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## Report Summary

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## Summary

Status		
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Explain Analyze schedule	Awaiting approval of Explain Analyze schedule for query tuning
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: BGWriter Tuning	Settings to tune the BGWriter
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Buffers Written by Backend Processes	Tuning the buffers written by background processes
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Table Block Stats	tables aia.lev0 and hmi.lev1 have high disk reads
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Live vs Dead Rows	drms_sessions tables contain high amounts of dead rows
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: DB Restart Schedule	Awaiting approval of DB Restart Schedule
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [query]: Query Tuning	We will be using the pgfouine reports for query tuning
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Checkpoints	Requested Checkpoints May Show Problems
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Tables reads climbing	Tables are continuing to be read more often
INFO	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Average Traffic	Average traffic per day
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: Table Dead Rows	aia_test.lev1p5 has a very high number of dead rows
WARN	Cluster [hmidb0]; Service [base]: BGWriter Stops	BGWriter Stops Spike
CRIT	Cluster [hmidb2]; Service [slony]: Slony Lag Time	We saw a major slony lag jump
CRIT	Cluster [hmidb2]; Service [slony]: Disk Space	No disk space remaining
CRIT	Cluster [hmidb2]; Service [slony]: Disk Space	/dev/md1 on hmidb2 nearly full
INFO	Cluster [dcs2: dcs0 warm standby]; Service [warm_standby]: Infrequent WAL Archives	WAL Archives Still Infrequent
INFO	Cluster [dcs2: dcs1 warm standby]; Service [warm_standby]: Infrequent WAL Archives	WAL Archives Still Infrequent



## **Cluster: hmidb0**

Collector UUID: 423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7

Cluster ID: 1

Host Name or IP: 192.168.0.49

Postgres Port: 5432

### ***Subscribed Services***

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Query	pgFouine reporting
Base	Base monitoring service
System	ssh based systats & iostats

***Service: Query***

pgFouine reporting

<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>We will be using the pgfouine reports for query tuning</b>
	We will be moving on query tuning, using up to half of your admin pack hours to do so. Watch the pgfouine html reports for changes in the coming weeks and months.
References	<a href="#">423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.query.cust_cluster.report.html</a>

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***Service: Base***

Base monitoring service



<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>Awaiting approval of Explain Analyze schedule for query tuning</b>
	We propose setting up a schedule where we can have queries set up to run EXPLAIN ANALYZE on the database during non-peak hours (say midnight till 6AM), to allow us to get timings and work on improving them. Once approved, this schedule will be used for ongoing query tuning when problematic queries arise.
References	<a href="https://423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.query.cust_cluster.report.html">423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.query.cust_cluster.report.html</a>

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>Settings to tune the BGWriter</b>
	We are currently waiting on the monthly restart schedule (per our discussion) before moving on checkpoint tuning. Look for changes soon.
References	<a href="https://423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf">423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf</a>

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>Tuning the buffers written by background processes</b>
	After doing some research, we found that the metric, 'Buffers Written by Background Processes (NOT the BGWriter)', shows us the number of buffers that are written directly to disk because the buffer pool is not set large enough to contain the data from an insert or update statement. We are requesting that you allow us to use some of your admin pack hours to look at your server and see if we can increase your buffer pool enough to reduce the numbers on this graph significantly.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>tables aia.lev0 and hmi.lev1 have high disk reads</b>
	Two tables have a high number of reads from disc, they are aia.lev0 and hmi.lev1. Previous months data shows that this is unusual, as normally the data is retrieved from memory. Suggestion: We are requesting that you allow us to use some of your admin pack hours to do some buffercache stats research on these tables.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.jsoc.base.cust_tab.report.pdf

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>drms_sessions tables contain high amounts of dead rows</b>
	In our top ten tables with a high amount of dead rows, six of them are the drms_session tables from various schema's. When looking behind these tables, they all receive a high number of UPDATES, but low INSERTs and DELETES. Suggestion: Review vacuum strategy for the drms_session tables. We suggest using admin pack hours to allow us to 'rebuild' these tables to eliminate the dead space.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.jsoc.base.cust_tab.report.pdf

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>Awaiting approval of DB Restart Schedule</b>
	We are awaiting a schedule for restarting the databases to allow us to move on checkpoint tuning.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>Requested Checkpoints May Show Problems</b>
	We would like to know why we are occasionally seeing requested checkpoints. While requesting checkpoints may not be a bad thing, it depends on the reason - if you are requesting checkpoints because you have to for performance, stability, or other similar reasons, there may be some other problem. Otherwise, it's probably not a big deal.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-82d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>Tables are continuing to be read more often</b>
	Table hit ratios are decreasing, dead space is climbing, and block stats are showing significantly more disk reads than before. We highly recommend using some of your admin pack hours to have us analyze the source of this and discover some way of bringing your hit ratios back to where they used to be.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_tab.report.pdf

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<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>Average traffic per day</b>
	Your average traffic per day over the last week is about 564.92206 MB per second
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>aia_test.lev1p5 has a very high number of dead rows</b>
	Table aia_test.lev1p5 has continually had in excess of 1 million dead rows. This is quite excessive, and we highly recommend you use your admin pack hours to let us create a new vacuum strategy for this table.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.jsoc.base.cust_tab.report.pdf

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<b>WARNING</b>	<b>BGWriter Stops Spike</b>
	On April 6th, we saw a huge spike in background writer stops. This usually means that there was too much data for the background writer to write to disk when it woke up, causing it to halt after hitting the maxpages value.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.1.base.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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## **Cluster: hmidb2**

Collector UUID: 423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7

Cluster ID: 3

Host Name or IP: 192.168.0.76

Postgres Port: 5432

### ***Subscribed Services***

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Query	pgFouine reporting
Slony	slony monitoring
System	ssh based systats & iostats

***Service: Slony***

slony monitoring

<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>We saw a major slony lag jump</b>
	We saw the Slony lag times continue to increase through April 5th, and then die down again starting on the 6th.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.3.slony.cust_cluster.report.pdf

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<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>No disk space remaining</b>
	After fixing our disk space bug and looking at your graphs for hmidb2, we can see that the disk that filled up was actually staying pretty consistent until the first of April, when the free space suddenly dropped to about 25% of what it was before. On the second, there was no free space left.
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.3.system_stats.cust_disk.report.pdf

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<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>/dev/md1 on hmidb2 nearly full</b>
	<p>The device /dev/md1 has a total disc space of 50GB, and only 1.5 GB free as of 2011-04-22. Based on current trends, there will be no disc space available within 1 to 4 days. Looking into it, it shows that 33GB of space is being used by the slony logs that are parsed then shipped to the remote slony subscribers.</p> <p>Suggestion: Review the cleanup strategy for the parsed slony logs. Decrease the amount of time between archive events, OR move the directory where these logs are staged/processed/kept to a different partition.</p>
References	423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.3.system_stats.cust_disk.report.pdf





## **Cluster: dcs2: dcs0 warm standby**

Collector UUID: 423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7

Cluster ID: 6

Host Name or IP: 192.168.0.12

Postgres Port: 5430

### ***Subscribed Services***

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Warm Standby	Warm Standby monitoring service

***Service: Warm Standby***

Warm Standby monitoring service

<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>WAL Archives Still Infrequent</b>
	You may want to use some of your admin pack hours to have us look at your archive_timeout values on your warm standby instances to make sure that you won't be losing large amounts of data if a failover happens
References	<a href="#">423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.6.warm_standby.cust_cluster.report.pdf</a>

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## **Cluster: dcs2: dcs1 warm standby**

Collector UUID: 423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7

Cluster ID: 7

Host Name or IP: 192.168.0.12

Postgres Port: 5431

### ***Subscribed Services***

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>
Warm Standby	Warm Standby monitoring service

***Service: Warm Standby***

Warm Standby monitoring service

<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>WAL Archives Still Infrequent</b>
	You may want to use some of your admin pack hours to have us look at your archive_timeout values on your warm standby instances to make sure that you won't be losing large amounts of data if a failover happens
References	<a href="#">423971c4-b256-11df-8c2d-0800274182f7.7.warm_standby.cust_cluster.report.pdf</a>

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