

This presentation describes the WebSphere Business Monitor Version 6.0.2 advanced installation capability, including clustering.



The agenda for the presentation includes overview of installation, which includes the new features, a look at the Monitor components and typical installation scenarios. You will see how to install remote databases, Monitor Server, Monitor Dashboard Server and Monitor Deployment Manager.



This section will give you an overview of the advanced option for installing WebSphere Monitor, Version 6.0.2.



The installation process has improved significantly in this release. The improved Launchpad program makes installing the complete set of supporting software very simple. Launchpad now supports incremental installation. The prerequisite products can be installed manually outside of the Launchpad environment, and then Monitor can be incrementally installed "on top of" these prerequisite products. You can Install in a multiple machine topology or you can install Monitor Server and Dashboard server on the same machine. You can install Monitor into a stand-alone node or into a Deployment Manager node for clustering purposes.



Database Architecture has been simplified. The number of databases has been reduced from five to two. The number of database replications is reduced from two to one. Database tables and columns now have simpler, more meaningful names. The installation for remote databases has been simplified and the Launchpad helps to catalog the remote databases.



Clustering is now supported; you can setup clusters of servers for failover support. If one server goes down, the a backup server in the cluster will take over. A single Monitor model cannot run simultaneously on separate servers, but you can install a Monitor model on many nodes in a cluster for failover reasons. Clustering of Monitoring Models in WebSphere Monitor V6.0.2 is for high availability. It will not provide increased response time or throughput, since there will still only be a single JVM processing Common Base Events for the Monitor model. Scalability is improved in the case of a cell with multiple models but it will not provide any relief if you have a single model that receives a large number of events per minute.

You can install WebSphere Monitor into a stand-alone node and federate that node into a WebSphere Application Server Network Deployment cell. You can federate as many nodes as you like restricted only by the number of licenses that you have purchased. Using the Cell manager, you have a single administration console from which you can administer all of your Monitor nodes.



This is a list of the prerequisite software products packaged with Monitor media.

There are three Monitors components that are installed, the Monitor Server, Dashboard Server and Monitor databases.



For the Monitor advanced installation mode, the databases can be either local or remote. If the remote database option is selected, the Launchpad assumes that the Monitor Databases are already created and asks for the remote repository information so that it can catalog the databases.

When using a cell manager in a Network Deployment environment, all of the Monitor nodes in the cell will share the same Monitor database. In this case, the Monitor database must be on a remote machine.



Monitor can be installed in many different topologies. For instance, the Monitor Server and Dashboard Server can be on a single machine and the Databases can be remote. For a Remote database server, the databases should be created first to make them available for the Monitor Launchpad to catalog them automatically. You can also install into a standalone node or into a deployment manager node.

If you install the Monitor Server and the Dashboard server on the same machine and you choose to pre-install the prerequisites not using the Monitor Launchpad, make sure you install WebSphere Application Server before installing WebSphere Process Server. The reason is that Process Server will detect the existing WebSphere Application Server installation and adjust its port numbers accordingly. However in the reverse situation, WebSphere Application Server will not adjust its port numbers so you will have port conflicts.



This section describes the installation of a remote database server.



Perform these steps on the remote database machine. To install the Monitor database server, make sure you have the correct disk structure as in the screen capture. You should have separate folders for the prerequisites including Cube Views and DB2 ESE. Then you run the Monitor launchpad.bat to start the installation.



When prompted, select Advanced installation type and click Next.

For the components to install, by default all the components are selected for install, but you should ensure that only the Databases option is selected.



On this panel, there are two tabs, one for the MONITOR database and one for the DATAMART database. You will need to select "Install", choose the type of JDBC driver, enter your DB2 user name and password, and select the Local database option.

Note that the DB2 user can be pre-existing or the Launchpad can create one for you.

If your DBA needs to tailor the database installation, then you can select the check box next to "Manual Create". This will generate the DDL scripts and they can be tailored and run to create the databases.

There are two types of JDBC Driver Types that can be chosen from: Type 2 and Type 4.

For Type 2, the native-API, partly Java driver communicates directly with the database server; therefore it requires some binary code on the client machine.

For Type 4, the native-protocol, all Java driver converts JDBC calls into the vendorspecific database management system protocol so that the client applications can communicate directly with the database server. Type 4 drivers are completely implemented in Java to achieve platform independence and eliminate deployment administration issues.



In summary, this presentation has covered some of the new features in WebSphere Business Monitor V6.0.2 Advanced, and showed some remote database installation choices.



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