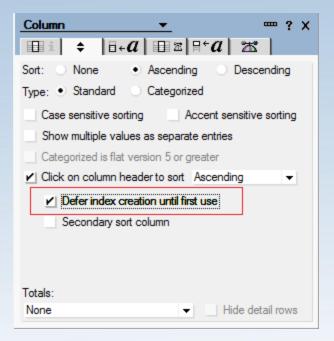
DAOS saves on disk space and I/O





View Performance Option

- On-demand column collations
 - Reduces overhead associated with indexes
 - Indexes built on-demand
 - Built over column first time user sorts on column





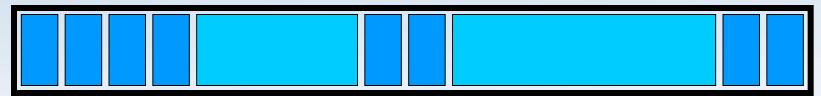
DON'T ...

Mix mail and applications



Mixing Applications and Mail

- Where do you deploy applications?
 - Mail server
 - Application server
- Understand impact of updates
 - Update task works off queue
 - FIFO
 - Can get erratic performance





DO ...

Pay attention to data types



- Think data types aren't important?
 - Think again!!
- Customer example
 - *Replication Conflict* Action: Update at Connector B; Mismatch in field 'QTYSHP': Record Key values: WHRLW3="G956105388117"



• What happens during replication?

DB2	Notes	
70.000	70	Replication conflict
3.600	3.6	Replication conflict
1.000	1	Replication conflict
1142.756	1142.756	OK, skipped
94.050	78.8	Replication conflict



- How do we fix this?
 - Change the field types to match

Original field types

- DB2
 - Packed
 - Field length 11,3
- Notes
 - Type = Number
 - Number format = Decimal
 - Decimal places = varying

New field types

- DB2
 - Packed
 - Field length 11,3
- Notes
 - Type = Number
 - Number format = Decimal
 - Decimal places = 3 fixed



Now what do the data types look like?

DB2	Notes	
70.000	70.000	OK, skipped
3.600	3.600	OK, skipped
1.000	1.000	OK, skipped
1142.756	1142.756	OK, skipped
94.050	78.800	Replication conflict



- End result?
 - Original replication time
 - 1.5 hours
 - New replication time
 - 12 minutes

* Number of records replicated = $\sim 200,000$



DON'T ...

Run with obsolete tuning parameters



Obsolete Tuning Parameters

- Important to remove obsolete tuning parameters
 - ConstrainedSHMSizeMB
 - ConstrainedSHM
 - PercentAvailSysResources

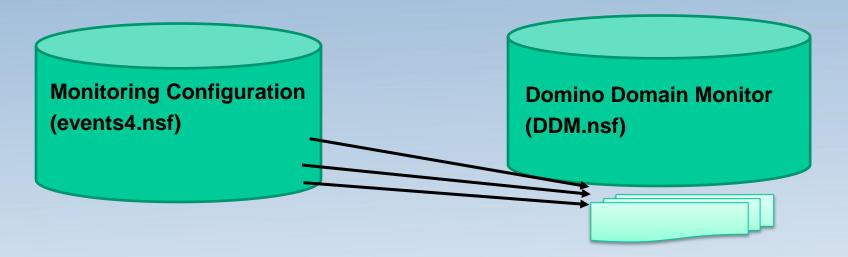


DO ...

Use DDM probes to monitor performance



Domino Domain Monitoring (DDM)



Used for all Domino domain monitoring configuration

Domino domain monitoring probes generate Event report documents that get consolidated and reported into the new DDM database



Domino Domain Monitoring (DDM)

- Use probes to monitor performance
 - Probe type = Application Code
 - Probe subtypes
 - Agents behind schedule
 - Agents evaluated by CPU usage
 - Agents evaluated by memory usage
 - Long running agents

Processes to probe = \mathbf{AMGR} or \mathbf{HTTP}



Questions



