

Solving Complex IDS Management and Performance Optimization Challenges

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Server Studio™ with Sentinel™

Command & Control Center for IBM Informix® DBMS Servers

- A comprehensive multi-platform suite of proven system management tools for IBM Informix® data servers that help database professionals to be more effective and productive by simplifying complexities of daily tasks.
- Highly intuitive graphical console provides a powerful set of seamlessly integrated database management tools.
- Keeps database servers performing at peak levels with an extensive assortment of analytical tools to diagnose and respond to performance and availability problems in real time.
- Improves utilization of data storage resources by efficiently reorganizing vital databases with minimal application downtime.
- Preserves database investment with a comprehensive configuration auditing and change management solution.
- Maximizes availability of vital databases by enabling fully autonomic responses to critical server events.

















Partnership: IBM + AGS = Powerful Informix Tools

- IBM and AGS have been closely cooperating on DBMS tools since 1999.
- IBM ships Server Studio[™] and Sentinel[™] with all Informix Data Servers.
- Server Studio[™] had 7 major releases since September 2000.
- Sentinel[™] had 5 major releases since January 2004

IBM is Committed to Informix Customers

"IBM is dedicated to supporting and enhancing Informix database products to meet the needs of our customers now and in the future. The new release of Server Studio™ with Sentinel™ represents a significant addition to the IBM Informix product offering and demonstrates IBM's unwavering commitment to provide our customers with the best-of-bread, state-of-the-art database application development, management and optimization tools to improve ease-of-use and productivity, help ensure that vital databases remain up and perform at peak levels, reduce total cost of ownership and protect considerable investments IBM customers have made in Informix data server infrastructure."

Bernie Spang
Director – IBM Data Servers





Some of the Companies using Server Studio™ and Sentinel™



































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What Do IBM Informix Customers Have to Say?

"The latest release of Server Studio and Sentinel provide a collection of integrated, highly productive system management tools that developers and DBAs working with IBM's Informix data servers have been demanding and waiting for. Informix now has very powerful graphical tools that exceed the capabilities of native and third party offerings available for any other database platform. Couple this with outstanding technical support and you get products with excellent value and a quick ROI. In our large distributed environment, Server Studio and Sentinel have simplified and automated many DBA tasks. With these additions, IBM's Informix data servers have been made significantly easier to administer and monitor."

Kevin Kleinhomer

Vice President Bank of America

"I love Server Studio! As a software developer and DBA, it is a tool that I use every day. And it is exactly what I demand from my tools - stable, reliable, and powerful. Even the 'small' features of Server Studio are big timesavers. I can't imagine working with Informix and not using Server Studio. I won't work with anything less!"

Sean Durity

Manager of IT CornerCap Investment Counsel

"Server Studio brings Informix Database Administration into the 21st Century, replacing ancient command line tools with modern graphical tools. I really can't image how Informix DBAs survived without it!"

Kevin Godsman Musto Ltd. UK





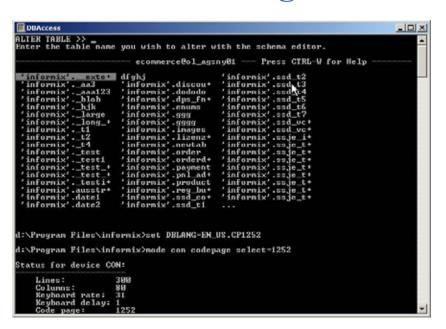




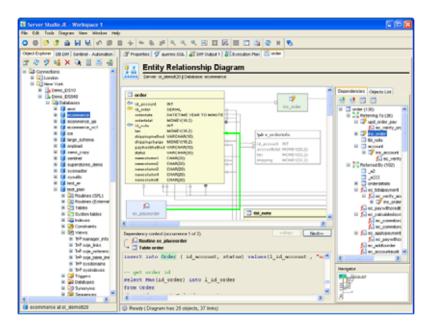




The Choice Facing Users of IBM Informix® Data Servers



- A sparse collection of command-line, difficult to use, unintuitive, error-prone native tools - circa 1999.
- IT management is concerned with the lack of available qualified personnel capable of operating in such complicated environment.
- Valuable DBA skills acquired on other DBMS platforms are not readily transferable to Informix.
- New generation of DBAs expect modern, intuitive graphical tools and may not have the requisite skills to operate effectively at the command line prompt.



- Server Studio[™] with Sentinel[™] is the premier graphical development and management environment for IBM Informix® DBMS servers that features a rich collection of modern, easy-to-use, and highly intuitive tools.
- Server Studio[™] with Sentinel[™] provide wide-ranging functionality to support customers' vital IBM Informix® databases — from initial design, development and testing — all the way through to production deployment and successful operational service.













Flexible Multi-Platform Command & Control Center for Effective Management of IBM Informix® Data Servers

- Manage your entire IBM Informix® infrastructure from a centralized point of control, regardless of whether your servers are all in one location, or at remote sites half-way around the world.
- Agent-less architecture enables painless and rapid deployment of flexible and effective DBMS command and control solutions.
- Assure availability, maintainability and peak performance of your vital databases with ease.





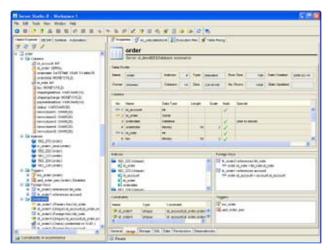


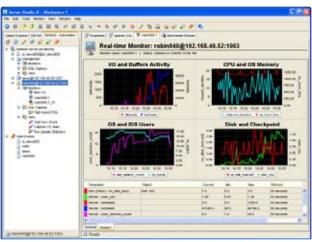




Avant-garde Management Tools for IBM Informix® DBMS

Server StudioTM and SentinelTM together provide powerful multi-platform suite of integrated, intuitive tools that help seasoned database professionals and novices alike improve productivity and ensure that critical IBM Informix[®] databases remain up and perform at peak levels, manage change, easily execute regulatory compliance audits and assure continuing availability of vital business information.





Server StudioTM provides a comprehensive collection of modern, proven, easy-to-use tools to help DBAs and developers perform efficiently common database tasks such as:

- Database SQL Application Development and Debugging
- Schema Management
- Configuration Auditing and Change Management
- Performance Tuning
- Data Storage Management and Reorganization
- Database Security Administration

SentinelTM automates comprehensive proactive management of IBM Informix[®] environments by providing:

- 24 x 7 operational monitoring of IBM Informix® DBMS servers
- 24 x 7 operational monitoring of the IDS' host platform
- Continuous time-series measurement data of servers' performance
- Execution of regularly scheduled maintenance tasks
- Highly flexible multi-level performance degradation alerts
- Autonomic response management to server events in real time
- 24 x 7 automated auditing of servers and databases configurations













Agenda

- What's new in the Release 7 of Server Studio™ with Sentinel™
- Overview of Server StudioTM Suite Edition
 - Database Development & Administration
 - Configuration & Change Management
 - Data Management
 - Storage Space Management
- Overview of Sentinel TM Performance Edition
 - Real-Time Performance and Event Monitoring
 - Event Alerts and Autonomic Responses
 - SQL Capture
 - Task Automation
 - Performance Data Time-Series Analysis
- Overview of Sentinel TM Compliance Edition (coming soon)
 - Version Control Subsystem
 - Server Audit Subsystem



Server Studio[™] with Sentinel[™] Release 7



The most feature-rich, productive and capable release ever!

- Full support for Informix® Dynamic Server codename "Cheetah"
- Full E/R Diagramming and Object Dependencies Analysis
- Graphical Explain Plan Analyzer to help tune SQL performance
- Graphical Query Designer has been added
- Data Difference Analyzer has been added to manage data integrity
- Comprehensive Database Configuration and Change Management
- Vastly Improved Database Reorganization Facilities
- Integrated intuitive management of IDS' High Performance Loader
- Comprehensive host platform monitoring has been added to Sentinel
- Autonomic Management Facilities have been substantially enhanced
- Integrated Version Control System for Databases
- Automated Configuration and Regulatory Compliance Audits











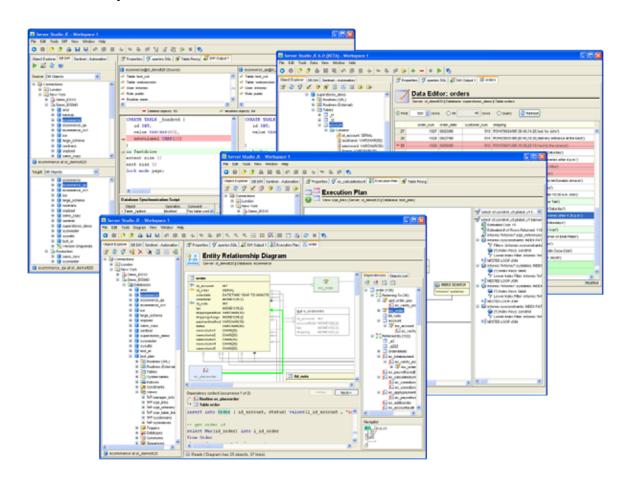
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Server Studio™



The premier multi-platform suite of highly intuitive, integrated system management tools that provide database professionals with extensive functionality to:

- Consolidate, and manage with ease your entire IBM Informix database servers' infrastructure at a central point of control.
- Improve efficiency of database development, debugging and testing.
- Preserve database investment through automating database configuration auditing and change management.
- Proactively diagnose performance and availability problems with extensive analytic tools.
- Obtain maximum leverage from existing data storage investments.
- Resolve performance problems with comprehensive SQL tuning facilities.
- Effectively manage database configuration, security and regulatory compliance.







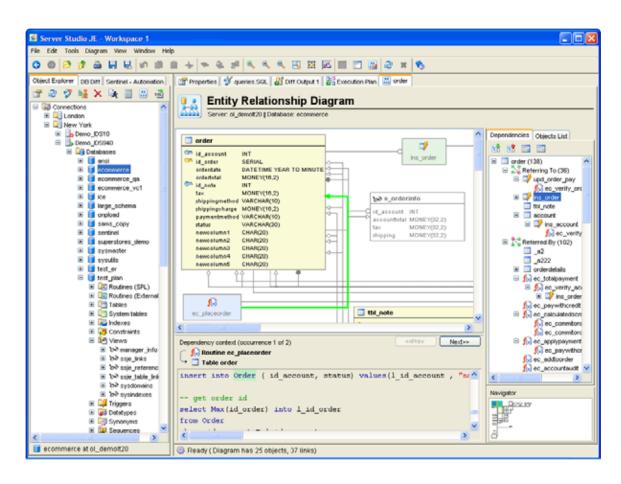






Database Development & Administration – Entity Relationship Diagrams

- Entity Relationship Diagrams enable immediate graphical analysis of complex relationships and dependencies between database objects, such as: Tables, Views, Indexes, Stored Procedures and Triggers.
- E/R Diagrams provide vital help in visualizing and documenting databases' logical design and constraints.
- Built-in Dependencies Analyzer displays vital details about database objects' "up" and "down" dependencies, using the Tree view, and provides instant drill-down to the relevant source code that defines each object's relationships and constraints.







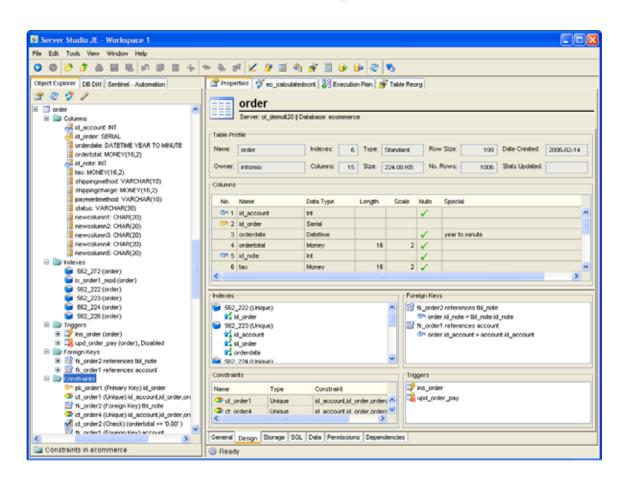






Database Development & Administration – Table Manager

- Interactively create new, or edit existing tables and views.
- Highly granular access to all attributes including:
 - columns
 - datatypes
 - table and index fragmentation definitions
 - referential integrity constraints
 - Primary keys
 - Foreign keys
- Dynamically generate SQL CREATE and ALTER statements, as the modifications to the table or index structure is performed in a visual designer.









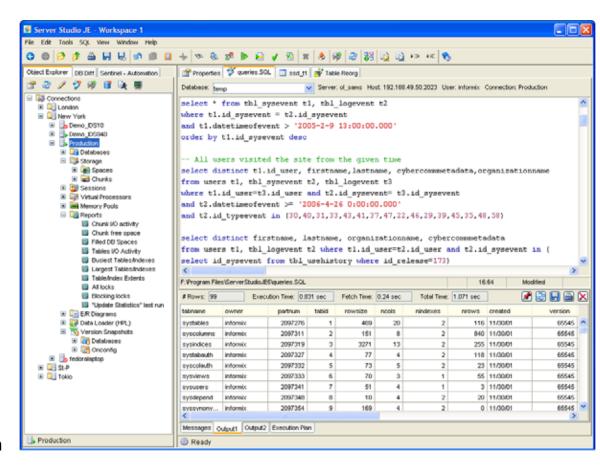






Database Development & Administration – SQL Manager

- A powerful, full-featured colorcoded editor, customized specifically to support IBM Informix SPL and SQL languages.
- Fully multi-threaded, nonblocking execution of scripts.
- Multiple result sets in spreadsheet-style grids.
- Statistics for the executed SQL statements:
 - number of rows affected by the operation
 - execution and fetch times
- Fully supports LOAD and UNLOAD statements for data import and export.
- Integrated visual Execution Plan Analyzer help tune the performance of SQL queries.





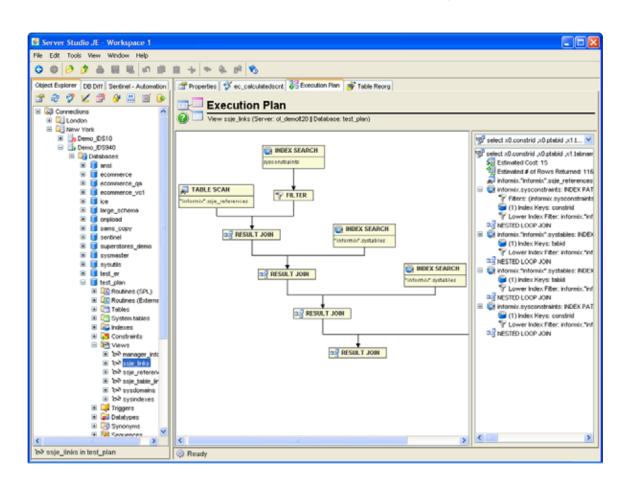






Database Development & Administration – Execution Plan Analyzer

- Redesigned Execution Plan Analyzer provides comprehensive visualization facilities to examine and efficiently tune complex SQL statements.
- Graphical Diagrams views, in addition to Tree views, support detail examination of execution plans selected by the database engine for:
 - single or multiple SQL statements
 - Stored Procedures (with relevant statistics presented for each distinct SQL statement contained within a stored procedure)
 - Database Views
- Integration with Sentinel's SQL Capture facilities enables analysis of the SQL statements already executed by the database engine.









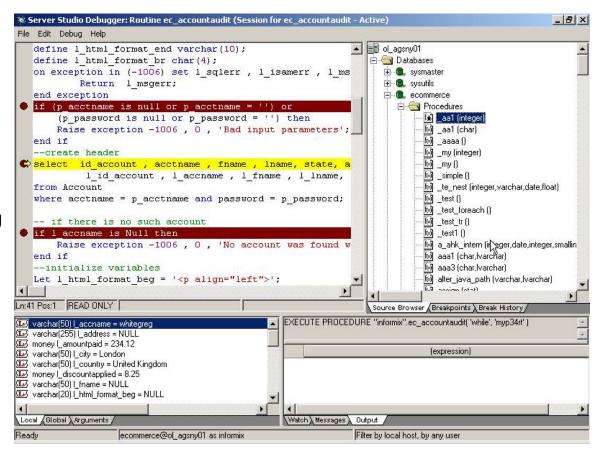




Database Development & Administration – SPL Debugger

The only interactive debugger for IBM Informix® database servers' stored procedures and triggers available anywhere. SPL Debugger enables you to:

- Execute stored procedures and triggers line-by-line.
- Step into nested procedures or fired triggers.
- Set execution breakpoints.
- Watch and to modify values of procedures' variables and calling arguments.
- Break infinite loops.
- "Hook" into a stored procedure or trigger already executing on the server.







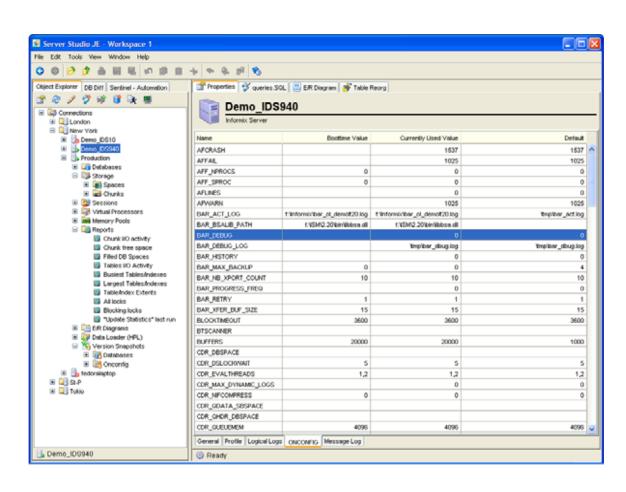






Database Development & Administration - Server Administrator

- Server Administrator provides powerful views and many preconfigured performance information reports across multiple databases instances.
- It helps handle everyday tasks such as:
 - Server's operational modes management
 - Examination of server's profile, ONCONFIG parameters, I/O statistics and details of log files
 - Update statistics on a selected table, group of tables, or entire database.







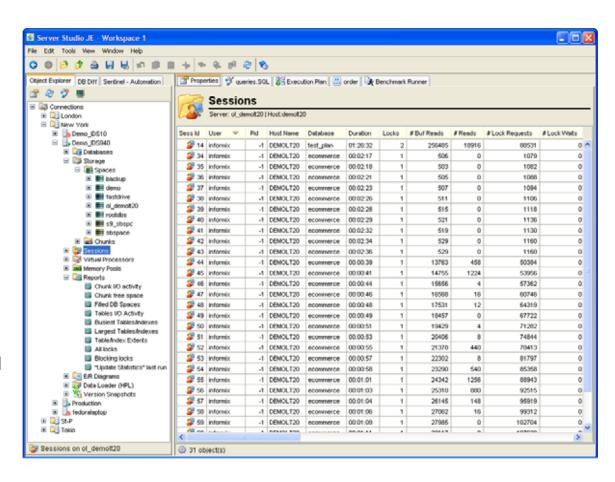






Database Development & Administration – Sessions Manager

- Sessions Manager facilities of the Server Administrator provide ability to analyze database sessions' activity by:
 - Host
 - Database
 - Duration
 - Locks Statistics
 - I/O activity
- Problematic sessions that create server bottlenecks can be easily terminated.
- SQL statements last executed by any session can be captured for subsequent performance tuning with the help of the Execution Plan Analyzer.







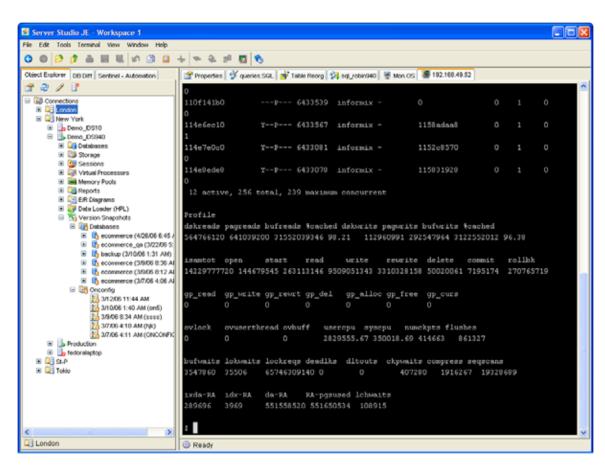






Database Development & Administration - Server Administrator

- The Server Administrator's built-in secure terminal automatically connects to the desired server host and sets all required environment variables, enabling you to execute transparently any server-side script or shell command, as well as your favorite IBM Informix® native utilities, such as:
 - ONSTAT
 - ONMODE
 - ONTAPE
 - ONBAR







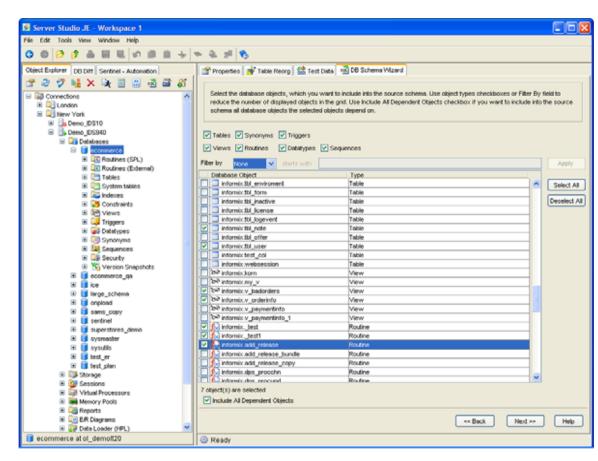






Configuration & Change Management – Schema Manager

- Manage DDL scripts for either entire database schemas, or user-defined sub-schemas that may be comprised of either particular types or groups of database objects.
- Full support for managing all dependent database objects to maintain the integrity of the userdefined sub-schemas is built-in.
- Directly deploy database schemas or sub-schemas and specify how to map DB spaces and BLOB spaces from the source to the target server.







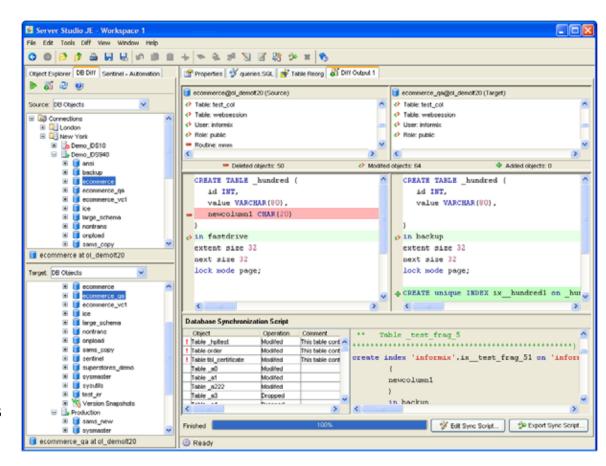






Configuration & Change Management – DB Difference Analyzer

- A powerful change management tool that compares entire databases, located on the same or on different servers.
- Perform comparative analysis of all database objects' properties including:
 - table structures
 - referential integrity
 - Fragmentation
 - syntax of stored procedures, triggers and views
- Entire databases, individual database objects or groups of objects can be examined for changes.
- Generate synchronization scripts based on database comparison results.
- Full integration with Version Control Snapshots repository.





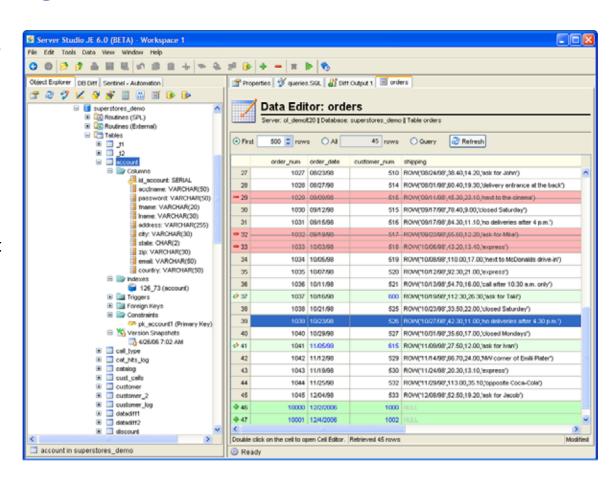






Data Management – Data Manager

- Spreadsheet-style grid facilitates interactive examination and editing of the data in the tables, synonyms and views.
- Flexible rules, based on userdefined filters, sorts or rows retrieval limits, help in defining working data sets.
- Powerful Data Import and Export Wizards assist in mapping multiple external data files to database objects and defining complex data transformation rules.
- Support for simultaneous nonblocking execution of multiple data loading and unloading jobs against a single or multiple databases.







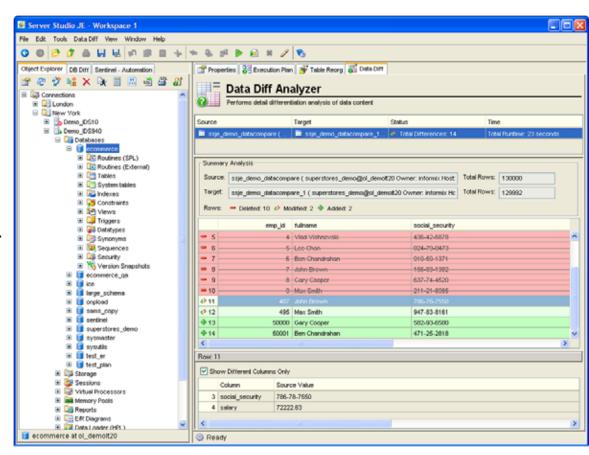






Data Management – Data Difference Analyzer

- Compare data in tables with compatible structures.
- Compared tables can be located within the same database, on the same server or on different servers.
- Highly efficient comparison algorithm - millions of records can be compared within minutes.
- Detail graphical analysis of data changes that covers added, deleted and modified data records.
- Ability to store lists of compared tables, such as list of tables with meta-data, for repetitive analysis.







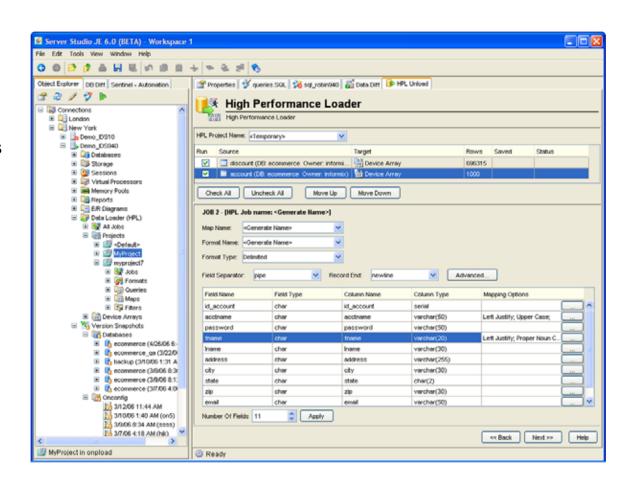






Data Management – High Performance Loader

- Provides highly intuitive multiplatform user interface for IDS High Performance Loader
- Streamlines creation of new HPL data load and unload jobs
- Simplifies maintenance of existing HPL jobs
- Allows to group multiple HPL jobs into logical containers







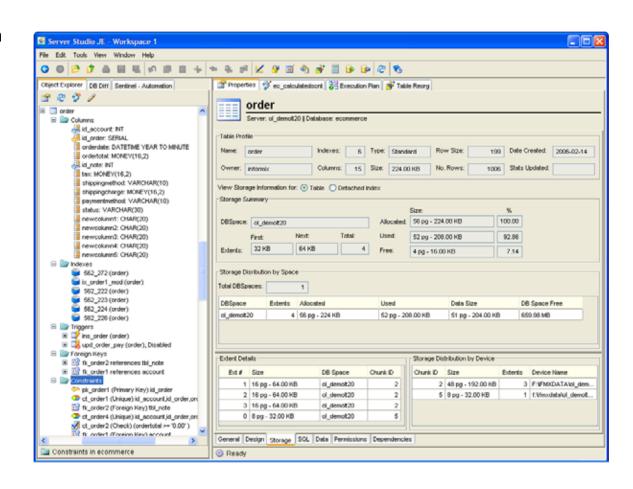






Storage Space Management – Table Fragmentation (Partitioning)

- Create, modify and manage with ease data partitioning strategies to improve:
 - Single-user response time
 - Concurrency
 - Availability
 - Backup-and-restore strategy
 - Loading of data
- Full support for:
 - Expression-based fragmentation
 - Round-robin fragmentation
 - Detached Indexes
- Instantaneously analyze:
 - Number of table extents
 - Data size distribution by:
 - Table extent
 - Dbspace
 - chunk







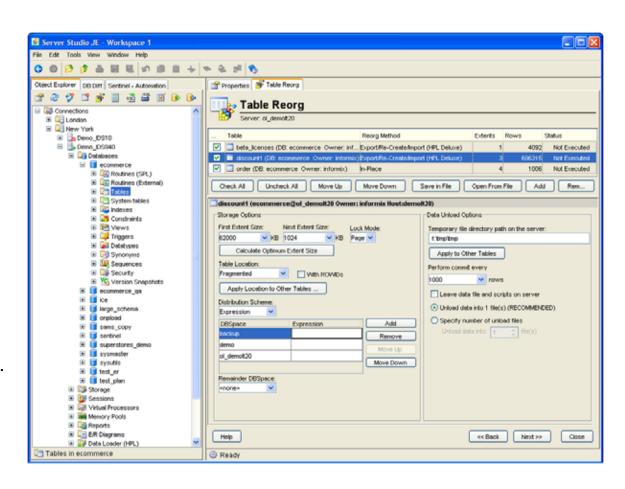






Storage Space Management – Table Reorg

- Improve utilization efficiency of scarce data storage resources and optimize database performance by:
 - reorganizing tables' structure and data allocation to reduce the number of table extents and reclaiming wasted space
 - moving data to a different DB Spaces or fragmenting it across multiple DB Spaces.
- Now supports simultaneous reorganization of multiple tables.
- Full integration with Informix
 High Performance Loader to minimize application downtime.







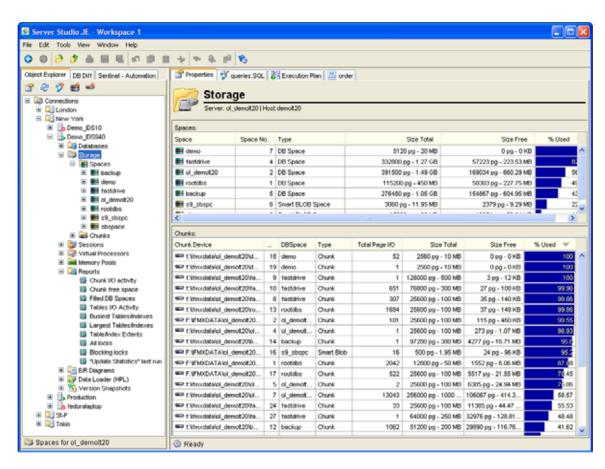






Storage Space Management

- Identify easily which storage spaces are getting filled and may require additional chunks.
 Examine in detail:
 - DbSpaces
 - BLOBSpaces
 - Chunks
 - Percentage of used and free space.
 - List of database objects residing in a given Dbspace and chunk.
 - Other vital storage spaces related information.









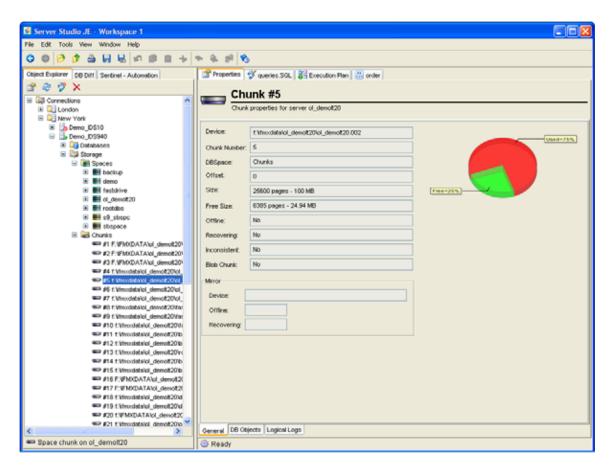






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Server Studio[™] Pre-Deployment Testing

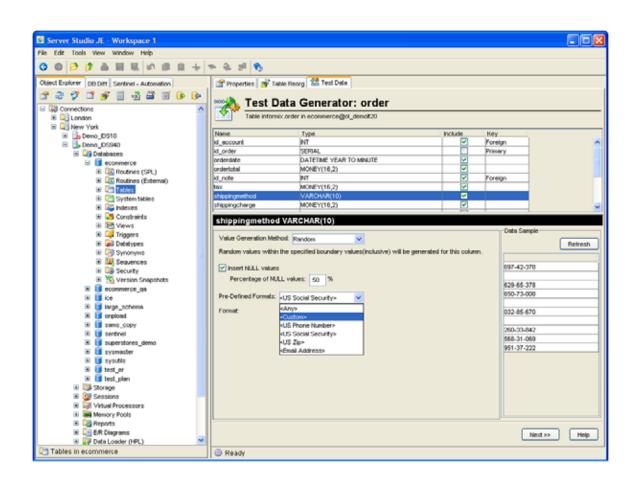
Extensive pre-deployment testing facilities of Server Studio[™] help DBAs and application developers pinpoint DBMS system bottlenecks and set operational benchmarks to help achieve required levels of database performance and availability.

Transparent integration with Sentinel enables real-time monitoring and gathering of the server's operational performance parameters matrix under real-life load scenarios needed to identify and correct point-of-system failures.



Pre-Deployment Testing – Test Data Generator

- Populate test databases with millions of rows of meaningful, syntactically correct test data, unique indexes and other dependencies, while fully maintaining referential integrity constraints.
- Supports a broad range of data value generation options:
 - text file-based
 - text data patterns
 - values obtained from a database
 - ability to specify data ranges
 - sequential, BLOB and CLOB data generation methods









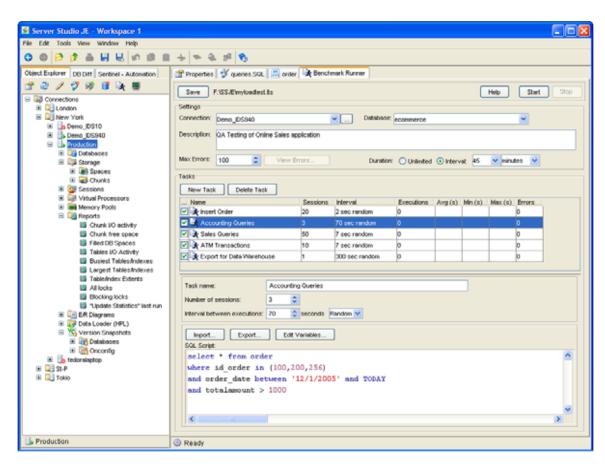






Pre-Deployment Testing – Benchmark Runner

- A comprehensive testing solution that effectively simulates real-life load scenarios of hundreds or thousands of users accessing the database simultaneously.
- Measures application's clientside response times automatically.
- Enable creation of consistent performance benchmark tests with fully parametric queries for variety of transactions types (i.e. OLTP, decision support, etc.) to test database applications throughout the expected range of operational conditions.













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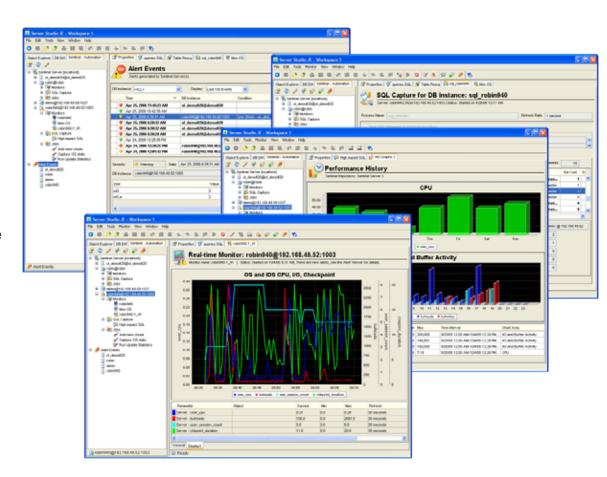
Sentinel™ - Performance Edition



Sentinel™

Performance and Availability of Informix Data Servers

- Automate real-time 24x7 monitoring of vital Informix DBMS operational parameters.
- Capture continuous time-series measurement data of the server's performance in an integrated SQLcompliant repository.
- Retrieve dynamically SQL statements running on the server with robust SQL Capture facilitates.
- Exploit extensive assortment of analytical tools to help diagnose and quickly respond to performance degradation problems.
- Use highly flexible multi-level alerts to flag availability degradation problems.
- Execute regular database systems maintenance tasks with a flexible Job Scheduler.
- Maximize availability of vital databases with fully autonomic responses to critical server events.
- Conduct performance stress testing under real-life server loads.









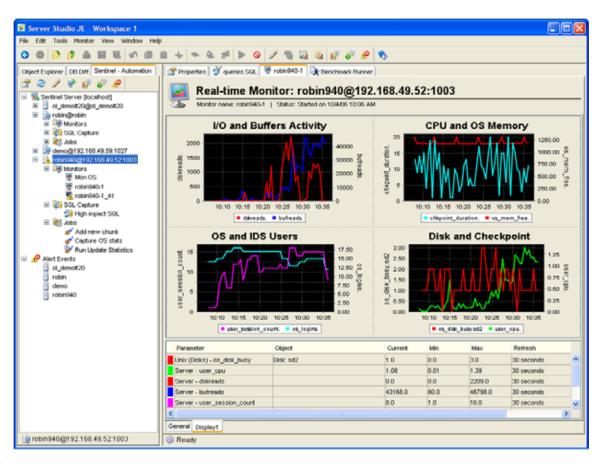




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Real-Time Performance and Event Monitoring

- New fully integrated support for monitoring host's operating parameters.
- Create customized performance tracking monitors from nearly 200 IDS-specific and host's operating system parameters.
- For each IDS instance, real-time monitors can be defined at the level of:
 - Server
 - Chunk
 - Dbspace
 - Table
 - Index
 - Session
 - CPU
 - Physical and Virtual Memory
 - Storage Devices
 - Network I/O
- Multi-parametric performance graphs for correlation analysis









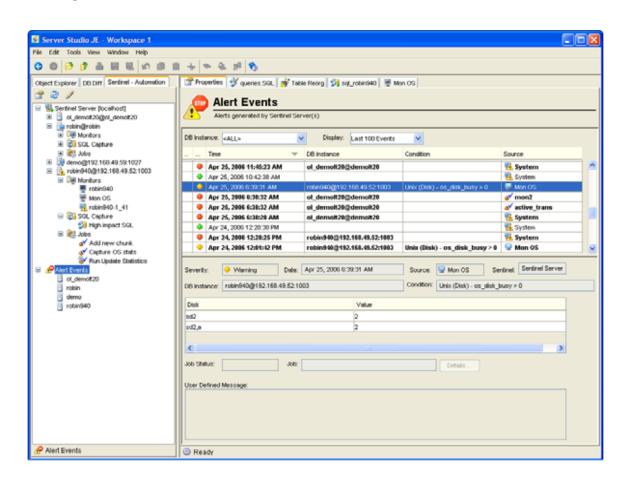




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Event Alerts and Autonomic Response

- Assign multi-level threshold Alerts to each performance parameter being monitored.
- Centralized console for managing all alert events.
- Notification via email, pager, cell phone, etc.
- Autonomic response to system events by:
 - User-defined administration scripts
 - OS commands
 - SQL scripts
 - Stored procedures
 - IDS native utilities









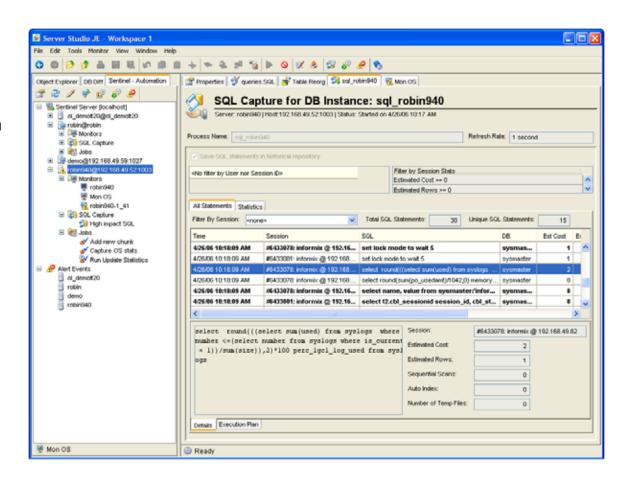






Sentinel[™] SQL Capture

- Capture SQL statements for:
 - selected user sessions
 - specified user
 - statements originating from a specified host
- Review captured SQL in realtime
- Store captured SQL in the built-in data repository for future analysis.
- Use captured SQL for performing query analysis and optimization.









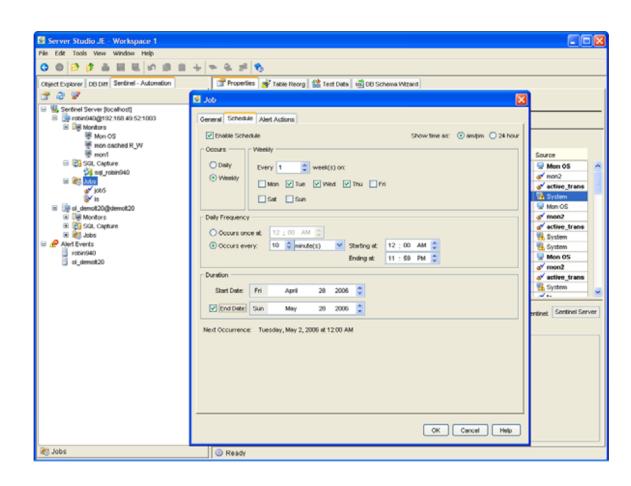






Task Automation

- Automation of regular maintenance tasks via scheduled custom-defined jobs.
- Define OS commands and SQL scripts as jobs.
- Highly flexible job scheduler.
- Map existing administration scripts and Informix utilities as jobs.
- Execute jobs as responses to user-defined alert events.
- Output produced by jobs is logged into built-in data repository for future analysis.







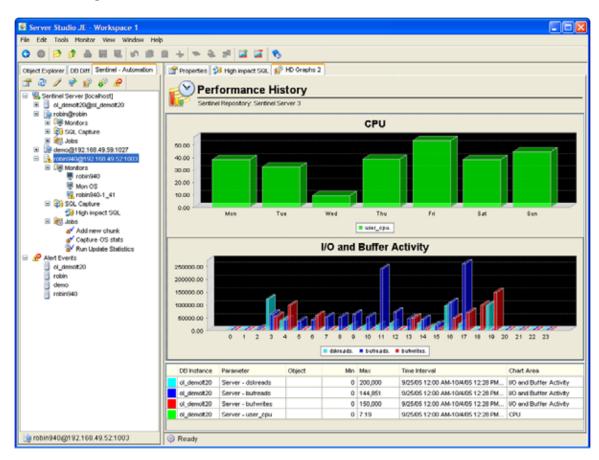






Performance Data Time-Series Analysis

- For all IDS instances under monitoring, the time-series repository stores in its own built-in SQL-compliant database:
 - performance parameters data
 - Event Alerts history
 - SQL scripts captured from user sessions
 - Result sets captured from autonomic execution of administration scripts or IDS native utilities
- Correlation analysis can be easily performed over any available time interval to spot performance bottlenecks and anomalies.
- Run SQL queries against the time-series repository to export complex performance parameters data sets for further external analysis.













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SentinelTM - Compliance Edition (coming soon)



Sentinel[™] - Compliance Edition



- Sentinel Compliance Edition, a powerful solution for simplifying and automating change management and compliance auditing across multiple IDS servers from a central point of control.
- Sentinel's Version Control Subsystem streamlines database change management procedures by capturing periodic database schema snapshots, detecting changes from a baseline, and enabling easy roll-back, roll-out and recovery of lost or damaged database objects.
- Sentinel's Audit Subsystem offers comprehensive, low-impact auditing and reporting with flexible rules-based alerting to help ensure that compliance is continuously enforced.

Version Control Subsystem



- Manage and track schema changes
- Roll out databases from development to production
- Implement changes across multiple production systems
- Compare & synchronize schemas enterprise wide
- Roll-back schema changes
- Recover lost or damaged database objects
- Track database changes for compliance reporting
- Leverage powerful functionality of Server Studio™
 DB Difference Analyzer and Schema Manager





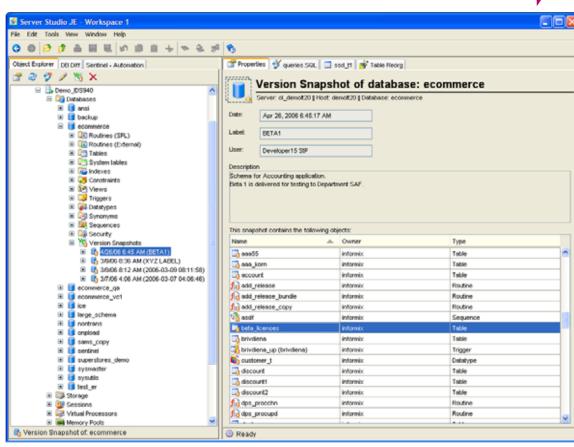




Version Control Subsystem



- Database Change Management and Version Control
 - Report on databases that are inconsistent with a standard, baseline schema
 - Highlight what specific changes have been made to a schema between any two snapshots
 - Roll back to any previous version of a database schema
- Simplified Roll-out of Database Changes
 - Roll out schema changes to existing databases
 - Replace objects in one database with objects from another database
 - Add objects to one or multiple databases
 - Create multiple new databases based on a standard schema
- Rapid Recovery of Lost or Damaged Database Objects
 - Roll back a database schema to a previous version using a schema snapshot or another database as a source
 - Restore lost or damaged objects from a snapshot or another database















Server Audit Subsystem



- Powerful auditing of virtually all Informix® server and individual databases configuration parameters
- Automatically traps server configuration, database objects and security changes for compliance reporting
- Flexible user-defined filters to gather only the data needed
- Customizable alerts to notify of suspicious activity
- Self-auditing features assure an immutable source of audit data
- Satisfies audit requirements with comprehensive reporting
- Leverages powerful functionality of Server Studio™
 DB Difference Analyzer and Schema Manager







Server Audit Subsystem



Continuous Compliance

➤ The Audit Subsystem goes beyond traditional auditing approaches by providing real-time monitoring and auditing of all server configuration and data structure modifications, as well as changes to security permissions. The audit data captured is stored in a central repository for reporting, querying and forensic analysis.

Low-impact data collection

➤ Sentinel's agent-less architecture employs a very efficient, low-impact real time data collection mechanism. The type and detail of data collected by the audit process is highly configurable and may be defined at the server, database and object level. No changes to applications or production databases are required.

Powerful reporting and analytics

➤ The user-friendly schema of the audit data repository enables rapid development of ad-hoc queries and reports for forensic analysis.







Server Audit Subsystem



Self-auditing

➤ The Audit Subsystem has been engineered to provide a trusted, immutable source of audit data. Its powerful self-auditing features ensure data collection settings integrity and tracks all attempts to tamper with the audit data repository.

Enterprise scalability and manageability

➤ Sentinel's Audit Subsystem has been specifically designed to support large IBM Informix® data server installations. It scales from auditing a single server instance to thousands; from databases with only a few tables to databases with tens of thousands of tables and large volumes of data.

Rapid deployment

➤ Sentinel's agent-less technology enables the Audit Subsystem to be configured and deployed in minutes. There is nothing to install on each target server. Moreover, Sentinel eliminates risk and increases performance by running outside the Informix® data server process space.







Sentinel[™] - **Compliance Edition**



- Designed to meet the needs of enterprise-scale Informix Dynamic Server implementations, Sentinel – Compliance Edition easily scales to monitor and automate configuration change management and compliance auditing in environments of any size.
- If you need proof that your systems are in compliance with external regulations such as Sarbanes-Oxley, GLBA, HIPAA, Basel II, need to meet the requirements of internal auditors, manage database schema changes, or simply need to track "what was done when", then Sentinel – Compliance Edition should be an essential component of your IDS management plan.

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Conclusion



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The most feature-rich, productive and capable release ever!

Server Studio[™] together with Sentinel[™] provide a powerful solutions infrastructure that helps both seasoned database professionals and novices alike manage IBM Informix[®] data servers environment complexities with unprecedented ease and ensure that critical databases remain up and perform at peak levels, manage change and assure availability of vital business information. To learn more about this multi-platform suite of integrated, highly intuitive system management tools, please visit:

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