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## Neo4j log rotation server stops responding

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I'm getting an issue on Neo4j 2.2 in which the counts rotation seems to be causing the server to stop responding to requests. My graph has approximately 50M nodes and 100M relationships. I've attached the relevant log.

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Once the rotation occurs, the server will no longer handle any more requests and I can no longer navigate to the web management page. What actually happens in the counts store rotation?

Eventually I have to restart the server. This always results in a forced shutdown and then it takes a long time to restart because the log indicates: "Recovery required for log with version 1361"

Thank you.

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2015-03-31 11:15:17.576+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 313ms.
2015-03-31 11:16:54.107+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 2326ms.
2015-03-31 11:16:56.150+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 818ms.
2015-03-31 11:17:00.699+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 717ms.
2015-03-31 11:24:41.100+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 217ms.
2015-03-31 11:25:57.455+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 414ms.
2015-03-31 11:25:58.791+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 916ms.
2015-03-31 11:26:10.427+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 1092ms.
2015-03-31 11:24:50.507+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 340ms.
2015-03-31 11:58:46.750+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 13138ms.
2015-03-31 11:58:48.771+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 1498ms.
2015-03-31 11:58:49.124+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 1667ms.
2015-03-31 12:26:19.560+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 1496ms.
2015-03-31 12:26:22.975+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 611ms.
2015-03-31 13:25:03.431+0000 WARN [o.n.k.EmbeddedGraphDatabase]: GC Monitor: Application threads blocked for 290ms.
2015-03-31 13:58:00.873+0000 INFO [o.n.k.LogRotationImpl]: Log Rotation [1361]: Rotating log version:1361
2015-03-31 13:58:00.873+0000 INFO [o.n.k.i.s.StoreFactory]: Waiting for all transactions to close...
committed: out-of-order-sequence:26128427 [26128421]
closed: out-of-order-sequence:26128427 [26128421]
2015-03-31 13:58:00.897+0000 INFO [o.n.k.LogRotationImpl]: Log Rotation [1361]: Starting store flush...
2015-03-31 13:58:01.625+0000 INFO [o.n.k.i.s.StoreFactory]: About to rotate counts store at transaction 26128428 to [/data/drive/neo4j/data/neo4j_2.2/data/graph.db/neo4jstore.counts.db.b], from [/data/drive/neo4j/data/neo4j_2.2/data/graph.db/neo4jstore.counts.db.a]
2015-03-31 13:58:01.626+0000 INFO [o.n.k.i.s.StoreFactory]: Successfully rotated counts store at transaction 26128428 to [/data/drive/neo4j/data/neo4j_2.2/data/graph.db/neo4jstore.counts.db.b], from [/data/drive/neo4j/data/neo4j_2.2/data/graph.db/neo4jstore.counts.db.a]
root@prodgrphkickoff:~# cd ..
```

[edit]

I've added more detail about the size of the various neo4j files, including log file sizes:

```
total 7172976
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 4096 Mar 27 05:53 index
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 125 Mar 27 05:53 index.db
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 11875038 Mar 31 15:52 lock
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8199 Mar 31 15:52 messages.log
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 978 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.counts.db.a
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 978 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.counts.db.b
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 10 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 114 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 413738000 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 60 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 144226430 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 129 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 117 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 532 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 128 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7776725 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 297836688 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 15 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 152 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 384 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9 Mar 31 15:52 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 16 Mar 27 06:04 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 16 Mar 27 06:04 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7813185 Mar 27 13:11 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 1396192 Mar 27 13:11 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 226188 Mar 27 13:11 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262289848 Mar 28 12:15 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262184933 Mar 28 21:39 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 241977426 Mar 29 14:31 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 8976969 Mar 29 18:01 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 481393 Mar 29 18:01 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 246668 Mar 29 22:55 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262184933 Mar 30 11:06 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262289848 Mar 30 17:17 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262152920 Mar 31 04:13 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 262141153 Mar 31 11:48 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 498432 Mar 31 15:44 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3132 Mar 31 15:53 neo4jstore.labels.db.names.id
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 2622228 Mar 31 15:53 rfd
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[edit 06-15-2015]

Attached is a recent jstack file that display the blocked threads. Additionally, I've included a vmstat file.

Jstack file VMStat file

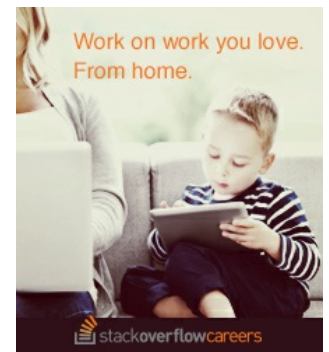
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asked Mar 31 at 14:53

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could you add more details about your type of requests, concurrency, load, size of log-files, graph-structure etc? Also if you could send me your graph.db/messages.log to michael at neo4j.org would be very helpful – [Michael Hunger](#) Mar 31 at 15:35

How long are you waiting, when the server is in this state? It's flushing changes to the store files, which can cause a lot of IO. Amazon EC2 instances with EBS volumes, for instance, don't have a lot of IOPS. – [Chris Vest](#) Mar 31 at 15:43

I waited approximately 30 minutes. Seems like a very long time to not respond? – [Jonathan](#) Mar 31 at 15:50

1 @MichaelHunger Michael, I've sent you my messages.log file. Thanks! – [Jonathan](#) Mar 31 at 16:09

1 Thanks a lot for your email, let's sort it out offline and report the solution afterwards here. – [Michael Hunger](#) Mar 31 at 19:35

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▲ The reason is that rotating the transaction log requires that all changes to the store files be forced to the storage device, before the old transaction log can be archived and a new one created. This store flushing can take a lot of time.

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▼ The good news is that Neo4j 2.3 will fix this: <https://github.com/neo4j/neo4j/pull/4756>





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answered Jun 24 at 9:10

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