

I/O stack configuration for SAP HANA

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Previous: SAP HANA installation preparations for NFSv4.

Starting with SAP HANA 1.0 SPS10, SAP introduced parameters to adjust the I/O behavior and optimize the database for the file and storage systems used.

NetApp conducted performance tests to define the ideal values. The following table lists the optimal values inferred from the performance tests.

| Parameter | Value |
|---------------------------|-------|
| max_parallel_io_requests | 128 |
| async_read_submit | on |
| async_write_submit_active | on |
| async_write_submit_blocks | all |

For SAP HANA 1.0 versions up to SPS12, these parameters can be set during the installation of the SAP HANA database, as described in SAP note 2267798: Configuration of the SAP HANA Database During Installation Using hdbparam.

Alternatively, the parameters can be set after the SAP HANA database installation by using the hdbparam framework.

```
nf2adm@sapcc-hana-tst-06:/usr/sap/NF2/HDB00> hdbparam --paramset fileio.max_parallel_io_requests=128  
nf2adm@sapcc-hana-tst-06:/usr/sap/NF2/HDB00> hdbparam --paramset fileio.async_write_submit_active=on  
nf2adm@sapcc-hana-tst-06:/usr/sap/NF2/HDB00> hdbparam --paramset  
fileio.async_read_submit=on  
nf2adm@sapcc-hana-tst-06:/usr/sap/NF2/HDB00> hdbparam --paramset  
fileio.async_write_submit_blocks=all
```

Starting with SAP HANA 2.0, hdbparam has been deprecated, and the parameters have been moved to global.ini. The parameters can be set using SQL commands or SAP HANA Studio. For more details, see SAP note 2399079: Elimination of hdbparam in HANA 2. You can also set the parameters within global.ini as shown in the following text:

```
nf2adm@stlrx300s8-6: /usr/sap/NF2/SYS/global/hdb/custom/config> cat
global.ini
...
[fileio]
async_read_submit = on
async_write_submit_active = on
max_parallel_io_requests = 128
async_write_submit_blocks = all
...
```

Since SAP HANA 2.0 SPS5, the setParameter.py script can be used the set the correct parameters:

```
nf2adm@sapcc-hana-tst-06:/usr/sap/NF2/HDB00/exe/python_support>
python setParameter.py
-set=SYSTEM/global.ini/fileio/max_parallel_io_requests=128
python setParameter.py -set=SYSTEM/global.ini/fileio/async_read_submit=on
python setParameter.py
-set=SYSTEM/global.ini/fileio/async_write_submit_active=on
python setParameter.py
-set=SYSTEM/global.ini/fileio/async_write_submit_blocks=all
```

Next: SAP HANA data volume size.

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