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# BP106 Best Practices: RIP and NSD Analysis

Automatic Diagnostic Collection and then?

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# Speaker Introduction

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# Agenda

- **Introduction**
- **Server Crashes**
  - ▶ **RIP Analysis**
  - ▶ **ADC and Dynamic Console log**
  - ▶ **NSD Analysis**
- **Troubleshooting Domino using NSD**
  - ▶ **Collecting Information with NSD**
  - ▶ **Best Practices NSD**
  - ▶ **Analyzing Server Hangs**
- **Q&A**

## Focus of this presentation

- **We will mainly cover NSD for Domino 6.5.x on Win32 and Unix/Linux**
  - ▶ many enhancements introduced in NSD and ADC step by step between late R5 and D6.5
  - ▶ some of the features might not be available in earlier releases
  - ▶ we recommend to update to 6.0.3 or 6.5 (6.5.1 ships this week)
    - **Best support for diagnostic tools**
- **ADC = Automatic Data Collection - a rush through**
  - ▶ best chance for detailed coverage is from Shane Kilmon's RAS presentation in the Customer Care lab Wednesday at 4:30 pm
- **We will mainly provide Best Practices and Tips for Server Crashes, Server Hangs and general Troubleshooting using NSD for Domino 6 and RIP for Domino 5**

## RIP Introduction - R5

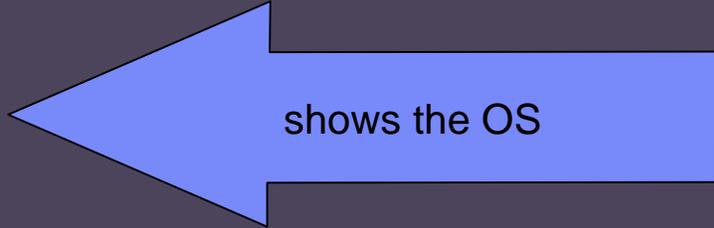
- A crash represents the inability of the Domino Server program to continue execution.
- RIP = Rest In Peace
- QNC = Quincy
- QNC must be registered as a Just in Time (JIT) Debugger
  - ▶ QNC appends several crashes into <NotesData>\Notes.RIP
  - ▶ can contain a long lasting history of several crashes
  - ▶ might also contain non-Domino crashes due to system wide JIT
  - ▶ upgrades in R5.x code stream should be checked whether QNC is still registered as JIT

# RIP File Requires Annotation

- Using SYM files specific for each version
  - TN #1102340 Availability of SYM Files for Annotating Notes.RIP Files
- For an eventual HotFix installed - updated SYM file required
- Annotator requires DOS window environment variable QNCMAP
  - Set QNCMAP=d:\sym\v5.0.12\w32
  - ant.exe notes.rip > notes.ant
- Note: SYM format changed with 5.0.11 -> requires version 4 of ant.exe
  - TN #4004196 points to ftp download (backward compatible)

# RIP Header: OS, Application & Version

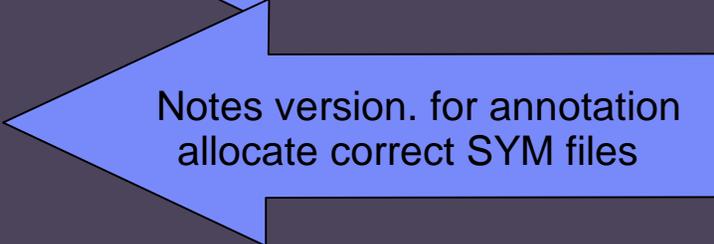
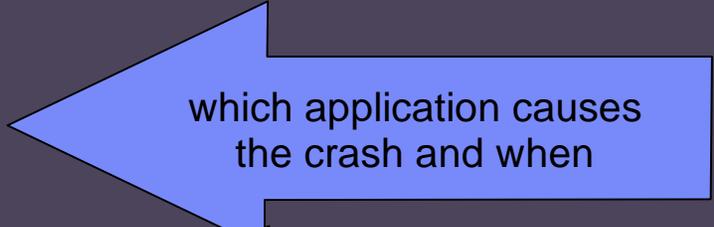
```
*****
*           Quincy for Win32  Rev 2.00           *
* Copyright 1995-7, Lotus Development Corp.     *
*           All rights reserved                 *
*           Abnormal Termination Report        *
*****
```



Portions Copyright (C) 1985-1993 Microsoft Corp. All rights reserved.

Quincy has detected the following fatal exception  
Please report this crash to the vendor of the faulting application:

```
App: D:\ND5\D5012e\nnshcrash.exe (PID=0xB40) ""
When: 1/7/2004 @ 23:56:3.669
Exception Number: 0xC0000005 (access violation)
Exception Flags: 0x00000000 (continuable)
Notes Build: Release 5.0.12 |February 13, 2003
Hotfixes:
none...
```



# RIP System Info & Tasks

- ----- System Information -----
- Computer Name: PBIRETT-T21
- User Name: PBirett
- Number of Processors: 1
- Processor Type: Intel Pentium
- Windows Version: NT 5.0 (Build 2195) - Service Pack 4
- Current Build: 2195
- Current Type: Uniprocessor Free
- Registered Organization: de.IBM.com/Lotus
- Registered Owner: Peter Birett
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----- Task List -----

- | PID   | Task Name   |
|-------|---|
| 0xA60 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntserver.exe 02-13-103 10:34:10 Size: 45109   |
| 0x878 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntrouter.exe 02-11-103 19:17:22 Size: 258101  |
| 0x7D0 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntnamgr.exe 02-11-103 18:58:52 Size: 69683    |
| 0x244 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntnamgr.exe 02-11-103 18:58:52 Size: 69683    |
| 0x7B8 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntnamgr.exe 02-11-103 18:58:52 Size: 69683    |
| 0xB40 | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntnshcrash.exe 01-06-104 23:52:33 Size: 78596 |
| 0x71C | D:\ND5\D5012e\ntqnc.exe 02-11-103 19:17:20 Size: 122929     |

OS with patch, CPU, computer name, OS User-ID

which Domino or 3rd party application were in memory

# RIP Stack Back Trace: Raw and Annotated

```

0012FA18 32203430 34303A33 2036323A 42502020 |04 23:04:26 PB|
0012FA28 20724369 203A6873 74656C67 69732073 |iCrash: lets si|
0012FA38 52206E67 69626275 203A6873 6D6F4427 |gn Rubbish: 'Dom|
0012FA48 446F6E69 694C7269 2D5C6B6E 6E616C42 |inoDirLink\~Blan|
0012FA58 6E2E2D6B 0A276673 00000000 00000000 |k-.nsf'.....|

```

ASCII column might point to NSF,view, agent & action been in access, not necessarily the root cause of crash

----- Stack Back Trace -----

Stopped at 77FA144B (0001:0002044B in dll\ntdll.dbg) Base=0x77f80000 RVA=0x00000000

\*\* Unable to open file: ntdll.SYM or ntdll.S32 or ntdll.MPN

```

0012FBF4 0012FC08 010015D1 88880137 0000000A |.....7.....|
0012FC04 00000006 0012FC24 01003B06 0000000A |....$....;.....|

```

further annotation possible with MSDN check build OS

Called from 010015D1 (0001:000005D1 in D:\ND5\D5012e\nnotes.dll) Base=0x01000000 RVA=0x00001000

-> \_OSLockReadSem@4+0001

```

0012FC08 0012FC24 01003B06 0000000A 0012FC20 |$....;..... ...|
0012FC18 0012FC2C 00000006 01767900 0012FC3C |,.....yv.<...|

```

annotation uncovers function names

Called from 01003B06 (0001:00002B06 in D:\ND5\D5012e\nnotes.dll) Base=0x01000000 RVA=0x00001000

-> \_AllocDBlock@12+0116

```

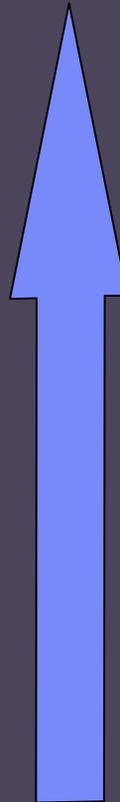
0012FC24 0012FC3C 01003B31 017C79A0 0000003A |<...1;...y|:....|
0012FC34 00000006 0012FC80 0012FC58 0100B7BE |.....X.....|

```

# Call Stack, Annotation Summary

- Summary of RIP:

- > \_OSLockReadSem@4+0001
- > \_AllocDBlock@12+0116
- > \_AllocDBlock@12+0141
- > \_UBMPinExtended@8+050E
- > \_NSFNoteCreateClone@8+00FA
- > \_NSFNoteUpdateExtended2@20+0007
- > \_ProcessCHARSETINFO@4+07E8
- > \_ProcessCHARSETINFO@4+07C5
- > \_openhandle\_crash\_sub\_routine+00E3 <-
- > \_AddInMain@12+0194 <-
- > \_NotesMain@8+002F <-
- > \_main+0106 <-
- > \_main+0016 <-
- > \_mainCRTStartup+00E9 <



Stack Trace:  
Read from the bottom..  
..up!



Search for similar call stacks top..  
..down

## Construction of FT search string :

OSLockReadSem & AllocDBlock & NSFNoteCreateClone & NoteUpdateExtended2

## Summary: RIP Files

- RIP file may not always be created at time of crash
- Other crashes besides Notes/Domino may create RIP files
- Wrong version of QNC registered is difficult to notice
- "Stopped at" and "Called from" are not always annotated
- ASCII strings are often, but not always, meaningful
- PIDs in Task List help sort out multiple crashes minutes apart
- Multiple Threads in a RIP annotated call-stack are not separated
- Note: Annotation summaries miss a lot, IBM Lotus Support always needs the full Notes.RIP file

# New Features in Domino 6

- Directory \IBM\_TECHNICAL\_SUPPORT
  - ▶ **single place of log files collection**
- Automatic Data Collection
  - ▶ **Server and Client mail self-acting**
- Configuration Collector
  - ▶ **Server and Config docs get exported at each modification**
- Dynamical Console Log
  - ▶ **reduces log size, doesn't trace from server startup to shutdown**
- Fault Recovery
  - ▶ **generates NSD files and restarts servers automatically**
- NSD for Win32
  - ▶ **Notes System Diagnostics**

# ADC Implementation (Step 1)

- Mail-In NSF with advance template "Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Report" (Indfr.nsf)
- Mail-In doc

Mail-In Database: Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Reports

Basics | Other | Comments | Administration

Basics		Location	
Mail-in name:	Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Reports	Domain:	lonodo
Description:	Mail-in database for fault reports from Notes clients and Domino servers	Server:	svr01/LoNoDo
Internet Address:		File name:	Indfr.nsf
Internet message storage:	No Preference		
Encrypt incoming mail:	No		

# ADC Implementation (Step2)

- Server -> Configuration doc -> new 'Diagnostic' tab

**Configuration Settings** : \*

Basics | LDAP | Router/SMTP | MIME | NOTES.INI Settings | Domino Web Access | IMAP | SNMP | Activity Logging | Change Control | **Diagnostics** | A

**Diagnostic Collection Options**

Mail-in Database for diagnostic reports: Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Reports

Amount (in KB) of diagnostic output file to send: 10240

Remove diagnostic files after a specified number of days: Yes

Number of days to keep diagnostic files: 21

- Client -> Policy Settings doc -> 'Diagnostic' tab

**Desktop Settings** : default

Basics | Databases | Dial-up Connections | Accounts | Name Servers | SSL | Applet Security | Proxies | Mail | Preferences | Comments | **Diagnostics**

**Diagnostic Collection Options**

Mail-in Database for diagnostic reports: Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Reports  Inherit  Enforce

Prompt user to send diagnostic report: Yes

Prompt user for comments: Yes

Amount (in KB) of diagnostic output file to send: 10240

Remove diagnostic files after a specified number of days: No

**Mail In Database**

Please choose a mail-in database from the list.

Name ^	OK
✓ Databases	
Lotus Notes/Domino Fault Reports	Cancel

# ADC Enabling fault recovery (Step 3)

## ■ Default

Fault Recovery	
Run This Script After Server Fault/Crash:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Run NSD To Collect Diagnostic Information:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Automatically Restart Server After Fault/Crash:	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Cleanup Script / NSD Maximum Execution Time:	<input type="text" value="300"/> seconds

## ADC enabled

Fault Recovery	
Run This Script After Server Fault/Crash:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Run NSD To Collect Diagnostic Information:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Automatically Restart Server After Fault/Crash:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
Cleanup Script / NSD Maximum Execution Time:	<input type="text" value="300"/> seconds
Maximum Fault Limits:	<input type="text" value="3"/> faults within <input type="text" value="5"/> minutes
Mail Fault Notification to:	<input type="text" value="LocalDomainAdmins"/>

introduced 6.0.3/6.5

- **Fault Recovery can be forced by** `FaultRecoveryFromINI=1`

# ADC Sample Fault Report:

Diagnostic Data

Name: branch/tree  
Notes/Domino Version: Build V601\_12302002 December 30, 2002  
OS Version: Linux 2.4.18-64GB-SMP  
Start Time: 01/06/2003 11:46:33 AM  
Crash Time: <Not Available>  
Uptime: <Not available>  
Error message: <Not available>  
Callstack:  
\_\_nanosleep  
OSRunExternalScript  
OSFaultCleanup  
fatal\_error  
pthread\_sighandler\_rt  
\_\_libc\_sigaction  
OSDelayThread  
AddIdleDelay  
OrgNameCacheRefreshTask  
Scheduler  
ThreadWrapper  
pthread\_start\_thread

Administrative Section

SPR #:  
Comments:

nsd\_all\_Linux\_branch\_01\_06@11\_47.log console\_branch\_2003\_01\_06@11\_46\_33.log diagindex\_branch\_2003\_01\_06@11\_46\_33.nbf

# Configuration Collector

- Provides snapshots of how a Domino server is configured
  - ▶ 6.5 Server
  - ▶ within server console: save noteid <noteid>
  - ▶ 6.5.1 saves configdoc & serverdoc at startup and each change



```
Address C:\IBM_Technical_Support\serverdoc_svr01_2004_01_04@17_32_21.dxl Go Links localho
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE note (View Source for full doctype...)>
- <note class="document" xmlns="http://www.lotus.com/dxl" version="6.5"
  maintenanceversion="1.0" replicaid="80256E110060371F">
+ <noteinfo noteid="133a" unid="3C0CD3CB82FFB75980256E110060445E" sequence="2">
+ <updatedby>
- <item name="ServerName" names="true" protected="true">
  <text>CN=svr01/O=LoNoDo</text>
  </item>
+ <item name="ServerTitle">
```

Each Domino Release has it own XMLSchema

```
<!DOCTYPE note SYSTEM 'C:\Lotus\Domino\xmlschemas\domino_6_5_1.dtd'>
```

# Tune size of \IBM\_TECHNICAL\_SUPPORT

- **New in 6.0.3 / 6.5**
  - `MAX_CONFIG_FILES=10`
    - **10 = default, of each type**
    - **checked at start, oldest will be deleted**
  - `MAX_NSDINFO_FILES=10`
  - `DISABLE_SAVESERVERCONFIG=[ 0 | 1 ]`
  - `DISABLE_SAVENSDCONFIG=[ 0 | 1 ]`
  
- **Also see XOR-table for Auto-enabled Collect in TN #1139663 What is the 'Configuration Collector' in Domino 6.5?**

# Dynamic Console Log

- **toggle for current server session**
  - start consolelog **and** stop consolelog
- **show server indicates status of dynamic console log**

```
> sh server
```

```
Lotus Domino (r) Server (Build V651_12292003 for Windows/32) 01/08/2004 08:32:51 PM
```

```
Server name:          svr01/LoNoDo
```

```
Server directory:    C:\Lotus\Domino\Data
```

```
Partition:          C.Lotus.Domino.Data
```

```
...
```

```
Fault Recovery:     Not Enabled
```

```
Activity Logging:   Not Enabled
```

```
Server Controller: Not Enabled
```

```
Diagnostic Directory: C:\IBM_TECHNICAL_SUPPORT
```

```
Console Logging:    Not Enabled
```

```
Console Log File:   C:\IBM_TECHNICAL_SUPPORT\console.log
```

# NSD Introduction

- **NSD = Notes System Diagnostics**
- **Has been around for years in Domino on Unix, S/390 and AS/400**
- **Optional available for Win32 in late R5 code-stream**
- **Replaces RIP in Domino 6 for Win32**
  - ▶ **not a Just in Time (JIT) Debugger**
  - ▶ **it will be invoked automatically if Server/Client crashes**
  - ▶ **or you can manually invoke it for troubleshooting**
- **NSD provides a huge collection of system diagnostics information on Domino and Operating System level**
  - ▶ **used by Admins, Developers and Support for Troubleshooting**

## NSD for Domino 5 on Win32

- **Optional available since R5.0.9**
  - ▶ **could replace QNC/RIP as a Just In Time Debugger in R5**
  - ▶ **can be installed via `nsd -i` (see TN #7003599 for details)**
  - ▶ **starts automatically when the server crashes**
  - ▶ **should only be used in R5 on IBM support recommendation**
  - ▶ **it is still limited in R5 and most troubleshooters still use RIP in R5**
  - ▶ **but it's already available on Client and Servers**
    - **`nsd -kill` can be used to recycle a hanging or crashed Notes Clients and Servers**

## NSD for Domino 6 on Win32

- Installed by default and invoked automatically by the Fault Recovery routines in Domino 6
  - ▶ check server document for options for Fault Recovery and ADC
  - ▶ check D6 policies to enable for Notes Clients
  - ▶ it is not installed as the JIT debugger any more to avoid side effects
  - ▶ D6 Installation disables RIP and NSD as JIT debugger
- Provides a lot of Domino and System Information
- Also used for troubleshooting Server and Client crashes and hangs
  - ▶ **Caution:** You need Win2003 Server or WinXP to analyze call-stacks without recycling the Server/Client afterwards

## NSD for Unix/Linux in Domino 5 & 6

- Only invoked automatically when fault recovery is enabled in D6
  - ▶ there are also ways to automate fault recovery on Unix in R5
- Can be started manually if server has already crashed but not yet recycled
- Can also be used to terminating a hanging server ( nsd -kill )
  - ▶ e.g. remove shared memory, semaphores and other resources...
  - ▶ manual restart without OS-recycle possible
- Can be used on running servers for troubleshooting and server hang diagnostics
  - ▶ does not crash a running server
    - if you have the right OS patchlevels!!!

# Why Server Freeze and Server Panic?

- Domino uses shared memory to allocate global resources to share between tasks and Domino core for different sub-systems
  - NIF, NSF, ... e.g. views are stored in memory ...
- If Memory-Handle or other Handles are corrupt this can have impact on other running tasks and result in corrupted databases
  - Domino "halts" the Server or Client with a PANIC or Freeze

## Example:

TID=[13426:00002-00001]/K-TID=35613

PANIC: LookupHandle: handle not allocated

Fatal Error signal = 0x0000000B PID/TID/K-TID = 13426/1/35613

Freezing all server threads ...

- **Diagnostics and Recycle Routines are called to restart**

# First Steps Analyzing a Server/Client Crash

- Find the crashing thread
  - ▶ "Fatal" is the most common indication of the crashing task
  - ▶ If you don't find fatal, look for "Panic", "Access Violation" or "Segmentation Fault", "Signal" messages on Unix/Linux
  - ▶ Tip: Last line on `console.log` is helpful in most of the cases
- Analyze the calls in the call-stack
  - ▶ It is helpful to know about the C-API toolkit (SDK) to understand function names and parameters involved
    - not all function calls are exposed
    - but the SDK (C-API Toolkit) gives you a good idea what to look for

# What can cause server crashes?

- Design elements
- LotusScript/Java
- Non-core/Third Party code (DECS/LEI, Oracle, DB2, JDBC, etc.)
- Corrupt data (relatively infrequent)
- Memory Management issues (overwrites, handle locking, memory leaks)
- Insufficient Memory

# Demo Servercrash

- **Problem**
  - ▶ **Invalid Memory Pointer**
  - ▶ **Invalid Handle**
- **Find open databases**
- **Check the Call-Stack**
- **Find parameters and possible reasons**
- **Check system environment**

# Reproducible Call-Stack/Bug?

- **Best case scenario: Reproducible call-stack on independent machines which does not occur on boxes with other releases**
- **But we are not always that lucky ...**
  - ▶ **if the call stack is similar at the end of the stack it could be a low-level API problem**
  - ▶ **if the call stack is similar at the higher level of the stack always in the same Servertask it could be the Servertask**
  - ▶ **if you see EM\_BEFORE, EM\_AFTER it might be an Extension-Manager problem**
  - ▶ **if it is always the same database it might be a data problem**

## How to find affected databases?

- **Search the Call-Stack for Database Handles and NoteIDs**
  - ▶ **e.g.** `NSFNoteOpen( DBHANDLE hDb, NOTEID NoteID, WORD flags, NOTEHANDLE *hNote);`
  - ▶ **a handle (DBHANDLE) is represented by a hex number in the call stack**
    - **can be found in open database list**
    - **take care: Handle number in open database list is decimal !**
  - ▶ **a NOTEID is also a hex value which identifies a Note in a Database**

# More Information about Open Files/Documents

- Check "Open Database Table" section for other open databases in the same task at the same time
- Check "Resource Usage Summary" section which clearly lists all open DBs for every thread .. with handles and users
- Check "NSF DB-Cache" section for Databases open in Cache
- Check "Open Documents" section for open Documents with matching database handles

## Abnormal Process Termination -- also a crash

- Server task simply disappears from the OS process list with no errors produced (very rare)
- Domino Server console indicates the task is still running
- Task cannot be shutdown cleanly from console
- Must be treated as a crash
- Due to an unhandled exception or signal
- Users unable to connect (since task no longer running)

## Next Steps

- Customer can only fix data problems, check/add server resources (e.g. memory) or install later versions
- Support can look into SPR database and find matching call-stacks
  - ▶ Support needs all information available in **IBM\_TECHNICAL\_SUPPORT** directory - (please ZIP files!)
  - ▶ every new version of Domino provides more diagnostic information (NSD, ADC, ...)
- Development or 3rd party software vendor can identify new problems and look into source code
- Take care: NSD also contains some sensitive information about your system and users.
  - ▶ check the NSD before sending it to external people

# NSD for Windows vs UNIX - Key Differences

- **W32: Executable file, UNIX: a shell script & executables**
- **Uses Windows Process Status API, Win32 API**
- **Same Application Exception Debugger interface in R5 used by QNC**
  - **nsd -i -auto to install and set Auto=1 in Registry**
  - **uses %windir%\NOTESNSD.INI to track INI files**
- **In D6 automatically called by fault recovery routines**
- **If invoked manually on Win32**
  - **stays active in a window nsd> , and accepts additional commands**
  - **can't be terminated on Win32 without terminating Notes/Domino (until Win2003 and WinXP)**
  - **help shows available commands**

## How to run NSD manually on Win32

- Switch to the directory containing the `notes.ini`
- Start `nsd.exe` with no options to invoke NSD interactive
  - will collect some information and prompt `nsd>`
- Type in `dump` to get the call-stacks of the running processes
- Type `detach` if you are running on WinXP or Win2003 Server
- Or type `quit -f` in D6 or first `kill` to cleanup all Servertasks before typing `quit` in R5
- Anytime type `help` for more options

## Best Practices NSD

- NSD collects much more data (memcheck and system data) and therefore takes longer to complete
  - ▶ Tip: with minimized DOS-window runs faster
- If memcheck isn't necessary run `nsd -nomemcheck`
- NSD is normally 1-10MB (up to 50MB in rare scenarios on servers)
- Client NSDs are much smaller
- Allows to cleanup after a crash and restart it without OS reboot
  - ▶ `nsd -kill` must be called from the location of your notes.ini
  - ▶ also works for Notes Clients in R5 :-)
- Make sure `Directory=...` is your first notes.ini entry after [Notes] to avoid problems with memcheck, other diagnostic tools

# NSD Command Line Options

- NSD has many useful options
- Some depend on release and platform
  - ▶ you can always use `nsd -?` to get help
  - ▶ most important options
    - ▶ `-kill` --> cleanup processes and resources of current partition
    - ▶ `-dumpandkill` --> dump all and cleanup current partition
    - ▶ `-[no]info` --> only/don't check system infos
    - ▶ `-[no]memcheck` --> only/don't run memcheck
    - ▶ `-[no]lsof` --> only/don't check for open files
    - ▶ `-[no]perf` --> only/don't check performance info

## NSD filenames & Locations

- **NSD filenames looks like:**

- ▶ `nsd_all_<platform>_<hostname>_<date>@<time>.log` (default)
- ▶ `ps_<platform>_<hostname>_<date>@<time>.log`
- ▶ `kill_<platform>_<hostname>_<date>@<time>.log`
- ▶ `sysinfo_<platform>_<hostname>_<date>@<time>.log`
- ▶ `memcheck_<platform>_<hostname>_<date>@<time>.log`

- **Location:**

- ▶ `notesdata` (prior 5.0.11)
- ▶ `notesdata\IBM_TECHNICAL_SUPPORT` (case sensitive on UNIX !)
- ▶ `LogFile_Dir=directoryname`
- ▶ **Set W32 environment** `Notes_LogFile_Dir` for manually nsd

# Major Sections of an NSD in Detail

- **Header: Version and System**
- **Process Table / Active Users**
- **Call-Stacks of running Processes**
- **MEMCHECK: - Notes / Domino Memory Analyzer**
- **Shared memory handles and blocks**
- **Open Databases, Open Documents**
- **Performance Data**
- **notes.ini**
- **User OS-level Environment**

## Major Sections of an NSD in Detail (cont.)

- Executable & Library Files
- Data Directory Full Listing
- Local Disks
- Memory Usage
- Network Stats
- Active Connections, Ethernet Stats, Active Routes, Protocol Stats
- Core File (on Unix systems)

## Details UNIX NSD

- **NSD on Unix used platform system information and performance tools (NSD is binary and shell-script)**
- **Important sections**
  - **VMSTAT table**
    - **System Resource, CPU usage, Run-Queue, Wait-Queue, Page In/Out ...**
  - **special UNIX System Information**
    - **OS/Security/Resource Limits (etc/limits ...)**
    - **Solaris /etc/system (6.5.1)**
    - **OS Level Semaphores and Shared Memory**
    - **Patches**
- **For more Information check last years BP Unix/Linux session**

# Server Hang and Hang Symptoms

- **Server (or specific task) is still running, but client receives error messages "Server not Responding"**
- **No error is produced on the console but an error may be written to log.nsf**
- **Console does not accept keyboard commands**
- **Servertask will not shutdown cleanly**
- **User reports that other Domino server tasks have slowed down**
- **No RIP/NSD is generated and no Fault Recovery**

# What can cause hangs?

- LotusScript/Java (looping logic in code)
- Semaphore issues (deadlocks, low level looping)
- Permanent unavailability of a particular resource
- Third Party code (such as a connection to a RDBMS)
- Network issues (DNSLookup, port problems)
- General: OS-level calls which do not return to the calling Domino code
  - ▶ example: AIX filesystem sizeinfo for NFS filesystems (fixed in D6)
- CPU spins (such as continuous NIF updates)
- \* Extreme performance issues

# How to troubleshoot Server Hangs?

- **Check call-stacks for specific calls**
  - ▶ e.g. a large number Semaphore Calls, SpinLock Calls
- **Use Semaphore Debugging**
  - ▶ `DEBUG_SHOW_TIMEOUT=1`
  - ▶ `DEBUG_CAPTURE_TIMEOUT=1`
  - ▶ `DEBUG_THREADID=1`
- **Run 3 full NSDs in short sequence**

# JIT & NSD for C-API Developers

- In D6 Fault Recovery automatically kicks in (with different options)
- A notes.ini setting `ApiDeveloper=1` allows to debug Notes/Domino applications with JIT debugger from Visual Studio
- Visual Studio automatically registers as the default JIT Debugger  
[HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\AeDebug]  
"Auto"="1"  
"Debugger"="\D:\M\$VS\msdev.exe" -p %ld -e %ld -g "
- You can query the settings of JIT with `nsd -qjit`

# SYM File Support for Add-On Products

- **Domino uses a special SYM file format integrated into one large SYM file**
- **Domino 6.5.1 will be able to read SYM files for individual binaries**
  - ▶ **for previous versions keep debugging code in your applications to get proper annotated call-stack for 3rd party products**
- **Microsoft mapsym can only be used to generate sym files for Notes RIP in R5**
  - ▶ **Lotus Development (Iris) Tool Map2iSym will be part of the Lotus C-API Toolkit for Domino 6.5.1**
    - **ability for NSD to integrate 3rd party "Domino family products"**
  - ▶ **starting 6.5.1 NSD will also work for the extended products running with Domino**

# Session Summary

- Many benefits using NSD
- SYM files still need to be in place on Win32 (installed by default)
- NSD provides verbose details about system, server and memory
- Useful for Troubleshooting of Crashes, Hangs and Performance Issues
- Same tool on UNIX (both will get closer in design in each release)
- NSD is a powerful tool used by Customers, Support and Developers
  - ▶ not all sections are easy to understand
  - ▶ some information is more "developer style"
- NSD, Fault Recovery and other Diagnostic tools make your server more reliable, efficient and the time to fix a problem can be reduced significantly

# NSD Technotes for Further Reference

- **7003599 Using NSD for Domino Servers and Notes Clients on NT, 2000 and XP**
- **4003878 NSD and Memcheck for Windows - Selected Versions**
- **1086330 Memcheck: What Is It and How Does it Work?**
- **1096859 Tip for Improving Performance of NSD for Windows**
- **1099789 NSD 1.8 & Below for W32 Do Not Like Spaces in Path Names**
- **1138705 Where Is NSD Output Created in Domino 6.x on Windows Platforms?**
- **1087796 How To Avoid Memory Dumps Being Overwritten on a Domino Server**
- **1091820 How to Use the nsd.sh UNIX Diagnostic Shell Script**
- **1101733 NSD is Not Running from a UNIX Shell Script**
- **1098070 Running NSD on AIX Does Not Find Debugger**
- **1088459 HTTP Thread No. from AS/400 NSD Does Not Match REQ Files**
- **1100917 How to Use NSD.sh as a Diagnostic Tool on the S/390 Platform**

# References and Pointers

- **Lotus Developers Domain** <http://www.lotus.com/ldd/today.nsf>
  - ▶ **Domino 6 server availability** by Jim Rouleau
  - ▶ **Domino Console** by Mallareddy Karra
  - ▶ **Sandbox: Utilities to crash client and server for all platforms**
  
- **Lotus Knowledge Base**
  - ▶ **1085072** What is Dynamic Debug Outfile in D6?
  - ▶ **1085850** What Is the Automatic Diagnostic Data Collection Tool?
  
- **UltraEdit -- inexpensive, awesome editor we use for Win32 and Unix NSDs**
  - ▶ <http://www.ultraedit.com>

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## Other Sessions

- ID206 Lotus Domino Platform Reliability, Availability and Serviceability by P. Sohn & J. Rouleau
- RAS in depth presentation by Shane Kilmon  
Customer Care lab, Wednesday at 4:30 pm
- **ID203: Lotus Domino Monitoring Capabilities -- Now and Future**
- **ID301: The 6.5.1 Releases: Integrated, Tested, Improved**
- BOF106: Lotus Engineering Test, Product Introduction and Technical Support, and Development Executives share their Strategy on World Class Support

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