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# Troubleshooting and Performance Tuning of Oracle SOA Suite 12*c*



### Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to:

- Design a tuning methodology
- Identify top areas that require tuning
- Monitor and tune Oracle SOA Suite by collecting performance information and by using diagnostic tools
- Configure selective tracing
- Troubleshoot common problems:
  - Managed Server startup problems
  - Message failure caused by too many open files
  - Connection timeouts
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- Tuning methodology: Overview
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### Performance Tuning: Overview

Performance tuning is an iterative process, where you:

- Set performance goals as measurable objectives
- Monitor environment (best done during peak periods) to obtain a baseline
- Tune based on data collected from monitoring tasks and tools
- Check results, and repeat setting goals, monitoring, tuning, and check cycle as needed



### Top Performance Tuning Areas

- Hardware resources
- Operating system
- Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
- Database
- WebLogic Server
- Database connections and data source statement caching
- Concurrency of Fusion Middleware components
- Logging levels

**Note:** Tune the lowest level first, such as the hardware resources, then the operating system, and then additional layers as required. Always tune the foundation layers first.



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### Monitoring and Diagnostic Tools: Overview

Oracle Fusion Middleware management tools include:

- Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control
- Oracle WebLogic Server Administration Console
- Oracle Fusion Middleware Diagnostic Framework, which integrates with the WebLogic Diagnostic Framework (WLDF)
- WebLogic Scripting Tool (WLST)
- DMS Spy Servlet for access to the Dynamic Monitoring Service (DMS)



# Monitoring with Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control

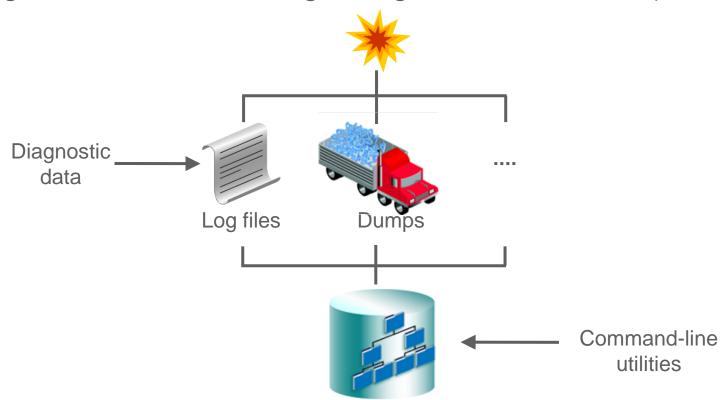
Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control provides the capability to monitor:

- The state and performance of each element of the farm by providing default performance metrics
- CPU usage, Work Manager, JMS servers, and JDBC and JTA usage for Oracle WebLogic Server
- JVM performance in terms of heap versus non-heap usage, garbage collection, and threads performance
- Deployed composite applications and web services
- Servlets, JSPs, and EJBs by using a wide range of application metrics, as well as faults, invocations, and violations by using web services metrics

**Note:** The performance summary page can be customized to help administrators monitor performance and diagnose problems.

### Oracle Fusion Middleware Diagnostic Framework

Oracle Fusion Middleware Diagnostic Framework aids in detecting, diagnosing, and resolving targeted problems, and integrates with the WebLogic Diagnostic Framework (WLDF).

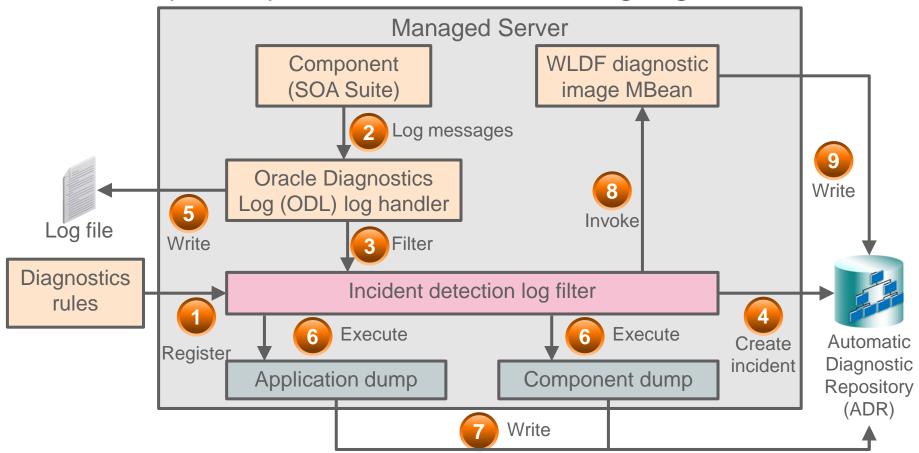


Automatic Diagnostic Repository (ADR)



### Oracle Dynamic Monitoring Service and Architecture

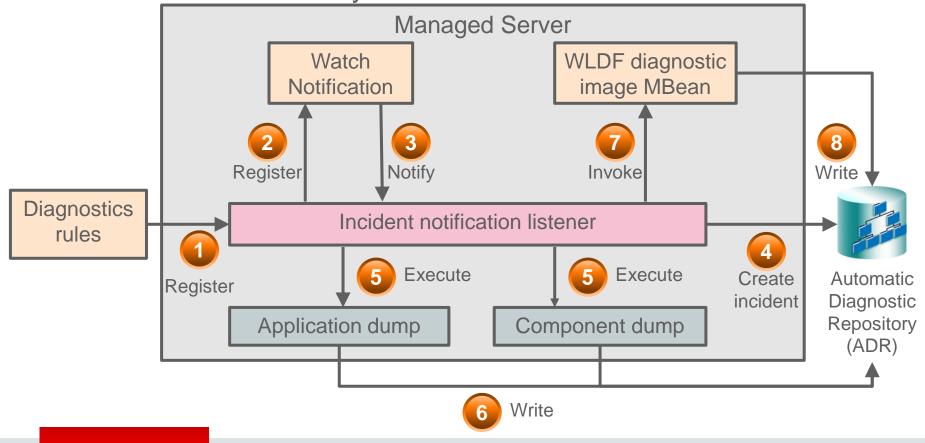
The Oracle Dynamic Monitoring Service (DMS) provides data about component performance, state, and ongoing behavior.





### WLDF Watch and Notification Component

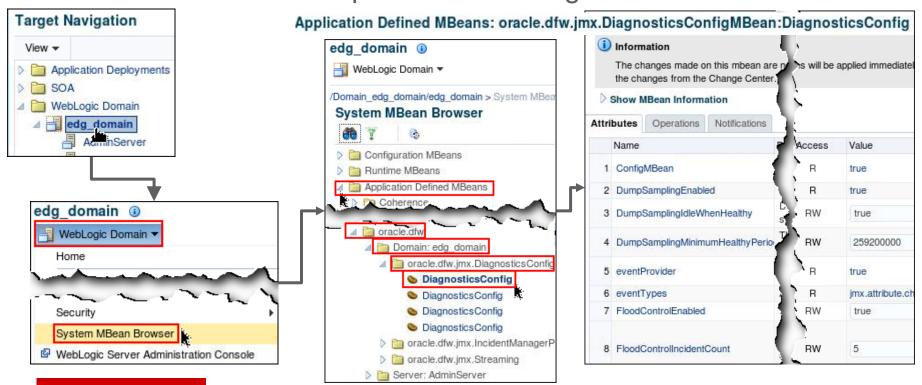
Oracle Fusion Middleware Diagnostic Framework registers a notification listener, which listens for events from the WLDF Watch and Notification system.



### Configuring Diagnostic Framework Settings

The Diagnostic Framework MBean, called DiagnosticConfig, is used to enable or disable:

- Detection of incidents through the log files
- Flood control and its parameter settings



### Viewing DMS Metrics

#### DMS metrics can be viewed with:

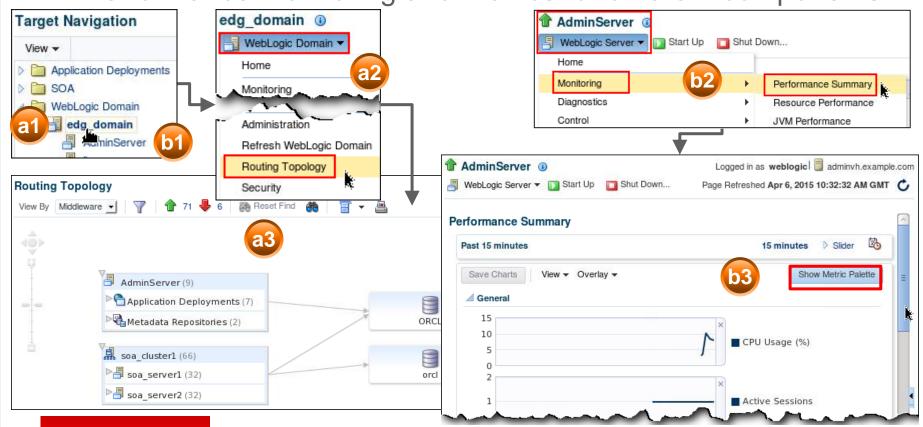
- Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control
- The Spy Servlet
- Other tools



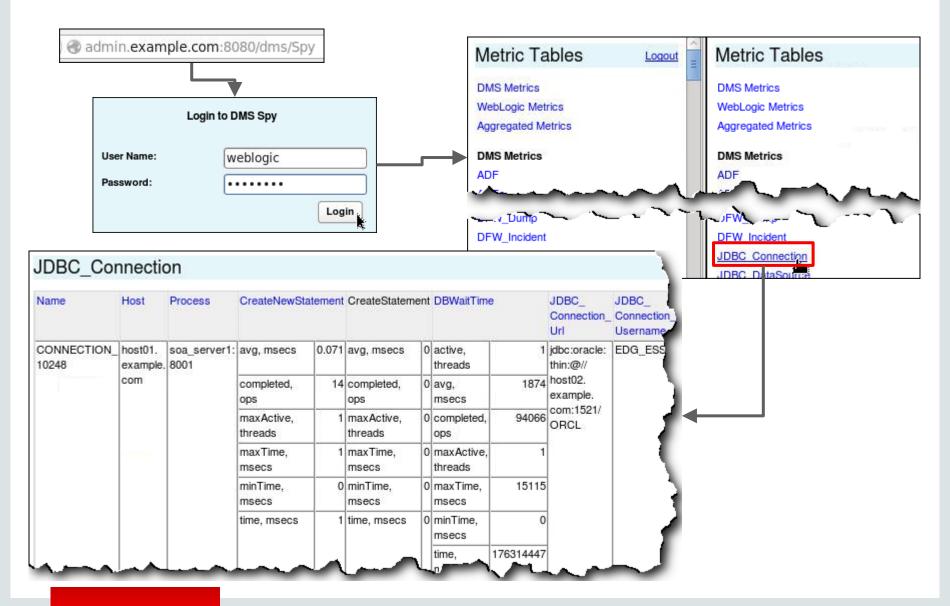
## Viewing Metrics with Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control

Fusion Middleware Control provides:

- A Routing Topology Viewer for the domain and related metrics
- Performance monitoring and metrics for different components



### Viewing Metrics with the Spy Servlet



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### Monitoring the Java Virtual Machine Performance

To monitor Java Virtual Machine (JVM) performance, select one of the server instances (AdminServer or Managed Servers), and click WebLogic Server > Monitoring > JVM Performance.



### Tuning a Java Virtual Machine Memory

- Tuning heap size to minimize JVM garbage collection, while maximizing the number of SOA clients at a given time:
  - Ensuring that the sum of (maximum heap size multiplied by number of JVMs) is less than the physical memory (RAM)
  - Increasing the minimum size of the dynamic heap (the -Xms option), if out of heap memory (not due to memory leakage)
  - Decreasing maximum size of the memory pool (the -Xmx option), if out of native memory
- Selecting an appropriate garbage collection scheme
   Tip: A general rule is to set minimum heap size (-Xms) equal to the maximum memory pool size (-Xmx) to minimize garbage collection processing.

### Monitoring and Tuning the Database Size

Monitoring database performance is a task for the database administrator, who can perform some of the following tasks:

- Collecting schema statistics for MDS schemas
- Increasing redo log size
- Reclaiming disk space, such as purging data in the SOAINFRA and MDS schemas

**Note:** Use automatic purging configuration or supplied PL/SQL scripts for purging SOA instance data.

### Tuning the Oracle Database

- Tuning the database initialization parameters in the init.ora file:
  - Processes

```
SQL> SELECT value FROM v$parameter WHERE name = 'processes';
SQL> ALTER SYSTEM SET processes=300 SCOPE=SPFILE;
```

- Buffer pool size
- Using Automatic Segment Space Management (ASSM) for permanent tablespaces
- Extending tablespaces early to avoid problems at run time
- Managing database growth by purging data with either of the following:
  - Auto purging in Oracle SOA Suite 12c
  - Manual purge scripts that run PL/SQL procedures loaded into the SOAINFRA database schema



## Extending Tablespaces to Avoid Problems at Run Time

If a tablespace is not extended when it reaches its size limit, runtime processing will be impacted.

#### Solutions:

- Enable autoextend for the tablespace.
- Manually increase the tablespace size if you receive an alert.



### **Configuring Database Connections**

Consider the following data source configurations when performance is an issue:

- Ensure that the connection pool has enough free connections.
- Statement caching can eliminate potential performance impacts.
- Disable unnecessary connection testing and profiling.



### Developing a Strategy for Managing Database Size

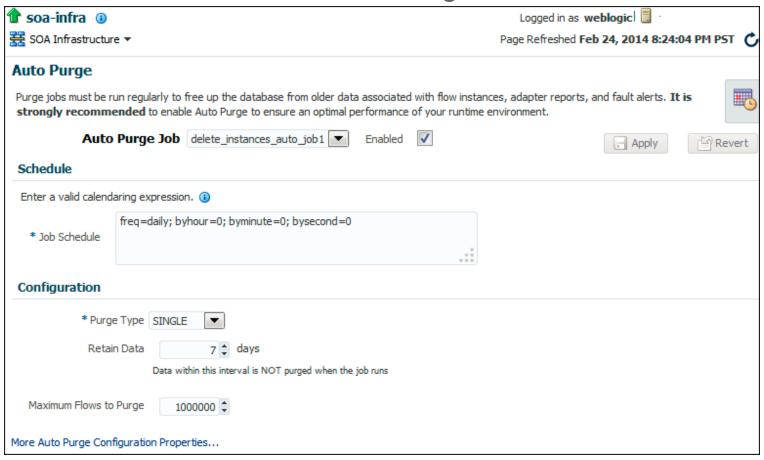
Three main strategies for reducing database schema size are:

- Purging SOA Suite instance data regularly:
  - Automatically by using the auto purge functionality
  - Manually by running PL/SQL purge procedures from SQL\*Plus
- Partitioning database tables (automatically enabled when you extend the domain with SOA Suite and select the LARGE option for database size)



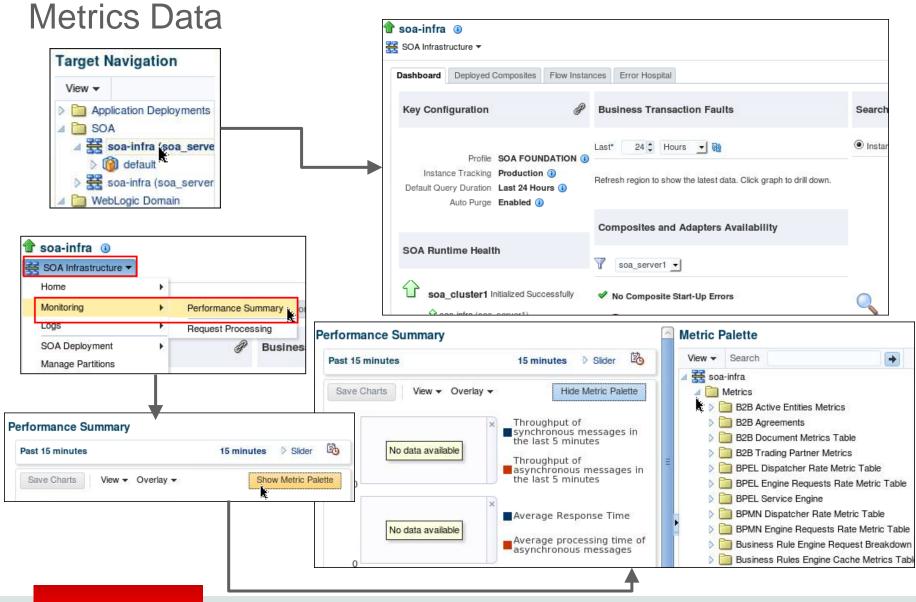
### **Automatically Purging Instance Data**

From the SOA folder in the Navigator, right-click soa-infra and select SOA Administration > Auto Purge.





Monitoring the SOA Infrastructure Performance and



### **Tuning SOA Infrastructure**

#### **SOA Infrastructure:**

- Is a Java EE-compliant application that manages composites and their life cycle, service engines, and binding components
- Provides essential tuning parameters for:
  - Audit Level (default value: Production), which is managed from the SOA Administration > Common Properties settings page
  - Audit Purge Policy (default: everyday midnight and purges records older than 7 days), which is managed from the SOA Administration > Auto Purge properties page
- Uses Work Managers to manage most SOA-related work threads
- Manages the Modularity Profile via SOA Administration >
   Common Properties page
   SOA Infrastructure Common Properties
   The properties set at this level will impact all deployed composites, except



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payload validation values at the composite application level.

Profile SOA FOUNDATION

### Work Managers and Work Manager Groups

 A Work Manager is an Oracle WebLogic Server entity that represents a logical thread pool.

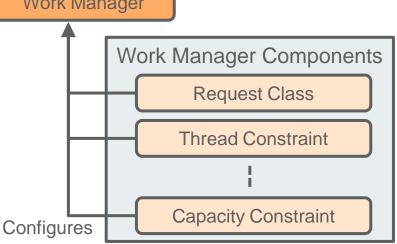
 A Work Manager assigns priorities for the work to be processed by defining one or more of the following components:

Fair Share Request Class

Response Time Request Class

- Min Threads Constraint
- Max Threads Constraint
- Capacity Constraint
- Context Request Class

 A Work Manager Group consists of Work Managers dedicated to processing Oracle SOA Suite work for a specific partition.

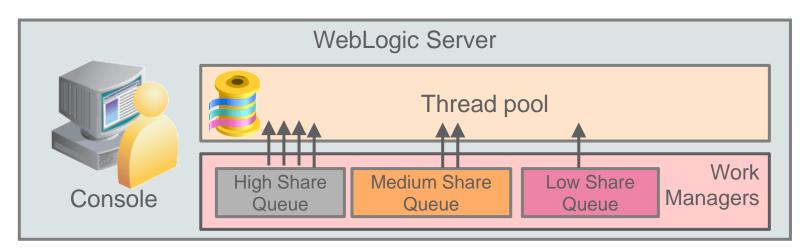


### Work Managers Types

Three types of Work Managers are provided that are characterized by its scope, its definition, and how it is used:

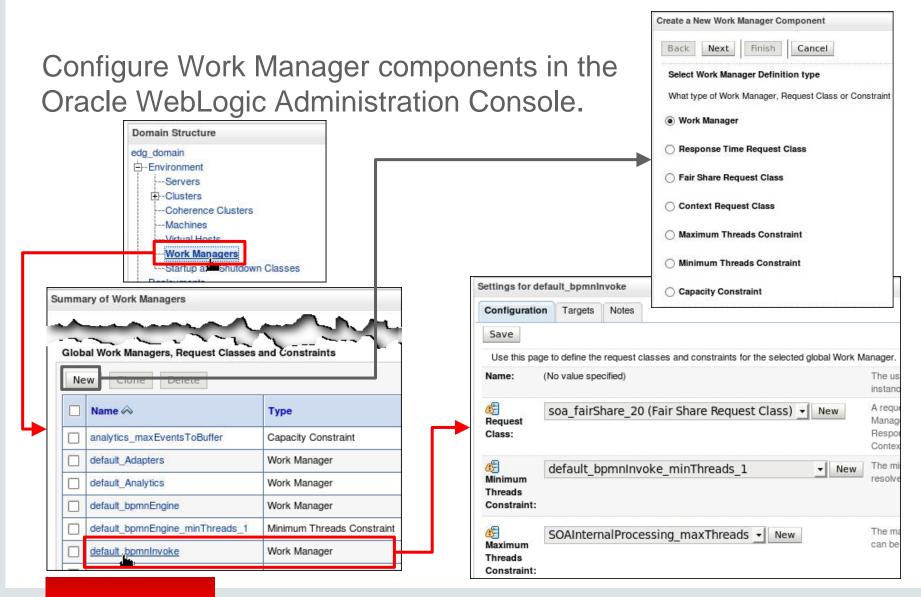
- Default Work Manager
- Global Work Manager
- Application-scoped Work Manager

**Note:** Configuration of Work Managers can be done through the WebLogic Server Administration Console.





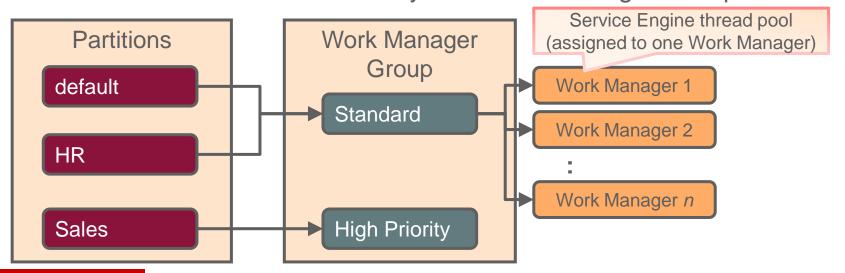
### Managing Work Manager Component Configuration





### Work Managers Groups and SOA Partitions

- A Work Manager Group:
  - Is a SOA concept that defines a group of Work Managers
  - Is associated with one or more SOA partitions
- A SOA partition is:
  - A way to groups applications for providing metadata isolation and optional thread isolation
  - Associated with one and only one Work Manager Group





### **SOA** Work Manager Examples

### Some non-partition Work Managers are:

| Work Manager Name   | Constraint Name   | Description  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| SOA_Default_WM      | None  | The default Work Manager for all SOA services that do not access the soa data source such as Case Management |
| SOA_Notification_WM | SOAInternalProcessing_maxThreads                              | Notification MDB   |
| SOA_Request_WM      | SOA_Request_WM_minThreads_1<br>SOAIncomingRequests_maxThreads | Work Manager to handle SOA synchronous request clients: WS, Direct, Façade, ADF, Rest                        |

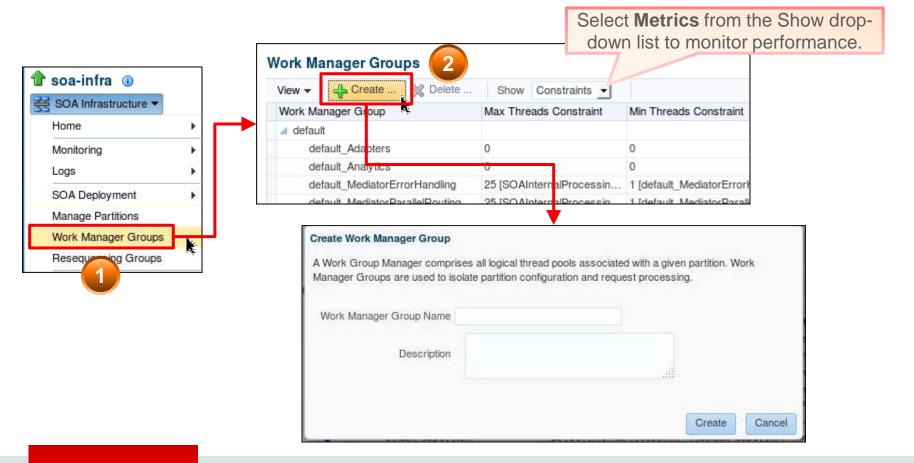
### Some partition-specific Work Managers include:

| Work Manager Name | Constraint Name   | Description  |
|-------------------|---|--|
| default_Adapters  | None  | Adapter Work Manager, roughly included in the 30% buffer |
| default_dspSystem | soa_fairShare_20, minThreads_1 SOAInternalProcessing_maxThreads | BPEL System Dispatcher Work Manager                      |
| default_dsplnvoke | soa_fairShare_20. minThreads_1 SOAInternalProcessing_maxThreads | BPEL Process Invocation Dispatcher Work Manager          |
| default_dspEngine | soa_fairShare_80, minThreads_1 SOAInternalProcessing_maxThreads | BPEL Process Engine Dispatcher Work Manager              |



### Configuring Work Manager Groups

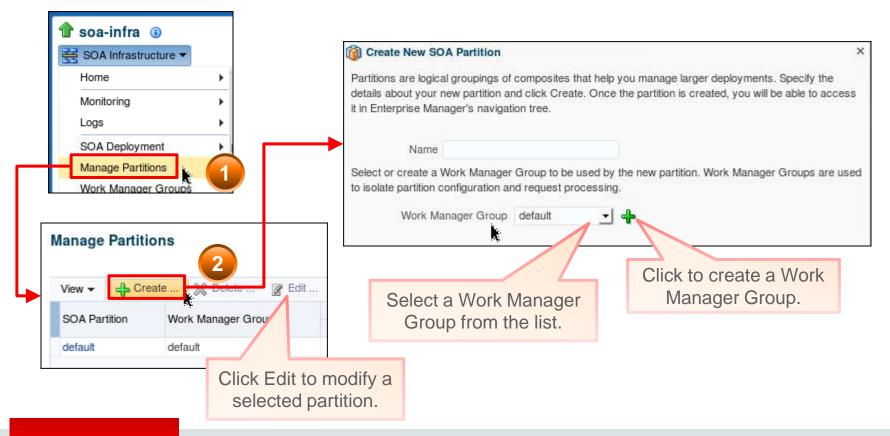
Configuring a Work Manager Group is done in Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control.





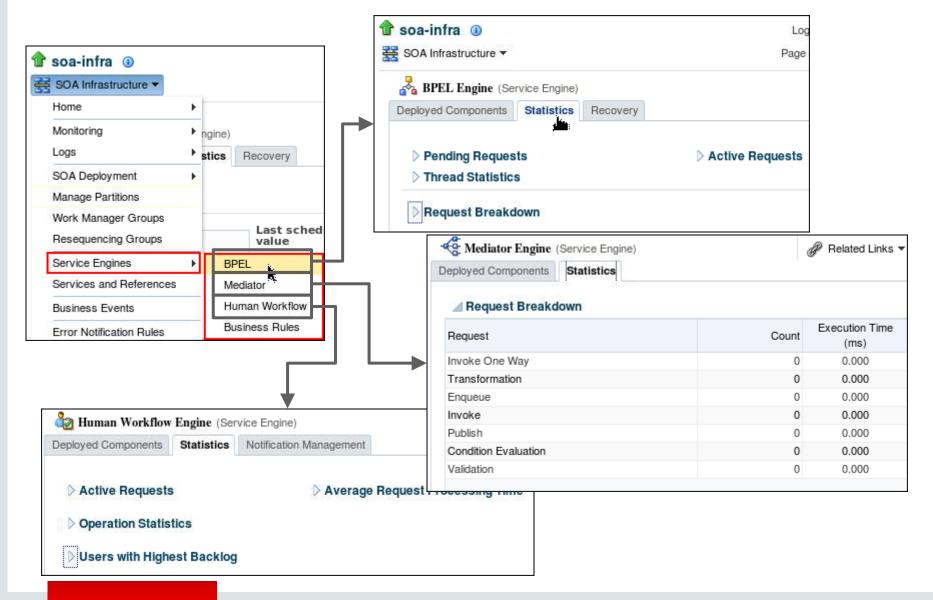
### Associating a Work Manager Group with a Partition

Associating a Work Manager Group with a partition is done when you create the partition or manage the partition configuration in Oracle Enterprise Manager Fusion Middleware Control.





### Monitoring and Tuning Service Engines





### Tuning the BPEL Engine Parameters

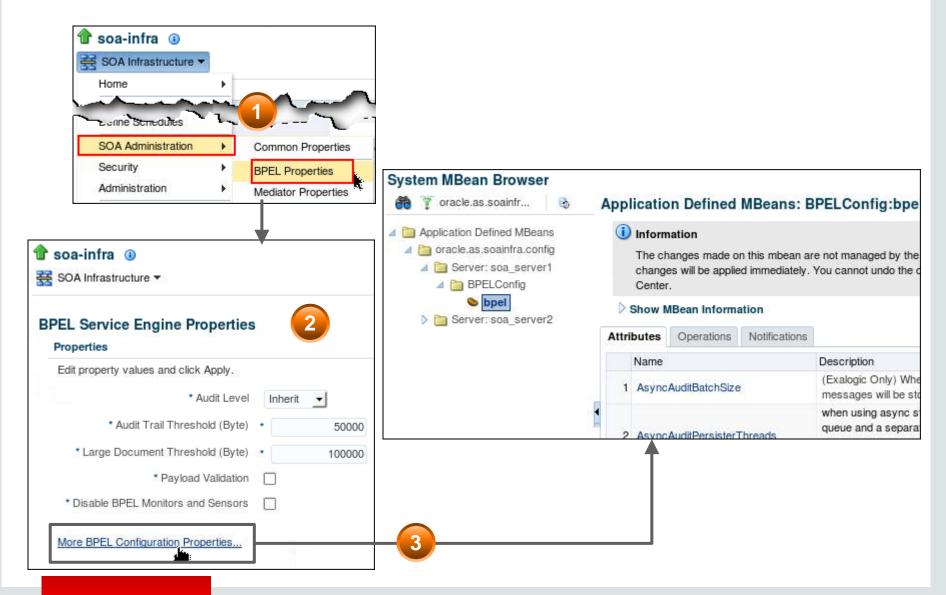
The BPEL Engine parameters that are *likely* or *highly likely* to improve performance are:

| Parameter              | Possible Action   |  |
|------------------------|---|--|
| auditLevel             | Use the value Off to stop storing audit information.  |  |
| SyncMaxWaitTime        | Decrease value to improve performance.  |  |
| largedocumentthreshold | Decrease value to improve performance.  |  |
| validateXML            | Use the default value False to improve performance.   |  |
| InstanceKeyBlockSize   | Increase to value greater than the number of updates to the ci_id_range table to improve performance. |  |
| Audit Level Threshold  | Decrease value to improve performance.  |  |

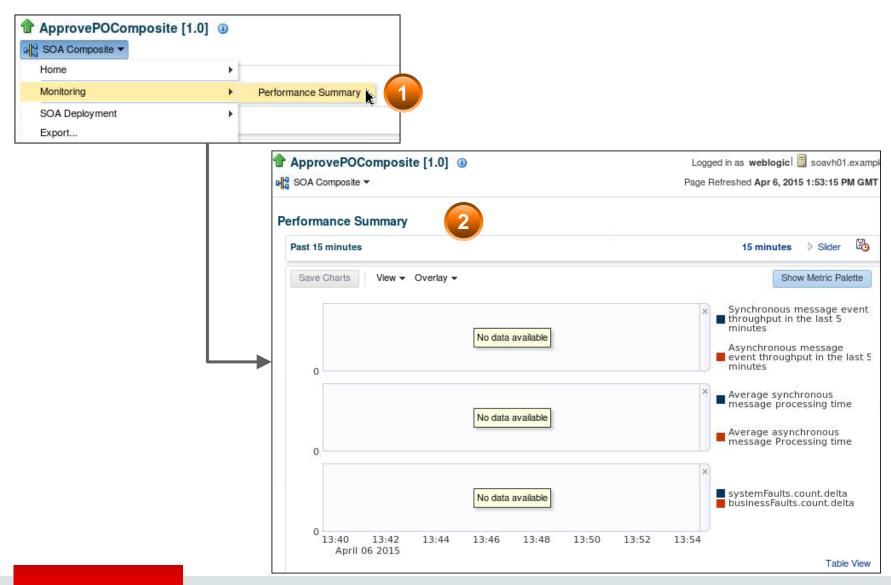
Note: Always consider trade-offs for the actions described.



### Configuring BPEL Engine Parameters

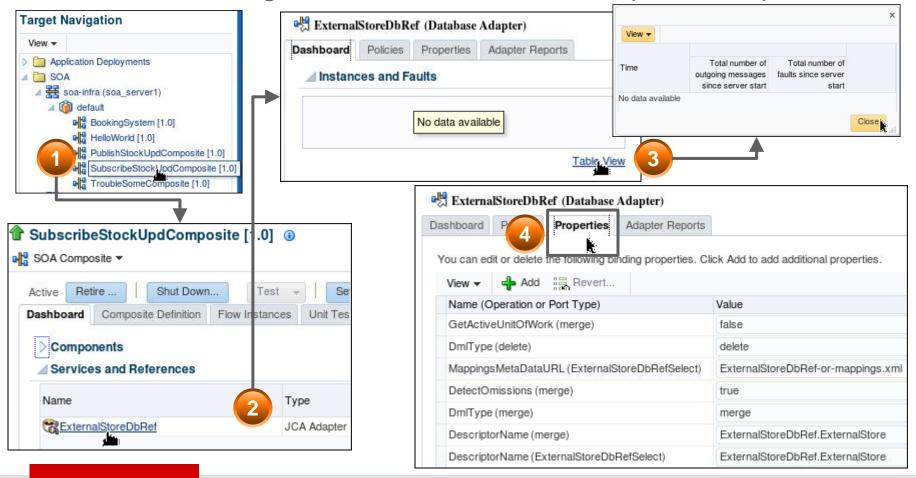


## Monitoring SOA Composite Application Performance



## Monitoring an Inbound Adapter Properties

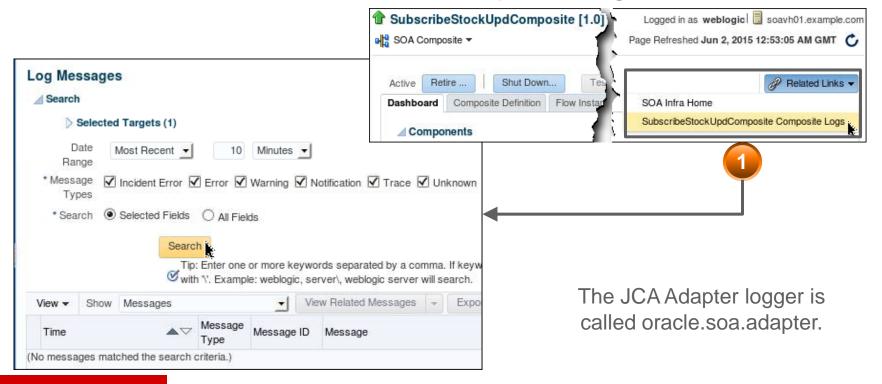
Monitoring inbound and outbound adapter properties are similar to each other. Images are for an outbound adapter example:





## Accessing Adapter Logs

- 1. Access the composite application page that contains the adapter reference.
- 2. Click Related Links > composite\_name Composite Logs.
- 3. Enter search criteria to search for specific log information.

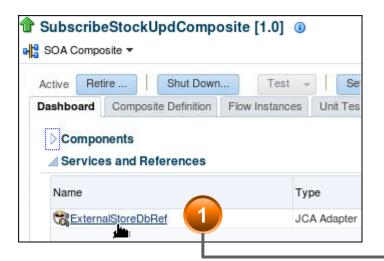


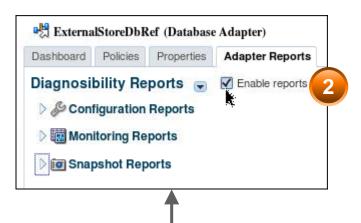


## **Activating Adapter Reports**

#### Adapter configuration through reports, such as:

- Connection Factory properties
- Service Definition properties
- Service Tuning properties
- Reference Definition properties
- Reference Tuning properties

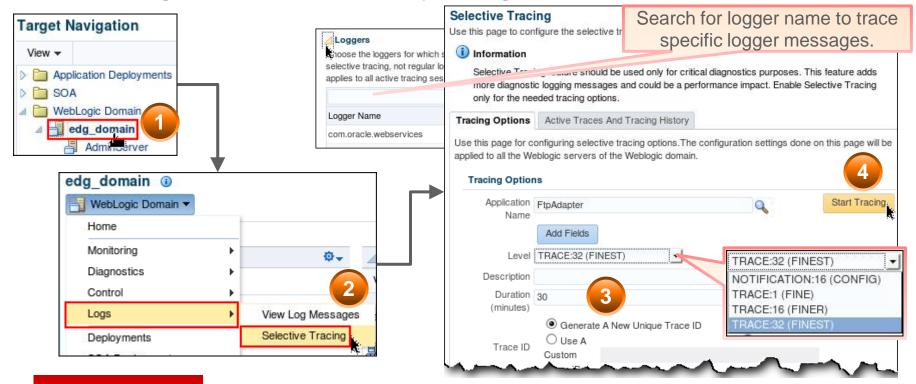




## Selective Tracing Configuration: Introduction

#### Selective tracing is:

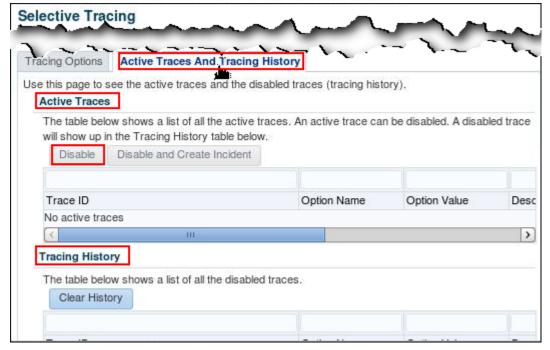
- Fine-grained logging for applications, users, request attributes
- Configured by clicking WebLogic Domain > Logs > Selective Tracing, for a domain, or by using WLST commands



## Viewing and Disabling Selective Tracing

On the domain > Logs > Selective Tracing > Active Traces and Tracing History tab page, you can:

- View:
  - The currently active selective traces
  - The history of selective traces
- Disable a selected trace entry in the table (if any)



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### Common Problems and Solutions

- Resolving message failure caused by too many open files
- Resolving connection timeouts
- Resolving common application-related problems



## Troubleshooting SOA Server Startup Failures

- Problem:
  - You receive ClassNotFound errors when the SOA Managed Server is started by a Node Manager.
- Solution:
  - Node Manager must be started with the property
    StartScriptEnabled=true, so that the Node Manager
    can use the start scripts that contain the environment
    information of the Managed Server to start the Managed
    Server.

# Resolving Message Failure Caused by Too Many Open Files

 Problem: You receive the following error at run time or compilation time:

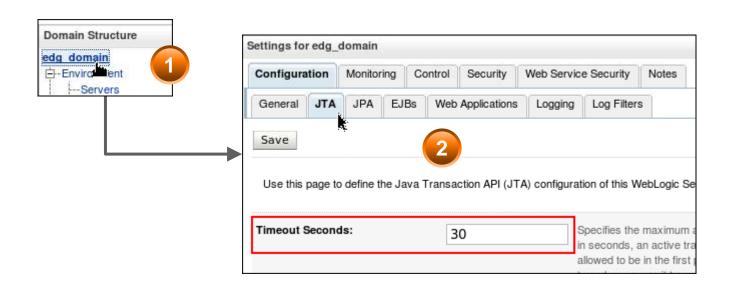
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Message send failed: Too many open files
```

 Solution: (UNIX) Edit the /etc/security/limits.conf file to increase the value for file descriptors to at least 4096.
 For example:

```
#<domain>
             <type>
                       <item>
                                     <value>
#*
              soft
                        core
#ftp
              hard
                       nproc
 End of file
              soft
                                      500000
                      memlock
@svrqroup
              hard
                      memlock
                                      500000
@svrqroup
                      nofile
*
              soft
                                       4096
              hard
                      nofile
                                       4096
```

## **Resolving Connection Timeouts**

- Problem: You receive a connection timeout error under circumstances such as large payload or large number of message files.
- Solution: Increase the transaction timeout property in Oracle WebLogic Administration Console.





## Resolving Common Application-Related Problems

#### Problem:

- Incorrect XML messages structures
  - Incorrect namespace in the input data stream (for File Adapter or soap-initiated requests)
- Incorrect configuration plans used with deployment
  - Incorrect URLs for service references
- Missing configuration of runtime resources
  - Incorrect DbAdapter runtime resource configuration
  - Incorrect JMS Adapter runtime resource configuration
- Solution: Fix the application.

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### Practice 13: Overview

#### This practice covers the following topics

- Part 1: Performance Tuning
  - Practice 13-1: Deploy an EAR application
  - Practice 13-2: Examine Server Information in the Routing Topology
  - Practice 13-3: Observe WebLogic Server Instance JVM Performance
  - Practice 13-4: Explore Metrics for Oracle SOA Suite Components
- Part 2: Troubleshooting
  - Practice 13-5: Deploy a Troublesome Composite Application
  - Practice 13-6: Testing the TroubleSomeComposite Interfaces