Top 10 Tips for Improving Tivoli Storage Manager Performance
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1. Optimize Server Database

- TSM server database performance is important for many operations
- Use multiple database volumes (4 to 16)
- Use a separate disk (LUN) for each database volume
- Use fast disks (high RPM, low seek time, low latency)
- Use disk subsystem/adapter write cache appropriately
  - Only use protected write cache (must be battery-backed, NVS, ...)
  - Use for all RAID arrays
  - Use for all physical disks with TSM database volumes
  - Do not use for physical disks with TSM storage pool volumes
- Use `dbpageshadow yes` server option
  - Page shadow file can be placed in the server install directory
- Use `mirrorwrite db parallel` when using volumes mirrored by TSM
1. Optimize Server Database (cont.)

- Increase the size of the database buffer pool
  - Server option `bufpoolsize` is specified in KB
  - TSM 5.3 default is 32768 (32MB)
  - Initially set to 1/4 of server real memory or process virtual memory limit (whichever is lower)
    - Example: 32bit Server has 2 GB RAM; set `bufpoolsize 524288`
  - DO NOT increase the buffer pool if system paging is significant
  - Use the `query db` command to display the database cache hit ratio
    - TSM server cache hit ratio should be greater than 98%
2. Optimize Server Device I/O

- Server performance depends on the system I/O throughput capacity
- Study system documentation to learn which slots use which PCI bus
  - Put fastest adapters on the fastest busses
- For best LAN backup-to-disk performance:
  - Put network adapters on different bus than disk adapters
- For best disk-to-tape storage pool migration performance:
  - Put disk adapters on different bus than tape adapters
2. Optimize Server Device I/O (cont.)

- Parallelism allows multiple concurrent operations
- **Use multiple:**
  - Busses
  - Adapters
  - LANs and SANs
  - Disk subsystems
  - Disks
  - Tape drives
- **If using a DISK storage pool (random access):**
  - Define multiple disk volumes
  - One volume per disk (LUN)
- **If using a FILE storage pool (sequential access):**
  - Use multiple directories in the device class (new in TSM 5.3)
  - One directory per disk (LUN)
- **Configure LUNs within a disk subsystem with regard for performance**
- **Configure enough disk storage for at least one day’s backups**
- **Configure at least as many disk volumes or directories as storage pool migration processes**
3. Use Collocation by Group

- New in TSM 5.3!
- For sequential-access storage pools
- Note: Use collocation by filespace for nodes with 2 or more large filespaces

**Collocated by Group**

- Can be optimized for multi-session restore
- Data moved for all nodes in group together
- Trade-offs can be balanced!

**Collocated by Node**

- Good restore time, but not optimized for multi-session restore
- Highest volume usage
- Highest # mounts for migration, reclamation

**Non-collocated**

- Lowest volume usage
- Fewest # mounts for migration, reclamation
- Longest restore time
3. Use Collocation by Group (cont.)

- Must define the collocation groups and their nodes
- Manual methods:
  - Administration Center Create Collocation Group panel
  - `define colocgroup`, `define colocmember`, etc. server commands
- Automatic methods:
  - Administration Center Create Collocation Group panel
  - `defgroups` sample PERL script in the “server” directory or SAMPLIB
3. Use Collocation by Group (cont.)

- **Automatic methods:**
  - Create new collocation groups to include all non-grouped nodes
  - Specify the domain and a collocation group name prefix
  - Group size based on volume capacity and node occupancy
    ✓ Administration Center wizard uses 4 times the average full volume capacity
    ✓ `defgroups` requires capacity to be specified (use `fullvolcapacity` to determine)

```bash
#defgroups -id=canichol -pass=*********** standard devgroup 60000
```

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3. Use Collocation by Group (cont.)

- **Automatic methods:**
  - Don’t know about relationships between nodes
  - Don’t know about node data growth rates
  - Don’t know how existing data is collocated

- **Suggestions:**
  - Use the automatic methods first and then fine tune
  - Group nodes together that have a low chance of restore at the same time
    - Avoid volume contention
  - Group nodes together that backup to disk at the same time
    - If storage pool migration has to run during the backup window
    - Reduced volume mounts since all data for a group can be moved at one time
  - **Data is moved when storage pool migration, reclamation, etc. run**
    - Using the collocation group and storage pool definitions at that time
  - **Optimal data organization should occur over time**
4. Increase Transaction Size

- Increase backup and server data movement throughput
- Set the following server options (TSM 5.3 defaults):
  - `txngroupmax 256`
  - `movebatchsize 1000`
  - `movesizethresh 2048`
- Set the following backup/archive client option:
  - `txnbytelimit 25600`
- For nodes that back up small files direct to tape:
  - Update the node definition:
    - `update node nodename txngroupmax=4096`
  - Set the following client option:
    - `txnbytelimit 2097152`
4. Increase Transaction Size (cont.)

- **May need to increase the TSM server recovery log size**
  - 4 GB is sufficient for many installations (13.5 GB max)
- **Backup throughput could degrade if frequent file retries**
  - A retry occurs when processing is interrupted
  - Throughput is degraded because the data must be sent again
  - Check the client session messages or schedule log file (*verbose*)
  - Avoid retries by:
    - Using client option `compressalways yes`
    - Using client option `tapeprompt no` or `quiet`
    - Scheduling backup / archive when files are not in use
    - Using exclude options to exclude files likely to be open
    - Using Open File Support (Windows client)
    - Changing how open files are handled using the copy group `serialization` parameter
    - Reducing the number of times to retry using client option `changingretries`
5. Configure and Tune Network Options

- Provide a separate backup network (LAN or SAN)
  - Gb Ethernet can provide up to 75 MB/sec throughput per link
  - 100 Mb Ethernet can provide up to 11 MB/sec throughput per link

- Set the following server options (TSM 5.3 defaults):
  - New options for the TSM 5.3 z/OS server!
  - `tcpwindowsize 63`
  - `tcpnodelay yes`
  - `tcpbufsize 32` (not used for Windows)

- Set the following client options:
  - `tcpwindowsize 63`
  - `tcpnodelay yes`
  - `tcpbuffsize 32`
  - `largecommbuffers no` (replaced in TSM 5.3)
5. Configure and Tune Network Options (cont.)

- Use TSM client compression appropriately
- Software compression uses significant client CPU time!
- Set the following client options:
  - `compression`
    - Fast network AND fast server - *compression no*
    - For LAN-Free with tape - *compression no*
    - Slow network OR slow server - *compression yes*
  - `compressalways yes`
- Exclude objects that are already compressed or encrypted:
  - `exclude.compression ?:\...\*.gif`
  - `exclude.compression ?:\...\*.jpg`
  - `exclude.compression ?:\...\*.zip`
  - `exclude.compression ?:\...\*.mp3`
6. Use LAN-Free

- Offload the LAN
- Better TSM server scalability due to reduced I/O requirements
- Higher backup/restore throughput is possible
- Best with “TSM for …” data protection products and API clients that backup/restore big objects
  - TSM for Mail
  - TSM for Databases
  - TSM for Enterprise Resource Planning
- **Performance improvements in TSM 5.2:**
  - Reduced storage agent - server meta-data overhead
  - Better multi-session scalability
  - Better storage agent tape volume handling
- **Performance improvements in TSM 5.3:**
  - Reduced CPU usage, especially for API clients
  - Use `lanfreecommmethod sharedmem` for all TSM 5.3 LAN-Free clients
    - AIX, HP-UX, HP-UX on Itanium2, Linux, Solaris, and Windows
7. Use Incremental Backup

- **Weekly full backups for file servers aren’t necessary**
- **TSM incremental backup**
  - Compares client file system with server inventory
  - Backs up new or changed files and directories
  - Expires deleted files and directories
  - No unnecessary data backed up
  - Less network and server bandwidth needed
  - Less server storage needed
- **Windows file servers should use Journal-based incremental backup**
  - Install using the client GUI Setup wizard
  - Real-time determination of changed files and directories
  - Avoids file system scan and attribute comparison
  - Much faster than full incremental
  - New support in TSM 5.3
    - More reliable journal database
    - Multi-threaded operation on both change notification and back up operations
    - Faster and more reliable multiple file system backup
8. Use Multiple Client Sessions

- Multiple parallel sessions can improve throughput for backup and restore
- Configure multiple sessions for “TSM for …” data protection products
  - Each has its own configuration options
- Configure multiple sessions for the Backup/Archive client
  - Set client option `resourceutilization` to 5 or more
- Update the maximum number of mount points for the node
  - For backup or restore using tape
  - `update node ... maxnummp=4` server command
- UNIX file servers should use the TSM client option `virtualmountpoint` to allow multiple parallel incremental backups for large file systems
- Multi-session restore is only used if:
  - Restore specification contains an unqualified wildcard, i.e. `e:\users\*
  - Restore data is stored on multiple sequential storage pool volumes
9. Use Image Backup

- **Optimizes large file system restore performance**
  - Uses sequential block I/O
  - Avoids file system overheads, including file open(), close(), etc.
- **Throughput can approach hardware device speeds**
- **Online image backup is available:**
  - Windows, Linux86, and Linux IA64 clients
    - Uses LVSA snapshot agent
    - LVSA cache can be located on a volume being backed up (for TSM 5.3)
- **Recommendations:**
  - Use LAN-Free with tape for best performance
  - Use parallel image backup/restore sessions for clients with multiple file systems
10. Optimize Schedules

- Create schedules with minimal overlap
- Reduce resource contention and improve performance
- Operations:
  - Client backup
  - Storage pool backup
  - Storage pool migration
  - TSM database backup
  - Inventory expiration
  - Reclamation
- Use `set randomize percent`:
  - Client session start times are staggered over the schedule window
- Use server option `expinterval 0` to disable automatic expiration:
  - Define an administrative schedule for expiration at a set time
- TSM 5.3 includes scheduling improvements:
  - Calendar-type administrative and client schedules
  - New commands include `migrate stgpool`, `reclaim stgpool`
Summary Checklist

- Optimized the server database?
- Optimized the server device I/O?
- Using collocation by group?
- Increased transaction size?
- Tuned network options?
- Using LAN-Free?
- Using incremental backup?
- Using multiple client sessions?
- Using image backup/restore?
- Optimized schedules?
Finding Performance Bottlenecks in your Tivoli Storage Manager Environment
Performance Steps:

1. Use the Top 10 Performance Checklist
2. Use IBM Support
3. Check for common problems
4. Find the bottleneck - determine the limiting factors
5. Tune or make configuration changes
6. Reduce the workload by eliminating non-essential tasks
7. Install and configure additional hardware
8. Collect and use performance trend data
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2. Use IBM Support


Look under Storage Manager Troubleshooting and Support
- Knowledge base search
- TSM Performance Tuning Guide
3. Check for Common Problems

- **Poor backup to tape performance?**
  - High tape mount wait time?
  - Poor client disk read performance?
  - Poor network performance?
  - Small TSM client transaction size?

- **Poor backup to disk performance?**
  - Poor network performance?
  - Contention with other backup/archive sessions or other processes?
  - Poor client disk read performance?
  - Poor TSM server database performance?
  - Incremental backup?

- **Poor inventory expiration performance?**
  - Poor TSM server database performance?
  - Contention with backup/archive sessions or other processes?
  - Slow TSM server CPU?

- **Poor restore from tape performance?**
  - High tape mount wait time?
  - Large number of tape mounts or locates?
  - Poor network performance?
  - Poor client disk write performance?
  - Poor TSM server database performance?

- **Poor storage pool migration performance?**
  - High tape mount wait time?
  - Large number of tape mounts?
  - Poor TSM server disk read performance?
  - Contention with backup/archive sessions or other processes?
  - Migration thresholds set too close together?
  - Small TSM server data movement transaction size?
4. Find the Bottleneck

1. Collect TSM instrumentation data to isolate the cause to:
   - Client
   - Server
   - Network
2. Collect operating system data to find the high use component
3. Change how that component is used, or add more of it
   - Processors, memory, disks, tape drives, ...
4. Retest and repeat if necessary
   - There is always a bottleneck!
TSM Performance Instrumentation

- **Available on both server and client**
- **Minimal performance impact**
  - No huge trace file created
- **What is tracked?**
  - Most operations that can hold up performance
    - Disk I/O
    - Network I/O
    - Tape I/O
- **How is it tracked?**
  - Operations are tracked on a thread-by-thread basis
  - Most sessions/processes use more than one thread
  - Results stored in memory until instrumentation is ended
TSM Threads

- **TSM is multi-threaded!**
- **Server may have hundreds of threads active at a given time**
  - Use `show threads` for a list at any given time
- **Any given operation will likely make use of multiple threads**
- **Backup, for example, will use at least two threads:**
  - SessionThread – receives data from client
  - SsAuxThread – takes this data and passes to disk or tape
  - AgentThread – writes the data to tape
  - DiskServerThread – writes the data to disk
- **All threads can operate on different CPUs**
TSM Server Instrumentation

- Started using server command:
  \texttt{INSTrumentation\ Begin}\ [\texttt{MAXThread}=nnnnn]
- Stopped using server command:
  \texttt{INSTrumentation\ End}
- Output generated when instrumentation is stopped
- Use the command line administrative client
  \texttt{dsmadmc}\ -id=\textit{id}\ -pass=\textit{pass}\ inst\ begin
  \texttt{dsmadmc}\ -id=\textit{id}\ -pass=\textit{pass}\ inst\ end\ >\ \textit{filename}
- Use command redirection with storage agents
  \texttt{dsmadmc}\ -id=\textit{id}\ -pass=\textit{pass}\ \textit{agentname}:\ inst\ begin
  \texttt{dsmadmc}\ -id=\textit{id}\ -pass=\textit{pass}\ \textit{agentname}:\ inst\ end\ >\ \textit{filename}

- Notes:
  - Administrator must have system privilege
TSM Server Instrumentation Usage Strategy

- **Start server instrumentation just before starting the operation monitored**
  - For TSM 5.3, session and process numbers are included in the output if the thread is started while instrumentation is active
  - Using a TSM administrative client macro is an easy way to do this
- **Use for 1 to 30 minutes**
  - Careful! Long periods can generate a lot of information
  - Large number of threads makes it harder to diagnose a problem
- **Match up the multiple threads for a given session or process**
  - Use the session or process numbers in the instrumentation data (TSM 5.3)
  - Use the output of `show threads` command (during the operation)
  - Match the threads based on the amount of data moved
- **Look at threads with most of their time in areas other than 'Thread Wait'**
  - Most likely source of the problem
TSM Server Instrumentation Platform Differences

- **Instrumentation data is slightly different depending on platform**
- **z/OS**
  - Does not reuse thread IDs like other platforms
    - Thread IDs increase over time throughout server lifetime
    - Need to issue `show threads` command and note the current high water mark thread ID
    - Add 1000 to the high water mark, and use as the maxthread parameter on the `inst start` command
    - For example: `inst begin maxthread=5000`
- **UNIX**
  - Only 1 thread does I/O to any disk storage pool volume (called DiskServerThread)
    - Provides a disk volume centric view
    - May be harder to get complete operation disk statistics
- **Windows**
  - Any thread can do I/O on a disk storage pool volume (SsAuxThread for backup)
    - Provides a process/session oriented view
    - May be harder to see disk contention issues
  - Windows timing statistics only have about 15 millisecond granularity
TSM Server Instrumentation Categories

- Disk Read - reading from disk
- Disk Write - writing to disk
- Disk Commit - fsync or other system call to ensure writes are complete
- Tape Read - reading from tape
- Tape Write - writing to tape
- Tape Locate - locating to a tape block
- Tape Commit - tape synchronization to ensure data written from device buffers to media
- Tape Data Copy - copying data to tape buffers (in memory)
- Tape Misc - other tape operations (open, rewind, ...)
- Data Copy - copying data to various buffers (in memory)
- Network Recv - receiving data on a network
- Network Send - sending data on a network
- Shmem Read - reading data from shared memory buffer
- Shmem Write - writing data to shared memory buffer
- Shmem Copy - copying data to/from shared memory segment
- Namedpipe Recv - receiving data on a named pipe
- Namedpipe Send - sending data on a named pipe
- CRC Processing - computing or comparing CRC values
- Tm Lock Wait - acquiring transaction manager lock
- Acquire Latch - acquiring a database page (from disk or bufferpool)
- Thread Wait - waiting on some other thread
- Unknown - something not tracked above
## TSM Server Instrumentation Example

### Thread 33 AgentThread parent=0 (AIX TID 37443) 11:09:37.024-->11:14:27.280

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<th>Maxtime</th>
<th>InstTput</th>
<th>Total KB</th>
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**TSM thread id**

**Thread lifetime**

**Overall Throughput**
TSM Client Instrumentation

- Identifies elapsed time spent performing certain activities
- Enabled using:
  - `testflag=instrument:detail` (command line)
  - `testflag instrument:detail` (options file)
- Output is appended to a file in the directory specified in DSM_LOG environment variable
  - For TSM 5.2, the `dsminstr.report` file
  - For TSM 5.3, the `dsminstr.report.pPID` file
- Notes:
  - Backup/archive client only (not in API or TDPs)
  - Command line client and scheduler only (not in GUI, web client)
  - Scheduler may need to be restarted after editing the options file
  - Cancel the client sessions from the server to get results without waiting for command completion
TSM Client Instrumentation Categories

- Process Dirs - scanning for files to back up
- Solve Tree - determining directory structure
- Compute - computing throughput, compression ratio
- BeginTxn Verb - building transactions
- Transaction - file open, close, other misc. operations
- File I/O - file read, write
- Compression - compressing, uncompressing data
- Encryption - encrypting, decrypting data
- CRC - computing, comparing CRC values
- Delta - adaptive subfile back up processing
- Data Verb - sending, receiving data to/from the server
- Confirm Verb - response time during backup for server confirm verb
- EndTxn Verb - server transaction commit and tape synchronization
- Other - everything else
## TSM Client Instrumentation Example

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Thread: 118   Elapsed time: 342.332 sec
Example 1

Problem Description:

- z/OS server
- Customer just installed 3592 tape drives
- No other changes to their environment
- Unhappy with disk-to-tape storage pool migration performance
  - 7-12 MB/sec per drive
- Tape-to-tape storage pool backup performance is good
  - 41 MB/sec per drive

Plan:

- Rerun disk-to-tape storage pool migration test
- Collect server instrumentation data
- Collect show threads data
Example 1 (cont.)

The "show threads" shows the pair of migration threads:

1390: DfMigrationThread(det), TCB 231, Parent 552, TB 1CD7E18C, N/A 0.
1390:   Read block disk function (VSAM).
1397: SsAuxThread(det), TCB 159, Parent 1390, TB 1CEDA18C, N/A 0.
1397:   WaitCondition WaitBufFull+b8 289C9418 (mutex A89C9328)

The instrumentation shows the performance of the migration thread reading the disk:

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<th>Maxtime</th>
<th>InstTput</th>
<th>Total KB</th>
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<tr>
<td>Disk Read</td>
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Large amount of time in Disk Read indicates the disk is the bottleneck.
Note: Divide the total KB read by the count to get the read IO size: ==> 256 KB.
Example 1 (cont.)

**Problem Resolution:**

- **Customer created new disk storage pool volumes:**
  - Using a newer disk subsystem
  - Using VSAM striped datasets
- **Now, disk-to-tape storage pool migration performance is good**
  - 37-40 MB/sec per drive
Example 2

Problem Description:

- Windows server
- LTO 1 SCSI-attached tape drives
- AIX, Windows, Exchange clients
- Backup to tape is slow for all clients
  - Backup of 30GB took 7 hrs (1.2 MB/sec)
- Disk-to-tape storage pool migration performance is slow

Plan:

- Rerun disk-to-tape storage pool migration test
- Collect server instrumentation data
Example 2 (cont.)

The instrumentation shows the performance of the migration threads:

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Example 2 (cont.)

Problem Resolution:

- Problem is clearly related to the tape subsystem
- Need to investigate the following:
  - Tape attachment path
  - Tape drive device driver level
  - SCSI adapter driver level
  - SCSI adapter settings
- Customer upgraded SCSI adapter device driver
- Now, disk-to-tape storage pool migration performance is good
  - 19 MB/sec per drive
- Client backups to tape are much faster
Example 3

Problem Description:

- AIX server
- Exchange client backup to tape is slow
  - 240 KB/sec
- LTO 1 and 3590 tape drives

Plan:

- Rerun backup test
- Collect server instrumentation data
- Note: This is an API client, so can't take client instrumentation data
Example 3 (cont.)

The instrumentation shows the performance of the backup threads:

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<th>Thread 37 SessionThread parent=32 (AIX TID 47241) 15:55:39--&gt;16:11:04</th>
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Example 3 (cont.)

**Problem Resolution:**

- Problem is clearly related to receiving data from the client
- Could be a network or a client problem
- Customer measured FTP performance on the same route
  - Shows a clear network problem
- Reconfiguring the network improved throughput

```
ftp> put pippo.log
200 PORT command successful.
150 Opening data connection for pippo.log.
226 Transfer complete.
ftp: 797290032 bytes sent in 2029.48Seconds 392.85Kbytes/sec.
ftp>
```
Example 4

**Problem Description:**

- AIX server
- Slow incremental backup of Windows clustered file server (39 hrs)

Session established with server TSM_WIN_DL_1: AIX-RS/6000
Server Version 5, Release 2, Level 3.0

Total number of objects inspected: 3,268,763
Total number of objects backed up: 485,742
... Total number of bytes transferred: 25,44 GB
Network data transfer rate: 5,609,21 KB/sec
Aggregate data transfer rate: 188,34 KB/sec
Elapsed processing time: 39:20:39
Average file size: 54,15 KB

**Plan:**

- Rerun backup test
- Collect client instrumentation data
Example 4 (cont.)

The instrumentation shows the performance of the backup threads:

### Thread: 10856  Elapsed time 141638,718 sec

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Actual (sec)</th>
<th>Average (msec)</th>
<th>Frequency used</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>Data Verb</td>
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<td>EndTxn Verb</td>
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### Thread: 11048  Elapsed time 141618,671 sec

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Large amount of time in EndTxn indicates a problem with the TSM server database. Noted the TSM database, recovery log, and disk storage pool volumes on same LUN.
Example 4 (cont.)

Problem Resolution:

- Reconfigured the TSM server database to use multiple volumes on multiple LUNs
- Next incremental backup took 17 hours (2 times faster)
- Additional network configuration problems were found and fixed
- Customer implemented using journal-based backup
- Incremental backup now takes about 4 hours (10 times faster)