Informix: New Setup and Basic Administration Commands

FYI: Installation and configuration had already been done for new setup, kindly use this info for your understanding.

Basic Difference between Oracle & Informix:

ORACLE	INFORMIX
unix user (oracle)	informix
sqlplus	dbaccess
DATABASE	INSTANCE(rataktp6)
SCHEMA/USER	DATABASE
SYS	sysadmin@rataktp6
SYSTEM	sysmaster@rataktp6
	sysuser@rataktp6
	sysutils@rataktp6
	monitoring@rataktp6 (Application user created by DBA)
ORACLE_HOME	INFORMIXDIR
ORACLE_SID	INFORMIXSERVER
init file	\$INFORMIXDIR/etc/onconf.if_ <sid> (Ex. for instance rataktp6 : \$INFORMIXDIR/etc/onconf.if_rataktp6)</sid>
redo log file	logical logs
alert log	online log (\$INFORMIXDIR/tmp/online.log.rataktp6)
file system	row devices
temporary tbs	tempdbspace
tablespace	dbspace
system tbs	rootdbs
	onstat - (On-Line)
	onstat -g dis (list all instances running on server)
READ WRITE	onstat -u (list all sessions information)
ps -ef grep pmon	
select * from v\$session;	

Please use links for more information :

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSGU8G_14.1.0/com.ibm.adref.doc/ids_adr_0504.htm: onstat-d info doc

http://adevas3s:8005/ -- tramomonitor

http://adevas3s:8001/ --status monitor

Old Environment:

Environment	IP	Server Name
Prod1	10.133.22.129	adetrmas

Prod2	10.133.22.65	adetrmbs
Development	ratakt9	adettm1s

Current Setup:

Environment	IP	Server Name
Development 1	195.233.84.38	adedtdev1.dc-ratingen.de
Development 2	195.233.84.39	adedtdev2.dc-ratingen.de
new PROD1	10.133.20.196	adetrmdb1
new PROD2	10.133.20.197	adetrmdb2
POC		de0078ls
new ACC		adettmacc1

App Server: advas6s

To connect to any instance :

Please use 'ss' or 'aa' alise like below.

adbm@de0922yr:~ \$ adbm@de0922yr:~ \$ ssh informix@adetrmdb1 Enter passphrase for key '/home/adbm/.ssh/id_rsa': Password: successful authentication. The latest at Thu Feb 17 11:02 Last login: Thu Feb 17 11:24:14 2022 from 10.133.20.195 Oracle Corporation SunOS 5.11 11.4 March 2021 informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> ss rataktp1 informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> aa . ./switch_rataktp1.sh == rataktp1 PROD INSTANCE ../switch_rataktp2.sh == rataktp2 PROD INSTANCE . ./switch_rataktp4.sh == rataktp4 PROD INSTANCE . /switch_ratcalp2.sh == ratcalp2 PROD INSTANCE . ./switch_rataktp6.sh == rataktp6 TEST informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix>../switch_rataktp1.sh informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix>

How to use DBACCESS utility:

1) informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix> dbaccess

How to check the DB:

click on Query-language then select the required database from the dropdown list

Basic Informix Commands:

onstat -I : to check the log files
onstat - : to check the current server status
onstat -d : command to check the dbspaces
onstat -u : check user sessions
onstat -m : To check the alert log

Informix backup details:

```
Please check the crontab -l output on our prod instance:
informix@adetrmdb1:~$ crontab -I
#0 4 * * * /opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_rataktp2.sh >/opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_aktp2_cron.log
2>&1
#15 4 * * * /opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_rataktp1.sh >/opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_aktp1_cron.log
2>&1
#30 4 * * * /opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_rataktp4.sh >/opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0_aktp4_cron.log
2>&1
#45 4 * * * /opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0 ratcalp2.sh >/opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/level0 calp2 cron.log
2>&1
#0 3 * * * /opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/clear_xbsa.messages.sh >/opt/informix/IDS/ids.12.10.FC10WE/scripts/clear_xbsam.log
2>&1
#
######## Scripts scheduled by ADBA for Informix monitoring
#######44 3 * * * /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_backup.sh >> /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_backup.log 2>&1
#########44 3 * * * /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_logs2.sh >> /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_logs2.log 2>&1
########44 3 * * * /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_oninits.sh >> /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_oninits.log 2>&1
#######44 3 * * * /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_logs_info.sh >> /opt/informix/ifxmonitor/scripts/db_logs_info.log 2>&1
To take the full backup please use below commands :
onbar -b -L 0 =======> do this rataktp1.
onbar -b -L 0 =======> do this rataktp2.
onbar -b -L 0 =======> do this rataktp4.
onbar -b -L 0 =======> do this ratcalp2.
```

We need to raise P2 INC for backup team if backups are not happening:

We can find the meaning of any informix error by finderr utility like below:

informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> . ./switch_rataktp1.sh informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> env | grep INFORMIXSERVER INFORMIXSERVER=rataktp1 informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> informix@adetrmas:/opt/informix> finderr 201 -201 A syntax error has occurred.

This general error message indicates mistakes in the form of an SQL statement. Look for missing or extra punctuation (such as missing or extra commas, omission of parentheses around a subquery, and so on), keywords misspelled (such as VALEUS for VALUES), keywords misused (such as SET in an INSERT statement or INTO in a subquery), keywords out of sequence (such as a condition of "value IS NOT" instead of "NOT value IS"), or a reserved word used as an identifier.

Database servers that provide full NIST compliance do not reserve any words; queries that work with these database servers might fail and return error -201 when they are used with earlier versions of IBM Informix database servers.

The cause of this error might be an attempt to use round-robin syntax with CREATE INDEX or ALTER FRAGMENT INIT on an index. You cannot use round-robin indexes.

The error may also occur if an SQL statement uses double quotation marks around input strings and the environment variable DELIMIDENT is set. If DELIMIDENT is set, strings that are surrounded by double quotation marks are regarded as SQL identifiers rather than string literals. For more information on the usage of DELIMIDENT, see the IBM Informix Guide to SQL: Reference.

For Informix Installation:

1) Please copy the ifx_12_10_FC10WE_SOL_SPARC_64.tar file from adba1 server to target server.

```
adbm@de0922yr:/opt/SP/dumps/sagar/informix_install $ ls -lrt
total 414012
-rw-r----. 1 adbm adbm 423942656 Jan 19 15:35 ifx_12_10_FClOWE_SOL_SPARC_64.tar
drwxr-xr-x. 3 adbm adbm 4096 Jan 19 15:41 CSDK.4.10.UC
adbm@de0922yr:/opt/SP/dumps/sagar/informix_install $
adbm@de0922yr:/opt/SP/dumps/sagar/informix_install $
```

2) Login with root user and untar the zip file

```
informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS>
informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS> chmod 755 ifx_12_10_FC10WE_SOL_SPARC_64.tar
informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS> su - root
Password:
Last login: Thu Jan 27 08:58:13 2022 on pts/1
Oracle Corporation SunOS 5.11 11.4 March 2021
root@adetrmdb1:~#
root@adetrmdb1:~# cd /opt/informix/IDS
root@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS#
root@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS#
root@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS# Is -Irt
total 828018
drwxr-xr-x 28 informix informix 1024 Jun 24 2018 ids.12.10.FC10WE
-rwxr-xr-x 1 informix informix 423942656 Jan 27 10:20 ifx_12_10_FC10WE_SOL_SPARC_64.tar
root@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS#
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3) Run the ./ids_install and follow the below steps.

root@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS# ./ids_install				
Preparing to install				
Extracting the JRE from the installer archive Unpacking the JRE				
Extracting the installation resources from the installer archive				
Configuring the installer for this system's environment				
Launching installer				
(created with InstallAnywhere)				
Preparing CONSOLE Mode Installation				
Getting Started				
This application will guide you through the installation of IBM Informix Software Bundle.				
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1. Release Notes The Release Notes can be found in /opt/informix/IDS/SERVER/doc/ids_unix_relnotes_12.10.html				
2. Installation Guide Please view the Installation / Quick Beginnings Guide at /opt/informix/IDS/SERVER/doc/ids_unix_installg_12.10.pdf				
3. Join the Informix Community at: http://www.informixcommunity.com				
4. Launch Information Center Access the IBM Informix 12.10 Information Center at http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/informix/v121/index.jsp				
To Begin Installation, Respond to each prompt to proceed to the next step in the installation. If you want to change something on a previous step, type 'back'.				
You may cancel this installation at any time by typing 'quit'.				
PRESS <enter> TO CONTINUE:</enter>				
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Server Instance

Type 'back' to go to the previous step or 'quit' to cancel the installation.

Create a database server instance?

->1- Yes - create a server instance 2- No - do not create a server instance

ENTER THE NUMBER FOR YOUR CHOICE, OR PRESS <ENTER> TO ACCEPT THE DEFAULT:: 2

Installation Summary

Please review the following before continuing:

Product Name:

IBM Informix Software Bundle

Install Folder:

/opt/informix/IDS/12.10

Product Features:

IBM Informix database server,

Base Server,

Extensions and tools,

J/Foundation,

Database extensions,

Conversion and reversion support,

XML publishing,

Demonstration database scripts,

Enterprise Replication,

Data loading utilities,

onunload and onload utilities,

dbload utility,

High-Performance Loader,

Backup and Restore,

archecker utility,

ON-Bar utility,

Interface to Tivoli Storage Manager,

Administrative utilities,

Performance monitoring utilities,

Miscellaneous monitoring utilities,

Auditing utilities,

Database import and export utilities,

JSON Client Support,

IBM Informix Client SDK,

IBM Informix Object Interface for C++,

IBM Informix Object Interface for C++ Demos,

IBM Informix ESQL/C,

IBM Informix ESQL/C demos,

7.2 application compatibility module,

IBM Informix LIBDMI for client applications,

IBM Informix ODBC Driver,

IBM Informix ODBC Driver demos,

Global Language Support (GLS),

West European and Americas,

East European and Slavic,

Japanese,

Korean,

Chinese,

Thai,

IBM Informix JDBC

Disk Space Information (for Installation Target): Required: 912,093,046 Bytes Available: 2,100,649,984 Bytes		
PRESS <enter> TO CONTINUE:</enter>		
Ready To Install		
InstallAnywhere is now ready to install IBM Informix Software Bundle onto your system at the following location:		
/opt/informix/IDS/12.10		
PRESS <enter> TO INSTALL:</enter>		
Installing		
[======================================		
[]		
Installation Complete		
Congratulations! IBM Informix Software Bundle installation is complete.		
Product install status: Informix Dynamic Server: Successful Informix Client-SDK: Successful		

For creation of instance:

Please prepare below files for creation of Informix instance :

1) Startup Files ==> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS~\$ cat start_rataktp2.sh.12.10

2) Switch Files ==> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix/IDS~\$ cat switch_rataktp6-12.10.sh

3) on-config Files ==>
4) /etc/services entries ==> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix~\$ cat /etc/services

5) Setup a profile ==> informix@adetrmdb1:/opt/informix~\$ cat .profile