



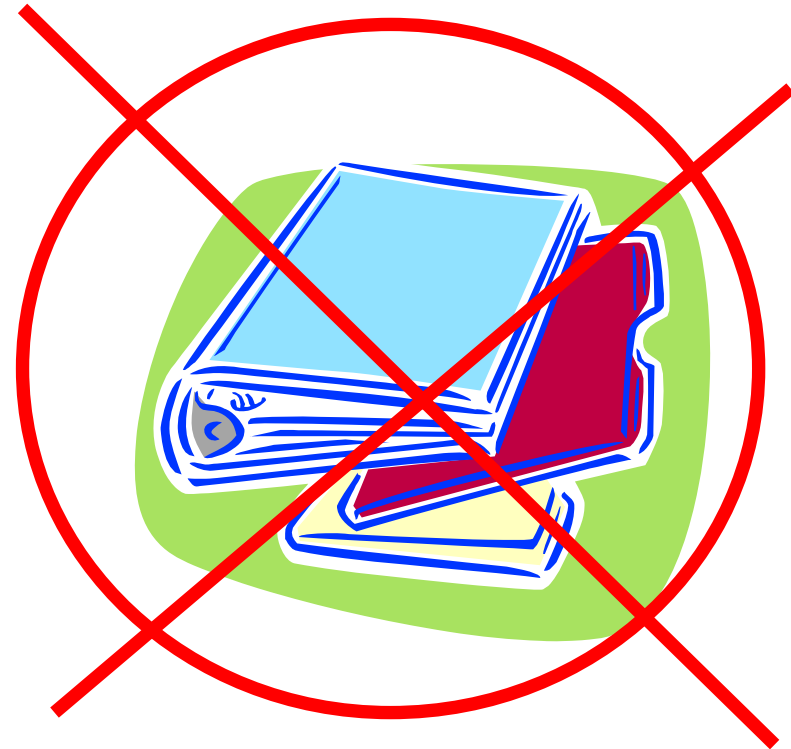
IBM Informix

Improving IDS Administration Zone

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Administration Free Zone

- **Low Total Cost of Ownership and Deployment**
- **Easy Scalable Administration**
- **Open Admin API for customized administration**
- **Autonomic architecture**
- **Industrial strength, highly reliable - Install it, Set it up, and Forget about it.**



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Overview

- **SQL Based Administration Commands**
- **Improved Sysmaster Database**
- **SQL History Tracing**
- **Built in Database Scheduler**
- **Quick overview of IDSAdmin**



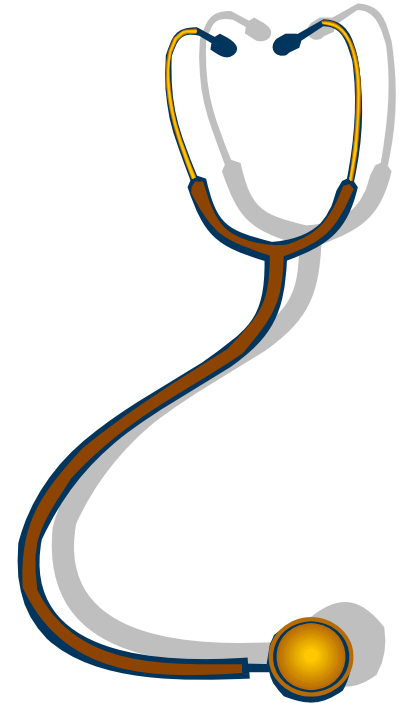
Laying the Foundation for Improvements

- **A new database (sysadmin) for**
 - Administrative functions
 - Alert System
 - Data collection
- **Different methods for collecting information**
- **Additional information required to present in a way DBAs can understand**



Improve Information for sysmaster and onstat

- **Improve the display of information in the following areas:**
 - Improved Thread Wait Informix
 - Checkpoint Information
 - User/Server Environment Informix
 - Online & onbar log files
 - Network Information (IO counts and times)
 - MGM Information
 - SQL Generic Cache Profiles
 - SQL Statement History



Make the information clear for the DBA to understand

New Sysmaster Tables

TABLE NAME	DESCRIPTION
syscheckpoint	The information about the checkpoint and associated statistics
sys tcblst	Modified the existing table to add wait stats.
sysenvses	View Informix's session environment variables
sysenv	View the servers environment variables
sysonline log	View the online.log for the server
syssscblst	Improvement to view the memory used by session
sysnetworkio	View the network I/O generated by database session
sysdual	Oracle compatibility feature
syssqlcacheprof	Displays the profile information about each SQL cache
syssqltrace	The sql statements which have been recently executed on the system
syssqltrace_itr	The list of iterators for the SQL statement.
syssqltrace_info	General information about the SQL tracing
sysnetglobal	Global Network Information
sysnetclienttype	Network information based on client type
sysbaract_log	The OnBar Activity Log file
sysrstcb	Improvement to view I/O and lock wait information

Onstat -g ath

- Remove/Reduce the number of thread status of “sleeping forever”
- Give the DBA a clear picture of what is happening

Threads:

tid	tcb	rstcb	prty	status	vp-class	name
2	10bbf36a8	0	2	sleeping forever	3lio	lio vp 0
3	10bc12218	0	2	sleeping forever	4pio	pio vp 0
4	10bc31218	0	2	sleeping forever	5aio	aio vp 0
5	10bc50218	0	2	sleeping forever	6msc	msc vp 0
6	10bc7f218	0	2	sleeping forever	7aio	aio vp 1
7	10bc9e540	10b231028	4	sleeping secs: 1	1cpu	main_loop()
8	10bc12548	0	2	running	1cpu	tlitcpoll
9	10bc317f0	0	3	sleeping forever	1cpu	tlitcplst
10	10bc50438	10b231780	2	sleeping forever	1cpu	flush_sub(0)
11	10bc7f740	0	2	sleeping forever	8aio	aio vp 2
12	10bc7fa00	0	2	sleeping forever	9aio	aio vp 3
13	10bd56218	0	2	sleeping forever	10aio	aio vp 4
14	10bd75218	0	2	sleeping forever	11aio	aio vp 5
15	10bd94548	10b231ed8	3	sleeping forever	1cpu	aslogflush
16	10bc7fd00	10b232630	1	sleeping secs: 26	1cpu	btscanner 0
32	10c738ad8	10b233c38	4	sleeping secs: 1	1cpu	onmode_mon
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SQL Admin Commands

- **A set of User Defined Routines (UDRs) to administer the Informix database server.**
- **The major categories of administration include:**
 - Space Management
 - Configuration Management
 - Routine task maintenance
 - System Validation (oncheck functionality)
- **Feature Benefits**
 - SQL Based Administration
 - Remote Administration
 - Tracking of command execution and results in a system table



Admin Commands – Two New UDRs

- Two UDRs called *task* & *admin* are part of the sysadmin database
- They perform exactly the same, only the return code is different
 - *task()* UDR returns a character string describing the return status

```
EXECUTE FUNCTION task('create dbspace', 'dbspace2', '/CHUNKS/dbspace2');  
(expression) created dbspace number 2 named dbspace2
```

- *admin()* UDR returns a integer return status which is a link to the *command_history* table

```
EXECUTE FUNCTION admin('create dbspace', 'dbspace2', '/CHUNKS/dbspace2');  
(expression) 107
```

- Both UDRS log all executions into a table called *command_history* in the *sysadmin* database

SQL Admin Command - Tracking

- **SQL Admin API logs all executions into a table called *command_history* in the *sysadmin* database**

Column	Type	Description
cmd_number	serial	
cmd_exec_time	datetime year to second	Time the command was started
cmd_user	varchar	User executing the command
cmd_hostname	varchar	Host the command was executed from
cmd_executed	varchar	The command executed
cmd_ret_status	Integer	Return code
cmd_ret_msg	lvarchar	Return message

SQL Admin Commands - Parameters

- **Environment Variable Expansion**

- A pathname may start with an environment variable.
- The environment variable may only exist in the server's environment

- **Unit Extensions**

- All offsets and sizes can be provided with unit extensions
- The extensions are case insensitive
- Default is KB
- PB, TB, GB, MB, KB, B

SQL Admin Commands – EXAMPLES

```
EXECUTE FUNCTION admin('create dbspace','dbspace2','\${INFORMIXDIR}/SPACE/dbspace2',`20MB`);  
(expression)          108
```

```
SELECT * FROM command_history WHERE cmd_number IN (108)
```

```
cmd_number      108  
cmd_exec_time   2005-11-17 16:26:15  
cmd_user        informix  
cmd_hostname    olympia.beaverton.ibm.com  
cmd_executed    create dbspace  
cmd_ret_status  0  
cmd_ret_msg     created dbspace number 2 named dbspace2
```

DBA Constant Struggle

Identifying Performance Bottlenecks in SQL Statements

- **Current methods for examination**
 - Set explain
 - Looking at database objects accessed by the SQL for inefficiency
- **Lack of simplicity in the process**
- **Hard to build a repeatable process**



Questions DBAs like to ask?

- **How long did a SQL statements take?**
- **How many resources of each category did a statement take?**
 - Disk I/O
 - Memory
 - CPU
- **How long and how many times did we wait on each resource?**
 - Locks
 - Disk I/O



Solutions – SQL Query Drill Down Feature

- **Provide consolidated detail information about SQL statements through all layers**
- **Information available through onstat or sysmaster database**
- **Dynamically configurable**
- **By default disabled**
- **Global and User Tracing modes**

Name	Description
User ID	User id
Session ID	Database Session ID
Database Name	Current Database Name
Statement Type	Type of SQL statement being executed
Statement Execution time	Duration of the SQL statement
Time of Execution	Date & Time this statement completed
Statement Text	SQL statement text or the procedure stack trace with statement type
RSAM statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer Reads & Writes • Page reads & Writes • Memory Sorts, disk Sorts, • Lock requests, waits • Logical Log Records • Index buffer reads
SQL statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated # of rows • Estimated Cost • # of rows returned • Statement Type • Database Isolation Level

Controlling SQL Query Drill Down

- **ONCONFIG variable SQLTRACE**
 - Level =[off,low,med,high]
 - Ntraces=[number of traces]
 - Size=[size of each trace buffer in KB]
 - Mode=[global|user]

```
SQLTRACE level=low,ntraces=2000,size=1,mode=global
```

- **Turn off SQL Tracing for session id 147**

```
execute function task("SET SQL USER TRACING OFF",147);
```

Controlling SQL Query Drill Down

- **Dynamically enable or modify SQL Tracing**
 - Trace 2000 SQL statements
 - Trace 1024 bytes of data for each SQL statement

```
execute function task("SET SQL TRACING ON",2000,1);
```

- **Turn off SQL Tracing**

```
execute function task("SET SQL TRACING OFF");
```

SQL Query Drill Down - onstat

```
Database:          sysadmin
Statement text:
  SELECT MAX(run_task_seq) FROM ph_run A, ph_task B WHERE A.run_task_id = ?
  AND A.run_task_id = B.tk_id AND A.run_time + B.tk_delete < CURRENT
```

Iterator/Explain

```
=====
```

ID	Left	Right	Est Cost	Est Rows	Num Rows	Type
3	0	0	1	1	1	Index Scan
4	0	0	19	545	1	Index Scan
2	3	4	20	5	1	Nested Join
1	2	0	1	1	1	Group

Statement information:

Sess_id	User_id	Stmt Type	Finish Time	Run Time
21	0	SELECT	10:51:11	0.0023

Statement Statistics:

Page Read	Buffer Read	Read % Cache	Buffer IDX Read	Page Write	Buffer Write	Write % Cache
0	77	100.00	0	0	0	0.00

Lock Requests	Lock Waits	LK Wait Time (S)	Log Space	Num Sorts	Disk Sorts	Memory Sorts
0	0	0.0000	0.000 B	0	0	0

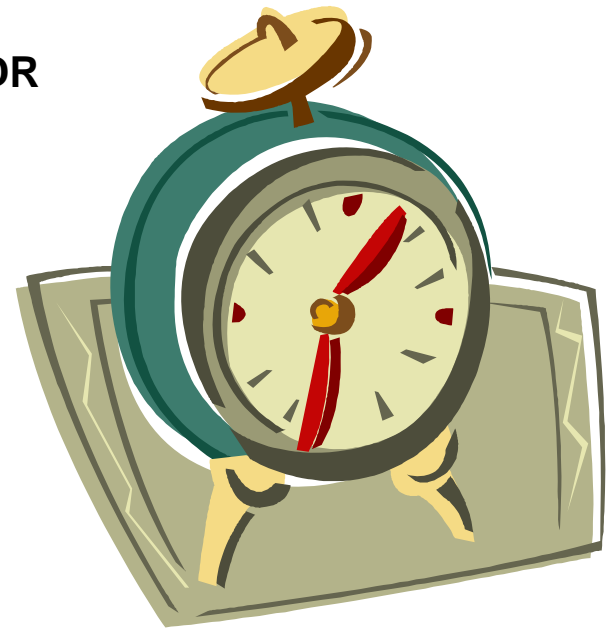
Total Executions	Total Time (S)	Avg Time (S)	Max Time (S)	Avg IO Wait	I/O Wait Time (S)	Avg Rows Per Sec
220	78.8463	0.3584	1.9557	0.000000	0.000000	439.9908

Estimated Cost	Estimated Rows	Actual Rows	SQL Error	ISAM Error	Isolation Level	SQL Memory
20	1	1	0	0	DR	41552

Built-in Database Scheduler

- **Ability to schedule SQL, Stored procedures or a UDR**
- **The schedule entities are called “tasks”**
- **There are different types of tasks**
 - Tasks
 - Sensor
 - Startup Task
 - Startup Sensor
- **Tasks are driven by the data inside a table called *ph_task***

- **Sensors are a specialized task designed to collection information**
 - Easy to add and configure
 - Collect information and stores it in database tables



Scheduler Specialized Task

■ Task

- A means to execute a specific job at a specific time or interval
- The *task* executes by invoking
 - A single or compound SQL statement
 - Stored procedure,
 - C User Defined Routine
 - Java User Defined Routine



Sensor - Specialized Task

- **A specialized task geared at collecting and saving data without the DBA doing much work.**
- **A means to get information about a managed element**

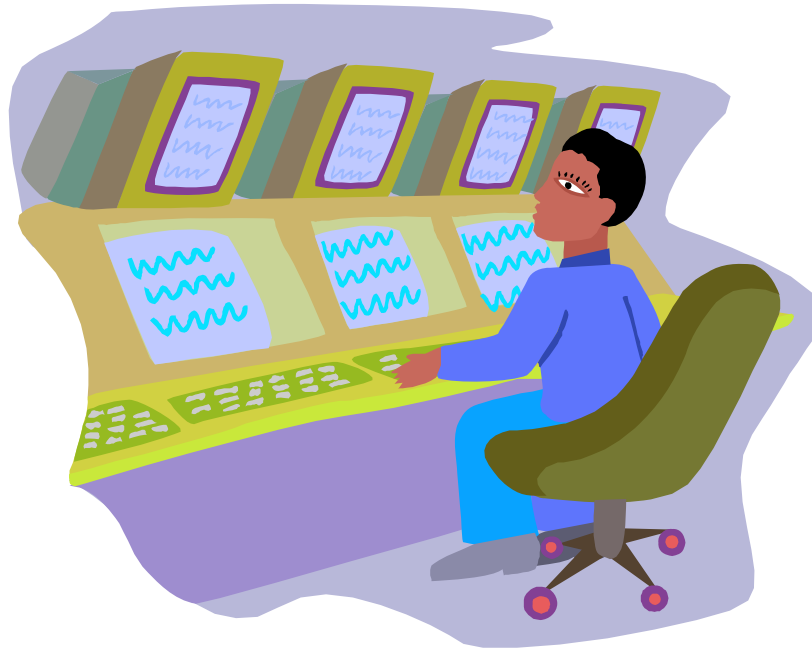
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INSERT INTO ph_task (tk_name,tk_type,tk_group,tk_description,tk_result_table,tk_create,
                    tk_execute,tk_start_time,tk_stop_time,tk_frequency,tk_delete)
VALUES
("mon_profile",
 "SENSOR",
 "PERFORMANCE",
 "Collect the general profile information",
 "mon_prof",
 "create table mon_prof (ID integer, number integer, value int8 );",
 "insert into mon_prof select $DATA_SEQ_ID, number, value from sysmaster:sysshmhdr where name != 'unused'",
 DATETIME(06:00:00) HOUR TO SECOND,
 DATETIME(18:00:00) HOUR TO SECOND,
 INTERVAL ( 30 ) MINUTE TO MINUTE,
 INTERVAL ( 30 ) DAY TO DAY);
```

Why use Tasks and Sensors?

- **Build a specialized task**
 - A way of ensuring routine jobs get completed
 - Periodically check and/or analyze collected data to ensure the data server is operating efficiently
- **Sensors provide a simple way of collecting information**
 - Easy to add a new sensor
 - Provide a portable way of collecting information without using the operating system.

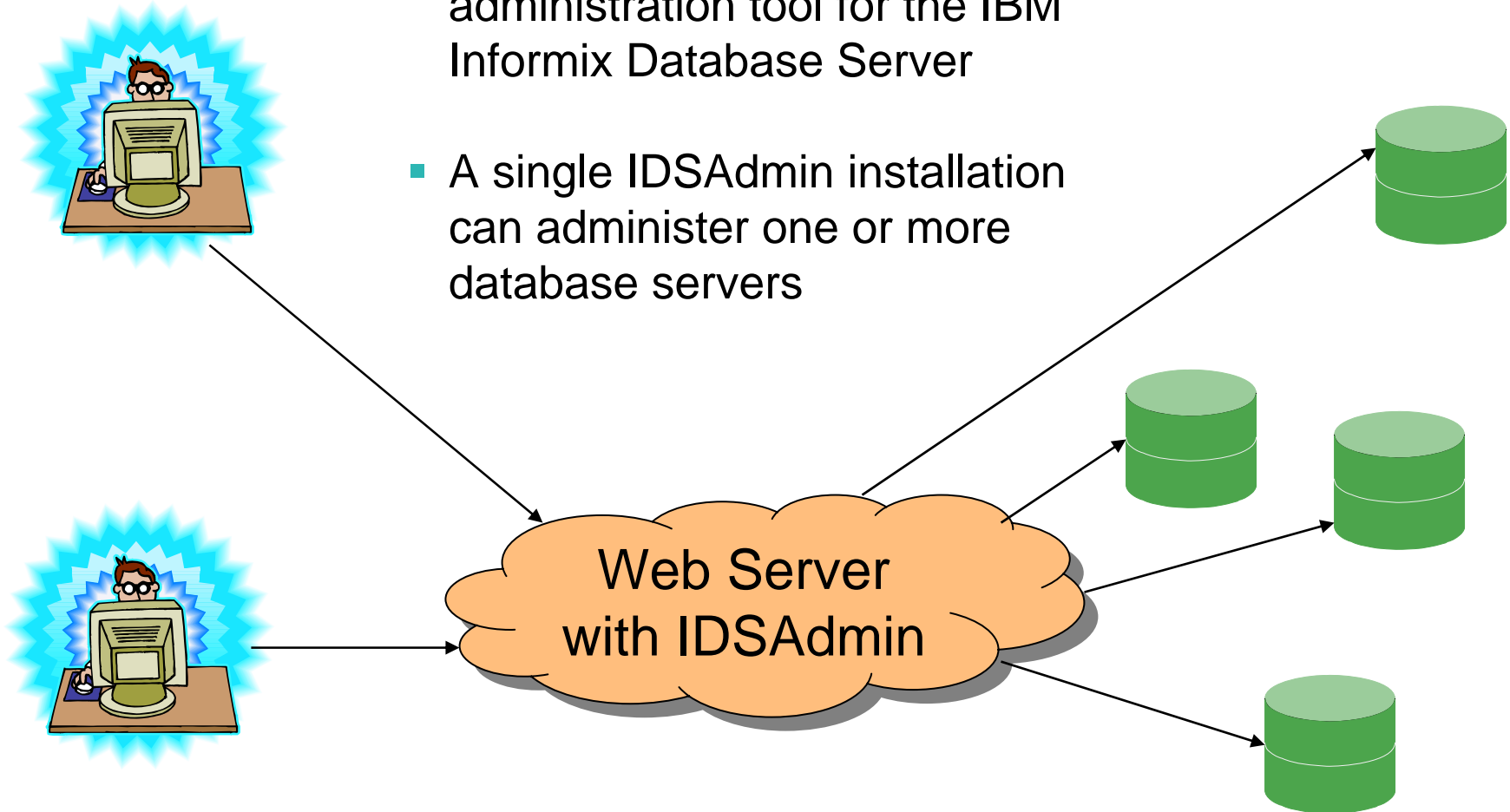


Admin Console



What is IDSAAdmin?

- IDSAAdmin is a web-based administration tool for the IBM Informix Database Server
- A single IDSAAdmin installation can administer one or more database servers



Map View

Highlighting the server shows the information balloon

The screenshot shows the IDSAdmin web interface in Mozilla Firefox. The browser address bar shows the URL `http://tugboat.beaverton.ibm.com/idsadmin/index.php`. The page title is "IDSAdmin" and the status bar indicates "Connected: informix@jmiller_10wip" and "Host: olympia".

The main content area features a map of the Pacific Northwest region, showing parts of Washington and Oregon. A green pin is placed on the map near Olympia, WA. An information balloon is displayed over this pin, containing the following text:

- Status: Online: CURRENT
- Host: olympia
- Informix Server: jmiller_10wip

To the right of the map, there is a "Group Servers" section with a "Refresh" button and a list of server names: `jmiller_10adm` and `jmiller_10wip`. The map includes navigation controls (directional arrows, zoom in/out, and a scale bar) and map style options (Map, Satellite, Hybrid). The map data is attributed to "Map data ©2006 TeleAtlas - Terms of Use".

On the left side of the interface, there is a navigation menu with various options such as "Task List", "Run Times", "Scheduler", "Space", "DBspaces", "Chunks", "Recovery Logs", "Performance", "SQL Trace", "System Reports", "User Reports", "SQL ToolBox", "RSS", "Quick Info", "Help", and "Logout". At the bottom left, an "Info" section provides system details:

Info	
Version:	10.50.
Boottime:	06-08 11:30
Time:	15:00:11
UpTime:	4 days 03:29:26
Sessions:	1
Max Sess:	10

A Specific Instance of an SQL Statement

Query Tree

Query Statistics

The screenshot shows the Informix Dynamic Server SQL Tracing Admin interface. The browser address bar indicates the URL: `http://mgboat.beaverton.ibm.com/idsadmin/index.php?view=Drill+Down&act=sqltrace&do=queryid&id=3107`. The interface is connected to host `informix@jmiller_10wip` on `olympia`. The main content area displays the **SQL Profile** for a specific query instance.

Query Tree: A hierarchical diagram showing the execution plan. It starts with a **1.Group** operation (Cost 1, Rows 1), which feeds into a **2.Hash Join** operation (Cost 36, Rows 1). The Hash Join operation is supported by two **3.Seq Scan** (Cost 8, Rows 6) and **4.Seq Scan** (Cost 8, Rows 7) operations.

Statement Summary:

Session ID	User ID	Statement Type	Statement Completion Time	Response Time
1666	900	SELECT	2006-06-20 17:02:23	0.06396695
Database		sysmaster		
Statement		select count(*) as numusers from sysessions		

Statement Statistics:

Page Reads	Buffer Reads	Reads Cache	Data Buffer Reads	Index Buffer Reads	Page Writes	Buffer Writes	Writes Cache
0	2	100.00 %	0	2	0	0	0.00 %
Lock Requests	# Lock Waits	Lock Wait Time (S)	Log Space	Disk Sorts	Memory Sorts	Number of Tables	Number of Iterators
0	0	0	0.000 B	0	0	2	4
Total Executions	Total Executions Time (S)	Average Execution Time (S)	Maximum Execution Time (S)	Total Number of IO Wait	IO Wait Time (S)	Average Io Wait (S)	Average Rows/Second
1	0.18879	0.18879	0.06396	0	0.00000	0.00000	15.63307
Estimated Cost	Estimated Rows	Actual Rows	SQL Error	ISAM Error	Isolation Level	SQL Memory	
36	1	1	0	0	2	99 KB	

Overview of Disk Space

Graphs showing quick view of space usage

Ability to create additional spaces

The screenshot shows the IDSAdmin web interface. At the top, it says 'IDSAdmin' and 'Connected: informix@jmiller_10adm Host: olympia'. There are three pie charts for 'Data Space', 'Temp Space', and 'BLOB Space'. Each chart shows 'Free' (green) and 'Used' (red) space. Below the charts is a table titled 'DBSpaces' with the following data:

Number	Name	Type	Size	Free	Used %	Number of Chunks
1	rootdbs	DBSpace	213 MB	8.14 MB	96.17%	3
2	dbspace1	DBSpace	10.24 MB	10.15 MB	0.85%	1
3	tempdbs	Temp DBSpace	10.24 MB	10.13 MB	1.03%	1
4	sblob	SBSpace	51.2 MB	46.4 MB	9.37%	1
5	dbspace3	DBSpace	10.24 MB	10.18 MB	0.54%	1

Below the table is a 'Create a Space' form with fields for Name, Path, Offset (0), Size (10 M), and Type (Dbospace).

Process Usage

Virtual Process
CPU Usage
Graph

onstat information - Mozilla

http://tugboat.beaverton.ibm.com/idsadmin/index.php?act=onstat&do=glo

IDSAdmin Connected: informix@jmiller_10adm Host: olympia

Virtual Processors

Legend:
● cpu
● aio
● Other

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Network User Report

VPID	PID	Class	User Time	System Time	Ready Queue Length
1	756	cpu	349.41	5.25	0
2	757	adm	0.01	0.39	0
3	758	lio	0.06	0.16	0
4	759	pio	0	0	0
5	760	aio	3.11	3.04	0
6	761	mssc	0.45	0.12	0
7	762	aio	0.15	0.04	0
8	780	aio	0.05	0.01	0
9	781	aio	0.02	0.01	0
10	782	aio	0.02	0	0

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