DBCrane User's Guide (Version 2.0.0)

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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

DBCrane is an ultra high speed data replication for large database tables in heterogeneous environments.

- DBCrane works with any databases and data warehouses that come with JDBC driver, including Oracle, DB2, MSSQL, MySQL, Teradata, Netezza, Sybase, PostgreSQL
- DBCrane supports any operating systems that come with Java version 1.6, including Solaris, HPUX, AIX, Tru64, Windows, Linux, Apple Mac
- DBCrane does direct in-memory streaming into target databases with very high speed and throughput while allowing automatic transformation such as rounding or conversions and at same time completely eliminating the need for intermediate storage. E.g. DBCrane is at least 3 times faster than Oracle export / import when both source and target databases are Oracle.
- DBCrane is capable of performing fast parallel table replication which effectively utilizes multi-processor (multi-core) environments.
- DBCrane stores all configuration information in an XML file, with passwords encrypted, eliminating the need for a repository database.
- DBCrane doesn't create any tables or other database objects in source or target databases.
- DBCrane is the fastest ETL tool for RDBMS.
- DBCrane is easy to set up and use.

1.2. Purpose

This document was created for Database and System Administrators, Data Warehouse Architects, Developers.

2. Installing DBCrane

2.1. System Requirements

• Software

JVM (Java Virtual Machine) version 1.6 or higher JDBC drivers

• Hardware

Memory (RAM) -- 1GB or more. For replication of terabyte-sized tables, 64GB memory is recommended.

2.2. Java 6

DBCrane is a Java application and requires Java runtime to be installed on the computer. The minimal JRE required version is 1.6. The executable java.exe or java need to be included in the PATH environment variable.

```
C:\>java -version
java version "1.6.0_24"
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.6.0_24-b07)
Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 19.1-b02, mixed mode, sharing)
```

2.3. On Windows System Platform

DBCrane is shipped as zip file.

Create a new directory DBCrane and extract all files from the archive into that directory.

2.4. On UNIX / LINUX Platform

DBCrane is shipped as a tar archive file.

Create a new directory DBCrane and extract all files from the archive into that directory.

```
$ mkdir DBCrane
$ cd DBCrane
$ tar xvf DBCrane.tar
```

2.5. JDBC drivers

DBCrane is shipped with JDBC drivers for Oracle and SQL Server. For other JDBC drivers, please contact your database vendor for instructions where to download the appropriate drivers. Make sure that the JDBC drivers support Java 6. Place the JDBC drivers in DBCrane/lib directory.

3. DBCrane Directories and Files structure

DBCrane root directory contains subdirectories, executable and other files that the user needs to be aware of.

• Executable files

dbcraneUI.sh (or dbcraneUI.cmd in Windows environment) – starts DBCrane GUI. dbcrane.sh (or dbcrane.cmd in Windows environment) – starts DBCrane command line interface.

• Other files

DbCrane.jar – the main java library for DBCrane. DbCrane.key - contains DBCrane license key

• Subdirectories

doc – contains DBCrane documents. lib – contains java libraries for DBCrane, including jdbc drivers to connect to databases.

4. Creating or editing DBCrane configuration file

4.1. Start DBCrane GUI

Run dbcraneUI.cmd in a Windows environment or dbcraneUI.sh in a UNIX environment. DBCrane GUI requires Java runtime to be installed on the computer. The minimal JRE required version is 1.6.

Databases	Refresh Gro	ups				
– 🗋 Databa	se Connection	15	Connection Name Username Password JDBC URL JDBC Driver Comment	e.g. jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost: e.g. org.netezza.Driver	1521:orcl	
Add	Remove	Modify	ок	Test Connection	Cancel	
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4.2. Add connections to source and target databases

Click "Add" button to create new database connections.



Please fill all the required fields.

Name	Description	Required
Connection	You can give any name to this database connection	YES
Name		
Username	Database user name	YES
Password	Password for the database user	YES
JDBC URL	The exact syntax of a JDBC connection URL is specified by your DBMS. For instance, the syntax for Oracle is: jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl	YES
JDBC Driver	JDBC drivers prior to 4.0 need to be loaded with Class.forName(). The exact systax is specified by your DBMS. For instance, the syntax for Netezza is: org.netezza.Driver	NO
Comment	Comment field	NO

Click "Test Connection" button to test the connection to this database. Click "OK" button to confirm the changes.

Database Connections Connection Name ORACLE_Test_Database_1 Username scott Password •••••• JDBC URL idbctoracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl JDBC Driver	
e.g. jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:ord JDBC Driver e.g. org.netezza.Driver Comment this Oracle database will be the sour	
replication.	:e for DBCrane
Add Remove Modify OK Test Connection Ca	ncel
issages - Log	

After "OK" button is clicked, the database detail panel will be grayed out. Click "Modify" button if you need to edit the database connection details.

DBCrane - C:\DBCrane\test_oracle_netezza.xr GiaUala	nl	
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Databases Refresh Groups		
P-□ Databases Netezza_Test_DB1 Netezza_Test_DB1	Database Name	Netezza_Test_DB1
Cracle_Test_DB2	Username	dbcrane_user
	Password	•••••
	JDBC URL	jdbc:netezza://netezza.db.com/Test_DB1
	JDBC Driver	e.g. jdbc:oracle:thin:@localhost:1521:orcl org.netezza.Driver
		e.g. org.netezza.Driver
	Comment	This is a Netezza test database
Add Remove Modify	ОК	Test Connection Cancel
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Repeat above steps to add all source and target databases.

4.3. Saving and Loading configuration file

Choose the "Save" or "Save As" option in the "File" menu to save the configuration to an XML file.

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File Help						
New Open	s Refresh Groups					
Save	Ibases	Database Name	Netezza Test DB1			
Save As	Pracle_Test_DB2					
Exit	Netezza_Test_DB1	Username				

Choose the "Open" option in the "File" menu to load a configuration XML file into DBCrane GUI.

4.4. Create Refresh Groups

Switch to "Refresh Groups" Tab and Click "Create" button to create new refresh group.	
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Refresh Groups		
Refresh Groups	Refresh Group Details	
	Refresh Group	
	Source Database	Target Databases
	Netezza_Test_DB1	Netezza_Test_DB1 Occurs Test_DB2
	Batch Size	SQL_Server_DB3
	Tables in parallel	
	Threads per Table	Before inserting into target tables Inserting into target tables
		O Delete Target Tables
		O Do Nothing
	Comment	
Create Add Tables Run		OK Cancel
Remove Modify		
ssages - Log		

Please fill all the required fields and click "OK" button to confirm the changes. After "OK" button is clicked, the "Refresh Group Details" panel will be grayed out. Click "Modify" button if you need to update the details.

Name	Description	Required
Refresh Group Name	You can give any name to this Refresh Group	YES
Source Database	Choose the source database from the dropdown box.	YES
Target Databases	Select the target databases from the List. You can select more than one target databases.	YES
Batch Size	The number of rows processed in one batch transaction. Performance can be improved by increasing this value, but memory consumption would be increased too and eventually JVM (Java Virtual Machine) may run out of	YES

	memory.	
Tables in parallel	Number of tables replicated in parallel.	YES
Threads per table	Number of threads to replicate a single table. Performance can be improved by increasing this number.	YES
Export to file	Check this check box if tables need to be exported to flat files instead of being replicated to target databases. Click the "File Details" button to specify export file details.	NO
What to do on target tables before inserting data?	 There are 3 options: Run a "truncate table" for each table on target databases. Run a "delete table" for each table on target databases. Do nothing. 	YES
Comment	Comment field	NO

Refresh Groups TEST_RG1 TEST_RG1			Refresh Group Detai Refresh Group	Is EST_RG1		
← 📑 TEST_RG2		Source Database	Source Database		Target Databases	
		Oracle_Test_DB2	1	-	Netezza_Test_DB1	
			Batch Size	5000		Oracle_Test_DB2 SQL_Server_DB3
			Tables in parallel	1		
			Threads per Table	2		Before inserting into target tables (iii) Truncato Target Tables
			Export to file	File Det	ails	 Delete Target Tables Do Nothing
			Comment this is	a test		
Create	Add Tables	Run				OK Cancel
Remove	Modify					
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4.5. Extract tables to flat files

If tables need to be extracted to flat files, check the check box "Export to file" and click the "File Details" button. The Target Databases section would be grayed out since replication to target databases is not allowed when the "Export to file" option is chosen.

Refresh Groups TEST_RG1 TEST_RG2			Refresh Group Details Refresh Group TEST_FILE_EXTRA	ACT_RG1
			Source Database	Target Databases
			Oracle_Test_DB2 Batch Size	Netezza_lest_DB1 Oracle_Test_DB2 SQL_Server_DB3
			Tables in parallel 1 Threads per Table 4 Image: Export to file File Details Comment	Before inserting into target tables Truncate Target Tables Delete Target Tables Do Nothing
Create	Add Tables	Run		OK Cancel
Remove	Modify			Caricer
essages - Lo	3			

A new window will open after the "File Details" button is clicked. You can specify output file details in this window.

Output directory	
Output file name	{tableName}(counter).dat
Character set	
Column delimiter	tt
Column enclosed by	
ine terminator	lin
Timestamp format	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.ff6
)ate format	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss
Split output file by rows	

Name	Description	Default
Output directory	All output files will be created in this directory	The directory where
	(folder).	DBCrane is installed
Output file name	Specify names of the output files. {tableName}	{tableName} {counter
	will be replaced by the table name during	}.dat
	extraction. {counter} will be replaced by a	
	sequence number, beginning at 0.	
Character set	Select the character set from the List if you	Character set of the
	don't want to use the default character set.	local machine.
Column delimiter	Specify one or more characters as column	
	delimiter in output files. If special /	,
	nonprintable character is required, refer to	
	Appendix A: Special characters	
Column enclosed by	Specify one or more characters to enclose	Null
	column in output files. If special / nonprintable	
	character is required, refer to <u>Appendix A:</u>	
	<u>Special characters</u>	
Line terminator	Specify one or more characters as end of line in	$\ln (Enter)$
	output files. If special / nonprintable character is	
	required, please refer to Appendix A: Special	
	<u>characters</u>	
Timestamp format	refer to <u>Appendix B: Date/Time format</u> for more	yyyy-MM-dd
	details.	HH:mm:ss.ff6
Date format	refer to Appendix B: Date/Time format for more	yyyy-MM-dd
	details.	HH:mm:ss
Split output file by	Split output file into multiple files instead of a	Null
rows	single file. This setting is in number of rows.	

4.6. Add tables to Refresh Group

The Refresh Group created in previous step has no tables yet. Tables need to be added to the Refresh Group before running the refresh.

Expand the tree node of "Source Database" and its child nodes. Select/highlight the tables that need to be replicated to target databases. You can select more than one table with Shift or Ctrl key.

Tabases Reliesti Groups		
Refresh Groups	Refresh Group Details	
P TEST_RG1	Refresh Group TEST_RG1	
Cacle_Test_DB2	Source Database	Target Databases
	Oracle_Test_DB2	Netezza_Test_DB1
- ACCESS CONTROL		Oracle_Test_DB2
	Batch Size 5000	SQL_Server_DB3
EMPLOYEE	Tables in parallel 1	- L
EMPLOYEE_MESSA		Before inserting into target tables
LAB_TEST	Ihreads per Table 2	Truncate Target Tables
	Connect to file	O Delete Target Tables
		O Do Nothing
SALE_ORDER	Comment this is a test	
	-	
Create Add Tables Run		
		OK Cancel
Remove Modify		
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Click "Add Tables" button to add the tables to the Refresh Group. This opens a new screen. Enter the schema that these tables should be replicated to and click "OK" button to confirm adding these tables to the Refresh Group.

Adding table	es to TEST_RG1		>
Please ent	er the schema	name on target da	tabases:
ABC			
	ОК	Cancel	

Tables added to the Refresh Group can be seen under the "Tables" tree node.



4.7. Modify table replication detail

Select/highlight a table on the tree and click "Modify" button to change how this table is replicated to target databases.

DBCrane - C	:\DBCrane\test_ora	cle_netezza.xml					
ile Help							
Databases	Refresh Groups						
		On Source Databas Table Name I Select SQL	e ABC.EMPLC select TEST	DYEE DATE from ABC cedure	EMPLOYEE		
		On Target Database Table Name	ABC.EMI	PLOYEE om ABC.EMPLOY	EE		
			✓ Insert SQL	Stored	Procedure 10 ABC.EMPLOYE (2) Procedure	E (TEST_DATE)	
Freate	Add Tabler	Pan	Batch Size	Stored	Procedure hreads per table		
Remove	Modify	5.411			ок	Validate	Cancel
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Update any of these fields and click "OK" button to confirm the changes. If the field is empty, its default value will be used in replication.

Name	Description	Default Value	Required
Table Name (On Source Database)	The name of the table on source database	N/A	YES
Select SQL (On Source Database)	The SQL to be used to extract data from source database. Check the "Stored Procedure" check box if this is a Stored Procedure. The Stored Procedure will need to return at least one result set. For Oracle database, the stored procedure will need to return a Ref Cursor.	Select <i><all columns=""></all></i> from <i><source i="" table<=""/> <i>name></i></i>	NO
Table Name (On Target Databases)	The name of the table on target databases.	The source table name	NO
Pre-Insert SQL (On Target Databases)	The SQL to be executed on target databases before replication begins. Most users use this field to delete data on the target table. Check the "Stored Procedure" check box if this is a Stored Procedure.	Delete from < <i>target</i> <i>table name</i> > or truncate table < <i>target table</i> <i>name</i> > depending on the configuration in "Refresh Group Details"	NO
Insert SQL (On Target Databases)	The SQL statement to be executed on target databases to insert rows. Values are represented by "?". Check the "Stored Procedure" check box if this is a Stored Procedure.	Insert into < <i>target</i> <i>table name</i> > (< <i>all</i> <i>columns</i> >) values (?,?)	NO
Post-Insert SQL (On Target Databases)	The SQL statement to be executed on target databases after replication completes successfully. Check the "Stored Procedure" check box if this is a Stored Procedure.	N/A	NO
Batch Size	Refer to <u>4.4. Create Refresh Groups</u> for details of this parameter.	From Refresh Group	NO
Threads per table	Refer to <u>4.4. Create Refresh Groups</u> for details of this parameter.	From Refresh Group	NO

You can click edit button to open the edit window.

Select SQL	select PROCESS_ID, FACILITY_ID,	2
	Stored Procedure	

Click "Validate" button to make sure the changes are valid. If the table does not exist in target databases, the "Validate" process would attempt to create the table.

Create 1	Table	×
?	Cannot find table ABC.EMPLOYEE_MESSAGE_LOG at Netezza_Test_DB1. Do you	want to create this table?
	<u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>	

Click "Yes" and the "Create table" window would pop up. The "create table" SQL statement is editable.



Click "OK" to run the create table SQL in target database.

4.8. Change table replication order

Tables are replicated in the order appeared on the "Tree". You can change the order by drag-and-drop.



5. Run replication

5.1. Run replication in GUI

Select a refresh group on the tree and click "Run" button to run it.

	Bofroch Group Dotail	c				
C T TEST RG1	Potroch Group, TEST PG1					
TEST_FILE_EXTRACT_RG1	Renear Group					
C TEST_RG2	Source Database		Target Databases			
	Oracle_Test_DB2	-	Netezza_Test_DB1			
	D 1 1 C	5000	Oracle_Test_DB2			
	Batch Size	5000	SQL_Server_DB3			
	Tables in parallel	1				
	Threads per Table	2	Before inserting into target tables			
		12.	 Truncate Target Tables 			
	Export to file	File Details	O Delete Target Tables			
			O Do Nothing			
	6					
	Comment this is	a test				
			-			
Create Add Tables Run			OK Cancel			
Remove Modify						
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5.2. Run DBCrane in Command Line

Bronzeage recommends using DBCrane command line for large tables. DBCrane command line can be called by any scheduler tools, including cron, Windows Tasks, Control-M and autosys.

- On Windows platform, run *dbcrane.cmd* with parameters.
- On Unix and Linux operating systems, run *dbcrane.sh* with parameters.

batchsize

stoponerror

• On other systems, run *java -Xms32M –Xmx512M -jar DbCrane.jar* with parameters.

Run DBCrane in command line with -h option for usage details.

```
C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd -h
DBCrane
Version 2.0.0
Copyright (c) 2010 - 2012, BronzeAge L.L.C.
For more information, please visit www.bronzeage.us.
This trial license will expire on Mar-27-2012
Usage:
[-h]--help] --config <configXML> [--parallel <parallel>] [--batchsize <batchSize
>] [--stoponerror <stopOnError>] [--log <logFile>] [--commit <commit>] [--debug
<debugMode>] refreshGroup1 refreshGroup2 ... refreshGroupN
  [-h|--help]
       Prints this help message.
  --config <configXML>
       Configuration File in XML format.
  [--parallel <parallel>]
        The number of parallel threads. (default: 0)
  [--batchsize <batchSize>]
        The number of rows processed in one batch transaction. (default: 0)
  [--stoponerror <stopOnError>]
        Stop execution after an error occurs. If set to false, continue
        replication of the next table. (default: false)
  [--log <logFile>]
        Log file name.
  [--commit <commit>]
       Commit after each batch insert. If set to false, commit is performed
        after loading each table. (default: true)
  [--debug <debugMode>]
        Debugging mode. (default: false)
  refreshGroup1 refreshGroup2 ... refreshGroupN
        One or more refresh groups.
```

Parameter	Description	Default Value
config	The configuration file in XML format that is created by DBCrane GUI.	N/A
parallel	DBCrane can replicate multiple tables in parallel. The number of threads used is controlled by this parameter.	1

Overwrite the batch size in Refresh Group. When

When set to true, DBCrane exits whenever an error

this parameter is unset or set to 0, the batch size

from Refresh Group will be used.

occurs.

Required

YES

NO

NO

NO

0

false

log	log file of screen output.	N/A	NO
commit	Specify whether DBCrane should perform a commit after each batch insert on target databases. If set to false, commit is performed after loading entire table on target database. For most database systems, setting this parameter to false would greatly improve performance.	true	NO
debug	Turn on debugging mode	false	NO
RefreshGroup1 , RefreshGroup2	One of more Refresh Groups in the configuration XML file. They will be run in the order listed here.	N/A	YES

EXAMPLES

1. Run refresh group TEST RG1 created in previous step.

C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml TEST_RG1

2. Run refresh group TEST_RG1 in debugging mode.

C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml --debug true TEST_RG1

3. Run refresh group TEST_RG1 and TEST_RG2.

C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml TEST_RG1,TEST_RG2

6. Troubleshooting

Issue: Following error received while starting DBCrane:

'java' is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file.

Solution: *DBCrane* is a Java application and requires the Java runtime to be installed on the computer. If Java is installed, then most likely the executable java.exe or java is not included in the PATH environment variable. *DBCrane* is supported with Java starting from JRE 1.6 and up.

Issue: System cannot have X-Windows installed, which doesn't allow running dbcraneUI.sh to edit the configuration XML file.

Solution:

- 1. Start dbcraneUI.sh or dbcraneUI.cmd (on windows) on another box, create or edit the configuration XML file.
- 2. Copy or ftp the created XML file to the desired machine where DBCrane (command line) will be executed.
- 3. Start dbcrane.sh on the machine with the just copied XML file.

Issue: While starting DBCrane, the following error message is received: Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ClassFormatError: us.bronzeage.dbcrane.Main (unrecognized class file version).

Solution: Most likely java is in version prior to 1.6. Run "*java -version*" to check Java version. *DBCrane* is supported with Java starting from JRE 1.6 and up.

Issue: System does not have enough memory (RAM) to run DBCrane. The following error is received:

Invalid maximum heap size: -Xmx512M The specified size exceeds the maximum representable size. Could not create the Java virtual machine.

Solution: You can either add more memory to the machine or reduce the memory usage by DBCrane. Refer to <u>8.4. Configure JVM memory size</u> for how to adjust memory usage by DBCrane.

Issue: JVM (Java Virtual Machine) runs out of memory, the following error message is received: java.util.concurrent.ExecutionException: java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: Java heap space Caused by: java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: Java heap space

Solution: Increase JVM memory heap size. Refer to <u>8.4. *Configure JVM memory size*</u> for the details.

7. Examples of calling stored procedures

7.1. Extract data from stored procedure (Oracle)

Unlike other database systems, Oracle's stored procedure cannot return result set. This example assumes the following:

- Source database is Oracle.
- You want to extract data from stored procedure instead of table.
- The stored procedure returns a Ref Cursor.

1. Create the stored procedure in the source Oracle database.

```
CREATE OR REPLACE PROCEDURE test_refcursor (p_recordset OUT SYS_REFCURSOR) AS
BEGIN
OPEN p_recordset FOR
SELECT *
FROM ABC.EMPLOYEE_MESSAGE_LOG;
END test_refcursor;
```

2. Modify table replication details: Check the "Select SQL" checkbox; change the Select SQL statement to *call test refcursor(?)*; check the "Stored procedure" check box.

DBCrane - C:\	\DBCrane\test_ora	cle_netezza.xml					
ile Help							
Databases	Refresh Groups						
Refresh	Groups F RG1		On Source Database			100	1
 ➡ ➡ Source Database ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡ Target Databases ➡ ➡ ➡ Tables 		Select SQL	Call test_refc	ursor(?)		*	
- C ABC.EMPLOYEE			On Target Databases				
	FILE_EXTRACT_F	RG1	Table Name	EMP_ME	SSAGE_LOG		
			Pre-Insert SQL		18		* •
			🔲 Insert SQL	Stored F	Procedure		*
			Post-Insert SQL	Stored F	Procedure		*
				Stored F	Procedure		
Create	Add Tables	Run	Batch Size	Th	reads per table		
Remove	Modify				ок	Validate	Cancel
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3. Click "Validate" button to make sure the changes are valid and then click "OK" button to confirm the changes.

7.2. Extract data from stored procedure (SQL Server)

This example assumes the following:

- Source database is SQL Server.
- You want to extract data from stored procedure instead of table.
- The stored procedure returns a result set.

```
1. Create the stored procedure in the source SQL Server database.
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.testsp
AS
BEGIN
SELECT *
FROM dbo.USER_FACILITY
END
```

- 2. Modify table replication details:
- Check the "Select SQL" checkbox
- Change the Select SQL statement to {call dbo.testsp}
- Check the "Stored procedure" check box.

atabases	Refresh Groups						
			On Source Database Table Name	CustomReports.db	0.USER_F		
			Select SQL	{call dbo.testsp}	>		•
				Stored Procedure			
			On Target Databases	abeliger FAC			
			Pre-Insert SQL	abc.oser_rac			
				Stored Procedur	e.		
			Insert SQL				<u>*</u>
			Post-Insert SQL	Stored Procedur	9		÷
				Stored Procedur	9		
Create	Add Tables	Run	Batch Size	Threads	per table		
Remove	Modify				ок	Validate	Cancel
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8. Performance Tuning

This section describes detailed ways to optimize DBCrane replication performance.

8.1. Setting "commit" parameter to false

By default, commit is performed after each batch insert and may be performed many times for a large table. E.g. if batch size is set to 1,000 and a table has 20 million rows to be replicated, commit would be performed 20,000 (20,000,000 / 1,000) times. For most database systems, commit is a time consuming task and lots of commits would degrade performance significantly. If "commit" parameter is set to false, DBCrane commits only after loading entire table and could improve replication performance by 50% for large tables.

For instance, to set "commit" parameter to false: C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml --commmit false TEST_RG1

Note: you cannot set "commit" parameter to false in DBCrane GUI.

8.2. Replicate multiple tables in parallel

DBCrane can replicate multiple tables in parallel. Refer to <u>4.4. Create Refresh Groups</u> for details of parameter "Tables in parallel".

You can also change this parameter in command line. For instance, to replicate 4 tables in parallel:

C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml --parallel 4 TEST_RG1

8.3. Increasing batch size

Batch size determines the number of rows replicated in one batch transaction. Increasing batch size would reduce network round trips and other overheads greatly. By increasing batch size from 500 to 100,000, performance would be improved by 5 to 10 times.

For instance, to set batch size to 100,000: C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test oracle netezza.xml --batchsize 100000 TEST RG1

8.4. Increasing number of threads

By default, a table is replicated in 2 threads. Increasing the number of threads would greatly improve performance for most database systems. But it would also increase the load on source database, target databases and the machine running DBCrane. System and database administrators will need to make sure these systems are not overloaded. When replication is run in multi threads, extraction would spread the load by rowid or partitions when applicable.

8.5. Configure JVM memory size

Increasing batch size or number of parallel threads would increase memory usage. The amount of memory available to DBCrane is limited by JVM (Java Virtual Machine) heap size. DBCrane would throw the following Java error when running out of JVM heap space.

java.lang.OutOfMemoryError: Java heap space

To increase JVM heap size, edit "dbcrane.cmd" in Windows or "dbcrane.sh" in Unix and save the changes:

• "dbcrane.cmd" in Windows



```
• "dbcrane.sh" in Unix
```

```
java -Xms32M -Xmx1024M -server -XX:+UseParallelOldGC -cp
"$INSTALL_DIR/DbCrane.jar:$INSTALL_DIR/lib/*" us.bronzeage.dbcrane.Main "$@"
```

You can change size of JVM heap space by using Java command line options -Xms and -Xmx. Xms denotes minimum Heap size while Xmx denotes maximum Heap size.

For instance, to change DBCrane memory size to 128M (minimum) and 10G (maximum), modify the line beginning with "java.exe" in "dbcrane.cmd" to the following and save the changes:

```
java.exe -Xms128M -Xmx10240M -server -XX:+UseParallelOldGC -cp
"%~dp0\DbCrane.jar;%~dp0\lib\*" us.bronzeage.dbcrane.Main %*
```

Make sure the machine has sufficient memory (RAM) before increasing JVM heap size. You might see the following error while starting DBCrane if the machine is running out of memory. To address this issue, you can reduce JVM heap size or add more memory to the machine. *Invalid maximum heap size: -Xmx512M*

```
The specified size exceeds the maximum representable size.
Could not create the Java virtual machine.
```

8.6. Debugging mode

When running DBCrane in debugging mode, you can see memory usage on screen or in log file (when --log option is used).

```
C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd --config test_oracle_netezza.xml --debug true TEST_RG1
...
###### JVM Heap utilization statistics [MB] #####
Used Memory: 667 (67%)
Free Memory: 314
```

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Total Memory: 982 Max Memory: 982

9. Appendix

Appendix A: Special characters

DBCrane supports the following special characters:

\t	tab
\b	backspace
\n	newline
\r	carriage return
\f	formfeed
\uFFFF	FFFF is the Unicode value in hex, e.g. \u039A is the uppercase Greek omega character

Examples

In the following example, line terminator is \ln r, column delimiter is the pound sign (u00A3), column is enclosed by " (double quotes).

Output directory	
Output file name	{tableName}(counter).dat
Character set	-
Column delimiter	\u00A3
Column enclosed by	
Line terminator	նուր
Timestamp format	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss.ff6
Date format	yyyy-MM-dd HH:mm:ss
Split output file by rows	

Appendix B: Date/Time format

The following pattern letters are defined

Letter	Date or Time Component	Presentation	Examples
G	Era designator	Text	AD
У	Year	Year	1996; 96
М	Month in year	Month	July; Jul; 07
W	Week in year	Number	27
W	Week in month	Number	2
D	Day in year	Number	189
d	Day in month	Number	10
F	Day of week in month	Number	2
Ε	Day in week	Text	Tuesday; Tue
a	Am/pm marker	Text	PM
Н	Hour in day (0-23)	Number	0
k	Hour in day (1-24)	Number	24
K	Hour in am/pm (0-11)	Number	0
h	Hour in am/pm (1-12)	Number	12
m	Minute in hour	Number	30
S	Second in minute	Number	55
S	Millisecond	Number	978
Z	Time zone	General time zone	Pacific Standard Time; PST; GMT-08:00
Z	Time zone	RFC 822 time zone	-0800

Pattern letters are usually repeated, as their number determines the exact presentation. FF6 is reserved for nanosecond.

Examples

The following examples show how date and time patterns are interpreted in the U.S. locale. The given date and time are 2001-07-04 12:08:56 local time in the U.S. Pacific Time zone.

```
Date and Time Pattern
                              Result
"yyyy.MM.dd G 'at' HH:mm:ss z"2001.07.04 AD at 12:08:56 PDT
"EEE, MMM d, ''yy"
                              Wed, Jul 4, '01
"h:mm a"
                              12:08 PM
"hh 'o''clock' a, zzzz"
                              12 o'clock PM, Pacific Daylight Time
"K:mm a, z"
                              0:08 PM, PDT
"yyyyy.MMMMMM.dd GGG hh:mm aaa" 02001.July.04 AD 12:08 PM
"EEE, d MMM yyyy HH:mm:ss Z" Wed, 4 Jul 2001 12:08:56 -0700
"yyMMddHHmmssZ"
                              010704120856-0700
"yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.SSSZ" 2001-07-04T12:08:56.235-0700
"yyyy-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ss.FF6Z" 2001-07-04T12:08:56.235774-0700
```

Appendix C: Software License Key

DBCrane comes with a trial license key valid for 3 months. Please contact Bronzeage L.L.C. to obtain a permanent license key. License key file DbCrane.key is located in DBCrane install directory.

Appendix D: Viewing the version

Click Help -> About in the menu to open the About DBCrane window. Software version and other information are displayed here.

About D	BCrane	×
i	DBCrane Version 2.0.0 Copyright (c) 2010 - 2012, BronzeAge L.L.C. For more information, please visit www.bronzeage.us. This trial license will expire on Mar-27-2012	
	ОК	

You can also run DBCrane in command line with -h option for version information.

```
C:\DBCrane>dbcrane.cmd -h
DBCrane
Version 2.0.0
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For more information, please visit www.bronzeage.us.
This trial license will expire on Mar-27-2012
```