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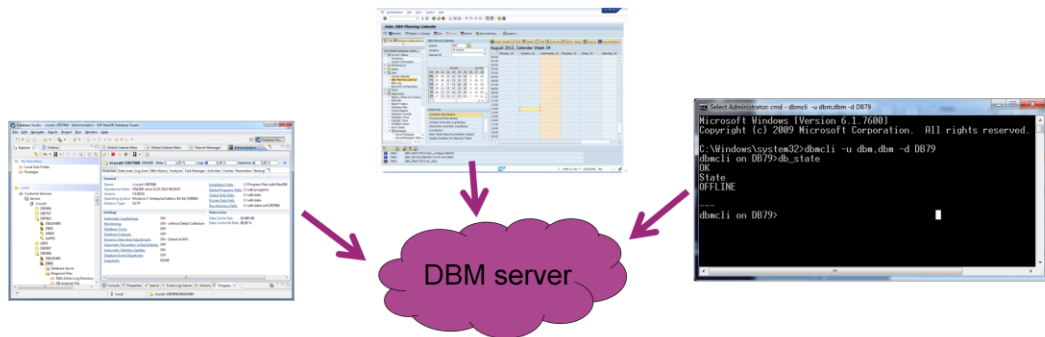


Agenda

- Tasks and Concept of the DBM Server
- What is the DBM Server used for? Choice of dbmcli commands
- Communication via Shared Memory
- Files for managing the DBM Server
- Problem analysis and ShM* (demo)
- Commands dbm_stop and db_drop
- Background DBM Server (demo)
- Scheduler
- User Event Dispatcher

Tasks of the DBM server

- process administrative commands
- establishes the connection from the database clients to the database kernel
- only administrative commands
- usually SQL commands do NOT communicate via the DBM server
- Clients: Database Manager CLI (dbmcli), Database Studio, SAP tools (via DBMRFC) like DBACockpit or DBA planning calendar (db13)



The DBM server establishes the connection from the database clients to the database kernel.

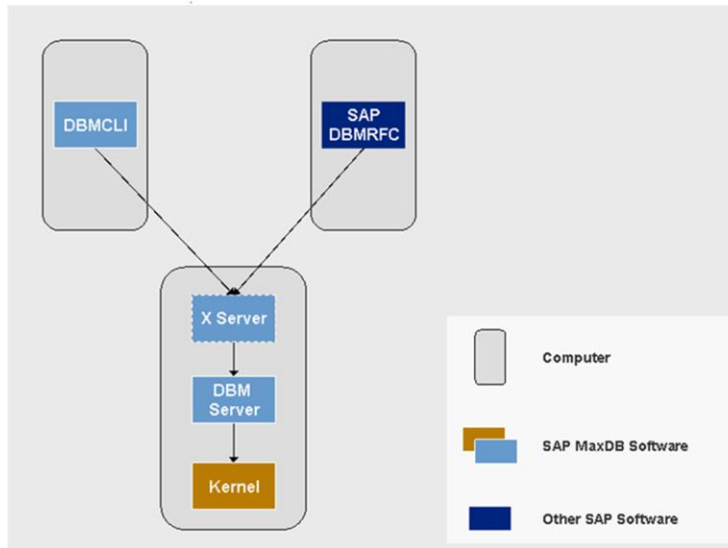
As a prerequisite you have to be logged on to the database as a database system administrator or DBM operator.

If administrative commands are sent remotely to the database host, a connection is first established via the remote SQL server which in turn starts a DBM server.

Usually SQL statements do not communicate via the DBM server, in case of a remote connection they use the x_server.

If an SQL statement is sent via sql_execute or db_execute then it will also communicate via a DBM server session.

Concept (Remote Access)



DBM Server

The DBM server is the server via which administration commands are executed. The database tools Database Studio, Database Manager, and Event Dispatcher use the DBM server. The DBM server always resides on the same computer as the database.

Database Manager

Database Manager consists of a client part and a server part (DBM Server).

The client part of Database Manager is available in the following variants:

Database Studio (see above)

Database Manager CLI (DBMCLI): Command line interface

Database Manager RFC (DBMRFC): Only in SAP systems, interface to the SAP system

(Another mechanism without dbmrfc is used as of Netweaver 7.30, 7.03 and 8.0 in combination with MaxDB 7.9.04 or higher.)

If the client part of Database Manager is located on another computer than the database, it connects to the database on the remote computer via an X Server.

Database Manager CLI is the client program of Database Manager. With this program you connect to the DBM server on the computer on which you want to create a new database or manage an existing database.

The Database Manager CLI database tool is used to administer database. The tool allows you to create, monitor, back up, and restore databases.

Database Manager CLI is a command line tool and is suited to both interactive operation and batch operation. It can be used on all operating systems supported by the database system.

General

- dbmsrv (UNIX) or dbmsrv.exe (Windows)
- located in <InstallationPath>/pgm
- Usually the DBM server is not explicitly started by the user but implicitly when an administrative DBM command is called via a client

Under UNIX the processes can be identified in the process list as dbmsrv (use: `ps -ef | grep dbmsrv`).

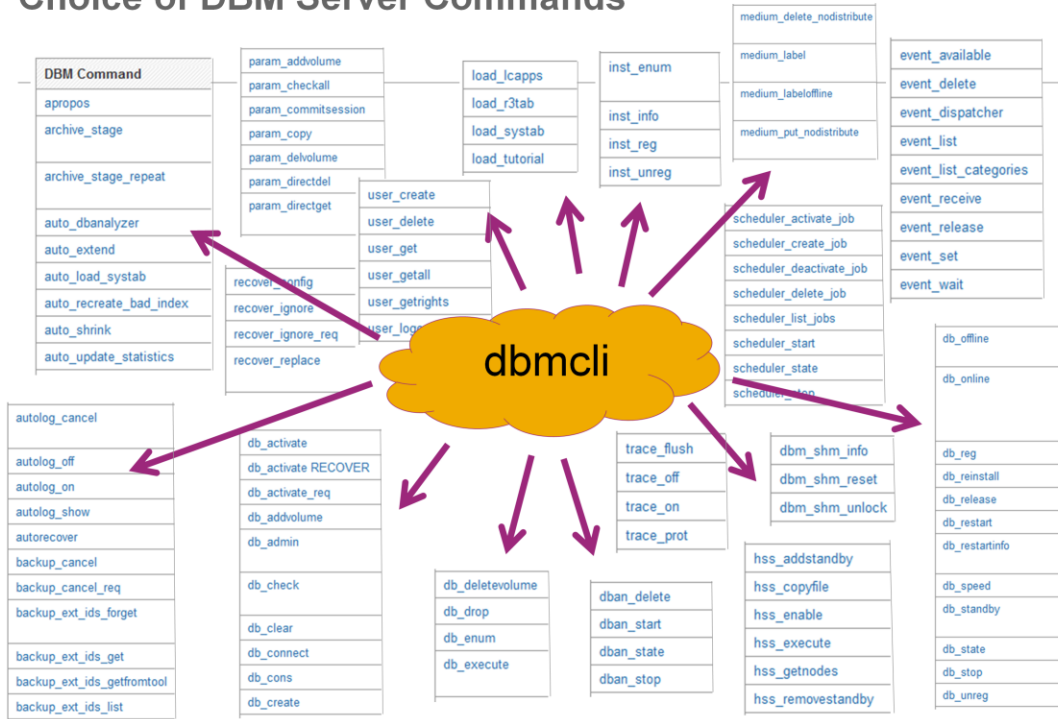
Under Windows you will find it as dbmsrv.exe.

The installation path can be identified by using the command `xinstinfo <DB name>`

What is the DBM Server used for?

- Software Installation
- Creating and Deleting Databases
- Configuring Databases
- Controlling Databases
- Backing Up and Restoring Databases
- Managing Database Manager Operators
- Analyzing Databases
- Accessing Databases Using SQL
- Optimizing the SQL Access to a Database
- Using Events of the Database
- Using the Scheduler
- Managing Hot Standby Systems
- Managing the Database Manager Tool

Choice of DBM Server Commands



This picture is not complete but gives an impression how powerful the functionality of the DBM server is.

If you are not sure about the exact names and options of a command the following commands help to identify the command names and how they are used.

Helpful DBM Commands:

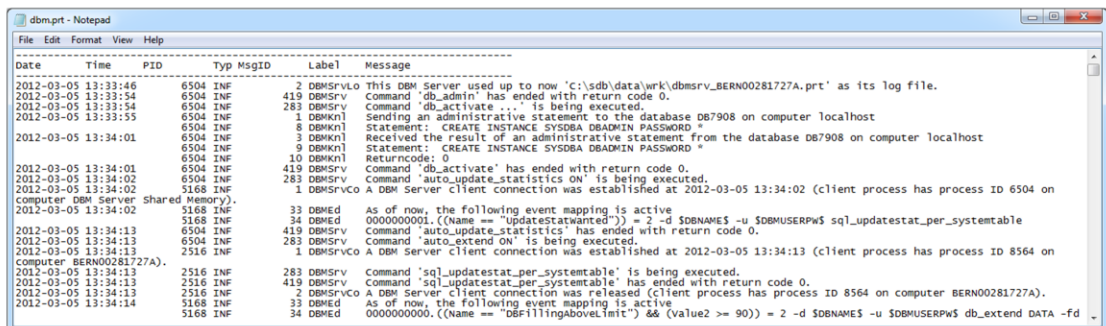
[apropos](#) - Searching for a DBM command

[explain](#) - displaying the help text for a DBM command

[help](#) - displaying a list of DBM commands

dbm.prt

- written by **DBM server**
- plaintext file in the RUNDIRECTORY
- filekey: DBMPRT
- old content overwritten cyclically
- the size can be enlarged with command `dbm_profilesize <size> [<size_unit>]`
- contains administrative statements (SAVE statements included)
- some statements are truncated because of security reasons



```
dbm.prt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
-----
Date      Time      PID      Typ  MsgID  Label  Message
-----
2012-03-05 13:33:46 6504 INF 2 DBMSFVLO This DBM Server used up to now 'c:\sdb\data\wrk\dbmsrv_BERN00281727A.prt' as its log file.
2012-03-05 13:33:54 6504 INF 419 DBMSFV Command 'db_admin' has ended with return code 0.
2012-03-05 13:33:54 6504 INF 283 DBMSFV Command 'db_activate ...' is being executed.
2012-03-05 13:33:55 6504 INF 1 DBMKN1 Sending an administrative statement to the database DB7908 on computer localhost
2012-03-05 13:34:01 6504 INF 8 DBMKN1 Statement: CREATE INSTANCE SYSDBA DBADMIN PASSWORD *
2012-03-05 13:34:01 6504 INF 3 DBMKN1 Received the result of an administrative statement from the database DB7908 on computer localhost
2012-03-05 13:34:01 6504 INF 9 DBMKN1 Statement: CREATE INSTANCE SYSDBA DBADMIN PASSWORD *
2012-03-05 13:34:01 6504 INF 10 DBMKN1 Returncode: 0
2012-03-05 13:34:02 6504 INF 419 DBMSFV Command 'db_activate' has ended with return code 0.
2012-03-05 13:34:02 6504 INF 283 DBMSFV Command 'auto_update_statistics ON' is being executed.
2012-03-05 13:34:02 5168 INF 1 DBMSFVCO A DBM Server client connection was established at 2012-03-05 13:34:02 (client process has process ID 6504 on
computer DBM Server Shared Memory).
2012-03-05 13:34:02 5168 INF 33 DBMED As of now, the following event mapping is active
2012-03-05 13:34:02 5168 INF 34 DBMED 000000001.((Name == "updatestatwanted")) = 2 -d $DBNAME$ -u $DBMUSERPW$ sql_updatestat_per_systemtable
2012-03-05 13:34:13 6504 INF 419 DBMSFV Command 'auto_update_statistics' has ended with return code 0.
2012-03-05 13:34:13 6504 INF 283 DBMSFV Command 'auto_extend ON' is being executed.
2012-03-05 13:34:13 2516 INF 1 DBMSFVCO A DBM Server client connection was established at 2012-03-05 13:34:13 (client process has process ID 8564 on
computer BERN00281727A).
2012-03-05 13:34:13 2516 INF 283 DBMSFV Command 'sql_updatestat_per_systemtable' is being executed.
2012-03-05 13:34:13 2516 INF 419 DBMSFV Command 'sql_updatestat_per_systemtable' has ended with return code 0.
2012-03-05 13:34:13 2516 INF 2 DBMSFVCO A DBM Server client connection was released (client process has process ID 8564 on computer BERN00281727A).
2012-03-05 13:34:14 5168 INF 33 DBMED As of now, the following event mapping is active
2012-03-05 13:34:14 5168 INF 34 DBMED 000000000.((Name == "DBF111ingaboveLimit") && (Value2 >= 90)) = 2 -d $DBNAME$ -u $DBMUSERPW$ db_extend DATA -fd
```

The dbm.prt is the main logfile which is written by the DBM server. You will find all actions taken by the DBM server within this file. The file has a restricted size and if there are a lot of messages parts of the content will get lost as the file is overwritten cyclically.

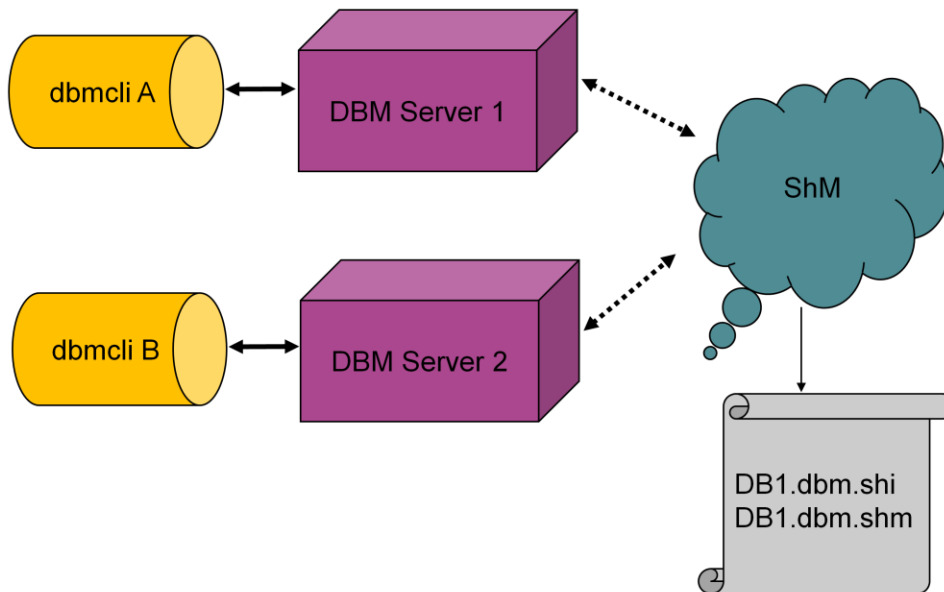
SAVE statements (== backup creation)

This log has a default size of maximum 1 GB and is overwritten cyclically. You can use the following DBM command to change the size of the file:

```
dbm_profilesize <size> [<size_unit>]
```

If no unit of measure (<size_unit>) is specified, the specification is in MB. You can use this DBM command to configure a maximum size of 2 GB. Change the size of the log dbm.prt only if requested to do so by SAP Support.

Communication via Shared Memory



The synchronization of the different DBM servers of a database takes place using the shared memory segments `<DB_name>.dbm.shm` and `<DB_name>.dbm.shi`.

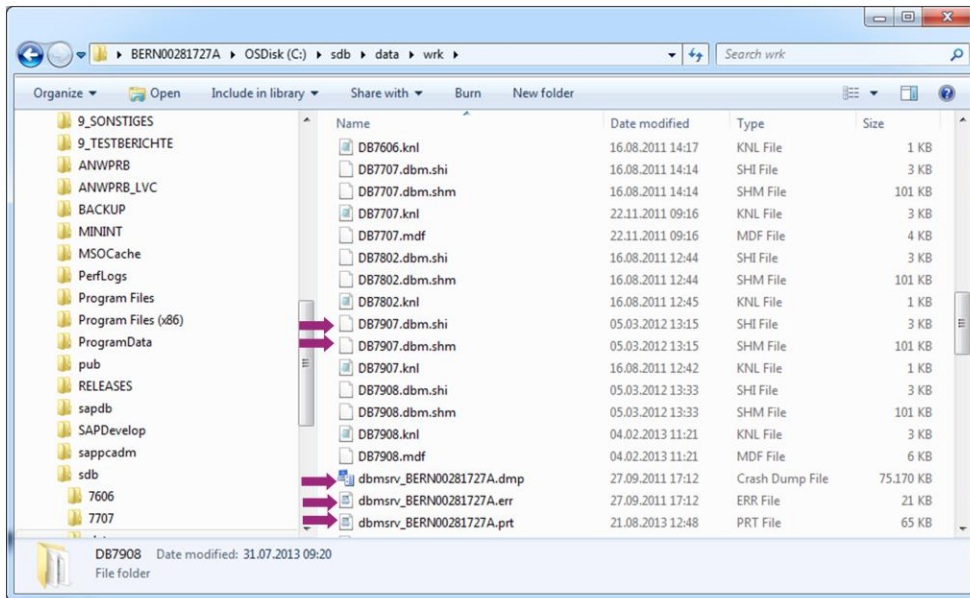
Furthermore the communication between the DBM servers is done via the shared memory segments. They are implemented in the system as a memory-mapped file (mmap). Make sure that the path for the shared memory is located on a local filesystem. If this file is located on a Network Share (NFS), deadlock situations might occur.

You can use the DBM command `dbm_version` to determine the directory in which the shared memory segments (`<database_name>.dbm.shm` and `<database_name>.dbm.shi`) are stored.

The entry `SDBDBM_IPCLOCATION` shows the directory:

- Usually `/var/lib/sdb/dbm/ipc` under UNIX
- Default directory for Windows: `<GlobalDataPath>/wrk`

Files for managing the DBM Server



<DB_name>.dbm.shi

<DB_name>.dbm.shm

dbmsrv_<server name>.dmp

dbmsrv_<server name>.err

Example for service database:

.M790802.dbm.shi

.M790802.dbm.shm

Files for managing the DBM Server – SHM and SHI

<dbname>.dbm.shi

- located in <sdbdbm_iplocation dir> (Default /var/lib/sdb/dbm/ipc for UNIX, <GlobalDataPath>/wrk for Windows)
- platform and version information (ASCII text at start of file)
- PIDs of all DBM Servers that are attached to this shared memory
- lock administration of ShM
- layout administration of ShM

<dbname>.dbm.shm

- located in <sdbdbm_iplocation dir>
- usage data (f.e. Resource locks, current commands, information about eventing)

ShM lets DBM Servers cooperate PER DATABASE only!

- DBM Server commands that are not addressed to a special database (inst_reg, db_enum,...) do not use it
- No communication between DBM Servers of different databases

Use the DBM command `dbm_version` to determine the directory in which the shared memory segments (`<database_name>.dbm.shm` and `<database_name>.dbm.shi`) that the DBM server uses for the synchronization are stored.

The entry `SDBDBM_IPCLOCATION` shows the directory (for example, `/var/lib/sdb/dbm/ipc` for UNIX, `/sapdb/data/wrk`).

The `GlobalDataPath` can additionally be identified with the tool `xinstinfo`.

Or with the command:

```
dbmcli -u <dbm>,<pw> -d <DB name> dbm_getpath
```

Command `dbm_shm_info`

- Displays content of ShM
- Collects information from both files `shi` and `shm`
- Allows for checking DBM Server activity in a specific database

Identification of a DBM Server:

Use DBM server command `dbm_getpid`.

We will have a look into a ShM later during a demo ...

```
Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u dbm,dbm -d DB7908
C:\Windows\system32>dbmcli -u dbm,dbm -d DB7908
dbmcli on DB7908>dbm_getpid
OK
5824

---
dbmcli on DB7908>dbm_shm_info
OK
VERSION
Required 12
Found 12

TICKET COUNTERS
Currently served ticket 66109839
Next available ticket 66109839

LOCKING
Locking pid 0

PROCESSES
pid | status
6108 | ALIVE
1472 | ALIVE
5824 | ALIVE (*)

HALFSWITCHER
overall size 102400
used size 2075
offset 2075

Select Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u dbm,dbm -d DB7908
=====
LINES
=====
*** HouseKeeping
Existing lines 1
index 0
Housekeeper 0
At work no
Last cleanup: 2013-09-10 10:12:42

*** Eventing
Existing lines 2
index 62
Consumer pid 1472
no event

index 61
Consumer pid 6108
no event

*** Resource Locks
Existing lines 0

*** Scheduler communication
Existing lines 0

*** DBMStop
```

```
Select Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u dbm,dbm -d DB7908
Existing lines 3
index 339
  owner pid          6108
  heartbeat          2013-09-10 10:12:56
  current command    dbm_dispatch_events
  connection info    DBM Server Shared Memory, 5788, DBM, DBM
  stop initiator pid -1
  since              2013-09-10 09:28:41
  read flag          unset
  ready flag         unset
  requested action   none
index 341
  owner pid          1472
  heartbeat          2013-09-10 10:12:57
  current command    dbm_watch
  connection info    DBM Server Shared Memory, 5788, DBM, DBM
  stop initiator pid -1
  since              2013-09-10 09:28:42
  read flag          unset
  ready flag         unset
  requested action   none
index 343
  owner pid          5824
  heartbeat          2013-09-10 10:12:53
  current command    dbm_shm_info
  connection info    BERN00281727A, 3128, DBM, RTE
  stop initiator pid -1
  since              2013-09-10 10:13:02
  read flag          unset
  ready flag         unset
  requested action   none
```

```
Select Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u dbm,dbm -d DB7908

*** BackgroundServer
Existing lines 2
index 62
    background server pid: 6108
    background server name: sdb_ibgs_InternalEventDispatcher
    background server start time: 2013-09-10 09:28:39
    starter pid: 5788
    background server status: running (since 2013-09-10 09:28:41)
    pid of issuer of current command: 5788
    username of issuer of current command: DBM
    COMMAND: dbm_dispatch_events i
    REPLY: no reply available
index 63
    background server pid: 1472
    background server name: sdb_ibgs_Watchdog
    background server start time: 2013-09-10 09:28:41
    starter pid: 5788
    background server status: running (since 2013-09-10 09:28:42)
    pid of issuer of current command: 5788
    username of issuer of current command: DBM
    COMMAND: dbm_watch
    REPLY: no reply available

---
dbmcli on DB7908>
```


Problem analysis and ShM

Problem:

If the DBM Server Shared Memory is in an inconsistent state, DBM Servers cannot start. No problem analysis is possible.

Possible solution:

```
<InstallationPath>/pgm/dbmshm [UNLOCK|DELETE|CHECK]  
<sdbdbm_iplocation dir> <dbname>
```

- Can only be used on ShM of databases of the same release.
- To be used for maintenance of ShM.
- Is roughly the DBM Server command dbm_shm_info in a separate program

Examples for Error Situations (I)

```
ERR -24700 DBMSrv ERR_DBMSRV_NOSTART: Could not start DBM server.  
ERR -24832 DBMSrv ERR_SHMNOTAVAILABLE: Shared memory not available  
ERR -24993 DBMSrv ERR_RTEEXT: Runtime environment error  
ERR -24778 DBMSrv 1,could not create dir:/var/lib/sdb/dbm/ipc  
ERR -24778 DBMSrv 13,No system errortext for ERRNO 13
```

The SDB user (usually sdb:sdba) must always be able to read and write in the target directory (usually /var/lib/sdb). No DBM server can run if this is not the case. They then terminate with the above error message.

Examples for Error Situations (II)

After an OS restart or a system crash, the database does not start anymore. When you try to start it up, you receive an error similar to:

```
Error! Connection failed to node sap011 for database JDI:  
-24700,ERR_DBMSRV_NOSTART: Could not start DBM server.  
-24832,ERR_SHMNOTAVAILABLE: Shared memory not available  
-24686,ERR_SHMNOCLEANUP: Could not cleanup the DBM server Shared Memory  
-24606,ERR_SHMSO: Start address 0x349300010c1d01b8 for linetype 0 out
```

```
dbmcli -d <SID> -u <dbm>,<pwd> db_state
```

Database status appears as 'UNKNOWN'.

Or it can't even connect to the database instance:

```
Error! Connection failed to node (local) for database LCA:  
Connection broken to PID 2336 (D)
```

Most likely this issue happens when the system is abnormally shutdown/restarted or after a crash (due to power outage, for example) while the database is running.

If the database is in ONLINE state and a OS restart is not properly done, the MaxDB cannot perform a 'clean' shutdown so the shared memory files of the DBM server reside in an inconsistent state, causing the old runtime to be present at the new database startup.

At OS level (process list), check whether any MaxDB/LiveCache processes are running. If any process is found, terminate it.

Locate the runtime files in the filesystem. These files are named as **<DB name>*.dbm.shi** and **<DB name>*.dbm.shm**, and are usually located under **/sapdb/data/wrk** folders (Windows) and **/var/lib/sdb/dbm/ipc** (UNIX).

Rename the files. I.e: **LCA.dbm.shi_old**, **LCA.dbm.shm_old**.

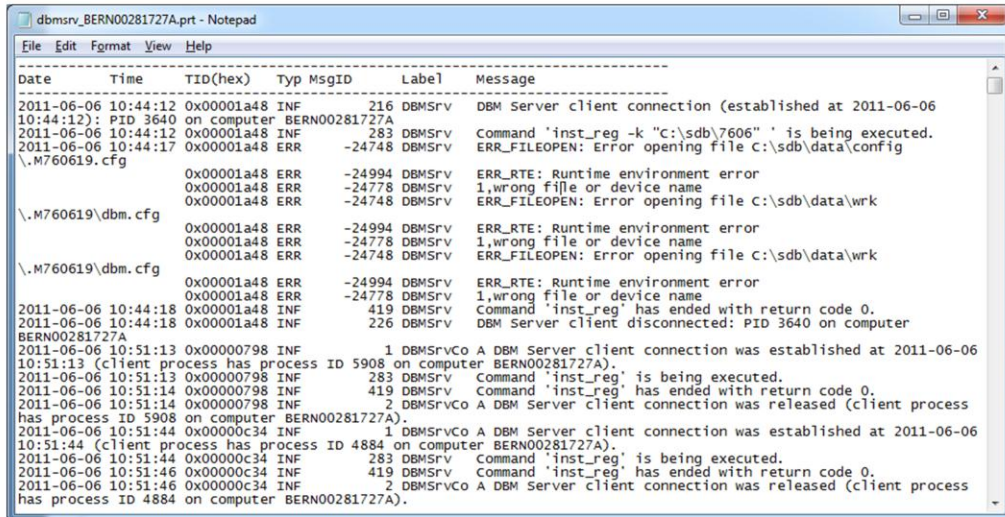
If the shared memory is not available any longer it is newly generated.

Another action might be necessary for cleanup but this is not related to DBM server:

Rename the pipe files (if existent) **<SID>** to **<SID>.old** in folders **/sapdb/data/ppid**, **/sapdb/data/fifo** and file **db:<sid>** to **db<sid>.old** in folder **/sapdb/data/ipc**.

Files for managing the DBM Server – dbmsrv_<host>.prt

- Info messages (INF), warnings (WRN) and errors (ERR) concerning DBM server operation
- Contains information that is independent of a special database instance and start messages



```
dbmsrv_BERN00281727A.prt - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
-----
Date      Time      TID(hex)  Typ  MsgID    Label  Message
-----
2011-06-06 10:44:12 0x00001a48 INF    216 DBMSrv  DBM Server client connection (established at 2011-06-06
10:44:12): PID 3640 on computer BERN00281727A
2011-06-06 10:44:12 0x00001a48 INF    283 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg -k "c:\sdb\7606" ' is being executed.
2011-06-06 10:44:17 0x00001a48 ERR   -24748 DBMSrv  ERR_FILEOPEN: Error opening file c:\sdb\data\config
\M760619.cfg
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24994 DBMSrv  ERR_RTE: Runtime environment error
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24778 DBMSrv  1,wrong file or device name
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24748 DBMSrv  ERR_FILEOPEN: Error opening file c:\sdb\data\wrk
\M760619\dbm.cfg
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24994 DBMSrv  ERR_RTE: Runtime environment error
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24778 DBMSrv  1,wrong file or device name
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24748 DBMSrv  ERR_FILEOPEN: Error opening file c:\sdb\data\wrk
\M760619\dbm.cfg
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24994 DBMSrv  ERR_RTE: Runtime environment error
                0x00001a48 ERR   -24778 DBMSrv  1,wrong file or device name
2011-06-06 10:44:18 0x00001a48 INF    419 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg' has ended with return code 0.
2011-06-06 10:44:18 0x00001a48 INF    226 DBMSrv  DBM Server client disconnected: PID 3640 on computer
BERN00281727A
2011-06-06 10:51:13 0x00000798 INF    1 DBMSrvCo A DBM Server client connection was established at 2011-06-06
10:51:13 (client process has process ID 5908 on computer BERN00281727A).
2011-06-06 10:51:13 0x00000798 INF    283 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg' is being executed.
2011-06-06 10:51:14 0x00000798 INF    419 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg' has ended with return code 0.
2011-06-06 10:51:14 0x00000798 INF    2 DBMSrvCo A DBM Server client connection was released (client process
has process ID 5908 on computer BERN00281727A).
2011-06-06 10:51:44 0x00000c34 INF    1 DBMSrvCo A DBM Server client connection was established at 2011-06-06
10:51:44 (client process has process ID 4884 on computer BERN00281727A).
2011-06-06 10:51:44 0x00000c34 INF    283 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg' is being executed.
2011-06-06 10:51:46 0x00000c34 INF    419 DBMSrv  Command 'inst_reg' has ended with return code 0.
2011-06-06 10:51:46 0x00000c34 INF    2 DBMSrvCo A DBM Server client connection was released (client process
has process ID 4884 on computer BERN00281727A).
```

Information that is independent of a special database or liveCache instance is written into dbmsrv_<host>.prt. F.e. commands like inst_reg will appear in this logfile.

Additionally the DBM server protocols its messages here in the start situation as long it is not related to a special instance. You will find a line indicating the position when it skips to the dbm.prt (and vice versa).

The file is located in the directory <GlobalDataPath>/wrk.

GlobalDataPath can be identified with the command:
dbmcli -u <dbm>,<pw> -d <DB name> dbm_getpath

The file is cyclically overwritten.

Files for managing the DBM Server – dbmsrv_<host>.err

- callstack of crashed DBM Server
- located in <GlobalDataPath>/wrk
- opened as soon as possible by each DBM Server (immediately after <GlobalDataPath>/wrk path is calculated)
- exists almost always (with a size of 0 bytes)

```
Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u <dbm> -d DB79
00000 04:0000000000000000
PID 10192: Mini dump file 'C:\sdb\data\wrk\dbmsrv
PID 6824: EXCEPTION caught, PID: 6824, thread: DB
5 (Access violation) at IP 0x00000001400B4CF4, re
0. time: 2011-09-27 15:12:42 GMT
PID 6824: --> Emergency stack backtrace <----
PID 6824: Using dbghlp version 4.0 rev 5
PID 6824: Symbol search path:
PID 6824: C:\sdb\MaxDB7907;C:\sdb\MaxDB7907\pgm;C
MaxDB7907\sap;C:\sdb\test\jtest\tests;C:\Windows
PID 6824: Using 'StackWalk64' for stack tracing
PID 6824: Using dbghlp version 4.0 rev 5
PID 6824: Symbol search path:
PID 6824: C:\sdb\MaxDB7907;C:\sdb\MaxDB7907\pgm;C
MaxDB7907\sap;C:\sdb\test\jtest\tests;C:\Windows
PID 6824: (0):0x00000000400b4cf4 IF0x0000000000000
0000 0x0)
PID 6824: (1):0x000000000544e40 IF0x0000000000008e6b01(0x524ab0,0x1f00000,0x0,0x
40217432)
PID 6824: (2):0x00000000403d3480 IF0x0000000000008e6b81(0x1f00000,0x0,0x40217432,
0x1f00000)

Administrator: cmd - dbmcli -u <dbm> -d DB79
PID 6824: --> Module List <----
PID 6824: |.text Start |.text End | Module File Name
PID 6824: --> Symbolic stack backtrace <----
PID 6824: 0: DBP::Statement::Statement + 0x24
PID 6824: SFrame: IP: 0x00000000400b4cf4 (0x00000000400b4cd0+0x24) FP:
0x0000000000008e6d0 SP: 0x0000000000008e6b0 RP: 0x0000000040217432
PID 6824: Params: 0x1f00000, 0x1f0e701, 0x0, 0x524a60
PID 6824: Source: dbp_interface.cpp:459
PID 6824: Module: C:\sdb\MaxDB7907\pgm\dbmsrv.exe
PID 6824:
PID 6824: 1: DBMSrvCommProtDI Statement::scalar deleting destructor' + 0x32
PID 6824: SFrame: IP: 0x0000000040217432 (0x0000000040217400+0x32) FP:
0x0000000000008e700 SP: 0x0000000000008e6a0 RP: 0x000000004028c471
PID 6824: Params: 0x521590, 0x403d3480, 0x406ab770, 0x1f0e7c0
PID 6824: Module: C:\sdb\MaxDB7907\pgm\dbmsrv.exe
PID 6824:
PID 6824: 2: DBP::destroy<DBP::Statement> + 0x21
PID 6824: SFrame: IP: 0x000000004028c471 (0x000000004028c450+0x21) FP:
0x0000000000008e730 SP: 0x0000000000008e710 RP: 0x00000000402df7c0
PID 6824: Params: 0x565750, 0x1f0dca8, 0x0, 0x77882a8a
PID 6824: Source: dbp_interface.hpp:1563
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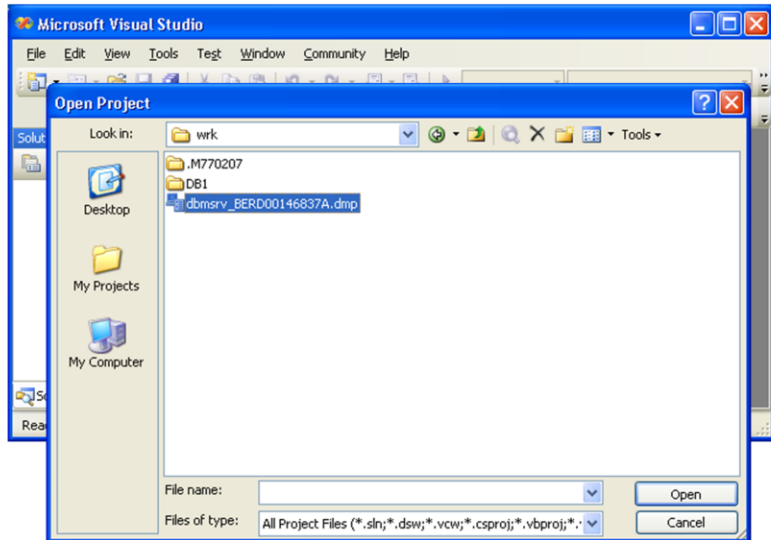
excerpts of the file

GlobalDataPath can be identified with the command:
dbmcli -u <dbm>,<pw> -d <DB name> dbm_getpath

Files for managing the DBM Server - dbmsrv_<host>.dmp

Crash Dump File for post-mortem analysis by developer

- entire process space of crashed DBM Server
- located in <GlobalDataPath>/wrk
- Analysis with Visual Studio
- Windows only



Under Windows there is an additional way that can be used by developers to identify errors from crash situations. If the backtrace from dbmsrv_<host>.err does not deliver enough information the Visual Studio can be used for further post mortem analysis. A debugger can be used and information about the values of variables can be identified.

dbm.cfg

- Database Manager configuration file for the database
- Located in the rundirectory of the database
- Changes on dbm.cfg (performed by Database Manager automatically) are written to log file dbmcfg.his.
- Examples for entries in dbm.cfg:
DBADTL
RunEventDispatcher
AUTOSAVE

dbmsrv_diag

- used for enhanced error analysis to identify DBM server problems
- as of 7.9.08.08 and 7.8.02.32 part of software delivery
- program dbmsrv will be replaced by dbmsrv_diag
- traces dbmsrv_<pid>.trace written into rundirectory
- Tracing is activated if the following line is displayed in the output of command dbm_version: TRACING = YES
- After analysis make sure to reactivate the original DBM server

Commands `dbm_stop` and `db_drop`

`dbm_stop [-f] [PID]`

- Stops other DBM Servers that are related to the same database. Target DBM Servers are „asked“ to terminate themselves.

`dbm_stop` (no parameters)

- DBM Servers, that are idle don't start executing their respective commands.
- DBM Servers, that are currently executing a command are allowed 30 seconds. New DBM Servers cannot be started during this period of time.
- If one of the DBM Servers does not respond to the stop request in time, `dbm_stop` fails and all DBM Servers are left alive.
- Terminated DBM Servers do not touch ShM anymore, they cannot execute commands. They stay alive for at most 5 minutes. If their respective DBM client tries to execute a command, they respond with an error message.

`dbm_stop <somepid>`

- Almost the same as above but only the DBM Server with PID `<somepid>` is targeted, other DBM Servers may start.

Reason for the invention of this feature:

- databases may only be dropped if no other DBM Server exists
- upgrade

Commands `dbm_stop` and `db_drop`

`dbm_stop -f <somepid>`

After at most 10 seconds the target DBM Server(s) are terminated (not only not touching ShM anymore, but really dead).

`db_drop [-f]`

performs implicit `dbm_stop [-f]` before actually dropping the database

This is implemented using multiple threads in each DBM Server process and another hitherto unmentioned file:

The DBM Server, that executes the `dbm_stop` (resp. `db_drop`) command, creates a file `<dbname>.dbm.exit` in `<GlobalDataPath>/wrk`. The existence of this file prevents new DBM Servers to be started. It is removed after the `dbm_stop` command has terminated (resp. the database is dropped).

DBM Servers are NEVER killed by means of the operating system! Therefore no foreign processes can be killed by accident.

This functionality is implemented with an extra checker. This is a thread that does nothing but checking stop requests in shared memory every 10 seconds.

Background DBM Server

Problem:

Long-running DBM Server commands like e.g. backup and restore block a DBM Server session and are bound to it irreversibly.

Solution:

Background DBM Server

Use cases:

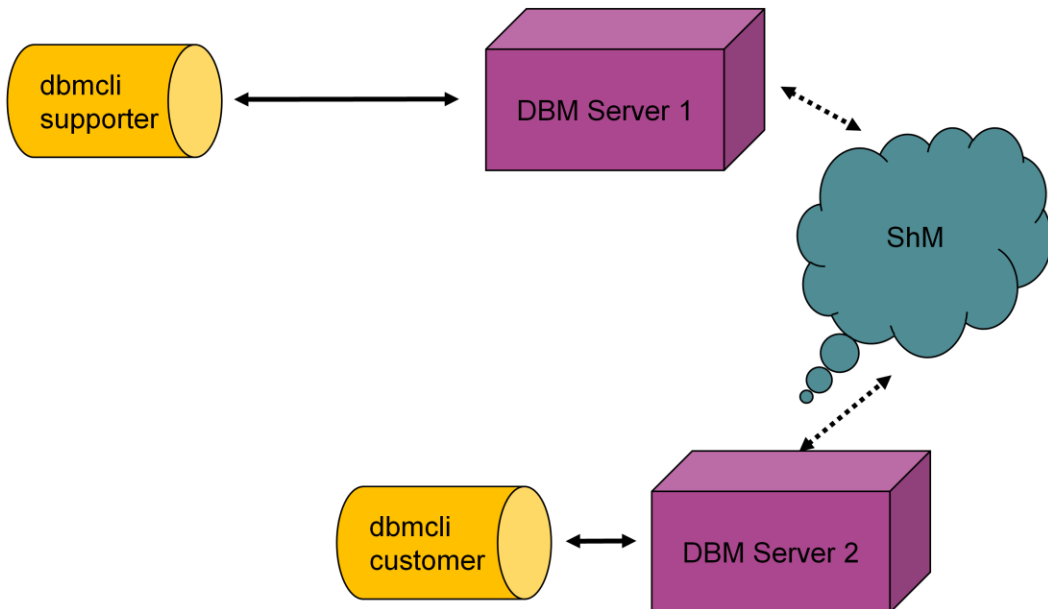
- Supporters can start a long-running command that the customer takes over
- Limited number of connections from SAP to customer is no problem: multiple DBM Server commands can be executed in parallel and be handled with only one real DBM client

This concept is also used internally:

Event Dispatchers and DBM Command Scheduler were ported from separate executables into the DBM Server (hidden commands `dbm_schedule` and `dbm_dispatch_events`).

With version 7.7 the concept of background servers was introduced.

Use of Background DBM Server (I)

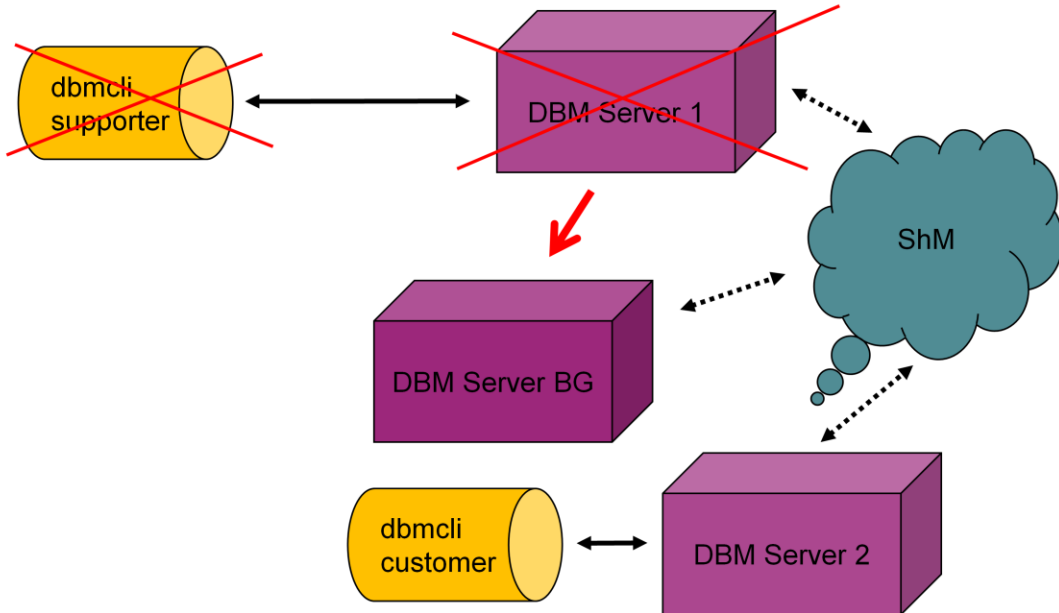


The following two slides describe a use case for the background server. A supporter has started dbmcli on a remote host and thus also a DBM server on the database server. The DBM server uses the Shared Memory for the database.

If a long running command is issued (like f.e. a backup) the connection may not be interrupted in the meantime. If the connections gets lost also the command stops operation.

The customer could start the command locally but is not familiar with the correct use.

Use of Background DBM Server (II)



The supporter can start a background DBM server which executes the backup. The operation can continue even if the supporter disconnects from the database server because the background server is still active. The dbmcli session can be stopped and no other DBM server process is necessary any longer.

Background DBM Server - Commands

- `background_server_execute <bg_server_name> [-no_reply] <command>`
- `background_server_exit <bg_server_name>`
- `background_server_get_reply <bg_server_name> [<skip_bytes>]`
- `background_server_reset <bg_server_name>`
- `background_server_show_status <bg_server_name>`
- `background_server_start <bg_server_name>`
- `background_server_takeover <bg_server_name>`

Firstly the background server has to be started with the **background_server_start** command. **dbm_shm_info** shows the newly generated background server in „idle“ state (waiting for command). With **background_server_execute** a command can be started and the state „ready“ is reached. Before the next command can be started the reply has to be fetched with **background_server_get_reply**.

Now the next command can be issued with **background_server_execute**. Another dbmcli session wants to request the reply. This can be done with the commands **background_server_takeover** (which gives control over the command to the other session) and afterwards **background_server_get_reply**.

background_server_show_status provides information about the status of the background_server. Possible states are:

- idle – waiting for command
- running - command is currently active
- ready – command has been executed and result is expected to being fetched
- command available
- starting – the background server is being started; usually short time period
- terminated – the background server has been terminated unexpectedly
- reply read – the reply was being read

Most likely you will see one of the states idle, ready, running.

background_server_exit ends the background DBM server.

Background DBM Server (demo)

- all information to the available background servers, their state and current activity is listed in the output of the `dbm_shm_info`
- the result of every dbm command started with the `background_server_execute` command should be picked up with the `background_server_get_reply`
- for changing the background server state from „ready“ to „idle“ the command `background_server_get_reply` should be used
- a hanging situation can be resolved with the command `background_server_reset`

Scheduler

- Define time and repetitions of jobs to be executed by the DBM server

- Commands to administer the scheduler:
 - scheduler_create_job
 - scheduler_delete_job
 - scheduler_list_jobs
 - scheduler_start
 - scheduler_state
 - scheduler_stop
 - scheduler_activate_job

scheduler_create_job

In a scheduler job, you define which DBM command is to be executed and when by Database Manager in the current database.

You can specify when the new job is to be scheduled, and how often or after which job. If you do not specify how often the new job is to be scheduled, the job is scheduled daily at the defined time or every time the job defined as its predecessor is executed.

The DBM operator who created the job is the owner of the job. The system assigns a sequential number for every job created per database.

For creating a job, the operational state of the database is irrelevant. Likewise, it is irrelevant whether the scheduler is on or off.

The new job, however, is only actually executed if the job is active ([scheduler_activate_job](#)), if the scheduler is on ([scheduler_start](#)), and if you have the server permission to execute the DBM command defined in the job.

scheduler_delete_job

Use this DBM command to delete a scheduler job.

You can delete both active and inactive jobs. Before you do so, however, make sure that the job to be deleted does not have any successors. Otherwise, the DBM command is aborted with an error message. For deleting a job, the operational state of the database is irrelevant. Likewise, it is irrelevant whether the scheduler is on or off.

scheduler_list_jobs

With this command you can display the list of all scheduler jobs.

The job ID, owner, status, time at which the job is to be executed, time at which it was last executed, and the DBM command to be executed are displayed for each job created.

Scheduler - Example

Call Database Manager CLI in session mode, log on as the operator with the password, connect to the database DEMODB.

```
>dbmcli -u operator2,op2 -d DEMODB
```

```
dbmcli on DEMODB>
```

Create a scheduler job to stop the database at 6:00 p.m. this evening:

```
dbmcli on DEMODB>scheduler_create_job 18:00:00 db_offline -o
```

```
OK 0
```

Create a second scheduler job to start the database at 7:00 p.m. this evening:

```
dbmcli on DEMODB>scheduler_create_job 19:00:00 db_online -o
```

```
OK 1
```

Create a third scheduler job to ensure that the operational state of the database is always displayed after the database start, that is, after job 1:

```
dbmcli on DEMODB>scheduler_create_job 1 db_state
```

```
OK 2
```

Create a fourth job to create a DBM operator with the user name OPERATOR3, the password op3 and user attributes like the user OPERATOR2. This job is to be executed once, today at 8:00 a.m.

```
dbmcli on DEMODB>scheduler_create_job 08:00:00 "user_create OPERATOR3,op3 OPERATOR2" -once
```

```
OK 3
```

Scheduler – Example (II)

```
>dbmcli -u operator2,op2 -d DEMODB
scheduler_list_jobs
OK
OK
ID 0
owner: OPERATOR2
status: active
runs: at: 18:00:00
last run: 2013#05#02 18:00:02
DBM Server PID 2632
return code OK (0)
dbm_command: db_offline
OK
...
```

```
ID 1
owner: OPERATOR2
status: active
runs: at: 19:00:00
last run: 2013#05#02 19:00:01
DBM Server PID 1652
return code ERR (-24977)
dbm_command: db_online
OK
ID 2
owner: OPERATOR2
status: active
runs: after 1
dbm_command: db_state
```

In this picture you see an example output of command scheduler_list_jobs for the job definitions of the previous slide.

Using Database Events

- An event is a notification from the database system that a certain defined situation has occurred.
- defined by properties such as name and priority
- belongs to an event category
- The values that determine when an event of a certain category is triggered are stored in the system. When this value is reached, the system triggers an event.
- For some categories, there are multiple different property definitions (default values) that trigger an event of that category.
- Using database events, you can automate administration tasks or configure notification options for monitoring your database.

- Prerequisites:
 - server authorization SystemCmd
 - The installation-specific x_server is running on the database computer.
 - A member of the operating system's administrators group has created the file dbm_whitelist.cfg (configuration file in the run directory).
 - The current operating system user can access and execute the program that is to be linked to an event.

Additional info:

Email sending is done via SMTP (RFC 822). The user must provide an SMTP server that „speaks“ this protocol. SAP's internal SMTP server is mail.sap.corp (on standard port 25). The DBM Server talks directly to the SMTP server, no JavaMail or other layer is in between, just the network.

User Event Dispatcher

- The user can map an event to the execution of an external program (parameterized with information from the event). Mapped programs are so-called Event Handlers.
- Events can be generated remotely.
- Security consideration:
 - A whitelist (`<rundirectory>/dbm_whitelist.cfg`) must be maintained with software other than MaxDB software. It's a text file that lists all external programs that may be mapped to events.
 - This whitelist must be owned by a member of the local administrator's group (Windows) resp. by root (UNIX).
- Exception:

The Event Handlers `dbmcli` and `sdbmail` (which is no separate program) may be mapped without being listed in the whitelist.
- The whitelist must exist for the User Event Dispatcher to work.

Event Dispatcher

- DBM Server commands `auto_extend` and `auto_update_statistics` use an Event Dispatcher internally, but this is hidden from the user.
- Additionally, the Event Dispatcher is presented as built-in feature of the DBM Server.
 - ➔ an Event Dispatcher is a Background DBM Server that executes the command `dbm_dispatch` events.
- The internal Event Dispatcher and the User Event Dispatcher are two separate DBM Servers with two separate configurations. Hence, the user cannot affect the internal Event Dispatcher.

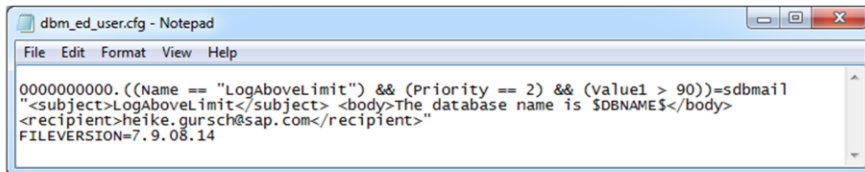
- Managing the User Event Dispatcher:

```
event_dispatcher ADD Name == <value>
                    [Priority == (LOW|MEDIUM|HIGH)]
                    [Value1 (==|>|=|<=|>|<) <value>]
                    [Value2 (==|>|=|<=|>|<) <value>]
                    Command == <command>
DELETE <entryID>
SHOW
ON
OFF
```

Event Dispatcher Files

configuration of User Event Dispatcher:

`<rundirectory>/dbm_ed_user.cfg`



```
0000000000.((Name == "LogAboveLimit") && (Priority == 2) && (Value1 > 90))=sdbmail
"<subject>LogAboveLimit</subject> <body>The database name is $DBNAME$</body>
<recipient>heike.gursch@sap.com</recipient>"
FILEVERSION=7.9.08.14
```

configuration of Internal Event Dispatcher:

`<rundirectory>/dbm_internal_user.cfg`

Whitelist:

`<rundirectory>/dbm_whitelist.cfg`

In the configuration file directory (directory where configuration file `dbm_whitelist.cfg` is located) you can check file `dbm_ed_user.cfg` to get information about your user defined event configuration. The eventing itself is logged in the file `dbm.prt`.

`dbm_internal_user.cfg` is the configuration file for the administration of internal events. An internal event dispatcher is always started. Actions like `autolog` or `auto_extend` are administered here.

`dbm_whitelist.cfg` lists all external programs that may be mapped to events. The file must exist but may be empty.

You can test the procedure of defining events using the event `DBM:Test`. An event of category `ThrowDBM:TestEvent` is transmitted, when the DBM command `event_create_testevent` is executed.

Commands for the Event Dispatcher

event_available	Displaying whether any events were triggered
event_delete	Deactivating an event
event_dispatcher	Managing the event dispatcher function
event_list	Displaying a list of active events
event_list_categories	Displaying event categories and their properties
event_receive	Displaying a triggered event
event_release	Ending an event session
event_set	Defining and activating an event
event_wait	Waiting for an event

List of commands for event dispatcher:

event_available: displays whether events were triggered and can be fetched with [event_receive](#) or [event_wait](#).

event_delete: specifies that an event should cease to be active

event_dispatcher: manages the event dispatcher function for a database

event_list: displays the list of all active events

event_list_categories: displays a list of all event categories for which events can be set

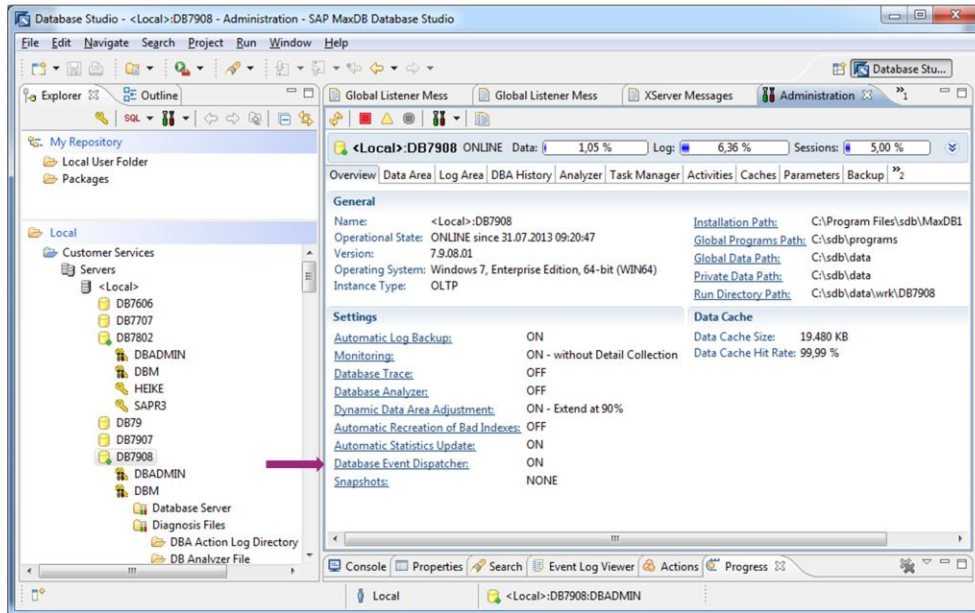
event_receive: fetches an event that has been triggered; repeat this DBM command to fetch additional events.

event_release: ends the event session

event_set: specifies that the database system should trigger an event as soon as a defined situation occurs

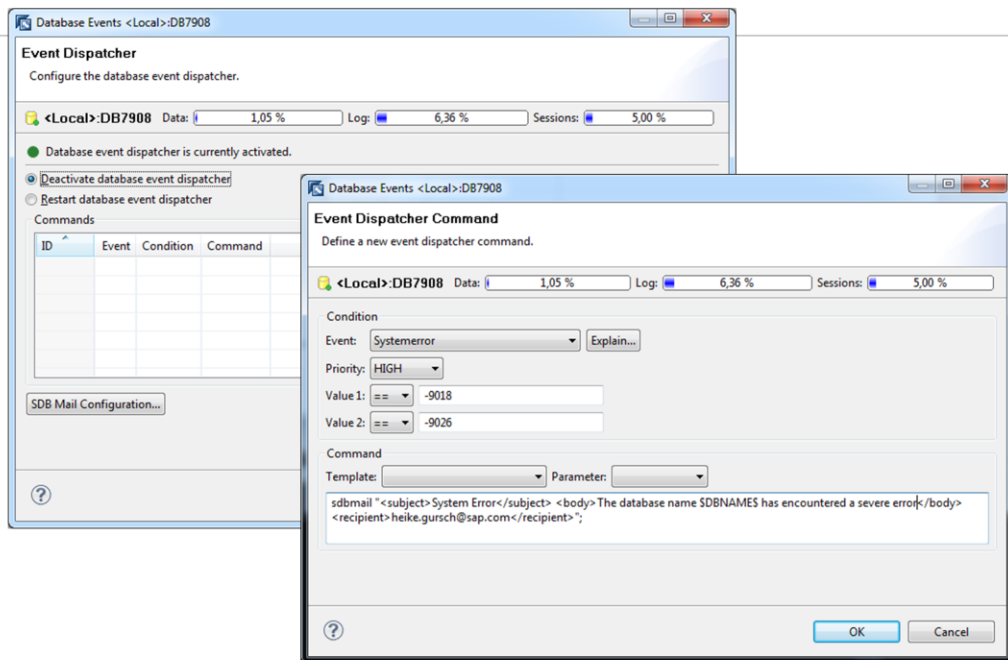
event_wait: fetches a message about the occurrence of an event as well as its data. This is then deleted.

Configuring Events with Database Studio



Firstly you have to start the event dispatcher.

Configuring an Event (II)



If already events are defined you get a list of it. In the first shown window there is a „New“ Button to define new events.

In the list of possible events you can choose the wished event.

Some examples:

- DBFillingAboveLimit
- DBFillingBelowLimit
- DataCacheAboveLimit
- CheckTableProgress
- UpdateStatWanted
- Systemerror

Afterwards you define the priority and the equal condition.

When you choose „Default Email notification“ as a „Template“ you'll get the predefined sdbmail command.

Eventing – Parameters

EventFileName

- Default: knldiag.evt
- name of the event file used for internal diagnostic.
- messages found in this file are database events of any priority
- is only written (in cycles) if EventFileSize is bigger than 0

EventFileSize

- determines the fixed size (in KB) of the event file
- activates/deactivates the writing of knldiag.evt

MaxEvents

- Maximum number of events cached by the kernel for being processed by the Database Manager.

PreservedEventTasks

- A pool of floating service tasks is used to serve event handler and DBAnalyzer-requests
- preserves some of these service tasks for service requests different from event handling

On this slide the kernel parameters are listed that influence the eventing mechanism.

For error diagnosis it is useful to activate the writing of the file knldiag.evt which lists all “fired” events.

The lower limit of 0 disables the caching of any event. It is not recommended to disable the caching of events, if not for minimizing memory consumption since the database manager can only process cached events. If no events are cache the database manager cannot report any events.

A pool of floating service tasks is used to serve event handler- and DBAnalyzer-requests. This parameter preserves some of these service tasks for service requests different from event handling. This way, the available number of service tasks cannot be used up by a single service type.

knldiag.evt - Example

knldiag.evt.txt - Notepad

Date	Time	Index	Identifier	Prio	value 1	value 2	Event Text
			end of startup part				
20130905	123425	0000000001	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOH	0000001276	0000000020	
20130905	123425	0000000002	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOH	0000001915	0000000030	
20130905	123425	0000000003	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOH	0000002553	0000000040	
20130905	123425	0000000004	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOH	0000003192	0000000050	
20130905	123425	0000000005	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOM	0000003830	0000000060	
20130905	123425	0000000006	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOM	0000004468	0000000070	
20130905	123425	0000000007	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOL	0000005107	0000000080	
20130905	123425	0000000008	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOL	0000005745	0000000090	
20130905	123425	0000000009	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOL	0000006064	0000000095	
20130905	123425	0000000010	DatacacheSizeAboveLimit	PriOL	0000006320	0000000099	
20130905	123425	0000000011	updatestatisticswanted	PriOL			UPDATE STATISTICS WANTED
20130905	123425	0000000012	online	PriOL	0000000000	0000000000	
20130905	123426	0000000013	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001278	0000000050	
20130905	123426	0000000014	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001917	0000000075	
20130905	123606	0000000015	LogAboveLimit	PriOM	0000002301	0000000090	
20130905	123606	0000000016	LogAboveLimit	PriOM	0000002429	0000000095	
20130905	123734	0000000017	BackupResult	PriOL	0000000000		
20130905	123741	0000000018	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001278	0000000050	
20130905	123746	0000000019	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001917	0000000075	
20130905	141238	0000000020	BackupResult	PriOL	0000000000		
20130905	141324	0000000021	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001278	0000000050	
20130905	141329	0000000022	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001917	0000000075	
20130905	141825	0000000023	BackupResult	PriOL	0000000000		
20130905	142010	0000000024	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001278	0000000050	
20130905	142015	0000000025	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001917	0000000075	
20130905	142416	0000000026	BackupResult	PriOL	0000000000		
20130905	142541	0000000027	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001278	0000000050	
20130905	142546	0000000028	LogAboveLimit	PriOL	0000001917	0000000075	
20130905	142646	0000000029	LogAboveLimit	PriOM	0000002301	0000000090	
20130905	142651	0000000030	LogAboveLimit	PriOM	0000002429	0000000095	
20130905	142832	0000000031	BackupResult	PriOL	0000000000		
20130905	142839	0000000032	DBFillingAboveLimit	PriOL	0000004478	0000000070	
20130905	142839	0000000033	DBFillingBelowLimit	PriOL	0000004478	0000000070	
20130905	142839	0000000034	DBFillingAboveLimit	PriOL	0000004478	0000000070	
20130905	142839	0000000035	DBFillingBelowLimit	PriOL	0000004478	0000000070	
20130905	142840	0000000036	DBFillingAboveLimit	PriOL	0000004478	0000000070	
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