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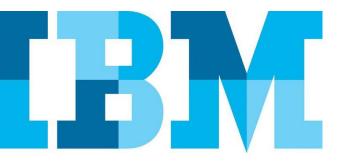
- Provides one-step IMS database reorganization with minimal impact to database availability
- Supports IMS Full Function databases including HALDBs, internal logical relationships and secondary indexes
- Automates all IMS database reorganization steps including Unload, Reload, Prefix Resolution, Prefix Update, Secondary Index Rebuilding, Image Copying, and IMS Database Pointer Checking in a single job step
- Uses IMS I/T Operational Analytics to collect and monitor database statistics
- Manages the integrity of key IMS database resources including DBDs, PSBs, and ACBs
- Program Number: 5655-DSP

IMS Database Solution Pack

Complete IMS Database Administration Solution

IMS™ is IBM's premier transaction and hierarchical database management system. IMS was designed for high availability, superior performance, growth and capacity, and full database integrity. The ability to operate and manage this highly complex IMS system and database environment determines the Total Cost of Operation (TCO). The IBM® IMS Tools lowers TCO by equipping IMS system programmers and IMS database administrators (DBAs) with the facilities they need to effectively monitor and manage this mission-critical environment. The IBM IMS Tools provide automation, validation, and auditing of all database and transaction management activities.

The IMS Database Solution Pack provides the complete solution for the IMS Database Administrator (DBA). As IMS databases increase in size and complexity, IMS DBA's need sophisticated tooling to manage and maintain them. They also need the ability to monitor and proactively make adjustments to prevent critical outages. The IMS Database Solution Pack provides a graphical user interface through the IBM Management Console for IMS and DB2 that allows IMS DBA's to view historical information and database trends.



IMS Database Solution Pack

The IMS Database Solution Pack combines a number of sophisticated IMS database products into a single solution as shown in Figure 1. The IMS Database Solution Pack provides both online and offline IMS database reorganization, support for IMS library maintenance, advanced capabilities to manage IMS High Available Large Database (HALDB), and the ability to check and repair database integrity and pointer errors. This solution also provides support to resolve databases with logical relationships following a reorganization. The IMS Database Solution Pack captures operational analytics during all phases of IMS database administration. This data is used extensively to allow IMS DBA's to proactively manage their IMS environment.

IMS Database Solution Pack IMS High IMS High Performance Performance Load Unload IMS Online IMS Database Reorganization Reorganization Facility Expert IMS High IMS Index Builder Performance Prefix Resolution IMS High IMS High Performance Pointer Performance Image Checker Copy IMS Library IMS HALDB Toolkit Integrity Utilities IMS Database IMS Database Repair Facility Sensor

Figure 1: IMS Database Solution Pack Component Products

The *IMS Database Utility Solution* provides a subset of the full *IMS Database Solution Pack*. It provides support for IMS offline reorganizations and includes the advanced HALDB database functionality. This smaller solution has full operational analytics support, however, it does not include the library management support or the ability to check and correct pointer and database errors. The *IMS Database Utility Solution* is shown in Figure 2.

> IMS Database Utility Solution IMS High IMS High Performance Performance Load Unload IMS HALDB Toolkit **IMS Index Builder** IMS High IMS Database Performance Image Reorganization Copy Expert IMS Database Sensor

Figure 2: IMS Database Utility Solution Component Products

IMS Online and Offline Reorganizations

When IMS databases are changed frequently with record updates, deletions and insertions, the IMS databases loses their optimal structure. This is when IMS database reorganizations are required to restore data clustering and distribute free space evenly. An IMS database which is well-structured improves IMS application performance.

There are two types of IMS database reorganizations provided by the IMS Database Solution Pack. The first is online reorganization which allows the database to be unavailable for a minimal amount of time. The second is offline reorganization. It is performed when the affected IMS databases are unavailable to applications. With both types of reorganization, the IMS Database Solution Pack reorganizes the IMS databases in a single job step including unloading and reloading the data, resolving database prefixes, rebuilding secondary indexing, validating database pointers, and image copying the reorganized database.

IMS Online Reorganization

The IMS Online Reorganization Facility tool performs all of the IMS database reorganization tasks including unloading the database, prefix resolution for IMS internal logical relationships, rebuilding IMS secondary indexes, IMS database pointer checking, and IMS image copying of the reorganized database, in a single job step while the IMS database is still online.

The IMS Online Reorganization Facility tool supports con-

ditional reorganization by evaluating whether the database requires reorganization and only performs it when it is necessary. The tool allows full access to the IMS database during the reorganization and only takes the database offline for a brief period of time.

IMS Online Reorganization Process

The *IMS Online Reorganization Facility* uses the robust process shown in Figure 3.

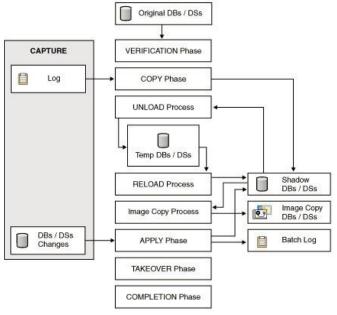


Figure 3: IMS Online Reorganization Facility Process

IMS Online Reorganization (Verification)

The verification phase is the first phase of the online reorganization process. The *IMS Online Reorganization Facility* uses this phase to validate that the IMS database can be reorganized. The tool checks the IMS release and component levels, the DBRC registration and database DBD definitions, the tool control statements, and the shadow and temporary data sets are allocated correctly. The reorganization continues if this verification step completes successfully.

IMS Online Reorganization (Copy)

The IMS Online Reorganization Facility uses the copy phase to copy all of the data from the original IMS database data sets to the shadow data sets. The IMS databases are briefly paused to allow the database buffers to be flushed to the IMS database data sets ensuring the

latest updates are captured in the original IMS database data sets. Then the original IMS database data sets are copied to the shadow IMS database data sets. When this copy is completed, a second brief pause is performed to capture any updates that were made to the original IMS database data sets and these updates are also applied to the shadow data sets. For IMS HIDAM and PHIDAM databases, the shadow primary index is built from the shadow IMS database data sets. If there are secondary indexes, they are rebuilt during the Reorganization Phase.

IMS Online Reorganization (Reorganization)

Once the shadow IMS database data sets are created, they are unloaded using the IMS High Performance Unload tool and reloaded using the IMS High Performance Load tool. If there are secondary indexes, they are also rebuilt. Internal logical relationships are resolved and updated using the IMS High Performance Prefix Resolution tool. The reorganized IMS shadow databases are image copied with the IMS High Performance Image Copy tool and can be pointer checked with the IMS High Performance Pointer Checker tool.

IMS Online Reorganization (Apply)

If there are updates to the original IMS database data sets during the reorganization phase, they are captured in temporary data sets and applied to the shadow IMS database data sets during the apply phase. A /DBR command is executed internally to briefly stop any additional access to the original IMS database data sets during the apply phase.

IMS Online Reorganization (Takeover)

When the apply phase has completed, the original IMS database data sets are swapped with the reorganized shadow IMS database data sets. IMS DBRC is notified with the RE-ORG database status. If the IMS DBD database definitions change, the *IMS Online Reorganization Facility* performs an ACBGEN. Finally, the IMS database is restarted internally by the tool with the /START command and the takeover phase is completed.

IMS Online Reorganization (Completion)

In the completion step, the final reports are created and the shadow IMS database data sets are deleted.

IMS Database Data Types Supported

The IMS Online Reorganization Facility supports HDAM, HIDAM, HISAM, SHISAM, PHDAM, and PHIDAM database types. For HDAM, HIDAM, HISAM and SHISAM databases, the associated indexes are rebuild during the database reorganization. The IMS High Available Large Database (HALDB) partitions with PHDAM and PHIDAM are reorganized as single partitions in a single job step. The IMS HALDB secondary index, PSINDEX, is reorganized while the IMS HALDB database remains online.

IMS Offline Reorganization

The IMS Database Reorganization Expert tool provides offline reorganizations by automating the IMS database reorganization process including unloading and reloading, prefix resolution for IMS logical relationships, pointer checking, and image copying for IMS full-function databases. The tool evaluates user-supplied policies and thresholds to determine when a database requires reorganization. The IMS Database Reorganization Expert tool provides the IMS Database Administrator (DBA) with a complete end-to-end database reorganization solution.

IMS Parallel Reorganization

IMS Database Reorganization Expert uses the Parallel Reorganization Service to perform IMS database reorganizations. This facility invokes the IMS High Performance Unload tool, the IMS High Performance Load tool, and optionally, the IMS Index Builder tool, the IMS High Performance Image Copy tool, the IMS High Performance Pointer Checker tool, and the IMS High Performance Prefix Resolution tool concurrently in a single step allowing many of the reorganization processes to run in parallel with each other.

The IMS Database Reorganization Expert product uses the input database data sets and matching shadow data sets for the reorganized data. The IMS database records are unloaded and reloaded into the shadow data sets. If there are secondary indexes, they are reorganized by the IMS Index Builder tool as the primary IMS database is being reorganized.

If pointer checking is requested, the *IMS High Performance Pointer Checker* tool performs the HASH check function while the reorganized database is being image copied by the *IMS High Performance Image Copy* tool.

During the database reorganization, IMS applications can maintain read access to both the primary database and the indexes, too. When the IMS database reorganization has completely transferred all of the data to the shadow data sets, the database is automatically taken offline and the shadow data sets are renamed to the production database data set names. When this renaming process is completed, the IMS databases are brought back online automatically by the IMS Database Reorganization Expert tool.

IMS Conditional Reorganization Mode

The *IMS Database Reorganization Expert* product brings a high level of intelligence to the database reorganization process. The tool analyzes IMS databases and evaluates their space management status against a set of user-defined policies to determine if the database should be reorganized. If the *IMS Database Reorganization Expert* determines that the database would benefit from a reorganization, it automatically drives the reorganization procedure.

However, if the tool determines that the reorganization does not meet the thresholds defined in the policies, then the reorganization is not done. An example of the Summary of Policy Evaluation report showing the before and after results of a database reorganization is shown in Figure 4.

The smart reorganization capability is also known as "Conditional Reorganization" and is now available with the *IMS Database Reorganization Expert* tool and the *IMS Online Reorganization Facility*.

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Figure 4: IMS Database Reorganization Expert Summary of Policy Evaluation Report

IMS Unconditional Reorganization Mode

The *IMS Database Reorganization Expert* product also allows the IMS database to be unconditionally reorganized. This means that the user-defined policies are not checked to determine if the reorganization is needed. This option is a good idea when the user knows that the IMS database should be reorganized.

IMS Reorganization Diagnosis Mode

When the *IMS Database Reorganization Expert* tool performs conditional reorganization and parallel reorganization in diagnosis mode, the tool shows the comparison of the database space management status before and after the reorganization.

IMS Diagnosis-only Mode

The IMS Database Reorganization Expert tool can also run only in diagnosis mode. This means the IMS database will evaluate and report on the status of the IMS database, but it will not run the parallel reorganization even if it would benefit the performance of the IMS database. An example of a report showing a database that

needs to be reorganized is shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5: IMS Database Reorganization Expert Database Diagnosis Report

Additional IMS DBA Functionality

The *IMS Database Solution Pack* includes additional features to ensure IMS libraries and control blocks have full integrity. There is support to allow IMS DBA's to correct database pointer errors and fix data in IMS databases. Finally, there is advanced features to allow IMS DBA's to migrate IMS Full-Function databases to IMS HALDB databases and to intelligently redesign existing IMS HALDB databases.

IMS Library Integrity Utilities

The *IMS Library Integrity Utilities* ensure the IMS DBD, PSB, ACB, IMS Catalog, RECON, and MFS libraries are consistent and have full integrity. The tool provides facilities to map and compare database control blocks in these libraries and to recreate source members from compiled control blocks. There is a sophisticated graphical user interface that shows the relationships between the IMS database definitions, too.

When the DBD/PSB Map Viewer of the IMS Language Integrity Utilities are installed in the IBM Management Console for IMS and DB2, the user can have a graphical view of IMS database structures, IMS program specifications, IMS DBD and PSB source code, IMS DBD and PSB XML documents, and the relationship between IMS DBDs, logical DBDs, and the cross reference relationship between IMS DBDs and PSBs. This graphical view is shown in Figure 6.

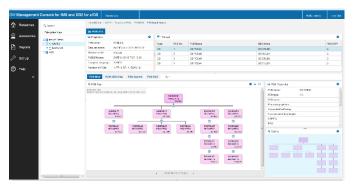


Figure 6: IMS Library Integrity Utilities PSB Viewer in IBM Management Console for IMS and DB2

IMS Database Repair

The IMS Database Repair Facility corrects data corruption and pointer errors in VSAM and OSAM database data sets. The tool can correct HALDB errors that are discovered by the IMS High Performance Pointer Checker including HALDB partition reorganization numbers, duplicate Indirect List Keys (ILKs), potential duplicate ILK keys, and HALDB partition index (PSINDEX) databases. The IMS Database Repair Facility also corrects all databases which are logically related.

IMS HALDB Toolkit

The *IMS HALDB Toolkit* provides the IMS Database Administrator (DBA) with all of the tools they need to manage and maintain IMS High Availability Large Databases (HALDB) databases. This tool helps convert existing IMS Full Function databases into IMS HALDB databases. It allows IMS DBA's to simulate changes to partition settings to ensure they are correct before implementation as shown in Figure 7. The *IMS HALDB Toolkit* supports partition consolidation and partition splitting to accommodate growth or shrinkage in an IMS application. The *IMS HALDB Toolkit* is fully integrated with other IMS High Performance tooling to provide special capabilities in the management of IMS HALDB databases.

IMS Smarter Tooling

IMS Smarter Tooling is the art of applying data analytics to IT operations to extract insights and provide automation to IMS database administration tasks.

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Figure 7: IMS HALDB Toolkit Partition Selection Test Tool Report

The *IMS Database Solution Pack* fully exploits IMS Cognitive Tooling by capturing and consolidating information from multiple resources. This complex data is simplified through visual displays allowing IMS DBA's to make intelligent tuning and performance optimization decisions.

By monitoring these key conditions, the IMS Database Solution Pack allows the IMS DBA to proactively identify critical and impending problems where corrective action can result in reducing costly failure situations. For example, information is gathered to anticipate degrading application performance and out of space conditions that require database reorganizations. The IMS Database Solution Pack keeps historical records of utility executions, real time statistics, and impending database conditions. This data is used for trend analysis which is another key component of smarter tooling. The historical information when combined with current conditions allows the IMS DBA to predict future database behavior. While some actions can trigger self-managing responses, other actions may require execution during specified periods of time. The IMS Database Solution Pack provides scheduling functionality that is based on rules and thresholds to drive actions and utilities to resolve critical conditions. The IMS Smarter Tooling

capabilities are all incorporated into the *IMS Smarter Tooling Server* component of the *IMS Tools Base*.

IMS Smarter Tooling Server

The IMS Smarter Tooling Server automates the collection of sensor data, initiates policy evaluations, and allows users to schedule maintenance operations during appropriate time periods. The IMS Smarter Tooling Server is fully integrated with both the IMS Online Reorganization Facility and the IMS Database Reorganization Expert products to provide conditional reorganizations that are based on user-defined policy thresholds.

IMS Database Sensor Data Collection

The IMS Database Sensor utility is a key component of the IMS Smarter Tooling Server. It is responsible for collecting database activity and key conditions that can be used in Smarter Tooling. It runs during image copy and pointer checker processing. It can also run as standalone utility. The IMS Database Sensor utility scans databases, analyzes space utilization, and collects statistics that are stored in the IMS Tools Knowledge Base (ITKB) sensor data repository for use by other tools in the IMS Database Solution Pack. The data categorization is shown in Figure 8.

IMS ITOA Data Categorization

Root segments distribution and synonyms

Database records

IMS segment occurrence and free space

IMS segment fragmentation and split segments

Estimated I/O occurrences

Usage of overflow area

Data set space used and allowable size

Data set space size, free space, extensions

Data set space CI and CA splits

Figure 8: IMS Database Sensor Utility Smarter Tooling Data Categorization

IMS Policy Services

The IMS Smarter Tooling Server allows users to set policies to determine when specific conditions are met in the IMS database system environment. A policy is a rules-based condition or threshold. When the policy is

met or the threshold is reached, a notification can be sent to the IMS DBA or a corrective action can be initiated. These policies provide conditional control over maintenance operations which can reduce the total cost of operations (TCO). For example, the policies may reduce the number of reorganizations for rarely changed databases.

IMS Smarter Tooling Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The IMS Smarter Tooling Server is fully integrated with the IBM Management Console for IMS and DB2 to provide a graphical user interface (GUI) for the IMS Smarter Tooling data. Data is displayed on a web browser and IMS DBA's can view interactive charts showing historical data and database trends. The IMS Smarter Tooling Server detects database exceptions and automatically displays them on the browser along with recommended actions to resolve the issues.

IMS Tool Knowledge Base for Reports

The *IMS Database Solution Pack* generates many statistical reports. These reports are stored in the *IMS Tool Knowledge Base (ITKB)* repository for centralized viewing and historical analysis.

For more information

To learn more about the IBM IMS Tools product line, please contact your IBM representative or IBM Business Partner, or visit: ibm.com/soft-ware/data/db2imstools/products/ims-tools.html

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