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Improving Windchill Performance

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- What is Performance?
- Steps to optimize for Performance
- Baseline Optimization
- What should I monitor?
- What can I do when there is a problem?
- Important Documents and Tools

What is Performance?

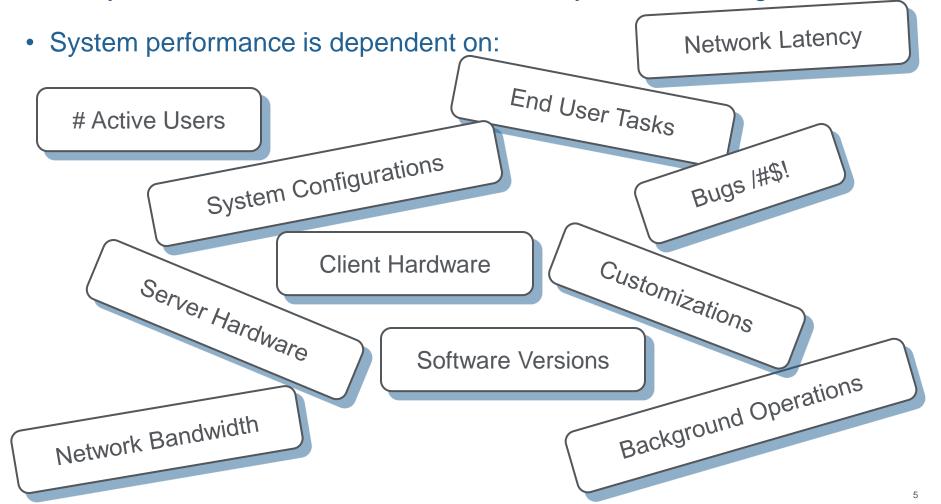


- **Performance** the degree to which a software system or component meets its objectives for *responsiveness* and *scalability*.
 - Responsiveness the ability of a system to meet its objectives for response time or throughput.
 - Scalability the ability of a system to meet its response time or throughput objectives as the demand for the software functions increases.

What is Performance?



 Performance is measured by one user but is determined by the load on the system in the environment in which the system is running





•The different dimensions of performance:

Single user performance

Multi-user performance



- Scalability Ensures that application scales. E.g. uses resources correctly
- LAN/WAN



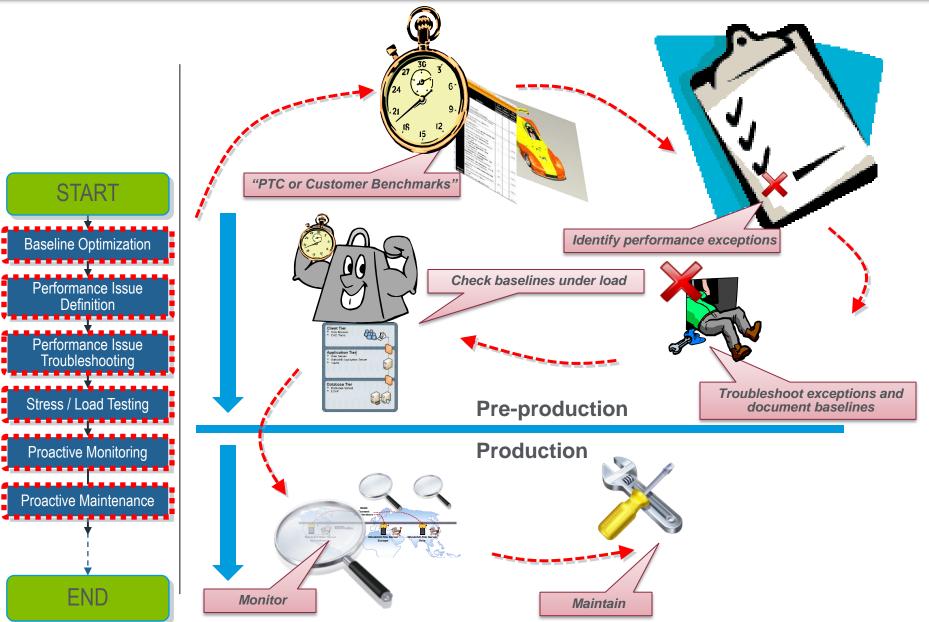
- Time of day variations in loading
- Productivity = Performance + Usability
 - Good training can only help!

PTC - Administrative Process Landscape





Steps to optimize for Performance



Baseline Optimization – Installation & Configuration



Server

- Windchill Configuration Assistant
- Windchill Configuration Settings Which Aid in Scaling to Production
- Fine tune WCA settings using your data and procedures (For Ex: Very Large Assemblies)

DB

- Tuning Oracle and Interpreting the Oracle Gather Info Script Output
- Optimize instance and parameters and memory usage (<u>SGA</u> in Oracle and <u>Maximum Server Memory</u> in SQL Server)
- Apply indexes recommended in Article <u>CS98135</u>
- Configure for best disk I/O

Client

- Windchill Client Inspector
- Windchill 10x Client Requirements Technical Brief Document being updated
- Windchill Web Browser Comparison Technical Brief Document being updated

Other documents

- Windchill Deployment Planning Checklist
- Windchill Vaulting and Replication Planning Technical Brief
- Optimizing Windchill Performance for Global Collaboration Technical Brief
- Windchill Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines

Refer to section titled – "Important Documents and Tools" in this presentation for more information

Baseline Optimization - Benchmarking



Single User Benchmarks

- Manual Method
 - Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test Instructions
 - Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test Data Sheet
 - Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test Preliminary Dataset (82 KB)
 - Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test World Car Dataset (295 MB)
- Automated Method
 - Windchill Single User Performance Tester for Creo Data Management Operations (SPT) Instructions
 - Windchill Single User Performance Tester for Creo Data Management Operations (SPT) Media

Stress / Load Test Validation. i.e. Multi User Benchmarks

- Windchill Multiuser Load Generator for CAD and Non-CAD Operations (WMLG)
- It is important that you perform load tests for extreme data and use cases. For ex:
 - CheckIn/Out of very large assemblies
 - Very large searches
 - Very large reports

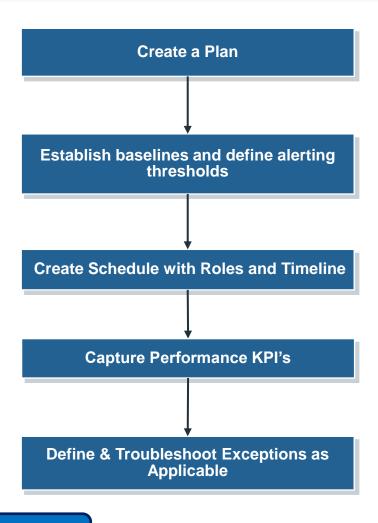
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What should I monitor?

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For More Information please refer to

Best Practice Activities for Windchill System Monitoring and Maintenance

Create a Plan for Monitoring the System



Define criteria to meet and the tools to measure them

- Measurement & Analysis Plans or similar plans:
 - Define a means to track Business Intelligence (BI) characteristics
 - Include Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) supporting BI needs
 - Describe the owners, methods and tools used to collect KPI data
 - Prescribe the frequency and format of KPI reporting
 - Outline the strategy and specific improvement goals and thresholds
 - Define SLAs, thresholds and related alerts to automate proactive monitoring
- KPI's relating to "System Performance" are subset of all KPI's
 - <u>User Experience</u> measured system responsiveness to users
 - Business Productivity measured system throughput of business objects
 - System Health measured resource utilization and overall availability

Create Schedule with Roles and Timeline



- Monitor KPIs in live system(s)
 - Where: sites with important data and/or large user population
 - When: regular frequency and during peak usage times
 - How: tools embedded in Windchill tiers
- Configure & maintain automated alerts and test scripts
- Benchmark KPIs in regular testing

Example Performance KPIs & Means To Measure Them



KPI Categories	Examples	Tools
User Experience	 Login Commonly Used Pages Basic Search Object Creation Advanced Search Checkin/Checkout Upload/Download 	 Manual Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test Customer specific scenarios & data (typical & mission critical) Automated Windchill Single User Performance Tester for Creo Data Management Operations (SPT) Multi-User Load Generator PTC System Monitor – transactional response times from live production system
Business Productivity	 Change Requests Processed Drawings/Documents Released Reports Generated Viewables Published Workflow Tasks Performed 	 Windchill Business Reports – Cognos, OOTB and 3rd party reports Windchill auditing Process Monitor Workflow Health report

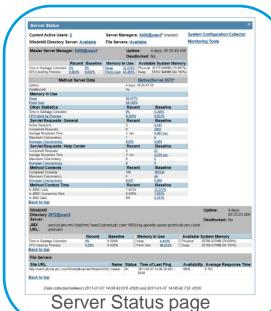
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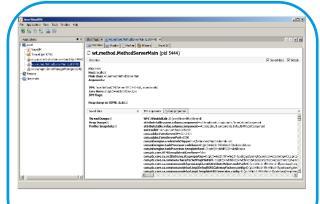


KPI Categories	Examples	Tools
System Health	 Availability and outages (planned/unplanned) Requests in application layer (methodcontexts/servlet requests) Elapsed time in application layer (methodcontexts/servlet requests) Java garbage collection (frequency and duration) CPU and memory (avg. / max) in O/S, Database and Java Network latency, Utilization (congestion) and Packet Loss Many other measurements for Application, O/S, and Database 	 PTC System Monitor — monitor O/S and Windchill transactions together JMX — email alerts, Jconsole and VisualVM for application tier Server Status utility — OOTB embedded monitoring tools Database monitoring — Oracle OEM or SQL Server Management Studio Various 3rd Party and O/S tools are also available

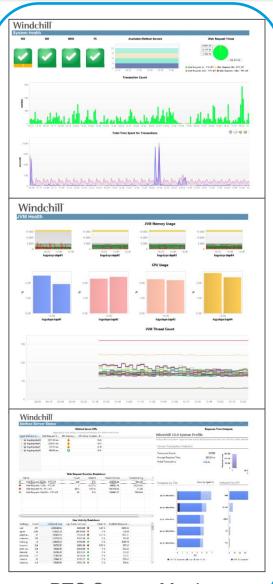
Example Monitoring Tools

In addition to OS tools



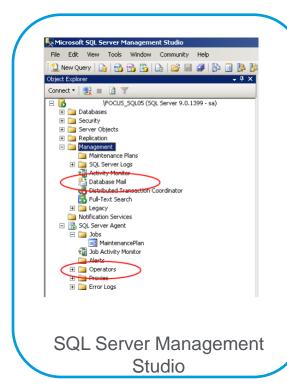


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PTC System Monitor





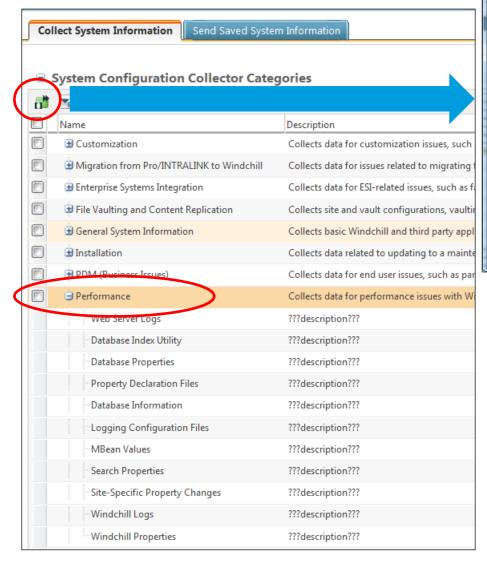


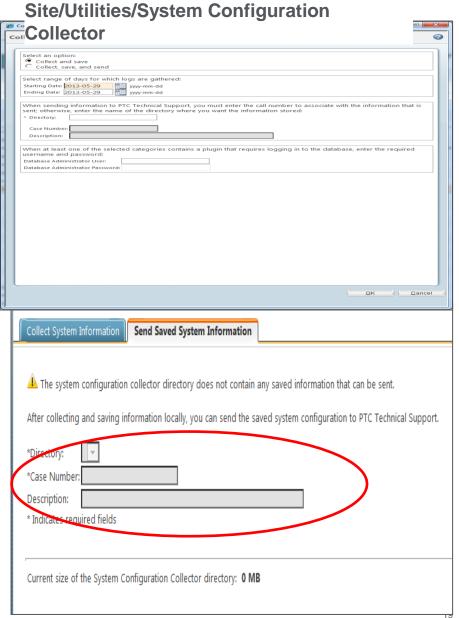
What can I do when there is a problem?

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Open a case with PTC Technical Support







Article <u>CS75095</u> explains how to troubleshoot performance problems and collect necessary data

Refer to this article when:

- Windchill system performance troubleshooting or debugging
- Windchill system gets unresponsive or very slow to respond to requests
- Windchill Server may have phenomena of OutOfMemoryError, hang up, no response or slow performance
- Windchill does not respond to any requests or shows very slow performance
- Operations in client are very slow or no response
- Site > Utilities > Server Status page show abnormal

Article contains useful links to other Articles such as:

- Why do Method Servers Crash
- Understanding Method Server Health From the Log files
- Tuning Oracle and Interpreting the Oracle Gather Info Script Output
- Optimizing system further via Windchill Configuration Assistant
- Capturing thread dumps (CS107636)
- Using the <u>Windchill profiler</u>

Summary



In Summary

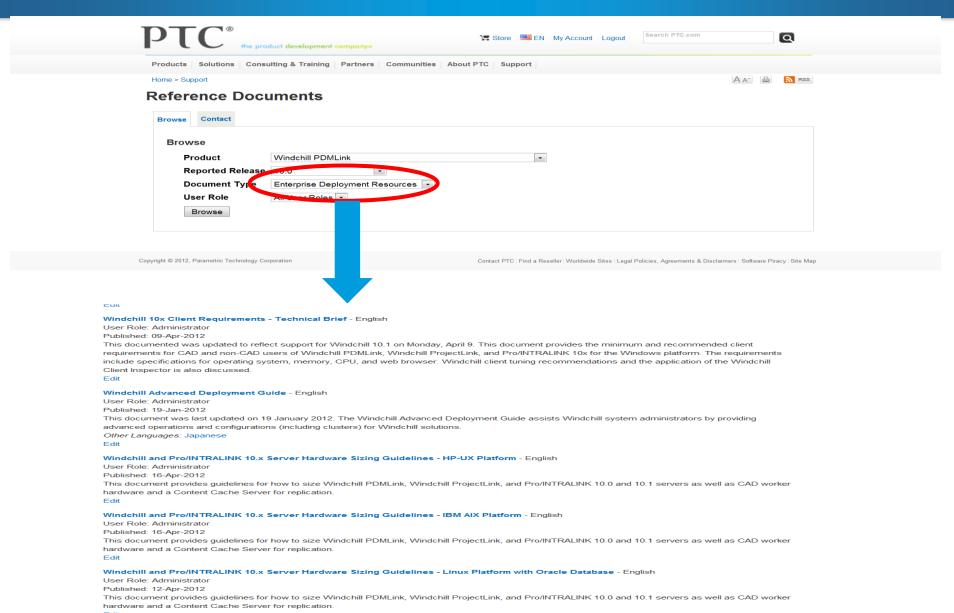
- Perform Baseline Optimization of your Windchill System
- Execute and capture Benchmarks for critical operations
- Periodically re-execute benchmarks to compare performance against baseline (frequency can be daily, weekly, bi-weekly and <u>after every system update</u>)
- Include Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) supporting BI needs
- Monitor KPIs using available tools
 - Server Status utility
 - PTC System Monitor
 - Oracle OEM or SQL Server Management Studio
- When Performance issues arise
 - Open a case with PTC Technical Support
 - Use the System Configuration Collector to collect and upload relevant information to the case
- Quick access to comprehensive collection of Windchill Product Documentation and Enterprise Deployment Resources
 - www.ptc.com/go/install-windchill
 - www.ptc.com/go/windchillcad
 - PTC Technical Support Knowledge Base https://www.ptc.com/appserver/cs/portal/



Important Documents and Tools

EDC Documents and Tools





Windchill Resource Pages on www.ptc.com

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www.ptc.com/go/deploycreoviev









Examples of EDC Documents and Tools



Documents

- Windchill Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
- Windchill 10x Client Requirements Technical Brief
- Windchill Web Browser Comparison Technical Brief

Tools

- Windchill Configuration Assistant (WCA)
- Windchill Client Inspector (WCI)
- Windchill Single User Performance Tester for Creo Elements/Pro Data Management Operations (SPT)
- Windchill Multiuser Load Generator for CAD and Non-CAD Operations (WMLG)

Benchmarks

Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test

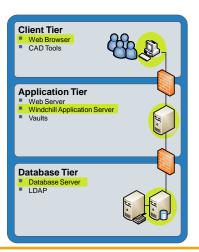
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Windchill Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines

- The objective of Windchill hardware sizing is to determine the CPU & RAM Requirements for:
 - Windchill Application Server
 - Database Server
- PTC Windchill Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 - Help determine server requirements for a general Windchill PDMLink, Windchill ProjectLink, or Pro/INTRALINK 10.X installation for up to 2500 weighted active CAD and non-CAD users
 - Are available for each of the supported Windchill platforms and databases

For More Information please refer to

- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 HP-UX Platform
- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 IBM AIX Platform
- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 Linux Platform with Oracle Database
- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 Microsoft Windows Platform with Oracle Database
- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 Microsoft Windows Platform with SQL Server Database
- Windchill and Pro/INTRALINK 10.x Server Hardware Sizing Guidelines
 Sun Solaris Platform



PTC determines recommendations for customers given a nominal depiction of their usage of the system compared to automated benchmark scenarios that PTC executes. Every customer workload may be considerably different from each other, and the guides will not take every usage characteristic into consideration. Therefore, the guides provide practical minimum hardware sizing recommendations

Windchill 10.X Client Requirements

Optimizing Windchill 10.X Client Performance



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- System response time is a crucial factor influencing the productivity of Windchill users and the adoption of the system
- Windchill client performance and scalability significantly influenced by
 - Client hardware
 - System configuration
- System response time of Windchill's user interface depends on
 - The operating system
 - Available memory (RAM)
 - CPU cores and speed
 - The type of web browser

For More Information please refer to

- Windchill 10x Client Requirements Technical Brief
- Windchill 10.1 Software Matrices
- Windchill Future Platform Support Summary

	Non-CAD User System Requirements						
		Minimum	Recommended				
	Operating System	Windows XP – 32 bit	Windows 7- 64 bit				
	RAM	2 GB	4 GB				
	CPU	2 GHz	2.5 GHz or higher				
	Web Browser	Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0	Mozilla Firefox 3.6.x Microsoft Internet Explorer 8.0 (or 9.0)				
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Optimizing Windchill 10.X Client Performance

- Limitations of 32-bit Windows platforms
 - Your current 32-bit hardware may not be sufficient for large assembly operations
 - If currently using /3Gb switch on 32-bit hardware to support large assembly operations customers should upgrade to 64-bit hardware for these operations
 - PTC will no longer support out of memory conditions on 32-bit hardware when the /3Gb switch is on
- Upgrading to 64-bit OS will increase the Virtual Memory available to Creo from 2.7 or 3.0 GB with XP 32 to 16 TB
- NOTE: Use Internet Explorer 9.0 32-bit on Windows 7-64 bit
 - IE 9 32-bit runs javascript up to 4 times faster than IE 9 64-bit
 - IE 9 64-bit uses an older, much slower JavaScript JIT engine
 - IE 9 32-bit uses the far more efficient Chakra JIT
 - IE 9.0 Support Planned for Creo 1.0 M010, Creo Elements/Pro 5.0 M110, Pro/ENGINEER Wildfire 4.0 M210, Windchill 10.0 M020 & Windchill 9.1 M070

For More Information please refer to

- Creo Platform Support (Hardware Notes)
- Windchill 10.1 Software Matrices
- Windchill Future Platform Support Summary

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Choosing the Best Web Browser for Your Windchill Users

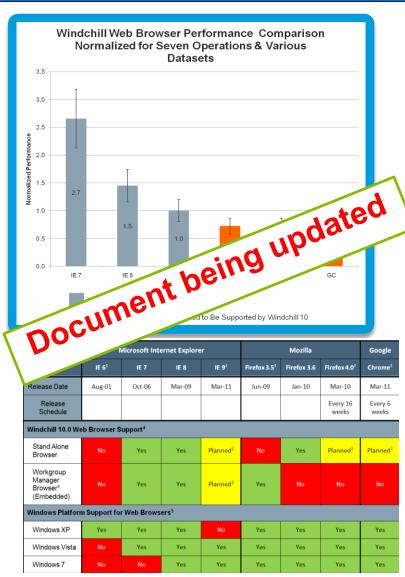
Optimizing Windchill 10.X Client Performance



- Which browser is best for your company?
 - Provides comparative performance data for the supported web browsers for Windchill
 - Windchill 10.X Web Browser Support
 - Windchill 10.X will be supporting versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer, Firefox and Google Chrome
 - Windows Platform Support for Web Browsers
 - Not all of the supported browsers may be available on the client operating systems of your Windchill users
 - Note: Microsoft IE 9.0 Support Planned for Creo 1.0 M010, Creo Elements/Pro 5.0 M110, Pro/ENGINEER Wildfire 4.0 M210, Windchill 10.0 M020 & Windchill 9.1 M070

For More Information please refer to

Windchill Web Browser Comparison - Technical Brief



Windchill Configuration Assistant (WCA)



Execute Solution Deployment Installation, Configuration, and Tuning

Challenge

 Optimally configuring Windchill for performance and scalability can be difficult given the amount of required knowledge of different technologies and property options

Description

 Examines system resource information for the server on which Windchill runs and calculates recommended values for Windchill properties to take maximum advantage of available memory and CPU resources.

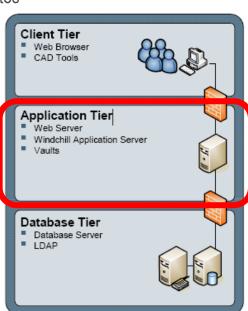
- Percentage of memory to allocate to the method server heap and server manager heap
- · Number of foreground & background method servers
- Heap sizes
- Additionally, the WCA can recommend configuration changes for the Tomcat servlet engine
- Running Options
 - Initial Windchill Configuration Assistant Run
 - Manual Windchill Configuration Assistant Runs

Benefit

- Improves Windchill Performance and Scalability
- Dramatically simplifies Windchill System Configuration and Performance Tuning

For More Information please refer to

Windchill Administration - Configuring Your Windchill Environment



Windchill Client Inspector (WCI)

Execute Solution Deployment Installation, Configuration, and Tuning

Description

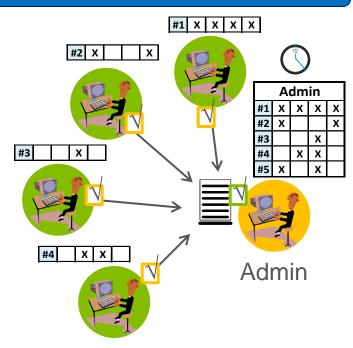
 The Client Inspector is a tool that can be run on clients (local or remote) to determine client readiness for working with Creo and Windchill PDMLink

Highlights

- Run remotely by administrators on local and remote client machines
- Compares a client's current settings with the settings prescribed by PTC
- Records the results of the scan
- Copies results from individual client machines to the administrator's central machine (from which it was deployed)
- Merges all individual results into master excel file

For More Information please refer to

 Windchill Client Inspector Deployment and Administration Guide Windchill Client Inspector (WCI) Software available from www.ptc.com Order or Download Software Updates page under Windchill 10.1,10.0 and 9.1



Property	Value	Location	Release or Environment	Note
dm_network_threads	6	config.pro	WAN	This controls the number of network threads (concurrent n server. Increasing the value from the default of 3 can decr times but can also contribute to network saturation. See TPI 141292 for additional information.
dm_http_compression_level	3	config.pro	WAN	The server must be unregistered, Pro/ENGINEER restarte reregistered for setting to take effect. See TAN 136108 for issues with this property in certain but See TPI 141292 for additional information.
dm_cache_size	0	config.pro	Wildfire 2.0 and Wildfire 3.0 M050 and earlier	Sat value to 0 (disable cache limit) if not set to 1 periodically monitor how close you are to it specified by dm, cache size (vis #Tools > #Server Registicache limit, background Widding noceases will remote that cache limit, background Widding noceases will embed that cache limit background Widding noceases will embed that cache with the cache at the set limit. This setting can contribute to prother in the background cleanup jobs but also during representation but deleted from cache will need to be downly a set to the contribution of the c
dm_cache_limit	0	config.pro	Wildfire 3.0 M060+	Replaces dm_cache_size. See TAN 133958.
dm_network_request_size	1000000	config.pro	All	See TPI 141292 for additional information.

Windchill Single User Performance Tester for Creo Data Management Operations (SPT)



Automates single user performance tests of basic Windchill Creo data management operations - Based on the Pro/ENGINEER JLink toolkit

Usage

- Build the test case that is executed
- Specify any working dataset so that the performance test executions are relevant to the work being done by your user community
- Run the tester as an asynchronous session that connects to a Windchill PDMLink server and executes a Windchill interaction-based test case

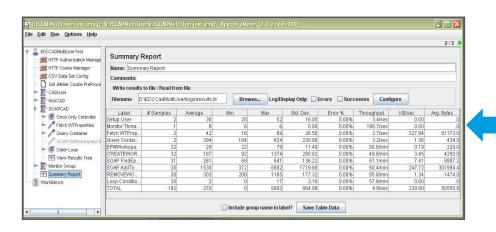
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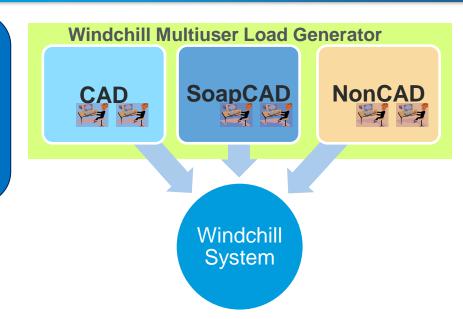
- Use to create a system performance baseline
- Use results to determine if go live performance criteria are met
- Use to baseline and compare the performance of one or more Windchill systems
 - Test and production systems
- A production system before and after a release upgrade
- A production system over time
- LAN and WAN users of a production system

Operations
Register
Create Workspace
Import
Upload
Check In
Check Out
Download
Remove
Undo Check Out
Export
Delete Workspace
Unregister

A tool that can simulate Multi-User concurrent load on the entire technology stack (including the network, application server and database server)

- Uses JMeter
- Not directly available to customers
- Available through PTC Global Services





Summary report with response time measurements

Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test

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Contents

- PTC modeled Creo dataset
- Test cases encompassing most frequently used
 Creo Data Management operations
- Performance Benchmark Data Sheet
- Reference Performance Results

Benefits

- Provides the information to conduct a performance benchmark test for Creo Data Management operations with the Windchill family of products (PDMLink, ProjectLink and Pro/INTRALINK)
- Provides a means to assess the performance of a Windchill deployment

For More Information please refer to

- Windchill Creo Data Management Performance Benchmark Test Instructions
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	Click registered workspace from folder navigation pane Log on as the first test user (user #1) on authentication dialog			
	Click Add to WS icon Search for World Car Asm (ptc-edc-worldcar.asm) Measure time to complete search	1		0:00:02
	Select World Car Assembly and click OK . Measure time to display Add to WS page	1		0:00:03
	- On Add to WS page, click new and assign new workspace name - Check Activate WS box and click OK - On Basic tab, set Dependents > None - Go to Advanced tab - Measure time to go to Advanced tab	1		0:00:02
	 On Advanced tab, click Configuration > Add Dependency > Select Required Measure time to collect required dependents 	877		0:00:13
	- Configuration > Add Dependency > Select All - Measure time to collect all dependents	885		0:00:09
	Select All and click collect related Family table objects icon Measure time to collect related family table objects	2374		0:00:23
	- Select All items and click Link icon - Click OK - Measure time to finish add to ws process	2374		0:01:15

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