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Overview

This guide provides Jconsole, JavaMelody, and Jboss configuration information for monitoring the CSA 4.6 server with Jboss 8.2.0.Final for application-server administrators.

Tool	Monitored Processes	Prerequisites
Jconsole (Jconsole provides the monitoring and management user interface for Jboss, and can be installed locally or remotely.)	Heap and memory pools, threads, HTTP sessions (CSA and IdM), datasources	Install JDK 1.8 or OpenJRE 1.8.0_60 on the machine that runs the Jconsole (locally or remotely). Set the JAVA_HOME environment variable, for example: JAVA_HOME=C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_66
JavaMelody 1.57.0	Heap pools, CPU, threads, HTTP sessions (only CSA),HTTP requests, SQL queries	Enable in the CSA file web.xml. See Configurations .
Jboss	Heap and memory pools, memory threads, HTTP sessions (CSA and IdM), datasources	Install curl utility to send HTTP POST requests in text form. Responses to the POST can be stored in a file. Note: No JDK installation is required. See Use the curl tool to manage Jboss data .

Note: JBOSS_HOME\bin\client\README-CLI-JCONSOLE.txt provides instructions how to run both the Jconsole and the Jboss command-line management tools. JBOSS_HOME is the Jboss installation directory, for example: C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA_HOME\jboss-as.

Configurations

This section describes the file configurations and command-line options to set up the monitoring tools.

Note: Restart Jboss after you complete the configurations in this section.

Add management user

To add the management user, run JBOSS_HOME\bin\add-user.bat or JBOSS_HOME\bin\add-user.sh from the command line.

When prompted, enter the information in the following table. Press **Enter** to accept the default for all the other prompts.

Prompt	Information to enter
Type of user	a) Management User
Username and password	Chose any username and password. Note the password requirements that are displayed on the screen. You will need to use this same information to access the Management Console, and to establish a remote connection between Jconsole and the CSA installation machine (see the CSA <i>installation machine</i> row in the Configure files table).
User groups	Press Enter to accept the defaults.
AS process connection	No

The following shows a typical script output:

```
C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA\jboss-as\bin>add-user.bat
What type of user do you wish to add?
a) Management User (mgt-users.properties)
b) Application User (application-users.properties)
(<>):
Enter the details of the new user to add.
Using realm 'ManagementRealm' as discovered from the existing property files.
Username : john
Password recommendations are listed below. To modify these restrictions edit the add-user.properties configuration file.
The password should not be one of the following restricted values (root, admin, administrator)
- The password should contain at least 8 characters, 1 alphabetic character(s), 1 digit(s), 1 non-alphanumeric symbol
Password :
JBAS015269: Password must have at least 8 characters!
Are you sure you want to use the password entered yes/no? yes
Re-enter Password :
What groups do you want this user to belong to? <Please enter a comma separated list, or leave blank for none>[ ]:
Is this correct yes/no? yes
Added user 'john' to file 'C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA\jboss-as\standalone\configuration\mgt-users.properties'
Added user 'john' to file 'C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA\jboss-as\domain\configuration\mgt-users.properties'
Added user 'john' with groups to file 'C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA\jboss-as\standalone\configuration\mgt-groups.properties'
Added user 'john' with groups to file 'C:\Program Files\HPE\CSA\jboss-as\domain\configuration\mgt-groups.properties'
Is this new user going to be used for one AS process to connect to another AS process?
e.g. for a slave host controller connecting to the master or for a Remoting connection for server to server EJB calls
yes/no? no
Press any key to continue . . .
```

Configure associated files

Make the following configurations:

In this file	Do this
JBOSS_HOME \standalone\configuration\ standalone.xml	Set the Jboss management IP address to the jboss.bind.address.management JVM option or, if the JVM option is not provided, to the default value (127.0.0.1): <code><interface name="management"> <inet-address value="\${jboss.bind.address.management: 127.0.0.1}"/> </interface></code>
JBOSS_HOME \bin\standalone.conf (.bat)	For remote access, set the jboss.bind.address.management JVM option to the CSA_PUBLIC_IP address. Replace this: <code>JAVA_OPTS="\$JAVA_OPTS - Djboss.bind.address.management=127.0.0.1"</code> With this: <code>set JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS% - Djboss.bind.address.management=CSA_PUBLIC_IP</code>
JBOSS_HOME \standalone\deployments\csa.war\ WEB-INF\web.xml	Set the value of the param-value variable to false: Replace this: <code><!-- BEGIN - JavaMelody monitoring configuration --> ... <init-param> <param-name>disabled</param-name> <param-value>true</param-value> </init-param> ... <init-param> <param-name>disabled</param-name> <param-value>false</param-value> </init-param></code> With this: <code><!-- BEGIN - JavaMelody monitoring configuration --> ... <init-param> <param-name>disabled</param-name> <param-value>false</param-value> </init-param></code>

In this file	Do this
JBOSS_HOME \standalone\deployments\csa.war\ WEB-INF\web.xml	<p>Optional: Disable CSA-database monitoring to minimize possible JavaMelody overhead:</p> <p>Delete the <code>init-param</code> parameter:</p> <pre><init-param> <param-name>datasources</param-name> <param-value>java:jboss/datasources/csaDS</param-value> </init-param></pre>
JBOSS_HOME \standalone\deployments\csa.war\ WEB-INF\applicationContext-security.xml	<p>Optional: Enable JavaMelody report viewing from any machine, not just the CSA installation machine (default view is from: 127.0.0.1)</p> <p>Find the <code>intercept-url</code> pattern line:</p> <pre><intercept-url pattern="/monitoring/**" ..</pre> <p>Change the value to <code>isAuthenticated()</code>:</p> <pre><intercept-url pattern="/monitoring/**" access="isAuthenticated()"/></pre>
CSA installation machine	<p>Optional: Establish remote connection between Jconsole and CSA installation machine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Copy <code>JBOSS_HOME\bin\jconsole.bat</code> to <code>MONITORING_HOME\bin</code> directory. 2. Copy <code>JBOSS_HOME\bin\client\jboss-cli-client.jar</code> to <code>MONITORING_HOME\bin\client</code> directory. 3. Run <code>MONITORING_HOME\bin\jconsole.bat</code>. 4. Remote connect to <code>service:jmx:http-remoting-jmx://<CSA_IP or CSA_HOSTNAME>:9990</code> using the same username and password you used when you added the user (see Add management user). <p>Note: <code>MONITORING_HOME</code> is any directory on the monitoring tool installation machine.</p>

Configure garbage-collection log

Garbage collection logs (GC logs) in Java-based applications provide detailed information about memory pools. For example, intervals between two major GCs of under 10 minutes can result in performance degradation. If the GC log option is enabled, a file (such as `gcoutput_20160112-120349.log`) is created in the `JBOSS_HOME\bin` directory each time Jboss starts.

Note: Use the `date.exe` utility, which is a Windows Unix utility, to add a date and timestamp to the GC log name so existing log data is not overwritten when Jboss restarts. Log file names *must* be unique.

Windows:

Add the following to the `JBOSS_HOME\bin\standalone.conf.bat` file:

```
set UNIX_UTIL=C:\UnxUtils
for /f "usebackq" %%a in (`%UNIX_UTIL%\date.exe +%%Y%%m%%d-%%H%%M%%S`) do set
GC_LOG=gcoutput_%%a.log
set JAVA_OPTS=%JAVA_OPTS% -verbose:gc -Xloggc:%GC_LOG% -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -
XX:+PrintHeapAtGC
```

Linux:

Add the following to the `JBOSS_HOME\bin\standalone.conf` file:

```
TIMESTAMP=`date '+%Y%m%d_%H%M%S'`
```

```

WORK_DIR=`dirname $0`
GC_LOG=$WORK_DIR/gcoutput_${TIMESTAMP}.log
JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS -verbose:gc -Xloggc:$GC_LOG -XX:+PrintGCDetails -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps -XX:+PrintHeapAtGC"

```

Use the curl tool to manage Jboss data

If you do not have access to a JRE, or you must use a command line, or you do not have the option of installing a JDK and you use the Jconsole UI instead, you can gather memory, thread information, and other Jboss data by sending HTTP POST requests with the `curl` tool. HTTP POST calls return JSON textual format. Download curl (1.56MB) for win 64 at: <http://curl.haxx.se/latest.cgi?curl=win64-ssl-sspi>.

Note: For information about the Jboss management API, see:
https://docs.jboss.org/author/display/AS71/The+HTTP+management+API?_sscc=t

Run the curl tool

To run the `curl` tool, enter the following at the command line:

```
curl --digest -u %MGMT_USER%:%MGMT_PASSWORD% -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST
http://%CSA_HOST%:9990/management -d %DATA% -o %OUTPUT_FILE
```

Where:

- `%MGMT_USER%:%MGMT_PASSWORD%` correspond to the username and password you entered in [Add management user](#).
- `%DATA%` is the requested data (in JSON).

See [Call samples](#).

Sample curl data

To access a script that periodically retrieves data, contact the PCoE team.

Use the following command samples and call data to create calls for `curl` data.

Note: You must use escape characters to 'escape' the quotation marks around field names on Windows. For example: `\\"recursive\\"`. See the sample commands below.

Windows command

```
curl --digest -u <mgmt._user>:<mgmt._password> -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST
http://mpaph0231.hpeswlab.net:9990/management -d '{"operation":"read-resource","include-
runtime":true,"recursive":true,"address":["core-service","platform-mbean","type","memory"]}'
```

`<mgmt._user>:<mgmt._password>` are the username and password you created in [Add management user](#).

Linux command

```
curl --digest -u <mgmt._user>:<mgmt._password> -H "Content-Type: application/json" -X POST
http://CSA_HOST:9990/management -d '{"operation":"read-resource","include-
runtime":true,"recursive":true,"address":["core-service","platform-mbean","type","memory"]}'
```

Windows and Linux output

```
{"outcome": "success", "result": {"heap-memory-usage": {"init": 4253024256, "used": 2470366512, "committed": 4236247040, "max": 4236247040}, "non-heap-memory-usage": {"init": 2555904, "used": 250615000, "committed": 273686528, "max": -1}, "object-name": "java.lang:type=Memory", "object-pending-finalization-count": 0, "verbose": false}}
```

Call data

Below is sample data (%DATA%, as described in [Run the curl tool](#)) for different HTTP POST requests.

Memory: `{"operation":"read-resource","include-runtime":true,"recursive":true,"address":["core-
service","platform-mbean","type","memory"]}`

Memory pools: {"operation":"read-resource","include-runtime": "true", "recursive": "true", "address": ["core-service", "platform-mbean", "type", "memory-pool"]}

Data source (MSSQL): {"operation": "read-resource", "include-runtime": "true", "recursive": "true", "address": ["subsystem", "datasources", "data-source", "mssqlDS", "statistics", "pool"]}

Threads: {"operation": "read-resource", "include-runtime": "true", "recursive": "true", "address": ["core-service", "platform-mbean", "type", "threading"]}

Sessions (CSA): {"operation": "read-resource", "include-runtime": "true", "recursive": "true", "address": ["deployment", "csa.war", "subsystem", "undertow"]}

Classes: {"operation": "read-resource", "include-runtime": "true", "recursive": "true", "address": ["core-service", "platform-mbean", "type", "class-loading"]}

Other resources

To access an HTML user interface for Jboss management, see: http://CSA_HOST:9990/console.

To access the native user interface:

1. Access `JBOSS_HOME\bin\client\README-CLI-JCONSOLE.txt`. This script provides instructions on how to run the Jconsole and the Jboss CLI management tool.
2. Once the CLI GUI is launched:
 - a. Enter the user name and password you entered when you ran the `add-user. (bat|sh)` script (see [Add management user](#)).
 - b. Enter the following command:

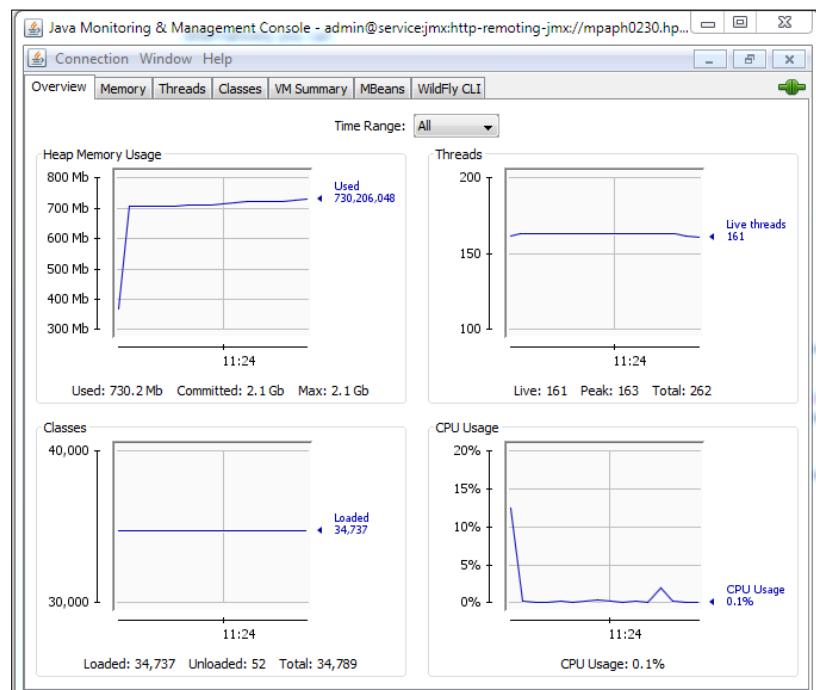
```
java -jar <PATH TO jboss-cli-client.jar> --gui --controller=CSA_HOST:9990 --  
user=%MGMT_USER% --password=%MGMT_PASSWORD%
```

Monitoring Screens

This section provides examples of how your data might be displayed in the user interface.

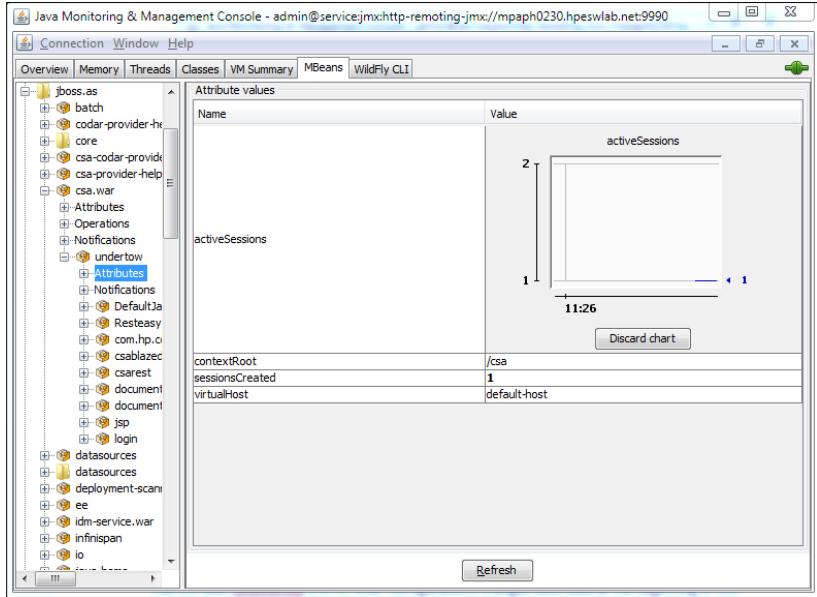
Java monitoring and management console

This console shows graphs for various metrics, including threads, heap-memory use, and CPU use.



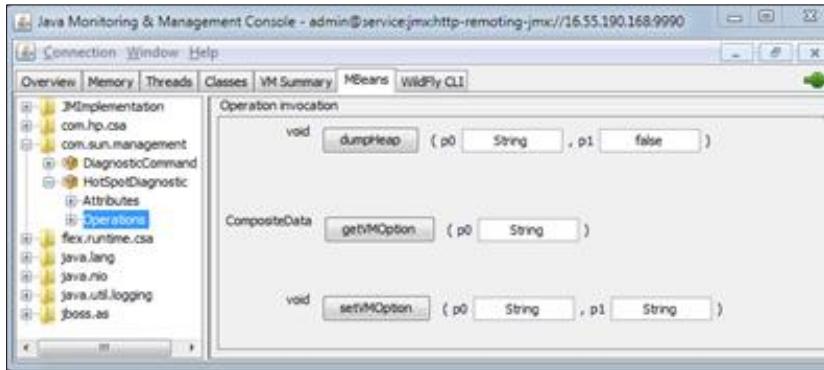
Active CSA sessions for Mbean

This screen shows Java metrics.



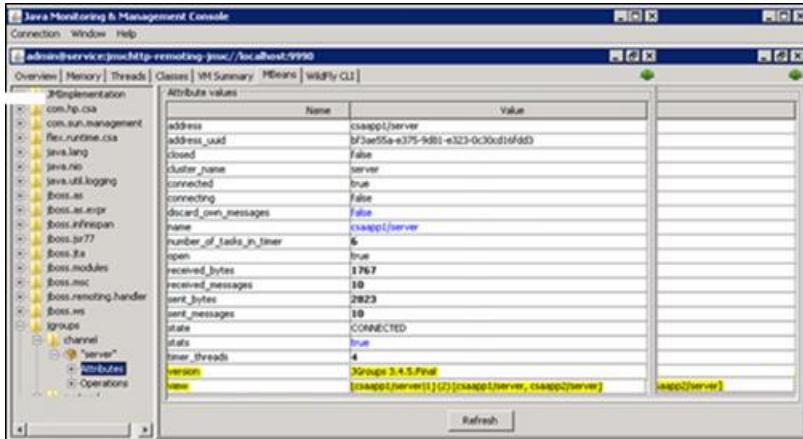
Jconsole heap dump

Change p0 to the heap dump name, and p1 to false (default is true) to avoid triggering a major GC before the heap dump, or to debug heap issues.



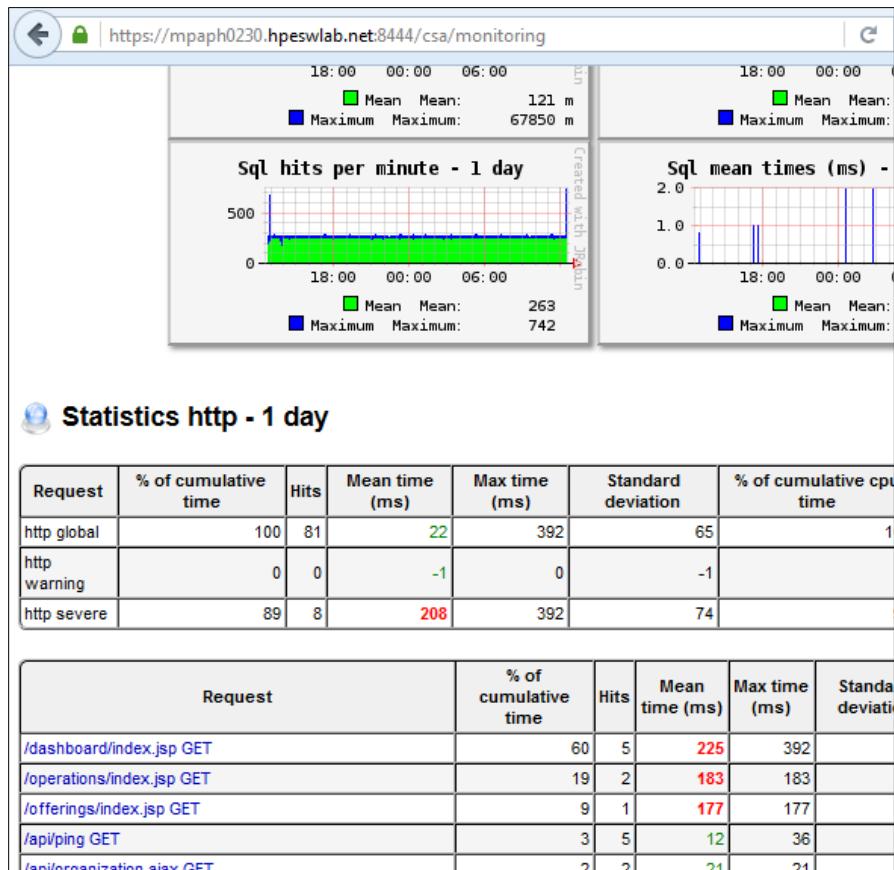
Jconsole cluster - Jgroups

csaapp1 and csaapp2 are members of a cluster and csaapp1 is the master node. The Jconsole refresh interval shows changes dynamically.



JavaMelody reports

The JavaMelody report is available at: https://CSA_HOST:8444/csa/monitoring (login required). Here are screens displaying HTTP request statistics:



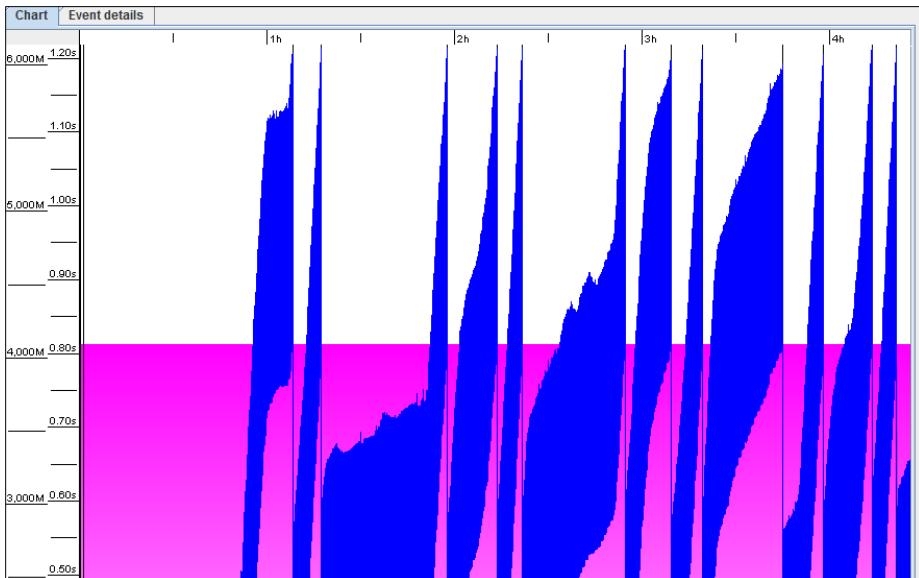
SQL statistics

This screen displays SQL statistics.

Request	% of cumulative time	Hits	Mean time (ms)	Max time (ms)	Standard deviation
sql global	100	197,817	0	200	1
sql warning	0	5	2	2	0
sql severe	0	3	4	7	3
263 hits/min on 87 requests					
Request	% of cumulative time	Hits	Mean time (ms)	Max time (ms)	Standard deviation
SELECT 1	28	48,731			
select (TOP?) lifecyclee0_.UUID as col_0_0_ from CSA_LIFECYCLE_EX_RECORD lifecyclee0_ where lifecyclee0_.EXECUTION_STATUS_ID=? and lifecyclee0_.EXECUTION_STATE_ID=? and (lifecyclee0_.LOCK_ID is null)	7	17,988			
select serviceno_.UUID as col_1_0_ , servicessub1_.UUID as col_1_1_ , servicessub1_.INITIATING_SERVICE_REQUEST_ID as col_2_0_ from CSA_SERVICE_INSTANCE serviceno_ inner join CSA_ARTIFACT serviceno_1_ on serviceno_.UUID=serviceno_1_.UUID cross join CSA_SERVICE_SUBSCR servicessub1_ inner join CSA_ARTIFACT servicessub1_1_ on servicessub1_.UUID=servicessub1_1_.UUID cross join CSA_SERVICE_INSTANCE serviceno_2_ inner join CSA_ARTIFACT servicessub2_1_ on serviceno_2_.UUID=servicessub2_1_.UUID cross join CSA_SERVICE_BLUEPRINT serviceb1_3_ inner join CSA_ARTIFACT serviceb1_3_1_ on serviceb1_3_.UUID=serviceb1_3_1_.UUID where servicessub1_.UUID=servicessub2_.SUBSCRIPTION_ID and serviceno_.SERVICE_INSTANCE_STATE_ID=? or serviceno_.SERVICE_INSTANCE_STATE_ID=? and serviceno_.UUID=servicessub1_.UUID and (serviceno_.SERVICE_INSTANCE_STATE_ID=? or serviceno_.SERVICE_INSTANCE_STATE_ID=? and serviceb1_3_.SERVICE_DESIGNER_EXP_TYPE=?) and servicessub1_.START_DATE=? or order by servicessub1_.START_DATE	5	8,998			
select (TOP?) processinst0_.UUID as col_0_0_ from CSA_PROCESS_INSTANCE processinst0_ cross join CSA_PROCESS_DEFN processdef1_ where processinst0_.PROCESS_DEFN_ID=processdef1_.UUID and processinst0_.PROCESS_INSTANCE_STATE_ID=? and processdef1_.PROCESS_ENGINE_ID=? and processdef1_.NAME=<? and (processinst0_.LOCK_ID is null) order by processinst0_.CREATED_ON	4	8,997			
select approval0_.UUID as col_0_0_ from CSA_APPROVAL_PROCESS approval0_ inner join CSA_ARTIFACT approval0_1_ on approval0_.UUID=approval0_1_.UUID where approval0_.APPROVAL_RESULT_ID=? order by approval0_1_.UPDATED_ON	4	8,999			
select (TOP?) lifecyclee0_.UUID as col_0_0_ from CSA_LIFECYCLE_EX_RECORD lifecyclee0_ cross join CSA_CATEGORY lifecyclee1_ where lifecyclee1_.EXECUTION_STATE_ID=lifecyclee1_.UUID and (lifecyclee1_.NAME in (?))	4	8,994			
select (TOP?) releasegat0_.RG_REQUEST_ID as col_0_0_ from CSA_CD_RG_REQUEST releasegat0_ where (releasegat0_.STATUS=? or	4	9,000			

Garbage collection log

Use the GCViewer to view the GC log (<https://github.com/chewiebug/GCViewer>).



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