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Title : System Administration for

IBM Informix Dynamic

Server V10

Version: DEMO

- 1. A dbspace was recently added to a database server. Which of the following commands will help identify whether disk layout problems exist as a result of adding the dbspace?
- A. onstat -g iob
- B. onstat -g iov
- C. onstat -g iof
- D. onstat -g glo

Answer: C

- 2. The following error message appears in the database server message log:
- 09:28:43 Aborting Long Transaction: tx 0xa43c728 username: sallyr uid: 200

This transaction has rolled back. Which of the following best describes the situation in the error message?

- A. A transaction has spanned multiple logical-log files and has caused the logical-log files to fill to 100% full.
- B. A transaction has caused the physical-log file to fill to the percentage indicated by the LTXHWM configuration parameter.
- C. A transaction has caused a single logical-log file to fill to the percentage indicated by the LTXHWM configuration parameter.
- D. A transaction starting in the oldest log is open, and the percentage of logical-log files filled has passed the LTXHWM configuration parameter.

Answer: D

3. Given the following information collected by the 'onstat -d' command:

Dbspaces number	fchunk	nchunks	pasize	flags	owner name
1	1	1	2048	N B	informix rootdbs
2	2	1	2048	N B	informix dbspace1
3	3	1	2048	M B	informix temp_space1
4	4	1	2048	N B	informix temp_space2
5	5	1	2048	N TB	informix dbspace2

What type of dbspace is the 'temp_space2' dbspace?

A. Blob dbspace

B. Normal dbspace

C. Mirrored dbspace

D. Temporary dbspace

Answer: B

4. A Database Administrator is configuring the files to establish network connections on a UNIX system,

which uses a sockets interface and a TCP/IP protocol.

The DBSERVERNAME configuration parameter has been set to 'dbserver1' and the name of the UNIX

host machine is 'chicago1'. The service name used is 'sqlexec'.

Which of the following entries in the sqlhosts file should be used?

A. chicago1 sqlexec dbserver1 onsoctcp

B. chicago1 onsoctcp dbserver1 sqlexec

C. dbserver1 onsoctcp sqlexec chicago1

D. dbserver1 onsoctcp chicago1 sqlexec

Answer: D

5. A database server has been running for days but after monthly reports were run, the following message

appeared in the online.log:

12:25:01 Memory allocation error

Which of the following most likely caused the error?

A. The DS TOTAL MEMORY has been reached.

B. The swap space on the computer has been set too high.

C. An operating system limit on shared memory has been reached.

D. The BUFFERS and SHMVIRTSIZE configuration parameters are larger than the maximum segment

size allowed.

Answer: C

6. Images with an average size of 50 bytes are to be stored as large objects in the database. For a

database server that uses a 4KB page size, which of the following methods should be used to store the

large objects and utilize disk space most efficiently?

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A. Create a normal dbspace to store the large objects.

B. Create a blobspace with a 2KB blobpage size to store the large objects.

C. Create a blobspace with an 8KB blobpage size to store the large objects.

D. Create a blobspace with a 16KB blobpage size to store the large objects.

Answer: A

7. A Database Administrator needs to know the physical location of a table. Which of the following

commands would show this information?

A. oncheck -pe

B. oncheck -pr

C. oncheck -pR

D. oncheck -pp

Answer: A

8. To specify which configuration file to use, the ONCONFIG environment variable must be set to the:

A. name of the configuration file to use.

B. path of the configuration file to use.

C. path and name of the configuration file to use.

D. \$INFORMIXDIR/etc directory where the configuration file will be located.

Answer: A

9. Which of the following best describes external backups on the IBM Informix Dynamic Server?

A. An external backup allows backups using onbar or ontape; database transactions are active during

external backups.

B. An external backup allows backups using onbar or ontape; database transactions are suspended

during external backups.

C. An external backup allows backups using operating system or third-party utilities; transactions are

active during external backups.

D. An external backup allows backups using operating system or third-party utilities; transactions are

suspended during external backups.

Answer: D

10. Following are outputs of 'onstat -k' and 'onstat -u' command:

```
$ onstat -k
IBM Informix Dynamic Server Version 10.00.FC4 -- On-Line -- Up 25 days 02:30:31
Locks
                                                                        key#/bsiz
address
           wtlist
                     owner
                                lklist
                                          type
                                                    tblsnum
                                                              rowid
a154de0
           0
                     afd30c8
                                0
                                          HDR+5
                                                    100002
                                                              205
a154e58
                     afd38f0
           0
                                0
                                                    100002
                                                              201
                                                                           0
                                          HDR+5
a155380
           0
                     afd5990
                                0
                                              5
                                                    100002
                                                              205
                                                                           0
                                0
                                                    100002
                                                              205
                                                                           0
a1554e8
                     afd5168
                                              5
 4 active, 2000 total, 2048 hash buckets, 0 lock table overflows
$ onstat -u
IBM Informix Dynamic Server Version 10.00.FC4 -- On-Line -- Up 25 days 02:30:45
Userthreads
address
           flags
                                                        tout locks nreads
                                                                               nwrites
                    sessid
                              user
                                        tty
                                             wait
           ---P--D 1
                              informix
afd1028
                                             0
                                                        0
                                                              0
                                                                     31
                                                                               34
                                                                              756
                   0
                                                        0
                                                                     0
afd1850
           ---P--F
                              informix
                                             0
                                                              0
afd2078
                              informix
                                                                               0
           ---P---
                    5
                                             0
                                                        0
                                                              0
                                                                     0
                                                        0
                                                              0
                                                                     0
                                                                               0
afd28a0
           ---P--B 6
                              informix
                                             0
           Y--P---
afd30c8
                   34
                              informix
                                             b34c2c8
                                                        0
                                                              1
                                                                     1
                                                                               0
                                             b2e65a0
                                                                               0
afd38f0
                   36
                              informix 10
                                                        0
                                                              1
                                                                    12
             -P--D 9
                              informix -
                                                        0
                                                              0
                                                                               1
                                                                     0
afd4118
                                             0
                                             a140738
                                                                               0
afd4940
           Y--P--D 15
                              informix
                                                        0
                                                              0
                                                                     0
afd5168
           Y--P--- 38
                              informix 10
                                             be28550
                                                                               0
                                                        0
                                                              1
                                                                     0
afd5990
           Y--P--- 40
                              informix 10
                                             b4e8c50
                                                        0
                                                                     0
 10 active, 128 total, 18 maximum concurrent
```

Users are reporting that they cannot access a table because they are getting errors indicating that the table is locked. The Lock address 'a155380' is holding a lock on the table. What is the session id for lock address 'a155380'?

- A. 34
- B. 36
- C. 38
- D. 40

Answer: D

- 11. A database server is experiencing slow query response times. Operating system utilities show that all 6 CPUs are at around 50% utilization. There are currently 4 CPU VPs configured on the database server.
 Of the following, which is the most probable change that could be made to correct this problem?
- A. Add more AIO VPs.
- B. Add more CPU VPs.
- C. Turn on Processor Affinity.

D. Add more physical processors to the machine.

Answer: B

12. Querying the sysmaster database table sysdatabases returns a row with a value of 1 for is_logging

and a value of 0 for is_buff_log and is_ansi; What is the current log status of the database?

A. ANSI

B. Not logged

C. Buffered logging

D. Unbuffered logging

Answer: D

13. In which of the following situations is a checkpoint requested?

A. When the logical logs are filled

B. When the physical log file is 75% full

C. When a buffered-logging database is created

D. When the value of the LTXHWM configuration parameter is passed

Answer: B

14. A Database Administrator is configuring the NETTYPE configuration parameter to set the number of

poll threads for shared memory connections. The administrator would like to allow 100 users, 2 poll

threads, and run the poll threads on a CPU VP. Based on the above information, the Database

Administrator should configure the NETTYPE parameter with which of the following entries?

A. ipcshm,2,50,CPU

B. ipcshm,50,2,NET

C. ipcshm,100,2,CPU

D. ipcshm,2,100,CPU

Answer: A

15. External C functions are to be created and registered in the database server to support new data

types. It is important to have these routines run exclusively on a virtual processor where it will not block

threads running on other VPs. Which of the following VP classes should be used for these functions?

A. JVP VP

B. CPU VP

C. MSC VP

D. USR VP

Answer: D

16. For a database server that uses a 2KB page size, which of the following commands creates a

temporary dbspace that is 10,000KB in size?

A. onspaces -c -d tempdbs -p /dev/rawdev1 -o 0 -s 5000

B. onspaces -c -d tempdbs -p /dev/rawdev1 -o 0 -s 10000

C. onspaces -c -d tempdbs -t -p /dev/rawdev1 -o 0 -s 5000

D. onspaces -c -d tempdbs -t -p /dev/rawdev1 -o 0 -s 10000

Answer: D

17. Which of the following commands shows the number of page cleaners configured and type of write

that flushes pages to disk?

A. onstat -F

B. onstat -f

C. onstat -R

D. onstat -r

Answer: A

18. An instance was created by developers during the Database Administrator's absence. Tables have

been created in a database and a system has gone live. The developers did not know anything about IBM

Informix Dynamic Server other than how to create a minimal instance. The instance just crashed, 15

minutes after going live. Given the statements below:

- Rootdbs is too small.

- Applications are waiting on locks.

- Deadlocks abound.

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- Disk space ran out.

What are the likely problems that caused the crash?

A. Logical Logs and physical log and temp space found therein, along with all of the database indexes

and tables. Tables have table locks.

B. Logical Logs and physical logs and temp space found therein, along with all of the database indexes

and tables. Tables have page locks.

C. Logical Logs and physical log and temp space found therein, along with all of the database indexes

and tables. Tables have page locks.

D. Logical Logs and physical logs and temp space found therein, along with all of the database indexes

and tables. Tables have row locks.

Answer: C

19. On a busy system, index cleaning is running in a slower pace and that needs to change. Which of the

following commands will provide information about the current priority of threads responsible for index

cleaning?

A. onstat -g glo

B. onstat -g ath

C. onstat -P

D. onstat -C

Answer: D

20. A Database Administrator is experiencing database backup performance problems. The database

server has ten dbspaces and each of them consists of four 2 Gigabyte chunks. OnBar is used as the

backup utility. A level 0 archive is started at 24:00 every night and it runs for 12 hours. Optimizing which of

the following database parameters would most likely reduce the backup time?

A. TAPEBLK

B. TAPESIZE

C. ISM_DATA_POOL

D. BAR MAX BACKUP

Answer: D

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