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## New Features in this Guide

This guide includes the following changes:

- Requirement to mount the `STORE_DIRECTORY` directory (for disk MSP) or mount point (for DCM MSP) with the `dirsync` mount option in order to avoid data corruption in the event of a system crash. See:
  - "Disk msp Object" on page 242
  - "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
- The `run_daily_drive_report` and `run_daily_tsreport` scripts allow the new optional `DRIVETAB` parameter in the `taskgroup` object. This allows the report to contain the more-readable drive name instead of the device name. See "taskgroup Parameters" on page 170
- When the library server notices that a parallel data mover node has been disabled or that data mover services on a node have been stopped, it cause existing data mover processes to exit; this may take up to 2 minutes. The existing data mover processes may exit in the middle of recalling or migrating a file; this work will be reassigned to other data mover processes. See "Disabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 266.
- Availability of the DMF Client Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) web service interface. See Chapter 15, "DMF Client SOAP Service" on page 357.



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## About This Guide

This publication documents administration of the Data Migration Facility (DMF) environment.

### Related Publications

For information about this release, see the SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform (ISSP) release notes (`README.txt`) and the DMF release notes (`README_DMF.txt`).

The *DMF 5 Filesystem Audit Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage* describes how to solve problems with DMF should you encounter them.

Also see the following DMF man pages:

`dmf.conf(5)`  
`dmarenadump(8)`  
`dmatsnf(8)`  
`dmattr(1)`  
`dmaudit(8)`  
`dmadvfy(8)`  
`dmcheck(8)`  
`dmcollect(8)`  
`dmconfig(8)`  
`dmdadm(8)`  
`dmdate(8)`  
`dmdbcheck(8)`  
`dmdbrecover(8)`  
`dmdidle(8)`  
`dmdskvfy(8)`  
`dmdstat(8)`  
`dmdstop(8)`  
`dmdu(1)`  
`dmdump(8)`  
`dmdumpj(8)`  
`dmfill(8)`  
`dmfind(1)`  
`dmflicense(8)`  
`dmfsfree(8)`

dmfsmon(8)  
dmfdaemon(8)  
dmget(1)  
dmhdelete(8)  
dmlockmgr(8)  
dmmaint(8)  
dmmigrate(8)  
dmmove(8)  
dmnode\_admin(8)  
dmov\_keyfile(8)  
dmov\_loadtapes(8)  
dmov\_makecarts(8)  
dmscanfs(8)  
dmselect(8)  
dmsnap(8)  
dmtag(1)  
dmusage(8)  
dmversion(1)  
dmvoladm(8)  
dmxfsrestore(8)  
dmxfsprune(8)  
sgi\_dmdu(1)  
sgi\_dmfind(1)  
sgi\_dmls(1)  
vi(1)  
xfsdump(8) (Linux)  
xfsrestore(8) (Linux)

For information about running DMF in a high-availability (HA) Linux cluster, see the SGI HA documentation.

Also see:

- *CXFS 6 Administration Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
- *CXFS 6 Client-Only Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
- *TMF 5 Administrator's Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
- *OpenVault Operator's and Administrator's Guide*
- *XVM Volume Manager Administrator's Guide*

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  - DMF release notes: `/docs/README_DMF.txt`
  - A complete list of the packages and their location on the media: `/docs/RPMS.txt`
  - The packages and their respective licenses: `/docs/PACKAGE_LICENSES.txt`
- The release notes and manuals are provided in the `noarch/sgi-isspdocs` RPM and will be installed on the system into the following location:
 

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```

## Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this document:

Convention	Meaning
<code>command</code>	This fixed-space font denotes literal items such as commands, files, routines, path names, signals, messages, and programming language structures.
manpage (x)	Man page section identifiers appear in parentheses after man page names.
<i>variable</i>	Italic typeface denotes variable entries and words or concepts being defined.
<b>user input</b>	This bold, fixed-space font denotes literal items that the user enters in interactive sessions. (Output is shown in nonbold, fixed-space font.)

- [ ] Brackets enclose optional portions of a command or directive line.
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## Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of the SGI InfiniteStorage Data Migration Facility (DMF). It discusses the following:

- "What Is DMF?" on page 1
- "DMF Requirements" on page 13
- "How DMF Works" on page 17
- "DMF Administration" on page 30
- "DMF Tools" on page 33

## What Is DMF?

This section discusses the following:

- "Transparent Tiered-storage Management" on page 2
- "Migration Targets" on page 2
- "Data Flow" on page 4
- "Support for Storage Management Applications" on page 4
- "Scalability and Safety" on page 5
- "Tape Mounting Services" on page 5
- "Parallel Data Mover Option" on page 5
- "DMF Clients" on page 10
- "High Availability" on page 11
- "Managing DMF" on page 11
- "DMF Client Commands Web Service" on page 13

## Transparent Tiered-storage Management

DMF is an automated tiered-storage management system for SGI environments. As a filesystem migrator, DMF manages the capacity of online disk resources by transparently moving file data from disk to offline media. This lets you cost-effectively maintain a seemingly infinite amount of data without sacrificing accessibility for users.

DMF automatically detects a drop below the filesystem free-space threshold and then selects files for migration based on site-defined criteria, such as time of last access. DMF then migrates the file data from high-performance but more expensive online disk to levels of decreased-performance but less-expensive offline secondary storage.

Although DMF moves the file data, it leaves inodes and directories intact within the native filesystem. When a user accesses a file's data with normal operating system commands, DMF automatically recalls the file data from offline media. Because the inodes and directories are not migrated, users never need to know where the file data actually resides; migrated files remain cataloged in their original directories and are accessed as if they were still online. In fact, when using POSIX-compliant commands for filesystem inquiry, a user cannot determine whether a file is online or offline; determining the data's actual residence requires special commands or command options. The only difference users might notice is a delay in access time.

Therefore, DMF allows you to oversubscribe your online disk in a manner that is transparent to users.

## Migration Targets

The secondary storage used by DMF is usually tape, although it can be any bulk-storage device accessible locally through NFS or FTP.

DMF can migrate data to the following:

- Disk
- Tape
- Another server (via NFS or FTP)
- Disk cache on slower disk and then to tape, providing multiple levels of migration using *n-tier capability*

You should migrate at least two copies of a file to prevent file data loss in the event that a migrated copy is lost. Figure 1-1 shows the concept of migrating a file from high-performance disk to multiple copies on secondary storage, and then recalling

one of the copies. The top diagram uses two tape libraries as secondary storage, the bottom diagram uses multiple tiers of secondary storage (first to lower-performance but less-expensive disk, then to inexpensive tape), plus a second copy that goes directly to tape. The file will be recalled from disk cache as long as it resides there because it is faster than recalling from tape. The file will be recalled from the second tape copy only if necessary.

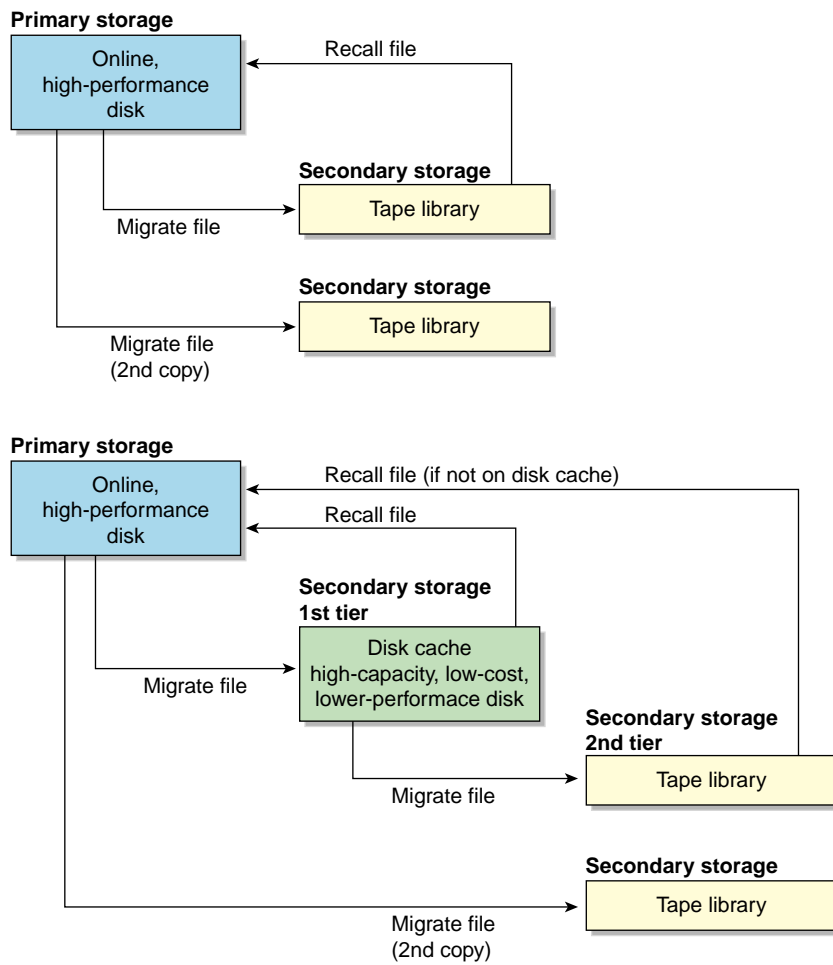
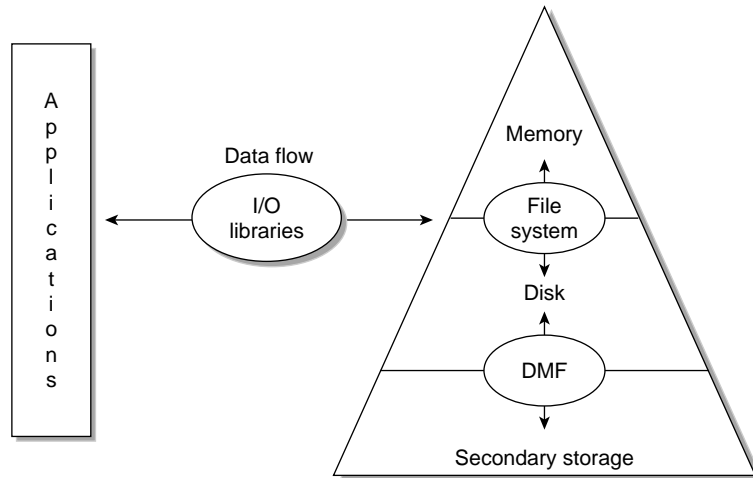


Figure 1-1 Migrating and Recalling Files

## Data Flow

Figure 1-2 provides a conceptual overview of the data flow between applications and storage media.



**Figure 1-2** Application Data Flow

## Support for Storage Management Applications

DMF supports a range of storage management applications. In some environments, DMF is used strictly to manage highly stressed online disk resources. In other environments, it is also used as an organizational tool for safely managing large volumes of offline data. In all environments, DMF scales to the storage application and to the characteristics of the available storage devices.

DMF interoperates with the following:

- Standard data export services such as Network File System (NFS) and File Transfer Protocol (FTP)
- XFS filesystems
- CXFS (clustered XFS) filesystems



- Microsoft's Server Message Block (SMB), which is also known as the Common Internet File System (CIFS), as used by Samba when fileserving to Windows systems

By combining these services with DMF, you can configure an SGI system as a high-performance fileserver.

## Scalability and Safety

DMF transports large volumes of data on behalf of many users and has evolved to satisfy customer requirements for scalability and the safety of data. Because system interrupts and occasional storage device failures cannot be avoided, it is essential that the integrity of data be verifiable. Therefore, DMF also provides tools necessary to validate your storage environment. See "DMF Tools" on page 33.

## Tape Mounting Services

When you purchase DMF, you also receive the following tape mounting services:

- OpenVault storage library management facility
- Tape Management Facility (TMF)

## Parallel Data Mover Option

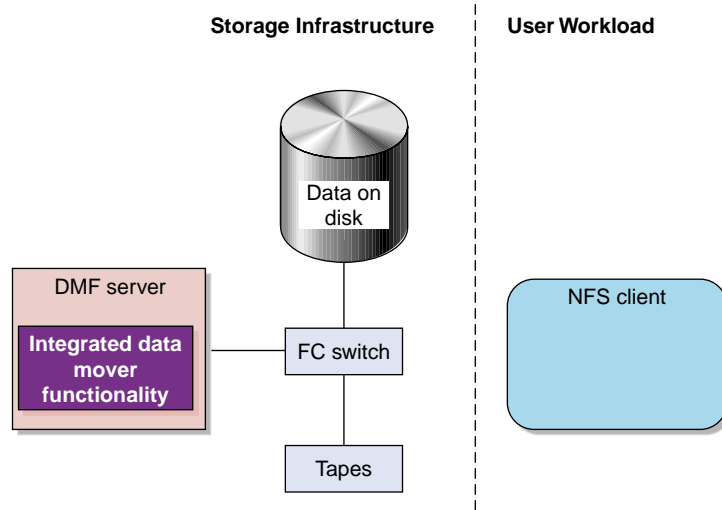
The individual processes that migrate and recall data to tape are known as *data mover processes*. Nodes that run data mover processes are *data movers*; this may include the DMF server node if it is configured to use *integrated data mover functionality* and, if you have purchased the *Parallel Data Mover Option*, the *parallel data mover nodes*. The DMF server and the parallel data mover nodes can each run multiple data mover processes.

As shown in Figure 1-3, the *basic DMF* product (that is, without the optional Parallel Data Mover Option) runs data mover processes on the DMF server. This allows the DMF control system to reside on a single server and minimizes the cost of a DMF implementation. Additional nodes can be installed with DMF client software (see "DMF Clients" on page 10).

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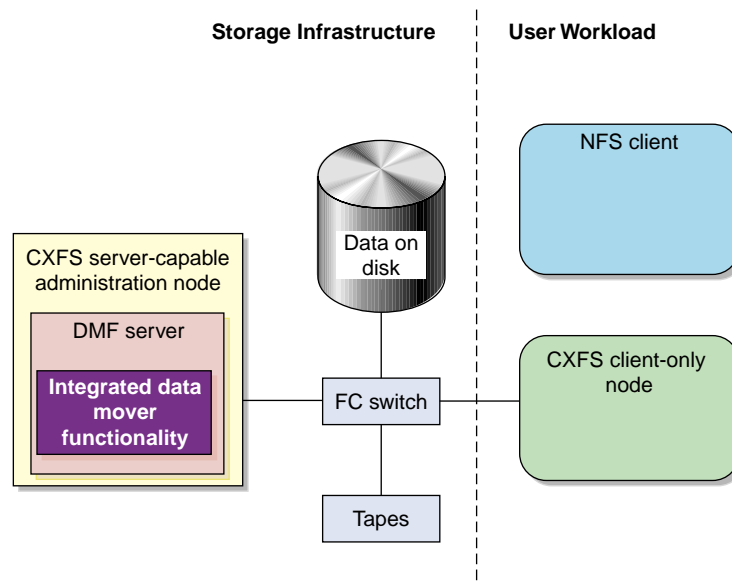
**Note:** All nodes connect to a network. This is not shown in the following figures.

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**Figure 1-3** Basic DMF in an NFS Environment

Figure 1-4 shows DMF in a CXFS clustered filesystem environment.



**Figure 1-4** Basic DMF in a CXFS Environment

For users with higher throughput requirements, the Parallel Data Mover Option allows additional data movers to operate in parallel with the integrated data mover functionality on the DMF server, increasing data throughput and enhancing resiliency.

The parallel data mover node's dedicated function is to move data from the filesystem to offline tape storage or from offline tape storage back into the filesystem. Offloading the majority of tape I/O from the integrated data mover functionality on the DMF server improves I/O throughput performance.

Because multiple parallel data mover nodes can be used to move data, DMF can scale its I/O throughput capabilities. When one parallel data mover node hits its peak throughput capabilities, you can add another parallel data mover node to the configuration, as often as needed to improve I/O performance. Each parallel data mover node can improve overall DMF performance by up to its maximum performance. For example, if you have parallel data mover nodes that each provide up to a 2-GB/s increase, then having a configuration with three of these parallel data mover nodes would provide a net increase of up to 6 GB/s. Additional tape drives

and filesystem bandwidth may be required to realize the benefit from additional parallel data mover nodes.

Basic DMF can run in an environment with or without CXFS. If DMF is managing a CXFS filesystem, DMF will ensure that the filesystem's CXFS metadata server is the DMF server and will use metadata server relocation if necessary to achieve that configuration (see "Configure DMF Appropriately with CXFS" on page 66). With the Parallel Data Mover Option, DMF must always run in a CXFS environment. The parallel data mover nodes are SGI Altix ia64 and SGI Altix XE x86-64 machines that are installed with the DMF Parallel Data Mover software package, which includes the required underlying CXFS client-only software.

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**Note:** From the CXFS cluster point of view, the DMF parallel data mover node is a CXFS client-only node. Therefore, each parallel data mover node counts towards the total CXFS cluster node count, which is 64 nodes maximum. If you have a cluster with 2 CXFS server-capable administration nodes and 2 CXFS client-only nodes installed as parallel data mover nodes, then you could have a total maximum number of 60 other CXFS client-only nodes doing normal client-only work ( $2+2+60=64$ ). The parallel data mover nodes must be dedicated to DMF data mover activities; they cannot perform any other functions that would be normal for CXFS client-only nodes.

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The parallel data mover node has specific hardware requirements and must have separate HBAs for disk and tape I/O. For details, see the DMF release notes. (To access the release notes, see "Obtaining Publications" at the front of this guide.)

If you choose the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option, you must use OpenVault for those drive groups that contain tape drives on parallel data mover nodes.

Figure 1-5 shows the concept of DMF using parallel data mover nodes in a CXFS cluster with only one server-capable administration node.

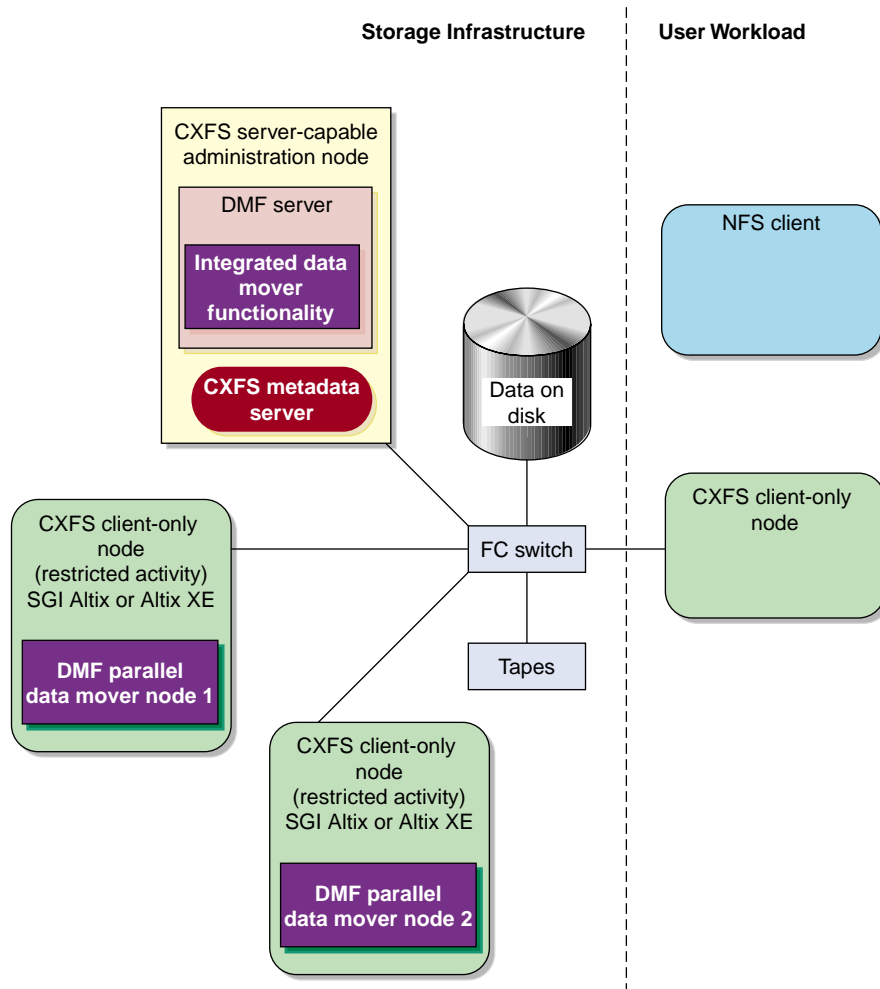


Figure 1-5 DMF with the Parallel Data Mover Option in a CXFS Environment

In a configuration with the Parallel Data Mover Option, the DMF server still provides the following services (just as with basic DMF):

- DMF administration (see "DMF Administration" on page 30)
- Backups
- Snapshots
- All I/O for data transfer to and from disks that is associated with FTP, disk, or disk cache manager (DCM) media-specific processes (MSPs) (see "How DMF Works" on page 17)
- By default, a portion of I/O for data transfer to and from tape (using its integrated data mover functionality)

For more information, see Chapter 8, "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration" on page 263.

For more information about CXFS, see *CXFS 6 Administration Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage* and *CXFS 6 Client-Only Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*.

## DMF Clients

DMF supports clients running one of the following operating systems (for the specific versions supported, see the DMF release notes):

- SGI IRIX
- Apple Mac OS X
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)
- SGI Foundation Software on RHEL
- SGI Foundation Software on SLES
- Sun Solaris

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**Note:** The supported level of SGI ProPack may be optionally installed on any DMF client node running SGI Foundation Software.

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A subset of DMF commands are available on DMF clients. See "User Commands" on page 34.

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**Note:** If you have DMF client platforms in your configuration, the DMF server must be configured to have the `xinetd(8)` daemon running. The `xinetd` daemon is enabled by default.

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## High Availability

You can run DMF in a high-availability (HA) cluster using the Linux-HA Heartbeat product. The Heartbeat product provides the infrastructure to fail over *HA resources* that survive a single point of failure. An *HA resource* is a service, associated with an IP address, that is managed by Heartbeat. A *resource group* is a set of resources that must be managed and failed over as a set.

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**Caution:** If you run DMF in an HA cluster, there are some configuration requirements and administrative procedures (such as stopping DMF) that differ from the information in this guide. For more information, see the SGI documentation.

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## Managing DMF

DMF provides a set of tools to help you configure, monitor, and manage the DMF system. See "DMF Tools" on page 33.

*DMF Manager* is a web-based tool you can use to configure DMF, deal with day-to-day DMF operational issues, and focus on work flow. DMF Manager is useful for all DMF customers from enterprise to HPC and is available via the Firefox and Internet Explorer web browsers.

At a glance, you can see if DMF is operating properly. An icon in the upper-right corner indicates if DMF is up (green) or down (upside down and red). If DMF requires attention, DMF Manager makes actions available to identify and resolve problems. The tool volunteers information and provides context-sensitive online help. DMF Manager also displays performance statistics, allowing you to monitor DMF activity, filesystems, and hardware.

Figure 1-6 is an example of the **Overview** panel. It shows that DMF is up (green icon), that it has some warnings that may require action (yellow icon), and that the

/dmi\_fs2 filesystem is related to the volume1 and volume2 tape volume groups (VGs).

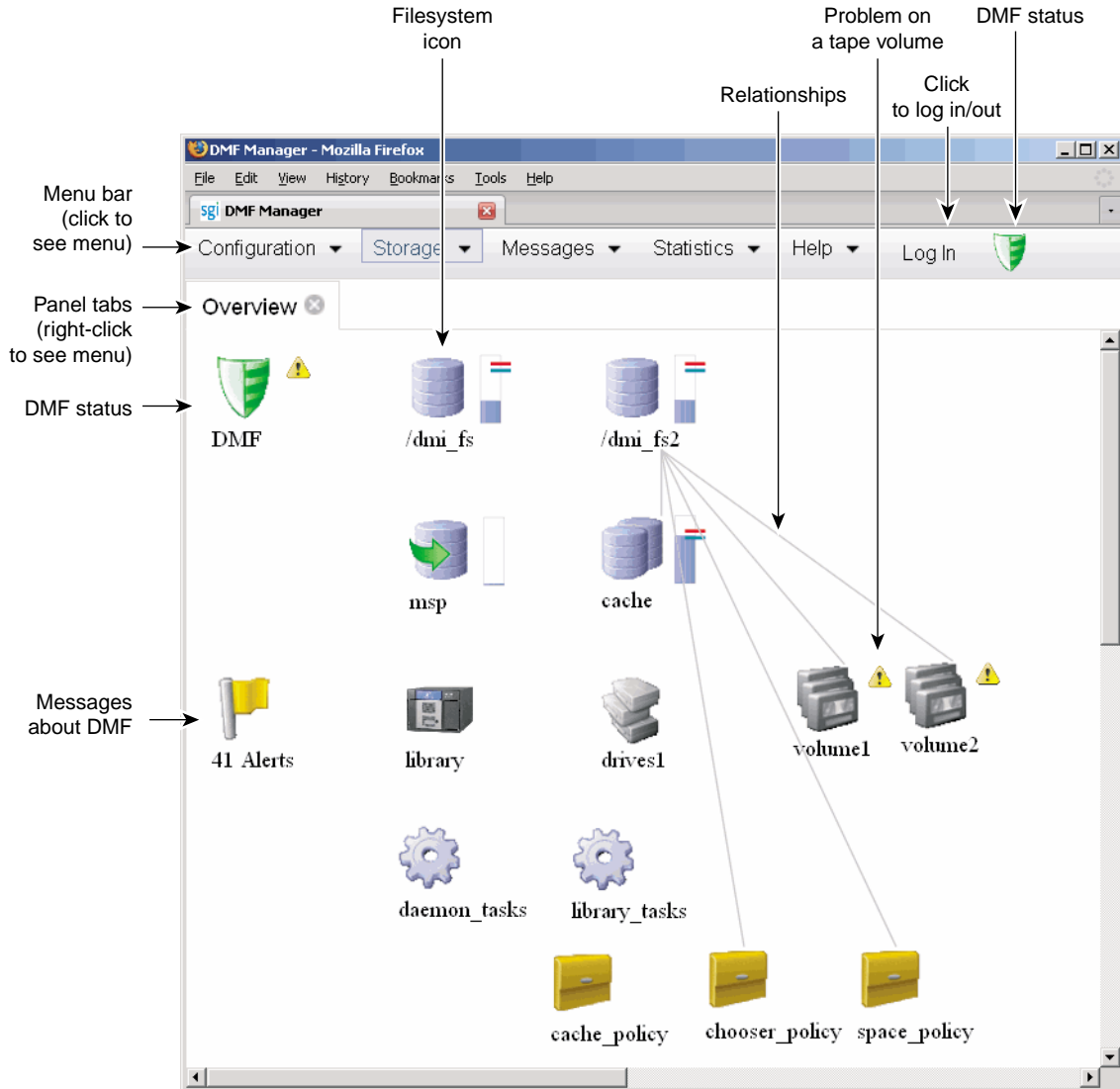


Figure 1-6 DMF Manager



For details, see Chapter 6, "Using DMF Manager" on page 97.

## DMF Client Commands Web Service

DMF provides access to a subset of the DMF client functions via the DMF client Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) web service. For more information, see Chapter 15, "DMF Client SOAP Service" on page 357.

## DMF Requirements

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**Note:** See the ISSP release notes and the DMF release notes for the supported kernels, update levels, service pack levels, software versions, libraries, and tape devices.

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This section discusses the following:

- "Server Node Requirements" on page 14
- "Parallel Data Mover Node Requirements" on page 14
- "Device Requirements" on page 14
- "Tape Mounting Service Requirements" on page 15
- "License Requirements" on page 15
- "DMAPI Requirement" on page 15
- "SAN Switch Zoning or Separate SAN Fabric Requirement" on page 15
- "DMF Manager Requirements" on page 17
- "DMF Client SOAP Requirements" on page 17

## Server Node Requirements

A DMF server node requires the following:

- SGI Altix ia64 or SGI Altix XE x86-64 hardware

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**Note:** In a DMF configuration with CXFS or HA, the DMF server must run on either **all Altix ia64 systems** or **all Altix XE x86-64 systems**.

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- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES)
- SGI Foundation Software (the supported level of SGI ProPack may be optionally installed on any DMF server node running SGI Foundation Software)
- DMF server software and associated products distributed with the ISSP release

## Parallel Data Mover Node Requirements

DMF parallel data mover nodes require the following:

- SGI Altix or SGI Altix XE hardware
- SLES
- SGI Foundation Software

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**Note:** Do not install SGI ProPack on DMF parallel data mover nodes; they must be dedicated to data mover activities, and they cannot run other normal client-only applications.

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- DMF parallel data mover node software and associated products distributed with the ISSP release (which includes the required underlying CXFS client-only software)

If you use the Parallel Data Mover Option, you must use OpenVault for those drive groups that contain tape drives on data mover nodes. See "Parallel Data Mover Option" on page 5.

## Device Requirements

DMF supports the following devices:

- Fibre Channel tapes and tape libraries.
- SCSI low-voltage differential (LVD) tapes and tape libraries. If you have a high-voltage differential (HVD) tape or tape library that you want to use for DMF, you must contact SGI Professional Services for assistance in obtaining the appropriate HVD-LVD converter.

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**Note:** The LVD requirement is only for tapes and tape libraries. It does not apply to HVD disk.

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- Media transports and robotic automounters. Generally, DMF can be used with any transport and automounter that is supported by either OpenVault or TMF.

### **Tape Mounting Service Requirements**

OpenVault requires `ksh`, not `pdksh`.

TMF has no DMF-specific requirements.

### **License Requirements**

DMF is a licensed product. See Chapter 2, "DMF Licensing" on page 45.

### **DMAPI Requirement**

For filesystems to be managed by DMF, they must be mounted with the DMAPI interface enabled. See "Filesystem Mount Options" on page 81.

### **SAN Switch Zoning or Separate SAN Fabric Requirement**

Tape drives must be visible only from the active DMF server, the passive DMF server (if applicable), and the parallel data mover nodes. The tape drives must not be visible to any other nodes. You must use either independent switches (in a separate SAN fabric) or independent switch zones for CXFS/XVM volume paths and DMF tape drive paths.



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**Warning:** If the tape drives are visible to any other nodes, such as CXFS client-only nodes (other than those that are dedicated to being parallel data mover nodes), data can become corrupted or overwritten.

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DMF requires independent paths to tape drives so that they are not fenced by CXFS. The ports for the tape drive paths on the switch must be masked from fencing in a CXFS configuration.

XVM must not failover CXFS filesystem I/O to the paths visible through the tape HBA ports when Fibre Channel port fencing occurs.

## DMF Manager Requirements

DMF Manager has the following requirements:

- The DMF Manager software is installed on the DMF server node.
- One of the following web browsers:
  - Firefox 2.*n* through Firefox 3.6 (*Firefox is the preferred browser*)
  - Internet Explorer 7.*n* (7.0 or later) and Internet Explorer 8.
- Before saving or applying configuration changes, you must make and mount the DMF administrative filesystems. See "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61.

## DMF Client SOAP Requirements

To use the DMF Client SOAP capability, the software must be installed on the DMF server node.

## How DMF Works

This section discusses the following:

- "DMF File Concepts" on page 18
- "Offline Media" on page 18
- "DMF Databases" on page 21
- "Migrating a File" on page 21
- "Recalling a Migrated File" on page 22
- "File Regions and Partial-State Files" on page 23
- "Ensuring Data Integrity" on page 24
- "DMF Architecture" on page 25
- "Capacity and Overhead" on page 29

## DMF File Concepts

DMF regards files as being one of the following:

- *Regular files* are user files residing only on online disk
- *Migrating files* are files whose offline copies are in progress
- *Migrated files* can be one of the following:
  - *Fully-migrated files* are files whose offline copies are completed, either:
    - *Dual-state files*, where the data resides both on online disk and on secondary storage
    - *Offline files*, where the data is no longer on online disk
  - *Unmigrating files* are previously offline files in the process of being recalled to online disk
  - *Partial-state files* are files with some combination of dual-state, offline, and/or unmigrating regions

DMF does not migrate pipes, directories, or UNIX or Linux special files.

Like a regular file, a migrated file has an inode. An offline file or a partial-state file requires the intervention of the DMF daemon to access its offline data; a dual-state file is accessed directly from the online disk copy.

The operating system informs the DMF daemon when a migrated file is modified. If anything is written to a migrated file, the offline copy is no longer valid, and the file becomes a regular file until it is migrated again.

## Offline Media

Offline media is the destination of all migrated data and is managed by daemon-like DMF components called the *library server (LS)* and the *media-specific process (MSP)*:

- *LS (dmatls)* transfers to and from magnetic tape in a tape library (also known as a *robotic library* or *silo*).
- *FTP MSP (dmftpmsp)* uses the file transfer protocol to transfer to and from disks of another system on the network.

- *Disk MSP* (`dmdskmsp`) uses a filesystem mounted on the DMF server itself. This can be a local filesystem or a remote filesystem mounted through NFS or similar filesharing protocol.
- *Disk cache manager (DCM) MSP* is the disk MSP configured for *n*-tier capability by using a dedicated filesystem as a cache. DMF can manage the disk MSP's storage filesystem and further migrate it to tape, thereby using a slower and less-expensive dedicated filesystem as a cache to improve the performance when recalling files. The filesystem used by the DCM must be a local XFS or CXFS filesystem.

A site can use any combination of LS, disk MSP, FTP MSP, or DCM MSP; they are not mutually exclusive.

Figure 1-7 summarizes these concepts.

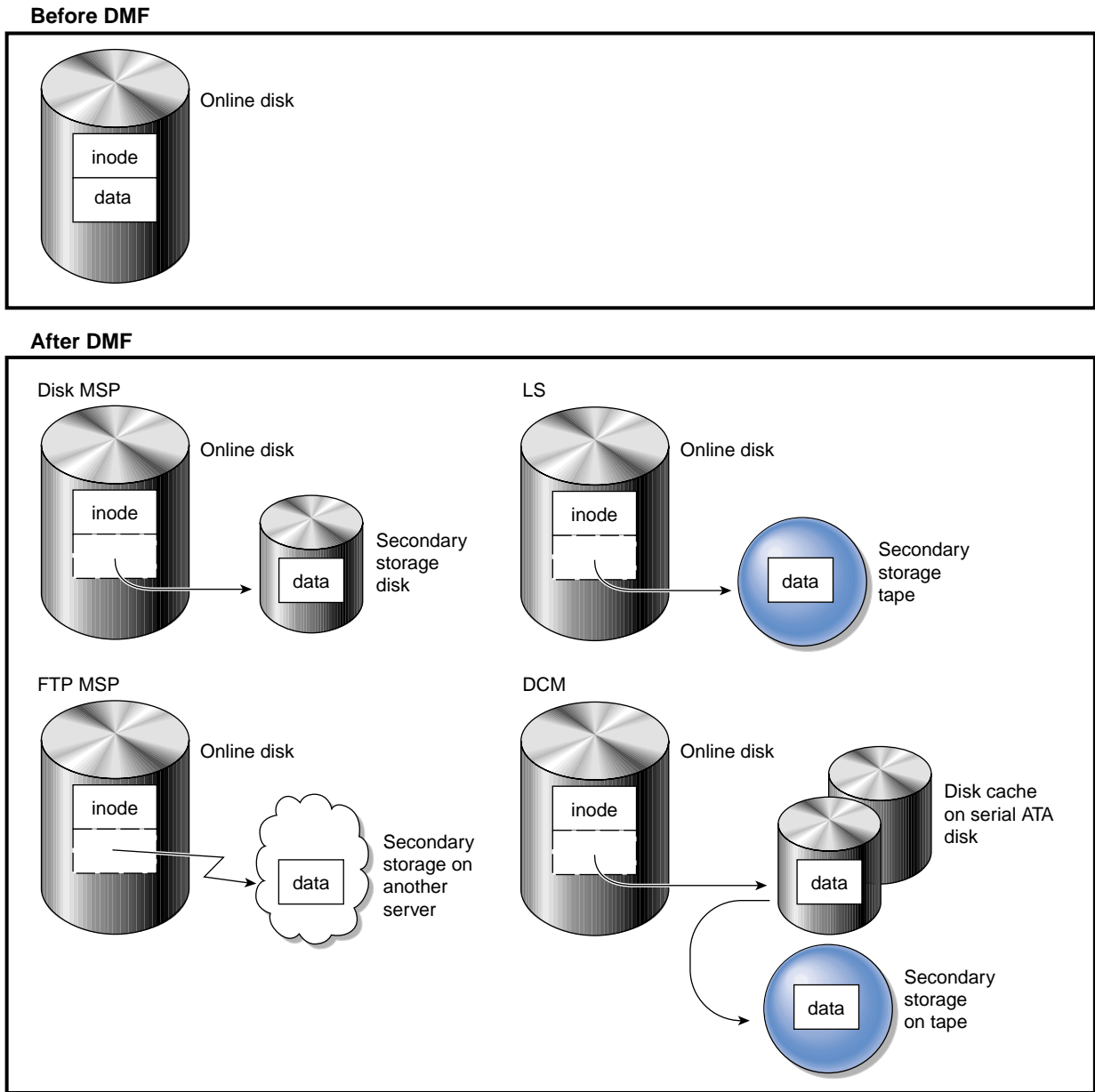


Figure 1-7 DMF Mechanisms



## DMF Databases

The DMF daemon keeps track of migrated files in its *daemon database*. The key to each file is its *bit-file identifier (BFID)*. For each migrated file, the daemon assigns a BFID that is stored in the file's inode. There is a daemon database record for each copy of a migrated file.

The daemon database also contains information such as the following:

- The MSP or volume group (VG) name
- The MSP or VG key for each copy of a migrated file

When you use an MSP, the daemon database contains all of the information required to track a migrated file.

If you use an LS, there is also the *LS database*, which contains two tables of records:

- *Catalog (CAT) records* track the location of migrated data on tape volumes. There is one CAT record for each migrated copy of a file. If a migrated copy is divided between two physical media, there will be a CAT record for each portion or *chunk*. See "CAT Records" on page 298.
- *Volume (VOL) records* contain information about the tape volumes. There is one VOL record for each volume. See "VOL Records" on page 298.

Detailed information about the DMF databases and their associated utilities is provided in "CAT Records" on page 298 and "VOL Records" on page 298.

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**Note:** The databases consist of multiple files. However, these are not text files and cannot be updated by standard utility programs. See "Database Backups" on page 353.

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For information about the OpenVault database, see *OpenVault Operator's and Administrator's Guide*.

## Migrating a File

As a DMF administrator, you determine how disk space capacity is handled by doing the following:

- Selecting the filesystems that DMF will manage
- Specifying the volume of free space that will be maintained on each filesystem

Space management begins with a list of user files that you rank according to your own criteria. File size and file age are among the most common ranking criteria.

File migration occurs in two stages:

- Stage One: A file is copied (*migrated*) to secondary storage.
- Stage Two: After the copy is secure, the file is eligible to have its data blocks released (this usually occurs only after a minimum space threshold is reached).

A file with all offline copies completed is called *fully migrated*. A file that is fully migrated but whose data blocks have not yet been released is called a *dual-state file*; its data exists both online and offline, simultaneously. After a file's data blocks have been released, the file is called an *offline file*.

You choose both the percentage of filesystem volume to migrate and the volume of free space. You as the administrator can trigger file migration or file owners can issue manual migration requests.

A file is migrated when the automated space management controller `dmfsfree(8)` selects the file or when an owner requests that the file be migrated by using the `dmput(1)` command.

When the daemon receives a request to migrate a file, it does the following:

1. Adjusts the state of the file
2. Ensures that the necessary MSP or VGs are active
3. Sends a request to the MSPs or VGs, who in turn copy data to the offline storage media

When the MSPs or VGs have completed the offline copies, the daemon marks the file as fully migrated in its database and changes the file to dual-state. If the user specifies the `dmput -r` option, or if `dmfsfree` requests that the file's space be released, the daemon releases the data blocks and changes the user file state to offline.

For more information, see the `dmput(1)` man page.

## Recalling a Migrated File

When a migrated file must be recalled, a request is made to the DMF daemon. The daemon selects an MSP or VG from its internal list and sends that MSP/VG a request

to recall a copy of the file. If more than one MSP or VG has a copy, the first one in the list is used. (The list is created from the configuration file.)

After a user has modified or removed a migrated file, its BFID is *soft-deleted*, meaning that it is logically deleted from the daemon database. This is accomplished by setting the delete date field in the database to the current date and time for each entry referring to the modified or removed file.

A file is *hard-deleted* when its BFID is completely removed from the DMF databases. You can configure DMF to automatically perform hard-deletes. This is done using the `run_hard_delete.sh` task, which uses the `dmhdelete(8)` utility.

The soft-delete state allows for the possibility that the filesystem might be restored after the user has removed a file. When a filesystem is reloaded from a dump image, it is restored to a state at an earlier point in time. A file that had been migrated and then removed might become migrated again due to the restore operation. This can create serious problems if the database entries for the file have been hard-deleted. In this case, the user would receive an error when trying to open the file because the file cannot be retrieved.

Do not hard-delete a database entry until after you are sure that the corresponding files will never be restored. Hard-delete requests are sent to the relevant MSPs and VGs so that copies of the file can be removed from media. For a VG, this involves volume merging.

## File Regions and Partial-State Files

DMF-managed files can have different residency states (online or offline) for different regions of a file. A *region* is a contiguous range of bytes that have the same residency state. This means that a file can have one region that is online for immediate access and another region that is offline and must be recalled to online media in order to be accessed.

DMF allows for multiple distinct file regions. A file that has more than one region is called a *partial-state* file. A file that is in a *static state* (that is, not currently being migrated or unmigrated) can have multiple online and offline regions. You can use the `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` parameter to configure the maximum number of file regions that DMF will allow on a file. You can set this parameter on a per-filesystem basis.

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**Note:** You should use `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` cautiously. If set capriciously, filesystem scan times can increase greatly. For details about using `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS`, see "filesystem Object" on page 182.

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Partial-state files provide the following capabilities:

- *Accelerated access to first byte*, which allows you to access the beginning of an offline file before the entire file has been recalled.
- *Partial-state file online retention*, which allows you to keep a specific region of a file online while freeing the rest of it (for example, if you wanted to keep just the beginning of a file online; see "ranges clause" on page 199).
- *Partial-state file recall*, which allows you to recall a specific region of a file without recalling the entire file. For more information, see the `dmput(1)` and `dmget(1)` man pages.

To turn off the partial-state file feature, set the `PARTIAL_STATE_FILES` daemon configuration parameter to `off`.

For additional details, see Appendix F, "Considerations for Partial-State Files" on page 455.

## Ensuring Data Integrity

DMF provides capabilities to ensure the integrity of offline data. For example, you can have multiple MSPs or VGs with each managing its own pool of media volumes. Therefore, you can configure DMF to copy filesystem data to multiple offline locations.

DMF stores data that originates in a CXFS or XFS filesystem. Each object stored corresponds to a file in the native filesystem. When a user deletes a file, the inode for that file is removed from the filesystem. Deleting a file that has been migrated begins the process of invalidating the offline image of that file. In the LS, this eventually creates a gap in the migration medium. To ensure effective use of media, the LS provides a mechanism for reclaiming space lost to invalid data. This process is called *volume merging*.

Much of the work done by DMF involves transaction processing that is recorded in databases. The DMF databases provide for full transaction journaling and employ two-phase commit technology. The combination of these two features ensures that DMF applies only whole transactions to its databases. Additionally, in the event of an

unscheduled system interrupt, it is always possible to replay the database journals in order to restore consistency between the DMF databases and the filesystem. DMF utilities also allow you to verify the general integrity of the DMF databases themselves.

See "DMF Administration" on page 30 for more information.

## DMF Architecture

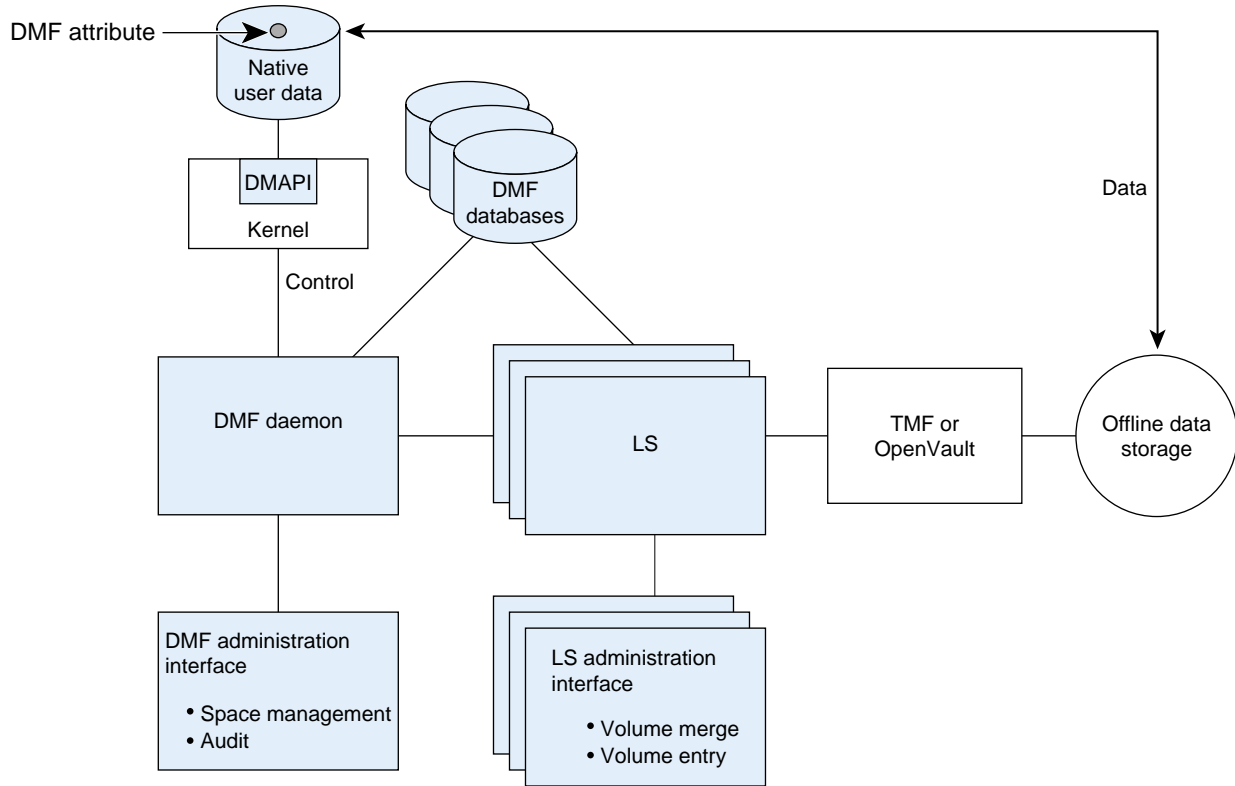
DMF consists of the DMF daemon and one or more MSPs or LSs. The DMF daemon accepts requests to migrate filesystem data from the DMF administrator or from users, and communicates with the operating system kernel to maintain a file's migration state in that file's inode.

The DMF daemon is responsible for dispensing a unique bit-file identifier (BFID) for each file that is migrated. The daemon also determines the destination of migration data and forms requests to the appropriate MSP/LS to make offline copies.

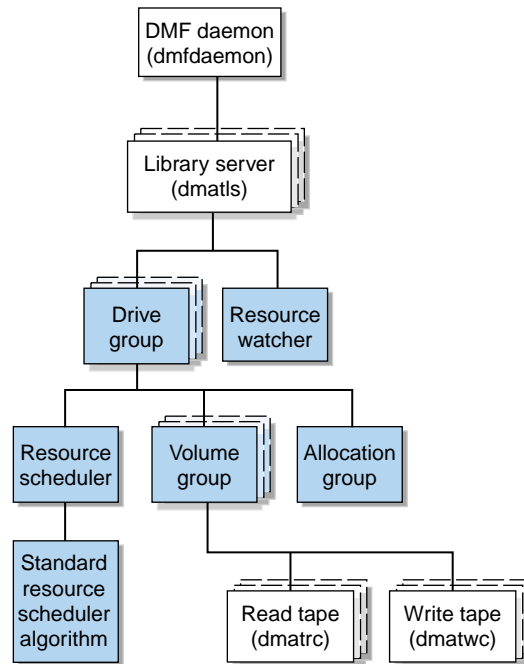
The MSP/LS accepts requests from the DMF daemon. For outbound data, the LS accrues requests until the volume of data justifies a volume mount. Requests for data retrieval are satisfied as they arrive. When multiple retrieval requests involve the same volume, all file data is retrieved in a single pass across the volume.

DMF uses the DMAPI kernel interface defined by the Data Management Interface Group (DMIG). DMAPI is also supported by X/Open, where it is known as the *XDSM standard*.

Figure 1-8 illustrates the basic DMF architecture. Figure 1-9 shows the architecture of the LS.



**Figure 1-8** Basic DMF Architecture



**Figure 1-9** Library Server Architecture

There is one LS process (`dmatls`) per tape library, which maintains a database that all of its components share. The entities in the shaded boxes in Figure 1-9 are internal components of the `dmatls` process. Their functions are as follows:

**Drive group**

The drive group is responsible for the management of a group of interchangeable tape drives located in the tape library. These drives can be used by multiple VGs (see *volume group* below) and by non-DMF processes, such as backups and interactive users. However, in the latter cases, the drive group has no management involvement; the mounting service (TMF or OpenVault) is responsible for ensuring that these possibly competing uses of the tape drives do not interfere with each other.

The main tasks of the drive group are to:

- Monitor tape I/O for errors
- Attempt to classify the errors as volume, drive, or mounting service problems
- Take preventive action

Volume group	The VG holds at most one copy of user files on a pool of tape volumes, of which it has exclusive use. It can use only the tape drives managed by a single drive group.
Allocation group	The allocation group is really a special type of VG, used to hold a communal pool of empty tapes. These tapes can be transferred to a VG as they are needed, and can be returned when empty again. Use of an allocation group is optional.
Resource scheduler	In a busy environment, it is common for the number of drives requested by VGs to exceed the number available. The purpose of the resource scheduler is to decide which VGs should have first access to drives as they become available, and which should wait, and to advise the drive group of the result. The DMF administrator can configure the resource scheduler to meet site requirements.
Standard resource scheduler algorithm	These routines are an internal component of the <code>dmatls</code> process. Standard algorithms are provided with DMF.
Resource watcher	The resource watcher monitors the activity of the other components and frequently updates files that contain data of use to the administrator. These are usually HTML files viewable by a web browser, but can also be text files designed for use by <code>awk</code> or <code>perl</code> scripts.

The `dmatrc` and `dmatwc` processes are called the *read children* and *write children*. They are created by VGs to perform the actual reading and writing of tapes. Unlike most of the other DMF processes that run indefinitely, these processes are created as needed, and are terminated when their specific work has been completed.

Media transports and robotic automounters are also key components of all DMF installations. Generally, DMF can be used with any transport and automounter that is supported by either OpenVault or TMF. Additionally, DMF supports *absolute block*



*positioning*, a media transport capability that allows rapid positioning to an absolute block address on the tape volume. When this capability is provided by the transport, positioning speed is often three times faster than that obtained when reading the volume to the specified position.

## Capacity and Overhead

DMF has evolved in production-oriented, customer environments. It is designed to make full use of parallel and asynchronous operations, and to consume minimal system overhead while it executes, even in busy environments in which files are constantly moving online or offline. Exceptions to this rule will occasionally occur during infrequent maintenance operations when a full scan of filesystems or databases is performed.

The capacity of DMF is measured in several ways, as follows:

- Total number of files. The daemon database addressing limits the size of the daemon database to approximately 4 billion entries. There is one database entry for each copy of a file that DMF manages. Therefore, if a site makes two copies of each DMF-managed file, DMF can manage approximately 2 billion files.
- Total volume of data. Capacity in data volume is limited only by the physical environment and the density of media.
- Total volume of data moved between online and offline media. The number of tape drives configured for DMF, the number of tape channels, and the number of disk channels all figure highly in the effective bandwidth. In general, DMF provides full-channel performance to both tape and disk.
- Storage capacity. DMF can support any file that can be created on the CXFS or XFS filesystem being managed.

## DMF Administration

This section discusses the following aspects of DMF administration:

- "Initial Planning" on page 30
- "Installation and Configuration" on page 30
- "Recurring Administrative Duties" on page 31

### Initial Planning

DMF manages two primary resources:

- Pools of offline media
- Free space on native filesystems

You can configure DMF to manage those resources in a variety of environments, including the following:

- Support of batch and interactive processing in a general-purpose environment with limited disk space
- Dedicated file servers
- Lights-out operations

As the DMF administrator, you must evaluate the environment in which DMF will run. You should plan for a certain capacity, both in the number of files and in the volume of data. You should also estimate the rate at which you will be moving data between the DMF store of data and the native filesystem. You should select autoloaders and media transports that are suitable for the data volume and delivery rates you anticipate.

### Installation and Configuration

You will install the DMF server software (which includes the software for TMF and OpenVault) from the SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform media.

To configure DMF, you must define a set of parameters in the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`). See Chapter 4, "Installing and Configuring the DMF Environment" on page 77.

To make site-specific modifications to DMF, see "Customizing DMF" on page 89.

## Recurring Administrative Duties

DMF requires that you perform recurring administrative duties in the following areas:

- "Free Space Management" on page 31
- "File Ranking" on page 31
- "Offline Data Management" on page 31
- "Data Integrity and Reliability" on page 32

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**Note:** You can use tasks that automate these duties. A *task* is a process initiated on a time schedule you determine, similar to a `cron(1)` job. Tasks are defined with configuration file parameters and are described in detail in "taskgroup Object" on page 166 and "LS Tasks" on page 232.

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### Free Space Management

You must decide how much free space to maintain on each managed filesystem. DMF has the ability to monitor filesystem capacity and to initiate file migration and the freeing of space when free space falls below the prescribed thresholds. See Chapter 10, "Automated Space Management" on page 271.

### File Ranking

You must decide which files are most important as migration candidates. When DMF migrates and frees files, it selects files based on criteria you chose. The ordered list of files is called the *candidate list*. Whenever DMF responds to a critical space threshold, it builds a new migration candidate list for the filesystem that reached the threshold. See "Generating the Candidate List" on page 272.

### Offline Data Management

DMF offers the ability to migrate data to multiple offline locations. Each location is managed by a separate MSP or VG and is usually constrained to a specific type of medium.

Complex strategies are possible when using multiple MSPs, LSS, or VGs. For example, short files can be migrated to a device with rapid mount times, while long files can be routed to a device with extremely high density.

You can describe criteria for MSP or VG selection. When setting up a VG, you assign a pool of tapes for use by that VG. The `dmvoladm(8)` utility provides management of the VG media pools.

You can configure DMF to automatically merge tapes that are becoming *sparse*—that is, full of data that has been deleted by the owner. With this configuration (using the `run_merge_tapes.sh` task), the media pool is merged on a regular basis in order to reclaim unusable space.

Recording media eventually becomes unreliable. Sometimes, media transports become misaligned so that a volume written on one cannot be read from another. The following utilities support management of failing media:

- `dmatsnf(8)` is used to check a DMF volume for flaws
- `dmatread(8)` is used for recovering data

Additionally, the volume merge process built into the LS is capable of effectively recovering data from failed media.

Chapter 13, "Media-Specific Processes and Library Servers" on page 293, provides more information on administration.

## Data Integrity and Reliability

To maintain the integrity and reliability of data managed by DMF, you must do the following:

- Run backups. DMF moves only the data associated with files, not the file inodes or directories, so you must still run filesystem backups in order to preserve the metadata associated with migrated files and their directories. You can configure DMF to automatically run backups of your DMF-managed filesystems. See "Back Up Migrated Filesystems and DMF Databases" on page 71.

The `xfsdump` and `xfsrestore` utilities understand when a file is fully migrated. The `xfsdump` utility has an option that allows for dumping only files that are not fully migrated. Files that are dual-state or offline have only their inodes backed up.

You can establish a policy of migrating 100% of DMF-managed filesystems, thereby leaving only a small volume of data that the dump utility must record.

This practice can greatly increase the availability of the machine on which DMF is running because, generally, dump commands must be executed in a quiet environment.

You can configure the `run_full_dump.sh` and `run_partial_dump.sh` tasks to ensure that all files have been migrated. These tasks can be configured to run when the environment is quiet.

- Configure DMF to automatically run `dmaudit` to examine the consistency and integrity of the databases it uses. DMF databases record all information about stored data. The DMF databases must be synchronized with the filesystems that DMF manages. Much of the work done by DMF ensures that the DMF databases remain aligned with the filesystems.

You can configure DMF to periodically copy the databases to other devices on the system to protect them from loss (using the `run_copy_databases.sh` task). This task also uses the `dmdbcheck` utility to ensure the integrity of the databases before saving them.

DMF uses journal files to record database transactions. Journals can be replayed in the event of an unscheduled system interrupt that causes database corruption. You must ensure that journals are retained in a safe place until a full backup of the DMF databases can be performed.

You can configure the `run_remove_logs.sh` and `run_remove_journals.sh` tasks to automatically remove old logs and journals, which will prevent the DMF `SPOOL_DIR` and `JOURNAL_DIR` directories from overflowing.

- You can configure the `run_hard_delete.sh` task to automatically perform hard-deletes to remove expired daemon database entries and release corresponding MSP or VG space, resulting in logically less active data. See "Recalling a Migrated File" on page 22.

## DMF Tools

The DMF administrator has access to a wide variety of commands for controlling DMF. Users require just a few commands that let file owners affect the manual storing and retrieval of their data. This section discusses the following:

- "User Commands" on page 34
- "Licensing Commands" on page 35

- "DMF Manager" on page 35
- "Configuration Commands" on page 36
- "DMF Daemon and Related Commands" on page 36
- "Space Management Commands" on page 39
- "LS Commands" on page 40
- "Disk MSP Command" on page 41
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) Commands" on page 41
- "Other Commands" on page 41

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**Note:** The functionality of some of these commands can be affected by site-defined policies; see "Customizing DMF" on page 89.

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The FTP MSP uses no special commands, utilities, or databases.

## User Commands

End users can run the following commands on DMF clients:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmattr(1)</code>	Displays whether files are migrated or not by returning a specified set of DMF attributes (for use in shell scripts).
<code>dmcopu(1)</code>	Copies all or part of the data from a migrated file to an online file.
<code>dmdu(1)</code>	Displays the number of blocks contained in specified files and directories on a DMF-managed filesystem.
<code>dmget(1)</code>	Recalls the specified files.
<code>dmfind(1)</code>	Displays whether files are migrated or not by searching through files in a directory hierarchy.
<code>dmls(1)</code>	Displays whether files are migrated or not by listing the contents of a directory.

<code>dmput(1)</code>	Migrates the specified files.
<code>dmtag(1)</code>	Allows a site-assigned 32-bit integer to be associated with a specific file (which can be tested in the <code>when</code> clause of particular configuration parameters and in site-defined policies).
<code>dmversion(1)</code>	Displays the version number of the currently installed DMF

The DMF `libdmfusr.so` user library lets you write your own site-defined DMF user commands that use the same application program interface (API) as the above DMF user commands. See Appendix B, "DMF User Library `libdmfusr.so`" on page 377.

Also see Chapter 15, "DMF Client SOAP Service" on page 357.

## Licensing Commands

The following commands help you to manage DMF licenses:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmusage(8)</code>	Displays information about the capacity allowed by the DMF licenses and the amount of data that DMF is currently managing against those licenses.
<code>dmflicense(8)</code>	Prints DMF license information.

## DMF Manager

DMF Manager is an intuitive web-based tool you can use to configure DMF, deal with day-to-day DMF operational issues, and focus on work flow, introduced in "Managing DMF" on page 11. To access DMF Manager, point your browser to the following secure address:

`https://YOUR_DMF_SERVER:1179`

For details, see Chapter 6, "Using DMF Manager" on page 97.

## Configuration Commands

The DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`) contains *configuration objects* and associated *configuration parameters* that control the way DMF operates. By changing the values associated with these objects and parameters, you can modify the behavior of DMF.

To configure DMF, you can use DMF manager or the `dmmaint(8)` command.

For information about configuration, see:

- "Overview of the Installation and Configuration Steps" on page 77
- Chapter 5, "Using `dmmaint` to Install Licenses and Configure DMF" on page 93
- Chapter 6, "Using DMF Manager" on page 97
- Chapter 7, "DMF Configuration File" on page 145
- Chapter 8, "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration" on page 263

The following man pages are also related to the configuration file:

Man page	Description
<code>dmf.conf(5)</code>	Describes the DMF configuration objects and parameters in detail.
<code>dmconfig(8)</code>	Prints DMF configuration parameters to standard output.

## DMF Daemon and Related Commands

The DMF daemon, `dmfdaemon (8)`, communicates with the kernel through a device driver and receives backup and recall requests from users through a socket. The daemon activates the appropriate MSPs and LSs for file migration and recall, maintaining communication with them through unnamed pipes. It also changes the state of inodes as they pass through each phase of the migration and recall process. In addition, the daemon maintains a database containing entries for every migrated file on the system. Updates to database entries are logged in a journal file for recovery. See Chapter 11, "The DMF Daemon" on page 277, for a detailed description of the DMF daemon.





**Caution:** If used improperly, commands that make changes to the daemon database can cause data to be lost.

The following administrator commands are related to `dmfdaemon` and the daemon database:

Command	Description
<code>dmaudit(8)</code>	Reports discrepancies between filesystems and the daemon database. This command is executed automatically if you configure the <code>run_audit.sh</code> task.
<code>dmcheck(8)</code>	Checks the DMF installation and configuration and reports any problems.
<code>dmdadm(8)</code>	Performs daemon database administrative functions, such as viewing individual database records.
<code>dmdbcheck(8)</code>	Checks the consistency of a database by validating the location and key values associated with each record and key in the data and key files (also an LS command). If you configure the <code>run_copy_database.sh</code> task, this command is executed automatically as part of the task. The consistency check is completed before the DMF databases are saved.
<p><b>Note:</b> See "Run Certain Commands Only on a Copy of the DMF Databases" on page 71.</p>	
<code>dmdbrecover(8)</code>	Applies journal records to a restored backup copy of the daemon database or LS database in order to create an up-to-date sane database.
<code>dmdidle(8)</code>	Causes files not yet copied to tape to be flushed to tape, even if this means forcing only a small amount of data to a volume.
<code>dmdstat(8)</code>	Indicates to the caller the current status of <code>dmfdaemon</code> .

<code>dmdstop(8)</code>	Causes <code>dmfdaemon</code> to shut down.
<code>dmfdaemon(8)</code>	Starts the DMF daemon. The preferred method is to use the <code>service dmf start</code> command. <sup>1</sup>
<code>dmhdelete(8)</code>	Deletes expired daemon database entries and releases corresponding MSP or VG space, resulting in logically less active data. This command is executed automatically if you configure the <code>run_hard_delete.sh</code> task.
<code>dmmigrate(8)</code>	Migrates regular files that match specified criteria in the specified filesystems, leaving them as dual-state. This utility is often used to migrate files before running backups of a filesystem, hence minimizing the size of the dump image. It may also be used in a DCM environment to force cache files to be copied to tape if necessary.
<code>dmsnap(8)</code>	Copies the daemon database and the LS database to a specified location. If you configure the <code>run_copy_database.sh</code> task, this command is executed automatically as part of the task.
<code>dmversion(1)</code>	Reports the version of DMF that is currently executing.

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<sup>1</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

## Space Management Commands

The following commands are associated with automated space management, which allows DMF to maintain a specified level of free space on a filesystem through automatic file migration:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmfsfree(8)</code>	Attempts to bring the free space and migrated space of a filesystem into compliance with configured values.
<code>dmfsmmon(8)</code>	Monitors the free space levels in filesystems configured with automated space management enabled ( <code>auto</code> ) and lets you maintain a specified level of free space.
<code>dmscanfs(8)</code>	Scans DMF filesystems or DCM caches and prints status information to <code>stdout</code> .

See Chapter 10, "Automated Space Management" on page 271, for details.

## LS Commands

The following commands manage the CAT and VOL records for the LS:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmcatadm(8)</code>	Provides maintenance and recovery services for the CAT records in the LS database.
<code>dmvoladm(8)</code>	Provides maintenance and recovery services for the VOL records in the LS database, including the selection of volumes for merge operations.

Most data transfers to and from tape media are performed by components internal to the LS. However, the following commands can read LS volumes directly:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmatread(8)</code>	Copies data directly from LS volumes to disk.
<code>dmatsnf(8)</code>	Audits and verifies the format of LS volumes.

The following commands check for inconsistencies in the LS database:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmatvfy(8)</code>	Verifies the contents of the LS database against the daemon database. This command is executed automatically if you configure the <code>run_audit.sh</code> task.
<code>dmdbcheck(8)</code>	Checks the consistency of a database by validating the location and key values associated with each record and key in the data and key files.
<code>dmdskvfy(8)</code>	Verifies disk MSP file copies against the daemon database.

## Disk MSP Command

The following command supports the disk MSP:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmdiskvfy(8)</code>	Verifies disk MSP file copies against the daemon database.

## Disk Cache Manager (DCM) Commands

The following commands support the DCM:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmdiskfree(8)</code>	Manages file space within the disk cache and as needed migrates files to tape or removes them from the disk cache.
<code>dmdiskvfy(8)</code>	Verifies disk MSP file copies against the daemon database.

## Other Commands

The following commands are also available:

<b>Command</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>dmclripc(8)</code>	Frees system interprocess communication (IPC) resources and token files used by <code>dmlockmgr</code> and its clients when abnormal termination prevents orderly exit processing.
<code>dmcollect(8)</code>	Collects relevant details for problem analysis when DMF is not functioning properly. You should run this command before submitting a bug report to DMF support, should this ever be necessary.
<code>dmdate(8)</code>	Performs calculations on dates for administrative support scripts.
<code>dmdump(8)</code>	Creates a text copy of an inactive database file or a text copy of an inactive complete daemon database.

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**Note:** See "Run Certain Commands Only on a Copy of the DMF Databases" on page 71.

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<code>dmDumpj(8)</code>	Creates a text copy of DMF journal transactions.
<code>dmfill(8)</code>	Recalls migrated files to fill a percentage of a filesystem. This command is mainly used in conjunction with dump and restore commands to return a corrupted filesystem to a previously known valid state.
<code>dmlockmgr(8)</code>	Invokes the database lock manager. The lock manager is an independent process that communicates with all applications that use the DMF databases, mediates record lock requests, and facilitates the automatic transaction recovery mechanism.
<code>dmmove(8)</code>	Moves copies of a migrated file's data to the specified MSPs/VGs.
<code>dmmvtree(8)</code>	Moves files from one DMF-managed filesystem to another without requiring file data to be recalled.
<code>dmov_keyfile(8)</code>	Creates the file of DMF OpenVault keys, ensuring that the contents of the file are semantically correct and have the correct file permissions. This command removes any DMF keys in the file for the OpenVault server system and adds new keys at the front of the file.
<code>dmov_loadtapes(8)</code>	Scans a tape library for volumes not imported into the OpenVault database and allows the user to select a portion of them to be used by a VG. The selected tapes are imported into the OpenVault database, assigned to the DMF application, and added to the LS's database. This command can perform the equivalent actions for the filesystem backup scripts; just use the name of the associated task group instead of the name of a VG.
<code>dmov_makecarts(8)</code>	Makes the tapes in one or more LS databases accessible through OpenVault by importing into the OpenVault database any tapes unknown to it and by registering all volumes to the DMF application not yet so assigned. This command can perform the equivalent actions for

	the filesystem backup scripts; just use the name of the associated task group instead of the name of a VG.
<code>dmselect(8)</code>	Selects migrated files based on given criteria. The output of this command can be used as input to <code>dmmove(8)</code> .
<code>dmsort(8)</code>	Sorts files of blocked records.
<code>dmstat(8)</code>	Displays a variety of status information about DMF, including details about the requests currently being processed by the daemon, statistics about requests that have been processed since the daemon last started, and details of current tape drive usage by VGs.
<code>dmxfsrestore(8)</code>	Calls the <code>xfsrestore(8)</code> command to restore files dumped to tape volumes that were produced by DMF administrative maintenance scripts.
<code>tsreport(8)</code>	Displays information about tape drive errors, alerts, and usage when the <code>ts</code> tape driver is used. The <code>tsreport</code> command is included in the <code>apd</code> RPM.





## DMF Licensing

This chapter discusses the following:

- "DMF License Types" on page 45
- "Determining DMF Capacity" on page 47
- "Parallel Data Mover Option and Licensing" on page 49
- "Mounting Services and Licensing" on page 49
- "Gathering the Host Information" on page 49
- "Obtaining the License Keys" on page 50
- "Installing the License Keys" on page 50
- "Verifying the License Keys" on page 50
- "For More Information About Licensing" on page 53

### DMF License Types

DMF uses software licensing based on License Keys (LK), an SGI Linux product. A production DMF environment requires the following licenses to be installed on the DMF server node: <sup>1</sup>

- DMF *server capability license*.
- One or more cumulative DMF *capacity licenses (base and optional incremental)*, available in different amounts, as shown in Table 2-1.

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<sup>1</sup> To support training and functional demonstrations, DMF will run on a server with no license at all up to a maximum stored capacity of 1 TB without TMF or OpenVault.

**Table 2-1** Capacity Amounts

<b>Base Capacity</b>	<b>Incremental Capacity</b>
10TB	10TB+
100TB	100TB+
1PB	1PB+
10PB	

At least one base capacity license is required. If multiple base capacity licenses are installed, they are additive.

In order to install an incremental capacity license, the total capacity amount already installed (base plus incremental) must equal or exceed the amount of the new incremental amount. For example, to install a new 100TB+ incremental license, the environment must already be licensed for a total of 100 TB, which could be accomplished by several licensing methods, including any of the following:

- One 100TB base license
- One 10TB base license plus nine 10TB+ incremental licenses
- Two 10TB base licenses plus eight 10TB+ incremental licenses

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**Note:** Some combinations are more cost-effective than others.

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- One or more DMF *parallel data mover node licenses*, when using the Parallel Data Mover Option

In high-availability (HA) environments, the passive DMF server will require a DMF HA capability license. In addition, corresponding licenses will be issued for the DMF passive server for each DMF capacity license and each parallel data mover node license that has been purchased for the DMF server.

Figure 2-1 shows the DMF licenses required for a DMF HA environment using two parallel data mover nodes (each of which requires a Parallel Data Mover Option capability license to be installed on the DMF server). The amount of data that DMF is managing requires two capacity licenses. Because this is an HA configuration, the passive DMF server must have the same set of licenses that are installed on the active DMF server.

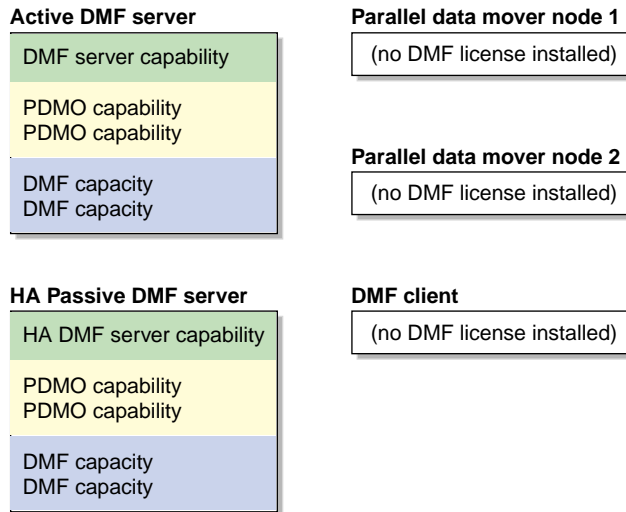


Figure 2-1 DMF Licenses

## Determining DMF Capacity

The `dmusage(8)` command displays information about the capacity allowed by the current DMF licenses that are installed on your DMF server and the amount of data that DMF is currently managing, which is defined as the total number of bytes that DMF is managing on all library server (LS) tapes and in all disk cache manager (DCM) or disk media-specific process (MSP) stores.

For example:

```
# dmusage -v
Store Type      Name          Bytes
-----
Disk MSP        dsk1          539934720
Library Server  ls            852123456
Disk MSP        dsk2          539934720
-----
Total bytes managed 1931992896
DMF license capacity 2110000000000000 (21100TB)
```

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**Note:** In the DCM and disk MSP calculation, if the `STORE_DIRECTORY` configuration parameter defined for that MSP does not define the root directory of a filesystem, or if other subdirectories of that filesystem are used by other users or processes to store data, the amount of data that DMF is managing that is currently being charged to that MSP may exceed the actual amount of data being managed by that MSP.

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The DMF daemon compares the amount of data that DMF is currently managing against the licensed capacity and takes action if the following thresholds are exceeded:

- At 95%, the daemon will send a warning alert once per day.
- At 100%, the daemon will send a critical alert once per day. DMF will continue to function and will recall any data that has already been migrated, but further migrations will not be allowed. The daemon will check once every 2 minutes to see if the usage once again becomes legal (below capacity). This can be achieved by either of the following:
  - The deletion of managed data.
  - The addition of one or more capacity licenses in order to increase the cumulative capacity total to the new desired limit.

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**Note:** In order to install an incremental capacity license, the total capacity amount already installed (base plus incremental) must equal or exceed the amount of the new incremental amount. See "DMF License Types" on page 45.

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The daemon will issue another alert when the usage once again becomes legal (below capacity).

For details about the right set of licenses for your site, contact SGI Support.

## Parallel Data Mover Option and Licensing

Each *active parallel data mover node* requires a corresponding license on the DMF server. DMF will allow as many DMF parallel data mover nodes to become active at one time as there are DMF parallel data mover licenses in the DMF server's license file. (However, a parallel data mover license is not required for the DMF server's integrated data mover functionality.) No license is installed on the parallel data mover node itself.

## Mounting Services and Licensing

Use of the TMF or OpenVault mounting service requires DMF licenses.

## Gathering the Host Information

When you order DMF, you will receive an entitlement ID. You must submit the system host ID, host name, and entitlement ID when requesting your permanent DMF license keys.

To obtain the host information for a server, execute the following command (assuming that the `lkSGI` RPM from SGI Foundation Software has been installed):

```
/usr/sbin/lk_hostid
```

For example, the following shows that the serial number is 000423d5fd92 and the license ID is 23d5fd92:

```
# /usr/sbin/lk_hostid
000423d5fd92 23d5fd92 socket=1 core=2 processor=2
#-----
--
#The above is the default selected by lk_hostid. See below for additional
#hostid pairs.
#-----
--
#Interface  SN                LI                Driver ( Comment )
#-----
--
eth0        000423d5fd92          23d5fd92          e1000
eth1        000423d5fd93          23d5fd93          e1000
```

## Obtaining the License Keys

To obtain your DMF license keys, see information provided in your customer letter and the following web page:

<http://www.sgi.com/support/licensing>

## Installing the License Keys

To install the license keys, copy them into the `/etc/lk/keys.dat` file.

## Verifying the License Keys

You can verify your licenses with the following commands:

- "dmflicense" on page 51
- "lk\_verify" on page 51

**dmflicense**

You can use the `dmflicense(8)` to verify the license keys. To see more output, use the `-v` option. For example:

```
# dmflicense -v
File /etc/lk/keys.dat, line 6 is a valid DMF_SERVER license
File /etc/lk/keys.dat, line 24 is a valid DMF_PDMO license
File /etc/lk/keys.dat, line 29 is a valid DMF_PDMO license
File /etc/lk/keys.dat, line 12 is a valid DMF_CAPACITY TB=100 license
File /etc/lk/keys.dat, line 18 is a valid DMF_CAPACITY TB=100+ license
Valid DMF license found.
DMF capacity is 200TB.
```

**lk\_verify**

You can use the `lk_verify(1)` command with the `-A` option to verify LK licenses. To see more output, use the `-v` option. For example:

```
# lk_verify -A -vvv
lk_check      All      All : total found=5

1 /etc/lk/keys.dat:005      product=DMF_SERVER, version=5.000, count=0, begDate=1256145804, \
  expDate=1263967199, licenseID=201e8636, key=0OphH5GgIu25rNQN1GtQAS8OcA4uQ1kB, \
  info='DMF 5.X Server', vendor='Silicon Graphics International', \
  ref_id='207552'
  Verdict:      SUCCESS. Nodelock. Uncounted.
                Available since 12 days on 21-Oct-2009 12:23:24.
                No End Date.

  Attribute 1 of 3 : info=DMF 5.X Server
  Attribute 2 of 3 : vendor=Silicon Graphics International
  Attribute 3 of 3 : ref_id=207552

2 /etc/lk/keys.dat:011      product=DMF_PDMO, version=5.000, count=0, begDate=1256145990, \
  expDate=1263967199, licenseID=201e8636, key=7hspbTt4yFQ8EWZhzvQiNX8HzbTCw5Yp, \
  info='DMF 5.X PDMO 1 NODE',attr='NODE 1', \
  vendor='Silicon Graphics International',ref_id='207554'
  Verdict:      SUCCESS. Nodelock. Uncounted.
                Available since 12 days on 21-Oct-2009 12:26:30.
```

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No End Date.

Attribute 1 of 4 : info=DMF 5.X PDMO 1 NODE  
Attribute 2 of 4 : attr=NODE 1  
Attribute 3 of 4 : vendor=Silicon Graphics International  
Attribute 4 of 4 : ref\_id=207554

3 /etc/lk/keys.dat:017 product=DMF\_PDMO, version=5.000, count=0, begDate=1256145990, \  
expDate=1263967199, licenseID=201e8636, key=BG962h6V2yKZ9Wii3FD5FvyOLC9EL+1F, \  
info='DMF 5.X PDMO 1 NODE',attr='NODE 1', \  
vendor='Silicon Graphics International',ref\_id='207555'  
Verdict: SUCCESS. Nodelock. Uncounted.  
Available since 12 days on 21-Oct-2009 12:26:30.  
No End Date.

Attribute 1 of 4 : info=DMF 5.X PDMO 1 NODE  
Attribute 2 of 4 : attr=NODE 1  
Attribute 3 of 4 : vendor=Silicon Graphics International  
Attribute 4 of 4 : ref\_id=207555

4 /etc/lk/keys.dat:023 product=DMF\_CAPACITY, version=5.000, count=0, begDate=1256146084, \  
expDate=1263967199, licenseID=201e8636, key=QDDj528gHnysskk8jTKgIOSj78j01seU, \  
info='DMF 5.X 10tb base',attr='TB=10', \  
vendor='Silicon Graphics International',ref\_id='207559'  
Verdict: SUCCESS. Nodelock. Uncounted.  
Available since 12 days on 21-Oct-2009 12:28:04.  
No End Date.

Attribute 1 of 4 : info=DMF 5.X 10tb base  
Attribute 1 of 4 : info=DMF 5.X 10tb base  
Attribute 2 of 4 : attr=TB=10  
Attribute 3 of 4 : vendor=Silicon Graphics International  
Attribute 4 of 4 : ref\_id=207559

5 /etc/lk/keys.dat:029 product=DMF\_CAPACITY, version=5.000, count=0, begDate=1256146158, \  
expDate=1263967199, licenseID=201e8636, key=5Muz5pXr3xo7bEG/9OS8pD6AgIRBrHhB, \  
info='DMF 5.X 10tb incrm',attr='TB=10+', \  
vendor='Silicon Graphics International',ref\_id='207560'  
Verdict: SUCCESS. Nodelock. Uncounted.



Available since 12 days on 21-Oct-2009 12:29:18.  
No End Date.

Attribute 1 of 4 : info=DMF 5.X 10tb incrmt  
Attribute 2 of 4 : attr=TB=10+  
Attribute 3 of 4 : vendor=Silicon Graphics International  
Attribute 4 of 4 : ref\_id=207560

lk\_check      All      All : total matched=5

## For More Information About Licensing

To request software keys or information about software licensing, see the following web page:

<http://www.sgi.com/support/licensing>

If you do not have access to the web, please contact your local Customer Support Center.



## DMF Best Practices

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Installation, Upgrade, and Downgrade Best Practices" on page 55
- "Configuration Best Practices" on page 60
- "Administrative Best Practices" on page 70

### Installation, Upgrade, and Downgrade Best Practices

This section discusses the following:

- "Use the Correct Mix of Software Releases" on page 55
- "Do Not Use YaST to Configure Network Services" on page 56
- "Take Appropriate Steps when Upgrading DMF" on page 57
- "Contact SGI Support to Downgrade After Using OpenVault 4.0 or Later" on page 59

### Use the Correct Mix of Software Releases

In a production system, all nodes that are functioning as DMF servers or DMF data movers (DMF server nodes and any DMF parallel data mover nodes) should run the same set of releases as supported by and provided in a given ISSP release; the same level of OS, DMF, and (in a system with parallel data mover nodes) CXFS.

To support upgrading without having to take down the whole environment, nodes can temporarily run different releases during the upgrade process, as provided by the CXFS rolling upgrade procedure.



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**Caution:** You must upgrade all CXFS server-capable administration nodes before upgrading any CXFS client-only nodes (server-capable administration nodes must run the same or later release as client-only nodes.) Operating a cluster with clients running a mixture of older and newer CXFS versions may result in a performance loss. Relocation to a server-capable administration node that is running an older CXFS version is not supported.

Although CXFS client-only nodes and DMF parallel data mover nodes that are not upgraded might continue to function without problems, new functionality may not be enabled until all nodes are upgraded; SGI does not provide support for any problems encountered on the nodes that are not upgraded.

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For details, see the section about CXFS release versions and rolling upgrades in the *CXFS 6 Administration Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*.

## Do Not Use YaST to Configure Network Services

If you try to configure network services using YaST and you are using DHCP, YaST will modify the `/etc/hosts` file to include the following entry, where `hostname` is the name of your machine:

```
127.0.0.2 hostname hostname
```

The above line will prevent `ov_admin` from working because there cannot be multiple IP addresses defined for the DMF server hostname. You will see an error such as the following:

```
The OpenVault server name "hostname" matches this host's hostname,  
but network packets for this hosts's IP address:
```

```
127.0.0.2
```

```
are not being accepted by any installed ethernet card, so there appears  
to be a problem with the configuration of /etc/hosts. Please correct  
this problem before continuing.
```

If you are using OpenVault, you should do one of the following:

- Remove the `127.0.0.2` line from the `/etc/hosts` file prior to configuring OpenVault
- Do not use YaST to configure network services

## Take Appropriate Steps when Upgrading DMF

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**Note:** DMF 3.10 and later releases require SLES 10 SP2. If you are upgrading from DMF 3.9 or earlier, see the information about SGI ProPack and SGI Foundation Software and upgrade caveats in the *SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform (ISSP)* release note for more information.

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To perform an upgrade, do the following:

1. Read the ISSP release note, DMF release note, and any late-breaking caveats on Supportfolio. Pay particular attention to any installation and upgrade caveats.
2. Stop all applications that are writing data to the DMF managed filesystems.
3. Save the established DMF and mounting service configurations to an external storage medium.
4. Stop DMF (non-HA environment):



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**Caution:** For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

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```
# service dmfs stop
```

5. Stop the applicable mounting service:

- TMF:

```
# service tmf stop
```

- OpenVault:

```
# service openvault stop
```

6. If the DMF administration filesystems are XFS filesystems, make a copy of the `fstab(5)` file. For example:

```
# cp /etc/fstab /myupgrade/fstab
```

7. Make a copy of the following:

- a. The DMF configuration file `dmf.conf`. For example:

```
# cp /etc/dmf/dmf.conf /myupgrade/dmf.conf
```

b. The mounting service configuration information:

- TMF: copy the `tmf.config` file to a safe location. For example:

```
# cp /etc/tmf/tmf.config /myupgrade/tmf.config
```

- OpenVault (if the OpenVault configuration is set up on the boot partition and not under a DMF administration filesystem): create a compressed file of the OpenVault configuration directory `/var/opt/openvault`. For example:

```
# cd /var/opt
# /bin/tar cf /myupgrade/somefile.tar openvault/*
# /usr/bin/compress /myupgrade/somefile.tar
```

c. Networking files for `exports(5)`, `auto.master(5)`, and `resolve.conf(5)`. For example:

```
# cp /etc/exports /myupgrade/exports
# cp /etc/auto.master /myupgrade/auto.master
# cp /etc/resolve.conf /myupgrade/resolve.conf
```

8. Upgrade the operating system and SGI Foundation Software to the level supported by the version of DMF that you are upgrading to, paying particular attention to any installation and upgrade caveats in the ISSP release note, DMF release note, and any late-breaking caveats on Supportfolio.

9. If your DMF administration filesystems are of XFS type, do the following:

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**Note:** To avoid copying the `fstab` information from a previous partition, **do not copy** the saved `/myupgrade/fstab` file to the new `/etc` directory in the upgraded system.

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a. Use the `cat` command to view the previous `fstab` file:

```
# cat /myupgrade/fstab
```

The following is an example of how DMF administration filesystems could be set up within a `/etc/fstab` file:

```
/dev/lxvm/home      /dmf/home          xfs      defaults          0 0
/dev/lxvm/journals  /dmf/journals      xfs      defaults          0 0
/dev/lxvm/move      /dmf/move          xfs      dmi,mtpt=/dmf/move 0 0
/dev/lxvm/spool     /dmf/spool         xfs      defaults          0 0
```

```

/dev/lxvm/cache      /dmf/store      xfs      dmi,mtpt=/dmf/store      0 0
/dev/lxvm/tmp        /dmf/tmp        xfs      defaults                  0 0
/dev/lxvm/dmfusr1    /dmfusr1        xfs      dmi,mtpt=/dmfusr1        0 0
/dev/lxvm/dmfusr3    /dmfusr3        xfs      dmi,mtpt=/dmfusr3        0 0

```

- b. Verify the existence of the matching XFS devices on the upgraded system by using the `ls` command:

```
# ls -al /dev/lxvm*
```

- c. Copy and paste the DMF administration filesystem entry lines (those that contain `/dmf/filesystemname`) from the copy of the `fstab` (`/myupgrade/fstab`) into the new `/etc/fstab` file for the upgraded system.

10. Reestablish the files and directories copied in step 7 above to their normal locations on the upgrade system. For example:

```
# cp /myupgrade/dmf.conf /etc/dmf/dmf.conf
# cp /myupgrade/exports /etc/exports
# cp /myupgrade/auto.master /etc/auto.master
# cp /myupgrade/resolv.conf /etc/resolv.conf
```

If TMF, also:

```
# cp /myupgrade/tmf.config /etc/tmf/tmf.config
```

If OpenVault (and if the OpenVault configuration is set up on the boot partition and not under a DMF administration filesystem), also do the following, for example:

```
# cd /var/opt
# /bin/tar xf /myupgrade/somefile.tar.Z
```

11. Follow upgrade instructions in the ISSP release note to update the DMF and mounting service software.

## Contact SGI Support to Downgrade After Using OpenVault 4.0 or Later

If you are running OpenVault and want to downgrade after using OpenVault 4.0, you must contact SGI support for assistance.

## Configuration Best Practices

This section discusses the following:

- "Make Changes Safely to the DMF Configuration" on page 60
- "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61
- "Use Inode-Resident Extended Attributes and 256-byte Inodes" on page 65
- "Limit Path Segment Extension Records" on page 66
- "Do Not Change Script Names" on page 66
- "Configure DMF Appropriately with CXFS" on page 66
- "Improve Tape Drive Performance with an Appropriate Zone Size" on page 67
- "Back Up the DMF Configuration" on page 69
- "Add HBA Drivers to the `initrd` Image" on page 69
- "Use Default Setting for `RECALL_NOTIFICATION_RATE`" on page 69
- "Set the `xinetd tcpmux instances` Parameter Appropriately" on page 69

### Make Changes Safely to the DMF Configuration

It is safest to make changes to the DMF configuration while DMF is stopped.<sup>1</sup> Make a backup copy of the DMF configuration file before making changes.

You should make and mount the DMF administrative filesystems before using DMF Manager or `dmmaint`. If you try to apply configuration changes without these filesystems in place, you will get errors. See "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61.

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<sup>1</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.



SGI recommends that you use one of the following tools and verify any configuration changes you make:

- When using DMF Manager, select:

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> **Configuration ...**

> **Validate Current Configuration**

- When using the `dmmaint` tool, use the `INSPECT` button before committing the changes. See Chapter 5, "Using `dmmaint` to Install Licenses and Configure DMF" on page 93.

If using a file editing tool such as `vi` to directly edit the DMF configuration file, you should run `dmcheck` after making changes.

If you make changes while DMF is running, be cautious. Never change the following parameters while DMF is running:

```
DRIVE_GROUPS
EXPORT_METRICS
LS_NAMES
MSP_NAMES
SERVICES_PORT
VOLUME_GROUPS
```

For more information, see Chapter 7, "DMF Configuration File" on page 145.

## Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately

The DMF server uses a set of filesystems and directories in which it stores databases, log files, journal files, and temporary file directories. These are known as the *DMF administrative filesystems and directories*. You specify the location of these filesystems and directories by using the following parameters in the DMF configuration file:

- `HOME_DIR` specifies the base pathname (such as `/dmf/home`) for directories in which the DMF daemon database, LS database, and related files reside.
- `JOURNAL_DIR` specifies the base pathname (such as `/dmf/journals`) for directories in which the journal files for the daemon database and LS database will be written.

- `SPOOL_DIR` specifies the base pathname (such as `/dmf/spool`) for directories in which DMF log files are kept.
- `TMP_DIR` specifies the base pathname (such as `/dmf/tmp`) for directories in which DMF puts temporary files for its own internal use.
- `MOVE_FS` specifies the scratch filesystem (such as `/move_fs`) that is used by `dmmove(8)` to move files between media-specific processes (MSPs) or volume groups (VGs).
- `CACHE_DIR` specifies the directory (such as `/dmf/cache`) in which the VG stores chunks while merging them from sparse tapes.
- `STORE_DIRECTORY` specifies the directory (such as `/remote/dir`) that is used to hold files for a DCM or disk MSP (there is one `STORE_DIRECTORY` parameter for each DCM or disk MSP). You must mount `STORE_DIRECTORY` with the `dirsync` option in order to ensure the integrity and consistency of `STORE_DIRECTORY` with the DMF daemon database in the event of a system crash.

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**Note:** To minimize the possibility that the filesystem will become full and cause DMF to abort, `HOME_DIR`, `JOURNAL_DIR`, and `SPOOL_DIR` should each be the mount point of a filesystem that is used only by DMF. To provide the best chance for database recovery, `HOME_DIR` must be on a different physical device from `JOURNAL_DIR`. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, `HOME_DIR`, `SPOOL_DIR`, `TMP_DIR`, `MOVE_FS`, `CACHE_DIR` (if used), and `STORE_DIRECTORY` for a DCM must be CXFS filesystems or be in CXFS filesystems.

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In general, these filesystems should be sized in terms of gigabytes. Table 3-1 shows the minimum recommended sizes.

**Table 3-1** Minimum Sizes for DMF Administrative Filesystems/Directories

Filesystem/Directory	Minimum Recommended Size (GB)
HOME_DIR	300
JOURNAL_DIR	300
SPOOL_DIR	1000
TMP_DIR	300
MOVE_FS	The capacity of one new tape cartridge

For individual guidelines and requirements for each filesystem or directory, see the specific parameter descriptions in Chapter 7, "DMF Configuration File" on page 145 and the following sections:

- "*HOME\_DIR* Size" on page 63
- "*MOVE\_FS* Performance and Size" on page 64
- "mkfs and mount Parameters" on page 65

See also "Make Changes Safely to the DMF Configuration" on page 60.

### ***HOME\_DIR* Size**

You can better estimate the size required for the *HOME\_DIR* filesystem that holds the daemon database and the LS database by using the following guidelines:

- The daemon data records file (*dbrec.dat*) holds 27 records per 4096-byte block, and there is one record for each copy of a migrated file.
- An additional file that indexes the daemon records (*dbrec.keys*) requires 50% as much space the daemon data records file.
- If you have an LS:
  - The CAT data records file (*tpcrdm.dat*) holds 35 records per 4096-byte block, and there is one CAT record for each migrated copy of a file. (If a migrated copy of a file is divided between two physical media, there will be a CAT record for each chunk.)

- Two additional files that index the CAT records (`tpcrdm.key1.keys` and `tpcrdm.key2.keys`) require 75% and 50% as much space, respectively, as the CAT data records file.

For example, suppose you have 10 million DMF-managed files, each with 2 migrated copies controlled by an LS. This situation would require approximately the following amounts of space:

- Daemon database:

`dbrec.dat`:  $10m * 2 / 27 * 4096 = 3.0$  GB  
`dbrec.keys`:  $3.0$  GB \*  $0.50 = 1.5$  GB  
Total:  $3.0 + 1.5 = 4.5$  GB

- CAT records in the LS database:

`tpcrdm.dat`:  $10m * 2 / 35 * 4096 = 2.3$  GB  
`tpcrdm.key1.keys`:  $2.3$  GB \*  $0.75 = 1.7$  GB  
`tpcrdm.key2.keys`:  $2.3$  GB \*  $0.50 = 1.2$  GB  
Total :  $2.3 + 1.7 + 1.2 = 5.2$  GB

Therefore, the `HOME_DIR` directory in this case must have at least 9.7 GB (4.5 GB + 5.2 GB) available for the databases.

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**Note:** Other database information, such as for the VOL records in the LS database, requires an insignificant amount of space in comparison to the daemon database and CAT records in the LS database.

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### **MOVE\_FS Performance and Size**

The `MOVE_FS` filesystem should have performance characteristics similar to the primary DMF-managed filesystems because DMF will follow the same rules for drive utilization as defined in the drive groups and volume groups (`DRIVE_MAXIMUM` and `MAX_PUT_CHILDREN`) when moving large numbers of files. A `MOVE_FS` filesystem with slower bandwidth than what `DRIVE_MAXIMUM` and `MAX_PUT_CHILDREN` are tuned for may become overloaded with DMF requests. In extreme cases, DMF can become backlogged on the `MOVE_FS` filesystem and delay the processing of user requests.

The size of the `MOVE_FS` filesystem should be approximately the capacity of a data cartridge, including compression, times the `MAX_PUT_CHILDREN` value.

For example:

*500 GB native capacity \* 1.6 compression \* 3 drives = 2.4 TB*

### **mkfs and mount Parameters**

Tuning the XFS log is important for performance, especially on the *MOVE\_FS* filesystem, which will have heavy metadata activity from the quantity of small files that pass through it.

SGI recommends the following options to tune the XFS log:

- `mkfs.xfs` options:

```
-i attr=2 -l version=2,sunit=512,size=128m
```

- `mount` options:

```
logbufs=8,logbsize=256k
```

By default, the XFS create inodes such that inode numbers will not occupy more than 32 bits of significance. You should not use the `inode64` option for the *MOVE\_FS* filesystem because DMF places all files being moved in a single directory (such as *MOVE\_FS/.dmfprivate/unmigdir*), and `inode64` will try to create all files in the same allocation group, which may not be ideal. The default (equivalent to `inode32`) will place each file in the next allocation group and spread the work around the filesystem.

The defaults for the allocation group size and number are usually sufficient.

Also see the following:

- "Filesystem Mount Options" on page 81
- "DMAPI\_PROBE Must Be Enabled for SLES 10 or SLES 11 Nodes When Using CXFS" on page 86
- The `mount(8)` and `mkfs.xfs(8)` man pages

### **Use Inode-Resident Extended Attributes and 256-byte Inodes**

SGI recommends that you configure your filesystems so that the extended attribute used by DMF is always inode-resident and that you use 256-byte inodes and the

default `attr2` (`-i attr=2` option to `mkfs.xfs`) when possible. See "Inode Size Configuration" on page 82.

### Limit Path Segment Extension Records

You should configure your database record length so that the number of records that require a path segment extension record is kept to as small a number as possible. See "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83.

### Do Not Change Script Names

Do not change the pathnames or script names of the DMF administrative tasks. For more information, see "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85.

### Configure DMF Appropriately with CXFS

DMF must make all of its DMAPI interface calls through the CXFS active metadata server. The CXFS client nodes do not provide a DMAPI interface to CXFS mounted filesystems. A CXFS client routes all of its communication to DMF through the metadata server. This generally requires that DMF run on the CXFS metadata server. If DMF is managing a CXFS filesystem, DMF will ensure that the filesystem's CXFS metadata server is the DMF server and will use metadata server relocation if necessary to achieve that configuration.

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**Note:** DMF data mover processes must run only on the DMF server node and any parallel data mover nodes. Do not run data mover processes on CXFS standby metadata server nodes.

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To use DMF with CXFS, do the following:

- For server-capable administration nodes, install the `sgi-dmapi` and `sgi-xfsprogs` packages from the SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform (ISSP) release. These are part of the **DMF Server** and **DMF Parallel Data Mover** YaST patterns. The DMF software will automatically enable DMAPI, which is required to use the `dmi mount` option.

For CXFS client-only nodes, no additional software is required.

- When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, install the **DMF Parallel Data Mover** software package, which includes the required underlying CXFS client-only software. (From the CXFS cluster point of view, the DMF parallel data mover node is a CXFS client-only node but one that is dedicated to DMF data mover activities.) For more information, see:
  - "Parallel Data Mover Option" on page 5
  - "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration Procedure" on page 263
- Use the `dmi` option when mounting a filesystem to be managed.
- Start DMF on the CXFS active metadata server for each filesystem to be managed.

See also "SAN Switch Zoning or Separate SAN Fabric Requirement" on page 15.

For more information about CXFS, see:

- *CXFS 6 Administration Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
- *CXFS 6 Client-Only Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*

## Improve Tape Drive Performance with an Appropriate Zone Size

When using a library server (LS), it is critical that the zone size you specify for the VG (the `ZONE_SIZE` parameter) is appropriate for the tape speed and average data compression rate at your site. A value that is too small can cause poor write performance because a tape mark is written at the end of each zone; a value that is too large can reduce parallelism when migrating files.

The optimal zone size depends upon several site-specific factors. Answering the following questions will help you determine the correct zone size for your site:

- How long does it take the tape drive to flush data to media?

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**Note:** Different drive types have different bandwidths, and the same drive type can have different bandwidths with different cartridge types.

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- How fast can the tape drive write data?
- What is the average data compression rate? If your data compresses well, the zone size should be larger; if the data does not compress well, the zone size should be smaller.

A good zone size is one where the time spent flushing data to media is not a significant amount of the total I/O time. For increased write performance, choose a zone size such that the average time to write a tape mark for the drive type is a small percentage (for example, 5%) of the time to write a zone at the drive's native rate.

For example, suppose the following:

- The tape drive requires 2 seconds to flush the data to tape
- The tape drive writes data at 120 MB/s
- The average compression rate is 2 to 1

In order to waste no more than 5% of the full bandwidth of the drive flushing data to media, the `ZONE_SIZE` value in this case must be large enough to hold 40 seconds (2 seconds / 0.05) worth of data in each zone. Because the tape drive writes at about 120 MB/s, then  $40 \times 120 = 4800$  MB of data that can be written in 40 seconds. Not considering compression, a good preliminary `ZONE_SIZE` value is therefore 5g (5 GB).

Because the example site has a compression rate of 2 to 1, the preliminary `ZONE_SIZE` value should be multiplied by 2; the resulting `ZONE_SIZE` value should be 10g (10 GB), which is how much data will get written in 40 seconds while still keeping the flush waste within 5% of the total bandwidth.

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**Note:** The zone size influences the required cache space. The value for the `CACHE_SPACE` parameter should be at least twice the value used for `ZONE_SIZE`. Increasing the `ZONE_SIZE` value without also increasing `CACHE_SPACE` could cause tape merging to become inefficient. Tape merges could have problems if the `ZONE_SIZE` value is larger than the `CACHE_SPACE` value. For more information about `CACHE_SPACE`, see "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

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For more information about zone size, see the following:

- `ZONE_SIZE` parameter in "volumegroup Object" on page 217
- "Media Concepts" on page 295
- Appendix G, "Case Study: Impact of Zone Size on Tape Performance" on page 457



## Back Up the DMF Configuration

After you have initially successfully configured DMF, make a backup copy of the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`) so that you can return to it in case of failure.

If you are using DMF Manager, it will automatically make a time-stamped backup for you.

## Add HBA Drivers to the `initrd` Image

The `ts` tape driver reads HBA information from `sysfs` just after being loaded in order to discover controller information. To ensure that this information is available when `ts` loads, SGI recommends that you add the HBA drivers to the `initrd` image so that they load early in the boot process. Do the following:

1. Add the HBA driver to the `INITRD_MODULES` line in the `/etc/sysconfig/kernel` file. For example, to add the driver QLogic QLA2200, you would include `qla2xxx` in the `INITRD_MODULES` line.
2. Create the initial RAM disk image so that it contains your modification:  

```
# mkinitrd
```
3. Reboot the DMF server.

## Use Default Setting for `RECALL_NOTIFICATION_RATE`

You should use the default setting for `RECALL_NOTIFICATION_RATE` unless you are aware of a value that is more appropriate for your site. Setting `RECALL_NOTIFICATION_RATE` to 0 is no longer a standard best practice.

## Set the `xinetd tcpmux instances` Parameter Appropriately

You must use a sufficient setting for the `tcpmux instances` parameter in either the `/etc/xinetd.conf` file or the `/etc/xinetd.d/tcpmux` file.

Each remote DMF client command will consume one instance of a `tcpmux` service while it is active. For that reason, SGI recommends that you add the `instances` parameter to `/etc/xinetd.d/tcpmux` rather than increasing the `instances` parameter in `/etc/xinetd.conf`.

Determining the correct setting of this parameter depends on what the maximum number of simultaneous remote DMF user commands might be combined with any other `xinetd tcpmux` services that will be used. See the `xinetd(8)` man page for more information on setting the parameter.

Additionally, it is important that the `tcpmux` service is not disabled. If the following configuration line exists in `/etc/xinetd.d/tcpmux`, remove it:

```
disable = yes
```

## Administrative Best Practices

This section discusses the following:

- "Monitor DMF Daily" on page 71
- "Migrate Multiple Copies of a File" on page 71
- "Back Up Migrated Filesystems and DMF Databases" on page 71
- "Run Certain Commands Only on a Copy of the DMF Databases" on page 71
- "Be Aware of Differences in an HA Environment" on page 72
- "Avoid Bottlenecks when Tape Drives and Host Port Speeds Do Not Match" on page 72
- "Use N-port Topology for All LSI Fibre Channel Ports Used with Tape Drives" on page 74
- "Start Site-Specific Configuration Parameters and Stanzas with "LOCAL\_" on page 75
- "Use TMF Tracing" on page 75
- "Run `dmccollect` If You Suspect a Problem" on page 75
- "Modify Settings If Providing File Access via Samba" on page 75
- "Disable Journaling When Loading an Empty Database" on page 76
- "Use Sufficient Network Bandwidth for Socket Merges" on page 76

## Monitor DMF Daily

You should monitor DMF on a daily basis to ensure that it is operating properly and that you find any problems in time to retrieve data.

DMF provides a number of automated tasks that you can configure to generate reports about errors, activity, and status. Additionally, some serious error conditions generate email messages. Examining this information on a timely basis is important to ensure that DMF is operating properly and to diagnose potential problems.

## Migrate Multiple Copies of a File

When you migrate a file, make at least two copies of it on separate media to prevent file data loss in the event that a migrated copy is lost.

## Back Up Migrated Filesystems and DMF Databases

DMF moves only the data associated with files, not the file inodes or directories, so you must still run filesystem backups in order to preserve the metadata associated with migrated files and their directories. You can configure DMF to automatically run backups of your DMF-managed filesystems.

You must also back up the daemon database and the LS database regularly using the `run_copy_databases.sh` task.

See:

- "DMF Administration" on page 30
- "taskgroup Object" on page 166
- "Backups and DMF" on page 341

## Run Certain Commands Only on a Copy of the DMF Databases

You should run the following commands **only on a copy** of the DMF databases:

- `dmdbcheck(8)`
- `dmdump(8)`

If you run these commands on an active database, (that is, on a database located in the *HOME\_DIR* directory while DMF is running), the results of the commands will be unreliable because DMF may be actively changing the data while the command is running.

### Be Aware of Differences in an HA Environment

If you run DMF in a high-availability (HA) cluster, there are a some configuration requirements and administrative procedures that differ from the information in this guide. For example, in an HA environment you must first remove Heartbeat control of the resource group before stopping DMF.

### Avoid Bottlenecks when Tape Drives and Host Port Speeds Do Not Match

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**Note:** This section does not apply to STK drives. For those drives, the only control is the size of the tape drive I/O request, which DMF determines. STK 4-Gbit adapters perform at approximately 200 MB/s.

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If you have one 4-Gbit host port and are writing data to multiple 2-Gbit tape drives, the aggregate desired bandwidth on the host port is greater than the data rate of the Fibre Channel adapters on the tape drives. This can cause the switch's frame buffers to fill up, causing the switch to stop accepting data from the 4-Gbit HBA, dropping the effective data rate close to that of a 2-Gbit HBA.

You can correct this situation by changing the maximum burst size (*burst\_size*) for the tape drive. The maximum burst size specifies the maximum amount of data that the port can transfer during a single operation. It should be double the switch port buffering (after unit conversions, because maximum burst size is in units of 512 bytes). For example, a Brocade 4100 switch has at least 32 KB of buffering per port, so you would start with a value of 128.

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**Note:** Determining the optimum value for *burst\_size* depends upon many site-specific factors, including HBA speed, switch speed, tape speed, and number of tapes per port; it may take some trial-and-error to set optimally. SGI suggests beginning by using a value of 64 or 128, which have been shown to improve results without negative impact.

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Before changing the maximum burst size, ensure that you have stopped DMF, APD, and the TMF or OpenVault mounting service.<sup>2</sup>

If you have installed the optional `sdparm` RPM from SLES, you can use the `sdparm` command to set the burst size:

```
# sdparm -t fcp --set MBS=burstsize /dev/sgNN
```

You can test the effects of changing the burst size by doing the following:

1. Stop DMF, APD, and the TMF or OpenVault mounting service.<sup>3</sup>
2. Ensure you have two 2-Gbit tape drives on 4-Gbit FC switch with one 4-Gbit host connection.
3. Set the maximum burst size to 0 (no limit) on both drives. For example:

```
# sdparm -t fcp --set MBS=0 /dev/sg0
```

4. Load scratch tapes on the drives.
5. Enter the following for each drive separately and then both drives in parallel and monitor performance with PCP or an FC switch tool:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/ts/... bs=256k
```

6. Change maximum burst size. For example, to set it to 128:

```
# sdparm -t fcp --set MBS=128 /dev/sg0
```

7. Enter the following for each drive separately and then both drives in parallel and monitor performance with PCP or an FC switch tool:

```
# dd if=/dev/zero of=/dev/ts/... bs=256k
```

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<sup>2</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

<sup>3</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

To determine the current maximum burst size, use the `sginfo -D` command. For example:

```
# sginfo -D /dev/sg0
Disconnect-Reconnect mode page (0x2)
-----
Buffer full ratio                0
Buffer empty ratio              0
Bus Inactivity Limit (SAS: 100us) 0
Disconnect Time Limit           0
Connect Time Limit (SAS: 100us) 0
Maximum Burst Size              128
EMDP                            0
Fair Arbitration (fcf:faa,fab,fac) 0
DIMM                            0
DTDC                            0
First Burst Size                0
```

You can also use the `sdparm --get` command if you have installed the optional `sdparm RPM` from SLES. For example:

```
# sdparm -t fcp --get MBS /dev/sg0
```

For more information about `sdparm`, see:

<http://freshmeat.net/projects/sdparm/>

<http://dag.wieers.com/rpm/packages/sdparm/>

### Use N-port Topology for All LSI Fibre Channel Ports Used with Tape Drives

During error recovery, a bus reset will cause the LSI Fibre Channel port to renegotiate its connection with the Fibre Channel switch. This renegotiation can result in the LSI host port acquiring a different port ID. Should this happen, reservation conflicts or errors that result in the tape driving transitioning to `swdn` can occur. To avoid this problem, use `lsiutil` to set the link topology to `N-port` for all LSI Fibre Channel ports used with tape drives, which eliminates the possibility that the host adapter port could acquire a different port ID.

## Start Site-Specific Configuration Parameters and Stanzas with “LOCAL\_”

If you choose to add site-specific parameters or object stanzas to the DMF configuration file, you should begin the parameter name or stanza name with “LOCAL\_” (such as LOCAL\_MYPARAM) so that the names will not cause conflict with future SGI DMF parameters and stanzas.

## Use TMF Tracing

Each TMF process writes debugging information to its own trace file, located in the directory specified by the `trace_directory` parameter in the TMF configuration file `/etc/tmf/tmf.config`. If you use TMF, you should leave TMF tracing on so that this debugging information is available if problems occur.

The trace files are circular, meaning they only contain the most recent activity from a TMF process. To change the amount of history available in a trace file, modify the `trace_file_size` configuration parameter.

When TMF is restarted, any trace files from the previous instance of TMF are moved to the directory specified in `trace_save_directory`.

For more information, see *TMF 5 Administrator's Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*.

## Run `dmcollect` If You Suspect a Problem

As soon as you suspect a problem with DMF, run the `dmcollect (8)` command to gather the relevant information about your DMF environment that will help you and SGI analyze the problem.

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**Note:** Take care to enter the correct number of previous days from which to gather information, so that logs containing the first signs of trouble are included in the collection.

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Also see Chapter 16, "Troubleshooting" on page 361.

## Modify Settings If Providing File Access via Samba

You can avoid an unnecessary Windows SMB request timeouts by setting the `SessTimeout` parameter to a value appropriate for a DMF environment, such as 300

seconds. This is especially important for slower mounting/positioning libraries and tape drives. For details, see the following website:

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-au/library/cc938292.aspx>

The Windows Explorer desktop can show which files in an SMB/CIFS network share are in a fully or partially offline state. If so enabled, Windows Explorer overlays a small black clock on top of a migrated file's normal icon; the black clock symbol indicates that there may be a delay in accessing the contents of the file. (This feature is disabled by default.)

To enable this feature, do the following:

1. Install the `sgi-samba` RPMs from ISSP.

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**Note:** This feature is not available in community Samba.

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2. Add the following line to the Samba configuration file `/etc/samba/smb.conf` on the DMF server:

```
dmapi support = Yes
```

3. Restart the `smb` daemon on the DMF server:

```
server# /etc/init.d/smb restart
```

For more information, see the `smb.conf(5)` man page.

## Disable Journaling When Loading an Empty Database

If you are loading an empty database, you should disable journaling in order to eliminate unnecessary overhead. To do this, use the `-j` option to the `dmdadm(8)` and `dmcatadm(8)` commands. For example:

```
# dmdadm -j -u -c "load /dmf/scratch/daemon.txt"
# dmcatadm -j -m ls -u -c "load /dmf/scratch/ls_cat_txt" > /dmf/tmp/load.ls.db.out 2>&1
```

## Use Sufficient Network Bandwidth for Socket Merges

If you perform a merge using a socket, you must ensure that the network has sufficient bandwidth. For more information, contact SGI technical support.



## Installing and Configuring the DMF Environment

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Overview of the Installation and Configuration Steps" on page 77
- "Installation and Configuration Considerations" on page 79
- "Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment" on page 87
- "Customizing DMF" on page 89
- "Importing Data From Other HSMs " on page 91

### Overview of the Installation and Configuration Steps

To install and configure the DMF environment, perform the following steps:

#### **Procedure 4-1** Configuring the DMF Environment

1. Read "Installation and Configuration Considerations" on page 79.
2. Install the DMF server software (which includes the software for TMF and OpenVault) according to the instructions in the *SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform* release note and any late-breaking caveats posted to Supportfolio:  
<https://support.sgi.com>  
See "ISSP DMF YaST Patterns" on page 80.
3. Determine the DMF drive groups that you want to use.
4. Configure the TMF or OpenVault mounting service (if used) according to the following documentation:
  - *TMF 5 Administrator's Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
  - *OpenVault Operator's and Administrator's Guide*
5. Determine how you want to complete periodic maintenance tasks. See "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85.

6. Make and mount the DMF administrative filesystems. See "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61.
7. Invoke `dmmaint(8)` to install the DMF license (and optional DMF Parallel Data Mover Option license) on the primary DMF server and the passive DMF server (if applicable). See:
  - "Overview of `dmmaint`" on page 93
  - "Installing the DMF License" on page 95

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**Note:** Nodes running DMF client software do not require a DMF license.

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8. Create or modify your configuration file and define objects for the following:
  - Pathname and file size parameters necessary for DMF operation (the `base` object)
  - DMF daemon
  - Daemon maintenance tasks
  - Filesystems
  - Automated space management
  - Media-specific process (MSP) or library server (LS)
  - MSP/LS maintenance tasks

See one of the following:

- Chapter 8, "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration" on page 263
- "Configuration Objects Overview" on page 145

9. Verify the configuration:
  - In DMF Manager, select the following:
    - Overview**
    - > **Configuration ...**
    - > **Validate Current Configuration**
  - In `dmmaint`, click the **Inspect** button

If there are errors, fix them and repeat the validation until there are no errors. (To edit the configuration in `dmmaint`, click the **Configure** button.)

10. If you are using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option, see "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration Procedure" on page 263 and the *SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform* release note.
11. Start the DMF environment. See "Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment" on page 87.
12. If you want to install the DMF client packages on other systems, see the *SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform* release note and the client installation `DMF.Install` instructions. Also see "DMF Client Configurations and `xinetd`" on page 80.

To administer and monitor DMF, see Chapter 6, "Using DMF Manager" on page 97.

## Installation and Configuration Considerations

This section discusses the configuration considerations that will affect your system:

- "ISSP DMF YaST Patterns" on page 80
- "DMF Client Configurations and `xinetd`" on page 80
- "Filesystem Mount Options" on page 81
- "Tape Mounting Service Considerations" on page 81
- "Inode Size Configuration" on page 82
- "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83
- "Interprocess Communication Parameters" on page 85
- "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85
- "`DMAPI_PROBE` Must Be Enabled for SLES 10 or SLES 11 Nodes When Using CXFS" on page 86

## ISSP DMF YaST Patterns

The ISSP release includes the following DMF YaST patterns:

- **DMF Server**, which provides:
  - The full set of DMF server functionality, including the DMF daemon, infrastructure, user and administrator commands, and all man pages. This applies to SGI Altix and SGI Altix XE servers running SGI Foundation Software as specified in the DMF release notes. You should install this software only on those machines from which you will administer DMF, including NFS servers and potential CXFS metadata servers.
  - Client installers, which download the client software onto the server so that you can later transfer the DMF client software to the DMF client nodes. The client packages are installed along with their installation instructions on the server in the following directory:

```
/opt/dmf/client-dist/DMFversion/clientOS&architecture
```

The client software contains the limited set of user commands, libraries, and man pages. This applies to all supported operating systems. You should install this software on machines from which you want to give users access to DMF user commands, such as `dmput` and `dmget`.

- **DMF Parallel Data Mover**, which provides the infrastructure for parallel data mover nodes to move data offline to tape and retrieve it, plus the required underlying CXFS client-only software.

Only one of these patterns can be installed on a given machine.

## DMF Client Configurations and `xinetd`

If your configuration includes DMF client platforms, you must ensure that the DMF server is running the `xinetd(8)` daemon. The `xinetd` daemon is enabled by default. If it has been disabled, you must reenable it at boot time via the following command:

```
dmfserver# chkconfig xinetd on
```

If `xinetd` is not running, you can start it immediately via the following command:

```
dmfserver# /usr/sbin/xinetd
```

See also "Set the `xinetd tcpmux instances` Parameter Appropriately" on page 69.

## Filesystem Mount Options

DMAPI is the mechanism between the kernel and the XFS or CXFS filesystem for passing file management requests between the kernel and DMF. Ensure that you have installed DMAPI and the appropriate patches.

For filesystems to be managed by DMF, they must be mounted with the DMAPI interface enabled. Failure to enable DMAPI for DMF-managed user filesystems will result in a configuration error.

Do the following:

- Use the following command:

```
# mount -o dmi -o mtpt = mountpoint
```

- Add `dmi, mtpt = mountpoint` to the fourth field in the `fstab` entry

For more information, see:

- "mkfs and mount Parameters" on page 65
- The `mount(8)` and `fstab(5)` man pages

## Tape Mounting Service Considerations

Tape mounting services are available through OpenVault or the Tape Management Facility (TMF). The LS checks the availability of the mounting service when it is started and after each occurrence in which an LS data mover process (either a *write child* that migrates data to tape or a *read child* that recalls data from tape) was unable to reserve its drive. If the mounting service is found to be unavailable, the LS does not start any new child processes until the mounting service is once again available.

If the unavailable mounting service is OpenVault, the LS sends an e-mail message to the administrator, asking that OpenVault be started. It then periodically polls OpenVault until it becomes available, at which time child processes are again allowed to run. For the LS, this is the default procedure. You can use `MAX_MS_RESTARTS` to configure the number of automatic restarts.

If the unavailable mounting service is TMF, the LS not only attempts to initiate `tmdaemon` if it is not up (based on the exit status of `tmstat`), but it waits until a

TMF device in the `configuration pending` state is configured up before it resumes processing. If TMF cannot be started or if no devices are configured up, the LS sends e-mail to the administrator and polls TMF until a drive becomes available. For the LS, this is the default procedure. You can use `MAX_MS_RESTARTS` to configure the number of automatic restarts.

## Inode Size Configuration

In DMF user filesystems and DCM filesystems, DMF state information is kept within a filesystem structure called an *extended attribute*. Extended attributes can be either inside the inode or in attribute blocks associated with the inode. DMF runs much faster when the extended attribute is inside the inode, because this minimizes the number of disk references that are required to determine DMF information. In certain circumstances, there can be a large performance difference between an inode-resident extended attribute and a non-resident extended attribute.

The size of inodes within a filesystem impacts how much room is available inside the inode for storing extended attributes. Smaller inode sizes have much less room available for attributes. Likewise, the legacy inode attribute format (`-i attr=1` option to `mkfs.xfs`) results in less available extended attribute space than does the current default format (`-i attr=2` option).

SGI recommends that you configure your filesystems so that the extended attribute is always inode-resident. Whenever both 256-byte and 512-byte inode sizes will work, you should use the 256-byte inode size (`-i size=256` option to `mkfs.xfs`) because the inode scans will be up to twice as fast. SGI also highly recommends that you use `attr2` (`-i attr=2` option) when possible if it allows 256-byte inode sizes to be used.

For optimal performance, you should create any DCM filesystems with 256-byte inode sizes and `attr2` attribute format. (For other DMF administrative filesystems, the inode size does not matter.) For best performance, you should use 512-byte inode sizes for DMF user filesystems only under the following circumstances:

- If users require other XFS attributes such as ACLs or other user-specified attributes
- If the user filesystem will have large numbers of partial-state files with more partial-state regions than will fit in a 256-byte inode

If you must have a 512-byte inode size for a DMF user filesystem, you can do so by using the Linux `mkfs.xfs` command with the `-i size=512` option. (Filesystems that already exist must be dumped, recreated, and restored.)

Table 4-1 summarizes the relationship among the inode size, `attr` type, and file regions.

**Table 4-1** Default Maximum File Regions for XFS and CXFS Filesystems

Size of inode	<code>attr</code> Type	Default Maximum Number of File Regions
256	1	(Not recommended)
256	2	2
512 or greater	1	8
512 or greater	2	11

For more information about setting the inode size and the `attr` type, see the `mkfs.xfs(8)` or `mount(8)` man pages.

## Daemon Database Record Length

A daemon database entry is composed of one or more fixed-length records:

- The base record (`dbrec`), which consists of several fields, including the `path` field
- Zero or more path segment extension (`pathseg`) records

If the value that is returned to the daemon by the MSP/LS (such as the pathname resulting from the `NAME_FORMAT` value template in an FTP or disk `msp` object) can fit into the `path` field of the daemon's `dbrec` record, DMF does not require `pathseg` records. If the MSP/LS supplies a path value that is longer than the `path` field, DMF creates one or more `pathseg` records to accommodate the extra space.

The default size of the `path` field of the `dbrec` is 34 characters. This size allows the default paths returned by `dmatls`, `dmdskmsp`, and `dmftpmsp` to fit in the `path` field of `dbrec` as long as the user name portion of the `dmftpmsp` or `dmdskmsp` default path (`username/bit_file_identifier`) is 8 characters or fewer. If you choose to use a value for `NAME_FORMAT` that results in longer pathnames, you may want to resize the `path` field in `dbrec` in order to increase performance.

The default size of the `path` field in the `pathseg` record is 64. For MSP path values that are just slightly over the size of the `dbrec` `path` field, this will result in a large amount of wasted space for each record that overflows into the `pathseg` record. The

ideal situation would be to have as few `pathseg` records as possible, because retrieving `pathseg` records slows down the retrieval of daemon database records.

The size of the path field in the daemon `dbrec` record can be configured at any time before or after installation. (The same holds true for any installation that might be using the `dmftpmssp` or `dmdskmsp` with a different path-generating algorithm or any other MSP that supplies a path longer than 34 characters to the daemon.)

**Procedure 4-2** Configuring the Daemon Database Record Length

The steps to configure the daemon database entry length are as follows:

1. If `dmfdaemon` is running, use the following command to halt processing in a non-HA environment:



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**Caution:** For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

---

```
# service dmf stop
```

2. If a daemon database already exists, perform the following commands:

```
# cd HOME_DIR/daemon
# dmdump -c . > textfile
# cp dbrec* pathseg* dmd_db.dbd backup_dir
# rm dbrec* pathseg* dmd_db.dbd
```

Where:

- *HOME\_DIR* is the value of `HOME_DIR` returned by the `dmconfig base` command
- *textfile* is the name of a file that will contain the text representation of the current daemon database
- *backup\_dir* is the name of the directory that will hold the old version of the daemon database

3. Change to the `rdm` directory:

```
# cd /usr/lib/dmf/rdm
```

4. Back up the `dmd_db.dbd` and `dmd_db.ddl` files that reside in `/usr/lib/dmf/rdm`. This will aid in disaster recovery should something go wrong.



5. Edit `dmd_db.ddl` to set the new `path` field lengths for the `dbrec` and/or `pathseg` records.
6. Regenerate the new daemon database definition, as follows:  

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/dmddlp -drsx dmd_db.ddl
```
7. Back up the new versions of `dmd_db.dbd` and `dmd_db.ddl` for future reference or disaster recovery.
8. If the daemon database was dumped to text in step 2, enter the following commands:  

```
# cd HOME_DIR/daemon  
# dmdadm -u -c "load textfile"
```

(*textfile* was created in step 2)
9. If the daemon was running in step 1, restart it by executing the following command:  

```
# service dmf start
```

## Interprocess Communication Parameters

Ensure that the following interprocess communication kernel configuration parameters are set equal to or greater than the default before running DMF:

- MSGMAX
- MSGMNI

For more information, execute `info ipc` and see the `sysctl(8)` and `msgop(2)` man pages.

## Automated Maintenance Tasks

DMF lets you configure parameters for completing periodic maintenance tasks such as the following:

- Making backups (full or partial) of user filesystems to tape
- Making backups of DMF databases to disk
- Removing old log files and old journal files

- Monitoring DMF logs for errors
- Monitoring the status of tapes in LSs
- Running hard deletes
- Running `dmaudit(8)`
- Merging tapes that have become sparse (and stopping this process at a specified time)

Each of these tasks can be configured in the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`) through the use of `TASK_GROUPS` parameters for the DMF daemon and the LS. The tasks are then defined as objects.

For each task you configure, a time expression defines when the task should be done and a script file is executed at that time. The tasks are provided in the `/usr/lib/dmf` directory.

The automated tasks are described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

### **DMAPI\_PROBE Must Be Enabled for SLES 10 or SLES 11 Nodes When Using CXFS**

By default, DMAPI is turned off on SLES 10 and SLES 11 systems. To mount CXFS filesystems on a SLES 10 or SLES 11 client-only node with the `dmi` mount option, you must set `DMAPI_PROBE="yes"` in the `/etc/sysconfig/sysctl` file on the node. Changes to the file will be processed on the next reboot.

After setting that system configuration file, you can immediately enable DMAPI for the current boot session by executing the following:

```
# sysctl -w fs.xfs.probe_dmapi=1
```

---

**Note:** These steps are not required on the DMF server or DMF parallel data mover nodes because these steps are done automatically when installing the `dmf` or `dmf-mover` packages.

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## Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment

This section discusses the following:

- "Automatic Start After Reboot" on page 87
- "Explicit Start" on page 88
- "Preventing Automatic Start After Reboot" on page 88
- "Explicit Stop" on page 89

For more information about the mounting services, see:

- *TMF 5 Administrator's Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*
- *OpenVault Operator's and Administrator's Guide*



**Caution:** In an HA environment, procedures differ. For example, you must first remove Heartbeat control of the resource group before stopping DMF and the mounting service. See the SGI HA documentation.

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### Automatic Start After Reboot

To enable automatic startup of the DMF environment, execute the following `chkconfig(8)` commands as `root` on the DMF server in a non-HA environment: <sup>1</sup>

```
dmfserver# chkconfig tmf on (if TMF)
dmfserver# chkconfig openvault on (if OpenVault)
dmfserver# chkconfig dmf on
dmfserver# chkconfig dmfman on
```

Execute the following on the parallel data mover nodes:

```
pdmn# chkconfig dmf_mover on
```

---

<sup>1</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

## Explicit Start

To start the DMF environment daemons explicitly, execute the following on the DMF server in a non-HA environment: <sup>2</sup>

```
dmfserver# service tmf start (if TMF)
dmfserver# service openvault start (if OpenVault)
dmfserver# service dmf start
dmfserver# service dmfman start
```

Execute the following on the parallel data mover nodes:

```
pdmn# service dmf_mover start
```

## Preventing Automatic Start After Reboot

To prevent automatic startup of the DMF environment, execute the following `chkconfig(8)` commands as `root` on the DMF server in a non-HA environment: <sup>3</sup>

```
dmfserver# chkconfig tmf off (if TMF)
dmfserver# chkconfig openvault off (if OpenVault)
dmfserver# chkconfig dmf off
dmfserver# chkconfig dmfman off
```

Execute the following on the parallel data mover nodes:

```
pdmn# chkconfig dmf_mover off
```

---

<sup>2</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

<sup>3</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

## Explicit Stop

To stop the DMF environment daemons explicitly, execute the following on the DMF server in a non-HA environment: <sup>4</sup>

```
dmfserver# service tmf stop (if TMF)
dmfserver# service openvault stop (if OpenVault)
dmfserver# service dmf stop
dmfserver# service dmfman stop
```

Execute the following on the parallel data mover nodes:

```
pdmn# service dmf_mover stop
```

---

**Note:** Executing `service dmf_mover stop` on a mover node will cause existing data mover processes to exit after the library server notices this change, which may take up to 2 minutes. The existing data mover processes may exit in the middle of recalling or migrating a file; this work will be reassigned to other data mover processes.

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## Customizing DMF

You can modify the default behavior of DMF as follows:

- "File Tagging" on page 89
- "Site-Defined Policies" on page 90

## File Tagging

*File tagging* allows an arbitrary 32-bit integer to be associated with specific files so that they can be subsequently identified and acted upon. The specific values are chosen by the site; they have no meaning to DMF.

Non-`root` users may only set or change a tag value on files that they own, but the `root` user may do this on any files. The files may or may not have been previously migrated.

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<sup>4</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

To set a tag, use the `dmtag(1)` command or the `libdmfusr.so` library. For example:

```
% dmtag -t 42 myfile
```

To view the tag set for a given file, use the `dmtag` or `dmattr` commands. For example:

```
% dmtag myfile
42 myfile
% dmattr -a sitetag myfile
42
```

A file's tag (if any) can be tested in the `when` clause of the following configuration parameters by using the keyword `sitetag`:

```
AGE_WEIGHT
CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT
CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT
SELECT_LOWER_VG
SELECT_MSP
SELECT_VG
SPACE_WEIGHT
```

For example:

```
SELECT_VG fasttape when sitetag = 42
```

It may also be accessed in site-defined policies, as described below.

For more information, see the `dmtag(1)` man page.

## Site-Defined Policies

*Site-defined policies* allow you to do site-specific modifications by writing your own library of C++ functions that DMF will consult when making decisions about its operation. For example, you could write a policy that decides at migration time which volume group (VG) or MSP an individual file should be sent to, using selection criteria that are specific to your site.

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**Note:** If you customize DMF, you should inform your users so that they can predict how the user commands will work with your policies in place. You can add error, warning, and informational messages for commands so that the user will understand why the behavior of the command differs from the default.

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For information about the aspects of DMF that may be modified, see Appendix C, "Site-Defined Policy Subroutines and the `sitelib.so` Library" on page 419.

## Importing Data From Other HSMs

DMF utilities exist to assist with the import of data from filesystems managed by other HSM packages into DMF, provided that the filesystems to be imported are accessible via FTP or as local or NFS-mounted filesystems. These tools are not distributed with the DMF product. They are for use only by qualified SGI personnel who assist sites doing conversions. To obtain assistance in performing a conversion, contact SGI Support.





## Using `dmmaint` to Install Licenses and Configure DMF

On DMF servers, you can use `dmmaint` to install your DMF licenses and edit the DMF configuration file. The advantage to using `dmmaint` rather than a text editor such as `vi` is that you can edit the configuration file and apply your changes atomically. `dmmaint` also allows you to verify your changes.

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Overview of `dmmaint`" on page 93
- "Installing the DMF License" on page 95
- "Using `dmmaint` to Define the Configuration File" on page 95

You can also use DMF Manager to configure DMF. See "Configuring DMF with DMF Manager" on page 110.

### Overview of `dmmaint`

To use the `dmmaint` graphical user interface (GUI), ensure that your `DISPLAY` environment variable is defined, and then enter the following command:

```
# /usr/sbin/dmmaint &
```

---

**Note:** If `DISPLAY` is not defined, `dmmaint` reverts to line mode, which has menu selections that are equivalent to the fields and buttons on the graphic user interface. Line mode is provided for remote log in, and is not recommended for general use.

---

The GUI displays the installed version of DMF. The **Help** menu provides access to the `dmmaint` and `dmf.conf` man pages.

The GUI buttons are as follows:

<b>Button</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Configure</b>	<p>Lets you customize the DMF configuration file for the selected version of DMF.</p> <p>If this is the first time you have configured DMF, a window appears telling you that there is no configuration file. You are asked which file you would like to use as a basis for the new configuration. You may choose an existing file or one of several sample files that are preconfigured for different types of media-specific process (MSP) or the library server (LS).</p> <p>If a configuration file exists, a window appears that asks if you would like to modify the existing file or use an alternate file. If you choose an alternate file, you see the same window that you would see if this were a new configuration.</p> <p>After you choose a file to use as a basis, an editing session is started (in a new window) that displays a copy of that configuration file. You can make changes as desired. After exiting from the editor, you are prompted for confirmation before the original configuration file is replaced with the edited copy.</p> <p>For more information on configuration parameters, see Chapter 7, "DMF Configuration File" on page 145, and the <code>dmf.conf(5)</code> man page (available from the <b>Help</b> button).</p>
<b>Inspect</b>	<p>Runs the <code>dmcheck(8)</code> program to report errors. You should run this program after you have created a configuration file. If there are errors, you can click the <b>Configure</b> button, make changes, and continue to alternate between <b>Configure</b> and <b>Inspect</b> until you are satisfied that the configuration is correct.</p>
<b>Release Note</b>	<p>This button displays the DMF release note that is installed in <code>/usr/share/doc/packages/sgi-issp-ISSPversion/README_DMF.txt</code></p>

<b>License Info</b>	Displays the hostname and unique system identifier (which you need to obtain a DMF server license), the name of the license file, and a short description of the state of any DMF license within the file.
<b>Update License</b>	Lets you make changes to the license file. An editing session is started in a new window displaying a copy of the contents of the license file. You can add or delete licenses as desired. After you exit the editor, positive confirmation is requested before the original license file is replaced by the modified copy. For more information, see Chapter 2, "DMF Licensing" on page 45.

## Installing the DMF License

To install the DMF license, do the following:

1. Select **Dependencies** to read about all the hardware and software requirements that must be fulfilled before running DMF.
2. If needed, select the **Update License** button and use the mouse to copy and paste your license into the file. Close the window. Select **License Info** and examine the output to verify that the license is installed correctly.

## Using `dmmaint` to Define the Configuration File

To use `dmmaint` to configure DMF, do the following:

1. Select **Configure** to edit the configuration file. For more information about this button, see "Overview of `dmmaint`" on page 93.
2. Click the **Inspect** button, which runs `dmcheck` to report any errors in the configuration. If there are errors, you can click the **Configure** button, make changes, and continue to alternate between **Configure** and **Inspect** until you are satisfied that the configuration is correct.

If you do not want DMF to be automatically started and stopped, see "Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment" on page 87.



## Using DMF Manager

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Accessing DMF Manager" on page 98
- "Getting Started with DMF Manager" on page 99
- "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101
- "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104
- "Setting Panel Preferences" on page 108
- "Refreshing the View" on page 110
- "Configuring DMF with DMF Manager" on page 110
- "Displaying DMF Configuration File Parameters" on page 121
- "Determining the DMF License Capacity" on page 122
- "Starting and Stopping DMF and the Mounting Service" on page 123
- "Discovering DMF Problems" on page 123
- "Seeing Relationships Among DMF Components" on page 126
- "Managing Tapes" on page 127
- "Managing Libraries" on page 130
- "Displaying DMF Manager Tasks" on page 130
- "Monitoring DMF Performance Statistics" on page 131

## Accessing DMF Manager

This section discusses the following:

- "Standard URL Access for DMF Manager" on page 98
- "URL Redirection for DMF Manager" on page 98

### Standard URL Access for DMF Manager

To access DMF Manager, do the following:

1. Point your browser to the following secure address:

```
https://YOUR_DMF_SERVER:1179
```

2. Accept the security certificate.

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**Note:** DMF Manager generates its own SSL certificates, rather than having the SSL certificates signed by a commercial certificate authority. Therefore, the certificate warning is safe to ignore.

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3. Enter the DMF Manager `dmfman` access password. The default access password is `INSECURE`.

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**Note:** You should change the access password after installing DMF and only provide it to those persons who you want to access the GUI.

Also see "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101.

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### URL Redirection for DMF Manager

You can optionally have DMF Manager automatically redirect the following address to the secure 1179 port address:

```
http://YOUR_DMF_SERVER/dmfman
```

This redirection requires that `apache2` is started. To determine if `apache2` is running, enter the following:

```
dmfserver# service apache2 status
```

If `apache2` is not started and you want to use URL redirection, do the following:

- To start `apache2` for the current session:

```
dmfserver# service apache2 start
```

- To start `apache2` across reboots:

```
dmfserver# chkconfig apache2 on
```

## Getting Started with DMF Manager

DMF Manager lets you configure DMF, view the current state of your DMF system, and make operational changes.

When you initially open DMF Manager, you will see the **Overview** panel, which displays a high-level graphical view of the DMF environment and status for each DMF component, as shown in Figure 6-1. You can also configure DMF from this panel.

Each menu bar selection provides access to a DMF Manager panel, described in Table 6-1. To open a panel, click on the panel name in the menu. Right-click on the tab title to see its menu. Each panel has a key for its symbols.

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**Note:** DMF Manager windows do not automatically update; choose the **Refresh** menu item to update an existing view.

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**Table 6-1** DMF Manager Panel Menus

Menu Bar Item	Panel Name	Description
<b>Configuration</b>	<b>Overview</b>	High-level graphical view of the DMF environment, status for each DMF component, and configuration capability
	<b>Parameters</b>	Details about the current parameter settings in the DMF configuration file and status for each DMF component
<b>Storage</b>	<b>Tapes</b>	Tape status
	<b>Libraries</b>	Library status
<b>Messages</b>	<b>Reports</b>	Daily activity reports
	<b>Alerts</b>	Informational, warning, and error messages
	<b>DMF Manager Tasks</b>	Status of commands issued via DMF Manager that may take time to complete
<b>Statistics</b>	<b>DMF Resources</b>	Current and historical reports about the state and the performance of the DMF filesystems and hardware
	<b>DMF Activity</b>	Current and historical reports about the state and the performance of the DMF requests and throughput
<b>Help</b>	<b>Getting Started</b>	This section
	<b>Admin Guide</b>	This manual
	<b>About DMF Manager</b>	Version and copyright information about DMF Manager



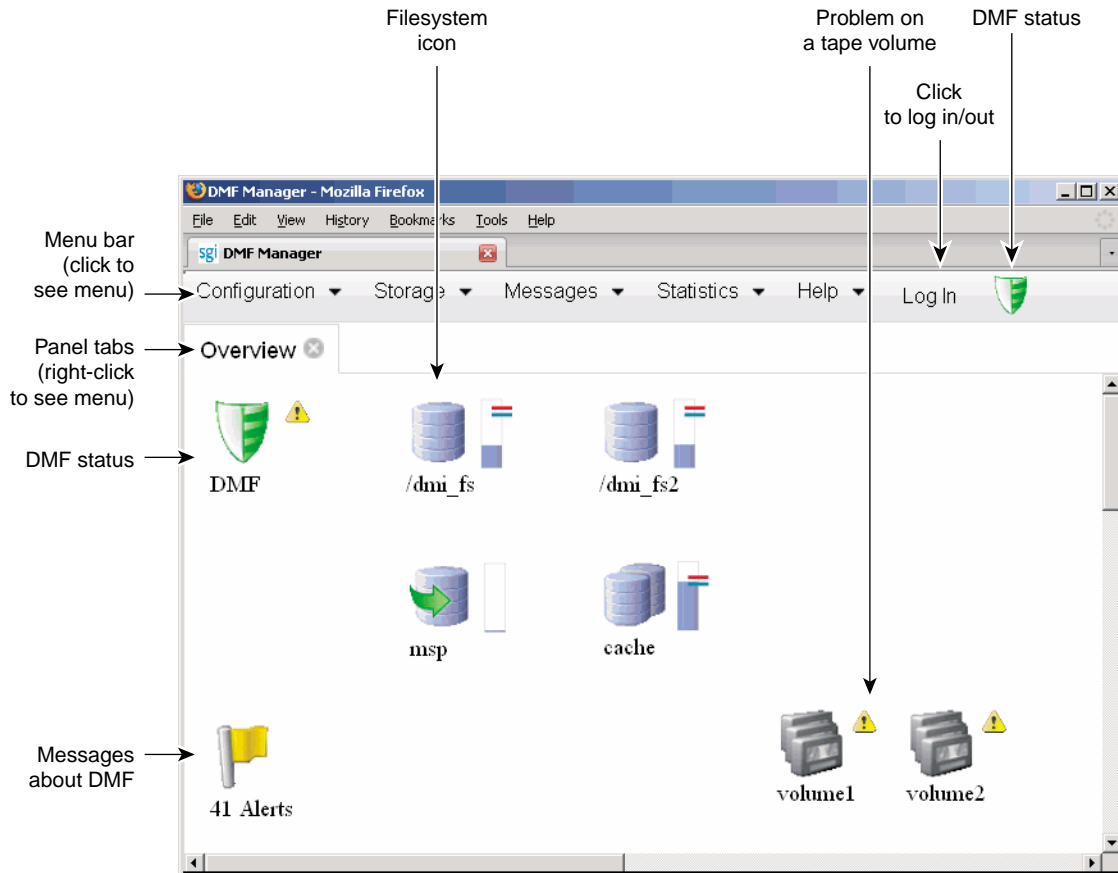


Figure 6-1 DMF Manager Overview Panel

## Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode

You can run DMF Manager in observer mode (the default) or you can log in to Admin mode for more functionality, as described in the following sections:

- "Observer Mode Functionality" on page 102
- "Admin Mode Functionality" on page 103
- "Admin Mode Access" on page 104

## Observer Mode Functionality

In the default observer mode in DMF Manager, you can do the following:

- View the state of DMF and the mounting service (enabled/disabled). See:
  - "Getting Started with DMF Manager" on page 99
  - "Discovering DMF Problems" on page 123
- View the fullness of each DMF-managed filesystem. See:
  - "Getting Started with DMF Manager" on page 99
  - "Discovering DMF Problems" on page 123
- View the licensed capacity. See "Determining the DMF License Capacity" on page 122.
- View DMF's configuration. See "Displaying DMF Configuration File Parameters" on page 121.
- View relationships among DMF components. See "Seeing Relationships Among DMF Components" on page 126.
- Get context-sensitive help and view the DMF administration guide. See "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104.
- View information about tapes:
  - View each tape cartridge's status and fullness
  - Sort which tapes to view
  - Display dump tapes
  - View the status of each tape drive
  - Temporarily create a user-defined tape query

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**Note:** Saving the query requires Admin mode. See "Admin Mode Functionality" on page 103.

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See:

- "Getting Started with DMF Manager" on page 99
- "Managing Tapes" on page 127
- View the daily reports (with history) and DMF alerts. See "Discovering DMF Problems" on page 123.
- View the long-running DMF Manager tasks (those currently executing and a history of executed tasks). See "Displaying DMF Manager Tasks" on page 130.
- View current and historical reports about DMF activity and resources. See "Monitoring DMF Performance Statistics" on page 131.

## Admin Mode Functionality

If you log in to Admin mode, you can perform the following additional tasks:

- Start/stop DMF and the mounting service (in non-HA environments). See "Starting and Stopping DMF and the Mounting Service" on page 123.
- Create or modify the DMF configuration. See "Configuring DMF with DMF Manager" on page 110.
- Manage tapes:
  - Create and save tape cartridge queries
  - Change the hold flags on tape cartridges
  - Manually mark tapes to be sparsed during next DMF sparsing run
  - Empty a damaged tape of all useful data and restore another copy in the volume group (VG)
  - Eject tape cartridges from the library
  - Load tape cartridges into the library and configure them for DMF's use with OpenVault
  - Read data from tape cartridge to verify tape's integrity
  - Enable/disable tape drives

See "Managing Tapes" on page 127.

- Acknowledge/unacknowledge DMF alerts. See "Discovering DMF Problems" on page 123.
- Control long-running DMF Managed tasks (pause, kill, resume, acknowledge). See "Displaying DMF Manager Tasks" on page 130.

### Admin Mode Access

To log in to DMF Manager as the Admin user, click the **Log In** button in the upper-right corner of the window, as shown in Figure 6-1 on page 101.

When logged in, you can also choose to reset the Admin password. The default Admin password is `INSECURE`.

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**Note:** You should change this password after installing DMF and only provide it to those persons who have permission to make DMF administrative changes.

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### Getting More Information in DMF Manager

Each panel that uses icons has a key for its symbols, available via the **Show Key** menu selection. Figure 6-2 shows the key to icons on the **Overview** panel.



Figure 6-2 DMF Manager Key to Symbols

To display information about an object, you can move the mouse button over the object, as shown for the /dmi\_fs2 filesystem in Figure 6-3.

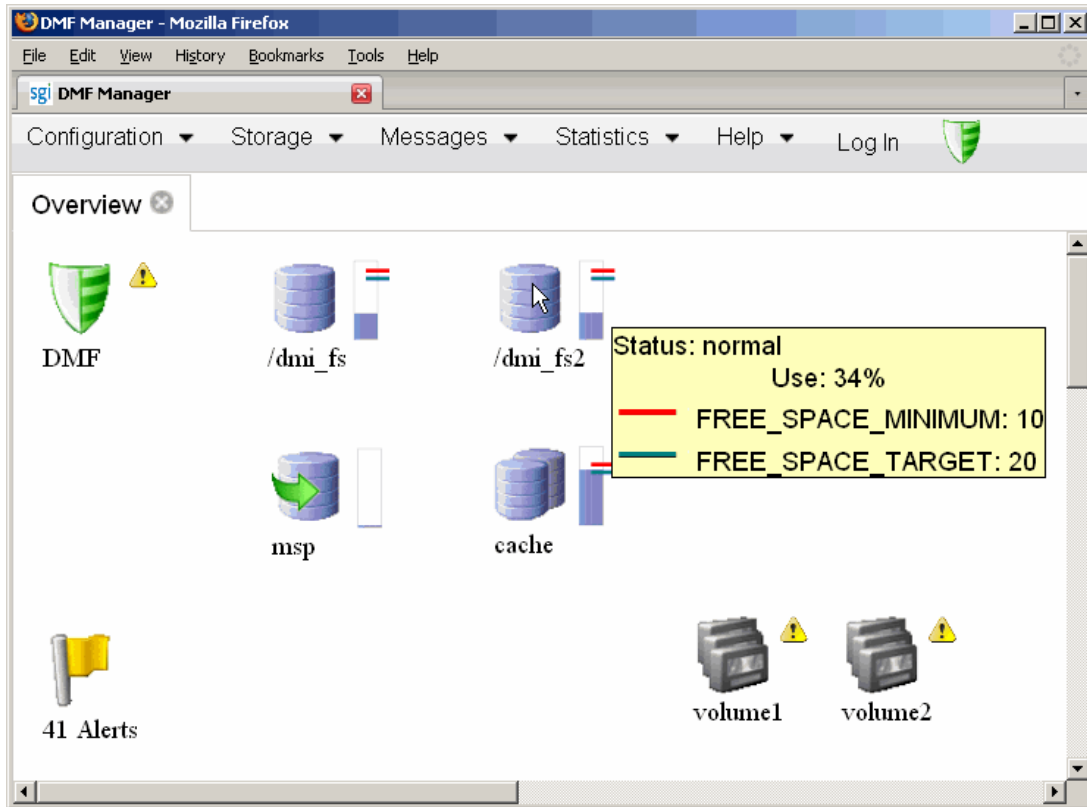


Figure 6-3 Displaying Information About an Icon

To get more information about any item, right-click on it and select the **What is this?** option. For example, Figure 6-4 shows the help text for the Alerts icon.

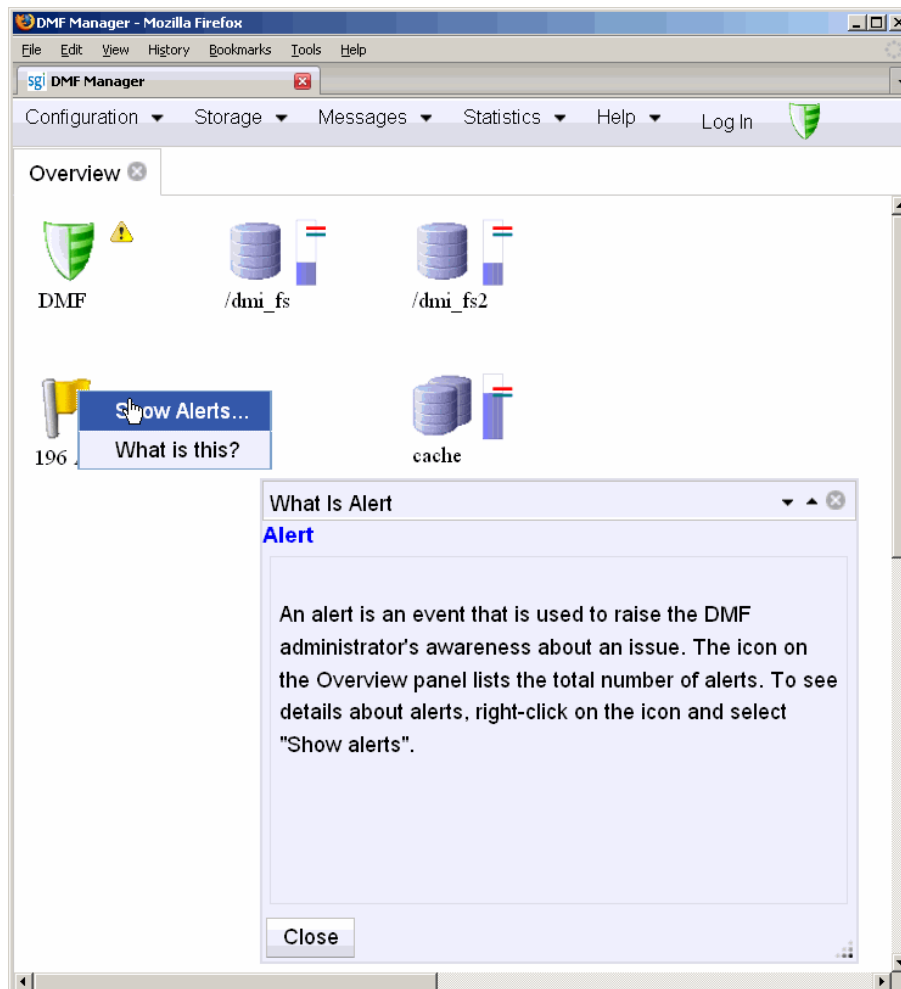


Figure 6-4 “What Is ...” Information

Each panel also has a **What is 'PanelName'?** menu selection.

For a quick-start to using DMF Manager, select the following from the menu bar:

**Help**  
> **Getting Started**

To access the DMF administrator's guide (this manual), select the following:

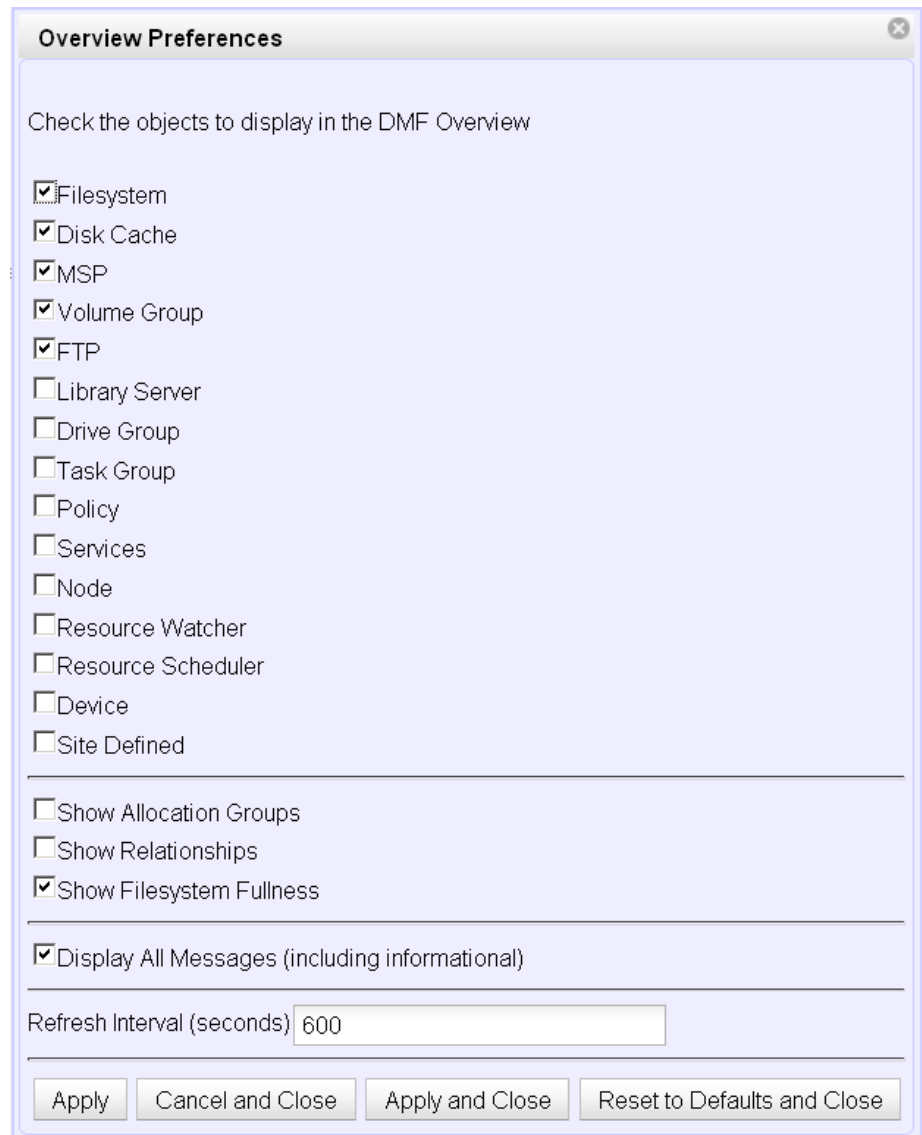
**Help**  
    > **Admin Guide**

## Setting Panel Preferences

Each DMF Manager panel (other than the **Help** panels) has a **Set *PanelName* Preferences** menu item that allows you to vary what is shown on the panel, how it behaves, and how often it is refreshed (see "Refreshing the View" on page 110).

For example, Figure 6-5 shows the preferences that you can set for the **Overview** panel.



**Figure 6-5** DMF Manager Overview Preferences Panel

## Refreshing the View

In general, the DMF Manager panels do not automatically update by default. To refresh a panel, choose the **Refresh *PanelName*** menu item. The exception to this is the **Overview** panel, which by default automatically refreshes every 10 minutes (600 seconds) unless you are in configuration mode.



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**Caution:** If you refresh the view while in configuration mode, any changes that have been made but not saved or applied will be lost and you will exit from configuration mode.

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You can use **Set *PanelName* Preferences** menu to set an automatic refresh interval for individual panels. See "Setting Panel Preferences" on page 108.

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**Note:** A refresh interval that is too short can cause contention between the DMF server and the browser. On heavily used systems, some displays may not be refreshed at extremely low intervals because the time to gather the information exceeds the refresh time. In such cases, you will only see a refresh as often as one can be completed.

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## Configuring DMF with DMF Manager

You can establish and edit the DMF configuration by logging in as the Admin user and using the **Overview** panel. If you make a change to the configuration, the background color will change to gray, indicating that you must save or cancel your changes.

This section discusses the following:

- "Limitations to the DMF Configuration Capability" on page 111
- "Showing All Configured Objects" on page 111
- "Setting Up a New DMF Configuration File" on page 112
- "Copying an Object" on page 117
- "Modifying an Object" on page 119
- "Creating a New Object" on page 119
- "Deleting an Object" on page 120

- "Validating Your Changes" on page 120
- "Saving Your Configuration Changes" on page 120
- "Exiting the Temporary Configuration without Saving" on page 121

## Limitations to the DMF Configuration Capability

The configuration capability in DMF Manager has the following limitations:

- Comments are not permitted in the configuration file created or modified by DMF Manager. If you edit an existing configuration file that has comments and save the file, the comments will be deleted from the updated configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`).

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**Note:** The original DMF configuration file, including the comments, will be preserved in a time-stamped copy (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf.TIMESTAMP`).

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- **Adding** site-specific objects or site-specific parameters is not supported (if site-specific items already exist in the DMF configuration file, they are preserved).
- DMF Manager does not have the ability to install or verify DMF licenses (you should use `dmmaint` for this process).
- DMF Manager cannot detect if multiple users have logged in as Admin and are therefore capable of overwriting each other's changes. Only one user should be logged in as Admin and make configuration changes at any given time.

## Showing All Configured Objects

To see all currently configured objects, select:

```
Overview
  > Configure...
    > Show All Configured Objects
```

By default, all currently configured objects will also be shown after you make a configuration change and select **Continue**.

After you either save or cancel the configuration changes, the icons that are displayed will return to the preferences you have set. See "Setting Panel Preferences" on page 108.

### Setting Up a New DMF Configuration File

To create a new DMF configuration file, right-click in the **Overview** panel and select one of the preconfigured items, such as **DCM MSP Sample**, or choose a specific object, like **Base**. The following figures show examples of the menus.

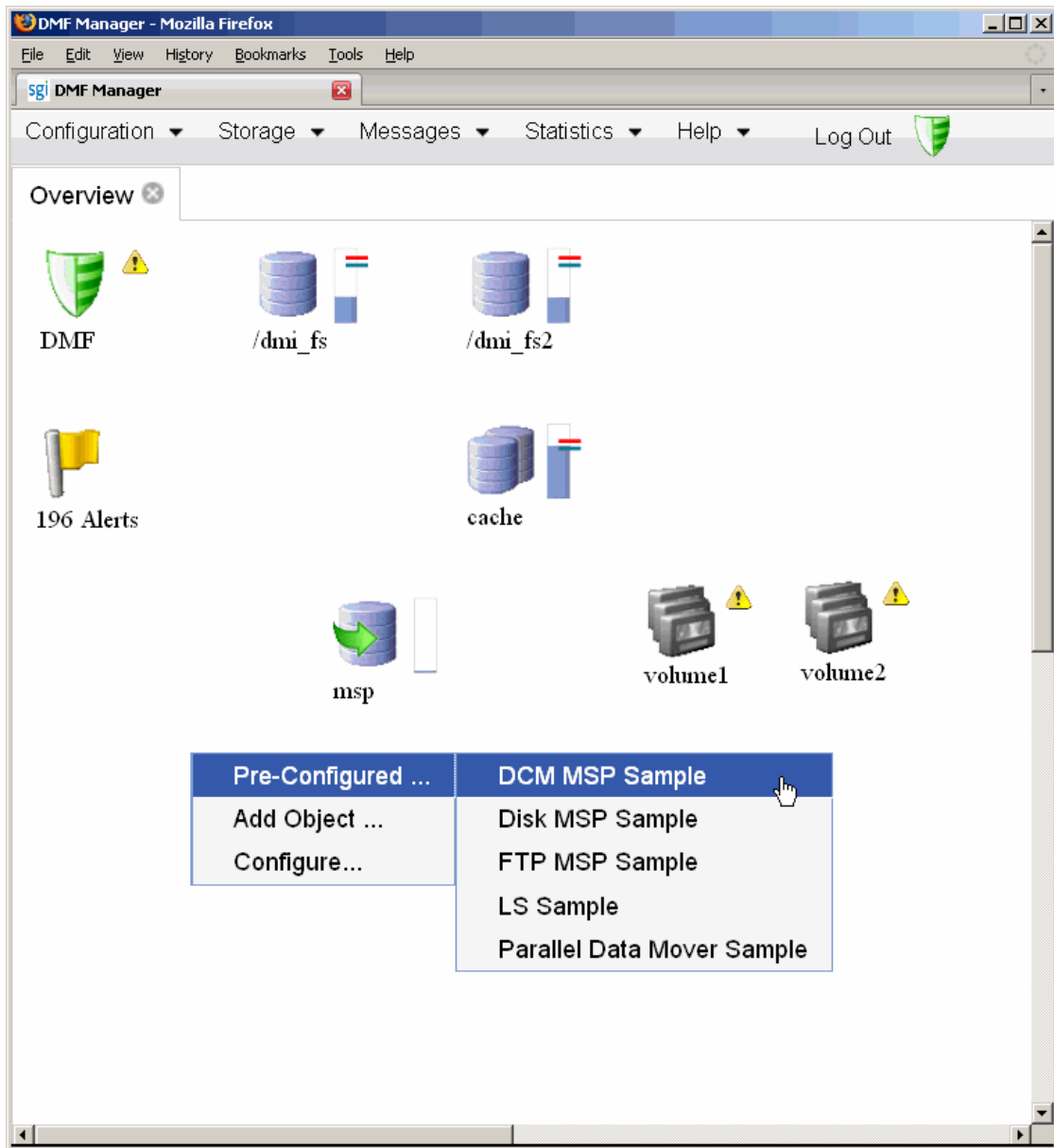


Figure 6-6 Configuration Template Menu

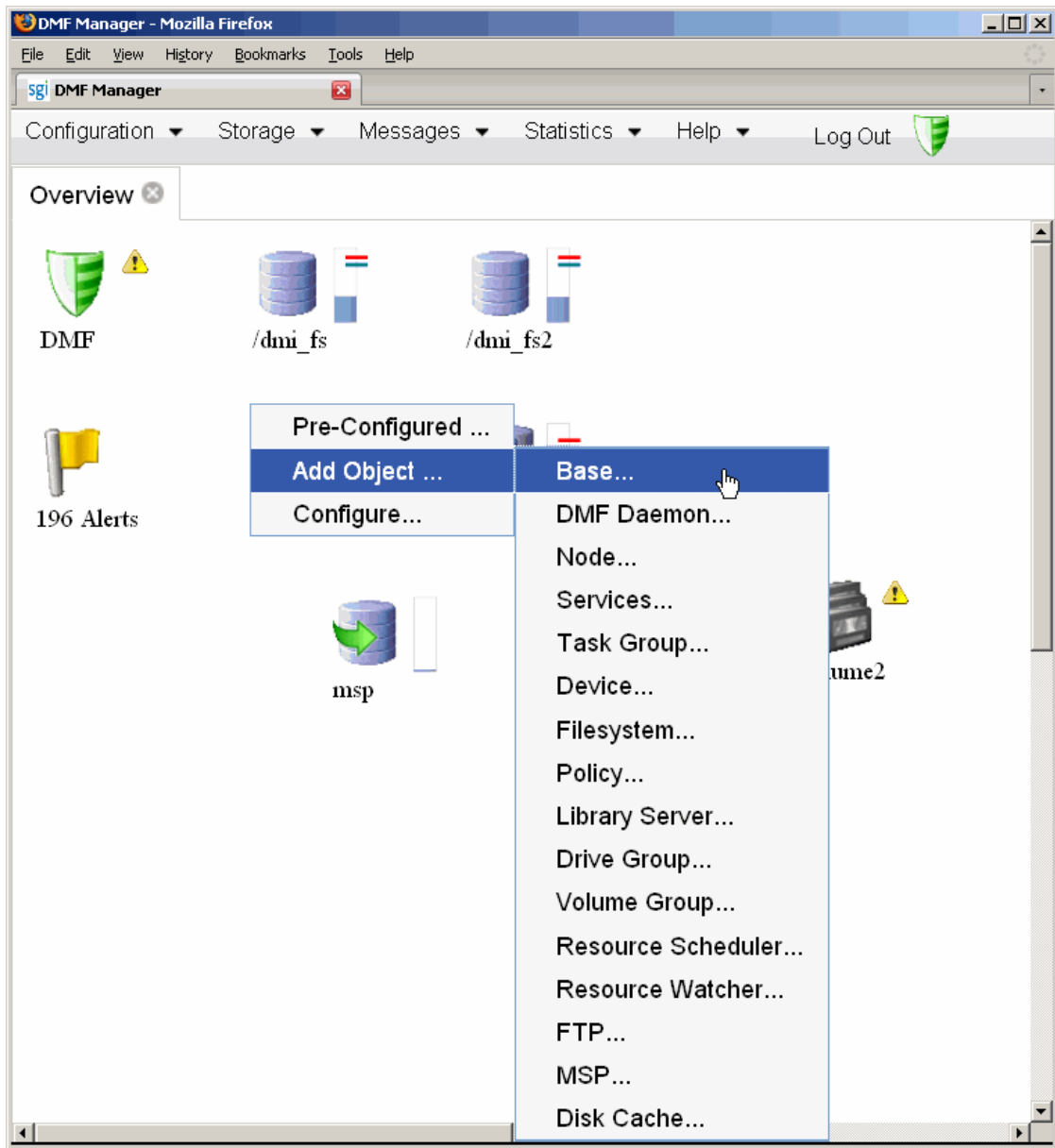
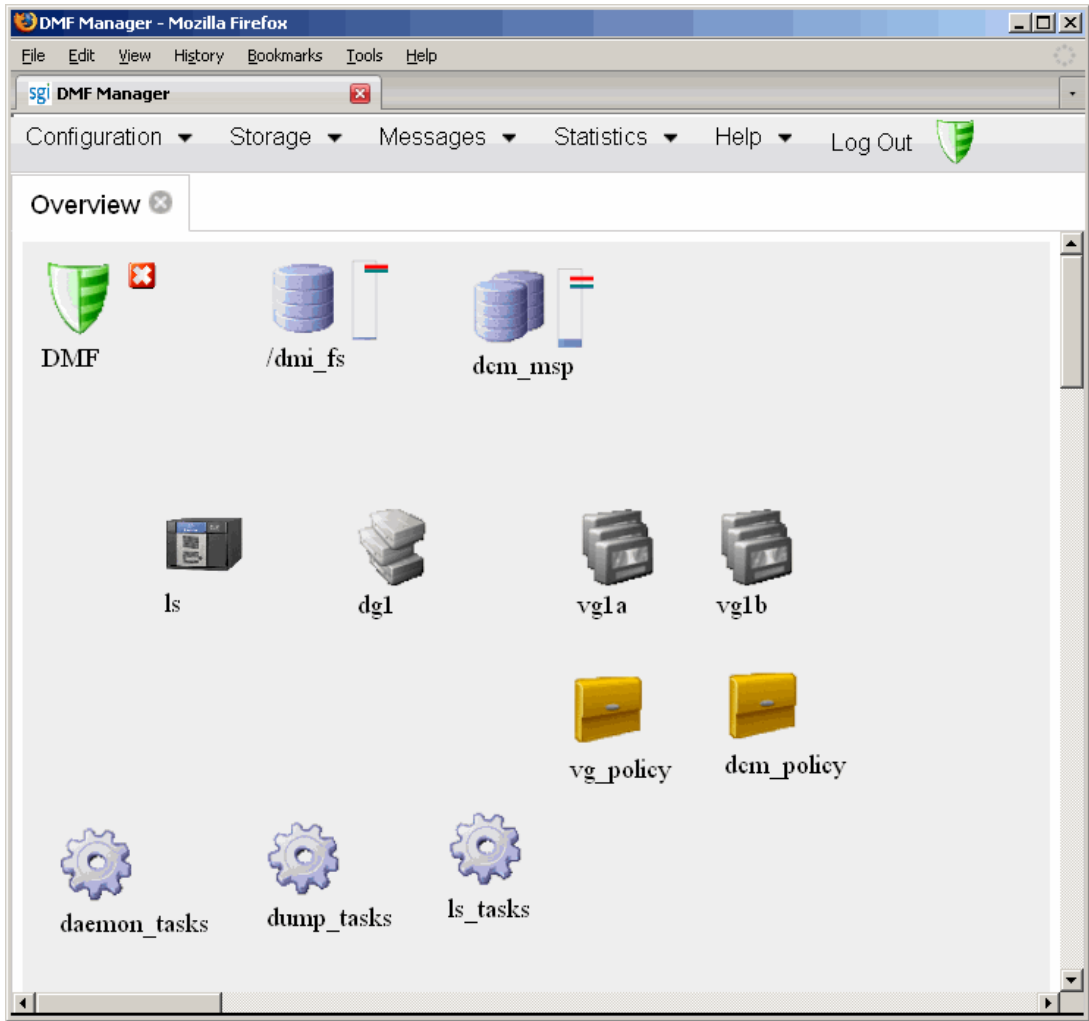


Figure 6-7 Configuration Object Menu

The preconfigured items provide a set of required objects that you can modify with the specific information for your site. For example, the **DCM MSP Sample** provides the following objects:

- base object and dmdaemon object (represented by the DMF shield icon):
- filesystem object named `/dmi_fs`
- msp object named `dsk1` configured for a disk MSP
- policy objects named `space_policy` and `msp_policy` configured for automated space management and MSP selection
- taskgroup object

Figure 6-8 shows the icons that are provided when you select the **DCM MSP Sample**. The gray background indicates that a change has been made that must be applied to the current configuration file, saved to a temporary location, or cancelled.



**Figure 6-8** Temporary Workspace for a Preconfigured Disk MSP Sample (showing gray background)

To edit each object, select its icon and choose:

**Configure ...**  
**> Modify**



Type in the values you desire for the parameters shown. To get more information a parameter, right-click on it and select the **What is this?** option. See "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104.

To make your changes appear in the **Overview** display, select **Continue** on the parameter window. To permanently save your changes, see "Saving Your Configuration Changes" on page 120.

To exit a preconfigured sample without saving any of your changes, select:

**Overview**  
    > **Configure...**  
        > **Cancel Configuration**

The **Configure** menu is also available by right-clicking within the **Overview** display.

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**Note:** Many parameters have default values, but these are not shown in the DMF Manager windows. Only those parameters with specified values are added to the configuration file. If a parameter has no value specified, its default value is assumed.

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## Copying an Object

To copy an object, right-click on it and select:

**Configure ...**  
    > **Copy**

For example, to copy the `/dmi_fs` filesystem configuration object, place the icon over the `/dmi_fs` icon shown in Figure 6-9.

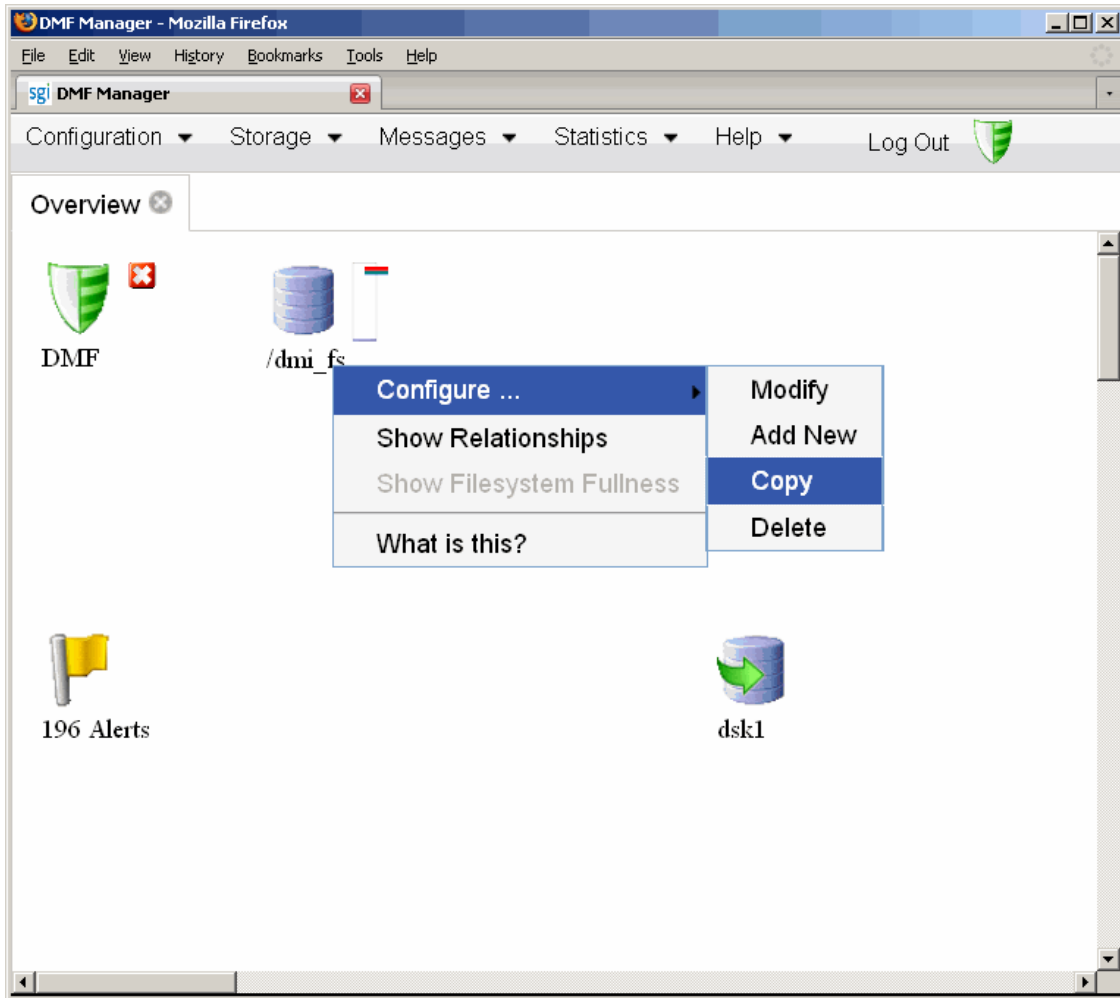


Figure 6-9 Copying an Object

Then name the new object and type in the values you desire for the parameters shown. To get more information a parameter, right-click on it and select the **What is this?** option. See "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104.

To make your changes appear in the **Overview** display, select **Continue**. To permanently save your changes, see "Saving Your Configuration Changes" on page 120.

## Modifying an Object

To edit the parameters for an existing object, right-click on it and select:

**Configure ...**  
> **Modify**

Then type in the values you desire for the parameters shown. To get more information a parameter, right-click on it and select the **What is this?** option. See "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104.

To rename an object, delete it and create a new object. See:

- "Deleting an Object" on page 120
- "Creating a New Object" on page 119
- "Copying an Object" on page 117

To make your changes in the temporary configuration view, select **Continue**. To permanently save your changes, see "Saving Your Configuration Changes" on page 120.

## Creating a New Object

To create a new object, right-click on blank space anywhere in the **Overview** panel and select the object. Also see "Setting Up a New DMF Configuration File" on page 112.

You can also right-click on an existing object and create another empty object of the same type by selecting:

**Configure ...**  
> **Add New**

Then name the object and type in the values you desire for the parameters shown. To get more information a parameter, right-click on it and select the **What is this?** option. See "Getting More Information in DMF Manager" on page 104.

To make your changes appear in the **Overview** display, select **Continue**. To permanently save your changes, see "Saving Your Configuration Changes" on page 120. Also see "Exiting the Temporary Configuration without Saving" on page 121.

## Deleting an Object

To delete an object, right-click on it and select:

**Configure ...**  
> **Delete**

## Validating Your Changes

To verify that your changes to the temporary configuration are valid, select the following:

**Overview**  
> **Configure ...**  
> **Validate Configuration**

## Saving Your Configuration Changes

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**Note:** Before saving or applying configuration changes, you must make and mount the DMF administrative filesystems. See "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61.

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To make your changes appear in the **Overview** display for this DMF Manager session, click **Continue** after creating or modifying an object. (This does not change the DMF configuration file.)

To save the temporary configuration so that you can work on it later, select:

**Overview**  
> **Configure ...**  
> **Save Temporary Configuration**

To permanently save your changes and apply them to the DMF configuration file `/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`, do the following:

1. Verify that your changes are valid. See "Validating Your Changes" on page 120
2. Select:

**Overview**  
    > **Configure ...**  
        > **Apply Configuration**

## Exiting the Temporary Configuration without Saving

To exit the temporary configuration entirely without saving any of your changes, select:

**Overview**  
    > **Configure...**  
        > **Cancel Configuration**

The **Configure** menu is also available by right-clicking within the **Overview** display. If you refresh the screen, the temporary configuration will also be canceled.

## Displaying DMF Configuration File Parameters

The following menu bar selection displays the contents of the DMF configuration file:

**Configuration**  
    > **Parameters**

For example, Figure 6-10 shows the configuration parameters for a drive group. For information about any individual parameter, right-click on it and select the **What is** option.



Figure 6-10 DMF Configuration Parameters in DMF Manager

## Determining the DMF License Capacity

To determine the current DMF license capacity, right-click on the DMF icon in the **Overview** panel and select **Show Usage**. This will display a pop-up window showing the various media-specific processes (MSPs) and library servers (LSs), the number of bytes managed, and the total DMF license capacity.

## Starting and Stopping DMF and the Mounting Service

To start or stop DMF and the mounting service, do the following:

1. Log in as the Admin user.
2. Right-click on the DMF icon in the **Overview** panel.
3. Select the desired action.

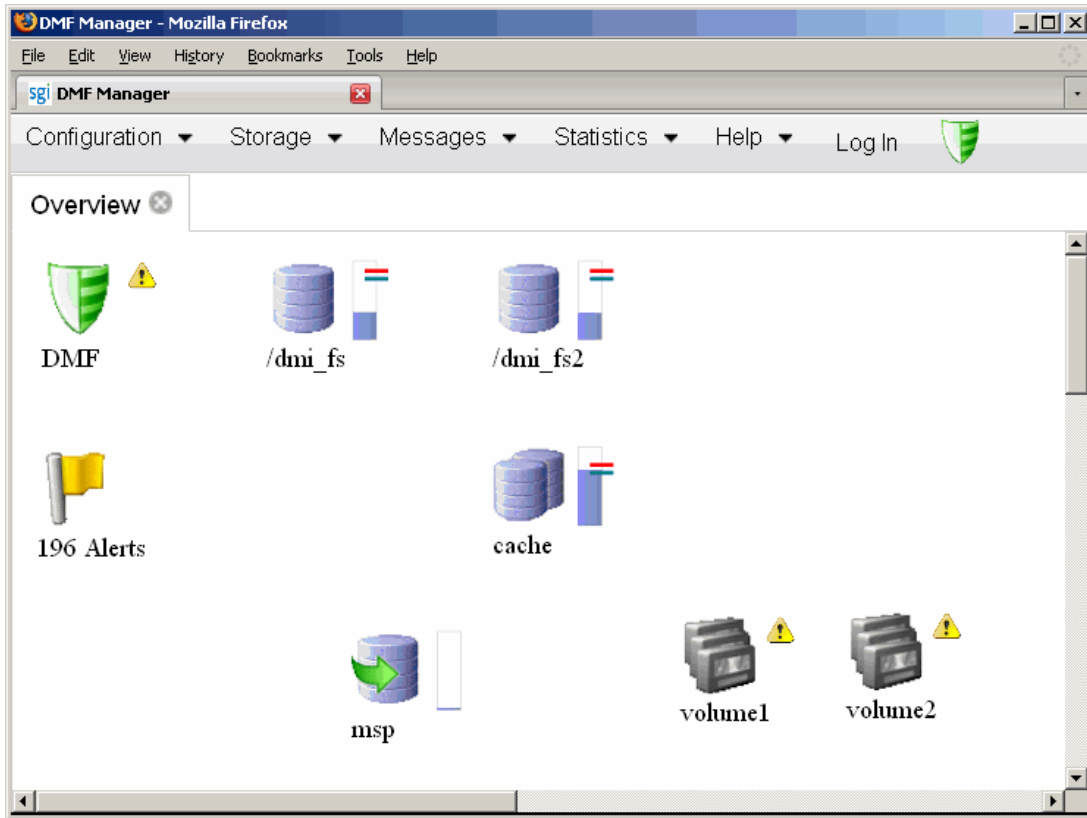


**Caution:** For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

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## Discovering DMF Problems

DMF Manager denotes areas with problems by adding a red icon next to the component that is experiencing problems. For example, Figure 6-11 shows that although DMF is still running, there is a problem. To investigate, hover the mouse over the shield icon to display pop-up help that details the warning.



**Figure 6-11** DMF Manager Showing Problems in the DMF System

For more information, click the **Alerts** icon flag and select **Show Alerts...** or choose the following from the menu bar:

**Messages**  
    > **Alerts**

Either action will open the **Alerts** panel, which displays the unacknowledged alerts by day or month, as shown in Figure 6-12. For more information about an alert, select it and choose **Help on this alert**.



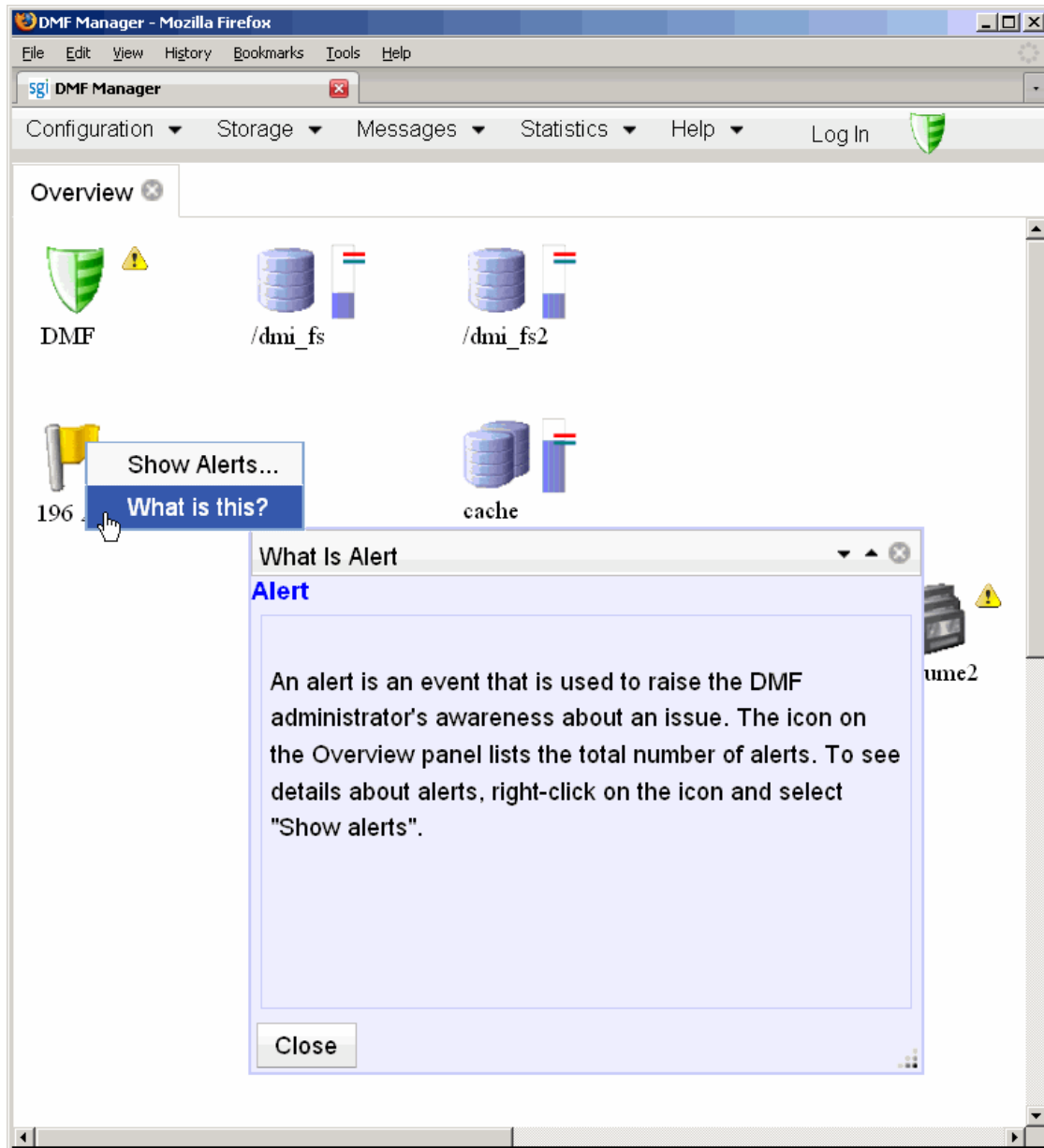


Figure 6-12 DMF Manager Alerts Panel

If you are logged in, you can acknowledge selected alerts or clear all alerts. See "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101.

You can also use the following panel to view daily activity reports (those containing critical log errors show red warning symbols):

**Messages**  
    **> Reports**

## Seeing Relationships Among DMF Components

To see the relationships among DMF components, click on a component icon in the **Overview** panel and select its **Show Relationships** menu item. Figure 6-13 shows the relationships for the `/dmi_fs2` filesystem.

To remove the relationship lines, click **Hide Relationships**.

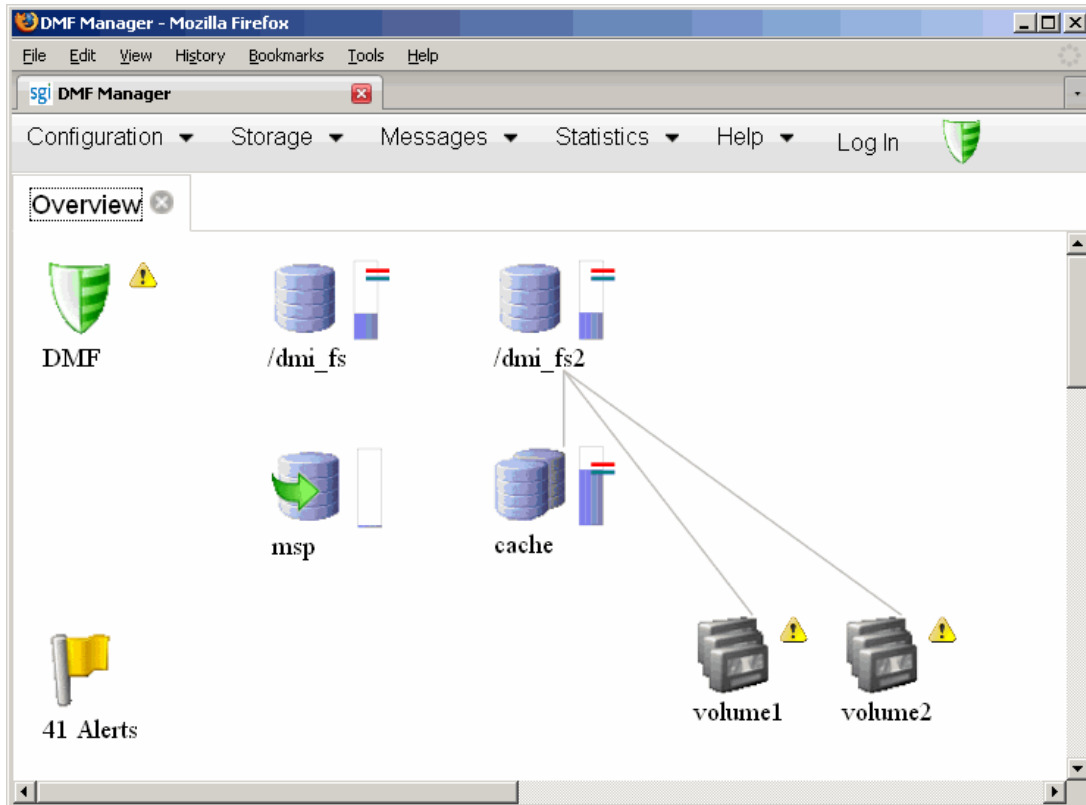


Figure 6-13 Relationships Among DMF Components

## Managing Tapes

Figure 6-14 shows an example of the following menu bar selection:

**Storage**  
**> Tapes**

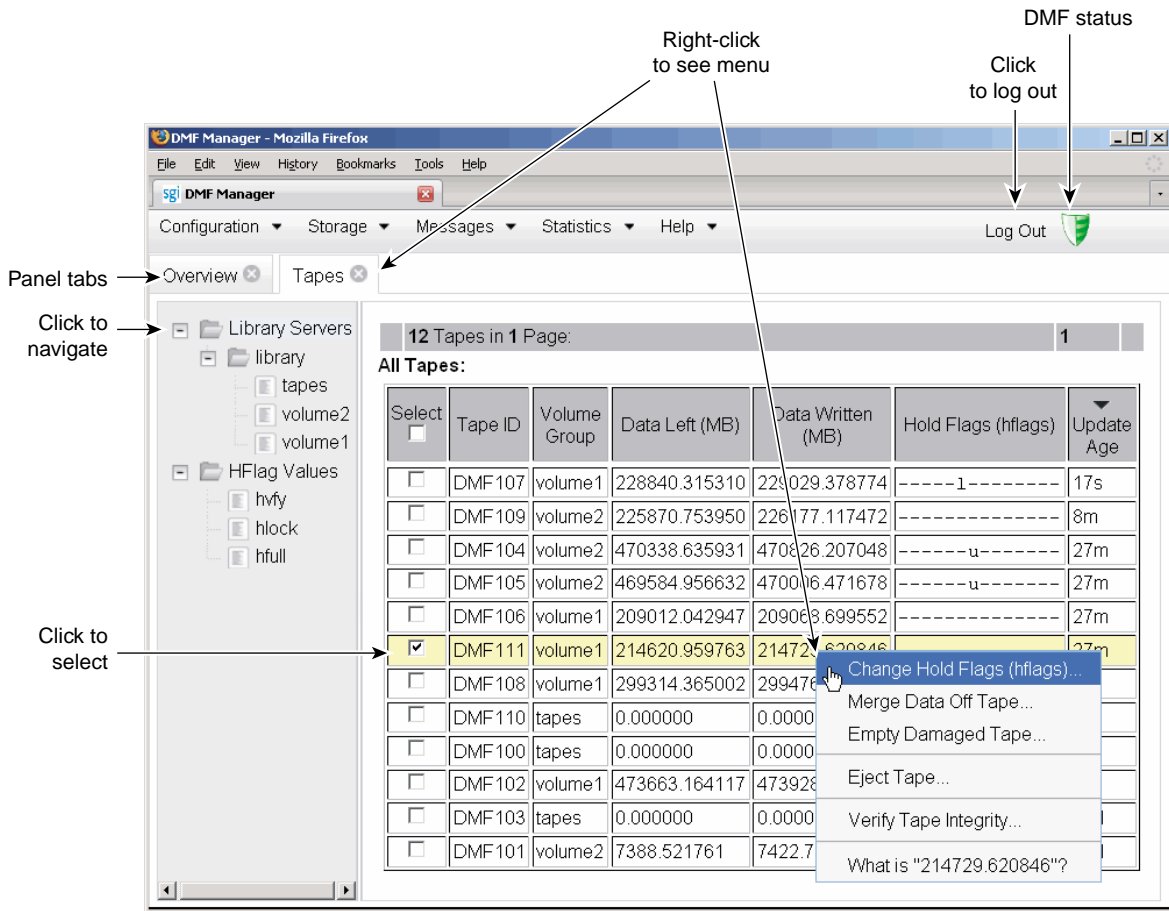


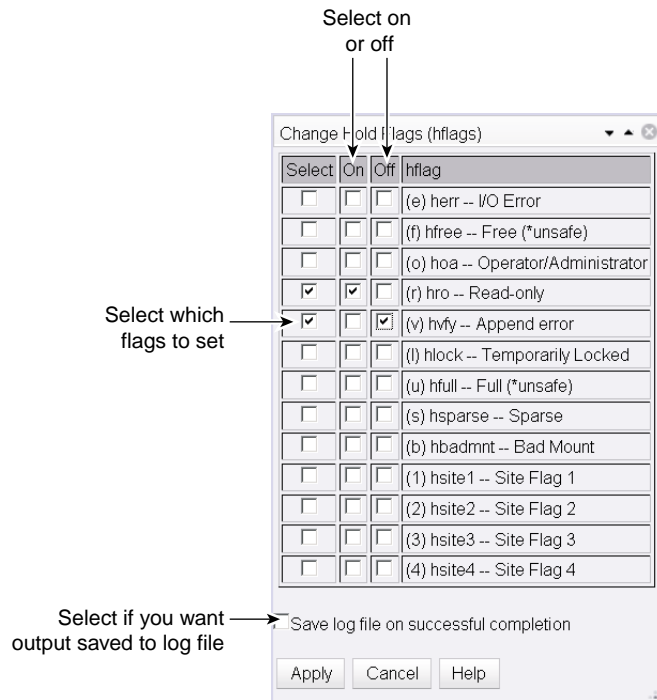
Figure 6-14 DMF Manager Tapes Panel

The following menu selection lets you create a tape group with more-specifically defined characteristics:

- Tapes**
- > **Create User-Defined Tape Query ...**

If you are logged in as the Admin user, you can save these queries to unique names so you can reuse them later. When logged in, you can also perform the following actions for selected tapes:

- **Change the Hold Flag (hflag)**, shown in Figure 6-15, which sets the hold flag values on individual tapes. In the pop-up menu, click the **On** column to turn a flag on or click the **Off** column to turn a flag off. For more information about the hold flags, click the **Help** button on the pop-up window or select the **What is** menu for the flags displayed in the **Tapes** panel.



**Figure 6-15** Changing Hold Flags in DMF Manager

- **Merge Data Off Tape**, which marks a tape as a candidate to be merged with another tape, thereby recovering space that was lost due to holes in the tape from deleted data (a sparse tape). These operations will be performed when appropriate. This is the preferred way to move data off of tape.
- **Empty Damaged Tape**, which forces data to immediately move to another tape.

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**Note:** Use this as a last resort. You should first try **Merge Data Off Tape**.

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- **Eject Tape**, which removes the selected tapes from the library but keeps their tape IDs (volume serial numbers, VSNs) in the VG. (In some cases, this command may cause a door to be unlocked, requiring a human operator to physically extract the cartridge from the library.) This only applies to tapes managed by OpenVault.
- **Verify Tape Integrity**, which runs a verification to make sure that the data on the tape is readable.

See "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101.

You can also use the following menu bar selection to add tapes that are managed by OpenVault:

**Tapes**  
> **Add Tapes ...**

## Managing Libraries

To view the status of libraries, choose the following from the menu bar:

**Storage**  
> **Libraries**

If you are logged in to DMF Manager, you can enable or disable the selected libraries. See "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101.

## Displaying DMF Manager Tasks

A given DMF Manager task may require issuing a set of DMF commands, and these commands may take some time to execute. The following panel displays the long-running DMF Manager tasks that have been issued but not yet acknowledged:

**Messages**  
> **DMF Manager Tasks**

When logged in, you can choose to acknowledge, checkpoint, kill, or resume each selected DMF command. See "Running Observer Mode or Admin Mode" on page 101.

## Monitoring DMF Performance Statistics

The **Statistics** menu provides current and historical views of DMF activity and resources.

This section discusses the following:

- "Using the Statistics Panels" on page 131
- "DMF Activity" on page 132
- "DMF Resources" on page 135
- "Metrics Collected" on page 143

### Using the Statistics Panels

The **DMF Resources** and **DMF Activity** panels of the **Statistics** menu are divided into the following areas:

- Report tree
- Graphs
- Key

To resize an area, drag the divider lines to the left or right.

Expandable folders in the tree (such as **Requests**) contain reports (such as **Requests Summary**) and subfolders (such as **Filesystem Requests**). Click on the + symbol to expand a folder or on the — symbol to contract it, or use the **Expand All** and **Collapse All** buttons. Click on a report name to display the associated graphs.

White space within a graph means that nothing happened during that time period, or data was unavailable. This does not indicate an error condition.

DMF Manager distinguishes between *current* and *historic* time:

- Current metrics are either drawn live from the server or are taken from the last few minutes of the metric archives
- Historic metrics are taken exclusively from the metric archives

DMF Manager is able to display this historical information for the following time periods:

- Last hour
- Last day (the previous 24 hours)
- Last month (the previous 30 days)

## DMF Activity

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**Note:** To see all of the available statistics via DMF Manager, you must set the `EXPORT_METRICS` configuration parameter to `ON`. This parameter is not configurable while DMF is running; to change the value, DMF must be stopped and restarted. See "base Object" on page 148.

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The reports in the **DMF Activity** panel show user-generated DMF activity:

- **Requests** reports show the number of requests being worked on
  - **Throughput** reports show the rate of data throughput resulting from those requests
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**Note:** Values shown are averaged over the previous few minutes, so they are not necessarily integers as would be expected. This process also causes a slight delay in the display, which means that the values of **DMF Activity** reports do not necessarily match the current activity on the system, as seen in the DMF log files.

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The following types of requests are reflected in these reports:

- Requests from the user to the DMF daemon. These are presented as an aggregate across the DMF server, and on a per-filesystem basis, using the label of **Filesystems**.
- Requests from the DMF daemon to the subordinate daemons managing the back-end storage, the caches, the volume groups (VGs), and the media-specific processes (MSPs). Technically, caches are a variant of MSP despite their different purpose, hence the description **Non-Cache MSP** in the DMF Manager screens.

Sometimes, there is a 1:1 correspondence between a daemon request and a back-end request by cache, VG, or MSP (such as when a file is being recalled from back-end media back to the primary DMF-managed filesystem), but this is frequently not the



case. For example, migrating a newly created file to back-end media will result in one back-end request per copy, but deleting a migrated file results in a single daemon request but no back-end request at that time. Tape merges may cause a lot of activity within a VG but none at the daemon level.

In the **Summary** reports, the different types of requests are not distinguished from each other. However, if you zoom in (via one of the subfolders, such as **DCM Requests**), the resulting report shows the broad categories as well as by filesystem or by back-end storage group, as appropriate.

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**Note:** Some DMF configuration parameters use multipliers that are powers of 1000, such as KB, MB, and GB. However, the **DMF Activity** and **DMF Resources** panels use multipliers that are powers of 1024, such as kiB, MiB, and GiB. In particular, this means that 1 MiB/s is  $2^{20} = 1048576$  bytes per second.

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Figure 6-16 is an example of a filesystem throughput report. It shows that the primary activity for the `/dmi_fs` filesystem are migrations, with a smaller number of recalls and copies.

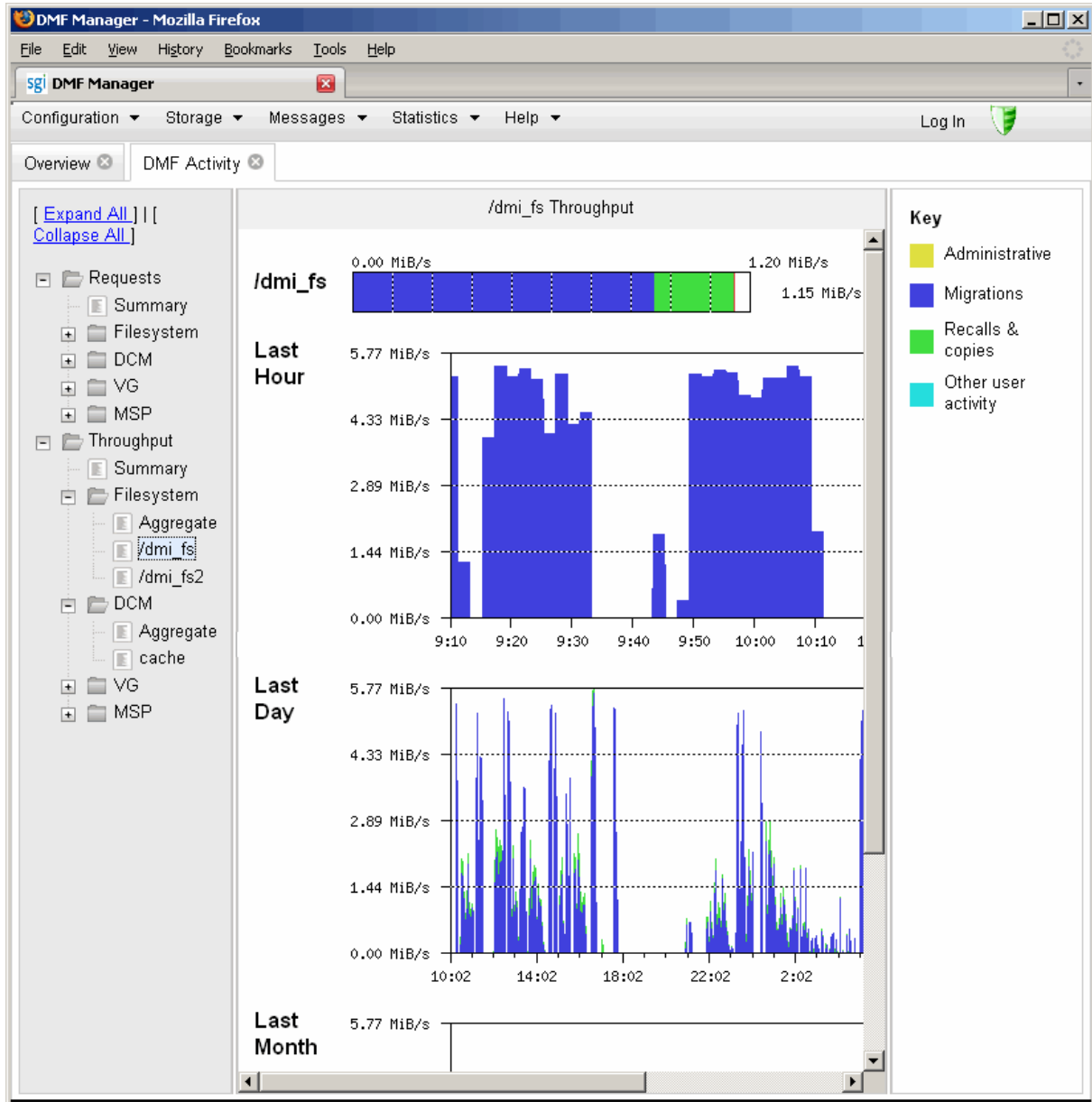


Figure 6-16 DMF Activity

## DMF Resources

The **DMF Resources** panel shows how DMF is using its filesystems and hardware, as described in the following sections:

- "Drive Groups Folder" on page 138
- "Volume Groups Folder" on page 139
- "Filesystems Folder" on page 135
- "Disk Caches Folder" on page 141

The reports in this panel are updated at the interval specified in the **DMF Resources Preferences** menu item by those DMF programs that scan the filesystem inodes:

```
dmaudit  
dmdadm  
dmdskfree  
dmfsfree  
dmhdelete  
dmscanfs  
dmselect
```

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**Note:** Some DMF configuration parameters use multipliers that are powers of 1000, such as KB, MB, and GB. However, the **DMF Activity** and **DMF Resources** panels use multipliers that are powers of 1024, such as kiB, MiB, and GiB. In particular, this means that 1 MiB/s is  $2^{20} = 1048576$  bytes per second.

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## Filesystems Folder

The reports in the **Filesystems** folder show the proportions of files on DMF-managed filesystems that are migrated and not migrated. The reports also display the amount of offline data related to the filesystems and the over-subscription ratios (which are typically in the range of 10:1 to 1000:1, although they vary considerably from site to site).

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**Note:** Because this is being viewed from the filesystem perspective, the fact that migrated files may have more than one copy on the back-end media is not considered. That is, this is a measure of data that could be on disk but is not at the time, rather than a measure of the amount of back-end media being used.

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The data presented in the graph is gathered periodically by DMF. The time at which this information was gathered is displayed at the top of the page. The default configuration is to update this information once daily (at 12:10am).

The **Tape Libraries** report displays the number of slots used by DMF, used by other applications, or empty.

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**Note:** The **Tape Libraries** report is available only if the OpenVault tape subsystem is in use. This report is unavailable if you are using TMF.

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Figure 6-17 is an example of a filesystem resource graph. It shows the amount of filesystem space that is free, not migrated, or dual or partial-state for the `/dmi_fs2` filesystem.

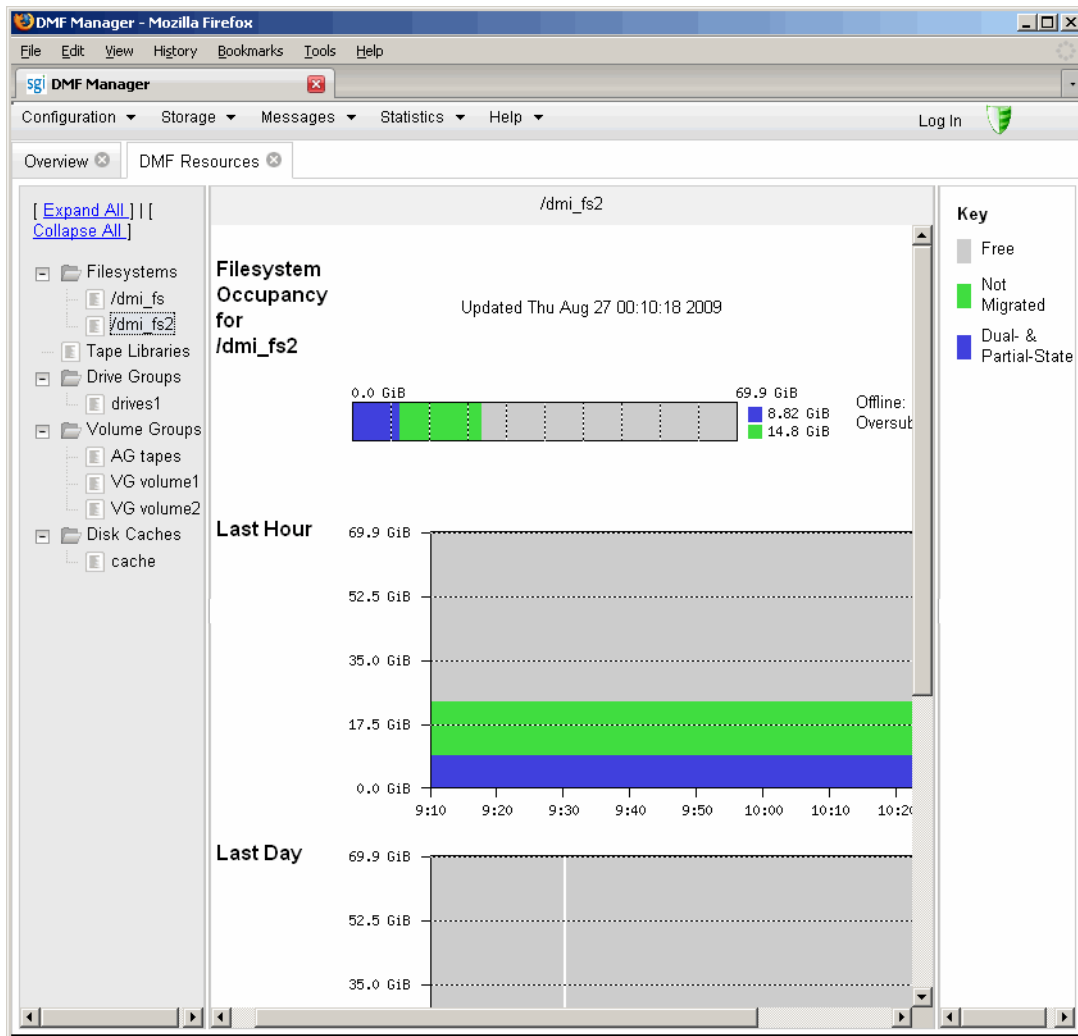


Figure 6-17 Filesystem Resource Graph

### Drive Groups Folder

The reports in the **Drive Groups** folder provide information for each tape drive concerning its current state:

- Idle
- Busy
- Unavailable

When the drive is in use, it also shows the following:

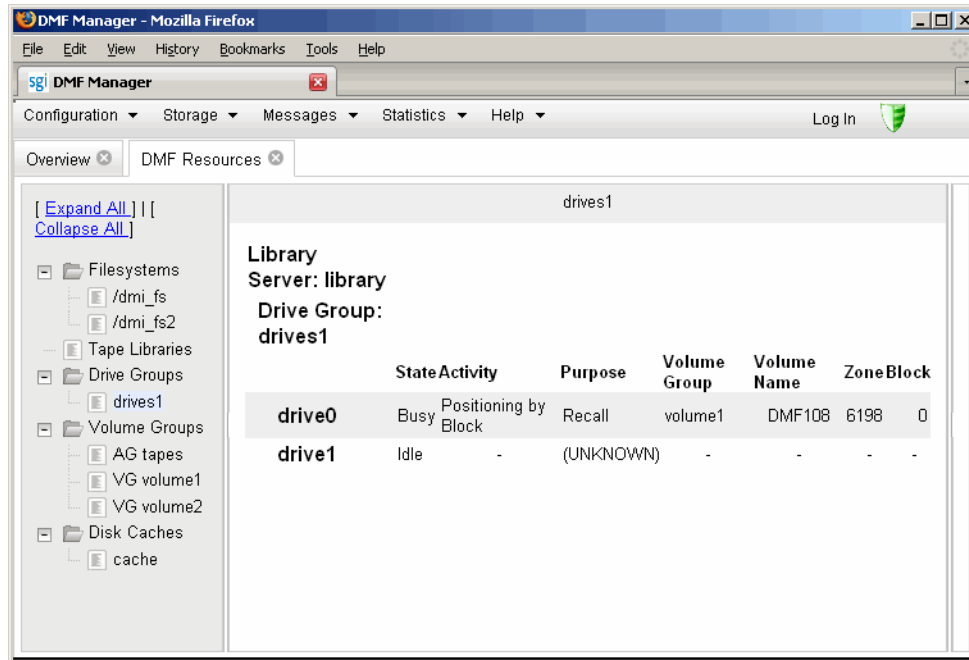
- Activity (such as waiting)
- Purpose (such as recall)
- Details of the tape volume (such as volume name)

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**Note:** This information is available only for DMF's tapes. Any other use, such as filesystem backups or direct tape use by users, is not shown.

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Figure 6-18 shows information about the `drive1` drive group resource.



**Figure 6-18** Drive Group Resource Information

### Volume Groups Folder

The reports in the **Volume Groups** folder show the allocation group (AG) report (if there is an allocation group) and the slot and volume usage and states of each volume group (VG).

Figure 6-19 is an example of a volume group resource graph. It shows that the majority of the volume2 volume group is either read-only or partial-state.

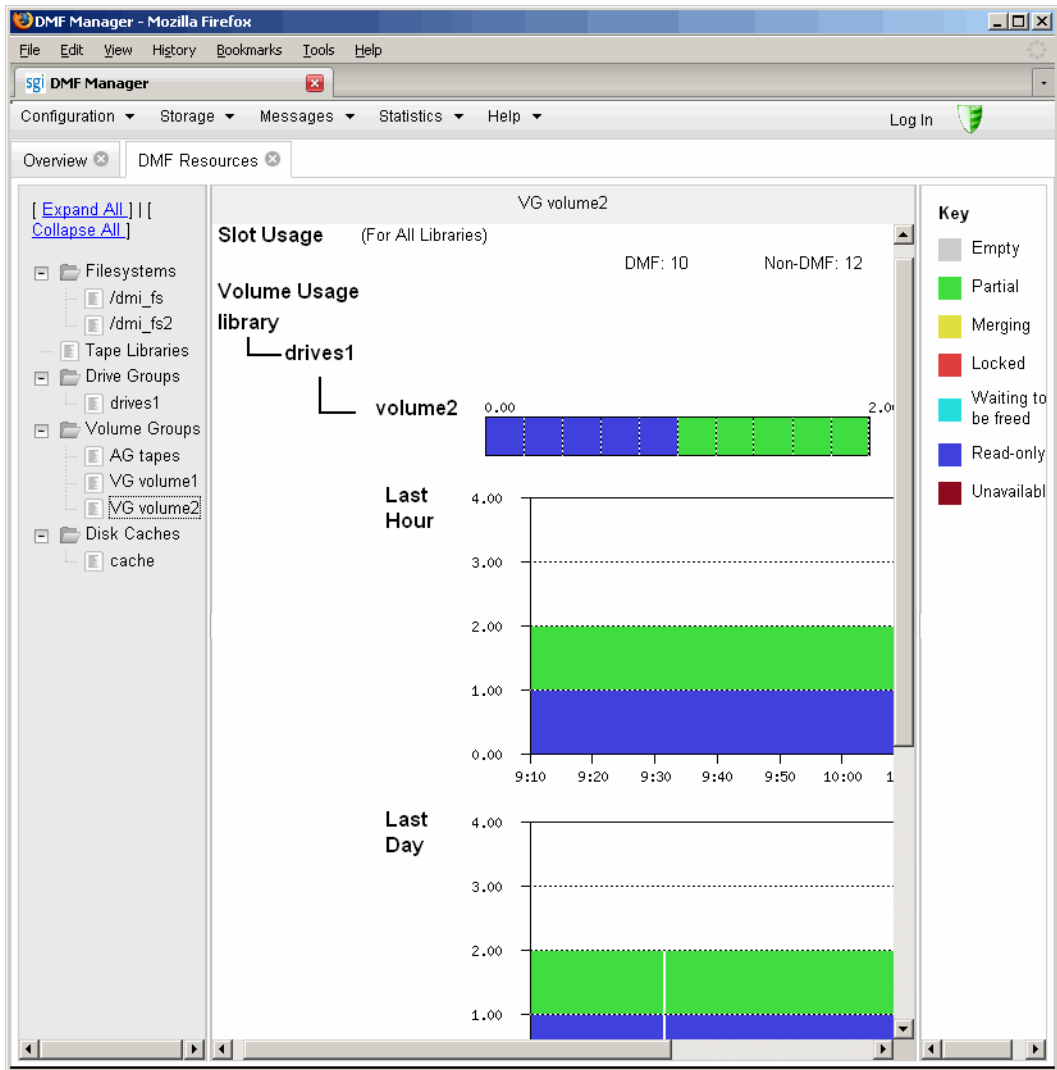


Figure 6-19 Volume Group Resource Graph



## Disk Caches Folder

The reports in the **Disk Caches** folder show the cache occupancy:

- *Dual-resident* refers to cache files that have already been copied to back-end tape and can therefore be quickly removed from the cache if it starts filling
- *Not Dual-resident* refers to files that would have tape copies made before they could be removed, which is much slower

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**Note:** The disk cache reports have similar issues to filesystem reports with regard to the frequency of updates, as described in "Filesystems Folder" on page 135.

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Figure 6-20 is an example of a disk cache resource graph. It shows the amount of cache that the majority of the cache disk cache is not dual-resident.

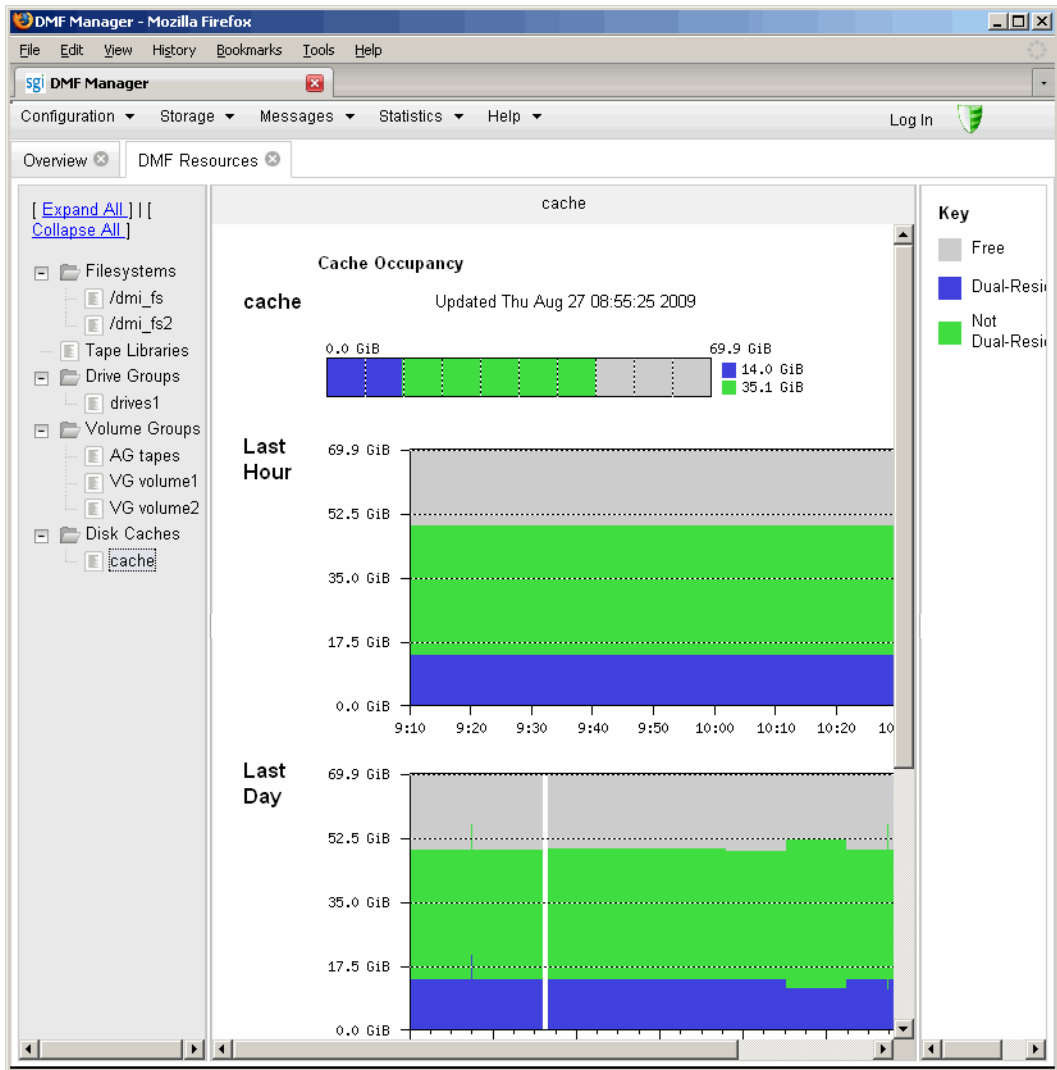


Figure 6-20 Disk Cache Resource Graph

## Metrics Collected

Performance Co-Pilot continuously gathers performance metrics that are stored in `/var/lib/pcp-storage/archives`. Each month, a data reduction process is performed on the metric gathered for the month. This reduces the size of the archives while retaining a consistent amount of information.

Although the size of metric archives has a bounded maximum, this can still be quite large depending on the configuration of the server and how many clients access it. For example, a server with a large number of filesystems could generate up to 100 Mbytes of archives per day. You should initially allow around 2 GB of space for archive storage and monitor the actual usage for the first few weeks of operation.



## DMF Configuration File

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Configuration Objects Overview" on page 145
- "Stanza Format" on page 147
- "base Object" on page 148
- "dmdaemon Object" on page 156
- "node Object" on page 159
- "services Object" on page 163
- "taskgroup Object" on page 166
- "device Object" on page 181
- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "policy Object" on page 186
- "LS Objects" on page 207
- "MSP Objects" on page 237
- "Summary of the Configuration File Parameters" on page 253

### Configuration Objects Overview

The DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`) defines a set of configuration objects required by DMF. Each object is defined by using a sequence of parameters and definitions; this sequence is called a *stanza*. There is one stanza for each object.

The objects defined are as follows:

- The `base` object defines pathname and file size parameters necessary for DMF operation. See "base Object" on page 148.
- The `dmdaemon` object defines parameters necessary for `dmfdaemon(8)` operation. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

- The `node` objects define machines that act as data movers when using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option. There must be one `node` object for each data mover. The data movers may be the DMF server and the DMF parallel data mover nodes. In a high-availability (HA) environment, if the DMF server is to be used as a data mover, there must be `node` objects defined for the primary DMF server and the passive DMF server (DMF client machines are excluded.) See "node Object" on page 159.
- The `services` object defines parameters for `dmnode_service` and other DMF services. For DMF configurations using the Parallel Data Mover Option, multiple `services` objects may be defined. For basic DMF configurations, only one `services` object may be defined. (The `services` parameters all have defaults, so a `services` object is only required to change those defaults.) See "services Object" on page 163.
- The `taskgroup` objects define parameters necessary for automatic completion of specific maintenance tasks. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.
- The `device` objects define parameters necessary for automatic use of tape devices. (Normally, the backup scripts would refer to a DMF drive group to define parameters necessary for accessing tape drives, but if they are to use drives that are not in use by DMF, you can use a `device` object to define these parameters.) See "device Object" on page 181.
- The `filesystem` object defines parameters necessary for migrating files in that filesystem. See "filesystem Object" on page 182.
- The `policy` objects specify parameters to determine media-specific process (MSP) or volume group (VG) selection, automated space-management policies, and/or file weight calculations in automatic space management. See "policy Object" on page 186.
- The following objects are related to a library server (LS):
  - The `libraryserver` object defines parameters relating to a tape library for an LS. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.
  - The `drivegroup` object defines parameters relating to a pool of tape devices in a specific LS. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.
  - The `volume` object defines parameters relating to a pool of tape volumes mountable on the drives of a specific drive group that are capable of holding, at most, one copy of user files. See "volume Object" on page 217.

- The `resourcescheduler` object defines parameters relating to scheduling of tape devices in a drive group when requests from VGs exceed the number of devices available. See "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222.
- The `resourcewatcher` object defines parameters relating to the production of files informing the administrator about the status of the LS and its components. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.
- The `mSP` object defines parameters necessary for an MSP's operation. See:
  - "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237
  - "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
  - "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

## Stanza Format

A stanza has the following general format:

```
define object_name
    TYPE          object_type
    parameter-1  values
    ...
    parameter-n  values
enddef
```

The *object\_name* varies by stanza:

- For the base object, it must be `base`
- For `filesystem` objects, it is the mount point
- For `node` objects, it must be the same as the output of the `hostname(1)` command
- For other objects, it is chosen by the administrator

The *object\_type* value identifies the type (detailed in the following subsections). The parameters and their values depend on the type of the object.

The configuration file is case-sensitive and lines within it can be indented for readability. The fields can be separated by spaces and/or tabs. Blank lines and all commentary text between a hash character (#) and the end of that line are ignored. Except for comments, any line ending in a back-slash (\) continues onto the next line.

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**Note:** Before placing a new configuration into production, it is important to check it by running `dmcheck(8)`.

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For a summary of the parameters discussed in this chapter, see Table 7-3 on page 253. For the most current set of parameters, see the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.

You can add site-specific parameters to any existing stanza or you can create a new stanza. You should choose parameter and stanza names that will not cause conflict with future SGI DMF parameters and stanzas. See "Start Site-Specific Configuration Parameters and Stanzas with "LOCAL\_" on page 75.

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**Note:** The `dmcheck` command will point out parameters and stanzas that it does not recognize.

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## base Object

The `base` object's parameters define pathnames and file sizes necessary for DMF operation. It is expected that you will modify the pathnames, although those provided will work without modification. All pathnames must be unique.

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**Warning:** Do not change the directory names while DMF is running (changing the directory names can result in data corruption or loss).

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Parameter	Description
TYPE	base (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
ADMIN_EMAIL	Specifies the e-mail address to receive output from administrative tasks (see "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85). The mail can include errors, warnings, and output from any configured tasks. You can specify a list of addresses, separated by spaces. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, data movers (the DMF server node and the parallel data mover nodes) may send email to the <code>ADMIN_EMAIL</code>



addresses. Therefore, choose addresses that can receive email from any data mover in the configuration.

DIRECT_IO_MAXIMUM_SIZE	Specifies the maximum size of I/O requests when using <code>O_DIRECT</code> I/O to read from any primary filesystem or when migrating files down the hierarchy from the <code>STORE_DIRECTORY</code> of the disk cache manager (DCM, a disk MSP configured for <i>n</i> -tier capability). <code>DIRECT_IO_MAXIMUM_SIZE</code> is ignored for a particular filesystem or DCM store when <code>DIRECT_IO_SIZE</code> is specified in the configuration stanza for that filesystem or DCM. The legal range of values is 262144—18446744073709551615. The default value is 1048576.
EXPORT_METRICS	Enables DMF's use of the common arena for collecting DMF statistics for use by <code>dmstat(8)</code> , <code>dmarenadump(8)</code> , and other commands. This parameter is not configurable while DMF is running; to change the value, DMF must be stopped and restarted. If set to <code>OFF</code> , some statistics in DMF Manager cannot be displayed. This parameter may be set to <code>OFF</code> , <code>ON</code> , <code>NO</code> , or <code>YES</code> . The default is <code>OFF</code> .
HBA_BANDWIDTH	<i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the default I/O bandwidth capacity of an HBA port that is connected to tape drives on the node. The value is in bytes per second. All of the HBA ports connected to tape drives on a node are assumed to have the same bandwidth capacity. If <code>HBA_BANDWIDTH</code> is not specified anywhere, the default is 1024000000000000. For a complete description, see "node Object" on page 159. An <code>HBA_BANDWIDTH</code> value specified in a node object overrides the default value specified in the base object. Also see <code>BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER</code> in "drivegroup Object" on page 210.
HOME_DIR	Specifies the base pathname for directories in which files related to the daemon database and LS database reside. The best practice is for <code>HOME_DIR</code> to be the mount point of a filesystem that is used only by DMF. In this way, it is much less likely that the filesystem will become full and cause DMF to abort. If you choose to

use *HOME\_DIR* for storing HA files or scripts that must be visible on a failover platform, you must use naming conventions that will not likely conflict with present or future DMF files and you must ensure that the files do not cause the filesystem to become full. Performance characteristics of the *HOME\_DIR* filesystem will impact DMF database transaction performance and may become a limiting factor in achievable DMF database transaction rates. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, *HOME\_DIR* must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem.

For guidelines about the size of *HOME\_DIR*, see "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61.

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**Note:** *HOME\_DIR* must be on a separate physical device from *JOURNAL\_DIR*.

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JOURNAL\_DIR

Specifies the base pathname for directories in which the journal files for the daemon database and LS database will be written. The best practice is for *JOURNAL\_DIR* to be the mount point of a filesystem that is used only by DMF. In this way, it is much less likely that the filesystem will become full and cause DMF to abort. The appropriate size of this filesystem is a function of the expected daily DMF transaction activity and the number of days that journals are kept.

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**Note:** *JOURNAL\_DIR* must be on a separate physical device from *HOME\_DIR*.

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JOURNAL\_SIZE

Specifies the maximum size (in bytes) of the database journal file before DMF closes it and starts a new file.

LICENSE\_FILE

Specifies the full pathname of the file containing the licenses used by DMF. The default is */etc/lk/keys.dat*. (There is no need to use this parameter if the default is being used.)

NODE_BANDWIDTH	<p><i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the default I/O bandwidth capacity of the node. If NODE_BANDWIDTH is not specified anywhere, the default is 1024000000000000. For a complete description, see "node Object" on page 159. A NODE_BANDWIDTH value specified in a node object overrides the default value specified in the base object. Also see BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER in "drivegroup Object" on page 210.</p>
OV_KEY_FILE	<p><i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the file containing the OpenVault security keys used by DMF. It is usually located in HOME_DIR and called ovkeys. There is no default. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, this file must be visible to the DMF server and all parallel data mover nodes, therefore it must be in a CXFS filesystem.</p>
OV_SERVER	<p><i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the hostname of the OpenVault server. This should only be used if it is not the same as the DMF server.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> More configuration steps are necessary to configure DMF to use OpenVault; see "OpenVault and LS Drive Groups" on page 227.</p> <hr/>
SERVER_NAME	<p>Specifies the hostname of the machine on which the DMF server is running. In an HA configuration, SERVER_NAME must be the HA virtual hostname rather than the output of the hostname (1) command. This parameter is only required for HA configurations or configurations using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> If you change this parameter, you must copy the dmf.conf file manually to each parallel data mover node and then restart the DMF services. Do not change this parameter while DMF is running.</p> <hr/>
SPOOL_DIR	<p>Specifies the base pathname for directories in which DMF log files are kept. The best practice is for</p>

*SPOOL\_DIR* to be the mount point of a filesystem that is used only by DMF. In this way, it is much less likely that the filesystem will become full and cause DMF to abort. The appropriate size of this filesystem is a function of the expected daily DMF transaction activity, the *MESSAGE\_LEVEL* parameter setting, and the number of days that logs are kept. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, *SPOOL\_DIR* must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem.

*TMP\_DIR*

Specifies the base pathname for directories in which DMF puts temporary files for its own internal use. It is also used by DMF commands and scripts and is the directory used by default by the library server (LS) for caching files if the *CACHE\_DIR* parameter is not defined. The best practice is for *TMP\_DIR* to be the mount point of a filesystem that is used only by DMF. *TMP\_DIR* filesystem performance will impact the performance of many of the internal DMF administrative tasks, particularly tasks that involve the need to sort DMF databases. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, *TMP\_DIR* must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem.

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**Note:** Many DMF operations that do analysis on the DMF database contents use *TMP\_DIR* as their work directory. Because most of these involve large buffered I/O, SGI recommends that you configure *TMP\_DIR* on a fast disk, with bandwidth at the RAID level.

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When an MSP, LS, daemon, or configuration file object (such as the *taskgroup* object named *dump\_tasks* in Example 7-10 on page 179) obtains a path such as *HOME\_DIR* from the configuration file, the actual path used is the value of *HOME\_DIR* plus the MSP/LS/daemon/object name appended as a subdirectory. For example, if the value of *HOME\_DIR* was set to */dmf/home* in the configuration file, and the *taskgroup* object named *dump\_tasks* used a value of *HOME\_DIR/tapes* for the *DUMP\_TAPES* parameter, then the actual path for *DUMP\_TAPES* would resolve to */dmf/home/dump\_tasks/tapes*.

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**Note:** Do not use automated space management to manage the *HOME\_DIR*, *SPOOL\_DIR*, or *JOURNAL\_DIR* directories, because DMF daemon processes will deadlock if files that they are actively using within these directories are migrated. The `dmcheck(8)` command reports an error if any of the *HOME\_DIR*, *SPOOL\_DIR*, or *JOURNAL\_DIR* directories are also configured as DMF-managed filesystems. You should configure a `taskgroup` object for daemon tasks to manage old log files and journal files in these directories. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166 for more information.

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**Example 7-1** base object for Basic DMF

```
define base
    TYPE                base
    ADMIN_EMAIL         root@dmfserver
    HOME_DIR            /dmf/home
    TMP_DIR              /dmf/tmp
    SPOOL_DIR           /dmf/spool
    JOURNAL_DIR         /dmf/journals
    JOURNAL_SIZE        10m
    OV_KEY_FILE         /dmf/home/ovkeys
enddef
```

In the above example:

- A new journal file will be created after the present file reaches 10 million bytes
- The `OV_KEY_FILE` parameter is necessary if OpenVault is used as the mounting service
- The hostname of the OpenVault server is the same as the DMF server, so `OV_SERVER` is not specified

**Example 7-2** base object for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option

```
define base
    TYPE                base
    SERVER_NAME         server1
    ADMIN_EMAIL         root@dmfserver
    HOME_DIR            /dmf/home
    TMP_DIR              /dmf/tmp
    SPOOL_DIR           /dmf/spool
    JOURNAL_DIR         /dmf/journals
    JOURNAL_SIZE        10m
    OV_KEY_FILE         /dmf/home/ovkeys
enddef
```

In the above example:

- The `SERVER_NAME` parameter is required when using the Parallel Data Mover Option. The hostname of the machine that is running the DMF and OpenVault servers in this case is `server1` (so `OV_SERVER` is not specified).

- `/dmf/tmp` must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem when using the Parallel Data Mover Option.
- The `/dmf/spool` directory must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem when using the Parallel Data Mover Option.
- A new journal file will be created after the present file reaches 10 million bytes.
- OpenVault must be configured as the mounting service for tape drives that are used by parallel data mover nodes. The `/dmf/home/ovkeys` file must be visible to the DMF server node and all parallel data mover nodes, therefore it must be in a CXFS filesystem.

**Example 7-3** `base` object for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option in an HA Cluster

```
define base
    TYPE                base
    SERVER_NAME         virtual-server
    ADMIN_EMAIL        root@dmfserver
    HOME_DIR            /dmf/home
    TMP_DIR             /dmf/tmp
    SPOOL_DIR           /dmf/spool
    JOURNAL_DIR         /dmf/journals
    JOURNAL_SIZE        10m
    OV_KEY_FILE         /dmf/home/ovkeys
enddef
```

In the above example:

- The `SERVER_NAME` parameter is required when using the Parallel Data Mover Option. Because this configuration is using HA, it must be set to the HA virtual hostname (in this case `virtual-server`), which corresponds to the `HA_VIRTUAL_HOSTNAME` parameter in the `node` objects for the DMF server.
- `/dmf/tmp` must either be a CXFS filesystem or be in a CXFS filesystem when using the Parallel Data Mover Option.
- The `/dmf/spool` directory must either be or be in a CXFS filesystem when using the Parallel Data Mover Option.
- OpenVault must be configured as the mounting service for tape drives that are used by parallel data mover nodes. The `/dmf/home/ovkeys` file must be visible to the DMF server and all parallel data mover nodes, therefore it must be in a CXFS filesystem.

- The hostname of the OpenVault server is the same as the DMF server, so `OV_SERVER` is not specified.

## dmdaemon Object

The `dmdaemon` object defines configuration parameters necessary for the DMF daemon operation. It is expected that you will modify the values for the pathnames and MSP names.

Parameter	Description
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`TYPE`

`dmdaemon` (required name for this type of object). There is no default.

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**Note:** This cannot be specified as `dmfdaemon`. It must be `dmdaemon`.

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`EXPORT_QUEUE`

Instructs the daemon to export details of its internal request queue to `SPOOL_DIR/daemon_exports` every two minutes, for use by `dmstat(8)` and other utilities. On a busy system, the responsiveness of the daemon may be improved by disabling this feature. This parameter may be set to `OFF`, `ON`, `NO`, or `YES`. The default is `OFF`.

`MESSAGE_LEVEL`

Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the daemon log. It must be an integer in the range 0--6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.

`MIGRATION_LEVEL`

Sets the highest level of migration service allowed on all DMF filesystems (you can configure a lower service level for a specific filesystem). The value can be:

- none (no migration)
- user (requests from `dmput` or `dmmigrate` only)



- `auto` (automated space management)

The default is `auto`.

See "policy Object" on page 186 for information about configuring automated space management.

#### `MOVE_FS`

Specifies the scratch filesystem that is used by `dmmove(8)` to move files between MSPs or VGs. `MOVE_FS` must be the root of a DMAPI filesystem (mounted with `dmi ,mtp=/MOVE_FS`). The size of `MOVE_FS` is a function of expected `dmmove` activity. `MOVE_FS` must be mounted when a `dmmove` command is executed. The best practice when using `MOVE_FS` is for it to be dedicated to the `dmmove` function. (The `dmmove` command calculates the available space in `MOVE_FS` when selecting move candidates; if other processes are allocating space in `MOVE_FS`, those calculations can become inaccurate, causing errors.) When using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option, if `MOVE_FS` is specified, it must be a CXFS filesystem.

#### `LS_NAMES, MSP_NAMES`

Names the LSs or MSPs used by the DMF daemon. You must specify either `LS_NAMES` or `MSP_NAMES`, but not both (however, the value of either parameter can be a mixture of both forms). There is no default.

The order of the values specified for this parameter is integral to the determination of the MSP/VG from which the DMF daemon attempts to recall an offline file. If the offline file has more than one copy, DMF uses a specific order when it attempts to recall the file. It searches for a good copy of the offline file in MSP or LS order, from the `dmdaemon` object's `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter. If one of those names refers to an LS, it searches for the copy in drive group order, from the `libraryserver` object's `DRIVE_GROUPS` parameter. It then searches for the copy in VG order from the `drivegroup` object's `VOLUME_GROUPS` parameter.

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**Note:** Do not change these parameters while DMF is running.

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#### PARTIAL\_STATE\_FILES

Enables or disables the DMF daemon's ability to produce partial-state files. The possible values are:

- ON or YES, which means that the daemon will correctly process `put` and `get` requests that would result in a partial-state file. The default is `on`.
- OFF or NO, which means that all `put` and `get` requests that require a change to the online status of the file will result in a file that is completely online or offline. That is, any `put` request that makes any part of the file offline will result in the entire file being made offline. Any `get` request that would result in any part of the file being brought back online will result in the entire file being brought back online.

#### RECALL\_NOTIFICATION\_RATE

Specifies the approximate rate, in seconds, at which regions of a file being recalled are put online. This allows for access to part of a file before the entire file is recalled. The default is 30 seconds. Specify a value of 0 if you want the user process to be blocked until the entire recall is complete. The optimum setting of this parameter is dependent on many factors and must be determined by trial and error. The actual rate at which regions being recalled are put online may vary from the value of `RECALL_NOTIFICATION_RATE`.

#### TASK\_GROUPS

Names the task groups that contain tasks the daemon should run. They are configured as objects of `TYPE taskgroup`. There is no default. For more information, see "taskgroup Object" on page 166. SGI recommends that you use the task groups specified in the sample configuration file, changing the parameters as necessary for your site.

**Example 7-4** dmdaemon object

```
define daemon
    TYPE                dmdaemon
    MOVE_FS             /dmmove_dir
    LS_NAMES            lib1 ftp2
    TASK_GROUPS         daemon_tasks dump_tasks
enddef
```

In the above example:

- The name of the dmdaemon object is `daemon`.
- The `dmmove` command will use the `/dmmove_dir` filesystem (which can accept temporary files) to move files between VGs and/or MSPs.
- The names of the LSs are `lib1` and `ftp2`.
- The daemon will run the tasks specified by the `daemon_tasks` and `dump_tasks` objects (see Example 7-9 on page 174 and Example 7-10 on page 179). In the example, `daemon_tasks` defines the tasks such as scanning and managing log files and journal files. The `dump_tasks` object defines tasks that back up DMF-managed filesystems.
- The `MIGRATION_LEVEL` level is not explicitly set, so the default of `auto` is used.

## node Object

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**Note:** The `node` object is only for DMF configurations using the Parallel Data Mover Option. Basic DMF configurations do not use the `node` object.

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In a configuration using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option, there must be one `node` object for each data mover. The data movers may be the DMF server and the DMF parallel data mover nodes. In a high-availability (HA) environment, if the DMF server is to be used as a data mover, there must be `node` objects defined for the primary DMF server and the passive DMF server (DMF client machines are excluded.) The name of a `node` object must match the name returned by `hostname(1)` on the machine.

Parameter	Description
TYPE	node (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
HA_VIRTUAL_HOSTNAME	Specifies the virtual hostname. In an HA environment, potential DMF server nodes must set this parameter to the same virtual hostname used for <code>SERVER_NAME</code> in the base object. Parallel data mover nodes should not define this parameter.
HBA_BANDWIDTH	<i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the I/O bandwidth capacity of an HBA port that is connected to tape drives on the node. The value is in bytes per second. All of the HBA ports connected to tape drives on a node are assumed to have the same bandwidth capacity. When the mounting service is OpenVault, the LS uses this value when determining which tape drives to use. The maximum value is 1024000000000000. The minimum value is 0, which means that the HBA will not be used. The default value is 1024000000000000 or else the value assigned to this parameter in the base object. An <code>HBA_BANDWIDTH</code> value specified in a node object overrides the default value specified in the base object; see "base Object" on page 148. Also see <code>BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER</code> in "drivegroup Object" on page 210.
NODE_BANDWIDTH	<i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies the I/O bandwidth capacity of the node, in bytes per second. When the mounting service is OpenVault, the LS uses this value to calculate how many tape drives it can simultaneously use on a node. The maximum value is 1024000000000000. The minimum value is 0, which means that the node will not be used. The default value is 1024000000000000 or else the value assigned to this parameter in the base object. A <code>NODE_BANDWIDTH</code> value specified in a node object overrides the default value specified in the base object; see "base Object" on page 148. Also see <code>BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER</code> in "drivegroup Object" on page 210.
SERVICES	Specifies the name of the <code>services</code> object used to configure DMF services on this node. Multiple nodes

may refer to the same `services` object. For node-specific configuration, each node can refer to a different `services` object. If no `SERVICES` parameter is defined, the default values for the `services` object parameters are used.

**Example 7-5** node Objects for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option

```
define server1
    TYPE                node
    SERVICES            server1_services
enddef

define pdml
    TYPE                node
    SERVICES            pdml_services
enddef
```

In the above example:

- There are two data movers: the DMF server `server1` and the parallel data mover node `pdml`.
- The DMF services on the `server1` node use the parameters defined in the `server1_services` object. The DMF services on the `pdml` node use the parameters defined in the `pdml_services` object.

**Example 7-6** node Objects for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option in an HA Cluster

```
define server1
    TYPE                node
    HA_VIRTUAL_HOSTNAME virtual-server
    SERVICES            dmfservice_services
endef

define server2
    TYPE                node
    HA_VIRTUAL_HOSTNAME virtual-server
    SERVICES            dmfservice_services
endef

define pdml
    TYPE                node
    SERVICES            pdml_services
endef
```

In the above example:

- The following nodes are data movers:
  - Either the primary DMF server `server1` or the passive DMF server `server2`
  - The parallel data mover node `pdml`

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**Note:** At any given time, only one of the potential DMF server nodes (either `server1` or `server2`) may provide data mover functionality.

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- The virtual hostname in the HA cluster is `virtual-server`. This is required in an HA cluster.
- The potential DMF server nodes provide the tasks that are described by the `dmfservice_services` object. The parallel data mover node provides the DMF services described by the `pdml_services` object.

## services Object

The `services` object defines parameters for `dmnode_service` and other DMF services. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, multiple `services` objects may be defined. For basic DMF configurations, exactly one `services` object may be defined. (The `services` parameters all have defaults, so you only need to define a `services` object if you want to change those defaults.)

Parameter	Description
<code>TYPE</code>	<code>services</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
<code>MESSAGE_LEVEL</code>	Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the service logs. It must be an integer in the range 0--6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log files. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.
<code>NODE_ANNOUNCE_RATE</code>	Specifies the rate in seconds at which the DMF server or parallel data mover node will contact the <code>dmnode_service</code> on the DMF server to announce its presence. This also determines the rate at which configuration changes are propagated to any DMF parallel data mover nodes. This value should be less than the value of <code>NODE_TIMEOUT</code> . The default is 20 seconds.
<code>NODE_TIMEOUT</code>	Specifies the number of seconds after which the data mover functionality on the DMF server or on a parallel data mover node will be considered inactive if it has not contacted the <code>dmnode_service</code> on the DMF server. This value should be larger than the value of <code>NODE_ANNOUNCE_RATE</code> . The default is 30 seconds.
<code>SERVICES_PORT</code>	Specifies the port number on which DMF starts a locator service, which DMF uses to locate other DMF services. It must be an integer in the range 1 through 65535. The default is 44333.

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**Note:** If you change this parameter, you must copy the `dmf.conf` file manually to each parallel data mover node and then restart the DMF services.

Do not change this parameter while DMF is running.

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TASK\_GROUPS

Names the task groups that contain tasks that should be run. They are configured as `taskgroup` objects. Unlike task groups specified for other objects, task groups defined by the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter for the `services` object will run on the DMF server and every parallel data mover node (rather than on just the DMF server). If you specify this parameter, you must specify the scripts to be run. For more information, see "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

SGI recommends that you use the task groups specified in the sample configuration file, changing the parameters as necessary for your site.

**Example 7-7** `services` object for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option

```
define server1_services
    TYPE                services
    MESSAGE_LEVEL       2
    TASK_GROUPS         node_tasks
enddef

define pdml_services
    TYPE                services
    MESSAGE_LEVEL       4
    SERVICES_PORT       1111
    TASK_GROUPS         node_tasks
enddef
```



In the above example:

- Two services are defined:
  - `server1_services` (which applies to `server1` (as shown in Example 7-5 on page 161))
  - `pdml_services` (which applies to `pdml`, as also shown in Example 7-5)
- The `server1` services will log fewer messages than the `pdml` services.
- The `pdml` services use locator port 1111. The `server1` services will use the default port.
- Both services use the tasks described by the `node_tasks` object.

**Example 7-8** `services` object for DMF Using the Parallel Data Mover Option in an HA Cluster

```
define dmfservice_services
    TYPE                services
    MESSAGE_LEVEL       2
    TASK_GROUPS         servernode_tasks
endef

define pdml_services
    TYPE                services
    MESSAGE_LEVEL       4
    SERVICES_PORT       1111
    TASK_GROUPS         pdmnode_tasks
endef
```

In the above example:

- Two services are defined:
  - `dmfserver_services`, which applies to `server1` and `server2` (as shown in Example 7-6 on page 162)
  - `pdm1_services`, which applies to `pdm1` (as shown in Example 7-6)
- The `dmfserver_services` services will log fewer messages than the `pdm1` services.
- The `pdm1` services use locator port 1111. The `dmfserver_services` services will use the default port.
- The active DMF server (either `server1` or `server2`) will run the tasks defined by the `servernode_tasks` object.
- The DMF parallel data mover node `pdm1` will run the tasks defined by the `pdmnode_tasks` object.

## taskgroup Object

This section discusses the following:

- "Overview of the `taskgroup` Object" on page 166
- "taskgroup Parameters" on page 170
- "Daemon Tasks" on page 174
- "Dump Tasks" on page 178
- "Node Tasks" on page 180

### Overview of the `taskgroup` Object

You can configure `taskgroup` objects to manage how periodic maintenance tasks are performed. Many of these maintenance tasks are performed by the DMF daemon, while others are performed by LSs, drive groups, services, or DCMs. Table 7-1 summarizes the tasks.

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**Note:** For more information about third party backups see, see "Using DMF-aware Third-Party Backup Packages" on page 346.

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You can configure when each task should run. For some of the tasks, you must provide more information (such as destinations or retention times for output).

Table 7-1 Automated Maintenance Task Summary

Referencing Object Type	Task	Purpose	Parameters
dmdaemon	run_audit.sh	Audit databases	
	run_copy_databases.sh	Back up DMF databases	DATABASE_COPIES
	run_daily_drive_report.sh	Create a report about tape drives that have indicated they need cleaning	DRIVETAB
	run_daily_report.sh <sup>1</sup>	Create a report including information on managed filesystems (if run_filesystem_scan.sh has been run recently) and DCMs, and all LSs	
	run_daily_tsreport.sh	Create a report containing the output of the tsreport command, which reports tape drive alerts, errors, and statistics	DRIVETAB
	run_filesystem_scan.sh	Run dmscanfs(8) on filesystems to collect file information for subsequent use by other scripts and programs	SCAN_FAST SCAN_FILESYSTEMS SCAN_FOR_DMSTAT SCAN_OUTPUT SCAN_PARAMS SCAN_PARALLEL

<sup>1</sup> The run\_compact\_tape\_report.sh and run\_tape\_report.sh tasks have been superseded by the run\_daily\_report.sh task.

Referencing Object Type	Task	Purpose	Parameters
	run_full_dump.sh	Full backup of filesystems (For restores, see dmxfrestore(8))	DUMP_DEVICE DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST DUMP_INVENTORY_COPY DUMP_MAX_FILESPACE DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST DUMP_RETENTION DUMP_TAPES DUMP_VSNS_USED DUMP_XFSDUMP_PARAMS
	run_hard_deletes.sh	Hard-delete files	Uses DUMP_RETENTION
	run_partial_dump.sh	Partial backup of filesystems	Uses parameters set for run_full_dump.sh
	run_remove_journals.sh	Remove old journal files	JOURNAL_RETENTION
	run_remove_logs.sh	Remove old log files	LOG_RETENTION
	run_scan_logs.sh	Scan recent log files for errors	
drivegroup	run_merge_mgr.sh	Merge sparse tapes	DATA_LIMIT THRESHOLD VOLUME_LIMIT
libraryserver	run_merge_stop.sh	Stop volume merges	
	run_tape_merge.sh	Merge sparse tapes	DATA_LIMIT THRESHOLD VOLUME_LIMIT
DCM msp	run_dcm_admin.sh	Routine disk cache manager (DCM) administration	
services	run_remove_logs.sh	Remove old log files	LOG_RETENTION

## taskgroup Parameters

The taskgroup object parameters are as follows:

TYPE	taskgroup (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
DATABASE_COPIES	Specifies one or more directories into which the <code>run_copy_databases.sh</code> task will place a copy of the DMF databases. The <code>run_copy_databases.sh</code> task copies a snapshot of the current DMF databases to the directory with the oldest copy. If you specify multiple directories, you should spread the directories among multiple disk devices in order to minimize the chance of losing all the copies of the databases. There is no default.
DRIVETAB	Provides the name of a file that is used with the <code>tsreport --drivetab</code> option, which causes the <code>run_daily_drive_report</code> and <code>run_daily_tsreport</code> output to contain the more-readable drive name instead of the device name. By default, the device name is reported.
DUMP_DATABASE_COPY	Specifies the path to a directory where a snapshot of the DMF databases will be placed when <code>do_predump.sh</code> is run. The third-party backup application should be configured to backup this directory. If not specified, a snapshot will not be taken. (Third-party backup applications only).
DUMP_DEVICE	Specifies the name of the drive group in the configuration file that defines how to mount the tapes that the dump tasks will use.
DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS	Specifies one or more filesystems to dump. If not specified, the tasks will dump all the DMF-managed user filesystems configured in the configuration file. Use this parameter only if your site needs different dump policies (such as different dump times) for different filesystems or wishes to back up filesystems that are not managed by DMF. It is safest not to specify a value for this parameter and therefore dump all filesystems configured for management by DMF.

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DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST	If set to YES, specifies that the <code>dmmigrate</code> command is run before the dumps are done to ensure that all non-dual-resident files in the DCM caches are migrated to tape. If <code>DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST</code> is also enabled, that is processed first. This parameter may be set to OFF, ON, NO or YES. The default is OFF.
DUMP_INVENTORY_COPY	Specifies the pathnames of one or more directories into which are copied the XFS inventory files for the backed-up filesystems. If you specify multiple directories, spreading the directories among multiple disk devices minimizes the chance of losing all copies of the inventory. The dump scripts choose the directory with the oldest inventory copy and copy the current one to it.
DUMP_MAX_FILESPACE	Specifies a maximum disk space used for files to be dumped, which may be larger or smaller than the length of the file. Regular files using more than this space are silently left out of the dump. This limit is not applied to offline or dual-state files. This value applies to all filesystems being dumped except for the backup of the DMF databases. The value, which is in bytes, may have a suffix that indicates the multiplier  k (1000) m (1000000) g (1000000000)  If this parameter is not provided, there is no limit.
DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST	If set to YES, specifies that the <code>dmmigrate</code> command is run before the dumps are done to ensure that all migratable files in the DMF-managed user filesystems are migrated, thus reducing the number of tapes needed for the dump and making it run much faster. This parameter may be set to OFF, ON, NO or YES. The default is OFF.
DUMP_RETENTION	Specifies how long the backups of the filesystem will be kept before the tapes are reused. Valid values are a number followed by one of m[inutes], h[ours], d[ays] or w[eeks].

DUMP_TAPES	<p>Specifies the path of a file that contains tape volume serial numbers (VSNs), one per line, for the dump tasks to use. Any text in that file after a # character is considered to be a comment.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> When an MSP, LS, daemon, or configuration file object (such as the <code>taskgroup</code> object example named <code>dump_tasks</code>) obtains a path such as <code>HOME_DIR</code> from the configuration file, the actual path used is the value of <code>HOME_DIR</code> plus the <code>MSP/LS/daemon/object name</code> appended as a subdirectory. In the above example, if the value of <code>HOME_DIR</code> was set to <code>/dmf/home</code> in the configuration file, then the actual path for <code>DUMP_TAPES</code> would resolve to <code>/dmf/home/dump_tasks/tapes</code>.</p> <hr/>
DUMP_VSNS_USED	<p>Specifies a file in which the VSNs of tapes that are used are written. If this parameter is not provided, <code>/dev/null</code> is used, effectively disabling this feature.</p>
DUMP_XFSDUMP_PARAMS	<p>Passes parameters to the <code>xfsdump</code> program. The value is not checked for validity, so this parameter should be used with care. Make sure that there are no conflicts with the <code>xfsdump</code> parameters generated by the DMF scripts.</p>
JOURNAL_RETENTION	<p>Specifies the age at which the <code>run_remove_journals.sh</code> script will remove journals. Valid values are an integer followed by <code>m[inutes]</code>, <code>h[ours]</code>, <code>d[ays]</code>, or <code>w[EEKS]</code></p>
LOG_RETENTION	<p>Specifies the age at which the <code>run_remove_logs.sh</code> script will remove logs. Valid values are an integer followed by <code>m[inutes]</code>, <code>h[ours]</code>, <code>d[ays]</code>, or <code>w[EEKS]</code>.</p>
RUN_TASK	<p>Specifies the scripts to be run. Some of the tasks defined by the <code>RUN_TASK</code> parameters require more information. All of the <code>RUN_TASK</code> parameters require that you provide a <i>time expression</i>. The <i>time expression</i> defines when a task should be done. It is a schedule expression that has the following form:</p> <p><code>[every n period] [at hh:mm[:ss] ...] [on day ...]</code></p>



*period* is one of `minute[s]`, `hour[s]`, `day[s]`, `week[s]`, or `month[s]`.

*n* is an integer.

*day* is a day of the month (1 through 31) or day of the week (sunday through saturday).

The following are examples of valid time expressions:

```
at 2:00
every 5 minutes
at 1:00 on tuesday
```

DMF will equate `$ADMINDIR` to the appropriate directory, which is usually `/usr/lib/dmf`. When the task is run, it is given the name of the object that requested the task as the first parameter and the name of the task group as the second parameter. The task itself may use the `dmconfig(8)` command to obtain further parameters from either of these objects.

You may comment-out the `RUN_TASK` parameters for any tasks you do not want to run.

`SCAN_FAST`

Specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script (such as in Example 7-9 on page 174) whether `dmscanfs(8)` will scan filesystems quickly (ON or YES) or will use its recursive option, which is much slower but results in pathnames being included in the output file (NO or OFF). The default is YES. If `SCAN_FAST` is disabled, the `bfid2path` output file is written in the daemon's `SPOOL_DIR` directory. The `bfid2path` file is optimized for use by `dmstat(8)`.

`SCAN_FILESYSTEMS`

Specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script the filesystems that `dmscanfs` will scan. The default is to scan all DMF-managed filesystems.

`SCAN_FOR_DMSTAT`

Specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script whether the `fhandle2bfid+path` file is created (ON or YES) or not (OFF or NO). The `fhandle2bfid+path` file may be used by the `dmemptytape(8)` command. The default is YES.

SCAN_OUTPUT	Specifies for the <code>run_filesystem_scan.sh</code> script the name of the file into which <code>dmscanfs</code> will place output. The default is <code>/tmp/dmscanfs.output</code> .
SCAN_PARALLEL	Specifies for the <code>run_filesystem_scan.sh</code> script whether <code>dmscanfs</code> will scan filesystems in parallel. (YES or ON) or not (NO or OFF). The default is OFF.
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	<b>Note:</b> Setting this parameter to ON for a daemon task taskgroup may result in the filesystem scan completing in a shorter period of time, but it may also result in an unacceptable level of filesystem activity generated by the script that interferes with user processes.
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SCAN_PARAMS	Specifies for the <code>run_filesystem_scan.sh</code> script other <code>dmscanfs</code> parameters, such as for example requesting a nondefault output format.
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	<b>Note:</b> SGI recommends that you do not include the <code>-q</code> option (which suppresses the <code>dmscanfs</code> header line) as a value for <code>SCAN_PARAMS</code> because it makes the output file harder to parse with general-purpose scripts. The <code>run_daily_report.sh</code> script requires that this header line be present.
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## Daemon Tasks

The following example shows the task groups for daemon tasks and describes the specific information required by the scripts.

### Example 7-9 taskgroup Object for Daemon Tasks

```
define daemon_tasks
    TYPE                taskgroup
    RUN_TASK            $ADMINDIR/run_filesystem_scan.sh at 2:00

    RUN_TASK            $ADMINDIR/run_daily_report.sh at 3:00
```

```

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_daily_drive_report.sh at 4:00

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_audit.sh every day \
                  at 23:00

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_scan_logs.sh at 00:01

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_remove_logs.sh every \
                  day at 1:00

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_daily_tsreport.sh every \
                  day at 5:00

LOG_RETENTION    4w

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_remove_journals.sh every \
                  day at 1:00

JOURNAL_RETENTION 4w

RUN_TASK          $ADMINDIR/run_copy_databases.sh \
                  every day at 3:00 12:00 21:00

DATABASE_COPIES  /save/dmf_home /alt/dmf_home

enddef

```

In the above example:

- The name of this task group is `daemon_tasks`. This can be any name you like, but it must be the same as the name provided for the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object. See Example 7-4 on page 159.
- `$ADMINDIR` in the path will be substituted with `/usr/lib/dmf`. When the task is run, it will be given the name of the object that requested the task as the first parameter and the name of the task group (in this case, `daemon_tasks`) as the second parameter.

- The scripts specify the following:

- The `run_filesystem_scan.sh` task runs `dmscanfs (8)` on filesystems specified by `SCAN_FILESYSTEMS` (by default, all DMF-managed filesystems) writing the output to a file specified by `SCAN_OUTPUT` (by default `/tmp/dmscanfs.output`).

This file, if it exists, is used by `run_daily_report.sh` and `dmstat(8)` and may be of use to site-written scripts or programs. Although DMF does not require this file, the output from `run_daily_report.sh` and `dmstat` will be incomplete if it is unavailable.

You must specify the time at which the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script is run, in this case 2:00 AM.

Because `SCAN_FAST` is not set, its default value of YES means that pathnames will not be included in the output file and the `bfid2path` file will not be created.

Because `SCAN_FOR_DMSTAT` (a misnomer) is not specified, its default value of YES means that the `fhandle2bfid+path` file is created in the daemon's `SPOOL_DIR` directory.

- The `run_daily_report.sh` task reports on DCMs and managed filesystems (if `run_filesystem_scan.sh` has been run recently) and on all LSs. You must specify the time at which this report will run, in this case 3:00 AM.
- The `run_daily_drive_report.sh` task generates a report showing tape drives that have requested or required cleaning since the report was last run. If the time that the report was last run cannot be determined, or if this is the first time that the report was run, the reporting period is the previous 24 hours. You must specify the time at which the report will run, in this case 4:00 AM.

The report uses information that the program `dmtscopy` copies from files in `/var/spool/ts/pd/log` to the directory `SPOOL_DIR/tspdlogs`. Only events from files in `SPOOL_DIR/tspdlogs` are reported. Information is not reported from tape drives that are not used with `ts`.

- The `run_audit.sh` task runs `dmaudit`. For this task, provide a *time\_expression*. In this case, the script will run each day at 11:00 PM.

If it detects any errors, the `run_audit.sh` task mails the errors to the e-mail address defined by the `ADMIN_EMAIL` parameter of the base object (described in "base Object" on page 148).

- The `run_scan_logs.sh` task scans the DMF log files for errors. For this task, provide a *time\_expression*. In this case, the script will run at 12:01 AM.

If the task finds any errors, it sends e-mail to the e-mail address defined by the `ADMIN_EMAIL` parameter of the base object.

- The `run_remove_logs.sh` task removes logs that are older than the value you provide by specifying the `LOG_RETENTION` parameter. You also provide a *time\_expression* to specify when you want the `run_remove_logs.sh` to run. In the example, log files more than 4 weeks old are deleted each day at 1:00 A.M.
- The `run_daily_tsreport.sh` task generates a report containing the output of the `tsreport` command. The reporting period covers the time since the task was last run. If that cannot be determined, the reporting period is the previous 24 hours. In the example, the report will run every day at 5:00 A.M.

The report uses information that the program `dmtscopy` copies from files in `/var/spool/ts/pd/log` to the directory `SPOOL_DIR/tspdlogs`. Only events from files in `SPOOL_DIR/tspdlogs` are reported. Information is not reported from tape drives that are not used with `ts`.

The task uses the following options for the `tsreport` command:

```
--noversion  
--options  
--wide  
--tapestats  
--drivestats  
--errors  
--tapealert  
--startdate  
--starttime
```

- The `run_remove_journals.sh` task removes journals that are older than the value you provide by specifying the `JOURNAL_RETENTION` parameter. You also provide a *time\_expression* to specify when you want the `run_remove_journal.sh` to run. In the example, journal files more than 4 weeks old are deleted each day at 1:00 A.M.

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**Note:** The `run_remove_journals.sh` and `run_remove_logs.sh` tasks are not limited to the daemon logs and journals; they also clear the logs and journals for MSPs and LSs.

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- The `run_copy_databases.sh` task makes a copy of the DMF databases. For this task, specify a value for *time\_expression* and `DATABASE_COPIES`. In this case, the script will run each day at 3:00 AM, 12:00 noon, and 9:00 PM.

The task copies a snapshot of the current DMF databases to the directory specified by `DATABASE_COPIES` that contains the oldest copy. In the example, the copy would be made to either `/save/dmf_home` or `/alt/dmf_home`. Integrity checks are done on the databases before the copy is saved. If the checks fail, the copy is not saved, and the task sends e-mail to the address defined by the `ADMIN_EMAIL` parameter of the `base` object.

## Dump Tasks

You can configure `taskgroup` object parameters to manage how the daemon completes the following tasks to back up the DMF-managed filesystems:

- Fully back up DMF-managed filesystems (the `run_full_dump.sh` task)
- Partially back up DMF-managed filesystems (the `run_partial_dump.sh` task)
- Hard-delete files no longer on backup tape (the `run_hard_deletes.sh` task)
- Manage the data from the filesystem dumps (the `DUMP_TAPES`, `DUMP_RETENTION`, `DUMP_DEVICE`, `DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST`, `DUMP_INVENTORY_COPY`, `DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS`, and `DUMP_VSNS_USED` parameters).

For each of these tasks, you can configure when the task is run. To manage the tapes, you must provide information such as:

- Tape and device names
- Retention times for output
- Whether to migrate files before dumping the filesystem
- Locations for inventory files

Table 7-1 on page 168 provides a summary of automated maintenance tasks.

The following example configures a `taskgroup` object named `dump_tasks`. You can give the `taskgroup` object any name you like, but do not change the script names. You may comment-out the `RUN_TASK` parameters for any tasks you do not want to run.

**Example 7-10** taskgroup Object for Dump Tasks

```

define dump_tasks
    TYPE                taskgroup
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_full_dump.sh on \
                        sunday at 00:01
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_partial_dump.sh on \
                        monday tuesday wednesday thursday \
                        friday saturday at 00:01
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_hard_deletes.sh \
                        at 23:00
    DUMP_TAPES           HOME_DIR/tapes
    DUMP_RETENTION        4w
    DUMP_DEVICE           SILO_2
    DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST   yes
    DUMP_INVENTORY_COPY  /save/dump_inventory
enddef

```

In the above example:

- The name of this task group is `dump_tasks`. This can be any name you like, but it must be the same as the name provided for the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object. See Example 7-4 on page 159.
- `$ADMINDIR` in the path will be substituted with `/usr/lib/dmf`. When the task is run, it will be given the name of the object that requested the task as the first parameter and the name of the task group (in this case, `dump_tasks`) as the second parameter.
- The `RUN_TASK` scripts specify the following:
  - The `run_full_dump.sh` task runs a full backup of DMF-managed filesystems at intervals specified by the *time\_expression*. In this case, the full backup is run each week on Sunday morning one minute after midnight.
  - The `run_partial_dump.sh` task backs up only those files in DMF-managed filesystems that have changed since the time a full backup was completed. The backups are run at intervals specified by the *time\_expression*. In the example, it is run each day of the week except Sunday, at one minute after midnight.
  - The `run_hard_deletes.sh` task removes from the DMF databases any files that have been deleted but can no longer be restored because the backup tapes have been recycled (that is, the task hard-deletes the files). The backup tapes are recycled at the time interval set by the `DUMP_RETENTION` parameter

described in the next step. For more information on hard-deleting files, see "Soft- and Hard-Deletes" on page 340.

- The other parameters in Example 7-10 determine how the data from the filesystem dumps will be managed:
  - The file `HOME_DIR/tapes` contains the VSNs of tapes that can be used by the dump tasks (where `HOME_DIR` is specified in the base object, see "base Object" on page 148)
  - The backups will be kept for 4 weeks
  - The drive group that defines how to mount the tapes is `SILO_2`
  - The `dmmigrate` command will be run before the dumps are taken
  - The XFS inventory files will be copied into `/save/dump_inventory`

## Node Tasks

The following example shows the task groups for node tasks (when using the Parallel Data Mover Option) and describes the specific information required by the scripts.

### Example 7-11 taskgroup Object for Node Tasks

```
define node_tasks
    TYPE                taskgroup
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_remove_logs.sh every day at 1:00
    LOG_RETENTION       4w
enddef
```

In the above example:

- The name of this task group is `node_tasks`. This can be any name you like, but it must be the same as the name provided for the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter of the `services` object. See "services Object" on page 163.
- The `run_remove_logs.sh` task removes logs that are older than the value you provide by specifying the `LOG_RETENTION` parameter. You also provide a *time\_expression* to specify when you want the `run_remove_logs.sh` to run.

In the example, log files more than 4 weeks old are deleted each day at 1:00 A.M.



When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, you should define the `run_remove_logs.sh` task for the `taskgroup` that applies to the `node` object rather than for the `taskgroup` that applies to the `dmdaemon` object.

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**Note:** The `run_remove_logs.sh` task is the only task available for service objects.

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## device Object

Normally, a `drivegroup` object is used to define the tape devices to be used by a `taskgroup` object (such as the example `dump_tasks`), with the DMF LS and the backup scripts sharing the same devices. However, if backups are to use different drives from those in use by DMF, they should be defined by a `device` object. The parameters you define are based on the mounting service you intend to use.

The following parameters are common to all `device` objects:

Parameter	Description
TYPE	device (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
MOUNT_SERVICE	Specifies the mounting service. Possible values are <code>openvault</code> and <code>tmf</code> . You must use <code>openvault</code> for those drive groups that contain tape drives on parallel data mover nodes. The default is <code>openvault</code> .
MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP	Specifies the name by which the object's devices are known to the mounting service. For TMF, this is the device group name that would be used with the <code>-g</code> option on the <code>tmmnt</code> command. For OpenVault, this is the OpenVault <code>drivegroup</code> name that would be listed by the <code>ov_drivegroup</code> command. If this parameter is not specified, the <code>device</code> object's name is used.
OV_ACCESS_MODES	Specifies the OpenVault access mode. The default is <code>readwrite</code> when migrating and <code>readonly</code> when recalling. The only possible value you can specify for this parameter is <code>readwrite</code> if you want to force the access to always be <code>readwrite</code> . (Other OpenVault

	access modes are not configurable in DMF; DMF always uses <code>rewind</code> and <code>variable</code> .)
OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES	Specifies a list of interchange mode names that control how data is written to tape. This can be used to control whether the device compresses data as it is written. This optional parameter is applied when a tape is mounted or rewritten.
TMF_TMMNT_OPTIONS	Specifies command options that should be added to the <code>tmmnt</code> command when mounting a tape. DMF uses the <code>-Z</code> option to <code>tmmnt</code> , so options controlling block size and label parameters are ignored. Use <code>-g</code> if the group name is different from the device object's name. Use <code>-i</code> to request compression.

## filesystem Object

You must have a `filesystem` object for each filesystem that can migrate files. The `filesystem` object parameters are as follows:

Parameter	Description
TYPE	<code>filesystem</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
BUFFERED_IO_SIZE	Specifies the size of I/O requests when reading from this filesystem using buffered I/O. The legal range of values is 4096 through 16777216. The default is 262144. However, this parameter is ignored when recalling files if <code>USE_UNIFIED_BUFFER</code> is set to <code>on</code> (which is the default.)
DIRECT_IO_SIZE	Specifies the size of I/O requests when reading from this filesystem using direct I/O. The legal range of values is 65536 through 18446744073709551615. The default value depends on the filesystem's configuration, but will not exceed the value of <code>DIRECT_IO_MAXIMUM_SIZE</code> defined in the <code>base</code> object.  For more information about direct I/O, see <code>O_DIRECT</code> in the <code>open(2)</code> man page.

`MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` Sets the maximum number of managed regions that DMF will assign to a file on a per-filesystem basis. You can set `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` to any number that is less than the actual number of regions that will fit in a filesystem attribute. For XFS and CXFS filesystems, that number is 3275.

By default, DMF allows a DMF attribute to contain the maximum number of managed regions that will still allow the attribute to fit completely inside the inode, based on inode size and `attr` type. The default value for a `filesystem` object that does not have a `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` parameter is calculated at filesystem mount time. This value is chosen to ensure that the DMF attribute will fit inside the inode, assuming that no other attribute (such as an ACL or a parent inode pointer) is already occupying the inode's attribute space. Table 4-1 lists the default maximum file regions.



**Caution:** You should use `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` cautiously. If you set this parameter to a value that is larger than the default maximum (see Table 4-1 on page 83), the DMF attribute may not fit inside the inode. If there are many files with DMF attributes outside of the inode, filesystem scan times can increase greatly. To avoid this problem, SGI recommends that a file that has exceeded the maximum default file regions be made offline (that is, having a single region) as soon as possible after the online data has been accessed.

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`MESSAGE_LEVEL` Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the automated space management log (`autolog`). It must be an integer in the range 0-6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.

MIGRATION\_LEVEL

Sets the level of migration service for the filesystem for migration to offline media. (Recall from offline media is not affected by the value of MIGRATION\_LEVEL.) Valid values are:

- none (no migration)
- user (only user-initiated migration using the `dmput` or `dmmigrate` commands)
- auto (automated space management)

The migration level actually used for the filesystem is the lesser of the MIGRATION\_LEVEL of the `dmdaemon` object and this value. If you do not want automatic space management for a filesystem, set MIGRATION\_LEVEL to `user` or `none`. The default is `auto`.

When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, all DMF-managed filesystems (that is, filesystems where DMF can migrate or recall files) must be CXFS filesystems.

MIN\_DIRECT\_SIZE

Determines whether direct or buffered I/O is used when reading from this filesystem. If the number of bytes to be read is smaller than the value specified, buffered I/O is used, otherwise direct I/O is used. The legal range of values is 0 (direct I/O is always used) through 18446744073709551615 (direct I/O is never used). The default is 0.

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**Note:** Buffered I/O is always used when writing to a filesystem.

For real-time filesystems, this parameter is ignored.

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For more information about direct I/O, see `O_DIRECT` in the `open(2)` man page.

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POLICIES	Specifies the names of the configuration objects defining policies for this filesystem. Policies are defined with <code>policy</code> objects (see "policy Object"). The <code>POLICIES</code> parameter is required; there is no default value. A policy can be unique to each DMF-managed filesystem or it can be reused numerous times.
POSIX_FADVISE_SIZE	<p>Specifies the number of bytes after which DMF will call <code>posix_fadvise()</code> with advice <code>POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED</code> when recalling files. The minimum value is 0, which means that <code>posix_fadvise</code> is never used. The maximum value is 18446744073709551615. The default is 100000000, which will call <code>posix_fadvise</code> after each 100,000,000 bytes (approximately) it has written to the file. DMF does not synchronize the file at this point. If <code>POSIX_FADVISE_SIZE</code> is set to a nonzero value, DMF will also call <code>posix_fadvise</code> when a region is made online.</p> <p>Setting this parameter to a small, nonzero value may have an adverse affect on performance. See the <code>posix_fadvise(2)</code> man page for more information.</p>
TASK_GROUPS	Names the task groups that contain tasks the daemon should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default. There are no defined tasks for filesystems.
USE_UNIFIED_BUFFER	<p>Determines how DMF manages its buffers when recalling files on this filesystem. The value can be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>on</code>, which means that DMF will use the same buffer for reading and writing and <code>BUFFERED_IO_SIZE</code> is ignored when recalling files. Setting the value to <code>on</code> will cause the size of I/O requests to be small when recalling data from a disk, DCM, or FTP MSP. The default setting is <code>on</code>.</li><li>• <code>off</code>, which means that DMF uses separate buffers for reading and writing during recall. That is, DMF reads data from its backing store (such as tape) into a buffer and then copies the data into another buffer</li></ul>

for writing. An additional thread for writing is also used.

The following example defines a `filesystem` object named `/c`.

**Example 7-12** `filesystem` Object

```
define /c
    TYPE                filesystem
    MIGRATION_LEVEL     user
    POLICIES             fs_msp
enddef
```

In the example above:

- The `define` parameter must have a value that is the mount point of the filesystem you want DMF to manage, in this case `/c`. Do not use the name of a symbolic link.
- Only user-initiated migration will be used for migration to offline media.
- The migration policy is set by the `policy` object named `fs_msp`. See "policy Object" on page 186.

## policy Object

This section discusses the following:

- "Functions of `policy` Parameters" on page 187
- "Rules for `policy` Parameters" on page 188
- "User Filesystem `policy` Parameters" on page 189
- "DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY` `policy` Parameters" on page 194
- "when clause" on page 198
- "ranges clause" on page 199
- "policy Configuration Procedures" on page 202

## Functions of `policy` Parameters

A `policy` object specifies behavior for managing the following:

- A user filesystem
- A DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`

The `policy` object parameters specify the following functions:

- "Automated Space Management Overview" on page 187
- "File Weighting Overview" on page 187
- "MSP/VG Selection Overview" on page 188

For details about the parameters, see:

- "User Filesystem `policy` Parameters" on page 189
- "DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY` `policy` Parameters" on page 194

### Automated Space Management Overview

DMF lets you automatically monitor filesystems and migrate data as needed to prevent filesystems from filling. This capability is implemented by the `dmfsmon(8)` daemon. After the `dmfsmon` daemon has been initiated, it will begin to monitor the DMF-managed filesystem in order to maintain the level of free space specified in the configuration file.

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**Note:** Ideal values for these parameters are highly site-specific, based largely on filesystem sizes and typical file sizes.

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### File Weighting Overview

When DMF is conducting automated space management, it derives an ordered list of files (called a *candidate list*) and migrates or frees files starting at the top of the list. The ordering of the candidate list is determined by weighting factors that are defined by parameters in the configuration file. You can use the file weighting parameters multiple times to specify that different files should have different weights.

For more details, see Chapter 10, "Automated Space Management" on page 271.

### MSP/VG Selection Overview

DMF can be configured to have many MSPs/VGs. Each MSP/VG manages its own set of volumes. The MSP/VG selection parameters let you migrate files with different characteristics to different MSPs /VGs. You can use the MSP/VG selection parameters multiple times to specify that different files should have different MSP/VG selection values.

### Rules for `policy` Parameters

This section discusses the following:

- "User Filesystem Rules" on page 188
- "DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY` Rules" on page 189

### User Filesystem Rules

The rules for a `policy` object that is migrating a user filesystem are as follows:

- The `POLICIES` parameter for a `filesystem` object must specify one and only one MSP/VG selection policy.
- The `TYPE` parameter is required for any `policy` object:

Parameter	Description
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<code>TYPE</code>	<code>policy</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
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- If the `MIGRATION_LEVEL` for a `filesystem` object is `auto`, the `POLICIES` parameter for that object must specify one and only one space-management policy.
- You do not need to specify a weighting policy if the default values are acceptable.
- Providing the above rules are followed, you can have many different combinations of policies. For example, you could configure one policy that defines all three categories of policy parameters (automated space management, MSP/VG selection, and file weighting) and share that policy among all the filesystems, or you could configure any number of individual MSP/VG selection policies and space-management policies (including weighting parameters) that you can apply to one or more filesystems.



### DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY Rules

The rules for a `policy` object that is managing a `DCM STORE_DIRECTORY` are as follows:

- The `TYPE` parameter is required for any `policy` object:

Parameter	Description
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<code>TYPE</code>	<code>policy</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
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- If the `MIGRATION_LEVEL` for a `filesystem` object is `auto`, the `POLICIES` parameter for that object must specify one and only one space-management policy.
- You do not need to specify a weighting policy if the default values are acceptable.
- You can configure one policy that defines all three categories of policy parameters (automated space management, file weighting, and VG selection) and share that policy among all the filesystems. Alternatively, you might create a VG selection policy for all filesystems and a space-management policy (including weighting parameters) for all filesystems.
- The DCM supports the concept of *dual-residence*, which means that a cache-resident copy of a migrated file has already been copied to tape and can therefore be released quickly in order to prevent the cache filling, without any need to first copy it to tape. It is analogous to a dual-state file that is managed by the standard disk MSP and has equivalent policy parameters to control it.
- The age and space weighting parameters refer to the copies in the cache, not the originals in the managed filesystem.

### User Filesystem `policy` Parameters

This section discusses the following:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190
- "File Weighting Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 191
- "MSP/VG Selection Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 193

**Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem**

The following parameters control automated space management for a user filesystem:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>FREE_DUALSTATE_FIRST</code>	When set to <code>on</code> , specifies that <code>dmfsmon</code> will first free dual-state and partial-state files before freeing files it must migrate. The default is <code>off</code> .
<code>FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT</code>	Specifies the percentage of filesystem space by which <code>dmfsmon</code> will decrement <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> if it cannot find enough files to migrate so that the value is reached. The decrement is applied until a value is found that <code>dmfsmon</code> can achieve. If space later frees up, the <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> is reset to its original value. Valid values are in the range 1 through the value of <code>FREE_SPACE_TARGET</code> . The default is 2.
<code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code>	Specifies the minimum percentage of free filesystem space that <code>dmfsmon</code> maintains. <code>dmfsmon</code> will begin to migrate files when the available free space for the filesystem falls below this percentage value. This parameter is required; there is no default.
<code>FREE_SPACE_TARGET</code>	Specifies the percentage of free filesystem space that <code>dmfsmon</code> will try to achieve if free space reaches or falls below <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> . This parameter is required; there is no default.
<code>MIGRATION_TARGET</code>	Specifies the percentage of filesystem capacity that DMF maintains as a reserve of dual-state files whose online space can be freed if free space reaches or falls below <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> . <code>dmfsmon</code> tries to make sure that this percentage of the filesystem is migrated, migrating, or free after it runs to make space available. This parameter is required; there is no default.
<code>SITE_SCRIPT</code>	Specifies the site-specific script to execute when <code>dmfsfree</code> , <code>dmdskfree</code> , or <code>dmfsmon</code> is run. If it returns a zero exit status, <code>dmfsfree</code> , <code>dmdskfree</code> , or <code>dmfsmon</code> continue their normal processing. If nonzero, they return immediately, using this value as their own

exit status. See `dmfsfree(8)` or `dmdskfree(8)` for further details. This parameter is optional.

For more details, see Chapter 10, "Automated Space Management" on page 271.

See also:

- "User Filesystem Rules" on page 188
- "Functions of `policy` Parameters" on page 187

### File Weighting Parameters for a User Filesystem

The following parameters control file weighting for a user filesystem:

Parameter	Description
AGE_WEIGHT	<p>Specifies a floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use when calculating the weight given to a file's age, calculated as follows:</p> $\text{constant} + (\text{multiplier} * \text{file\_age\_in\_days})$ <p>If DMF cannot locate values for this parameter, it uses a floating point constant of 1 and a floating point multiplier of 1.</p> <p>The AGE_WEIGHT parameter accepts an optional <code>when</code> clause, which contains a conditional expression. See "when clause" on page 198.</p> <p>The AGE_WEIGHT parameter also accepts an optional <code>ranges</code> clause, which specifies the ranges of a file for which the parameter applies. See "ranges clause" on page 199.</p>
SPACE_WEIGHT	<p>Specifies a floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use when calculating the weight given to a file's size, calculated as follows:</p> $\text{constant} + (\text{multiplier} * \text{file\_disk\_space\_in\_bytes})$ <p>If DMF cannot locate values for this parameter, it uses a floating point constant of 0 and a floating point multiplier of 0.</p>

For a partial-state (PAR) file, *file\_disk\_space\_in\_bytes* is the amount of space occupied by the file at the time of evaluation.

The `SPACE_WEIGHT` parameter accepts an optional `when` clause, which contains a conditional expression. See "when clause" on page 198.

The `SPACE_WEIGHT` parameter also accepts an optional `ranges` clause, which specifies the ranges of a file for which the parameter applies. See "ranges clause" on page 199.

See also:

- "User Filesystem Rules" on page 188
- "Functions of policy Parameters" on page 187

## MSP/VG Selection Parameters for a User Filesystem

The following parameters control MSP/VG selection for a user filesystem:

Parameter	Description
SELECT_MSP, SELECT_VG	Specifies the MSPs/VGs to use for migrating a file.
	<p><b>Note:</b> The parameters are not used for defining which MSP/VG to use for recalls; for that, see the definitions of the <code>LS_NAMES</code>, <code>MSP_NAMES</code>, <code>DRIVE_GROUPS</code>, and <code>VOLUME_GROUPS</code> parameters.</p>
	<p>The <code>SELECT_MSP</code> and <code>SELECT_VG</code> names are equivalent. VGs, disk MSPs, and FTP MSPs may be specified by either parameter.</p>
	<p>You can list as many MSP/VG names as you have <code>misp</code> or <code>volume</code> objects defined (separate the names with white space). A copy of the file will be migrated to each MSP/VG listed.</p>
	<p>The special MSP/VG name <code>none</code> means that the file will not be migrated.</p>
	<p>If no <code>SELECT_MSP</code> or <code>SELECT_VG</code> parameter applies to a file, it will not be migrated.</p>
	<p>The parameters are processed in the order that they appear in the policy.</p>
	<p>These parameters allow conditional expressions based on the value of a file tag. See "Customizing DMF" on page 89.</p>
	<p>The <code>root</code> user on the DMF server can override the selection specified in these parameters through the use of <code>dmput -V</code> or with <code>libdmfusrl.so</code> calls. If site-defined policies are in place, they may also override these parameters.</p>
	<p>There is no default.</p>

See also:

- "User Filesystem Rules" on page 188
- "Functions of `policy` Parameters" on page 187

### DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY `policy` Parameters

This section discusses the following:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY" on page 194
- "File Weighting Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY" on page 195
- "VG Selection Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY" on page 197

See also "Functions of `policy` Parameters" on page 187.

### Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY

The following parameters control automated space management for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY:

Parameter	Description
DUALRESIDENCE_TARGET	Specifies the percentage of DCM cache capacity that DMF maintains as a reserve of dual-resident files whose online space can be freed if free space reaches or falls below <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> . The <code>dmdskmsp</code> process tries to ensure that this percentage of the filesystem is copied to tape, is currently being copied to tape, or is free after it runs <code>dmdskfree</code> to make space available. This parameter is required for a DCM; there is no default. (It does not apply to user filesystems.)
FREE_DUALRESIDENT_FIRST	When set to <code>on</code> , specifies that <code>dmfsmon</code> will first free dual-resident files before freeing files it must migrate. The default is <code>off</code> .
FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT	Specifies the percentage of filesystem space by which <code>dmfsmon</code> will decrement <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> if it cannot find enough files to migrate so that the value is reached. The decrement is applied until a value is

FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM	found that <code>dmfsmon</code> can achieve. If space later frees up, the <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> is reset to its original value. Valid values are in the range 1 through the value of <code>FREE_SPACE_TARGET</code> . The default is 2.
FREE_SPACE_TARGET	Specifies the minimum percentage of free filesystem space that <code>dmfsmon</code> maintains. <code>dmfsmon</code> will begin to migrate files when the available free space for the filesystem falls below this percentage value. This parameter is required; there is no default.
FREE_SPACE_TARGET	Specifies the percentage of free filesystem space that <code>dmfsmon</code> will try to achieve if free space reaches or falls below <code>FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM</code> . This parameter is required; there is no default.
SITE_SCRIPT	Specifies the site-specific script to execute when <code>dmfsfree</code> , <code>dmdskfree</code> , or <code>dmfsmon</code> is run. If it returns a zero exit status, <code>dmfsfree</code> , <code>dmdskfree</code> , or <code>dmfsmon</code> continue their normal processing. If nonzero, they return immediately, using this value as their own exit status. See <code>dmfsfree(8)</code> or <code>dmdskfree(8)</code> for further details. This parameter is optional.

See also:

- "DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY Rules" on page 189
- "Functions of policy Parameters" on page 187

#### File Weighting Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY

The `policy` parameters for file weighting are as follows:

Parameter	Description
CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT	Specifies a floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use when calculating the weight given to a file's age, calculated as follows:  $constant + (multiplier * file\_age\_in\_days)$

If DMF cannot locate values for this parameter, it uses a floating point constant of 1 and a floating point multiplier of 1.

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**Note:** This parameter refers to the copies in the cache, not the originals in the managed filesystem.

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The `CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT` parameter accepts an optional `when` clause, which contains a conditional expression. See "when clause" on page 198.

`CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT`

Specifies a floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use when calculating the weight given to a file's size, calculated as follows:

$$\text{constant} + (\text{multiplier} * \text{file\_disk\_space\_in\_bytes})$$

If DMF cannot locate values for this parameter, it uses a floating point constant of 0 and a floating point multiplier of 0.

For a partial-state (`PAR`) file, `file_disk_space_in_bytes` is the amount of space occupied by the file at the time of evaluation.

The `CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT` parameter accepts an optional `when` clause, which contains a conditional expression. See "when clause" on page 198.

See also:

- "DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY` Rules" on page 189
- "Functions of `policy` Parameters" on page 187



**VG Selection Parameters for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY**

The following parameter controls VG selection for a DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
SELECT_LOWER_VG	<p>Defines which VGs should maintain tape-based copies of files in the cache, and under what conditions that would define dual-residence.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> The parameter is not used for defining which VG to use for recalls; for that, see the definitions of the LS_NAMES, MSP_NAMES, DRIVE_GROUPS, and VOLUME_GROUPS parameters.</p> <hr/> <p>You can list as many VG names as you have <code>volumegroup</code> objects defined (separate the names with white space). A copy of the file will be migrated to each VG listed.</p> <p>The special VG name <code>none</code> means that the file will not be migrated.</p> <p>If no <code>SELECT_LOWER_VG</code> parameter applies to a file, it will not be migrated.</p> <p>The parameters are processed in the order that they appear in the policy.</p> <p>These parameters allow conditional expressions based on the value of a file tag. See "Customizing DMF" on page 89.</p> <p>The <code>root</code> user on the DMF server can override the selection specified in these parameters through the use of <code>dmput -V</code> or with <code>libdmfusr.so</code> calls. If site-defined policies are in place, they may also override these parameters.</p> <p>There is no default.</p>

See also:

- "DCM STORE\_DIRECTORY Rules" on page 189
- "Functions of policy Parameters" on page 187

### when clause

The file weighting and MSP/VG selection parameters accept an optional `when` to restrict the set of files to which that parameter applies. It has the following form:

`when expression`

`expression` can include any of the following simple expressions:

Expression	Description
<code>age</code>	Specifies the number of days since last modification or last access of the file, whichever is more recent.
<code>gid</code>	Specifies the group ID or group name of the file.
<code>sitelfn</code>	Invokes a site-defined policy function once for each file being considered, and is replaced by the return code of the function. This is only applicable to the <code>AGE_WEIGHT</code> , <code>SPACE_WEIGHT</code> , <code>SELECT_MSP</code> , and <code>SELECT_VG</code> parameters in a filesystem's <code>policy</code> stanza. For more information, see Appendix C, "Site-Defined Policy Subroutines and the <code>sitelib.so</code> Library" on page 419.
<code>sitetag</code>	Specifies a site-determined number associated with a file by the <code>dmtag(1)</code> command, in the range 0—4294967295. For example:  <pre>sitetag = 27 sitetag in (20-40, 5000, 4000000000)</pre>
<code>size</code>	Specifies the logical size of the file, as shown by <code>ls -l</code> .
<code>softdeleted</code>	Specifies whether or not the file corresponding to a cached copy has been soft deleted; only applicable to the <code>CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT</code> , <code>CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT</code> , and <code>SELECT_LOWER_VG</code> parameters in a DCM <code>policy</code> stanza. Values are <code>false</code> and <code>true</code> .

space	Specifies the number of bytes the file occupies on disk (always a multiple of the block size, which may be larger or smaller than the length of the file). For a partial-state (PAR) file, the value used is the space that the file occupies on disk at the time of evaluation.
uid	Specifies the user ID or user name of the file.

Combine expressions by using `and`, `or`, and `()`.

Use the following operators to specify values:

```
=
!=
>
<
>=
<=
in
```

The following are examples of valid expressions:

```
space < 10m           (space used is less than 10 million bytes)
uid <= 123           (file's user ID is less than or equal to 123)
gid = 55             (file's group ID is 55)
age >= 15           (file's age is greater than or equal to 15 days)
space > 1g          (space used is greater than 1 billion bytes)
uid in (chris, 10 82-110 200)
                    (file owner's user name is chris or
                    the file owner's UID is 10, in the range 82-110, or 200)
(gid = 55 or uid <= 123) and age < 5
                    (file's age is less than 5 days and its
                    group ID is 55 or its user ID is less than or equal to 123)
```

## ranges clause

The `AGE_WEIGHT` and `SPACE_WEIGHT` parameters accept an optional `ranges` clause to restrict the ranges of a file for which a parameter applies.

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**Note:** The `ranges` clause is not valid with the `CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT` or `CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT` parameters.

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The clause has the following form, where *byteranges* is one or more byte ranges:

`ranges byteranges`

Each byte range consists of a set of numbers that indicate byte positions. (You can also use `BOF` or `bof` to indicate the first byte in the file and `EOF` or `eof` to indicate the last byte in the file.) Each byte range is separated by a comma and can have one of the following forms:

- A specification of two byte positions, where *first* specifies the first byte in the range and *last* specifies the last byte in the range:

*first*:*last*

If unsigned, *first* and *last* count from the beginning of the file; if preceded by a minus sign (-), they count backwards from the end of the file.

The first byte in the file is byte 0 or `BOF` and the last byte is -0 or `EOF`. Therefore, `BOF:EOF` and `0:-0` both define a range covering the entire file.

For example:

- `ranges 0:4095` specifies the first 4096 bytes of the file
- `ranges -4095:EOF` specifies the last 4096 bytes of the file

- A specification of the size of the range, starting at a given point, where *first* is a byte position as above and *size* is the number of bytes in the range, starting at *first*:

*first*+*size*

For example, the following indicates bytes 20 through 29:

`ranges 20+10`

If *size* is preceded by a minus sign, it specifies a range of *size* bytes ending at *first*. For example, the following indicates bytes 11 through 20:

`ranges 20+-10`

- A specification of the size of the range only (without a colon or plus symbol), assumed to start at the end of file (when preceded by a minus sign) or beginning of file:

*-size*  
*size*

For example, the following specifies the last 20 bytes in the file:

```
ranges -20
```

The *first*, *last*, or *size* values can be of the following forms:

- A hexadecimal number: *0xn*
- A based number: *base#n*
- A decimal number with an optional trailing scaling character. The decimal number may include a decimal point (.) and exponent. The trailing scaling character may be one of the following (all of which are powers of 1000, not 1024):

k or K for 1 thousand  
m or M for 1 million  
g or G for 1 billion  
t or T for 1 trillion  
p or P for 1 quadrillion

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**Note:** DMF may round byte ranges and join nearby ranges if necessary. If a range is given a negative weight, rounding may cause additional bytes to be ineligible for automatic space management.

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Do not use a `ranges` clause when partial-state files are disabled in DMF. Specifying many ranges for a file is discouraged, as it can cause the time and memory used by automatic space management to grow. DMF has an upper limit on the number of regions that can exist within a file; this can sometimes cause a range to be given an effective lower weight than what was specified in the configuration file. This might happen if the file is already partial-state and the range with largest weight cannot be made offline (OFL) because that would create too many regions. If the file has too many regions to make the range offline, but it could be made offline at the same time as a range with lower weight, it will be given the lower weight. If more than one range in the middle of a file is not a candidate for automatic space migration, the

limit on the number of regions may make it impossible to automatically free other regions of the file.

## **policy Configuration Procedures**

The following procedures explain how to create policies for automated space management (including file weighting) and MSP/VG selection:

- "Automated Space-Management Procedure" on page 202
- "MSP/VG Selection Procedure" on page 206

### **Automated Space-Management Procedure**

#### **Procedure 7-1** Configuring Objects for Automated Space Management

The following steps explain pertinent information for configuring a `policy` object:

1. Ensure that `define` has a value you set previously in the `POLICIES` parameter of a `filesystem` object.
2. Ensure that `TYPE` is set to `policy`.
3. Configure automated space management as follows:
  - a. Set `MIGRATION_TARGET` to an integer percentage of total filesystem space. DMF attempts to maintain this percentage as a reserve of space that is free or occupied by dual-state files that can be deleted if the filesystem free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`.
  - b. Configure `FREE_SPACE_TARGET` to an integer percentage of total filesystem space. DMF will try to achieve this level of free space when free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`.
  - c. Configure `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` to an integer percentage of the total filesystem space that DMF must maintain as free. DMF will begin to migrate files when the available free space for the configured filesystem reaches or falls below this percentage value.
  - d. Configure `FREE_DUALSTATE_FIRST` to be `on` if you want DMF to free the space used by dual-state or partial-state files before it migrates and frees regular files. The default is `off`.

4. Configure the age and size weighting factors associated with a file when it is evaluated for migration as follows:
  - a. The syntax of the parameter is a floating-point constant followed by a floating-point multiplier. The age weight is calculated as follows:

*constant + (multiplier × age\_in\_days)*

Add a when clause to select which files should use these values. DMF checks each AGE\_WEIGHT parameter in turn, in the order that they occur in the configuration file. If the when clause is present and no ranges clause is present, DMF determines whether the file matches the criteria in the clause. If no when clause is present, a match is assumed. If the file matches the criteria, the file weight is calculated from the parameter values. If they do not match, the next instance of that parameter is examined.

An AGE\_WEIGHT of 1 1.0 is used if no AGE\_WEIGHT applies for a file.

**Example 7-13** policy Object for Automated Space Management

```
define fs_space
    TYPE                policy
    MIGRATION_TARGET    50
    FREE_SPACE_TARGET   10
    FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM  5
    FREE_DUALSTATE_FIRST off

    AGE_WEIGHT 0      0.00    when age < 10
    AGE_WEIGHT 1      0.01    when age < 30
    AGE_WEIGHT 10     0.05    when age < 120
    AGE_WEIGHT 50     0.1

    SPACE_WEIGHT 0 0

enddef
```

In Example 7-13, files that have been accessed or modified within the last 10 days have a weight of 0. File migration likelihood increases with the length of time since last access because the file will have a greater weight. The final line specifies that files that have not been accessed or modified in 120 days or more have a far greater weight than all other files.

- b. The syntax of the parameter is a floating-point constant followed by a floating-point multiplier. Calculate the space weight as follows:

$$\text{constant} + (\text{multiplier} \times \text{file\_disk\_space\_in\_bytes})$$

In Example 7-13, the size of the file does not affect migration because all files have `SPACE_WEIGHT` of 0.

A default of `0 0.0` is used if no `SPACE_WEIGHT` applies for a file.

- c. Configure negative values to ensure that files are never automatically migrated. For example, you might want to set a minimum age for migration. The following parameter specifies that files that have been accessed or modified within 1 day are never automatically migrated:

```
AGE_WEIGHT -1    0.0    when age <= 1
```

The following parameter specifies that small files are never automatically migrated:

```
SPACE_WEIGHT -1    0    when space <= 4k
```

- d. If partial-state files are enabled on your machine (meaning that you have the `PARTIAL_STATE_FILES` configuration file parameter set to `on` and have the appropriate kernel installed, according to the information in the DMF release note), you can use the `ranges` clause to select ranges of a file.

DMF checks each `AGE_WEIGHT` parameter in turn, in the order that they occur in the configuration file. As described in step 4a above, DMF checks the `when` clause, if present, to see if the file matches the criteria. If the file matches and a `ranges` clause is present, DMF determines if that range has already been weighted. If it has not been weighted, the specified range is given the weight calculated from the parameter values. DMF examines the next instance of the parameter until all ranges in the file have been assigned a weight.

**Example 7-14** `policy` Object for Automated Space Management using Ranges

```
define fs2_space
    TYPE                policy
    MIGRATION_TARGET    50
    FREE_SPACE_TARGET   10
    FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM  5
    FREE_DUALSTATE_FIRST off
```



```

AGE_WEIGHT -1.  0.00 ranges 0:4095 when uid=624
AGE_WEIGHT -1   0    ranges 0:4095,-4095:EOF when uid=321
AGE_WEIGHT 1    0.01      when age < 30
AGE_WEIGHT 10   0.05      when age < 120
AGE_WEIGHT 50   0.1

SPACE_WEIGHT 0 0

#endif

```

In Example 7-14, if a file is owned by UID 624 and is 1004096 bytes long, the first 4096 bytes are given an AGE\_WEIGHT of -1. The remaining 1000000 bytes are given an AGE\_WEIGHT based on the age of the file. Therefore, the first 4096 bytes of the file would not be eligible for being put offline by automatic space management. If a file is owned by UID 321, the first and last 4096 bytes of it are not eligible for being put offline by automatic space migration. If a file is owned by UID 956, the policy in Example 7-14 would give the entire file an AGE\_WEIGHT based on its age. SPACE\_WEIGHT parameters are evaluated similarly.

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**Note:** DMF calculates the size weight and age weight separately. If either value is less than zero, the file is **not** automatically migrated and the file or range is **not** automatically freed. Otherwise, the two values are summed to form the file's or range's weight.

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Example 7-15 defines a policy object for MSP/VG selection.

**Example 7-15** policy Object for an FTP MSP

```

define fs_msp
  TYPE policy
  SELECT_MSP none when space < 65536
  SELECT_MSP cart1 cart2 when gid = 22
  SELECT_MSP cart1 when space >= 50m
  SELECT_VG cart2
#endif

```

## MSP/VG Selection Procedure

### Procedure 7-2 Configuring Objects for MSP/VG Selection

The following steps explain pertinent information for configuring the above `policy` object:

1. Ensure that `define` has a value that you set previously in the `POLICIES` parameter of the `filesystem` object.
2. Ensure that `TYPE` is set to `policy`.
3. Ensure that the MSP/VG names you specify as the first value of the `SELECT_MSP` or `SELECT_VG` parameter is either:
  - The name of an MSP you set previously in the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object
  - The name of a VG that is a component of an LS named in that same parameter

There is no default.

4. Configure MSP/VG selection criteria as follows:
  - a. If you want to select an MSP/VG based on file size, use parameters such as the following, which send large files to `cart1` and small files to `cart2`:

```
SELECT_MSP cart1      when space >= 50m
SELECT_MSP cart2      when space >= 65536
```

The order of the `SELECT` statements is important. The first `SELECT` statement that applies to the file is honored. For example, if the order of the statements above were reversed, a 50m file would be migrated to `cart2`, because the check for greater than or equal to (`>=`) 65536 would be done first, and it would be true.

- b. If you want certain files to be copied to more than one MSP/VG, use syntax such as the following, which migrates all files that have a group ID of 22 to both of the configured MSPs or VGs:

```
SELECT_MSP cart1 cart2  when gid = 22
```

Separate multiple MSP/VG names with a blank space.

- c. If you want to ensure that some files are never migrated, you can designate the MSP/VG selection as `none`. The following line from the sample file ensures that files smaller than 65,536 bytes are not migrated:

```
SELECT_MSP none           when space < 65536
```

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**Note:** The `space` expression references the number of bytes the file occupies on disk, which may be larger or smaller than the length of the file. For example, you might use the following line in a policy:

```
SELECT_VG none when space < 4096
```

Your intent would be to restrict files smaller than 4 Kbytes from migrating.

However, this line may actually allow files as small as 1 byte to be migrated, because while the amount of data in the file is 1 byte, it will take 1 block to hold that 1 byte. If your filesystem uses 4-Kbyte blocks, the space used by the file is 4096, and it does not match the policy line.

To ensure that files smaller than 4 Kbytes do not migrate, use the following line:

```
SELECT_VG none when space <= 4096
```

(You could use either `SELECT_VG` or `SELECT_MSP` in these examples.)

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## LS Objects

Multiple objects are required to configure an LS. This section discusses the following:

- "libraryserver Object" on page 208
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "volumegroup Object" on page 217
- "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222
- "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223
- "Example of Configuring an LS" on page 223
- "OpenVault and LS Drive Groups" on page 227
- "TMF and LS Drive Groups" on page 232

- "LS Tasks" on page 232
- "LS Database Records" on page 235

### libraryserver Object

The entry for an LS, one for each tape library, has the following parameters:

Parameters	Description
TYPE	libraryserver (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
CACHE_DIR	Specifies the directory in which the VG stores chunks while merging them from sparse tapes. If you do not specify this parameter, DMF uses the value of TMP_DIR from the base object. If you use the Parallel Data Mover Option and specify CACHE_DIR, it must either be or be in a CXFS filesystem.
CACHE_SPACE	Specifies the amount of disk space (in bytes) that dmatls can use when merging chunks from sparse tapes. During merging, small chunks from sparse tapes are cached on disk before being written to a tape. The default is 0, which causes all files to be merged via sockets.
<hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> The zone size influences the required cache space. See ZONE_SIZE in "volume group Object" on page 217.</p> <hr/>	
COMMAND	Specifies the binary file to execute in order to initiate the LS. This value must be dmatls.
DISCONNECT_TIMEOUT	Specifies the number of seconds after which the LS will consider a mover process to have exited if it cannot communicate with the process. Likewise, mover processes will use this value to determine if the LS has exited. The default value is 10 seconds.
DRIVE_GROUPS	Names one or more drive groups containing drives that the LS can use for mounting and unmounting volumes. They are configured as drivegroup objects. This parameter must be configured. There is no default.

The order of the values specified for this parameter is integral to the determination of the MSP/VG from which the DMF daemon attempts to recall an offline file. If the offline file has more than one copy, DMF uses a specific order when it attempts to recall the file. It searches for a good copy of the offline file in MSP or LS order, from the `dmdaemon` object's `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter. If one of those names refers to an LS, it searches for the copy in drive group order, from the `libraryserver` object's `DRIVE_GROUPS` parameter. It then searches for the copy in VG order from the `drivegroup` object's `VOLUME_GROUPS` parameter.

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**Note:** Do not change this parameter while DMF is running.

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<code>MAX_CACHE_FILE</code>	Specifies the largest chunk (in bytes) that will be merged using the merge disk cache. Larger files are transferred directly via a socket from the read child to the write child. The default is 25% of the <code>CACHE_SPACE</code> value. Valid values are 0 through the value of <code>CACHE_SPACE</code> .
<code>MESSAGE_LEVEL</code>	Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the LS log, which includes messages from the LS's components. It must be an integer in the range 0-6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2.
<code>RUN_TASK</code>	See "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85.
<code>TASK_GROUPS</code>	Names the task groups that contain tasks the LS should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default.
<code>WATCHER</code>	Names the resource watcher that the LS should run. The default is no watcher. (A corresponding <code>resourcewatcher</code> object is required only if the

default parameters are unacceptable. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.)

### drivegroup Object

The entry for a `drivegroup` object, one for each pool of interchangeable drives in a single library, has the following parameters:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>												
TYPE	<code>drivegroup</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.												
BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER	<i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies a floating point number used to adjust the amount of bandwidth that the LS assumes a drive in this drive group will use. The value is used when scheduling drives, which allows the administrator to adjust for the affects of compression. The default value is 1, which means no compression. The minimum value is .1 and the maximum is 1000. The node object parameters <code>HBA_BANDWIDTH</code> and <code>NODE_BANDWIDTH</code> are related to this parameter; see "node Object" on page 159.												
BLOCK_SIZE	Specifies the maximum block size to use when writing from the beginning of a tape. The block size in the VOL record of the LS database is updated with this value and is later used when reading or appending to a tape. DMF supports block sizes ranging from 4096 through 2097152 bytes. DMF will use direct I/O to tapes when possible. On some architectures, direct I/O cannot be used if the block size is larger than 524288; in this case, buffered I/O will be used instead. The default maximum size is dependent on your device configuration, with DMF setting it as follows:												
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IBM 03592E05	131072
IBM 03592E06	262144
IBM ULTRIUM-TD1	131072
IBM ULT3580-TD1	131072
IBM ULTRIUM-TD2	262144
IBM ULT3580-TD2	262144
IBM ULTRIUM-TD3	262144
IBM ULT3580-TD3	262144
IBM ULTRIUM-TD4	524288
IBM ULT3580-TD4	524288
IBM ULTRIUM-HH4	524288
QUANTUM SDLT600	131072
QUANTUM SDLT320	131072
QUANTUM SuperDLT1	131072
SEAGATE ULTRIUM	262144
SONY SDX-700C	131072
SONY SDZ-100	131072
SONY SDZ-130	262144
SONY SDZ-200	524288
SONY SDZ-230	524288
STK 9840	126976
STK T9840B	126976
STK T9840C	262144
STK T9840D	262144
STK T9940A	262144
STK T9940B	262144
STK T10000A	524288
STK T10000B	524288
(Other drives)	65536

**DRIVE\_MAXIMUM**

Specifies the maximum number of drives within this drive group that the LS is allowed to attempt to use simultaneously. This can be more or less than the number of drives the LS can physically detect. The maximum is 100; the default is 100 for drive groups. If a negative value is specified for **DRIVE\_MAXIMUM**, the drive group uses the sum of the number of available drives and **DRIVE\_MAXIMUM**.

DRIVE_SCHEDULER	Names the resource scheduler that the drive group should run for the scheduling of tape drives. They are configured as <code>resourcescheduler</code> objects. The default is a resource scheduler of default type and parameters. For the defaults, see "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222.
DRIVES_TO_DOWN	Specifies an integer value that controls the number of "bad" drives the drive group is allowed to try to configure down. When more than this number are down, whether due to the drive group or to external influences such as the system administrator, the drive group does not attempt to disable any more drives. The default of 0 prevents the drive group from disabling any drives.
LABEL_TYPE	Specifies the label type used when writing tapes from the beginning. Possible values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>n1</code> (no label)</li><li>• <code>s1</code> (standard label, for IBM tapes)</li><li>• <code>a1</code> (ANSI label)</li></ul> The default is <code>a1</code> .
MAX_MS_RESTARTS	Specifies the maximum number of times DMF can attempt to restart the mounting service (TMF or OpenVault) without requiring administrator intervention. The default and recommended values are 1 for TMF and 0 for OpenVault.
MOUNT_SERVICE	Specifies the mounting service. Possible values are <code>openvault</code> and <code>tmf</code> . You must use <code>openvault</code> for those drive groups that contain tape drives on parallel data mover nodes. The default is <code>openvault</code> .
MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP	Specifies the name by which the drive group's devices are known to the mounting service. For TMF, this is the device group name that would be used with the <code>-g</code> option on the <code>tmmt</code> command. For OpenVault, this is the drive group name that is specified by the <code>ov_drivegroup</code> command.



MOUNT_TIMEOUT	<p>Specifies the maximum number of minutes to wait for a tape to be mounted. (The default is 0, which means forever.)</p> <p>If a tape mount request waits for longer than this period of time, the drive group attempts to stop and restart provided that the <code>MAX_MS_RESTARTS</code> parameter allows it.</p> <p>Do not make this value too restrictive, as any non-LS tape activity (including <code>xfsdump</code>) can legitimately delay a VG's tape mount, which could result in this timeout being exceeded.</p>
MSG_DELAY	<p>Specifies the number of seconds that all drives in the drive group can be down before an e-mail message is sent to the administrator and an error message is logged. The default is 0, which means that as soon as DMF notices that the mounting service is up and all of the drives are configured down, it will e-mail a message.</p>
OV_ACCESS_MODES	<p>Specifies the OpenVault access modes. The default is <code>readwrite</code> when migrating and <code>readonly</code> when recalling. The only possible value you can specify for this parameter is <code>readwrite</code> if you want to force the access to always be <code>readwrite</code>. (Other OpenVault access modes are not configurable in DMF: DMF always uses <code>rewind</code> and <code>variable</code>.)</p>
OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES	<p><i>(OpenVault only)</i> Specifies a list of names to be provided to OpenVault for the <code>firstmount</code> clause when mounting a tape. Use <code>compression</code> to request compression. By default, this list is empty.</p>
POSITIONING	<p>Specifies how the tape should be positioned. The values can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>skip</code>, which means use tape mark skipping to the zone.</li><li>• <code>direct</code>, which means use block ID seek capability to the zone if the block ID is known.</li></ul>

- `data`, which means the same as `direct` when the tape is being written. When the tape is being read, `data` means that the read child will try to determine the block ID of the data being read, and use the block ID seek capability to position there.

The default depends on the type of drive, and is either `direct` or `data`. If data positioning is specified for a drive whose default is `direct`, the block ID is calculated by adding an estimate of the number of blocks from the start of the zone to the data being recalled and the block ID of the start of the zone. Not all drives use this format for block ID.

`POSITION_RETRY`

Specifies the level of retry in the event of a failure during zone positioning. The values can be:

- `aggressive`, which means the VG can try more costly and time-consuming alternatives
- `lazy`, which means the VG retries if a reasonably fast alternative means of positioning is available (default)
- `none`, which means there will be no retry

If the VG is unable to position to a zone, all recalls for files with data in that zone are aborted by the VG (though not by DMF if a copy exists in another VG).

The default is `lazy`, to give the best overall recall time. If you are having trouble getting data from tape, you might want to try `aggressive`.

`READ_ERR_MAXIMUM`

Specifies the maximum number of I/O errors that will be tolerated when reading from tape to recall a file. The legal range of values is 2 through 100000. The default is 5000. The value of `READ_ERR_MAXIMUM` should be greater than the value of `READ_ERR_MINIMUM`. See the description of `READ_ERR_TIMEOUT`.

`READ_ERR_MINIMUM`

Specifies the minimum number of I/O errors that will be tolerated when reading from tape to recall a file. The legal range of values is 1—100000. The default is 10. See the description of `READ_ERR_TIMEOUT`.

READ_ERR_TIMEOUT	Specifies the number of seconds that can elapse since the first I/O error was seen when reading from tape to recall a file. READ_ERR_TIMEOUT, READ_ERR_MINIMUM, and READ_ERR_MAXIMUM together determine how many I/O errors will be tolerated when reading from tape to recall a file. If the number of consecutive I/O errors is greater than READ_ERR_MAXIMUM, or if the number of consecutive I/O errors is greater than READ_ERR_MINIMUM and the elapsed number of seconds since the first error was seen is greater than READ_ERR_TIMEOUT, the recall will fail. The legal values for READ_ERR_TIMEOUT are 300 through 3600 seconds. The default is 600 seconds.
READ_IDLE_DELAY	Specifies the number of seconds an idle tape LS read child (dmatrix) can wait before being told to exit. If other DMF requests are waiting for a tape drive, the read child may be told to exit before READ_IDLE_DELAY seconds have passed. The default is 5 seconds.
REINSTATE_DRIVE_DELAY	Specifies the number of minutes after which a drive that was configured down by the drive group will be automatically reinstated and made available for use again. A value of 0 means it should be left disabled indefinitely. The default is 1440 (one day).
REINSTATE_VOLUME_DELAY	Specifies the number of minutes after which a volume that had its HLOCK flag set by DMF will be automatically reinstated and made available for use again. A value of 0 means they should be left disabled indefinitely. The default is 1440 (one day).
REWIND_DELAY	Specifies the number of seconds an idle tape LS read child (dmatrix) can wait before rewinding. If other DMF requests are waiting for a tape drive, the read child may rewind before READ_IDLE_DELAY seconds have passed. The maximum value that you can specify is the value of READ_IDLE_DELAY. If READ_IDLE_DELAY is not specified, the maximum value that you can specify is the default value of READ_IDLE_DELAY. The default is the minimum of {2, READ_IDLE_DELAY/2}. If an idle read child must rewind the tape before the drive can be

	used to service other DMF requests, that will delay the servicing of those requests; therefore you should use caution when increasing this parameter.
RUN_TASK	See "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85.
TASK_GROUPS	Names the task groups that contain tasks the drive group should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default.
TMF_TMMNT_OPTIONS (TMF MOUNT_SERVICE only)	Specifies command options that should be added to the <code>tmmnt</code> command when mounting a tape. DMF uses the <code>-Z</code> option to <code>tmmnt</code> to ignore options controlling block size and label parameters. Use the <code>BLOCK_SIZE</code> and <code>LABEL_TYPE</code> drive group parameters instead. There is no need for a <code>-g</code> option here. If it is provided, it must match the value of the <code>MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP</code> parameter. To request compression, use <code>-i</code> . Options that are ignored are <code>-a</code> , <code>-b</code> , <code>-c</code> , <code>-D</code> , <code>-f</code> , <code>-F</code> , <code>-l</code> , <code>-L</code> , <code>-n</code> , <code>-o</code> , <code>-O</code> , <code>-p</code> , <code>-P</code> , <code>-q</code> , <code>-R</code> , <code>-t</code> , <code>-T</code> , <code>-U</code> , <code>-v</code> , <code>-V</code> , <code>-w</code> , <code>-x</code> , and <code>-X</code> .
VERIFY_POSITION	Specifies whether the LS write child should (prior to writing) verify that the tape is correctly positioned and that the tape was properly terminated by the last use. The default is to verify. Specifying <code>no</code> or <code>off</code> turns verification off; anything else ensures verification.
VOLUME_GROUPS	Names the VGs containing volumes that can be mounted on any of the drives within this drive group. They are configured as <code>volumegroup</code> objects. This parameter must be configured. There is no default.  The order of the values specified for this parameter is integral to the determination of the MSP/VG from which the DMF daemon attempts to recall an offline file. If the offline file has more than one copy, DMF uses a specific order when it attempts to recall the file. It searches for a good copy of the offline file in MSP or LS order, from the <code>dmdaemon</code> object's <code>MSP_NAMES</code> or <code>LS_NAMES</code> parameter. If one of those names refers to an LS, it searches for the copy in drive group order, from the <code>libraryserver</code> object's <code>DRIVE_GROUPS</code> parameter. It then searches for the copy in VG order

from the drivegroup object's VOLUME\_GROUPS parameter.

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**Note:** Do not change this parameter while DMF is running.

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WRITE\_CHECKSUM

Specifies that tape block should be checksummed before writing. If a tape block has a checksum, it is verified when read. The default is on.

## volumegroup Object

There must be a volumegroup object for each pool of tape volumes of the same type. It must be usable on the drives of the associated drive group and capable of holding at most one copy of user files. A volumegroup object has the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
TYPE	volumegroup (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
ALLOCATION_GROUP	Specifies the allocation group that serves as a source of additional volumes if a VG runs out of media. Normally, one allocation group is configured to serve multiple VGs. As a volume's hfree flag is cleared (see HFREE_TIME below) in a VG, it is immediately returned to the allocation group subject to the restrictions imposed by the configuration parameters ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM and ALLOCATION_MINIMUM. The administrator must ensure that volumes in the allocation group are mountable on drives in the same drive group as any VG that references the allocation group. It is an error to assign an ALLOCATION_GROUP name that is the same as an existing VG name. The ALLOCATION_GROUP defines a logical pool of volumes rather than an actual operational VG.

Allocation groups have no configurable parameters or configuration stanzas of their own; a reference to them in a VG's ALLOCATION\_GROUP parameter is all that is needed to activate them. A VG that does not define the

	<p><code>ALLOCATION_GROUP</code> option will not use an allocation group.</p>
<code>ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM</code>	<p>Specifies the maximum size in number of volumes to which a VG can grow by borrowing volumes from its allocation group. The minimum value is 0 and the maximum and default are infinity. (That is, the default is that there is no maximum; the VG can keep borrowing from the allocation group until the allocation group runs out.) If the VG already contains <code>ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM</code> or more volumes, no additional volumes are borrowed from the allocation group. If no allocation group is defined, this parameter is meaningless.</p>
<code>ALLOCATION_MINIMUM</code>	<p>Specifies the minimum size in number of volumes to which a VG can shrink by returning volumes to its allocation group. The minimum value is 0, which is the default, and the maximum is the value of <code>ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM</code>. If the VG already contains <code>ALLOCATION_MINIMUM</code> or fewer volumes, no additional volumes are returned to the allocation group. If no allocation group is defined, this parameter is meaningless.</p>
<code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>	<p>Specifies the maximum number of drives within this drive group that this VG is allowed to use simultaneously. The value actually used is the least of the <code>drivegroup</code> object's <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>, this <code>volume</code> object's <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>, and the number of drives that the drive group can physically detect. The maximum is 100; the default is the <code>drivegroup</code> object's <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>.</p>
<code>HFREE_TIME</code>	<p>Specifies the minimum number of seconds that a tape no longer containing valid data must remain unused before the VG overwrites it. The default value is 172800 seconds (2 days) and the minimum allowed value is 0.</p> <p>When an LS removes all data from a tape, it sets the <code>hfree</code> (hold free tape) flag bit in the tape's VOL record in the LS database to prevent that tape from being</p>

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	<p>immediately reused. The next time that the LS scans the database for volumes after <code>HFREE_TIME</code> seconds have passed, the LS clears the <code>hfree</code> flag, allowing the tape to be rewritten. If <code>HFREE_TIME</code> is set to 0, the LS will never clear <code>hfree</code>, so an unused tape will not be reused until you clear its <code>hfree</code> flag manually. For a description of how to set and clear the <code>hfree</code> flag manually, see the <code>dmvoladm</code> man page.</p>
<code>MAX_CHUNK_SIZE</code>	<p>Specifies that the VG should break up large files into chunks no larger than this value (specified in bytes) as it writes data to tape. If a file is larger than this size, it is broken up into pieces of the specified size, and, depending on other activity, more than one write child may be used to write the data to tape. If <code>MAX_CHUNK_SIZE</code> is 0 (the default), the VG breaks a file into chunks only when an end of volume is reached.</p>
<code>MAX_PUT_CHILDREN</code>	<p>Specifies the maximum number of write child (<code>dmatwc</code>) processes that will be simultaneously scheduled for the VG. The maximum value is the value of <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code> for the VG's owning drive group. The minimum value is 1. The default is the same as the value that the <code>volume</code> object uses for <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>; if the value specified in the configuration file exceeds this default, the default is used.</p>
<code>MERGE_CUTOFF</code>	<p>Specifies a limit at which the VG will stop scheduling tapes for merging. This number refers to the sum of the active and queued children generated from gets, puts, and merges. The default value for this option is the value used by the <code>volume</code> object for <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>. This means that if sparse tapes are available, the VG will create <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code> number of children, thus using tape resources efficiently. However, if any recall requests arrive for that VG, they will be started before new merges. Setting this number below <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code>, in effect, reserves some tape units for recalls at the expense of merge efficiency. Setting this number above <code>DRIVE_MAXIMUM</code> increases the priority of merges relative to recalls. The minimum value that you can specify is 2.</p>

MIN_VOLUMES	Specifies the minimum number of unused volumes that can exist in the LS database for this VG without operator notification. If the number of unused volumes falls below MIN_VOLUMES, the operator is asked to add new volumes. The default is 10; the minimum is 0. If a VG has an allocation group configured, MIN_VOLUMES is applied to the sum of the number of unused volumes in the VG and in its allocation group subject to any ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM restrictions.
PUTS_TIME	Specifies the minimum number of seconds a VG waits after it has requested a drive for a write child before it tells a lower priority child to go away. The default is 3600 seconds.
READ_TIME	Specifies the interval, in seconds, after which the VG will evaluate whether a read child should be asked to go away (even if it is in the middle of recalling a file) so that a higher priority child can be started. If READ_TIME is 0, the VG will not do this evaluation. The default is 0.
RUN_TASK	See "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85.
TASK_GROUPS	Names the taskgroup objects that contain tasks the VG should run. There is no default.
TIMEOUT_FLUSH	Specifies the number of minutes after which the VG will flush files to tape. The default is 120 minutes.



**ZONE\_SIZE**

Specifies approximately how much data the write child should put in a zone. The write child adds files and chunks to a zone until the data written equals or exceeds this value, at which time it writes a tape mark and updates the data base. The VG also uses zone size to determine when to start write children, and the number of write children to start. By default, the unit of measure is bytes, but you can specify other units of measure as follows: *m* for megabytes, *g* for gigabytes. The default is 50000000 bytes. For more information about zone size, also see "Media Concepts" on page 295.

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**Note:** It is critical that the zone size is appropriate for the tape speed and average data compression rate at your site. A value that is too small can cause poor write performance because a tape mark is written at the end of each zone; a value that is too large can reduce parallelism when migrating files. See "Improve Tape Drive Performance with an Appropriate Zone Size" on page 67.

The zone size influences the required cache space. The value for the `CACHE_SPACE` parameter should be at least twice the value used for `ZONE_SIZE`. Increasing the `ZONE_SIZE` value without also increasing `CACHE_SPACE` could cause tape merging to become inefficient. Tape merges could have problems if the `ZONE_SIZE` value is larger than the `CACHE_SPACE` value. For more information about `CACHE_SPACE`, see "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

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**resourcescheduler Object**

The entries for a `resourcescheduler` object, one for each drive group in a single library, has the following parameters:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
TYPE	<code>resourcescheduler</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
ALGORITHM	Specifies the resource scheduling algorithm to be used. Two are supplied: a simple one called <code>fifo</code> (“first-in, first out”), and a more flexible one called <code>weighted_roundrobin</code> (default).

Other parameters are specific to a particular resource scheduling algorithm. There are no parameters for `fifo`. For `weighted_roundrobin`, the following apply:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
PENALTY	Reduces the priority of requests from a VG that is not the next one preferred by the round-robin algorithm. It is a multiplier in the range 0.0—1.0. Low values result in the urgency assigned by the VG being totally or partially ignored, and high values mean that the urgency is more important than selecting one whose turn ought to be next. The default is 0.7.
WEIGHT	Assigns a weighting to one or more VGs. The ratio of these weightings to each other (within the one drive group) determines the number of opportunities the VG has to obtain drives when they are needed.

The weightings are integers in the range 1—99 and they need not be unique. For efficiency reasons, small numbers are preferred, especially if large numbers of VGs are defined. Usually, there are multiple `WEIGHT` lines in the configuration, and a given VG might appear on more than one of them. In such cases, the sum of the weights is used as the effective weight for that VG. Any VGs that do not appear on a `WEIGHT` line are assigned the default of 5. If there are no `WEIGHT` lines, all VGs will use this default, resulting in a strict round-robin behavior.

WEIGHT has the following format:

WEIGHT *weight vg1 vg2 ...*

## resourcewatcher Object

The entry for a `resourcewatcher` object is needed only if you wish to change its parameter defaults; a reference to a resource watcher by the `libraryserver` object is sufficient to activate it.

The `resourcewatcher` object has the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
TYPE	<code>resourcewatcher</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
HTML_REFRESH	Specifies the refresh rate (in seconds) of the generated HTML pages. The default is 60.

## Example of Configuring an LS

Example 7-16 defines an LS containing a default resource watcher and two drive groups:

- Drive group `dg1` contains two VGs (the primary VG `vg_prim` and the secondary VG `vg_sec`) sharing an allocation group. A resource scheduler is defined to give primary `vg_prim` twice the priority of secondary `vg_sec` when competing for drives. The `volume` objects are slightly different, reflecting that the secondary VG is usually write-only.
- Drive group `dg2` contains a single VG, `vg_ul4`.

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**Note:** Example 7-16 does not use all of the possible options for configuring a `libraryserver` object.

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**Example 7-16** libraryserver Object

```
define  ls1
        TYPE                libraryserver
        COMMAND              dmatls
        DRIVE_GROUPS         dg1 dg2
        CACHE_SPACE          500m
        TASK_GROUPS          ls_tasks
        WATCHER              rw
endif

define  dg1
        TYPE                drivegroup
        VOLUME_GROUPS        vg_prim vg_sec
        MOUNT_SERVICE        openvault
        MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP  ultrium3grp
        OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES compression
        DRIVE_SCHEDULER      rs
        DRIVES_TO_DOWN       2
        REINSTATE_DRIVE_DELAY 60
endif

define  dg2
        TYPE                drivegroup
        VOLUME_GROUPS        vg_ul4
        MOUNT_SERVICE        openvault
        MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP  ultrium4grp
        OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES compression
        DRIVES_TO_DOWN       2
        REINSTATE_DRIVE_DELAY 60
endif

define  rs
        TYPE                resourcescheduler
        WEIGHT               10      vg_prim
        WEIGHT               5      vg_sec
endif

define  vg_prim
        TYPE                volumegroup
        ALLOCATION_GROUP      ag_ult3
```

```

endif

define vg_sec
        TYPE                volumegroup
        ALLOCATION_GROUP     ag_ult3
        DRIVE_MAXIMUM       2
endif

define vg_ul4
        TYPE                volumegroup
endif

```

The steps in Procedure 7-3 explain pertinent information for configuring each of the `libraryserver` objects in Example 7-16.

**Procedure 7-3** Configuring an LS and Its Components

1. Ensure that `define` parameter has a value that you set previously in the `LS_NAMES` or `MSP_NAMES` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object. There is no default.
2. Set `TYPE` to `libraryserver`.
3. Set `COMMAND` is set to `dmatls`.
4. Specify a `DRIVE_GROUPS` parameter that names a collection of interchangeable tape drives. In this example, there are two such groups. There is no default.
5. Set the `CACHE_SPACE` parameter to tell the LS how much disk space it can use when merging chunks from sparse tapes. The LS can merge tapes more efficiently if it can stage most of the files to disk. The default for `CACHE_SPACE` is 0, which causes all data to be transferred by sockets.

The tape zone size influences the required cache space; you should configure the `CACHE_SPACE` parameter to be at least twice the value used for `ZONE_SIZE`. For more information on zone sizes, see "volumeGroup Object" on page 217.

6. Configure the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter to the names of the objects used to define how periodic maintenance tasks are completed. There is no default. For more information, see "LS Tasks" on page 232.
7. To observe LS operation through a web browser, specify a resource watcher by defining the `WATCHER` parameter. You need only a reference to the resource watcher's name.

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**Note:** Define a `resourcewatcher` object only if you want to change its default parameters. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.

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Assuming that `SPOOL_DIR` was set in the base object to be `/dmf/spool`, the URL to use for this example is `file://dmf/spool/ls/_rw/ls.html`. Text files are generated in the same directory as the HTML files.

8. Define the drive groups referenced in step 4. There is no `COMMAND` line; a drive group is not an independent program, but a component of an LS.
9. Define the VGs using the drives managed by each drive group with the `VOLUME_GROUPS` parameter.
10. Specify the use of OpenVault. Because OpenVault is the default mounting service, this line can be omitted.
11. Specify the name that the mounting service uses to refer to this group of drives. When using OpenVault, the `MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP` line specifies the OpenVault drive group to be used.

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**Note:** OpenVault uses the same term as does DMF to describe a group of interchangeable tape devices, but the two uses are separate. Their names need not match, though it may be less confusing if they do.

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If using TMF, the `MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP` line names the TMF device group name.

12. Use the `OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES` and `TMF_TMMNT_OPTIONS` lines to specify that the drives (OpenVault and TMF, respectively) should be used in compression mode.
13. For drive group `dg1`, override the default resource scheduler behavior by referring to an object called `rs`, to be defined in step 15 below.
14. Allow each drive group to configure at most two drives down temporarily for 60 minutes for recovery from I/O errors if the drives are faulty and if doing so will result in a more reliable operation. When this happens, the administrator is e-mailed so that maintenance can be performed.
15. In the `rs` object, specify that when there are more requests for tape drives than there are drives in the drive group, VG `vg_prim` is to be given access twice as

often as `vg_sec`. The ratio of the numbers is important, but the exact values are not.

16. Define the VGs. The `VOLUME_GROUPS` parameter of the `drivegroup` object and the `SELECT_LS` or `SELECT_MSP` lines in the filesystem objects refer to them.
17. Define an allocation group for tape type Ultrium 3 called `ag_ult3`. Allocation groups have no configurable parameters, so they have no defining object; just a reference is sufficient. Use of an allocation group is optional. In this example, no allocation group is defined for tape type Ultrium 4.
18. Include any other VG parameters that you require. For example, the definition of the `vg_sec` object specifies that it can use at most two tape drives, so that other drives in the `dg1` drive group will be immediately available for use by `vg_prim` when it needs them.

## OpenVault and LS Drive Groups

Procedure 7-4 describes the steps you must take to configure OpenVault for a drive group.

### Procedure 7-4 Configuring DMF to Use OpenVault

The following procedure describes how to make OpenVault and DMF work together using `ov_admin`.

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**Note:** The procedure that follows assumes that before you complete the steps described, the OpenVault server is configured and all drives and libraries are configured and OpenVault is running. SGI recommends that the OpenVault server be the same as the DMF server.

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1. On the OpenVault server, add DMF as an OpenVault application. Use `ov_admin` and select the menu option that allows you to manage applications. Create the DMF application with a name of `dmf` (in lowercase).
2. Grant the DMF application access to any cartridge groups that DMF will use. (This can also be done at a later time.) See step 5 for more information.
3. Grant the DMF application access to any drive groups DMF will use. (This can also be done at a later time.) See step 6 for more information.

4. Add both a privileged and unprivileged application instance for the DMF application. Enter a wildcard ("\*") for the host and application's instance name as shown here:

Enter the name of the Host where an instance of Application "dmf" will run: \*

Enter the Application's instance name or "\*": \*

To prevent the application from being used from unauthorized hosts, enter a security key when prompted.

5. Add DMF as a valid application to appropriate cartridge groups.

The `ov_admin` script allows you to specify the cartridge groups when the DMF application is created or, after creation of the DMF application, you can choose the menu option that allows you to manage cartridge groups.

If for some reason you cannot use the `ov_admin` script, you can enter the command manually, as follows:

```
ov_cartgroup -a tape_group -A dmf
```

6. Add the DMF application as a valid user to appropriate OpenVault drive groups. The OpenVault drive groups that DMF uses must contain only fungible drives. That is, the drives in the OpenVault drive group must have identical characteristics and accessibility, so that any volume that can be mounted and written on one of the drives can also be mounted and read on any of the other drives within the group. Failure to provide identical mounting and accessibility characteristics to all drives in an OpenVault drive group used by an LS might result in tape mount failures.

Choose the appropriate item from the `ov_admin` menu. If for some reason you cannot use the `ov_admin` script, you can enter the command manually, as follows:

```
ov_drivegroup -a drive_group -A dmf
```



## 7. Configure the base object for use with OpenVault:

```

define base
    TYPE          base
    HOME_DIR      /dmf/home
    .
    .
    .
    OV_KEY_FILE   /dmf/home/ovkeys
    OV_SERVER     hostname_ONLY_if_different_from_DMF_server
enddef

```

- a. Configure the `OV_KEY_FILE` parameter name of the key file that holds security information for OpenVault. It is usually located in `HOME_DIR` and called `ovkeys`. When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, this file must be visible to the DMF server and all parallel data mover nodes, therefore it must be in a CXFS filesystem.
  - b. Configure `OV_SERVER` only if the OpenVault server is not running on the same node as the DMF server.
8. Use the `dmov_keyfile (8)` command to create the file defined by the `OV_KEY_FILE` parameter. This command will prompt you for the privileged and unprivileged keys that you defined in step 4.
  9. Configure the LS's `drivegroup` object for use with OpenVault. In the `drivegroup` object, use the following steps:
    - a. Configure the `MOUNT_SERVICE` parameter to be `openvault`.
    - b. Configure the `MOUNT_SERVICE_GROUP` parameter to be the name of the OpenVault drive group, as seen in the output from the `ov_stat -d` command.
    - c. Configure the `OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES` parameter to be a list of interchange mode names that control how data is written to tape. You can use this to control whether the device compresses data as it is written. This parameter is optional.

To specify that you want data compressed, use:

```
OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES    compression
```

To force all tapes to be written as DLT4000, use:

```
OV_INTERCHANGE_MODES      DLT4000
```

This parameter is applied when a tape is first used or rewritten.

10. Make the appropriate cartridges accessible to the allocation groups, VGs, or filesystem backup scripts by assigning the cartridges to the DMF application in OpenVault. Do the following:

- To find out which drives are in each drive group:

```
# ov_dumptable -n -d'|' -c DriveGroupName,DriveName,LibraryName DRIVE
ultrium3grp|drive1|lib1
ultrium3grp|drive2|lib1
ultrium4grp|drive3|lib1
ultrium4grp|drive4|lib1
```

- To find out which cartridge types each drive can mount:

```
# ov_dumptable -n -d'|' -c DriveName,CartridgeTypeName DCPCAPABILITY | sort -u
drive1|Ultrium1-100
drive1|Ultrium2-200
drive1|Ultrium3-400
drive2|Ultrium1-100
drive2|Ultrium2-200
drive2|Ultrium3-400
drive3|Ultrium2-200
drive3|Ultrium3-400
drive3|Ultrium4-800
drive4|Ultrium2-200
drive4|Ultrium3-400
drive4|Ultrium4-800
```

In this example, any Ultrium4-800 cartridges can only be used in the ultrium4grp drive group.

- To find out the possible cartridge groups:

```
# ov_cartgroup -s -A dmf
```

- Do one of the following to make both DMF and OpenVault aware of the cartridges to be mounted:




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**Caution:** All cartridges that DMF mounts via OpenVault must have the correct cartridge type. Failure to correctly specify the cartridge type can result in errors when reading and writing data. Contact your SGI service representative if you have questions about cartridge type specification.

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- If you already have tapes defined in your LS database or in a `DUMP_TAPES` file but OpenVault is not aware of them, and every cartridge in the given LS, VG, or task group is of the same cartridge type, you can tell OpenVault about these tapes by entering one of the following:

```
dmov_makecarts -g cartgroup -t carttype lsname
dmov_makecarts -g cartgroup -t carttype -v vg1,vg2 lsname
dmov_makecarts -g cartgroup -t carttype taskgroupname
```

You can replace any of the references to a VG previously mentioned with an allocation group. If the `-v` parameter is omitted, all VGs and allocation groups in the specified LS will be processed. Tapes will be added to the file controlling the `run_full_dump.sh` and `run_partial_dump.sh` scripts by specifying the name of the task group that refers to them.

- If you have tapes that neither DMF nor OpenVault is aware of, you can import them by cartridge type into OpenVault and add them to DMF by VG, allocation group, or task group by entering one of the following:

```
dmov_loadtapes -l library -g cartgroup -t carttype vgname
dmov_loadtapes -l library -g cartgroup -t carttype agname
dmov_loadtapes -l library -g cartgroup -t carttype taskgroupname
```

This command will invoke a `vi(1)` session. In the `vi(1)` session, delete any cartridges that you do **not** want added to the LS database. All cartridges that are left in the `vi` session file must be of the same cartridge type, the type you specified with the `-t` option. Tapes will be added to the file controlling the `run_full_dump.sh` and `run_partial_dump.sh` scripts by specifying the name of the task group which refers to them.

- If neither of the above cases apply, you can manually configure the cartridges. The following commands can be useful in this effort:

- Use `ov_stat` to list cartridges in a library. For example:

```
ov_stat -s -L library
```

- Use `ov_lscarts` to list information on cartridges known to OpenVault. For example:

```
ov_lscarts -f '.*'
```

- Use `ov_import` and `dmvoladm` to add the unmanaged cartridges to OpenVault and DMF, and use `vi` to edit the task group in the file specified by the `DUMP_TAPES` parameter in the `taskgroup` stanza in the `dmf.conf` file.

## TMF and LS Drive Groups

Use one of the following `dmvoladm(8)` commands to add tapes to the LS database:

```
dmvoladm -l lsname -c 'create vsn001-vsn010 vg vgname'
```

```
dmvoladm -l lsname -c 'create vsn001-vsn010 vg agname'
```

An allocation group is specified by the `vg` option, just like a VG.

There is no special procedure to inform TMF of a tape's existence. TMF assumes that every tape it deals with is in the library or can be provided by an operator, as needed.

## LS Tasks

You can configure parameters for how the LS daemon performs the following maintenance tasks:

- Merging sparse tapes with the `run_tape_merge.sh` task and the `THRESHOLD`, `VOLUME_LIMIT`, and `DATA_LIMIT` parameters
- Stopping volume merges at a specified time with the `run_merge_stop.sh` task

Table 7-1 on page 168 provides a summary of automated maintenance tasks.

For each of these tasks, you can configure when the task is run. For merging sparse tapes, you must provide more information such as what determines that a tape is sparse and how many tapes can be merged at one time.

**Note:** The `run_remove_journals.sh` and `run_remove_logs.sh` tasks are configured as part of the `taskgroup` object for daemon tasks, but these tasks also clear the MSP/LS logs and journals. These tasks are described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

The `run_daily_drive_report.sh`, `run_daily_tsreport.sh`, and `run_daily_report.sh` tasks should be configured as part of the `taskgroup` object for `dmdaemon` tasks. This is because there could be multiple LSs for which `run_daily_drive_report.sh` and `run_daily_tsreport.sh` create reports, and `run_daily_report.sh` reports on other things besides LS information (such as information about the DMF-managed filesystems).

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The following example explains how to define a `taskgroup` object for LS tasks named `libraryserver_tasks`. (You can change `libraryserver_tasks` to be any name you like.) The example assumes that the LS using this task has only one VG. For information about volume merging when an LS has multiple VGs, see step 3 of Procedure 7-5, page 234.

Do not change the pathnames or task names.

You may comment-out the `RUN_TASK` parameters for any tasks you do not want to run.

**Example 7-17** `taskgroup` Object for LS Tasks

```
define libraryserver_tasks
  TYPE          taskgroup
  RUN_TASK      $ADMINDIR/run_tape_merge.sh on \
                monday wednesday friday at 2:00
  THRESHOLD     50
  # VOLUME_LIMIT 20
  # DATA_LIMIT  5g
  RUN_TASK      $ADMINDIR/run_merge_stop.sh at 5:00
```

**Procedure 7-5** Configuring a taskgroup Object

1. Define the object to have the same name that you provided for the `TASK_GROUPS` parameter of the `libraryserver` object. In the example, it is named `libraryserver_tasks`.
2. Ensure that `TYPE` is set to `taskgroup`. There is no default.
3. Configure the `RUN_TASK` parameters. DMF substitutes `$ADMINDIR` in the path with the `/usr/lib/dmf` directory. When the task is run, it is given the name of the object that requested the task as the first parameter and the name of the task group (in this case `mzp_tasks`) as the second parameter. The task itself may use the `dmconfig(8)` command to obtain further parameters from either of these objects.

The `RUN_TASK` parameters require that you provide a *time\_expression*. See the parameter description in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

The following steps specify the information you must provide for the tasks to run correctly:

- a. The `run_tape_merge.sh` task merges sparse tapes. Specify the criteria that DMF uses to determine that a tape is sparse, as follows:
  - Use the `THRESHOLD` parameter to set an integer percentage of active data on a tape. DMF will consider a tape to be sparse when it has less than this percentage of data that is still active.
  - Use the `VOLUME_LIMIT` parameter to set the maximum number of tape volumes that can be selected for merging at one time. In the example, this is commented out, so there is no maximum limit.
  - Use the `DATA_LIMIT` parameter to set the maximum amount of data (in bytes) that should be selected for merging at one time. In the example, this is commented out, so there is no maximum limit.

For the LSs, you can configure volume merging as part of the `libraryserver` object's `TASK_GROUPS` parameter or as part of a `RUN_TASK` parameter in the VG object. If it is configured as part of the `libraryserver` object's `TASK_GROUPS` parameter, volumes from any of the VGs in that LS may be marked as sparse. This can lead to drive scheduling and cache usage conflicts. To avoid this problem, configure volume merging as part of the `volumegroup` object and ensure there is no overlap in the times that the various merge tasks run.

As this might become cumbersome when there are large numbers of VGs configured, an alternative has been provided to `run_tape_merge.sh`, called `run_merge_mgr.sh`. This script establishes the needs of the VGs for more tapes, using their `MIN_VOLUMES` parameters as a guide to expected requirements. The script processes the most urgent requests first, minimizing interference with the production workload. To use this script, perform the following steps:

- i. Define a `taskgroup` object, which is referred to by the `drivegroup` object (not the `volumegroup` or `libraryserver` object).
  - ii. Specify a `RUN_TASK` parameter for `run_merge_mgr.sh` in the `taskgroup` object and (optionally) another for `run_merge_stop.sh`. You can also specify `MESSAGE_LEVEL`, `THRESHOLD`, `VOLUME_LIMIT`, and `DATA_LIMIT` parameters.
  - iii. Ensure that the `libraryserver` object that refers to this drive group has a `resourcewatcher` object defined via the `WATCHER` parameter.
  - iv. For each `volumegroup` object, confirm that the value of its `MIN_VOLUMES` parameter is realistic.
- b. Use the `run_merge_stop.sh` task to shut down volume merging at a time you specify by using a *time expression*. This task is an alternative to using the `VOLUME_LIMIT` and `DATA_LIMIT` parameters to stop merging at specified points. In the example, the limit parameters are commented out because `run_merge_stop.sh` is used to control volume merging.

## LS Database Records

After you have added the LS information to the configuration file, use the `dmvoladm(8)` command with the `-m` option to create any missing directories with the proper labels and to create volume (VOL) and catalog (CAT) records in the LS database.

You can follow the steps in Procedure 7-6 for each LSs you have defined.



**Caution:** Each LS must have a unique set of volume serial numbers.

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**Procedure 7-6** Creating LS Database Records

The following procedure is shown as an example that assumes you have an LS called `ls1`. This LS contains a VG named `vg_pri`.

1. Enter the following command and it will respond as shown:

```
% dmvoladm -m ls1
dmvoladm: at rdm_open - created database libsrv_db
adm: 1>
```

The response is an informational message indicating that `dmvoladm` could not open an existing LS database, so it is creating a new and empty one. You should get this message the first time you use `dmvoladm` for an LS, but never again. The next line (`adm:1>`) is the prompt for `dmvoladm` directives.

2. Assume that you will use 200 tapes with standard labels `VA0001` through `VA0200`. After the prompt, enter the following directive:

```
adm:1> create VA0001-VA0200 vg vg_pri
```

---

**Note:** You are specifying the VG `vg_pri` for the tapes being added. It is also valid to specify an allocation group name instead of a VG name.

---

After entering this directive, you will receive 200 messages, one for each entry created, beginning with the following:

```
VSN VA0001 created.
VSN VA0002 created.
```

3. List all of the tape VSNs in the newly created library:

```
adm:2> list all
```

4. Complete setting up the LS:

```
adm:3> quit
```



## MSP Objects

This section discusses the following:

- "FTP `msp` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `msp` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `msp` Object" on page 246

### FTP `msp` Object

To enable a file transfer protocol (FTP) MSP, include a name for it on the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter in the `dmdaemon` object and define an `msp` object for it in the DMF configuration file.

DMF has the capability to use an FTP MSP to convert a non-DMF fileserver to DMF with a minimal amount of down time for the switch over, and at a site-determined pace. Contact your customer service representative for information about technical assistance with fileserver conversion.

An FTP `msp` object has the following parameters (see also Procedure 7-8, page 245):

Parameter	Description
<code>TYPE</code>	<code>m<sub>sp</sub></code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
<code>CHILD_MAXIMUM</code>	Specifies the maximum number of child processes the MSP is allowed to fork. The default is 4; the maximum is 100.
<code>COMMAND</code>	Specifies the binary file to execute in order to initiate this MSP. For the FTP MSP, this value must be <code>dmftpmsp</code> .
<code>FTP_ACCOUNT</code>	Specifies the account ID to use when migrating files to the remote system.
<code>FTP_COMMAND</code>	Specifies additional commands to send to the remote system. There may be more than one instance of this parameter.
<code>FTP_DIRECTORY</code>	Specifies the directory to use on the remote system.

FTP_HOST	Specifies the Internet hostname of the remote machine on which files are to be stored.
FTP_PASSWORD	Specifies the file containing the password to use when migrating files to the remote system. This file must be owned by <code>root</code> and be only accessible by <code>root</code> .
FTP_PORT	Specifies the port number of the FTP server on the remote system. The default value is the value configured for <code>ftp</code> in the <code>services</code> file.
FTP_USER	Specifies the user name to use when migrating files to the remote system.
GUARANTEED_DELETES	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests. If <code>CHILD_MAXIMUM</code> is nonzero, its value must be greater than the sum of <code>GUARANTEED_DELETES</code> and <code>GUARANTEED_GETS</code> . The default is 1.
GUARANTEED_GETS	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing <code>dmget(1)</code> requests. If <code>CHILD_MAXIMUM</code> is nonzero, its value must be greater than the sum of <code>GUARANTEED_DELETES</code> and <code>GUARANTEED_GETS</code> . The default is 1.
IMPORT_DELETE	<p>Specifies if the MSP should honor hard-delete requests from the DMF daemon. This parameter may be set to <code>OFF</code>, <code>ON</code>, <code>NO</code> or <code>YES</code>. The default is <code>OFF</code>.</p> <p>This parameter applies only if <code>IMPORT_ONLY</code> is set to <code>on</code>. Set <code>IMPORT_DELETE</code> to <code>on</code> if you wish files to be deleted on the destination system when hard deletes are processed.</p>
IMPORT_ONLY	<p>Specifies that the MSP is used for importing only. Set this parameter <code>ON</code> when the data is stored as a bit-for-bit copy of the file and needs to be available to DMF as part of a conversion. The MSP will not accept <code>dmpu(1)</code> requests when this parameter is enabled. The MSP will, by default, ignore hard-delete requests when this parameter is enabled.</p> <p>When the DMF daemon recalls a file from an <code>IMPORT_ONLY</code> MSP, it makes the file a regular file</p>

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	rather than a dual-state file, and it soft-deletes the MSP's copy of the file.
MESSAGE_LEVEL	Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the MSP log. It must be an integer in the range 0—6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.
MVS_UNIT	Defines the storage device type on an MVS system. This must be specified when the destination is an MVS system. Valid values are 3330, 3350, 3380, and 3390.
NAME_FORMAT	<p>Specifies the strings that form a template to create names for files stored on remote machines in the <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i>. For a list of possible strings, see Table 7-2.</p> <p>The default is %u/%b (<i>username/bfid</i>). This default works well if the remote machine runs an operating system based on UNIX. The default may not work at all if the remote machine runs an operating system that is not based on UNIX or if a given user has a large number of files. The date- and time-related strings allow sites with very large numbers of files to spread them over a large number of directories, in order to minimize subsequent access times.</p> <p>Using the %b specification will guarantee a unique filename.</p> <p>The <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> must include %b or %2, %3, %4 in some combination.</p> <p>The default size allotted to the <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> value in the daemon database base record is 34 bytes. This is large enough to accommodate the default for <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> if the user name is 8 or fewer characters (the %b value is always 24 characters). If you choose a set of strings that will evaluate to a field that is larger than 34 bytes, you may want to consider increasing the size of this record; see "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83.</p>

TASK_GROUPS	Names the task groups that contain tasks the MSP should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default.
WRITE_CHECKSUM	Specifies that the DMF MSP's copy of the file should be checksummed before writing. If the file has been checksummed, it is verified when read. The default is on.

The MSP checks the DMF configuration file just before it starts child processes. If the DMF configuration file changed, it is reread.

If `CHILD_MAXIMUM` is nonzero, its value must be greater than the sum of `GUARANTEED_DELETES` and `GUARANTEED_GETS`.

The parameters `COMMAND`, `FTP_HOST`, `FTP_USER`, `FTP_PASSWORD`, and `FTP_DIRECTORY` must be present.

The `MVS_UNIT` parameter affects only IBM machines; they are further described in the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.

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**Note:** The MSP will not operate if the `FTP_PASSWORD` file is readable by anyone other than `root`.

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**Table 7-2** NAME\_FORMAT Strings

String	Evaluates To
%1	First 32 bits of the bit-file identifier (BFID) in lowercase hexadecimal. This is always 8 pad characters (00000000).
%2	Second 32 bits of the BFID in lowercase hexadecimal.
%3	Third 32 bits of the BFID in lowercase hexadecimal.
%4	Fourth 32 bits of the BFID in lowercase hexadecimal.
%b	BFID in hexadecimal (least-significant 24 characters). This does not contain the 8 pad characters found in the 8 most-significant characters of the full BFID.
%u	User name of the file owner.
%U	User ID of the file owner.

String	Evaluates To
<code>%g</code>	Group name of the file.
<code>%G</code>	Group ID of the file.
<code>%%</code>	Literal <code>%</code> character.
<code>%d</code>	Current day of month (2 characters).
<code>%H</code>	Current hour (2 characters).
<code>%m</code>	Current month (2 digits).
<code>%M</code>	Current minute (2 digits).
<code>%S</code>	Current second (2 digits).
<code>%y</code>	Last 2 digits of the current year (such as 03 for 2003).

The following example defines an FTP MSP.

**Example 7-18** `msp` Object for an FTP MSP

```
define ftp
    TYPE                msp
    COMMAND              dmftpsp
    FTP_HOST             fileserver
    FTP_USER             dmf
    FTP_ACCOUNT          dmf.disk
    FTP_PASSWORD         /dmf/ftp/password
    FTP_DIRECTORY        ftpmsp
    FTP_COMMAND          umask 022
endif
```

**Procedure 7-7** Configuring an `ftp` Object

The following steps explain pertinent information for configuring an `ftp` object that uses a `NAME_FORMAT` of `%u/%b`:

1. Ensure that `define` has a value that you set previously in the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object. There is no default.
2. Set `TYPE` to `msp`.
3. Set `COMMAND` to `dmftpsp`.

4. Set `FTP_USER` to the user name to use on the remote FTP server during session initialization.
5. Set `FTP_HOST` to `fileserv`.
6. Set the `FTP_ACCOUNT` parameter (if necessary) to the account to use on the remote FTP server during session initialization. Most FTP servers do not need account information. When account information is required, its nature and format will be dictated by the remote machine and will vary from operating system to operating system. There is no default.
7. Set the `FTP_PASSWORD` parameter to the name of the file containing the password to be used on the remote FTP server during session initialization. This file must be owned by `root` and only be accessible by `root`. In the example, the password for the user `dmf` on `fileserv` is stored in the file `/dmf/ftp/password`. There is no default.
8. Set the `FTP_DIRECTORY` parameter to the directory into which files will be placed on the remote FTP server. There is no default.
9. If necessary, specify commands to the remote machine's FTP daemon. In the example, the `umask` for files created is set to `022` (removes write permission for group and other). There is no default.

## Disk `msp` Object

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**Note:** The parameters differ for a disk cache manager (DCM), which is a disk MSP configured for *n*-tier capability. See "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `msp` Object" on page 246.

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To enable a disk MSP, include a name for it on the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter in the `dmdaemon` object and define an `msp` object for it in the DMF configuration file.

As with the FTP MSP, you can use a disk MSP to convert a non-DMF fileserv to DMF with a minimal amount of down time for the switch over, and at a site-determined pace. Contact your customer service representative for information about technical assistance with fileserv conversion.

A disk `msp` object has the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
TYPE	m <sub>sp</sub> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.
CHILD_MAXIMUM	Specifies the maximum number of child processes the MSP is allowed to fork. The legal range is 0—100, the default is 4.
COMMAND	Specifies the binary file to execute in order to initiate this MSP. For the disk MSP, this value must be <code>dmdskmsp</code> .
DSK_BUFSIZE	Specifies the transfer size in bytes used when reading from and writing to files within the disk MSP's <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> . The value must be in the range 4096—16000000 (16 million). The default is 131072 when writing and 1000000 when reading.
FADV_SIZE_MSP	Specifies the size of files in the MSP's <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> for which <code>posix_fadvise()</code> will be called with advice <code>POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED</code> . If the file is larger than <code>FADV_SIZE_MSP</code> bytes, the call is made following migration to the MSP or following recall of the entire file. The minimum value is 0, which means that <code>posix_fadvise()</code> will always be called, and the maximum value is 9223372036854775807. The default is 10000000.
GUARANTEED_DELETES	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests. The default is 1.
GUARANTEED_GETS	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing <code>dmget(1)</code> requests. The default is 1.
IMPORT_DELETE	Applies only if <code>IMPORT_ONLY</code> is set to <code>on</code> . Set <code>IMPORT_DELETE</code> to <code>on</code> if you wish files to be deleted in <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> when hard deletes are processed.
IMPORT_ONLY	Specifies the MSP is used for importing only. Set this parameter <code>on</code> when the data is stored as a bit-for-bit copy of the file and needs to be available to DMF as part of a conversion. The MSP will not accept <code>dmpout(1)</code> requests when this parameter is enabled. By default,

	the MSP will ignore hard delete requests when this parameter is enabled.
MESSAGE_LEVEL	Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the MSP log. It must be an integer in the range 0—6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.
NAME_FORMAT	<p>Specifies the strings that form a template to create names for files stored on remote machines in the <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i>. For a list of possible strings, see Table 7-2 on page 240.</p> <p>The default is %u/%b (<i>username/bfid</i>). This default works well if the remote machine runs an operating system based on UNIX. The default may not work at all if the remote machine runs an operating system that is not based on UNIX or if a given user has a large number of files. The date- and time-related strings allow sites with very large numbers of files to spread them over a large number of directories, in order to minimize subsequent access times.</p> <p>Using the %b specification will guarantee a unique filename.</p> <p>The <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> must include %b or %2, %3, %4 in some combination.</p> <p>The default size allotted to the <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> value in the daemon database base record is 34 bytes. This is large enough to accommodate the default for <i>NAME_FORMAT</i> if the user name is 8 or fewer characters (the %b value is always 24 characters). If you choose a set of strings that will evaluate to a field that is larger than 34 bytes, you may want to consider increasing the size of this record; see "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83.</p>
STORE_DIRECTORY	Specifies the directory used to hold files for disk MSPs. In order to avoid data corruption in the event of a system crash, the mount point of this directory must be



mounted with the `dirsync` option. See the `mount(8)` man page for a description of how to set the `dirsync` option.

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**Note:** In the calculation used when measuring an MSP's actual amount of data stored versus the amount allowed to be stored by the DMF license, if the `STORE_DIRECTORY` parameter defined for that MSP does not define the root directory of a filesystem, or if other subdirectories of that filesystem are used by other users or processes to store data, the amount of stored capacity being charged to that MSP may exceed the actual amount of data being managed by that MSP. See the `dmusage(8)` man page and "Determining DMF Capacity" on page 47.

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TASK_GROUPS	Names the task groups that contain tasks the MSP should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default.
WRITE_CHECKSUM	Specifies that the DMF MSP's copy of the file should be checksummed before writing. If the file has been checksummed, it is verified when read. The default is on.

The following example describes setting up a disk `msp` object:

**Example 7-19** `msp` Object for a Disk MSP

```
define dsk
    TYPE                msp
    COMMAND              dmdskmsp
    CHILD_MAXIMUM        8
    GUARANTEED_DELETES  3
    GUARANTEED_GETS     3
    STORE_DIRECTORY      /remote/dir
enddef
```

**Procedure 7-8** Configuring a Disk `msp` Object

The following steps explain pertinent information for configuring a disk `msp` object named `dsk`:

1. Ensure that `define` has a value that you set previously in the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter of the `dmdaemon` object.
2. Set `TYPE` to `mSP`.
3. Set `COMMAND` to `dmdskmsp`.
4. Set the `CHILD_MAXIMUM` parameter to the maximum number of child processes you want this MSP to be able to fork. The default is 4. The example allows 8.
5. Set the `GUARANTEED_DELETES` parameter to the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests. The default is 1. The example allows 3.
6. Set the `GUARANTEED_GETS` parameter to the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing `dmget` requests. The default is 1. The example allows 3.
7. Set the `STORE_DIRECTORY` parameter to the directory where files will be stored. This parameter is required; there is no default.

### Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object

A disk cache manager (DCM) is a disk MSP that is configured for *n*-tier capability. To enable a DCM, include a name for it on the `MSP_NAMES` or `LS_NAMES` parameter in the `dmdaemon` object and define an `mSP` object for it in the DMF configuration file.

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**Note:** The parameters differ for a disk MSP that is not a DCM. See "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242.

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As with the FTP MSP, you can use a DCM to convert a non-DMF fileserver to DMF with a minimal amount of down time for the switch over, and at a site-determined pace. Contact your customer service representative for information about technical assistance with fileserver conversion.

A DCM `mSP` object has the following parameters:

Parameter	Description
<code>TYPE</code>	<code>mSP</code> (required name for this type of object). There is no default.

BUFFERED_IO_SIZE	Specifies the size of I/O requests for buffered I/O when migrating files downward in the hierarchy from <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> of this DCM. The legal range of values is 4096—16777216. The default is 262144.
CHILD_MAXIMUM	Specifies the maximum number of child processes that the DCM is allowed to fork. The legal range is 0—100, the default is 4.
COMMAND	Specifies the binary file to execute in order to initiate this MSP. For the DCM, this value must be <code>dmdskmsp</code> .
DIRECT_IO_SIZE	Specifies the size of I/O requests for direct I/O when migrating files downward in the hierarchy from the <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> of this DCM. The legal range of values is 65536 through 18446744073709551615. The default depends on the filesystem, but will not exceed the value of <code>DIRECT_IO_MAXIMUM_SIZE</code> defined in the base object.  For more information about direct I/O, see <code>O_DIRECT</code> in the <code>open(2)</code> man page.
DSK_BUF_SIZE	Specifies the transfer size in bytes used when reading from and writing to files within the DCM <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> . The value must be in the range 4096—16000000 (16 million). The default is 131072 when writing and 1000000 when reading.
FADV_SIZE_MSP	Specifies the size of files in the MSP's <i>STORE_DIRECTORY</i> for which <code>posix_fadvise()</code> will be called with advice <code>POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED</code> . If the file is larger than <code>FADV_SIZE_MSP</code> bytes, the call is made following migration to the MSP or following recall of the entire file. The minimum value is 0, which means that <code>posix_fadvise()</code> will always be called, and the maximum value is 9223372036854775807. The default is 10000000.
GUARANTEED_DELETES	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests. The default is 1.

GUARANTEED_GETS	Specifies the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing <code>dmget(1)</code> requests. The default is 1.
MESSAGE_LEVEL	Specifies the highest message level number that will be written to the MSP log. It must be an integer in the range 0—6; the higher the number, the more messages written to the log file. The default is 2. For more information on message levels, see Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269.
MIGRATION_LEVEL	Specifies the level of migration service for the DCM, as in <code>filesystem</code> objects. Valid values are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• none (no flushing to a lower VG)</li><li>• user (only requests from <code>dmmigrate</code> or a manually invoked <code>dmdskfree</code>)</li><li>• auto (automated space management)</li></ul> The default is <code>auto</code> .
MIN_DIRECT_SIZE	Determines whether direct or buffered I/O is used when migrating files downward in the hierarchy from the <code>STORE_DIRECTORY</code> of this DCM. If the number of bytes to be read is smaller than the value specified, buffered I/O is used, otherwise direct I/O is used. The legal range of values is 0 (direct I/O is always used) through 18446744073709551615 (direct I/O is never used). The default is 0. <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> For real-time filesystems, this parameter is ignored.</p> <hr/> <p>For more information about direct I/O, see <code>O_DIRECT</code> in the <code>open(2)</code> man page.</p>
NAME_FORMAT	Specifies the strings that form a template to create names for files stored on remote machines in the <code>STORE_DIRECTORY</code> . For a list of possible strings, see Table 7-2 on page 240.

The default is `%u/%b` (*username/bfid*). This default works well if the remote machine runs an operating system based on UNIX. The default may not work at all if the remote machine runs an operating system that is not based on UNIX or if a given user has a large number of files. The date- and time-related strings allow sites with very large numbers of files to spread them over a large number of directories, in order to minimize subsequent access times.

Using the `%b` specification will guarantee a unique filename.

The `NAME_FORMAT` must include `%b` or `%2`, `%3`, `%4` in some combination.

The default size allotted to the `NAME_FORMAT` value in the daemon database base record is 34 bytes. This is large enough to accommodate the default for `NAME_FORMAT` if the user name is 8 or fewer characters (the `%b` value is always 24 characters). If you choose a set of strings that will evaluate to a field that is larger than 34 bytes, you may want to consider increasing the size of this record; see "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83.

#### POLICIES

Specifies the names of the configuration objects defining policies for this filesystem. The configuration stanza must contain at least one `POLICIES` parameter and the configuration stanza for that parameter must contain a `SELECT_LOWER_VG` parameter.

#### PRIORITY\_PERIOD

Specifies the number of minutes after which a migrating file gets special treatment.

Normally, if there is insufficient room in the `STORE_DIRECTORY` for a file, the DCM will attempt to make room, while continuing to store files that will fit. If a file has not been stored into the `STORE_DIRECTORY` within `PRIORITY_PERIOD`, however, the DCM will stop trying to store other files until either sufficient room has been made or it has determined that room cannot be made. This behavior

	<p>may change in the future. The legal range of values is 1—2000000; the default is 120 minutes (2 hours).</p>
STORE_DIRECTORY	<p>Specifies the directory used to hold files for DCMs, which must be the mount point of a dedicated XFS or CXFS filesystem mounted with DMAPi enabled. In order to avoid data corruption in the event of a system crash, this directory must be mounted with the <code>dirsync</code> option. See the <code>mount(8)</code> man page for a description of how to set the <code>dirsync</code> option.</p> <p>In addition, when using the Parallel Data Mover Option, the directory must be a CXFS filesystem. See "Filesystem Mount Options" on page 81 for instructions.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> In the calculation used when measuring a DCM's actual amount of data stored versus the amount allowed to be stored by the DMF license, if the <code>STORE_DIRECTORY</code> parameter defined for that DCM does not define the root directory of a filesystem, or if other subdirectories of that filesystem are used by other users or processes to store data, the amount of stored capacity being charged to that DCM may exceed the actual amount of data being managed by that DCM. See the <code>dmusage(8)</code> command and "Determining DMF Capacity" on page 47</p> <hr/>
TASK_GROUPS	<p>Names the task groups that contain tasks the DCM should run. They are configured as <code>taskgroup</code> objects. There is no default.</p>
WRITE_CHECKSUM	<p>Specifies that the DCM's copy of the file should be checksummed before writing. If the file has been checksummed, it is verified when read. The default is on.</p>

To work with the DCM, the `mSP` object requires the following:

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**Note:** A DCM also requires a task group that runs the `run_dcm_admin.sh` script during off-peak hours to perform routine maintenance for the DCM.

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The default size allotted to the `NAME_FORMAT` value in the daemon database base record is 34 bytes. This is large enough to accommodate the default for `NAME_FORMAT` if the user name is 8 or fewer characters (the `%b` value is always 24 characters). If you choose a set of strings that will evaluate to a field that is larger than 34 bytes, you may want to consider increasing the size of this record; see "Daemon Database Record Length" on page 83.

When using a DCM, `dmdskmsp` will no longer fail if the `STORE_DIRECTORY` is full. Instead, it will queue the requests and wait to fulfill them until after `dmdskfree` has freed the required space.

Following is a sample of the configuration stanzas with some explanatory notes below. Many of these parameters have defaults and can be omitted if they are appropriate.

**Example 7-20** Configuration Stanzas Associated with a DCM

```
define daemon
    TYPE                dmdaemon
    LS_NAMES             dcm_msp ls                # [See note 1]
    ...                 # [See note 2]
endef

define msp_policy
    TYPE                policy
    SELECT_MSP          dcm_msp copy2 when space > 4096 # [See note 3]
    ...                 # [See note 2]
endef

define dcm_msp
    TYPE                msp
    COMMAND             dmdskmsp
    STORE_DIRECTORY     /dcm_cache                # [See note 4]
    CHILD_MAXIMUM       10                       # [See note 5]
    POLICIES            dcm_policy
    TASK_GROUPS         dcm_tasks
endef

define dcm_policy
    TYPE                policy                    # [See note 6]

    FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM  10
    FREE_SPACE_TARGET   70
```

```
DUALRESIDENCE_TARGET    90
FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT    1
FREE_DUALRESIDENT_FIRST on

CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT        1      .1
CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT      1      .1

SELECT_LOWER_VG         none when uid = 0
SELECT_LOWER_VG         vg1 when space > 1G
SELECT_LOWER_VG         vg2

endif

define dcm_tasks
TYPE                taskgroup
RUN_TASK            $ADMINDIR/run_dcm_admin.sh at 22:00:10
endif
```

Notes referred to in the preceding example:

1. The DCM must be specified before the LSs that contain its lower VGs. (Otherwise, all recalls will attempt to come directly from tape.)
2. Other parameters essential to the use of this stanza but not relevant to the DCM have been omitted.
3. The DCM and its lower VGs should be considered to act as a single high-speed VG logically maintaining only one copy of a migrated file. You should always have a second copy of all migrated files, which is the purpose of `copy2` in this example. It would probably be a tape VG, but could be any type of MSP other than a DCM.

The copy that resides in the DCM *STORE\_DIRECTORY* is not to be considered a permanent copy of the file in terms of the safety of the file's data. It can be deleted at any time, though never before a copy of it exists in one of the *SELECT\_LOWER\_VG* VGs.

4. The mount point of a **dedicated** DMAPI-mounted filesystem.
5. Any other parameters applicable to a disk MSP may also be used, with the exception of `IMPORT_ONLY` and `IMPORT_DELETE`.
6. Several parameters in DCM policies have functions that are analogous to those in disk MSP policies; see "Rules for `policy` Parameters" on page 188 and "User Filesystem `policy` Parameters" on page 189.



## Summary of the Configuration File Parameters

Table 7-3 alphabetically lists the DMF configuration file parameters discussed in this chapter.

**Note:** For the complete list of parameters, see the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.

**Table 7-3** DMF Configuration File Parameters

Parameter	Section Discussed In
ADMIN_EMAIL	"base Object" on page 148
AGE_WEIGHT	"File Weighting Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 191
ALGORITHM	"resourcescheduler Object" on page 222
ALLOCATION_GROUP	"volumeobject Object" on page 217
ALLOCATION_MAXIMUM	"volumeobject Object" on page 217
ALLOCATION_MINIMUM	"volumeobject Object" on page 217
BANDWIDTH_MULTIPLIER	"drivegroup Object" on page 210
BLOCK_SIZE	"drivegroup Object" on page 210
BUFFERED_IO_SIZE	"filesystem Object" on page 182 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT	"File Weighting Parameters for a DCM STORE_DIRECTORY" on page 195
CACHE_DIR	"libraryserver Object" on page 208
CACHE_SPACE	"libraryserver Object" on page 208
CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT	"File Weighting Parameters for a DCM STORE_DIRECTORY" on page 195
CHILD_MAXIMUM	"FTP msp Object" on page 237 "Disk msp Object" on page 242 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246

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Parameter	Section Discussed In
COMMAND	"libraryserver Object" on page 208 "FTP msp Object" on page 237 "Disk msp Object" on page 242 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
DATABASE_COPIES	"taskgroup Object" on page 166
DATA_LIMIT	"LS Tasks" on page 232
DIRECT_IO_MAXIMUM_SIZE	"base Object" on page 148
DIRECT_IO_SIZE	"filesystem Object" on page 182 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
DISCONNECT_TIMEOUT	"libraryserver Object" on page 208
DRIVE_GROUPS	"libraryserver Object" on page 208
DRIVE_MAXIMUM	"drivegroup Object" on page 210 "volumegroup Object" on page 217
DRIVE_SCHEDULER	"drivegroup Object" on page 210 "volumegroup Object" on page 217
DRIVES_TO_DOWN	"drivegroup Object" on page 210
DSK_BUFSIZE	"Disk msp Object" on page 242 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
DUALRESIDENCE_TARGET	"Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM STORE_DIRECTORY" on page 194 "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
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**Note:** The `run_tape_merge.sh` and `run_merge_stop.sh` tasks and their associated parameters can be specified in the `volumegroup` object.

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## Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration Procedure" on page 263
- "Determining the State of Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 266
- "Disabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 266
- "Reenabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 267

### Parallel Data Mover Option Configuration Procedure

If you are running DMF with the Parallel Data Mover Option, do the following:

#### **Procedure 8-1** Configuring DMF for the Parallel Data Mover Option

1. Configure the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`) on the DMF server according to the instructions in "Configuration Objects Overview" on page 145. Ensure that a `node` object is defined in `dmf.conf` for the parallel data mover node that is being added.
2. Copy the `dmf.conf` file from the DMF server to the DMF parallel data mover node.

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**Note:** Do not edit the `dmf.conf` file on the parallel data mover node.

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3. Install the **SGI DMF Parallel Data Mover** YaST pattern on the parallel data mover node. See the *SGI InfiniteStorage Software Platform* release note for more information.
4. Configure CXFS according to the instructions in the *CXFS 6 Administration Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*.
5. Include the DMF parallel data mover node as a CXFS client, such as by creating a `cxfs_admin autoconf` rule. For more information, see the `cxfs_admin` chapter's information about the `autoconf` command in the CXFS administration guide and the `cxfs_admin(8)` man page.

For example, for two parallel data mover nodes named `pdm1` and `pdm2` in a CXFS cluster named `mycluster`:

```
# cxfadmin -c "create autoconf rule_name=pdm1rule policy=allowed \  
hostname=pdm1 enable_node=true" -i mycluster  
# cxfadmin -c "create autoconf rule_name=pdm2rule policy=allowed \  
hostname=pdm2 enable_node=true" -i mycluster
```

After you have finished creating or modifying all of the desired `autoconf` rules, you must unlock all `cxfadmin` sessions in order for nodes to be automatically configured. (The automatic configuration process must have access to the `cxfadmin` lock.)

If a node you refer to in an `autoconf` rule has previously been part of the CXFS cluster, or if the node fails to join the CXFS membership, you must reboot the node.

6. Ensure the following:

- The file containing the OpenVault security keys used by DMF must be visible to the DMF server and all parallel data mover nodes. The `OV_KEY_FILE` parameter in `dmf.conf` specifies the name and path of this file. See "base Object" on page 148.
- The CXFS filesystems defined by the following DMF parameters are configured to be mounted only on the primary DMF server, the passive DMF server (if applicable), and each parallel data mover node:

```
CACHE_DIR  
MOVE_FS  
TMP_DIR  
SPOOL_DIR  
STORE_DIRECTORY (for a disk cache manager, DCM)
```

For example, if the filesystem to be mounted on the directory specified by `CACHE_DIR` is on the `/dev/cxvm/fscache` device, you could specify the following `cxfadmin` commands to restrict it to the CXFS potential metadata server nodes on which the DMF server can run (say `server1` and `server2`) and the parallel data mover nodes (say `pdm1` and `pdm2`):

```
# cxfadmin -c "create filesystem name=fscache mount_new_nodes=false \  
nodes=server1,server2,pdm1,pdm2" -i mycluster
```

For more information, see the `cxfs_admin` chapter's information about the mount command in the CXFS administration guide.

7. Ensure that DMF-managed user filesystems are CXFS filesystems and that they are mounted on the DMF server and all of the parallel data mover nodes. They may also be mounted on CXFS client-only nodes.
8. On the DMF server, use `ov_admin` to allow the parallel data mover node to be a DCP-enabled OpenVault client machine. Do the following:
  - a. From the main menu in `ov_admin`, enter 23 to select `Manage OpenVault Client Machines`.
  - b. Enter 1 to select `Activate an OpenVault Client Machine` and follow the prompts. Be sure to answer `yes` when asked if the machine will run DCPs.

For more information about `ov_admin`, see the *OpenVault Operator's and Administrator's Guide*.

9. On the parallel data mover node, use `ov_admin` to configure DCPs for those tape drives that it should operate.
10. If not already done, give the parallel data mover permission to use the DMF application in OpenVault by setting up the application instances as described in step 4 of Procedure 7-4, page 227.
11. Verify the DMF configuration by using the `dmmaint` tool on the DMF server and clicking the **Inspect** button, or use the `dmcheck(8)` script on the DMF server.

If there are errors, fix them by clicking the **Configure** button to edit the configuration file. Repeat these steps until there are no errors.

12. Start the DMF mover service on the parallel data mover node:

```
pdmn# service dmf_mover start
```

After initial configuration, changes to `dmf.conf` will normally be propagated to parallel data mover nodes automatically while the DMF services are running. Certain changes, such as changing the `SERVER_NAME` or `SERVICES_PORT` of the DMF server, will require `dmf.conf` to manually be copied to the parallel data mover nodes followed by a restart of the DMF services on those nodes.

## Determining the State of Parallel Data Mover Nodes

To determine the status of a parallel data mover node, use the following command as root:

```
# dmnode_admin -l
```

For example, showing the state for parallel data mover nodes jar and zin:

```
# dmnode_admin -l
Node Name  State      Enabled  Active Since      Dropouts
jar        Inactive  Yes      -                  0
zin        Active    Yes      2008-Nov-26,12:45:48 0
```

The node state can be one of the following:

Active	The node is connected to the dmnode_service on the DMF server and is eligible to run data mover processes.
Inactive	The node is not connected to the dmnode_service.
Disabled	The node is connected to the dmnode_service but has been disabled using dmnode_admin. See "Disabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 266.

The Dropouts field specifies the number of times that the node has transitioned from Active to Inactive. This count is reset when dmnode\_service is restarted.

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**Note:** If the dmnode\_service is not running, the dmnode\_admin command will not function. To restart dmnode\_service, enter the following:

```
# service dmf start
```

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## Disabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes

To disable parallel data mover nodes in order to perform maintenance on the system or to diagnose a problem, enter the following:

```
# dmnode_admin -d nodename ...
```

The node will remain disabled across DMF restarts.

The disabled node is no longer eligible to start new data mover processes.

Existing data mover processes on the disabled node will be told to exit after the library server notices this change, which may take up to 2 minutes. The existing data mover processes may exit in the middle of recalling or migrating a file; this work will be reassigned to other data mover processes. Stopping data mover processes with the following command has the same result on existing processes:

```
# service dmf_mover stop
```

## Reenabling Parallel Data Mover Nodes

To reenabling parallel data mover nodes, making them eligible to run data mover processes, enter the following as `root`:

```
# dmnode_admin -e nodename ...
```

The node will remain enabled across DMF restarts.

To determine the current state of a node, see "Determining the State of Parallel Data Mover Nodes" on page 266

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**Note:** DMF and DMF Manager must be running for the `dmnode_admin` command to function.

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## Message Logs

The `dmfdaemon`, `dmlockmgr`, `dmfsmon`, media-specific process (MSP), and library server (LS) message log files use the same general naming convention and message format. The message log file names are created using the extension `yyyymmdd`, which represents the year, month, and day of log file creation.

Each line in a message log file begins with the time the message was issued, an optional message level, the process ID number, and the name of the program that issued the message.

The optional message level is described below. The remainder of the line contains informative or diagnostic information. The following sections provide details about each of these log files:

- "Automated Space Management Log File" on page 275 for information about `dmfsmon` and `autolog.yyyyymmdd`
- "Daemon Logs and Journals" on page 286 for information about `dmfdaemon` and `dmdlog.yyyyymmdd`
- "dmlockmgr Communication and Log Files" on page 289 for information about `dmlockmgr` and `dmlocklog.yyyyymmdd`
- "LS Logs" on page 300 and "FTP MSP Activity Log" on page 329 for information about `dmatls`, `dmdskmsp`, `dmftpmisp`, and `misplog.yyyyymmdd`
- Chapter 14, "DMF Maintenance and Recovery" on page 339, for information about log file maintenance

Messages in the `dmdlog`, `dmlocklog`, `moverlog`, and `misplog` files contain a 2-character field immediately following the time field in each message that is issued. This feature helps to categorize the messages and can be used to extract error messages automatically from these logs. Because the only indication of DMF operational failure may be messages written to the DMF logs, recurring problems can go undetected if you do not check the logs daily.

Possible message types for `autolog`, `dmdlog`, `moverlog`, `misplog`, and `dmlocklog` are defined in Table 9-1. The table also lists the corresponding message levels in the configuration file.

**Table 9-1** DMF Log File Message Types

Field	Message Type	Message Level
-E	Error	0
-O	Ordinary	0
-I	Informative	1
-V	Verbose	2
-1	Debug level 1	3
-2	Debug level 2	4
-3	Debug level 3	5
-4	Debug level 4	6

## Automated Space Management

This chapter discusses the following:

- "The `dmfsmon` Daemon and `dmfsfree` Command" on page 271
- "Generating the Candidate List" on page 272
- "Selection of Migration Candidates" on page 273
- "Space Management and the Disk Cache Manager" on page 275
- "Automated Space Management Log File" on page 275

### The `dmfsmon` Daemon and `dmfsfree` Command

The `dmfsmon(8)` daemon monitors the free-space levels in filesystems configured with automated space management enabled (`auto`). When the free space in one of the filesystems falls below the free-space minimum, `dmfsmon` invokes `dmfsfree(8)`. The `dmfsfree` command attempts to bring the free space and migrated space of a filesystem into compliance with configured values. `dmfsfree` may also be invoked directly by system administrators.

When the free space in one of the filesystems falls below its minimum, the `dmfsfree` command performs the following steps:

- Scans the filesystem for files that can be migrated and freed or ranges of files that can be freed. Each of these candidates is assigned a weight. This information is used to create a list, called a *candidate list*, that contains an entry for each file or range and is ordered by weight (largest to smallest).
- Selects enough candidates to bring the free space back up to the desired level. Files or ranges of files are selected in order from largest weight to smallest.
- Selects enough non-migrated files from the candidate list to achieve the *migration target*, which is the percentage of filesystem space you want to have as free space **and** space occupied by migrated but online files. Files are selected from the candidate list in order from largest weight to smallest.

The `dmfsmon` daemon should be running whenever DMF is active. You control automated space management by setting the filesystem and policy configuration

parameters in the DMF configuration file. The configuration parameters specify targets for migration and free space as well as one or more policies for weighting. Only filesystems configured as `MIGRATION_LEVEL auto` in the configuration file are included in the space-management process. "policy Object" on page 186, describes how to configure automated space management.

You can change the migration level of a filesystem by editing the configuration file.

## Generating the Candidate List

The first step in the migration process occurs when `dmfsmon` determines it is time to invoke `dmfsfree`, which scans the filesystem and generates the candidate list. During candidate list generation, the inode of each online file in the specified filesystem is audited and a weight is computed for it.

A filesystem is associated with a weighting policy in the DMF configuration file. The applicable weighting policy determines a file's total weight, or, if a `ranges` clause is specified in the configuration file, the range's total weight. Total file or range weight is the sum of the `AGE_WEIGHT` and `SPACE_WEIGHT` parameters. Defaults are provided for these parameters, and you can configure either to make a change. You do not need to configure a weighting policy if the defaults are acceptable, but you should be aware that the default selects files based on age and not on size. If you want to configure a policy based on size that ignores file age, you should overwrite the default for `AGE_WEIGHT`.

The default weighting policy bases the weight of the file on the time that has passed since the file was last accessed or modified. Usually, the more recent a file's access, the more likely it is to be accessed again.

The candidate list is ordered by total file or range weight (largest to smallest). You can prevent a file from being automatically migrated by making sure that no ranges within the file have a positive weight value. You can configure the weighting parameters to have a negative value to ensure that certain files or ranges are never automatically freed.

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**Note:** If you use negative weights to exclude files or ranges from migration, you must ensure that a filesystem does not fill with files or ranges that are never selected for automatic migration.

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You can use the `dmscanfs(8)` command to print file information to standard output (`stdout`).

## Selection of Migration Candidates

The `dmfsfree(8)` utility processes each ordered candidate list sequentially, seeking candidates to migrate and possibly free. The extent of the selection process is governed by values defined for the filesystem in the DMF configuration file as described in "policy Object" on page 186.

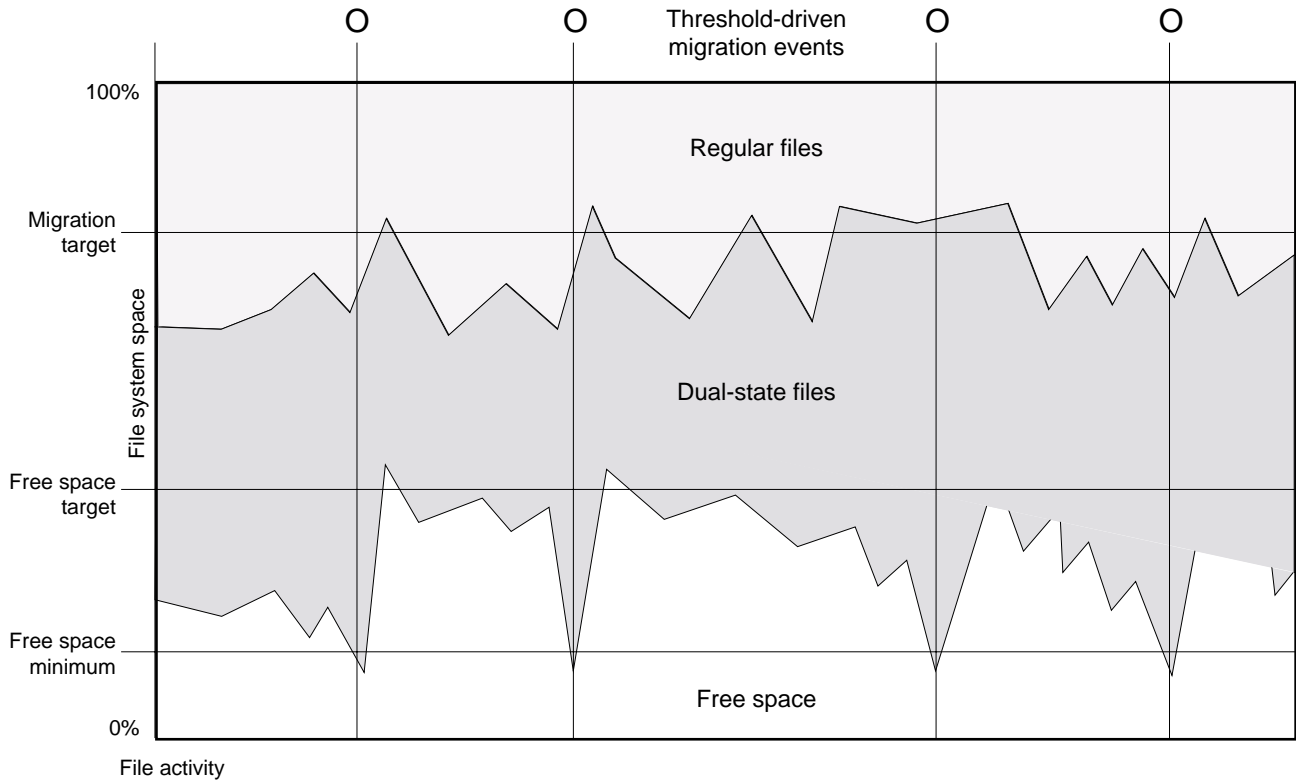
The most essential parameters are as follows:

- `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` specifies the minimum percentage of filesystem space that must be free. When this value is reached, `dmfsmon` will take action to migrate and free enough files or ranges to bring the filesystem into compliance. For example, setting this parameter to 10 indicates that when less than 10% of the filesystem space is free, `dmfsmon` will migrate and free files to achieve the percentage of free space specified by `FREE_SPACE_TARGET`. For the information on how this parameter is used when automated space management is not configured, see the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.
- `FREE_SPACE_TARGET` specifies the percentage of free filesystem space `dmfsmon` will try to achieve if free space falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`. For example, if this parameter is set to 15 and `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` is set to 10, `dmfsmon` takes action when the filesystem is less than 10% free and migrates and frees files until 15% of the filesystem is available.
- `MIGRATION_TARGET` specifies the percentage of filesystem capacity that is maintained as a reserve of space that is free or occupied by dual-state files. DMF attempts to maintain this reserve in the event that the filesystem free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`.

When `dmfsmon` detects that the free space on a filesystem has fallen below the level you have set as `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`, it invokes `dmfsfree` to select a sufficient number of candidates to meet the `FREE_SPACE_TARGET`. The `dmfsfree` utility ensures that these files are fully migrated and releases their disk blocks. It then selects additional candidates to meet the `MIGRATION_TARGET` and migrates them.

Figure 10-1 shows the relationship of automated space management migration targets to each other. Migration events occur when file activity causes free filesystem space to drop below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`. `dmfsmon` generates a candidate list and begins to migrate files and free the disk blocks until the `FREE_SPACE_TARGET` is met, and

then it migrates regular files (creating dual-state files) until the `MIGRATION_TARGET` is met.



**Figure 10-1** Relationship of Automated Space Management Targets

If `dmfsmon` does not find enough files to migrate (because all remaining files are exempt from migration), it uses another configuration parameter to decrement `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`.

`FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT` specifies the percentage of filesystem space by which `dmfsmon` will decrement `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` if it cannot find enough files to migrate to reach `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`. For example, suppose `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` is set to 10 and `FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT` is set to 2. If `dmfsmon` cannot find enough files to migrate to reach 10% free space, it will decrement `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` to 8 and try to find enough files to migrate so that

8% of the filesystem is free. If `dmfsmon` cannot achieve this percentage, it will decrement `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` to 6. `dmfsmon` will continue until it reaches a value for `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` that it can achieve, and it will try to maintain that new value. `dmfsmon` restores `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` to its configured value when it can be achieved. The default value for `FREE_SPACE_DECREMENT` is 2.

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**Note:** DMF manages real-time partitions differently than files in a normal partition. The `dmfsfree` command can only migrate files in the non-real-time partition; it ignores files in the real-time partition. Any configuration parameters you set will apply only to the non-real-time partition. Files in the real-time partition can be manually migrated with the commands `dmget(1)`, `dmput(1)`, and `dmmigrate(8)`. Files are retrieved automatically when they are read.

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## Space Management and the Disk Cache Manager

DMF prevents the DCM cache from filling by following the same general approach it takes with DMF-managed filesystems, with the following differences:

- The disk MSP (`dmdskmsp`) monitors the cache, instead of a separate monitoring program such as `dmfsmon`.
  - The `dmdskfree` utility controls the movement of cache files to tape. This is analogous to `dmfsfree`.
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**Note:** DCM uses parameters that are similar to those used for the disk MSP, although some names are different. See "policy Object" on page 186.

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## Automated Space Management Log File

All of the space-management commands record their activities in a common log file, `autolog.yyyymmdd` (where `yyymmdd` is the year, month, and day of log file creation). The first space-management command to execute on a given day creates the log file for that day. This log file resides in the directory `SPOOL_DIR/daemon_name` (The `SPOOL_DIR` value is specified by the `SPOOL_DIR` configuration parameter; see "base Object" on page 148). The space-management commands create the

*daemon\_name* subdirectory in *SPOOL\_DIR* if it does not already exist. The full pathname of the common log file follows:

*SPOOL\_DIR/daemon\_name/autolog.yyyymmdd*

Each line in the `autolog` file begins with the time of message issue, followed by the name of the host where the message issuer ran, and the process number and program name of the message issuer. The remainder of the line contains informative or diagnostic information such as the following:

- Name of the filesystem being processed
- Number of files selected for migration and freeing
- Number of disk blocks that were migrated and freed
- Names of any other DMF commands executed
- Command's success or failure in meeting the migration and free-space targets

The following excerpt shows the format of an `autolog` file (line breaks shown here for readability)

```
23:39:35:702-V zap 237082-dmfsmon /dmfusr1 - free_space=39.79, minimum=38
23:39:35:702-V zap 237082-dmfsmon /dmfusr3 - free_space=15.48,minimum=15
23:40:55:723-I zap 237082-dmfsmon Started 3409 for execution on /dmfusr3
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks in the filesystem = 122232448
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks in the free space target = 24446490 (20%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks currently free = 18287168 (15.0%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks to free = 6159322 (5.0%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks in the migration target = 97785960 (80%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks currently migrated = 74419040 (60.9%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of blocks to migrate = 5079752 (4.2%)
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Summary of files: online = 3760, offline = 6537, unmigrating
= 30, partial = 0
23:40:56:782-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Number of candidates = 3629, rejected files = 0, rejected
ranges = 0
23:41:31:150-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Migrated 5104824 blocks in 169 files
23:41:31:150-I zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Freed 6164480 blocks in 303 files
23:41:31:150-O zap 3409-dmfsfree /dmfusr3 - Exiting: minimum reached - targets met by outstanding requests.
```



## The DMF Daemon

The DMF daemon, `dmfdaemon(8)`, is the core component of DMF. The daemon exchanges messages with commands, the kernel, the media-specific processes (MSPs), and the library servers (LSs).

When DMF is started, the daemon database is automatically initialized. To start the daemon manually, use the DMF startup script, as follows:

```
# service dmf start
```



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**Caution:** For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

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Typically, DMF should be initialized as part of the normal system startup procedure by using a direct call in a system startup script in the `/etc/rc2.d` directory.

The following sections provide additional information about the daemon database and daemon processing:

- "Daemon Processing" on page 277
- "Daemon Database and `dmdadm`" on page 279
- "Daemon Logs and Journals" on page 286

## Daemon Processing

After initialization, `dmfdaemon` performs the following steps:

1. Isolates itself as a daemon process.
2. Checks for the existence of other `dmfdaemon` processes. If another `dmfdaemon` exists, the newer one terminates immediately.
3. Initializes the daemon log.
4. Opens the daemon database.
5. Initializes the daemon request socket.

6. Initiates the MSPs and LSs.
7. Enters its main request processing.

The daemon uses log files and journal files as described in "Daemon Logs and Journals" on page 286.

The main request processing section of the DMF daemon consists of the following sequence:

- The `select(2)` system call, which is used to wait for requests or for a default time-out interval
- A request dispatch switch to read and process requests detected by the `select` call
- A time processor, which checks activities (such as displaying statistics and running the administrator tasks) done on a time-interval basis

This processing sequence is repeated until a stop request is received from the `dmdstop(8)` command. When a normal termination is received, the MSPs and LSs are terminated, the daemon database is closed, and the logs are completed.

A typical request to the daemon starts with communication from the requester. The requester is either the kernel (over the DMF device interface) or a user-level request (from the command pipe). A user-level command can originate from the automated space-management commands or from an individual user.

After receipt, the command is dispatched to the appropriate command processor within the daemon. Usually, this processor must communicate with an MSP or LS before completing the specified request. The commands are queued within the daemon and are also queued to a specific group of daemon database entries. All entries referring to the same file share the same BFID. The command is dormant until the reply from the MSP/LS is received or the MSP/LS terminates. When command processing is completed, a final reply is sent to the issuing process, if it still exists.

A final reply usually indicates that the command has completed or an error has occurred. Often, error responses require that you analyze the daemon log to obtain a full explanation of the error. An error response issued immediately usually results from an invalid or incorrect request (for example, a request to migrate a file that has no data blocks). A delayed error response usually indicates a database, daemon, MSP, or LS problem.

## Daemon Database and `dmdadm`

The daemon database resides in the directory `HOME_DIR/daemon_name` (`HOME_DIR` is specified by the `HOME_DIR` configuration parameter). This daemon database contains information about the offline copies of a given file, as well as some information about the original file. The daemon database also contains the bit-file identifier (BFID), which is assigned when the file is first migrated.

Other information maintained on a per-entry basis includes the following:

- File size (in bytes)
- MSP or volume group (VG) name and recall path
- Date and time information, including the following:
  - Time at which the record was created
  - Time at which the record was last updated
  - A check time for use by the administrator
  - A soft-delete time, indicating when the entry was soft-deleted
- Original device and inode number
- Base portion of the original file name, if known

The `dmdadm(8)` command provides maintenance services for the daemon database.

`dmdadm` executes directives from `stdin` or from the command line when you use the `-c` option. All directives start with a directive name followed by one or more parameters. Parameters may be positional or keyword-value pairs, depending on the command. White space separates the directive name, keywords, and values.

When you are inside the `dmdadm` interface (that is, when you see the `adm command_number >` prompt), the command has a 30-minute timeout associated with it. If you do not enter a response within 30 minutes of the prompt having been displayed, the `dmdadm` session terminates with a descriptive message. This behavior on all the database administrative commands limits the amount of time that an administrator can lock the daemon and MSP/LS databases from updates.

The rest of this section discusses the following:

- "dmdadm Directives" on page 280
- "dmdadm Field and Format Keywords" on page 282

- "dmdadm Text Field Order" on page 286

## dmdadm Directives

The dmdadm directives are as follows:

<b>Directive</b>	<b>Description</b>
count	Displays the number of records that match the expression provided.
create	Creates a record.
delete	Deletes the specified records.
dump	Prints the specified records to standard out in ASCII; each field is separated by the pipe character ( ).
help	Displays help.
list	Shows the fields of selected records. You may specify which fields are shown.
load	Applies records to the daemon database obtained from running the dump directive.
quit	Stops program execution after flushing any changed database records to disk. The abbreviation <code>q</code> and the string <code>exit</code> produce the same effect.
set	Specifies the fields to be shown in subsequent list directives.
update	Modifies the specified records.

The syntax for the dmdadm directives is as follows:

```
count selection [limit]  
create bfid settings  
delete selection [limit]  
dump selection [limit]  
help  
list selection [limit] [format]  
load filename  
quit (or q or exit)  
set format  
update selection [limit] to settings...
```

where:

- The *selection* parameter specifies the records to be acted upon.
- The *limit* parameter restricts the records acted upon.
- The *bfid* parameter for the create directive specifies the bit-file-identifier (BFID) for the record being created.
- The *settings* parameter for the create and update directives specifies one or more fields and their values.
- The *format* parameter selects the way in which output is displayed. Any program or script that parses the output from this command should explicitly specify a format; otherwise the default is used, which may change from release to release.

The value for *selection* can be one of the following:

- A BFID or range of BFIDs
- The keyword `all`
- A period (`.`), which recalls the previous selection
- An expression involving any of the above, field value comparisons, `and`, `or`, or parentheses

A field value comparison may use the following to compare a field keyword to an appropriate value:

< (less than)  
 > (greater than)  
 = (equal to)  
 != (not equal to)  
 <= (less than or equal to)  
 >= (greater than or equal to)

The syntax for *selection* is as follows:

```

selection      ::= or-expr
or-expr       ::= and-expr [ or or-expr ]
and-expr      ::= nested-expr [ and or-expr ]
nested-expr   ::= comparison | ( or-expr )
comparison   ::= bfid-range | field-keyword op field-value
op            ::= < | > | = | != | >= | <=
bfid-range    ::= bfid [ - bfid ] | [ bfid - [ bfid ] ] | key-macro

```

*key-macro* ::= all  
*field-keyword* ::= name or abbreviation of the record field  
*field-value* ::= appropriate value for the field  
*bfid* ::= character representation of the bfid

Thus valid values for *selection* could be any of the following:

```
305c74b200000010-305c74b200000029  
7fffffff000f4411-  
-305c74b20000004c8  
all  
origsize>1m  
. and origage<7d
```

### **dmcdadm Field and Format Keywords**

The *field* parameter keywords listed below can be used as part of a *selection* parameter to select records. They can also be used in a *settings* parameter, as part of a keyword-value pair, to specify new values for a field, or in a *format* parameter. When specifying new values for fields, some of the field keywords are valid only if you also specify the *-u* (unsafe) option.

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
checkage (ca)	The time at which the record was last checked; the same as <i>checktime</i> , except that it is specified as an <i>age string</i> (see below). Valid only in unsafe ( <i>-u</i> ) mode.
checktime (ct)	The time at which the record was last checked; an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time. Valid only in unsafe ( <i>-u</i> ) mode.
deleteage (da)	The time at which the record was soft-deleted; the same as <i>deletetime</i> , except that it is specified as an <i>age string</i> . Valid only in unsafe ( <i>-u</i> ) mode.
deletetime (dt)	The time at which the record was soft-deleted; an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time. Valid only in unsafe ( <i>-u</i> ) mode.
mspname (mn)	The name of the MSP or VG with which the file is associated; a string of up to 8 characters. Valid only in unsafe ( <i>-u</i> ) mode.

mspkey (mk)	The string that the MSP or VG can use to recall a record; a string of up to 50 characters. Valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
origage (oa)	Time at which the record was created; the same as origtime, except that it is specified as an age string.
origdevice (od)	Original device number of the file; an integer.
originode (oi)	Original inode number of the file; an integer.
origname (on)	Base portion of the original file name; a string of up to 14 characters.
origsize (os)	Original size of the file; an integer.
origtime (ot)	Time at which the record was created; an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time.
origuid (ou)	Original user ID of the record; an integer.
updateage (ua)	Time at which the record was last updated; the same as updatetime, except that it is specified as an age string.
updatetime (ut)	Time at which the record was last updated; an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time.

The time field keywords (checktime, deletetime, origtime, and updatetime) have a value of either `now` or `UNIX` or `Linux` *raw time* (seconds since January 1, 1970). These keywords display their value as raw time. The value comparison `>` used with the date keywords means newer than the value given. For example, `>36000` is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1970, and `>852081200` is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1997.

The age field keywords (checkage, deleteage, origage, and updateage) let you express time as a string. They display their value as an integer followed by the following:

- w (weeks)
- d (days)
- h (hours)
- m (minutes)
- s (seconds)

For example, `8w12d7h16m20s` means 8 weeks, 12 days, 7 hours, 16 minutes, and 20 seconds old.

The comparison `>` used with the age keywords means older than the value given (that is, `>5d` is older than 5 days).

A *limit* parameter in a directive restricts the records acted upon. It consists of one of the following keywords followed by white space and then a value:

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>recordlimit (r1)</code>	Limits the number of records acted upon to the value that you specify; an integer.
<code>recordorder (ro)</code>	Specifies the order that records are scanned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>bfid</code>, which specifies that the records are scanned in BFID order.</li><li>• <code>data</code>, which specifies that the records are scanned in the order in which they are found in the daemon database data file. <code>data</code> is more efficient for large databases, although it is essentially unordered.</li></ul>

The *format* parameter selects a format to use for the display. If, for example, you want to display fields in a different order than the default or want to include fields that are not included in the default display, you specify them with the format parameter. The format parameter in a directive consists of one of the following:

- `format default`
- `format keyword`
- `format field-keywords`

The `format keyword` form is intended for parsing by a program or script and therefore suppresses the headings.

The *field-keywords* may be delimited by colons or white space; white space requires the use of quotation marks.

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**Note:** BFID is always included as the first field and need not be specified.

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For any field that takes a byte count, you may append the letter `k`, `m`, or `g` (in either uppercase or lowercase) to the integer to indicate that the value is to be multiplied by one thousand, one million, or one billion, respectively.



The following is sample output from the `dmdadm list` directive; `recordlimit 20` specifies that you want to see only the first 20 records.

```
adm 3>list all recordlimit 20
```

BFID	ORIG UID	ORIG SIZE	ORIG AGE	MSP NAME	MSP KEY
305c74b200000010	20934	69140480	537d	sil01	88b49f
305c74b200000013	26444	279290	537d	sil01	88b4a2
305c74b200000014	10634	67000	537d	sil01	88b4a3
305c74b200000016	10634	284356608	537d	sil01	88b4a5
305c74b200000018	10634	1986560	537d	sil01	88b4a7
305c74b20000001b	26444	232681	537d	sil01	88b4aa
305c74b20000001c	10015	7533688	537d	sil01	88b4ab
305c74b200000022	8964	23194990	537d	sil01	88b4b1
305c74b200000023	1294	133562368	537d	sil01	88b4b2
305c74b200000024	10634	67000	537d	sil01	88b4b3
305c74b200000025	10634	284356608	537d	sil01	88b4b4
305c74b200000026	10634	1986560	537d	sil01	88b4b5
305c74b200000027	1294	1114112	537d	sil01	88b4b6
305c74b200000028	10634	25270	537d	sil01	88b4b7
305c74b200000029	1294	65077248	537d	sil01	88b4b8
305c74b20000002b	9244	2740120	537d	sil01	88b4ba
305c74b200000064	9335	9272	537d	sil01	88b4f3
305c74b200000065	9335	10154	537d	sil01	88b4f4
305c74b200000066	9335	4624	537d	sil01	88b4f5
305c74b200000067	9335	10155	537d	sil01	88b4f6

```
adm 4>
```

The following example displays the number of records in the daemon database that are associated with user ID 11789 and that were updated during the last five days:

```
adm 3>count origuid=11789 and updateage<5d
72 records found.
```

## dmdadm Text Field Order

The text field order for daemon records generated by the `dmdump(8)`, `dmdumpj(8)`, and the `dump` directive in `dmdadm` is listed below. This is the format expected by the `load` directives in `dmdadm`:

1. `bfid`
2. `origdevice`
3. `originode`
4. `origsize`
5. `origtime`
6. `updatetime`
7. `checktime`
8. `deletetime`
9. `origuid`
10. `origname`
11. `mssname`
12. `msskey`

To isolate the `mssname` and `msskey` from the daemon records soft-deleted fewer than three days ago, use the following command:

```
dmdadm -c "dump deleteage<3d and deletetime>0" | awk "-F|" '{print $11,$12}'
```

## Daemon Logs and Journals

The DMF daemon uses log files to track various types of activity. Journal files are used to track daemon database transactions.

The ASCII log of daemon actions has the following format (*SPOOL\_DIR* refers to the directory specified by the `SPOOL_DIR` configuration parameter):

*SPOOL\_DIR/daemon\_name/dmdlog.yyyymmdd*

The file naming convention is that *yyyy*, *mm*, and *dd* correspond to the date on which the log was created (representing year, month, and day, respectively). Logs are created automatically by the DMF daemon.

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**Note:** Because the DMF daemon will continue to create log files and journal files without limit, you must remove obsolete files periodically by configuring the `run_remove_logs` and `run_remove_journals` tasks in the configuration file, as described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

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The DMF daemon automatically creates journal files that track daemon database transactions. They have the following pathname format (*JOURNAL\_DIR* refers to the directory defined by the `JOURNAL_DIR` configuration parameter):

*JOURNAL\_DIR/daemon\_name/dmd\_db.yyyymmdd[.hhmmss]*

Existing journal files are closed and new ones created in two circumstances:

- When the first transaction after midnight occurs
- When the journal file reaches size defined by the `JOURNAL_SIZE` configuration parameter

When the first transaction after midnight occurs, the existing open journal file is closed, and the suffix `.235959` is appended to the current file name no matter what the time (or date) of closing. The closed file represents the last (or only) transaction log of the date *yyymmdd*. A new journal file with the current date is then created.

When the journal file reaches `JOURNAL_SIZE`, the file is closed and the suffix `.hhmmss` is added to the name; *hh*, *mm*, and *ss* represent the hour, minute, and second of file closing. A new journal file with the same date but no time is then created.

For example, the following shows the contents of a *JOURNAL\_DIR/daemon\_name* directory on 15 June 1998:

```
dmd_db.19980604.235959  dmd_db.19980612.235959
dmd_db.19980605.235959  dmd_db.19980613.145514
dmd_db.19980608.235959  dmd_db.19980613.214233
dmd_db.19980609.235959  dmd_db.19980613.235959
dmd_db.19980610.235959  dmd_db.19980614.235959
dmd_db.19980611.094745  dmd_db.19980615
dmd_db.19980611.101937
dmd_db.19980611.110429
dmd_db.19980611.235959
```

For every date on which daemon database transactions occurred, there will exist a file with that date and the suffix `.235959`, with the exception of an existing open journal file. Some dates have additional files because the transaction log reached `JOURNAL_SIZE` at a specified time and the file was closed.

You can configure `daemon_tasks` parameters to remove old journal files (using the `run_remove_journals.sh` task and the `JOURNAL_RETENTION` parameter. For more information, see "taskgroup Object" on page 166.



**Warning:** If a daemon database becomes corrupt, recovery consists of applying journals to a backup copy of the database. Database recovery procedures are described in "Database Recovery" on page 352.

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## The DMF Lock Manager

The `dmlockmgr(8)` process must be executing at all times for any DMF process to safely access and update a DMF database. The `dmlockmgr` process and its clients (such as `dmatis`, `dmfdaemon(8)`, `dmvoladm(8)`, and `dmcatadm(8)`) communicate through files, semaphores, and message queues. There are times when abnormal process terminations will result in non-orderly exit processing that will leave files and/or interprocess communication (IPC) resources allocated. As a DMF administrator, periodically you will want to look for these resources to remove them.

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**Note:** `HOME_DIR` and `SPOOL_DIR` refer to the values of the `HOME_DIR` and `SPOOL_DIR` parameter, respectively, in the DMF configuration file. See "base Object" on page 148..

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The `dmlockmgr` files used by the database utilities are found in several different places. There are the following types of files:

- "dmlockmgr Communication and Log Files" on page 289
- "dmlockmgr Individual Transaction Log Files" on page 291

### dmlockmgr Communication and Log Files

The `dmlockmgr` communication and activity log files are all found in a directory formed by `HOME_DIR/RDM_LM`. The `HOME_DIR/RDM_LM` and `HOME_DIR/RDM_LM/ftok_files` directories contain the token files used to form the keys that are used to create and access the IPC resources necessary for the `dmlockmgr` to communicate with its clients, its standard output file, and the transaction file.

The `dmlockmgr` token files have the form shown in Table 12-1 on page 290.

**Table 12-1** dmlockmgr Token Files

File	Description
<i>HOME_DIR</i> /RDM_LM/dmlockmgr	Used by the dmlockmgr and its clients to access dmlockmgr's semaphore and input message queue
<i>HOME_DIR</i> /RDM_LM/ftok_files/ftnnnn	Preallocated token files that are not currently in use. As processes attempt to connect to dmlockmgr, these files will be used and renamed as described below. <i>nnnn</i> is a four digit number from 0000 through 0099.
<i>HOME_DIR</i> /RDM_LM/ftok_files/ftnnnn.xxxpid	<p>The renamed version of the preallocated token files. <i>nnnn</i> is a four digit number from 0000 through 0099. <i>xxx</i> is a three-character process identifier with the following meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• atr = dmatread</li> <li>• ats = dmatsnf</li> <li>• cat = dmcadadm</li> <li>• ddb = dmdadm</li> <li>• dmd = dmfdemon</li> <li>• dmv = dmmove</li> <li>• hde = dmhdelete</li> <li>• lfs = dmloadfs</li> <li>• lib = dmatls</li> <li>• sel = dmselect</li> <li>• vol = dmvoladm</li> </ul> <p><i>pid</i> is the numeric process ID of the process connected to dmlockmgr.</p>

The IPC resources used by DMF are always released during normal process exit cleanup. If one of the dmlockmgr client processes dies without removing its message queue, dmlockmgr will remove that queue when it detects the death of the client. The token files themselves are periodically cleaned up by the dmlockmgr process.

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**Note:** Normally, the `dmlockmgr` process is terminated as part of normal shutdown procedures. However if you wish to stop `dmlockmgr` manually, you must use the following command:

```
/usr/sbin/dmclripc -u dmlockmgr -z HOME_DIR/RDM_LM
```

This command will do all of the necessary IPC resource and token file maintenance.

---

If the `dmlockmgr` process aborts, all DMF processes must be stopped and restarted in order to relogin to a new `dmlockmgr` process. If the `dmfdaemon` or `dmatls` processes abort during a period when the `dmlockmgr` has died, when they restart they will attempt to restart the `dmlockmgr`. The new `dmlockmgr` process will detect existing DMF processes that were communicating with the now-dead copy of `dmlockmgr`, and it will send a termination message to those DMF processes.

The `dmlockmgr` maintains a log file that is named as follows, where *yyyy*, *mm*, and *dd* are the year, month, and day:

```
HOME_DIR/RDM_LM/dmlocklog.yyyymmdd
```

The log file is closed and a new one opened at the first log request of a new day. These files are not typically large files, but a new file will be created each day. These log files are removed via the `run_remove_log.sh` daemon task command. For more information about `run_remove_log.sh`, see "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

## dmlockmgr Individual Transaction Log Files

The individual transaction log files have the following form:

```
prefix.log
```

where *prefix* is the same format as the token file name described in Table 12-1 on page 290 as `ftnnnn.xxxpid`. The prefix associates a log file directly with the token file of the same name.

Most of these log files will be created in the *HOME\_DIR* under the daemon's and library servers' subdirectories. In almost all cases, the processes that create these log files will remove them when they exit. However, if a process terminates abnormally, its log file may not be removed. Transaction log files can sometimes become quite large, on the order of 10's of Mbytes. Most of these orphaned log files will be removed by the daemon as part of its normal operation.

Several DMF commands allow accessing copies of database files in places other than the *HOME\_DIR*. If an orphaned log is encountered in a location other than in the *HOME\_DIR*, it may be removed after it is clear that it is no longer in use. In order to verify that it is no longer in use, search the *HOME\_DIR/RDM\_LM/ftok\_files* directory for a file with the same name as the prefix of the log file. If no such *ftok\_files* file exists, it is safe to remove the log file.

The transaction activity file, *HOME\_DIR/RDM\_LM/vista.taf*, is the transaction log file that contains information about active transactions in the system. It is used to facilitate automatic database transaction processing.



**Caution:** Do not delete the *HOME\_DIR/RDM\_LM/vista.taf* file.

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## Media-Specific Processes and Library Servers

Media-specific processes (MSPs) and library servers (LSs) migrate files from one media to another:

- The file transfer protocol (FTP) MSP allows the DMF daemon to manage data by moving it to a remote machine.
- The disk MSP migrates data to a directory that is accessible on the current systems.
- The disk cache manager (DCM) MSP migrates data to a cache disk.
- The tape LS copies files from a disk to a tape or from a tape to a disk. The LS can manage multiple active copies of a migrated file. The LS contains one or more volume groups (VGs). When a file is migrated from disk to tape, the selection policy can specify that it be copied to more than one VG. Each VG can manage at most one copy of a migrated file. Each VG has an associated pool of tapes. Data from more than one VG is never mixed on a tape.

This chapter discusses the following:

- "LS Operations" on page 294
- "FTP MSP" on page 327
- "Disk MSP" on page 330
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) MSP" on page 332
- "dmdskvfy Command" on page 333
- "Moving Migrated Data between MSPs and VGs" on page 333
- "LS Error Analysis and Avoidance" on page 333
- "LS Drive Scheduling" on page 335
- "LS Status Monitoring" on page 336

## LS Operations

The LS consists of the following programs:

- `dmatls`
- `dmatwc`
- `dmatrc`

The DMF daemon executes `dmatls` as a child process. In turn, `dmatls` executes `dmatwc` (the write child) to write data to tape and `dmatrc` (the read child) to read data from tape.

The `dmatls` program maintains the following records in the LS database:

- Catalog (CAT) records, which contain information about the files that the LS maintains
- Volume (VOL) records, which contain information about the media that the LS uses

The database files are not text files and cannot be updated by standard utility programs. Detailed information about the database files and their associated utilities is provided in "CAT Records" on page 298, and "VOL Records" on page 298.

The LS provides a mechanism for copying active data from volumes that contain largely obsolete data to volumes that contain mostly active data. This process is referred to as *volume merging*. Data on LS volumes becomes obsolete when users delete or modify their files. Volume merging can be configured to occur automatically (see "LS Tasks" on page 232). It can also be triggered by marking LS volumes as sparse with the `dmvoladm(8)` command.

The LS provides two utilities that read LS volumes directly:

- `dmatread(8)`, which copies all or part of a migrated file to disk
- `dmat sniff(8)`, which audits and verifies LS volumes

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## LS Directories

Each instance of the LS needs three types of directories, one for each of the following:

- Database files for CAT and VOL records
- Database journal files
- Log files

Sites define the location of these directories by editing the base object configuration file parameters `HOME_DIR`, `JOURNAL_DIR`, and `SPOOL_DIR`, whose values are referred to as *HOME\_DIR*, *JOURNAL\_DIR*, and *SPOOL\_DIR* in this document. A given instance of the LS creates a subdirectory named after itself in each of these three directories.

For example, if an instance of the LS is called `cart1`, its database files reside in directory `HOME_DIR/cart1`. If another instance of the LS is called `cart2`, its database files reside in `HOME_DIR/cart2`. If an instance of the LS is called `cart3`, its database files reside in `HOME_DIR/cart3`.

Similarly, LS `cart1` stores its journal files in directory `JOURNAL_DIR/cart1` and its log files and other working files in `SPOOL_DIR/cart1`.

## Media Concepts

The LS takes full advantage of the capabilities of modern tape devices, including data compression and fast media positioning. To accommodate these capabilities and to

provide recovery from surface or other media defects, `dmatl`s uses a number of structural concepts built on top of traditional tape structure.

The components are as follows:

- The *block* is the basic structural component of most tape technologies. It is the physical unit of I/O to and from the media. The optimal block size varies with the device type. For example, the default block size for an STK T1000A tape drive is 524288 bytes.
- A *chunk* is as much or as little of a user file as fits on the remainder of the tape (see Figure 13-1 on page 297). Thus, every migrated file has at least one, and sometimes many, chunks. Such a concept is necessary because the capacity of a volume is unknown until written, both because of natural variation in the medium itself and because the effect of data compression varies with the data contents.
- A *zone* is a logical block containing many physical blocks ending with a tape mark. A zone has a target size that is configurable by media type. The default zone size is 50000000 bytes.

The VG writes chunks into the zone until one of three conditions occurs:

- The zone size is exceeded
- The VG exhausts chunks to write
- The end of tape is encountered

Thus, the actual zone size can vary from well below the target size to the entire tape volume. A zone never spans physical volumes.

The zone plays several roles:

- The zone size is the amount of data that triggers `dmatl`s to start a process to write files to tape.
- The LS maintains the beginning of each zone in its database. This allows the LS to use fast hardware positioning functions to return to the beginning, so that it can restore the chunks in that zone.

Because getting the tape position and writing a tape mark can be very costly, the concept of a zone and the target size provides a way to control the trade offs between write performance, safety, and recall speed.

Figure 13-1 illustrates the way files are distributed over chunks, zones, and volumes, depending upon the file size. The tape with volume serial number (VSN) VOL001 has

two zones and contains six files and part of a seventh. The tapes with VSNs VOL002 and VOL003 contain the rest of file g. Notice that on VOL001 file g is associated with chunk 7, while on the other two tapes it is associated with chunk 1. File g has three VSNs associated with it, and each tape associates the file with a chunk and zone unique to that tape.

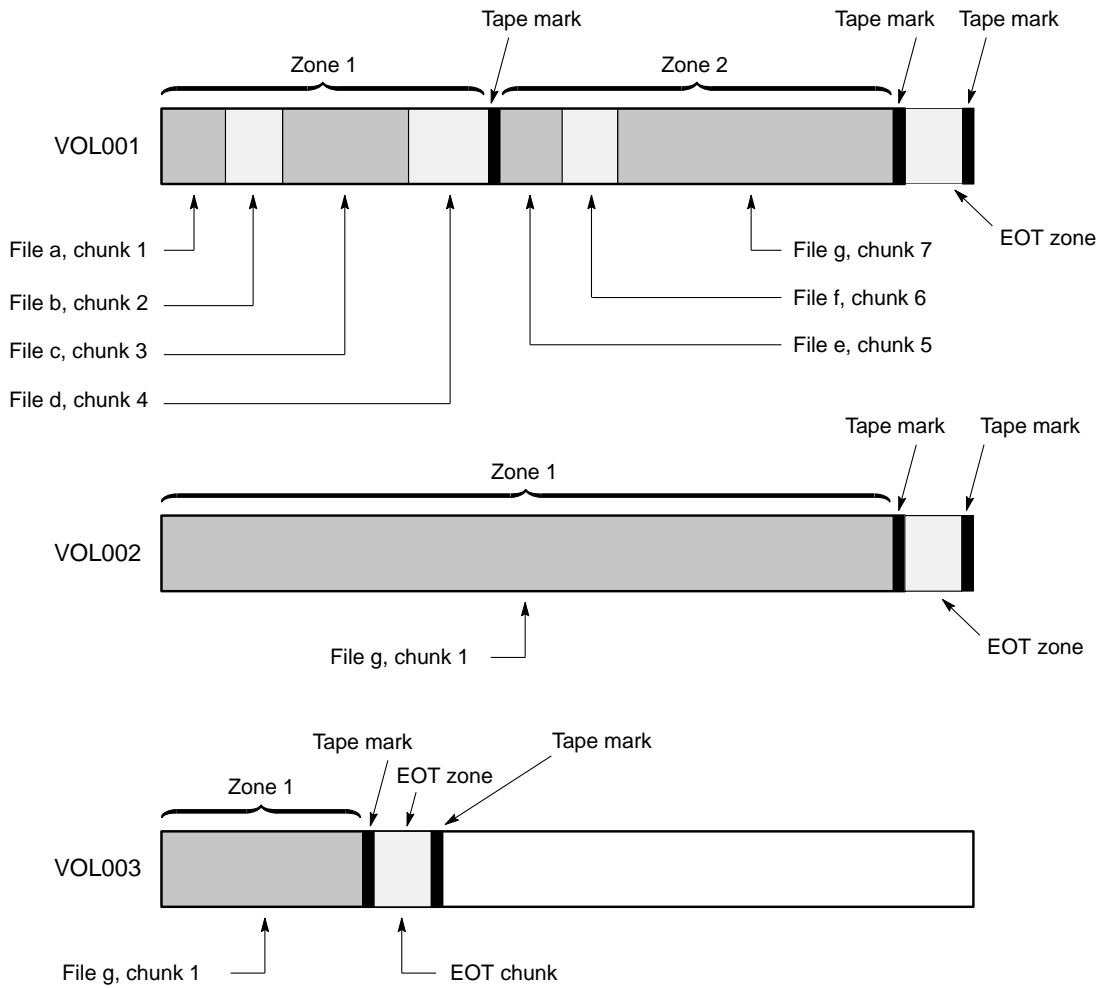


Figure 13-1 Media Concepts

## CAT Records

Catalog (CAT) records store the location of each file chunk in terms of its volume, zone, and chunk number. The key for these records is the file's bit-file identifier (BFID).

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**Note:** You do not explicitly create CAT records; they are created when files migrate.

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There are the following files:

<b>CAT Files</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>tpcrdm.dat</code>	Contains the catalog data records
<code>tpcrdm.key1.keys</code> , <code>tpcrdm.key2.keys</code>	Contains the indexes to the catalog data

The `libsrv_db.dbd` LS database definition file in the same directory describes the CAT record files and their record structure.

All files are non-ASCII and cannot be maintained by standard utility programs. The `dmcatadm` command provides facilities to create, query, and modify CAT records (see "dmcatadm Command" on page 305).

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**Note:** The ability to create or modify CAT records with `dmcatadm` is provided primarily for testing or error recovery purposes. In the normal course of operations, you would never use this capability.

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## VOL Records

Volume (VOL) records in the LS database contain information about each volume that exists in the pool of tapes to be used by `dmatl`s. These records are indexed by the volume serial number (VSN) of each volume and contain information such as the following:

- Volume's type
- Estimated capacity
- Label type
- A number of flags indicating the state of the volume

- VG or allocation group

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**Note:** Unlike CAT records, you must create VOL records before using `dmatls` for the first time.

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There are the following files:

<b>VOL Files</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>tpvrdbm.dat</code>	Contains the volume data records
<code>tpvrdbm.vsn.keys</code>	Contains the indexes to the volume data records

The `libsrv_db.dbd` LS database definition file in the same directory describes the VOL record files and their record structure.

The files contain binary data and require special maintenance utilities. The `dmvoladm` command, described in more detail in "dmvoladm Command" on page 314, provides facilities to create, query, and modify VOL records. Additional database maintenance utilities are described in "Database Recovery" on page 352.

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**Note:** If you have more than one instance of a VG, you must ensure that the volume sets for each are mutually exclusive.

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## LS Journals

Each instance of `dmatls` protects its database by recording every transaction in a journal file. Journal file pathnames have the following format:

*JOURNAL\_DIR/ls\_name/libsrv\_db.yyyymmdd[.hhmmss]*

The LS creates journal files automatically.

Existing journal files are closed and new ones created in two circumstances:

- When the first transaction after midnight occurs
- When the journal file reaches the size defined by the `JOURNAL_SIZE` configuration parameter

When the first transaction after midnight occurs, the existing open journal file is closed and the suffix `.235959` is appended to the current file name no matter what

the time (or date) of closing. The closed file represents the last (or only) transaction log of the date *yyyymmdd*. A new journal file with the current date is then created.

When the journal file reaches `JOURNAL_SIZE`, the file is closed and the suffix *.hhmmss* is added to the name; *hh*, *mm*, and *ss* represent the hour, minute, and second of file closing. A new journal file with the same date but no time is then created.

For example, the following shows the contents of a *JOURNAL\_DIR/ls\_name* directory on 15 June 2004:

```
libsrv_db.20040527.235959  libsrv_db.20040606.235959
libsrv_db.20040528.235959  libsrv_db.20040607.235959
libsrv_db.20040529.235959  libsrv_db.20040608.235959
libsrv_db.20040530.235959  libsrv_db.20040609.235959
libsrv_db.20040531.235959  libsrv_db.20040610.235959
libsrv_db.20040601.235959  libsrv_db.20040611.235959
libsrv_db.20040602.235959  libsrv_db.20040612.235959
libsrv_db.20040603.235959  libsrv_db.20040613.235959
libsrv_db.20040604.235959  libsrv_db.20040614.235959
libsrv_db.20040605.235959  libsrv_db.20040615
```

For every date on which LS database transactions occurred, there will exist a file with that date and the suffix *.235959*, with the exception of an existing open journal file. Some dates may have additional files because the transaction log reached `JOURNAL_SIZE` at a specified time and the file was closed.

You can configure `daemon_tasks` parameters to remove old journal files (using the `run_remove_journals.sh` task and the `JOURNAL_RETENTION` parameter. For more information, see "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

If an LS database becomes corrupt, recovery consists of applying the journal files to a backup copy of the database.

## LS Logs

All DMF MSPs and LSs maintain log files named `msplog.yyyyymmdd` in the MSP/LS spool directory which, by default, is `SPOOL_DIR/mspname`. `SPOOL_DIR` is configured in the `base` object of the configuration file; `mspname` is the name of the MSP/LS in the `daemon` object of the configuration file; `yyyymmdd` is the current year, month, and day.

These log files are distinct from the logs maintained by the DMF daemon; however, some of the messages that occur in the daemon log are responses that the MSP/LS generates. The content of the log is controlled by the `MESSAGE_LEVEL` configuration



parameter. For a description of the levels of logging available, see the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.

The `msplog.yyyymmdd` file is the primary log for the LS and contains most of the messages. This file is written by `dmatls`. In addition, `dmatrc` and `dmatwc` create a `moverlog.yyyymmdd` log file each day in the subdirectory `moverlogs/hostname`.

This section describes informational statistics provided by the tape log files. These messages appear in the `SPOOL_DIR/msp_name/msplog.yyyymmdd` files. Timing information provided (such as MB transferred per second) should not be used as an accurate benchmark of actual data transfer rates. This information is provided for monitoring DMF and should only be used in comparison to similar data provided by DMF. Text in all uppercase references a parameter defined in the DMF configuration file. You can reference the comments in the sample configuration file or in the `dmf.conf(5)` man page for a more detailed definition of these parameters.

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**Note:** Because the LS will continue to create log files and journal files without limit, you must remove obsolete files periodically by configuring the `run_remove_logs.sh` and `run_remove_journals.sh` tasks in the configuration file, as described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

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**Example 13-1** LS Statistics Messages

The following is an example of LS statistics messages taken from an `msspllog.yyyymmdd` file. These messages are automatically and periodically issued by the LS.

```
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: children=2/2/0/2, btp=672617104/527956913/0, wc=1/2, cwc=?
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: children=0/0/0/2, btp=0/0/0, wc=0/2, cwc=?
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: data put=92957.718 mb, data recalled=24964.680 mb
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: data put=1239.537 mb, data recalled=1120.492 mb
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Put_File - 0 8900 0 282
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Get_File - 0 1809 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Delete_File - 0 107618 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Cancel_Req - 0 282 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Flushall - 0 5 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: Merge - 44 0 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: Put_File - 0 1850 0 211
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: Get_File - 0 68 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: Delete_File - 0 4 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: Cancel_Req - 0 211 0 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg2.stats: Flushall - 0 1 1 0
08:46:00:404-I zap 237076-dmatls vg1.stats: mc=2, ms=2000000000, mu=679346176, sm=0
```

The information provided by these entries is defined as follows:

- `children=2/2/0/2` represents the total child processes (2), the active child processes (2), the clean processes running (0), and the current maximum number of children the VG may have (2). Clean children are used when a `dmatrc` or `dmatwc` process dies without cleaning up.
- `btp=672617104/527956913/0` represents the bytes queued for putting (672617104), the threshold at which to start the next put child (527956913), and the bytes assigned to socket I/O (0)
- `wc=1/2` represents the active write child processes (1) and the configured value of `MAX_PUT_CHILDREN` (2)
- `cwc=?` represents the host name and process ID of the current write child (that is, the write child that is accepting data to write). `?` represents none.

The next set of lines gives the total amount of data put (such as 92957.718 MB) and recalled (such as 24964.680 MB).

The next set of six lines provide statistics for each type of VG request. Statistics information is provided only for requests that have been issued since the LS was started. These lines have the following format:

```
request_name  active  successful  errors  canceled
```

*active* represents the number of requests not yet completed; *successful* represents the number of successfully completed requests; *error* represents the number of requests that completed with errors; *canceled* represents the number of canceled requests.

The last set of lines provide the following information:

- *mc* is the configured value for `MERGE_CUTOFF`, the cutoff to stop scheduling tapes for merging (such as 2)
- *ms* is the configured value for `CACHE_SPACE`, the merge cache space available (such as 2000000000 bytes)
- *mu* is the merge cache space used (such as 679346176 bytes)
- *sm* is the number of socket merge children (0)

The LS write child (`dmatwc`) and read child (`dmatrc`) also produce statistics messages in the `moverlog` file. These messages contain timing statistics whose format changes from release to release, and they are not documented in this manual.

## Volume Merging

When users delete or modify their migrated files, the copy on tape becomes obsolete. Over time, some volumes will become entirely empty and can be reused. However, most volumes experience a gradual increase in the ratio of obsolete data to active data; such volumes are said to be *sparsely populated* or *sparse*. To reclaim the unused space on these volumes, DMF provides a *volume merge* facility, which copies the active data from several sparse volumes to a new volume, thus freeing the sparse volumes for reuse. Volume merging can be configured to occur automatically by using the `run_merge_tapes.sh` or `run_merge_mgr.sh` tasks (see "LS Tasks" on page 232).

Volume merging can also be done manually. `dmatls` performs merge operations whenever sparse volumes and the necessary resources exist at the same time. Use the `dmvoladm select` directive to mark VG volumes as sparse. (The `select` directive is described in "dmvoladm Command" on page 314.) Because the merge processing occurs simultaneously with other DMF activities, it is easiest to configure DMF to

automatically perform merges at night or during other periods of relatively low activity.

The `dmatis` utility can perform volume-to-volume merging. Volume-to-volume merging is accomplished by moving data across a socket connection between the LS tape read-child and the LS tape write-child. The benefit of using a socket to transfer data between volumes is that you do not have to reserve disk space. The drawback to using a socket for data transfer is the cost of linking the process that performs the read with the process that performs the write.

In busy environments that have heavy contention for tape drives, the close coupling between the socket's tape reader and tape writer can be costly, especially when short files are being transferred. For large files, the overhead and possible delays in waiting for both tapes to be mounted is small compared to the benefit of rapid transfer and zero impact on free disk space. For this reason, you can move small files through a disk cache and big files through a socket. This process is mediated by the following configuration parameters:

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>CACHE_SPACE</code>	Specifies the amount of disk space that will be used to temporarily store chunks during a merge operation.
<code>CACHE_DIR</code>	Specifies the directory into which the LS will store chunks while merging them from sparse tapes. If <code>CACHE_DIR</code> is not specified, <code>TMP_DIR</code> is used.
<code>MAX_CACHE_FILE</code>	Specifies the largest chunk that will be stored temporarily on disk during a merge operation.
<code>MERGE_CUTOFF</code>	Specifies the number of child processes after which the VG will stop scheduling tapes for merging. This number is the sum of the active and queued children generated from gets, puts, and merges.

Using a small amount of disk space to hold small chunks can have a significant impact on the total time required to perform merges. The default configuration options are set to move 100% of merge data across sockets.

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**Note:** It is important to avoid volume merging on more than one VG simultaneously if they share a tape device. If you initiate a merge process on more than one VG on the same device at the same time (either by entering the same time in the DMF configuration file or by triggering the process manually), both processes will compete for tape transports. When a limited number of tape transports are available, a deadlock can occur. If you chose not to configure DMF to perform merges automatically by configuring the `run_merge_tape.sh` or `run_merge_mgr.sh` tasks, ensure that your `cron` jobs that automatically initiate volume merging refrain from initiating a second merge process until after all previously initiated merges are complete. You can accomplish this by using the `dmvoladm` command within the `cron` job to check for tapes that have the `hsparse` flag, as shown in the following example for an LS with two VGs:

```
tapes=$(dmvoladm -m ls -c "count hsparse")
if [[ -z "$tapes" ]]; then
    # start merge on vg2
    dmvoladm -m ls -c "select hfull and threshold<=30 and vg=vg2"
fi
```

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## **dmcatadm Command**

The `dmcatadm(8)` command provides maintenance services for CAT records.

When you are inside the `dmcatadm` interface (that is, when you see the `adm command_number >` prompt), the command has a 30-minute timeout associated with it. If you do not enter a response within 30 minutes of the prompt having been displayed, the `dmcatadm` session terminates with a descriptive message. This behavior on all the database administrative commands limits the amount of time that an administrator can lock the daemon database and the LS database from updates.

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**Note:** Most of these facilities, especially the ability to create and modify CAT records in the LS database, are intended primarily for testing or error recovery purposes.

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## **dmcatadm Directives**

The `dmcatadm` command executes directives from `stdin` or from the command line when you use the `-c` option. All directives start with a directive name followed by one or more parameters. Parameters may be positional or keyword-value pairs,

depending on the command. White space separates the directive name, keywords, and values.

The `dmcatadm` directives are as follows:

<b>Directive</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>count</code>	Displays the number of records that match the expression provided.
<code>create</code>	Creates a CAT record.
<code>delete</code>	Deletes the specified CAT records.
<code>dump</code>	Prints the specified CAT records to standard out in ASCII; each field is separated by the pipe character ( <code> </code> ).
<code>help</code>	Displays help.
<code>list</code>	Shows the fields of selected CAT records. You may specify which fields are shown.
<code>load</code>	Applies records to the LS database obtained from running the <code>dump</code> directive.
<code>quit</code>	Stops program execution after flushing any changed database records to disk. The abbreviation <code>q</code> and the string <code>exit</code> produce the same effect.
<code>set</code>	Specifies the fields to be displayed in subsequent <code>list</code> directives.
<code>update</code>	Modifies the specified CAT records.
<code>verify</code>	Verifies the LS database against the daemon database.

The first parameter of most directives specifies the records to manipulate, and the remaining parameters are keyword-value pairs.

The syntax for the `dmcatadm` directives is summarized as follows:

```
count selection [limit]  
create bfid settings ...  
delete selection [limit]  
dump selection [limit]  
help  
list selection [limit] [format]  
load filename  
quit (or q or exit)  
set [format]  
update selection [limit] to settings...  
verify selection [entries] [vgnames] [limit]
```

The parameters are as follows:

- The *selection* parameter specifies the records to be acted upon. The value for *selection* can be one of the following:
  - A *bfid* or range of *bfids* in the form *bfid* [-] [*bfid*]. *bfid*- specifies all records starting with *bfid*, and *-bfid* specifies all records up to *bfid*.
  - The keyword `all`
  - A period (`.`), which recalls the previous selection
  - An expression involving any of the above, field value comparisons, `and`, `or`, or parentheses.

A field value comparison may use the following to compare a field keyword to an appropriate value:

< (less than),  
 > (greater than)  
 = (equal to)  
 != (not equal to)  
 <= (less than or equal to)  
 >= (greater than or equal to)

The syntax for *selection* is as follows:

```

selection      ::= or-expr
or-expr       ::= and-expr [ or or-expr ]
and-expr      ::= nested-expr [ and or-expr ]
nested-expr   ::= comparison | ( or-expr )
comparison   ::= key-range | field-keyword op field-value
op            ::= < | > | = | != | <= | >=
bfid-range   ::= bfid [ - bfid ] | [ bfid - [ bfid ] ] | key-macro
key-macro    ::= all
field-keyword ::= name or abbreviation of the record field
field-value  ::= appropriate value for the field
key          ::= character representation of the record bfid
  
```

Thus valid *selections* could be any of the following:

```

305c74b200000010-305c74b200000029
7fffffff000f4411-
-305c74b2000004c8
all
  
```

```
chunkoffset>0
chunknumber>0 and writeage<5d
. and writeage>4d
vsns=S07638
```

- The *limit* parameter restricts the records acted upon.
- The *bfid* parameter for the `create` directive specifies the bit-file-identifier (BFID) for the record being created. The value for *bfid* may be a bit-file identifier (BFID) designator in the form of a hexadecimal number.
- The *settings* parameter for the `create` and `update` directives specify one or more fields and their values.
- The *format* parameter selects the way in which output is displayed. Any program or script that parses the output from this command should explicitly specify a format; otherwise the default is used, which may change from release to release.
- The *entries* parameter specifies a file of daemon database entries.
- The *vgnames* parameter specifies the names of the VGs associated with the records.

#### dmccatadm Keywords

You can use the *field* keywords listed below as part of a *selection* parameter to select records, in a *format* parameter, or in a *settings* parameter to specify new values for a field; in that case, you must specify a keyword-value pair. A keyword-value pair consists of a keyword followed by white space and then a value. When specifying new values for fields, some of the keywords are valid only if you also specify the `-u` (unsafe) option. The abbreviation for each of the keywords is given in parenthesis following its name.

Keyword	Description
<code>cflags (cf)</code>	For future use.
<code>chunkdata (cd)</code>	Specifies the actual number of bytes written to tape by the VG for the chunk. In the case of sparse files, this field will be smaller than <code>chunklength</code> . This is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.
<code>chunklength (cl)</code>	The size of the chunk in bytes; an integer. This is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.



<code>chunknumber (cn)</code>	The ordinal of the chunk on its volume. For example, 1 if the chunk is the first chunk on the volume, 2 if it is the second, and so on. Not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter in an <code>update</code> directive.
<code>chunkoffset (co)</code>	The byte offset within the file where the chunk begins; an integer. For example, the first chunk of a file has <code>chunkoffset 0</code> . If that first chunk is 1,000,000 bytes long, the second chunk would have <code>chunkoffset 1000000</code> . This is valid only in <code>unsafe (-u)</code> mode.
<code>chunkpos (cp)</code>	The block offset within the zone where the chunk begins — a hexadecimal integer. For example, the first chunk in a zone has <code>chunkpos 1</code> . A value of 0 means unknown. Valid only in <code>unsafe (-u)</code> mode.
<code>filesize (fs)</code>	The original file size in bytes, an integer. This is valid only in <code>unsafe (-u)</code> mode.
<code>readage (ra)</code>	The date and time when the chunk was last read; the same as <code>readdate</code> , except specified as <i>age</i> .
<code>readcount (rc)</code>	The number of times the chunk has been recalled to disk; an integer.
<code>readdate (rd)</code>	The date and time when the chunk was last read, an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time.
<code>volgrp (vg)</code>	The VG name. This keyword is valid for LSs only. This keyword is not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter.
<code>vsn (v)</code>	The volume serial numbers; a list of one or more 6-character alphanumeric volume serial numbers separated by colons (:). This keyword is not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter in an <code>update</code> directive.
<code>writeage (wa)</code>	The date and time when the chunk was written; the same as <code>writedate</code> , except specified as <i>age</i> . This is valid only in <code>unsafe (-u)</code> mode.
<code>writedate(wd)</code>	The date and time when the chunk was written, an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time. This is valid only in <code>unsafe (-u)</code> mode.

zoneblockid (zb)	Allows just the block ID portion of the zonepos to be displayed, returned, or changed. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
zonenumber (zn)	Allows just the zone number portion of the zonepos to be displayed, returned, or changed. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
zonepos (zp)	The physical address of the zone on the volume, expressed in the form <i>integer/hexadecimal-integer</i> , designating a zone number and block ID. A value of zero is used for <i>hexadecimal-integer</i> if no block ID is known. <i>integer</i> is the same as <i>zonenumber</i> , and <i>hexadecimal-integer</i> is the same as <i>zoneblockid</i> . This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.

The date field keywords (*readdate* and *writedate*) have a value of either *now* or raw UNIX or Linux time (seconds since January 1, 1970). These keywords display their value as raw UNIX or Linux time. The value comparison *>* used with the date keywords means newer than the value given. For example, *>36000* is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1970, and *>852081200* is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1997.

The age field keywords (*readage* and *writeage*) let you express time as *age* in a string in a form. They display their value as an integer followed by the following:

- w (weeks)
- d (days)
- h ( hours)
- m ( minutes)
- s (seconds)

For example, *8w12d7h16m20s* means 8 weeks, 12 days, 7 hours, 16 minutes, and 20 seconds old.

The comparison *>* used with the age keywords means older than the value given (that is, *>5d* is older than 5 days).

The *limit* parameter in a directive limits the records acted upon. It consists of one of the following keywords followed by white space and then a value:

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>recordlimit</i> (r1)	Limits the number of records acted upon to the value that you specify; an integer.

`recordorder (ro)` Specifies the order that records are scanned; may be `key`, `vsn`, or `data`. `key` specifies that records are scanned in ascending order of the chunk key. `vsn` specifies that records are scanned in ascending order of the chunk VSN. `data` specifies that records are scanned in the order in which they are stored in the LS database, which is fastest but essentially unordered.

The following keywords specify files of daemon database entries:

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>entries (e)</code>	Specifies a file of daemon database entries. This keyword applies to the <code>verify</code> directive and consists of the word <code>entries</code> (or its abbreviation <code>e</code> ) followed by a string.
<code>vgnames (vn)</code>	Specifies the names of the VGs associated with the record. This keyword applies to the <code>verify</code> directive and consists of the word <code>vgnames</code> (or its abbreviation <code>vn</code> ) followed by a quoted, space-separated list of names.

The *format* parameter in a directive consists of the word `format` followed by white space and then either the word `default`, the word `keyword`, or a list of field keywords.

The keyword form, intended for parsing by a program or script, suppresses the headings.

If a list of field keywords is used in the *format* parameter, they may be delimited by colons or spaces, but spaces will require the use of quoting.

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**Note:** The BFID is always included as the first field and need not be specified.

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For any field that takes a byte count, you may append the letter `k`, `m`, or `g` (in either uppercase or lowercase) to the integer to indicate that the value is to be multiplied by one thousand, one million, or one billion, respectively.

For information about the role of the `dmcatadm (8)` command in database recovery, see "Database Recovery" on page 352.

**Example 13-2** dmcatadm list Directive

The following is sample output from the dmcatadm list directive. The file with key 3273d5420001e244 has two chunks because it spans two physical tape volumes; the first chunk contains bytes 0 through 24821759, and the second chunk bytes 24821760 (the CHUNK OFFSET) to the end of the file.

```
adm 3>list 3273d5420001e242- recordlimit 10
```

KEY	WRITE AGE	CHUNK OFFSET	CHUNK LENGTH	CHUNK NUM	VSN
3273d5420001e242	61d	0	77863935	13	S12940
3273d5420001e244	61d	0	24821760	168	S12936
3273d5420001e244	61d	24821760	23543808	1	S12945
3273d5420001e245	61d	0	51019776	2	S12945
3273d5420001e246	61d	0	45629440	59	S12938
3273d5420001e247	61d	0	35586048	60	S12938
3273d5420001e248	61d	0	9568256	3	S12944
3273d5420001e249	61d	0	14221312	4	S12944
3273d5420001e24a	61d	0	458752	5	S12944
3273d5420001e24b	61d	0	14155776	6	S12944

The following is sample output from the dmcatadm list directive for an LS. The file with key 3b4b28f2000000000000ae80 has 2 chunks because it was migrated to two different VGs within this LS. The output from the dmvoladm list directive that follows shows that VSN 000700 is assigned to the VG named vg8a15, and VSN 00727 is assigned to the VG named vg8a05.

```
# dmcatadm -m ls1
adm 1>list 3b4b28f2000000000000ae80- recordlimit 4
```

KEY	WRITE AGE	CHUNK OFFSET	CHUNK LENGTH	CHUNK NUM	VSN
3b4b28f2000000000000ae80	1d	0	2305938	120	000700
3b4b28f2000000000000ae80	4d	0	2305938	32	000727
3b4b28f2000000000000ae82	1d	0	234277	247	003171
3b4b28f2000000000000ae82	1d	0	234277	186	003176

```
adm 2> quit

# dmvoladm -m ls1
adm 1>list vsn=000700
```

VSN	VOLGRP	LB	DATA LEFT	DATA WRITTEN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	HFLAGS	WR/FR AGE
000700	vg8a15	a1	150.280473	233.786093	123	9	-----u--	1d

```
adm 2>list vsn=000727
```

VSN	VOLGRP	LB	DATA LEFT	DATA WRITTEN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	HFLAGS	WR/FR AGE
000727	vg8a05	a1	159.107337	200.443980	102	6	-----	1d

### dmcatadm Text Field Order

The text field order for chunk records generated by the `dmdump(8)`, `dmdumpj(8)`, and the `dump` directive in `dmcatadm` is listed below. This is the format expected by the `load` directives in `dmcatadm`:

1. C (indicates the chunk record type)
2. bfid (hexadecimal digits)
3. filesize
4. writedata
5. readdate
6. readcount

7. `chunkoffset`
8. `chunklength`
9. `chunkdata`
10. `chunknumber`
11. `flags` (in octal)
12. `zoneposition` (`zonenumber/zoneblockid`) (in hexadecimal)
13. `vsn`
14. `chunkpos` (in hexadecimal)

### **dmvoladm Command**

The `dmvoladm(8)` command provides maintenance services for VOL records. In addition to the creation and modification of volume records, `dmvoladm` has an important role in the recovery of VOL records from an LS database checkpoint and is the mechanism that triggers volume merge activity.

When you are inside the `dmvoladm` interface (that is, when you see the `adm command_number >` prompt), the command has a 30-minute timeout associated with it. If you do not enter a response within 30 minutes of the prompt having been displayed, the `dmvoladm` session terminates with a descriptive message. This behavior on all the database administrative commands limits the amount of time that an administrator can lock the daemon database and the LS database from updates.

### **dmvoladm Directives**

The `dmvoladm` command executes directives from `stdin` or from the command line when you use the `-c` option. The syntax is the same as for `dmcatadm`: a directive name followed by parameters or paired keywords and values, all separated by white space.

<b>Directive</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>count</code>	Displays the number of records that match the expression provided.
<code>create</code>	Creates a VOL record.
<code>delete</code>	Deletes the specified VOL records.

dump	Prints the specified VOL records to standard output in ASCII. Each field is separated by the pipe character ( ).
help	Displays help.
list	Shows the fields of selected VOL records. You may specify which fields are shown.
load	Applies VOL records to the LS database obtained from running the dump directive.
quit	Stops program execution after flushing any changed records to disk. The abbreviation <code>q</code> and the string <code>exit</code> produce the same effect.
repair	Causes <code>dmvoladm</code> to adjust the usage information for specified volumes based on CAT records in the LS database. This directive is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.
select	Marks selected volumes as being sparse. Equivalent to <code>update expression</code> to <code>hsparse on</code> .
set	Specifies the fields to be shown in subsequent <code>list</code> directives.
update	Modifies the specified VOL records.
verify	Verifies the LS database against the daemon database.

The syntax for the `dmvoladm` directives is summarized as follows:

```
count [limit]
create vsnlist volgrpspec [settings]
delete selection [limit]
dump selection [limit]
help
list selection [limit] [format]
load filename
quit (or q, or exit)
repair selection
select selection [limit]
set format
update selection [limit] to settings
verify selection
```

The `volgrpspec` parameter consists of the keyword `volgrp` (or `vg`), followed by a value for that keyword.

The value for *vsnlist* may be a single 6-character volume serial number (VSN) or a range of VSNs separated by the hyphen (-) character. A VSN string is case insensitive and may consist entirely of letters, entirely of digits, or a series of letters followed by digits. In a range of VSNs, the first must be lexically less than the second.

The value for *selection* may be one of the following:

- A *vsnlist* or range of VSNs in the form *vsn[-vsn]*. *vsn-* specifies all records starting with *vsn*, and *-vsn* specifies all records up to *vsn*.
- A period (.), which recalls the previous selection
- The name of one of the flags in the keyword list that follows in this section.
- One of the words *all*, *used*, *empty*, or *partial* or any of the *hold flags (hflags)*, whose meanings are as follows:

Flag	Description
<i>all</i>	Specifies all volumes in the LS database
<i>empty</i>	Specifies all volumes in which data left is 0
<i>partial</i>	Specifies used volumes in which <i>hfull</i> is off
<i>used</i>	Specifies all volumes in which data written is not 0

- An expression involving *vsnlists*, field-value comparisons, *and*, *or*, or parentheses.

A field value comparison may use the following to compare a field keyword to an appropriate value:

< (less than)  
> (greater than)  
= (equal)  
!= (not equal)  
<= (less than or equal to)  
>= (greater than or equal to)

The syntax for *selection* is as follows:

```
selection ::= or-expr
or-expr ::= and-expr [ or or-expr ]
and-expr ::= nested-expr [ and or-expr ]
nested-expr ::= comparison | ( or-expr )
comparison ::= vsnlist | field-keyword op field-value
op ::= < | > | = | != | >= | <=
```



```

vsn-range ::= vsn [ - vsn] | [vsn - [vsn]] | key-macro
key-macro ::= all | empty | used | partial | flag(s)
field-keyword ::= name or abbreviation of the record field
field-value ::= appropriate value for the field
vsnlist ::= character representation of the volume serial number

```

Thus valid *selections* could be any of the following:

```

tape01-tape02
tape50-
-vsn900
all
hoa or hro
used and hfull=off
datawritten>0 and hfull=off
. and eotchunk>3000 and (eotchunk<3500 or hfree=on)
hfull and threshold<30

```

#### dmvoladm Field Keywords

You can use the *field* keywords listed below as part of a *selection* parameter to select records, in a *format* parameter, or in a *settings* parameter to specify new values for a field; in that case, a keyword-value pair must be specified. A keyword-value pair consists of a keyword followed by white space and then a value. When specifying new values for fields, some of the keywords are valid only if you also specify the `-u` (unsafe) option:

Keyword	Description
blocksize (bs)	Specifies the data block size in bytes when the tape was first written; an integer. This keyword is used only when mounting tapes with existing valid data. When an empty tape is first written, the VG uses the default value for the tape type, unless it is overridden by a value in the <code>BLOCK_SIZE</code> parameter for the drive group in the DMF configuration file. This is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.
chunksleft (cl)	Specifies the number of active chunks on the volume; an integer. This is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.
dataleft (dl)	Specifies the number of bytes of active data on the volume. You specify this number as an integer, but for

	readability purposes it is displayed in megabytes (MB). This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
dataawritten (dw)	Specifies the maximum number of bytes ever written to the volume. You specify this number as an integer, but for readability purposes it is displayed in MB. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
eotblockid (eb)	Specifies the blockid of the chunk containing the end-of-tape marker; a hexadecimal integer. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
eotchunk (ec)	Specifies the number of the chunk containing the end-of-tape marker; an integer. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
eotpos (ep)	Specifies the absolute position of the end-of-tape marker zone in the form <i>integer/hexadecimal-integer</i> , designating a zone number and block ID. A value of zero is used for <i>hexadecimal-integer</i> if no block ID is known. <i>integer</i> the same as <i>eotzone</i> , and <i>hexadecimal-integer</i> is the same as <i>eotblockid</i> . This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
eotzone (ez)	Specifies the number of the zone containing the end-of-tape marker; an integer. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
hflags (hf)	Specifies the flags associated with the record. See the description of <i>flags</i> keywords. Not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter.
label (lb)	Specifies the label type: <i>a1</i> for ANSI standard labels; <i>s1</i> for IBM standard labels; or <i>n1</i> for nonlabeled volumes. The default is <i>a1</i> .
tapesize (ts)	Specifies the estimated capacity in bytes; an integer. The default is 215 MB.
threshold (th)	Specifies the ratio of <i>dataleft</i> to <i>dataawritten</i> as a percentage. This field is valid only as part of a <i>selection</i> parameter.
upage (ua)	Specifies the date and time of the last update to the volume's database record. The same as for <i>update</i> , except that it is expressed as <i>age</i> . This is not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter.

update (ud)	Specifies the date and time of the last update to the volume's database record, expressed as an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time. This is not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter.
version (v)	Specifies the DMF tape format version, an integer. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
volgrp (vg)	Specifies the VG or allocation group.
wfage (wa)	Specifies the date and time that the volume was written to or freed for reuse. The same as for <i>wfdate</i> , except that it is expressed as <i>age</i> . This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.
wfdate (wd)	Specifies the date and time that the volume was written to or freed for reuse, expressed as an integer that reflects raw UNIX or Linux time. This is valid only in unsafe (-u) mode.

The date field keywords (*update* and *wfdate*) have a value of either *now* or UNIX or Linux *raw time* (seconds since January 1, 1970). These keywords display their value as raw time. The value comparison *>* used with the date keywords means newer than the value given. For example, *>36000* is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1970, and *>852081200* is newer than 10AM on January 1, 1997.

The age field keywords (*upage* and *wfage*) let you express time as *age* as a string.

The age keywords display their value as an integer followed by the following:

- w (weeks)
- d (days)
- h ( hours)
- m ( minutes)
- s (seconds)

For example, *8w12d7h16m20s* means 8 weeks, 12 days, 7 hours, 16 minutes, and 20 seconds old.

The comparison *>* used with the age keywords means older than the value given (that is, *>5d* is older than 5 days).

The *limit* parameter in a directive limits the records acted upon. It consists of one of the following keywords followed by white space and then a value. The abbreviation for the keyword is given in parentheses following its name, if one exists:

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>datalimit</code> (no abbreviation)	Specifies a value in bytes. The directive stops when the sum of <code>dataleft</code> of the volumes processed so far exceeds this value.
<code>recordlimit</code> (r1)	Specifies a number of records; an integer. The directive stops when the number of volumes processed equals this value.
<code>recordorder</code> (ro)	Specifies the order that records are scanned; may be either <code>data</code> or <code>vsu</code> . <code>vsu</code> specifies that the records are scanned in ascending order of the chunk VSN. <code>data</code> specifies that the records are scanned in the order in which they are found in the LS database, which is fastest but essentially unordered.

The *format* parameter in a directive consists of the word `format` followed by white space and then either the word `default`, the word `keyword`, or a list of field and or flag keywords.

The `keyword` form, intended for parsing by a program or script, suppresses the headings.

If a list of field or flag keywords is used in the format expression, they may be delimited by colons or spaces, but spaces will require the use of quoting. The VSN is always included as the first field and need not be specified.

The *flag* keywords listed below can be used to change the settings of the *hold flags* (*hflags*). They can also be used as part of selection or format parameters. :

<b>Keyword</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>hbadmnt</code> (hb)	Indicates that the LS could not mount the tape. It is displayed as -----b.
<code>herr</code> (he)	Indicates an LS database inconsistency for this volume. It is displayed as e-----.
<code>hflags</code> (no abbreviation)	(Not valid as part of a <i>settings</i> parameter.) Shows the complete set of hold flags as a 9-character string. Each flag has a specific position and alphabetic value. If the flag is off, a dash (-) is displayed in its position; if the flag is on, the alphabetic character is displayed in that position.

hfree (no abbreviation)	Indicates that the volume has no active data and is available for reuse after <code>HFREE_TIME</code> has expired, displayed as <code>-f-----</code> . See the <code>dmf.conf(5)</code> man page for information about the <code>HFREE_TIME</code> configuration parameter. This is valid only in unsafe ( <code>-u</code> ) mode.
hfull (hu)	Indicates that the volume cannot hold any more data; displayed as <code>-----u--</code> .
hlock (hl)	Indicates that the tape cannot be used for either input or output. This is a transient condition; the flag will be cleared by the LS after <code>REINSTATE_VOLUME_DELAY</code> has expired and at LS startup. Displayed as <code>----l----</code> .
hoa (ho)	Indicates that the volume is not to be used for either input or output, displayed as <code>--o-----</code> . This value is only set or cleared by the site administrator.
hro (hr)	Indicates that the volume is read-only, displayed as <code>---r-----</code> ; this inhibits the LS from using the volume for output. This value is only set or cleared by the site administrator.
hsite1 (hl)	Reserved for site use; ignored by DMF. Not normally displayed; see the <code>dmvoladm(8)</code> man page for details. <code>hsite2</code> , <code>hsite3</code> , and <code>hsite4</code> are also available.
hsparse (hs)	Indicates that the volume is considered sparse and thus a candidate for a volume merge operation, displayed as <code>-----s-</code> .
hvfy (hv)	Indicates that this tape should be tested and/or replaced when next empty; until that time, it is read-only. Displayed as <code>----v----</code> . This value is set by DMF but only cleared by the site administrator.

For any field that takes a byte count, you may append the letter `k`, `m`, or `g` (in either uppercase or lowercase) to the integer to indicate that the value is to be multiplied by one thousand, one million, or one billion, respectively.

For information about the role of the `dmvoladm` command in LS database recovery, see "Database Recovery" on page 352. For details about `dmvoladm` syntax, see the man page.

**Example 13-3** dmvoladm list Directives

The following example illustrates the default format for the `list` directive when using an LS. The column marked `HFLAGS` uses a format similar to the `ls -l` command in that each letter has an assigned position and its presence indicates that the flag is “on”. The positions spell out the string `eforvplus`, representing `herr`, `hfree`, `hoa`, `hro`, `hvfy`, `hlock`, `hfull`, and `hsparse`.

```
adm 1> list 000683-000703
```

VSN	VOLGRP	LB	DATA LEFT	DATA WRITTEN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	HFLAGS	WR/FR AGE
000683	vg8a01	a1	0.000000	0.000000	1	1	-----	3d
000700	vg8a00	a1	267.539255	287.610294	124	7	-----u--	2d
000701	vg8a00	a1	288.342795	308.147798	136	8	-----u--	2d
000702	vg8a00	a1	255.718902	288.302830	120	7	-----u--	2d
000703	ag8	a1	0.000000	0.000000	1	1	-----	3d

The following example illustrates using the `list` command to show only volumes meeting some criterion (in this case, those having their `hfull` flag set):

```
adm 1>list hfull
```

VSN	VOLGRP	LB	DATA LEFT	DATA WRITTEN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	HFLAGS	WR/FR AGE
000701	vg8a00	a1	288.342795	308.147798	136	8	-----u--	2d
000702	vg8a00	a1	255.718902	288.302830	120	7	-----u--	2d
000704	vg8a00	a1	252.294122	292.271410	119	7	-----u--	2d
000705	vg8a00	a1	250.207666	304.603059	143	7	-----u--	2d
000706	vg8a00	a1	265.213875	289.200534	144	7	-----u--	2d
000707	vg8a00	a1	278.744448	310.408119	140	7	-----u--	2d
000708	vg8a00	a1	260.827748	295.956588	136	7	-----u--	2d
000709	vg8a00	a1	253.481897	283.615678	138	8	-----u--	2d
000710	vg8a00	a1	265.100985	291.243235	141	7	-----u--	2d
000711	vg8a00	a1	276.288446	305.782035	144	7	-----u--	2d
000712	vg8a00	a1	250.415786	275.606243	138	7	-----u--	2d
000716	vg8a00	a1	287.964765	304.321543	144	7	-----u--	2d
000717	vg8a00	a1	280.795058	287.084534	144	7	-----u--	2d
000718	vg8a00	a1	0.000415	300.852018	180	27	-----u--	3d
003127	vg9a01	a1	417.383784	461.535047	209	10	-----u--	2d
003128	vg9a01	a1	427.773679	460.716741	229	11	-----u--	2d

The following example shows one way you can customize the `list` format to show only the fields that you want to see. The other way is to use the `set format` command with the same keyword list.

```
adm 21>list S03232-S03254 format "eotchunk eotzone eotpos"
```

VSN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	EOTPOS
S03232	10	2	2/4294967295
S03233	2	2	2/4294967295
S03234	598	2	2/4294967295
S03235	18	2	2/4294967295
S03236	38	2	2/4294967295
S03237	92	2	2/4294967295
S03238	1	1	1/4294967295
S03239	1	1	1/4294967295
S03240	1	1	1/4294967295

```

S03241 325 2 2/4294967295
S03242 81 2 2/4294967295
S03243 26 2 2/4294967295
S03244 1 1 1/4294967295
S03245 26 2 2/4294967295
S03246 5 2 2/4294967295
S03247 186 2 2/4294967295
S03248 17 2 2/4294967295
S03249 526 2 2/4294967295
S03250 1 1 1/4294967295
S03251 533 2 2/4294967295
S03252 157 17 17/2147483648
S03253 636 2 2/4294967295
S03254 38 2 2/4294967295

```

The following example gives a convenient way to show the several flag bits in a way different from their usual representation.

```
adm 23>list 003232-003254 format "hfree hfull hlock hoa hro"
```

```
hfree hfull hlock hoa hro
```

```
VSN
```

```

-----
003232 off on off off off
003233 off off off off off
003234 off off off off off
003235 off off off off off
003236 off on off off off
003237 off on off off off
003238 off on off off off
003239 off on off off off
003240 off off off off off
003241 off on off off off
003242 off on off off off
003243 off off off off off
003244 off off off off off
003245 off on off off off
003246 off off off off off
003247 off on off off off
003248 off on off off on
003249 on off off off on
003250 on off off off on
003251 on off off off on

```



```
003252  on  off  off off  on
003253  off on  off off  on
003254  off on  off off  on
```

The following example shows how to display only those tapes assigned to the VG named `vg9a00`.

```
adm 3>list vg=vg9a00
```

VSN	VOLGRP	LB	DATA LEFT	DATA WRITTEN	EOT CHUNK	EOT ZONE	HFLAGS	WR/FR AGE
003210	vg9a00	a1	1.048576	1.048576	3	2	-----	11d
003282	vg9a00	a1	11.534336	11.534336	13	2	-----	7d

#### **dmvoladm Text Field Order**

The text field order for volume records generated by the `dmddump(8)`, `dmddumpj(8)`, and the `dump` directive in `dmvoladm` is listed below. This is the format expected by the `load` directives in `dmvoladm`:

1. `v` (indicates the volume record type)
2. `vsn`
3. `volgrp`
4. `lbtype`
5. `capacity`
6. `blocksize`
7. `hflags` (in octal)
8. `version`
9. `datawritten`
10. `eotchunk`
11. `eotposition` (`eotzone/eotblockid`) (in hexadecimal)
12. `dataleft`
13. `chunksleft`

14. `wfdate`
15. `update`
16. `id` (in octal). This field indicates the type of process that last updated the record.

### **`dmatread` Command**

Use the `dmatread(8)` command to copy all or part of the data from a migrated file back to disk. You might want to do this if, for example, a user accidentally deleted a file and did not discover that the deletion had occurred until after the database entries had been removed by the hard delete procedure. Using backup copies of the databases from before the hard delete was performed, `dmatread` can restore the data to disk, assuming that the tape volume has not been reused in the meantime.

#### **Example 13-4 Restoring Hard-deleted Files Using `dmatread`**

To copy migrated files back to disk, perform the following steps:

1. Determine the BFID of the file you want to restore. You can use backup copies of `dmdlog` or your `dbrec.dat` files, or a restored dump copy of the deleted file's inode (and the `dmattr` command).
2. Using backup copies of the LS database, execute a `dmatread(8)` command similar to the following:

```
dmatread -p /a/dmbackup -B 342984C500000000000084155
```

`342984C500000000000084155` is the BFID of the file to be restored, and `/a/dmbackup` is the directory containing the backup copies of the LS database. Your file will be restored to the current directory as `B342984C500000000000084155`

DMF does not know the original name of the file; you must manually move the restored data to the appropriate file.

If you have access to chunk and VSN information for the file to be restored, you can use the `dmatread -c` and `-v` options and avoid using backup copies of the LS database. In this case, `dmatread` will issue messages indicating that the chunk is not found in the current LS database, but it will continue with the request and restore the file as described in this example.

## **dmatsnf Command**

Use the `dmatsnf(8)` command to verify the readability of the LS volumes or to audit their contents. You may also generate text database records that can be applied to the LS database using the `load` directive in `dmcatadm` and `dmvoladm`, respectively; you can use the text records to add the contents of a few volumes to the LS database (this is impractical for large numbers of volumes).

`dmatsnf` can be used to verify one or more tape volumes against the LS database. It also can be used to generate journal entries, which can be added to the LS database by using the `load` directive in `dmvoladm` and `dmcatadm`.

## **dmaudit verifymsp Command**

Use the `verifymsp` option of the `dmaudit(8)` command to check the consistency of the daemon database and LS database after an MSP, LS, DMF daemon, or system failure. This command captures the database files and compares the contents of the daemon database with each LS database. Any problems are reported to standard output, but no attempt is made to repair them.

You can also perform this function directly using `dmatvfy(8)` after taking a snapshot.

## **FTP MSP**

The FTP MSP allows the DMF daemon to manage data by moving it to a remote machine. Data is moved to and from the remote machine with the protocol described in RFC 959 (FTP). The remote machine must understand this specific protocol.

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**Note:** It is desirable that the remote machine run an operating system based on UNIX, so that the MSP can create subdirectories to organize the offline data. However, this is not a requirement.

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The FTP MSP does not need a private database to operate; all information necessary to retrieve offline files is kept in the daemon database, DMF configuration file, and login information file. The login information file contains configuration information, such as passwords, that must be kept private. As a safeguard, the MSP will not operate if the login information file is readable by anyone other than the system administrator.

This section discusses the following:

- "FTP MSP Processing of Requests" on page 328
- "FTP MSP Activity Log" on page 329
- "FTP MSP Messages" on page 329

## FTP MSP Processing of Requests

The FTP MSP is always waiting for requests to arrive from the DMF daemon, but, to improve efficiency, it holds `PUT` and `DELETE` requests briefly and groups similar requests together into a single FTP session. No `PUT` request will be held longer than 60 seconds. No `DELETE` request will be held longer than 5 seconds. `GET` requests are not held. The MSP will stop holding requests if it has a large amount of work to do (more than 1024 individual files or 8 MB of data). The FTP MSP also limits the number of FTP sessions that can be active at once and the rate at which new sessions can be initiated.

After a request has been held for the appropriate amount of time, it enters a ready state. Processing usually begins immediately, but may be delayed if resources are not available.

The following limits affect the maximum number of requests that can be processed:

- An administrator-controlled limit on the maximum number of concurrent FTP sessions per MSP (`CHILD_MAXIMUM`).
- An administrator-controlled limit on the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests (`GUARANTEED_DELETESES`).
- An administrator-controlled limit on the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing `dmget(1)` requests (`GUARANTEED_GETS`).
- A system-imposed limit of 85 FTP sessions in any 60-second period. This limit is seldom a concern because of the MSP's ability to transfer many files in one session. Because requests are grouped into batches only when resources are immediately available, `GET` requests (which are not normally held) are batched when resources are in short supply.

Requests are processed by forking off a child process. The parent process immediately resumes waiting for requests to arrive from the DMF daemon. The child process attempts to initiate an FTP session on the remote FTP server. If the remote machine

has multiple Internet Protocol (IP) addresses, all of them are tried before giving up. If the child process cannot connect, it waits 5 minutes and tries again until it succeeds.

Once a connection is established, the child process provides any required user name, password, account, and default directory information to the remote FTP server. PUT, GET, or DELETE operations are then performed as requested by the DMF daemon. PUT, GET, or DELETE operations are not intermixed within a batch. If an individual request does not complete successfully, it does not necessarily cause other requests in the same batch to fail. Binary transfer mode is used for all data transfer.

The stored files are not verbatim copies of the user files. They are stored using the same format used to write tapes, and you can use MSP utilities such as `dmatread` and `dmatsnf` to access the data in them.

## FTP MSP Activity Log

All DMF MSPs maintain log files named `m脾log.yyyymmdd` in the MSP spool directory which, by default, is `SPOOL_DIR/m脾name`. `SPOOL_DIR` is configured in the `base` object of the configuration file; `m脾name` is the name of the MSP in the `daemon` object of the configuration file; `yyymmdd` is the current year, month, and day.

The activity log shows the arrival of new requests, the successful completion of requests, failed requests, creation and deletion of child processes, and all FTP transactions. Sensitive information (passwords and account information) does not appear in the activity log. In addition, the MSP lists the contents of its internal queues in its activity log if it is given an `INTERRUPT` signal.

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**Note:** Because the FTP MSP will continue to create log files files without limit, you must remove obsolete files periodically by configuring the `run_remove_logs` task in the configuration file, as described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

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## FTP MSP Messages

The MSP also recognizes and handles the following messages issued from the DMF daemon:

Message	Description
CANCEL	Issued when a previously requested action is no longer necessary, for example, when a file being migrated with

	a <code>PUT</code> request is removed. The MSP is able to cancel a request if it is being held or if it is waiting for resources. A request that has begun processing cannot be canceled and will run to normal completion.
<code>FINISH</code>	Issued during normal shutdown. When the MSP receives a <code>FINISH</code> message, it finishes all requested operations as quickly as it can and then exits.
<code>FLUSHALL</code>	Issued in response to the <code>dmdidle(8)</code> command. When the MSP receives a <code>FLUSHALL</code> message, it finishes all requested operations as quickly as it can.



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**Caution:** If the remote filesystem must be restored to a previous state, inconsistencies may arise: remote files that reappear after being deleted are never removed, and remote files that disappear unexpectedly result in data loss. There is presently no way to detect these inconsistencies. You should avoid situations that require the remote filesystem to be restored to a previous state.

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## Disk MSP

The disk MSP (`dmdskmsp`) migrates data into a directory that is accessed on the current system. It uses POSIX file interfaces to open, read, write, and close files. The directory may be NFS-mounted, unless the disk MSP is configured as a disk cache manager (see "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) MSP" on page 332). The data is read and written with `root` (UID 0) privileges. By default, `dmdskmsp` stores the data in DMF-blocked format, which allows the MSP to do the following:

- Keep metadata with a file
- Keep sparse files sparse when they are recalled
- Verify that a file is intact on recall

The disk MSP does not need a private database to operate; all information necessary to retrieve offline files is kept in the daemon database and DMF configuration file.

The disk MSP may also be used as an import MSP. In this case, it only permits recalls and copies the data unchanged for a recall.

This section discusses the following:

- "Disk MSP Processing of Requests" on page 331
- "Disk MSP Activity Log" on page 332

## Disk MSP Processing of Requests

The disk MSP is always waiting for requests to arrive from the DMF daemon, but, to improve efficiency, it holds `PUT` and `DELETE` requests briefly and groups similar requests together into a single session. No `PUT` request will be held longer than 60 seconds. No `DELETE` request will be held longer than 5 seconds. `GET` requests are not held. The MSP will stop holding requests if it has a large amount of work to do (more than 1024 individual files or 8 MB of data).

After a request has been held for the appropriate amount of time, it enters a ready state. Processing usually begins immediately, but may be delayed if resources are not available.

The following limits affect the maximum number of requests that can be processed:

- An administrator-controlled limit on the maximum number of concurrent operations per MSP (`CHILD_MAXIMUM`).
- An administrator-controlled limit on the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests (`GUARANTEED_DELETES`).
- An administrator-controlled limit on the number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing `dmget(1)` requests (`GUARANTEED_GETS`).

Requests are processed by forking off a child process. The parent process immediately resumes waiting for requests to arrive from the DMF daemon.

`PUT`, `GET`, or `DELETE` operations are performed as requested by the DMF daemon. `PUT`, `GET`, or `DELETE` operations are not intermixed within a batch. If an individual request does not complete successfully, it does not necessarily cause other requests in the same batch to fail. Binary transfer mode is used for all data transfer.

The stored files are not verbatim copies of the user files. They are stored using the same format used to write tapes, and you can use MSP utilities such as `dmatread` and `dmatsnf` to access the data in them.

## Disk MSP Activity Log

All DMF MSPs maintain log files named `mssllog.yyyymmdd` in the MSP spool directory which, by default, is `SPOOL_DIR/mspname`. `SPOOL_DIR` is configured in the `base` object of the configuration file; `mspname` is the name of the MSP in the `daemon` object of the configuration file; `yyyymmdd` is the current year, month, and day).

The log file shows the arrival of new requests, the successful completion of requests, failed requests, and creation and deletion of child processes. In addition, the MSP lists the contents of its internal queues in its activity log if it is given an `INTERRUPT` signal.

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**Note:** Because the disk MSP will continue to create log files without limit, you must remove obsolete files periodically by configuring the `run_remove_logs` task in the configuration file, as described in "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

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## Disk Cache Manager (DCM) MSP

The *Disk cache manager (DCM) MSP* is the disk MSP configured for *n*-tier capability using a dedicated filesystem as a cache. The DCM provides fast access for files whose activity levels remain high while also providing migration to tape for those files requiring less frequent access.

To allow the disk store that is managed by the disk MSP to function as a dynamically managed cache (as opposed to a static store), the DCM creates and maintains a filesystem attribute on each file that is created in the MSP `STORE_DIRECTORY`. This attribute is used by the `dmdskfree` process to evaluate files for downward migration and for possible removal from the disk cache. For this reason, the DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY` must be a local XFS or CXFS filesystem mount point with DMAPI enabled.

The DCM supports *dual-resident state*, in which files reside in the cache and also in a lower VG. This provides the access speed of a disk file, but allows that cache file to be quickly released without the need to first write it to tape. This is directly analogous to the concept of a dual-state file in the standard DMF-managed filesystem.

Automated movement in the opposite direction (from tape back to the cache) is not available. Any recalls of files that no longer have copies held in the cache will come directly from tape; they are not recalled via the cache and they can only be restored to the cache by an explicit `dmmove(8)` command.



## **dmdskvfy Command**

The `dmdskvfy` command verifies that copies of migrated files in DCM and disk MSPs are consistent with the daemon database entries that refer to them.

## **Moving Migrated Data between MSPs and VGs**

DMF provides a mechanism to move copies of offline or dual-state files from one MSP or VG to another. The `dmmove(8)` command takes a list of such files and moves them to a specified set of MSPs or VGs. The list of MSPs or VGs specified to the `dmmove` command indicates which MSPs or VGs are to contain migrated copies of a file after the move process is completed. All other migrated copies are hard-deleted unless the `dmmove -d` option is used to select which copies are to be hard-deleted.

If a file's migrated state is offline, `dmmove` recalls the file to disk and then remigrates it to the specified MSPs or VGs. (The one exception to this is that if a disk cache manager disk MSP copy exists, the file will be moved directly from that file copy.) When the migration process is complete, the online copy is removed. The file is recalled to a scratch filesystem that is specified by the `MOVE_FS` configuration parameter. If the file is dual-state, `dmmove` does not need to recall the file first, but instead uses the existing online copy.

The `dmselect(8)` command can be used to determine which files you want to move. `dmselect` selects files based on age, size, ownership, and MSP criteria. The output from the `dmselect` command can be used with the `dmmove` command. The `dmmove` command also accepts a list of pathnames as input.

See the man pages for `dmselect` and `dmmove` for all the possible options and further information.

## **LS Error Analysis and Avoidance**

The drive group component of the LS monitors tape use, analyzes failures, and uses this information to avoid future errors.

The drive group component can react to some failures without looking for any patterns of behavior. Among these are the following:

- Mounting service failure. If the mounting service is TME, by default, DMF makes one attempt to restart it. If this attempt does not succeed, DMF notifies the

administrator by e-mail and waits for the administrator's intervention. When TMF is back again, DMF resets the auto-restart flag so that if TMF fails again, it will once again make one attempt to restart it.

If OpenVault is the mounting service, by default, no attempt is made to restart it. Instead, an e-mail is sent to the administrator.

A site can set the number of automatic restart attempts by using the drive group's `MAX_MS_RESTARTS` configuration parameter, but caution and thorough testing are advised. There are many possible failure modes for a mounting service, and automated restarts might not always be appropriate.

- Tape volume is not in the tape library. Obviously, this problem will not be fixed by trying again. To prevent further access, the volume is locked by setting the `HLOCK` flag, as described below, and the user requests that triggered the access attempt are retried on another tape, if possible; otherwise, they are aborted. The administrator is notified by e-mail.
- For TMF only, a tape mount was cancelled by an operator or administrator. Although the user requests are retried or aborted, the volume is not disabled. If the volume were disabled, it would be inaccessible for a period of time (default 24 hours) unless `dmvoladm` were used to preempt this delay. All operators do not necessarily have access to the `dmvoladm` command.

Because the reason for the cancellation is unknown to DMF, repeated requests for the same volume are quite possible, and the operator might have to cancel each one.

The drive group handles other types of failure by examining the recent history of the tape volume and the tape drive that was used. The drive group maintains records of past tape I/O errors, and uses these to control the way it reacts to future errors.

For example, if a tape has been unusable several times in a row, even though different tape drives were used, the drive group concludes that the problem most likely involves the tape volume rather than the drive. Therefore, it suspends use of that tape, forcing DMF to migrate to a different tape in that VG or to recall the file from another tape held by a different VG. This suspension is usually done by setting the `HLOCK` flag in the tape's entry in the VOL record of the LS database. This makes the tape inaccessible to the VG for both reading and writing until it is automatically cleared after `REINSTATE_VOLUME_DELAY` minutes.

If a variety of volumes fail on a specific drive but are usable on other drives, a drive problem is likely, and the tape drive can be automatically configured down if permitted by the administrator's setting of `DRIVES_TO_DOWN` to a value higher than

its default of zero. When a drive is configured down in this way, it is configured up again after `REINSTATE_DRIVE_DELAY` minutes.

The analyses of drive and volume errors are performed independently of each other; it is possible for one additional error to result in both the drive and the volume being disabled.

There are several reasons for reinstating drives and volumes after a delay. The most important is that the analyses of previous failures might lead to a faulty conclusion in some situations, such as when DMF is under a very light load, or when multiple failures occur concurrently. A wrong diagnosis might impact DMF's performance, and should not be accepted indefinitely. Disabling a suspected drive or volume for a while is usually enough to break any repetitive cycles of failure. If such patterns re-establish themselves when the reinstatement occurs, the drive group will again analyze the behavior, possibly reaching a different conclusion, and again try to prevent it.

There are some variations from these general reactions. For example, if a tape volume with existing data on it is diagnosed as faulty when appending new data, instead of setting the `HLOCK` flag, the drive group sets `HVFY`, which results in the tape being used in a read-only mode until eventually emptied by merges or hard deletion of its files. At that time, the administrator may choose to test it and possibly replace or delete it. If it is to be returned to service, the `HVFY` flag should be cleared by using `dmvoladm`. Full details of these procedures are included in the email sent to the administrator at the time of the error.

If it is considered desirable to return a volume or drive to service earlier than defined in the DMF configuration, the appropriate command (`dmvoladm`, `tmconfig`, or `ov_drive`) can be safely used.

## LS Drive Scheduling

When multiple VGs are requesting the use of more tape drives than exist in the drive group, the resource scheduler is used to decide which VGs should wait and which should be assigned the use of the drives.

The resource scheduler is unaware of non-volume-group activity on the drives in its drive group. Such activity includes XFS dumps any direct tape use by the system's users; it does not prevent the LS from working properly, though it might be less than optimal.

## LS Status Monitoring

You can observe the performance of the LS in two ways:

- Monitor its log file with a tool like `tail -f`, which allows an experienced administrator to follow the flow of events as they happen
- Use the resource watcher component, when enabled by use of the `WATCHER` parameter in the `libraryserver` configuration stanza

The resource watcher is intended to give the administrator a view of the status of an LS and some of its components. It maintains a set of text files on disk that are rewritten as events happen. These files can be found in the `SPOOL_DIR/lsname/_rwname` directory, where `SPOOL_DIR` is defined in the DMF configuration file, as are the names of the LS and resource watcher; for example, `lsname` and `rwname`. The easiest way to find the precise path is to look in the LS log file for messages like the following:

```
rwname.config_changed: URL of home page is file:/dmf/spool/lsname/_rwname/lsname.html
```

This message is issued at DMF startup or whenever the configuration file is altered or its modification time changes; for example, by using the `touch(1)` command.

The `SPOOL_DIR/lsname/_rwname` directory contains files with names ending in `.html`, which are automatically refreshing HTML files. You can access these files by using a browser running on the same machine. The following example shows an LS page that contains links to drive group pages, and they in turn have links to VG pages, if the VGs are active at the time:

```
netscape file:/dmf/spool/lsname/_rwname/lsname.html
```

If running the browser on the DMF machine is inconvenient, you can include the directory in your HTTP server configuration to allow those same pages to be accessed via the web.

This directory also contains files whose names end in `.txt`, designed to be parsed with programs like `awk`. The data format is described by comments within those files and can be compared with the equivalent HTML files.

If the format of the text ever changes, the version number will change. If the changes are incompatible with previous usage, the number before the decimal point is altered. If they are compatible, the number after the decimal point is altered.

An example of compatibility is adding extra fields to the end of existing lines or adding new lines. Programs using these files should check the version number to ensure compatibility. Also, it might be useful to check the following:

- DMF version shown by `dmversion(1)`
- Linux kernel version shown by `uname(1)`
- Linux distribution version shown by `head /etc/*release`



## DMF Maintenance and Recovery

This chapter contains the following:

- "Retaining Old DMF Daemon Log Files" on page 339
- "Retaining Old DMF Daemon Journal Files" on page 340
- "Soft- and Hard-Deletes" on page 340
- "Backups and DMF" on page 341
- "Using `dmfill`" on page 352
- "Database Recovery" on page 352

### Retaining Old DMF Daemon Log Files

The daemon generates the `SPOOL_DIR/daemon_name/dmdlog.yyyymmdd` log file, which contains a record of DMF activity and can be useful for problem solving for several months after creation. All MSPs and LSs generate a `SPOOL_DIR/msp_or_ls_name/msplog.yyyymmdd` log file, which also contains useful information about its activity. The LS also generates `SPOOL_DIR/ls_name/moverlogs/hostname/moverlog.yyyymmdd` log files, which also contain useful information about its activity. These log files should be retained for a period of some months. Log files more than a year old are probably not very useful.

Do not use DMF to manage the `SPOOL_DIR` filesystem.

The `dmfsmon(8)` automated space management daemon generates a log file in `SPOOL_DIR/daemon_name/autolog.yyyymmdd`, which is useful for analyzing problems related to space management.

To manage the log files, configure the `run_remove_logs.sh` task, which automatically deletes old log files according to a policy you set. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166, for more information.

## Retaining Old DMF Daemon Journal Files

The daemon and the LS generate journal files that are needed to recover databases in the event of filesystem damage or loss. You also configure DMF to generate backup copies of those databases on a periodic basis. You need only retain those journal files that contain records created since the oldest database backup that you keep. In theory, you should need only one database backup copy, but most sites probably feel safer with more than one generation of database backups.

For example, if you configure DMF to generate daily database backups and retain the three most recent backup copies, then at the end of 18 July there would be backups from the 18th, 17th, and 16th. Only the journal files for those dates need be kept for recovery purposes.

To manage the journal files and the backups, configure the `run_remove_journals.sh` and `run_copy_databases.sh` tasks. These tasks automatically delete old journal files and generate backups of the databases according to a policy you set. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166, for more information.

## Soft- and Hard-Deletes

When a file is first migrated, a bit-file identifier (BFID) is placed in the inode; this is the key into the daemon database. When a migrated file is removed, its BFID is no longer needed in the daemon database.

Initially, it would seem that you could delete daemon database entries when their files are modified or removed. However, if you actually delete the daemon database entries and then the associated filesystem is damaged, the files will be irretrievable after you restore the filesystem.

For example, assume that migrated files were located in the `/x` filesystem, and you configured DMF to generate a full backup of `/x` on Sunday as part of your site's weekly administrative procedures (the `run_full_dump.sh` task). Next, suppose that you removed the migrated files in `/x` on Monday morning and removed the corresponding daemon database entries. If a disk hardware failure occurs on Monday afternoon, you must restore the `/x` filesystem to as recent a state as possible. If you restore the filesystem to its state as of Sunday, the migrated files are also returned to their state as of Sunday. As migrated files, they contain the old BFID from Sunday in their inodes, and, because you removed their BFIDs from the daemon database, you cannot recall these files.



Because of the nature of the filesystem, a daemon database entry is not removed when a migrated file is modified or removed. Instead, a deleted date and time field is set in the database. This field indicates when you were finished with the database entry, except for recovery purposes; it does not prohibit the daemon from using the database entry to recall a file. When the /x filesystem is restored in the preceding example, the migrated files have BFIDs in their inodes that point to valid database entries. If the files are later modified or removed again, the delete field is updated with this later date and time.

The term *soft-deleted* refers to a database entry that has the delete date and time set. The term *hard-deleted* refers to a file that is removed completely from the daemon database and the MSPs/LSs. You should hard-delete the older soft-deleted entries periodically; otherwise, the daemon database continues to grow in size without limit as old, unnecessary entries accumulate. Configure the `run_hard_deletes.sh` task to perform hard-deletes automatically. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166, for more information.

If you look at all of the tapes before and after a hard-delete operation, you will see that the amount of space used on some (or all) of the tapes has been reduced.

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**Note:** Because hard-deletions normally use the same expiry times as backups, the `run_hard_deletes.sh` is normally run from the same task group.

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## Backups and DMF

This section discusses the interrelationships between DMF and backup products:

- "DMF-managed User Filesystems" on page 342
- "Storage Used by an FTP MSP or a Standard Disk MSP" on page 350
- "Filesystems Used by a Disk Cache Manager (DCM)" on page 350
- "DMF's Private Filesystems" on page 351



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**Caution:** The fact that DMF maintains copies of data on another medium does not mean that it is a backup system. The copies made by DMF may become inaccessible if there is a failure and proper backups have not been made.

In addition, although using RAID may protect you against the failure of one disk spindle, data can still be endangered by software problems, human error, or hardware failure.

Therefore, **backups are essential.**

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## DMF-managed User Filesystems

Many backup and recovery software packages make backup copies of files by opening and reading them using the standard UNIX or Linux system calls. In a user filesystem managed by DMF, this causes files that are offline to be recalled back to disk before they can be backed up. If you have a DMF-managed filesystem in which a high percentage of the files are offline, you may see a large amount of tape or other activity caused by the backup package when it initially does its backups. You should take this behavior into account when deciding whether or not to use such backup packages with filesystems managed by DMF.

This section discusses the following:

- "Using SGI `xfsdump` and `xfsrestore` with Migrated Files" on page 342
- "Using DMF-aware Third-Party Backup Packages" on page 346
- "Using XVM Snapshots and DMF" on page 348
- "Optimizing Backups of Filesystems" on page 349

### Using SGI `xfsdump` and `xfsrestore` with Migrated Files

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**Note:** `xfsrestore` may attempt to read, write, or delete files that are under DMF management. If this occurs while DMF is not running, the `xfsrestore` process may block indefinitely waiting for a DMF event to be completed. If you use `xfsrestore` to create or modify files in a filesystem that already contains files managed by DMF, you are more likely to encounter this issue than if you use `xfsrestore` to populate an empty filesystem. To avoid this problem, use `xfsrestore` while DMF is running.

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The `xfsdump(8)` and `xfsrestore(8)` commands back up filesystems. These utilities are designed to perform the backup function quickly and with minimal system overhead. They operate with DMF in two ways:

- When `xfsdump` encounters an offline file, it does not cause the associated data to be recalled. This distinguishes the utility from `tar(1)` and `cpio(1)`, both of which cause the file to be recalled when they reference an offline file.
- The `dmmigrate(8)` command lets you implement a 100% migration policy that does not interfere with customary management of space thresholds.

The `xfsdump` command supports the `-a` option specifically for DMF. If you specify the `-a` option, `xfsdump` will dump DMF dual-state (DUL) files as if they were offline (OFL) files. That is, when `xfsdump` detects a file that is backed up by DMF, it retains only the inode for that file because DMF already has a copy of the data itself. This dramatically reduces the amount of tape space needed to back up a filesystem and it also reduces the time taken to complete the dump, thereby minimizing the chances of it being inaccurate due to activity elsewhere in the system. An added advantage of using `-a` is that files that are actively being recalled will still be backed up correctly by `xfsdump` because it does not need to copy the file's data bytes to tape.

You can also use `dmmigrate` to force data copies held only in a disk cache manager (DCM) cache to be copied to tapes in the underlying volume groups (VGs). This removes the need to back up the cache filesystem. However, if you do wish to back up the cache instead of flushing it to tape, you can use any backup utility. As the cache is not a DMF-managed filesystem, you are not restricted to using `xfsdump`.

Most installations periodically do a full (level 0) dump of filesystems. Incremental dumps (levels 1 through 9) are done between full dumps; these may happen once per day or several times per day. You can continue this practice after DMF is enabled. When a file is migrated (or recalled), the inode change time is updated. The inode change time ensures that the file gets dumped at the time of the next incremental dump.

To automatically manage dump tapes, DMF includes configurable administrative scripts called `run_full_dump.sh` and `run_partial_dump.sh`, which employ `xfsdump`. Both of these tasks are simple wrappers around a script called `do_xfsdump.sh`, which performs the following actions:

- *(optional)* Migrates all eligible files to dual-state
- *(optional)* Copies all eligible DCM files on a DCM system to dual-residency state

- Performs a database snapshot using `dmsnap`
- Backs up the directory containing that snapshot
- Backs up other filesystems
- After a successful full backup, frees up old backup tapes for future reuse

DMF also supports a matching wrapper around `xfrestore` named `dmxfrestore` to be used when restoring files that were dumped by these backup scripts. See the `dmxfrestore(8)` man page for more information on running the command.

You can configure tasks in the `dump_tasks` object to automatically do full and incremental dumps of the DMF-managed filesystems. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166, for more information.

A typical `dump_tasks` stanza might look like the following:

```
define dump_tasks
    TYPE                taskgroup
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_full_dump.sh on sunday at 03:00
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_partial_dump.sh \
                        on monday tuesday wednesday \
                        thursday friday saturday at 03:00
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_hard_deletes.sh at 23:00
    DUMP_TAPES           HOME_DIR/tapes
    DUMP_RETENTION       4w
    DUMP_DEVICE          dgl
    DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST   yes
    DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST yes          # Only if you run a DCM
    DUMP_INVENTORY_COPY  /save/dump_inventory
enddef
```

---

**Note:** When an MSP, LS, daemon, or configuration file object (such as `dump_tasks`) obtains a path such as `HOME_DIR` from the configuration file, the actual path used is the value of `HOME_DIR` plus the MSP/LS/daemon/object name appended as a subdirectory. In the above example, if the value of `HOME_DIR` was set to `/dmf/home` in the configuration file, then the actual path for `DUMP_TAPES` would be resolved to `/dmf/home/dump_tasks/tapes`.

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For more information about parameters, see "Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment" on page 87.

Sites using OpenVault can add new backup tapes by using `dmov_makecarts` and/or `dmov_loadtapes` by providing the name of the task group as a parameter. Sites using TMF do not need any special steps to add new tapes, as TMF does not record details of which tapes are available to it.

Recycling old backup tapes is performed automatically after the successful completion of a full dump. In certain situations, such as running out of dump tapes, this pruning must be done manually by running `dmxfsprune`.

### Ensuring Accuracy with `xfsdump`

The `xfsdump` program is written such that it assumes dumps will only be taken within filesystems that are not actively changing. `xfsdump` cannot detect that a file has changed while it is being dumped, so if a user should modify a file while it is being read by `xfsdump`, it is possible for the backup copy of the file to be inaccurate.

To ensure that all file backup copies are accurate, perform the following steps when using `xfsdump` to dump files within a DMF filesystem:

1. Make sure that there is no user activity within the filesystem.
2. Ensure that DMF is not actively migrating files within the filesystem.
3. Run `xfsdump`, preferably with the `-a` option.

### Dumping and Restoring Files without the DMF Scripts

If you choose to dump and restore DMF filesystems without using the provided DMF scripts, there are several items that you must remember:

- The DMF scripts use `xfsdump` with the `-a` option to dump only data not backed up by DMF. You may also wish to consider using the `-a` option on `xfsdump` when dumping DMF filesystems manually.
- **Do not use the `-A` option** on either `xfsdump` or `xfsrestore`. The `-A` option avoids dumping or restoring extended attribute information. DMF information is stored within files as extended attributes, so if you do use `-A`, migrated files restored from those dump tapes will not be recallable by DMF.
- When restoring migrated files using `xfsrestore`, you must specify the `-D` option in order to guarantee that all DMF-related information is correctly restored.
- If you use the Tape Management Facility (TMF) to mount tapes for use by `xfsdump`, be aware that `xfsdump` will not detect the fact that the device is a tape,

and will behave as if the dump is instead being written to a regular disk file. This means that `xfsdump` will not be able to append new dumps to the end of an existing tape. It also means that if `xfsdump` encounters end-of-tape, it will abort the backup rather than prompting for additional volumes. You must ensure that you specify enough volumes using the `tmmnt -v` option before beginning the dump in order to guarantee that `xfsdump` will not encounter end-of-tape.

### Filesystem Consistency with `xfrestore`

When you restore files, you might be restoring some inodes containing BFIDs that were soft-deleted since the time the dump was taken. (For information about soft-deletes, see "Soft- and Hard-Deletes" on page 340.) `dmaudit(8)` will report this as an inconsistency between the filesystem and the daemon database, indicating that the database entry should not be soft-deleted.

Another form of inconsistency occurs if you happen to duplicate offline or dual-state files by restoring all or part of an existing directory into another directory. In this case, `dmaudit` will report as an inconsistency that two files share the same BFID. If one of the files is subsequently deleted causing the database entry to be soft-deleted, the `dmaudit`-reported inconsistency will change to the type described in the previous paragraph.

While these `dmaudit`-reported inconsistencies may seem serious, there is no risk of losing user data. The `dmhdelete(8)` program responsible for removing unused database entries always first scans all DMF-managed filesystems to make sure that there are no remaining files which reference the database entries it is about to remove. It is able to detect either of these inconsistencies and will not remove the database entries if inconsistencies are found.

Be aware that inconsistencies between a filesystem and the daemon database can occur as a result of restoring migrated files. It is good practice to run `dmaudit` after every restore to correct those inconsistencies.

### Using DMF-aware Third-Party Backup Packages

Some third-party backup packages can use a DMF library to perform backups in a DMF-aware manner. When the DMF-aware feature is enabled, these packages will not cause offline (OFL) files to be recalled during a backup. Dual-state (DUL) files will be dumped as if they were offline, which will reduce the time and space needed for a backup.

To use a DMF-aware third-party backup package to back up DMF filesystems, do the following:

1. Configure the backup package to include the DMF filesystems in the backups.
2. Enable the DMF-aware feature on those filesystems.

For more information about third-party backup packages, see Appendix D, "Third-Party Backup Package Configuration" on page 447.

DMF provides a script called `do_predump.sh` that is meant to be run just prior to a backup of the DMF filesystems using a third-party backup package. The `do_predump.sh` script does the following:

- *(Optional)* Migrates all eligible files to dual-state
- *(Optional on a DCM system)* Copies all eligible DCM files to dual-residency state
- *(Optional)* Performs a snapshot of the databases by using `dmsnap`

To use `do_predump.sh`, do the following:

1. Configure the backup package to run `do_predump.sh` as the pre-backup command. For details, see the application-specific information in Appendix D, "Third-Party Backup Package Configuration" on page 447.
2. Define a task group in the `dmf.conf` file that is referred to by the `dmdaemon` object. In the supplied configurations, this task group is called `dump_tasks`.

The parameters `do_predump.sh` uses are as follows:

<code>DUMP_DATABASE_COPY</code>	Specifies a path to where a snapshot of the DMF databases will be placed. The backup package should be configured to backup this directory. If not specified, no snapshot will be taken.
<code>DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST</code>	If set to <code>YES</code> , specifies that <code>dmmigrate</code> is run to ensure that all non-dual-resident files in the DCM caches are migrated to tape. If <code>DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST</code> is also enabled, that is processed first.
<code>DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS</code>	If <code>DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST</code> is enabled, specifies the DMF-managed filesystems on which to run the <code>dmmigrate</code> command. The default value for this parameter is all DMF-managed filesystems.

`DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST`      If set to `YES`, specifies that `dmigrate` is run to ensure that all migratable files in the DMF-managed filesystems are migrated, thus reducing the number of tapes needed for the dump and making it run much faster.

Because hard-deletions normally use the same expiry time as backups, `run_hard_deletes.sh` is normally run from the same task group. The `DUMP_RETENTION` parameter should match the retention policy of the backup package.

When using a third-party backup package, a typical `dump_tasks` stanza might look like the following:

```
define dump_tasks
    TYPE                taskgroup
    RUN_TASK             $ADMINDIR/run_hard_deletes.sh at 23:00
    DUMP_RETENTION      4w      # match backup package's policy

    DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST  yes
    DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST  yes      # only if running a DCM
    DUMP_DATABASE_COPY   /path/to/db_snapshot
enddef
```

---

**Note:** Backups and restores must be run from the DMF server.

Only `root` can perform backups and restores. Although some third-party backup packages normally allow unprivileged users to restore their own files, unprivileged users cannot restore their own files from a DMF filesystem because doing so requires `root` privilege to set the DMF attribute.

Files backed up from a DMF filesystem should only be restored to a DMF filesystem. Otherwise, files that are offline (or treated as such) will not be recallable.

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### Using XVM Snapshots and DMF

You can use the `xfsdump` facility to backup XVM snapshots of a DMF-managed user filesystem. Note the following:

- XVM snapshots of DMF-managed filesystems should not be added to the DMF configuration file.
- You should not attempt to migrate or recall files from an XVM snapshot of a DMF filesystem.



- You can only restore DMF offline, partial, and unmigrating files by using `xfsdump` and `xfsrestore`. You cannot use a previously taken snapshot of a DMF filesystem to directly copy any of these file types back into the live filesystem. You may copy migrating or dual-state files back into the live filesystem (to DMF, they will appear to be new files).

For more information about XVM snapshots, see the *XVM Volume Manager Administrator's Guide*.

### Optimizing Backups of Filesystems

You can greatly reduce the amount of time it takes to back up filesystems by configuring DMF to migrate all files. Do the following:

- Set the `DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST` parameter to `yes`, which specifies that the `dmmigrate` command is run before the dumps are done to ensure that all migratable files in the DMF-managed user filesystems are migrated.
- Execute one of the following scripts:
  - `run_full_dump` to perform a full backup of the filesystems
  - `run_partial_dump` to perform a partial backup of the filesystems

For more information, see "Starting and Stopping the DMF Environment" on page 87.

Migrating all files before performing a backup has the following benefits:

- The backup image will be smaller because it contains just the metadata information, not the file data itself
- The backup will complete more quickly because:
  - It is reading just the metadata
  - There is less time spent performing random disk seeks to back up the data of unmigrated files

For any files that you want to remain permanently on disk (that is, permanently dual-state), you can assign a negative priority weight to those files, which would leave the files on disk. The result is that when the filesystem is filled up, DMF will never free the blocks for these files. The files therefore are always dual-state, ready to be used. When the filesystem is backed up, the backup facility will recognize that they are dual-state and therefore back them up as offline. The net effect is that there is no file data in the backup at all for these files, just their inodes, while keeping the

files always available. In the case of millions of small files, this speed-up of the backup process can be dramatic. For example, for a filesystem with a large number of small files (files of up to 64 KB), you could assign the following `AGE_WEIGHT` value:

```
AGE_WEIGHT      -1      0      when space < 64k
```

Be aware of the following:

- For extremely small files (under a few hundred bytes), the disk space required for DMF database entries may exceed the size of the original file. For extremely large numbers of such files, this issue should be considered.
- The `space` value in a `when` clause, as used above, refers to the space the file occupies on disk, which for sparse files may actually be smaller than the size of the file as shown by `ls -l`. The `space` value will be rounded upward to a multiple of the disk blocksize defined by `mkfs(8)`; the default is 4096 bytes. For example, attempting to discriminate between files above or below 1000 bytes based on their `space` value is futile because all non-empty files will have a `space` value that is a multiple of (typically) 4096 bytes.

If you use negative weights with `AGE_WEIGHT` or `SPACE_WEIGHT`, DMF automatic migration will never free the space for these files but a user can still do a `dmput -r` on them to manually free the space.

However, if you do not want files to migrate for any reason, then you must continue to use the `SELECT_VG` method despite the slower and larger backups.

### Storage Used by an FTP MSP or a Standard Disk MSP

If you are depending on an FTP MSP or a standard disk MSP to provide copies of your offline files in order to safeguard your data, then they should also be backed up.

If you use them just to hold extra copies for convenience or to speed data access, they need not be backed up. But you should consider how you would handle their loss. You would probably need to remove references to lost copies from the DMF daemon database, using `dmcdadm`, which can only be done when the daemon is not running.

### Filesystems Used by a Disk Cache Manager (DCM)

A DCM MSP differs from a disk MSP in that it uses DMAPI to manage the files. It will not operate properly if the files are reloaded by a package that cannot also restore the DMAPI information associated with each file.

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**Note:** For simplicity, this discussion assumes that the site wishes to keep two copies of migrated files at all times to guard against media problems. (Keeping only one copy is considered risky, and keeping more than two copies is frequently impractical.)

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The DCM can have one of the following configurations:

- A DCM may be holding an extra copy of files in addition to the normal number of tape-based copies. That is, after the initial migration has completed, there will be two tape copies and a third in the cache. The DCM may easily remove this third copy from the cache after some period of time, just leaving two tape-based copies. With this configuration, there is normally no need to back up the cache filesystem.
- The initial migration could result in one cache copy and one on tape. Later on, when the cache has to be flushed, a second tape copy is written by the DCM before the cache-resident one is deleted. If the file is hard-deleted before the cache flushes, the second tape copy will never be made, thereby saving time and tape. The tradeoff is that cache-flushing is slower and the cache filesystem should be backed up; otherwise a tape media problem in conjunction with a disk failure would result in data loss. With this configuration, the cache filesystem should be backed up. Otherwise, the loss of the cache disk could leave you with just one copy of data on tape. This is considered to be risky.

For both configurations, any backups require the use of a DMF-aware backup package (as listed in Appendix D, "Third-Party Backup Package Configuration" on page 447) to back up the cache.

To use `do_xfsdump.sh` to backup any of these filesystems, include the pathname of its mountpoint in the `DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS` parameter.

## DMF's Private Filesystems

The following DMF private filesystems do not require a DMF-aware backup package:

*HOME\_DIR*  
*JOURNAL\_DIR*  
*SPOOL\_DIR*  
*TMP\_DIR*  
*CACHE\_DIR*  
*MOVE\_FS*

Take care when backing up the databases in *HOME\_DIR* if there is any DMF activity going on while the backup is underway, due to the risk of making the copy of the database while it is being updated. A safe technique is to take a snapshot of the databases with `dmsnap` and back up the snapshot. The `do_xfsdump.sh` script does this automatically.

The journal files in *JOURNAL\_DIR* should also be backed up if you keep older snapshots of the databases that may have to be reloaded and brought up-to-date with `dmdbrecover`. Preferably, journals should be backed up when DMF activity (apart from recalls) is minimal. The `do_xfsdump` parameters `DUMP_MIGRATE_FIRST` and `DUMP_FLUSH_DCM_FIRST` help achieve this by processing any queued up migration requests immediately before starting the backup.

*SPOOL\_DIR* contains log files that may be of use for problem diagnosis, as well as history files controlling things like tape error recovery and reporting scripts. The loss of these files will not endanger user data, although DMF may act a little differently for a while until it reestablishes them. Back up *SPOOL\_DIR* if you can.

The *TMP\_DIR*, *CACHE\_DIR*, and *MOVE\_FS* filesystems do not require backup.

To use `do_xfsdump.sh` to backup any of these filesystems, simply include the pathnames of their mountpoints in the `DUMP_FILE_SYSTEMS` parameter.

## Using `dmfill`

The `dmfill(8)` command allows you to fill a restored filesystem to a specified capacity by recalling offline files. When you execute `xfsdump -a`, only inodes are dumped for all files that have been migrated (including dual-state files). Therefore, when the filesystem is restored, only the inodes are restored, not the data. You can use `dmfill` in conjunction with `xfsrestore` to restore a corrupted filesystem to a previously valid state. `dmfill` recalls migrated files in the reverse order of migration until the requested fill percentage is reached or until there are no more migrated files left to recall on this filesystem.

## Database Recovery

The basic strategy for recovering a lost or damaged DMF database is to recreate it by applying journal records to a backup copy of the database. For this reason it is essential that database backup copies and journal files reside on a different physical device from the production databases; it is also highly desirable that these devices

have different controllers and channels. The following sections discuss the database recovery strategy in more detail:

- "Database Backups" on page 353
- "Database Recovery Procedures" on page 353

## Database Backups

You can configure commands in the `run_copy_databases.sh` task (in the `dump_tasks` object) to automatically generate DMF database backups. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166, for more information.

You must back up the following files:

- The daemon database files and definition file in the `HOME_DIR/daemon_name` directory:

```
dbrec.dat
dbrec.keys
pathseg.dat
pathseg.keys
dmd_db.dbd
```

Each LS database has the following files in the `HOME_DIR/ls_name` directory:

- CAT records:

```
tpcrdm.dat
tpcrdm.key1.keys
tpcrdm.key2.keys
```

- VOL records:

```
tpvrdm.dat
tpvrdm.vsn.keys
```

- Database definition file: `libsrv_db.dbd`

## Database Recovery Procedures

The DMF daemon and LS write journal file records for every database transaction. These files contain binary records that cannot be edited by normal methods and that

must be applied to an existing database with the `dmdbrecover(8)` command. The following procedure explains how to recover the daemon database.

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**Warning:** If you are running on multiple LSs, always ensure that you have the correct journals restored in the correct directories. Recovering a database with incorrect journals can cause irrecoverable problems.

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**Procedure 14-1** Recovering the Databases

If you lose a database through disk spindle failure or through some form of external corruption, use the following procedure to recover it:

1. Stop DMF (in an non-HA environment): <sup>1</sup>
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**Caution:** For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

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```
# service dmf stop
```

2. If you have configured the `run_copy_databases` task, restore the files from the directory with the most recent copy of the databases that were in `HOME_DIR` to `HOME_DIR/daemon` or `HOME_DIR/LS_NAME`.
3. If you have **not** configured the `run_copy_databases` task, reload an old version of the daemon or LS database. Typically, these will be from the most recent dump tapes of your filesystem.
4. Ensure that the default `JOURNAL_DIR/daemon_name` (or `JOURNAL_DIR/ls_name`) directory contains all of the time-ordered journal files since the last update of the older database.

For the daemon, the files are named `dmd_db.yyyymmdd[.hhmmss]`.

For the LS, the journal files are named `libsrv_db.yyyymmdd[.hhmmss]`.

5. Use `dmdbrecover` to update the old database with the journal entries from journal files identified in step 4.

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<sup>1</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

**Example 14-1** Database Recovery Example

Suppose that the filesystem containing *HOME\_DIR* was destroyed on February 1, 2004, and that your most recent backup copy of the daemon database and LS database is from January 28, 2004. To recover the databases, you would do the following:

1. Stop DMF (in an non-HA environment): <sup>2</sup>

```
# service dmf stop
```

2. Ensure that *JOURNAL\_DIR/daemon\_name* (or *JOURNAL\_DIR/ls\_name*) contains the following journal files (one or more for each day):

*JOURNAL\_DIR/daemon\_name*

```
dmd_db.20040128.235959
dmd_db.20040129.235959
dmd_db.20040130.235959
dmd_db.20040131.235959
dmd_db.20040201
```

*JOURNAL\_DIR/ls\_name*

```
libsrv_db.20040128.235959
libsrv_db.20040129.235959
libsrv_db.20040130.235959
libsrv_db.20040131.235959
libsrv_db.20040201
```

3. Restore databases from January 28, to *HOME\_DIR/daemon\_name* and/or *HOME\_DIR/ls\_name*. The following files should be present:

*HOME\_DIR/daemon\_name*

```
dbrec.dat
dbrec.keys
pathseg.dat
pathseg.keys
```

<sup>2</sup> For instructions about starting and stopping DMF and the mounting service in an HA environment, see the SGI HA documentation.

*HOME\_DIR/ls\_name*

```
tpcrdm.dat  
tpcrdm.key1.keys  
tpcrdm.key2.keys  
tpvrdm.dat  
tpcrdm.vsn.keys
```

4. Update the database files created in step 3 by using the following commands:

```
dmdbrecover -n daemon_name dmd_db  
dmdbrecover -n ls_name libsrv_db
```



## DMF Client SOAP Service

This chapter discusses the following:

- "Overview of DMF Client SOAP" on page 357
- "Accessing the DMF Client SOAP Service and WSDL" on page 359
- "Starting and Stopping DMF Client SOAP" on page 359
- "Security/Authentication" on page 360

### Overview of DMF Client SOAP

DMF provides access to the following functions via the DMF client Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) web service:

- `dmattr`
- `dmget`
- `dmput`
- `dmtag`
- `dmversion`

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**Note:** A limited set of options are available for these commands via DMF Client SOAP. For more information, click on the operation name in the SOAP interface and read the information under the **Documentation** heading displayed.

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Figure 15-1 shows an example of the `ws_dmattr` operation.

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View the [WSDL](#) for the service. Click on an operation name to view it's details.

- [ws\\_dmattr](#)
- [ws\\_dmget](#)
- [ws\\_dmpu](#)
- [ws\\_dmtag](#)
- [ws\\_dmversion](#)

**Close**

Name: ws\_dmattr  
Binding: DMF Client SOAP Service Binding  
Endpoint: https://burn.americas.sg.com:1180/server.php  
SoapAction: https://burn:1180/#ws\_dmattr  
Style: rpc

**Input:**  
use: encoded  
namespace: https://burn:1180/  
encodingStyle: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/  
message: ws\_dmattrRequest  
parts:  
  dmattr: tns:dmattrRequest

**Output:**  
use: encoded  
namespace: https://burn:1180/  
encodingStyle: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/  
message: ws\_dmattrResponse  
parts:  
  response: tns:dmattrResponse

Namespace: https://burn:1180/  
Transport: http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/http  
Documentation  
Acquires DMF attributes of files via DMF SOAP web-service.

**username:**  
A valid user name on the web-service machine.

**names:**  
A list of filenames in the form:

```
<names xmlns="" xsi:type="SOAP-ENC:Array" SOAP-ENC:arrayType="xsd:string []">
  <item xsi:type="xsd:string"/>/dmf_fs/t1</item>
  <item xsi:type="xsd:string"/>/dmf_fs/t2</item>
  <item xsi:type="xsd:string"/>/dmf_fs/t3</item>
  <item xsi:type="xsd:string"/>/dmf_fs/t4</item>
  <item xsi:type="xsd:string"/>/dmf_fs/t5</item>
</names>
```

Figure 15-1 DMF Client SOAP Service

## Accessing the DMF Client SOAP Service and WSDL

To access DMF Client SOAP, do the following:

1. Point your browser to the following secure address:

```
https://YOUR_DMF_SERVER:1180/server.php
```

2. Accept the security certificate.

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**Note:** DMF Client SOAP generates its own SSL certificates, rather than having the SSL certificates signed by a commercial certificate authority. Therefore, the certificate warning is safe to ignore.

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3. Enter the DMF Client SOAP `dmfman` access password. The default access password is `INSECURE`.
4. To access the web service definition language (WSDL) definition, click on **WSDL** in the interface. Use the browser's **Save As...** feature to save the WSDL to a file for consumption.

## Starting and Stopping DMF Client SOAP

This section discusses the following:

- "Starting the `dmfsoap` Service" on page 359
- "Preventing Automatic Start of `dmfsoap` After Reboot" on page 360
- "Explicitly Stopping `dmfsoap`" on page 360

### Starting the `dmfsoap` Service

The `dmfsoap` service for DMF Client SOAP is off by default.

To start the service explicitly, execute the following on the DMF server:

```
dmfserver# service dmfsoap start
```

## Preventing Automatic Start of `dmfsoap` After Reboot

To prevent automatic startup of the DMF environment, execute the following `chkconfig(8)` commands as `root` on the DMF server:

```
dmfserver# chkconfig dmfsoap off
```

## Explicitly Stopping `dmfsoap`

To stop the DMF environment daemons explicitly, execute the following on the DMF server:

```
dmfserver# service dmfsoap stop
```

## Security/Authentication

DMF SOAP leaves the security/authentication to the client and `apache`. By default, DMF SOAP will run over SSL to a password-protected virtual directory on the DMF server. You can customize or extend this functionality as desired.

## Troubleshooting

This chapter contains the following:

- "Filesystem Errors" on page 362
- "Unable to use the `dm` Mount Option" on page 364
- "EOT Error" on page 364
- "Tape Drive Not Claimed by `ts`" on page 364
- "Drive Entry Does Not Correspond to an Existing Drive (OpenVault)" on page 364
- "Drive Does Not Exist (TMF)" on page 365
- "DMF Manager Error Messages" on page 365
- "Delay In Accessing Files in an SMB/CIFS Network Share" on page 367
- "Operations Timeout or Abort on Windows" on page 367
- "Windows Explorer Hangs" on page 367
- "Poor Migration Performance" on page 367
- "Remote Connection Failures" on page 368
- "Using SGI Knowledgebase" on page 368
- "Reporting Problems to SGI" on page 368

## Filesystem Errors

If the DMF administrative filesystems are not mounted when you try to apply configuration changes using DMF Manager or `dmmaint` or manually use `dmcheck`, you will see errors such as the following:

```
ERROR: Directory for JOURNAL_DIR (/dmf_journals/journals) does not exist.
ERROR: MOVE_FS "/dmf/move_fs" must be a filesystem root
ERROR: Filesystem "/dmi_fs" is not mounted.
ERROR: A DCM's STORE_DIRECTORY (/dmf/cache) must be a filesystem root.
ERROR: Filesystem "/" is not a DMAPi filesystem
ERROR: No such directory /dmf_journals/database_copies.
ERROR: OpenVault server is not up or client is misconfigured.
```

For example, following is the complete output from `dmcheck`:

```
# dmcheck

Checking DMF installation.
  Linux thud 2.6.16.60-0.21-default #1 SMP Tue May 6 12:41:02 UTC 2008
ia64 ia64 ia64 GNU/Linux - thud
  SuSE-release: SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 (ia64)
  SuSE-release: VERSION = 10
  SuSE-release: PATCHLEVEL = 2
  DMF version 4.3.0-ALPHA-20090717--dev2 installed.

Checking DMF config file
  Scanning for non-comment lines outside define/endif pairs
  Scanning for DMF parameters without values
  Checking all objects for invalid names
  Checking base
    ERROR: Directory for JOURNAL_DIR (/dmf_journals/journals) does not exist.
  Checking daemon
    ERROR: MOVE_FS "/dmf/move_fs" must be a filesystem root
  Checking policy cache_policy
  Checking policy space_policy
  Checking policy chooser_policy
  Checking policy optional_chooser_policy
  Checking filesystem /dmi_fs
    ERROR: Filesystem "/dmi_fs" is not mounted.
  WARNING: Filesystem "/dmi_fs" inode size of 256 is inefficient for DMF.
```

```
Checking filesystem /dmi_fs2
Checking MSP msp
Checking MSP cache (DCM-mode)
  ERROR: A DCM's STORE_DIRECTORY (/dmf/cache) must be a filesystem root.
  ERROR: Filesystem "/" is not a DMAPI filesystem
Checking MSP cache1 (DCM-mode)
Checking Library Server ov_lib
Checking Resource Watcher rw
Checking Drive Group ov_drv
Checking Volume Group volume1
  WARNING: Please consider setting ZONE_SIZE to improve write performance.
  See the dmfc.conf(5) man page for more information.
Checking Volume Group volume2
Checking Resource Scheduler ov_drvrs
Checking Services dmfc_services
Checking Task Group vgtasks
Checking Task Group daemon_tasks
  ERROR: No such directory /dmf_journals/database_copies.
Checking Task Group dump_tasks
Checking Task Group library_tasks
Checking Task Group node_tasks
Checking for unreferenced objects
  WARNING: Unreferenced watcher rw.
Cross-checking LSSs and task groups for duplicate VSNS

Checking other daemons.
Checking OpenVault
  ERROR: OpenVault server is not up or client is misconfigured.
Checking chkconfig

7 errors found.
3 warnings found.
```

To resolve these problems, you must make and mount the DMF administrative filesystems. See:

- "Overview of the Installation and Configuration Steps" on page 77
- "Configure DMF Administrative Filesystems and Directories Appropriately" on page 61

## Unable to use the `dmi` Mount Option

By default, DMAPI is turned off on SLES 10 systems. If you try to mount with the `dmi` mount option, you will see errors such as the following:

```
kernel: XFS: unknown mount option [dmi]
```

See "DMAPI\_PROBE Must Be Enabled for SLES 10 or SLES 11 Nodes When Using CXFS" on page 86.

## EOT Error

A message of the following type means that there was no logical end-of-tape (EOT) mark written to tape:

```
05:47:26-E 382537-dmatwc end_tape: NOTE: An EOT was not written to VSN 057751 prior to close
```

When DMF appends data to a tape, it positions to the EOT chunk in the EOT zone. Without a valid EOT chunk in the EOT zone, DMF might not be able to append to the tape; this may eventually cause the `HVFY` flag to be set. Set the `hsparse` flag on the tape to merge all the data off of the volume.

## Tape Drive Not Claimed by `ts`

If a tape drive is not claimed by `ts`, see the `/var/log/messages` file for an indication as to why `ts` did not attach to a device.

## Drive Entry Does Not Correspond to an Existing Drive (OpenVault)

If OpenVault starts before an HBA has discovered the tape devices, the devices will be unusable by OpenVault. In this case, you would see a message similar to the following:

```
Drive ltol_3 DCP ltol_3@boom config file scsi: entry does not correspond to an existing drive
```

You must add the HBA driver to the `/etc/sysconfig/kernel` file and restart OpenVault. See "Add HBA Drivers to the `initrd` Image" on page 69.



## Drive Does Not Exist (TMF)

If a drive is not visible to TMF, it may be because an HBA device was not properly discovered. In this case, there would be a message in `/var/spool/tmf/daemon.stderr` such as the following:

```
File /dev/pts/pci0002:00:01.1/fc/500104f000700269-500104f00070026a/lun0 does not exist
```

You must add the HBA driver to the `/etc/sysconfig/kernel` file and restart TMF. See "Add HBA Drivers to the `initrd` Image" on page 69.

## DMF Manager Error Messages

This section describes problems you may encounter when monitoring DMF with DMF Manager:

- "DMF Statistics are Unavailable or DMF is Idle" on page 365
- "OpenVault Library Is Missing" on page 366

Also see "Filesystem Errors" on page 362.

### DMF Statistics are Unavailable or DMF is Idle

This screen requires statistics from DMF that are unavailable; check that DMF is running, including the "pmdadmf2" process. Make sure the DMF "EXPORT\_METRICS" configuration parameter is enabled.

This message indicates that DMF is idle. When this occurs, perform the following procedure:

1. Check the version of DMF by running the `dmversion` command.
2. Check that the `EXPORT_METRICS` on line has been added to `/etc/dmf/dmf.conf` after the `TYPE` base line.

Run `dmcheck` to search the DMF configuration file for syntactic errors.

3. Check that DMF has been restarted after the change to `/etc/dmf/dmf.conf` was made in step 2.

4. Check that the data is being exported by DMF by running the following command:

```
# dmarenadump -v
```

If it is not, run the following commands as `root` to restart DMF, PCP, and DMF Manager:

```
# cd /dmf/spool # or equivalent at your site
# rm base/arena
# /etc/init.d/dmf restart
# /etc/init.d/pcp stop
# /etc/init.d/pcp start
# /etc/init.d/dmfman restart # if necessary
```

5. Check that the data is passing through PCP by running the following command:

```
# pminfo -f dmf2
```

If it is not, run the following commands as `root` to remove and reinstall the PCP performance metrics domain agents and restart DMF Manager:

```
# cd /var/lib/pcp/pmdas/dmf2
# ./Remove
# ./Install
# /etc/init.d/dmfman restart
```

## OpenVault Library Is Missing

No OpenVault-controlled library found.

This indicates that OpenVault is not running. Run the following command to verify that the `ov_stat` command is available:

```
# ls -lL /usr/bin/ov_stat
-rws--x--x 1 root sys 322304 Jul 22 2005 /usr/bin/ov_stat
```

If the file permissions are not `-rws--x--x` as shown above, run the following command to change the permissions:

```
# chmod 4711 /usr/bin/ov_stat
```

## Delay In Accessing Files in an SMB/CIFS Network Share

If there is a delay in accessing files in an SMB/CIFS network share, it may be because the files are in a fully or partially offline state. The Windows Explorer desktop can be enabled to display a small black clock on top of a migrated file's normal icon; the black clock symbol indicates that there may be a delay in accessing the contents of the file. (This feature is disabled by default.) For more information, see "Modify Settings If Providing File Access via Samba" on page 75.

## Operations Timeout or Abort on Windows

Operations such as `cp` can timeout on Windows systems or abort with the following message:

```
couldn't locate the origin file
```

This may occur if the `SessTimeout` parameter is set to a value that is inappropriate for a DMF environment. See "Modify Settings If Providing File Access via Samba" on page 75.

## Windows Explorer Hangs

If the Windows Explorer hangs and the `no response ...` message appears in the Windows main title, it may be because the `SessTimeout` parameter is set to a value that is inappropriate for a DMF environment. See "Modify Settings If Providing File Access via Samba" on page 75.

## Poor Migration Performance

If you encounter poor migration performance, you can try to tune DMF's direct I/O size by modifying the `DIRECT_IO_SIZE` parameter for the `filesystem` object in the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`).

You can also try switching to buffered I/O migration by setting the `MIN_DIRECT_SIZE` parameter to a very large value.

See "filesystem Object" on page 182.

## Remote Connection Failures

If there are an insufficient number of `xinetd tcpmux` instances configured, you may see remote connection failures. If this condition occurs, you will see messages like the following in the `/var/log/xinetd.log` file:

```
10/3/2@13:41:09: FAIL: tcpmux service_limit from=128.162.246.75
```

To solve this problem, see "Set the `xinetd tcpmux` instances Parameter Appropriately" on page 69.

## Using SGI Knowledgebase

If you encounter problems and have an SGI support contract, you can log on to Supportfolio and access the Knowledgebase tool to help find answers.

To log in to Supportfolio Online, see:

```
https://support.sgi.com/login
```

Then click on **Search the SGI Knowledgebase** and select the type of search you want to perform.

If you need further assistance, contact SGI Support.

## Reporting Problems to SGI

As soon as you suspect a problem with DMF, run the following commands as `root` to gather relevant information about your DMF environment that will help you and SGI analyze the problem:

- Run the following command on the DMF server and every parallel data mover node in order to gather system configuration information:

```
# /usr/sbin/system_info_gather -A -o nodename.out
```
- Run the following command once on the DMF server to collect information for today and the specified number of additional days (*extra-days* must be a numerical value greater than or equal to 0):

```
# dmcollect extra-days
```

---

**Note:** Take care to enter the correct number of previous days from which to gather information, so that logs containing the first signs of trouble are included in the collection.

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See the `dmcollect(8)` man page for additional information.

When you contact SGI Support, you will be provided with information on how and where to upload the collected information files for SGI analysis.



## Messages

This appendix discusses the following:

- "CAT Table and Daemon Database Comparisons" on page 371
- "VOL and CAT Record Comparisons" on page 372
- "dmcatadm Message Interpretation" on page 373
- "dmvoladm Message Interpretation" on page 375

If you are uncertain about how to correct these errors, contact your customer service representative.

### CAT Table and Daemon Database Comparisons

Error messages generated when comparing catalog (CAT) records in the LS database to the daemon database will start with the following phrase:

Bfid *bfid* -

The *bfid* is the bit file ID associated with the message.

The preceding phrase will be completed by one or more of the following phrases:

```
missing from cat db
missing from daemon db
for vsn volume_serial_number chunk chunk_number msg1 msg2
```

In the above, *msgn* can be one of the following:

```
filesize < 0
chunkoffset < 0
chunklength < 0
zonenumber < 0
chunknumber <0
filesize < chunklength + chunkoffset
zonenumber
missing or improper vsn
filesize != file size in daemon entry (size)
```

no chunk for bytes *msg1*, *msg2*

In the above, *msgn* gives the byte range as *nnn* - *nnn*

*nnn* bytes duplicated

## VOL and CAT Record Comparisons

Error messages generated when comparing the volume (VOL) records to CAT records in the LS database will start with the following phrase:

Vsn *vsn*

The *vsn* is the volume serial number associated with the message.

The preceding phrase will be completed by one or more of the following phrases:

missing

eotpos < largest position in cat (3746)  
eotchunk < largest chunk in cat (443)  
eotzone < largest zone in cat (77)  
chunksleft != number of cat chunks (256)  
dataleft !=sum of cat chunk lengths (4.562104mb)

tapesize is bad  
version is bad  
blocksize is bad  
zonesize is bad  
eotchunk < chunksleft  
dataleft > datawritten

volume is empty but *msg1*, *msg2*

In the above, *msgn* can be one of the following:

hfull is on  
hsparse is on  
datawritten != 0  
eotpos != 1/0  
eotchunk != 1



volume is not empty but *msg1*, *msg2*

In the above, *msgn* is one of the following:

hfree is on  
version < 4 but *msg1*, *msg2*

In the above, *msgn* can be one of the following:

volume contains new chunks  
hfull is off  
eotpos !=2/0

## dmcatadm Message Interpretation

The following lists the meaning of messages associated with the CAT records in the LS database:

*nnn* bytes duplicated in volume group name

Two or more chunks in the database, which belong to volume group (VG) name, contain data from the same region of the file.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 chunkoffset < 0

The *chunkoffset* value for chunk 77 on volume serial number (VSN) DMF001 is obviously bad because it is less than 0.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 chunklength < 0

The *chunklength* value for chunk 77 on VSN DMF001 is obviously bad because it is less than 0.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 chunknumber < 0

The *chunknumber* value for chunk 77 on VSN DMF001 is obviously bad because it is less than 0.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 filesize < 0

The *filesize* value for chunk 77 on DMF001 is obviously bad because it is less than 0.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 filesize < chunklength +  
chunkoffset

The value of `chunklength` plus `chunkoffset` should be less than or equal to the `filesize`. Therefore, one or more of these values is wrong.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 missing or improper vsn

The list of volume serial numbers for the chunk is improperly constructed. The list should contain one or more 6-character names separated by colons.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 zonenumber < 0

The `zonenumber` value for chunk 77 on DMF001 is obviously bad because it is less than 0.

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 zonenumber > chunknumber

Either the `zonenumber` value or the `chunknumber` value for chunk 77 on DMF001 is wrong, because the `zonenumber` is larger than the `chunknumber` value. (Each zone contains at least two chunks, because the end-of-zone header on the tape counts as a chunk.)

for vsn DMF001 chunk 77 filesize != file size in  
daemon entry (nnn)

The `filesize` value in the chunk entry is different from the file size in the daemon record. If no daemon record was provided, this message indicates that more than one chunk exists for the BFID and that the `filesize` value is not the same for all the chunks.

missing from cat db

No corresponding CAT record was found for an existing daemon record.

entry for volume group name missing from daemon db

No corresponding daemon record was found for an existing CAT record.

for volgrp name; no chunk for bytes nnn - nnn

There is no chunk that contains the specified bytes of the file.

## dmvoladm Message Interpretation

The following lists the meaning of messages associated with the VOL records in the LS database.

blocksize is bad

The `blocksize` field for the tape is less than or equal to 0.

eotpos < largest position in cat (3746)

The position for the EOT descriptor on the tape is less than the largest position of all the chunk entries for the tape.

chunksleft != number of cat chunks (256)

The number of chunks referencing the tape in the CAT table does not equal the number of chunks left recorded in the VOL entry for the tape.

dataleft != sum of cat chunk lengths (4.562104mb)

The sum of the chunks length for chunks referencing the tape in the CAT table does not equal the `dataleft` value recorded in the VOL entry for the tape.

dataleft > datawritten

The entry shows that more data remains on the tape than was written.

eotchunk < chunksleft

The entry shows that more chunks remain on the tape than were written.

eotchunk < largest chunk in cat (443)

The chunk number of the EOT descriptor on the tape is less than the largest chunk number of all the chunk entries for the tape.

eotzone < largest zone in cat (77)

The zone number of the EOT descriptor on the tape is less than the largest zone number of all the chunk entries for the tape.

missing

The volume was found in a chunk entry from the CAT table but is not in the VOL table.

tapesize is bad

The tapesize field for the tape is an impossible number.

version is bad

The version field for the tape is not 1 or 3 (for a tape still containing data written by an old MSP) or 4 (for a tape written by this MSP).

volume is empty but hfull is on  
volume is empty but hsparse is on

When a volume is empty, the hfull, and hsparse hold flags should be off.

volume is empty but datawritten != 0  
volume is empty but eotpos != 1/0  
volume is empty but eotchunk != 1

When the hfree hold flag is cleared, the datawritten field is set to 0, the eotpos field is set to 1/0, and the eotchunk is set to 1. The entry is inconsistent and should be checked.

volume is not empty but hfree is on

When a volume contains data, the hfree hold flag must be off.

volume is not empty and version is *n* but hfull is off

Tapes containing data with a version value of less than 4 must have hfull set, because the LS cannot append to the tape.

volume is not empty and version is *n* but eotpos != 2/0

Tapes imported from the old MSP only have one zone of data, so eotpos must be 2/0.

zonesize is too small

The zonesize field for the tape is an impossible number.

## DMF User Library `libdmfusr.so`

The subroutines that constitute the DMF user command application program interface (API) are available to user-written programs by linking to the DMF user library, `libdmfusr.so`. Sites can design and write their own custom DMF user commands, which eliminates the need to use wrapper scripts around the DMF user commands.

This appendix discusses the following:

- "Overview of the Distributed Command Feature and `libdmfusr.so`"
- "Considerations for IRIX " on page 380
- "`libdmfusr.so` Library Versioning" on page 380
- "`libdmfusr.so.2` Data Types" on page 381
- "User-Accessible API Subroutines for `libdmfusr.so.2`" on page 396

### Overview of the Distributed Command Feature and `libdmfusr.so`

The distributed command feature allows DMF commands to execute on a host other than the host on which the DMF daemon is running. (This feature was first made available with DMF 2.7.) A host that imports DMF-managed filesystems from the DMF daemon host machine can execute the DMF commands locally as defined in "DMF Clients" on page 10. The distributed command feature requires `tcpmux` (RFC 1078).

The DMF user commands communicate with a process named `dmusrCmd`, which is executed as `setuid root`. `dmusrCmd` performs validity checks and communicates with the DMF daemon. (In releases prior to DMF 2.7, user commands communicated directly with the DMF daemon and were installed as `setuid root` processes.)

In order for the DMF user commands to communicate in an efficient and consistent manner with the `dmusrCmd` process, they must access the DMF user library, which is installed in the following location according to platform operating system and architecture:

<b>Platform</b>	<b>DMF User Library Location</b>
<code>irix-n32</code>	<code>/usr/lib32/libdmfusr.so[.n]</code>
<code>irix-64</code>	<code>/usr/lib64/libdmfusr.so[.n]</code>
<code>Linux ia64</code>	<code>/usr/lib/libdmfusr.so[.n]</code>
<code>Linux x86_64</code>	<code>/usr/lib64/libdmfusr.so[.n]</code>
<code>Solaris</code>	<code>/usr/lib/sparcv9/libdmfusr.so[.n]</code>
<code>Mac OS X</code>	<code>/usr/lib/libdmfusr.[n].dylib</code>

Each of the DMF user commands is linked to the library for its protocol-based communications. (The DMF user library became a versioned shared-object library in DMF 3.1. See "libdmfusr.so Library Versioning" on page 380 for more information on accessing the correct version of `libdmfusr.so`.)

The underlying design of the API calls for the user command to make contact with a `dmusrCmd` process by creating an opaque context object via a call to the API. This context is then used as a parameter on each function API call (`put`, `get`, `fullstat`, or `copy`). The context is used by each API subroutine to perform the requested operation and to correctly return the results of the operation to the command.

In addition to the library, the `libdmfusr.H`, `libdmfcom.H`, and `dmu_err.h` header files are provided. These files are required for sites to effectively create their own commands. All header files are installed in `/usr/include/dmf`. The `libdmf*` header files contain all of the object and function prototype definitions required by the API subroutine calls. The `dmu_err.h` file contains all of the API error code definitions. Along with each error code definition is a text string that is associated with each of the error codes. This text string is the same message that is generated automatically when the error occurs as part of the `DmuErrInfo_t` object (see "DmuErrInfo\_t" on page 390). The text string is included in the file as informational only, and is not accessible by a program that includes `dmu_err.h`.

Each type of function request (`put`, `get`, `fullstat`, or `copy`) can be made via a synchronous or an asynchronous API subroutine call:

- Synchronous subroutine calls do not return to the caller until the request has completed, either successfully or unsuccessfully. These synchronous subroutines

return an error object to the caller that can be processed to determine the success or failure of the call. If an application is making more than one call, these calls will usually perform less efficiently than their asynchronous counterparts because of the serial nature of their activity.

- Asynchronous subroutine calls return immediately to the caller. The return codes of these asynchronous subroutines indicate whether the request was successfully forwarded to `dmusrCmd` for processing. A successful return allows the calling program to continue its own processing in parallel with the processing being performed by `dmusrCmd` (or the DMF daemon) to complete the request. If the request was successfully forwarded, a request ID that is unique within the scope of the opaque context is returned to the caller. It is the responsibility of the caller to associate the request ID with the correct completion object (described in "DmuCompletion\_t" on page 388) to determine the eventual result of the original request.

There are several API subroutine calls for processing asynchronous request completion objects. The user can choose to do any of the following:

- Be notified when all requests have completed without processing the return status of each request.
- Process the return status of each request in the order in which they complete.
- Wait synchronously on an individual asynchronous request's completion by specifying the request ID on which to wait. By using this method, each request return status can be processed in the order in which it was sent, known as *request ID order*.

The API includes well-defined protocols that it uses to communicate with the `dmusrCmd` process. Because these protocols make use of the `pthread(5)` mechanism, any user application program making use of the API via `libdmfusr.so` must also link to the `libpthread.so` shared object library via one of the following:

```
-lpthread compiler option using cc(1) or CC(1)  
-lpthread loader option using ld(1) or rld(1)
```

In many cases, the API subroutines pass the address of an object back to the caller by setting a `**` pointer accordingly. If errors occur and the subroutine is unable to complete its task, the address returned may be `NULL`. It is up to the caller to check the validity of an object's address before using it in order to avoid causing a `SIGSEGV` fault in the application program.

## Considerations for IRIX

The DMF user library for each IRIX platform (`lib32` and `lib64`) was compiled using a MIPSpro compiler. Compiling user applications that call DMF user library API subroutines with compilers other than MIPSpro compilers may result in incompatibilities causing load-time or run-time errors.

## `libdmfusr.so` Library Versioning

DMF 3.1 introduced a new version of the DMF user library. This new version is not compatible with the previous library nor with applications that were written and linked with the previous library. To allow the use of older applications after installing the current version of DMF and to facilitate upgrading older applications, the current version of DMF provides both the old version and the new version and introduces a linking mechanism.

When an application is created and linked with a shared object, the name of the actual library that the application is ultimately linked with is stored in the executable file and used at execution time to find a library of the same name for dynamic linking. In previous releases, the library was named `libdmfusr.so`. Therefore, all existing DMF commands and site-developed applications that use the library contain the filename `libdmfusr.so` in the executable for linking with the library at execution time.

A common practice when creating a new version of a library is to add the suffix `.n` to the library name, where `n` is an ever-increasing integer that refers to the current version number.

Prior to DMF 3.1, the library named `libdmfusr.so` was an actual library, rather than a link to a library. The current version of DMF provides the old library (renamed `libdmfusr.so.1`) and the new library (named `libdmfusr.so.2`). All current DMF user commands (such as `dmpu`) were created and linked with `libdmfusr.so.2` and their executables contain the filename `libdmfusr.so.2` for linking with the library.

The `libdmfusr.so.1` library is identical to the `libdmfusr.so` library shipped prior to DMF 3.1. The current DMF installation process will install a link named `libdmfusr.so` that will point to `libdmfusr.so.2`. If needed, you can change the link to point to `libdmfusr.so.1` in order to satisfy linking for executables built with a pre-DMF 3.1 `libdmfusr.so`.

The locations of the libraries and the link have not changed from previous releases (see "Overview of the Distributed Command Feature and `libdmfusr.so`" on page 377).



The new `libdmfusr.so` link provides the following advantages:

- You can use the default setting, which does not require any knowledge about the latest version of the library. When developing new site applications using the library, the non-version-specific `ld` option `-ldmfusr` will result in the loader following the link and using the new version of the library, `libdmfusr.so.2`. The resulting applications will contain the name `libdmfusr.so.2` in their executable files for dynamic loading.
- You can reset the link to point to `libdmfusr.so.1`, which allows existing site-developed applications to continue to work with the older version of the library. This will not affect any of the DMF user commands because they contain the name of the new library and make no use of the link at execution time. When an older application executes, if filename `libdmfusr.so` is encountered by the loader and the link points to `libdmfusr.so.1`, the application will continue to work exactly as it did before the current DMF installation.

The two uses of the link as described above are mutually exclusive of each other. Take care when using the link to enable older applications to run with the old library while at the same time developing new applications using the new library. If the link points to `libdmfusr.so.1` and `-ldmfusr` is used to create a new application, the older version of the library will be found and the resulting executable will contain the filename `libdmfusr.so.1` for use at execution time. If older applications are required to run correctly while new applications are being developed, you must use specific loader command options to ensure that the new applications are linked with the latest library. This can be done by including the specific library name, such as `libdmfusr.so.2`, on the `ld` or `cc` command instead of the generic library specification `-ldmfusr`.

## `libdmfusr.so.2` Data Types

The data types described in this section are defined in `libdmfusr.H` or `libdmfcom.H`. For the most up-to-date definitions of each of these types, see the appropriate file. The following information is provided as a general description and overall usage outline.

All of the data types defined in this section are C++ objects, and all have constructors and destructors. Many have copy constructors and some have operator override functions defined. Please refer to the appropriate `.H` header file to see what C++ functions are defined for each object in addition to the member functions described in this section.

## DmuAllErrors\_t

The `DmuAllErrors_t` object provides the caller with as much information regarding errors as is practical. The complex nature of the API and its communications allows for many types of errors and several locations (processes) in which they can occur. For example, a request might fail in the API, in the `dmusrcmd` process, or in the DMF daemon.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>entry</code>	Specifies a read-only pointer allowing access to all <code>DmuErrInfo_t</code> entries in the <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> internal array.
<code>numErrors()</code>	Returns the number of <code>DmuErrInfo_t</code> entries in the <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> internal array.
<code>resetErrors()</code>	Clears the <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> internal array.

Following is an example using a `DmuAllErrors_t` object.

---

**Note:** The following code is a guideline. It may refer to elements of a `DmuAllErrors_t` structure that are not defined in your installed version of `libdmfcom.H`.

---

```

report_errors(DmuAllErrors_t *errs)
{
    int            i;

    if (!errs) {
        return;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < errs->numErrors(); i++) {
        fprintf(stdout, "group '%s' errcode '%d' who '%s' "
            "severity '%s' position '%s' host '%s' message '%s'\n",
            errs->entry[i].group ? errs->entry[i].group : "NULL",
            errs->entry[i].errcode,
            DmuLogGetErrWhoImage(errs->entry[i].errwho),
            DmuLogGetSeverityImage(errs->entry[i].severity),
            errs->entry[i].position ? errs->entry[i].position : "NULL",
            errs->entry[i].host ? errs->entry[i].host : "NULL",
            errs->entry[i].message ? errs->entry[i].message : "NULL");
    }
}

```

## DmuAttr\_t

The `DmuAttr_t` object defines the DMF attribute for a DMF-managed file.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>bfid</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuBfid_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the file's bitfile-ID ( <code>bfid</code> ).								
<code>fsys</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuFileIoMethod_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the file's filesystem type.								
<code>version</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuFileIoVersion_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the filesystem version.								
<code>dmstate</code>	Specifies a <code>dmu_state_t</code> object that defines the file state. Valid states are: <table> <tbody> <tr> <td><code>DMU_ST_REGULAR</code></td> <td>Regular</td> </tr> <tr> <td><code>DMU_ST_MIGRATING</code></td> <td>Migrating</td> </tr> <tr> <td><code>DMU_ST_DUALSTATE</code></td> <td>Dual-state</td> </tr> <tr> <td><code>DMU_ST_OFFLINE</code></td> <td>Offline</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<code>DMU_ST_REGULAR</code>	Regular	<code>DMU_ST_MIGRATING</code>	Migrating	<code>DMU_ST_DUALSTATE</code>	Dual-state	<code>DMU_ST_OFFLINE</code>	Offline
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<code>DMU_ST_OFFLINE</code>	Offline								

	DMU_ST_UNMIGRATING	Unmigrating
	DMU_ST_NOMIGR	No migration allowed
dmflags	Specifies an integer defining a file's DMAPI flags. Currently unused.	
sitetag	Defines the file site tag value. See dmtag(1).	
regbuf	Specifies a DmuFullRegbuf_t object that defines the file full region information. See "DmuFullRegbuf_t" on page 392.	

### DmuByteRange\_t

The DmuByteRange\_t object defines a range of bytes that are to be associated with a put or get request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

start_off	Starting offset in bytes of the range in the file.
end_off	Ending offset in bytes of the range in the file.

Nonnegative values for start\_off or end\_off indicate an offset from the beginning of the file. The first byte in the file has offset 0. Negative values may be used to indicate an offset from the end of the file. The value -1 indicates the last byte in the file, -2 is the next-to-last byte, and so on. The range is inclusive, so if start\_off has a value of 2 and end\_off has a value of 2, it indicates a range of one byte.

### DmuByteRanges\_t

The DmuByteRanges\_t object defines a set of DmuByteRange\_t objects that are to be associated with a put or get request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

rounding	Specifies the rounding method to be used to validate range addresses. Only DMU_RND_NONE is valid.
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`entry`

Specifies a read-only pointer allowing access to all `DmuByteRange_t` entries in the `DmuByteRanges_t` internal array.

`numByteRanges()`

Returns the number of `DmuByteRange_t` objects contained in the entry array.

`resetByteRanges()`

Resets the number of `DmuByteRange_t` objects in the array to zero.

`setByteRange()`

Adds a new range. If the range being added overlaps or is adjacent to an existing range in the array, the items may be coalesced. It is expected that the starting offset not be closer to the end-of-file than the ending offset. For example, a starting offset of 5 and an ending offset of 4 is invalid, and the `setByteRange()` function may not add it to the array. The `setByteRange()` function cannot determine the validity of some ranges, however, and may add ranges that the put or get request will later ignore.

`fromByteRangesImage()`

Converts a string that represents a byte range and adds it to the `DmuByteRanges_t` object. Strings that represent byte ranges are described on the `dmput` man page.

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**Note:** In a string representing a byte range, `-0` represents the last byte in the file, while in a `DmuByteRange_t` object, `-1` represents the last byte in the file.

For example, suppose `byteranges` is declared as the following:

```
DmuByteRanges_t byteranges;
```

Then each of the following statements will add the `DmuByteRange_t` object that covers the entire file:

```
byteranges.setByteRange(0, -1);  
byteranges.fromByteRangesImage("0:-0" , &errstr);
```

---

If the byte range overlaps or is adjacent to an existing range in the array, the items may be coalesced.

#### clearByteRange

Clears the specified byte range in the `DmuByteRanges_t` object. The `clearByteRange()` routine is restricted in how it handles negative offsets, both in the `DmuByteRange_t` members of the `DmuByteRanges_t` class and in its parameters. The following items give the details of these restrictions. In the following items, *start* and *end* are the parameters to the `clearByteRange()` routine, using the following format:

`clearByteRange(start, end)`

- If *start* and *end* exactly match a `DmuByteRange_t` entry, then that entry will be cleared. This includes negative numbers.
- If *start* is 0 and *end* is -1, all `DmuByteRange_t` entries will be cleared. `resetByteRanges()` is the preferred method for clearing all ranges.
- If *start* is positive and *end* is -1, then:
  - All `DmuByteRange_t` entries that have a positive `start_off` value greater than or equal to *start* will be cleared
  - All `DmuByteRange_t` entries that have a positive `start_off` value that is less than *start* and an `end_off` value of -1 will be changed to have an `end_off` value of *start-1* (that is, *start* minus 1). For example, if `DmuByteRanges_t` has a single range, 3:-1, then `clearByteRange(4,-1)` will leave a single range, 3:3.
  - All `DmuByteRange_t` entries that have a positive `start_off` value that is less than *start* and an `end_off` value that is greater than *start* will be changed to have an `end_off` value of *start-1*. For example, if `DmuByteRanges_t` has a single range 3:9, then `clearByteRange(4,-1)` will leave a single range 3:3.
- If *start* and *end* are both positive and a `DmuByteRange_t` entry has positive `start_off` and `end_off` values, then the range specified by *start* and *end* is cleared from the `DmuByteRange_t`.

- If *start*, *end*, and the *start\_off* and *end\_off* values of a `DmuByteRange_t` are all negative, the range specified is cleared from `DmuByteRange_t`.

You can create a valid `DmuByteRanges_t` object using the default constructor with or without the `new` operator, depending on the need. For example:

```
DmuByteRanges_t    ranges;

DmuByteRanges_t    *ranges = new DmuByteRanges_t;
```

The following example creates a `DmuByteRanges_t` named `byteranges`, adds a `DmuByteRange_t` to it, then prints the entry to `stdout`:

```
DmuByteRanges_t byteranges;
int             i;
byteranges.rounding = DMU_RND_NONE;
byteranges.setByteRange(0, 4095); /* specifies the first 4096 bytes in the file */
for (i = 0; i < byteranges.numByteRanges(); i++) {
    fprintf(stdout, "Starting offset %lld, ending offset %lld\n",
            byteranges.entry[i].start_off,
            byteranges.entry[i].end_off);
}
```

The output to `stdout` would be as follows:

```
starting offset 0, ending offset 4095
```

The following example creates a `DmuByteRanges_t` named `b`, adds a `DmuByteRange_t` to it, then clears a byte range:

```
DmuByteRanges_t b;
int i;
b.setByteRange(0, 40960);
b.clearByteRange(4096, 8191);
printf("Num byte ranges %d\n", b.numByteRanges());
for (i = 0; i < b.numByteRanges(); i++)
    printf("%lld %lld\n", b.entry[i].start_off, b.entry[i].end_off);
```

The output to `stdout` would be as follows:

```
Num byte ranges 2
0 4095
8192 40960
```

---

**Note:** The `toByteRangesImage()` member function is not yet supported.

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### DmuCompletion\_t

The `DmuCompletion_t` object is returned by one of the API request completion subroutines (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412) with the results of an asynchronous request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>request_id</code>	Associates the completion object with an asynchronous request that was previously issued. This value coincides with the request ID value that any of the asynchronous subroutines return to the user.
<code>request_type</code>	Specifies the type of the original request.
<code>reply_code</code>	Contains the overall success or failure status of the request. If this value is <code>DmuNoError</code> , the request was successful. If not, the <code>allerrors</code> field should be checked for the appropriate error information.
<code>ureq_data</code>	Specifies a pointer to user request-type specific data. For a <code>fullstat</code> user request, this will point to a <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> object. This field has no meaning for <code>put</code> , <code>get</code> , or <code>copy</code> user requests.
<code>fhandle</code>	Specifies the file handle of the file associated with the request.

### DmuCopyRange\_t

The `DmuCopyRange_t` object defines a range of bytes that are to be associated with a copy request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>src_offset</code>	Specifies the starting offset in bytes of the range in the source file to be copied.
<code>src_length</code>	Specifies the length in bytes of the range to be copied.



<code>dst_offset</code>	Specifies the starting offset in bytes in the destination file to which the copy is sent.
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## DmuCopyRanges\_t

The `DmuCopyRanges_t` class defines an array of `DmuCopyRange_t` objects that are to be associated with a copy request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>rounding</code>	Specifies the rounding method to be used to validate range addresses. Only <code>DMU_RND_NONE</code> is supported.
<code>entry</code>	Specifies a read-only pointer allowing access to all the <code>DmuCopyRange_t</code> entries in the array.
<code>numCopyRanges()</code>	Returns the number of <code>DmuCopyRange_t</code> objects contained in the <code>entry</code> array. Only a single range is supported.
<code>setCopyRange</code>	Adds a new <code>DmuCopyRange_t</code> object to the array.
<code>resetCopyRanges()</code>	Resets the number of <code>DmuCopyRange_t</code> objects in the array to zero.

**Example:** Create a `DmuCopyRanges_t`, add a `DmuCopyRange_t` to it, then print the entry to `stdout`:

```
DmuCopyRanges_t copyranges;
int i;

copyranges.rounding = DMU_RND_NONE;
copyranges.setCopyRange(0, 4096, 0);

for (i = 0; i < copyranges.numCopyRanges(); i++) {
    fprintf(stdout, "source offset %llu, length %llu, "
        "destination offset %llu\n",
        copyranges.entry[i].src_offset,
        copyranges.entry[i].src_length,
        copyranges.entry[i].dst_offset);
}
```

## DmuErrorHandler\_f

The `DmuErrorHandler_f` object defines a user-specified error handling subroutine. Many of the API subroutines may result in the receipt of error information from the `dmusrcmd` process or the DMF daemon in the processing of the request. As these errors are received, they are formatted into a `DmuErrInfo_t` object (see "`DmuErrInfo_t`" on page 390) and are generally returned to the caller either via a calling parameter or as part of a `DmuCompletion_t` object.

In addition, however, if the error occurs in the course of processing internal protocol messages, the `DmuErrInfo_t` object can also be passed into the `DmuErrorHandler_f` that the caller defined when the opaque context was created.

As part of the `DmuCreateContext()` API subroutine call, the caller can specify a site-defined `DmuErrorHandler_f` subroutine or the caller can use one of the following API-supplied subroutines:

<code>DmuDefErrorHandler</code>	Outputs the severity of error and the message associated with the error to <code>stderr</code> .
<code>DmuNullErrorHandler</code>	Does nothing with the error.

## DmuErrInfo\_t

The `DmuErrInfo_t` object contains the information about a single error occurrence.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>group</code>	Defines the originator of the error:  <code>sgi_dmf</code> (DMF routine) <code>sgi_dmf_site</code> (site-defined policy routine)
<code>errcode</code>	Specifies an integer value generated by the originating routine. This code may have many different meanings for a single value, depending on who the originator is.
<code>errwho</code>	Specifies an integer value that describes in more detail the originator of the error. Use the <code>DmuLogGetErrWhoImage()</code> subroutine to access a character string corresponding to this value .
<code>severity</code>	Specifies an integer value that describes the severity of the error. Use the <code>DmuLogGetSeverityImage()</code>

	subroutine to access a character string corresponding to this value.
position	Specifies a character pointer to a string that contains the position of where the error was generated. For example, this could be a pointer to a character string generated using the <code>__FILE__</code> and <code>__LINE__</code> <code>cpp(1)</code> macros. This field may be <code>NULL</code> .
host	Specifies a character pointer to a string that contains the hostname where the error originated.
message	Specifies a character pointer to a string that contains the body of the error message.

**DmuError\_t**

The `DmuError_t` object is the type that most of the API subroutines pass as a return code. The definition `DmuNoError` is the general success return code.

**DmuEvents\_t**

The `DmuEvents_t` object defines the various event mask settings that a file may contain.

Valid settings are defined as the logical `OR` of any of the following:

<code>DMF_EVENT_READ</code>	Generates a kernel event for each read request on the file.
<code>DMF_EVENT_WRITE</code>	Generates a kernel event for each write request on the file.
<code>DMF_EVENT_TRUNCATE</code>	Generates a kernel event for each truncate request on the file.
<code>DMF_EVENT_DESTROY</code>	Generates a kernel event will be generated for each destroy request on the file.

**DmuFhandle\_t**

The `DmuFhandle_t` object contains the ASCII representation of the file `fhandle` as it is known on the host on which the file's filesystem is native.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

hanp	Specifies a character array containing the file handle.
fromFhandleImage()	Copies an ASCII file handle image string into the hanp field.
toFhandleImage()	Copies the hanp field into a DmuStringImage_t object.
is_valid()	Verifies the validity of the hanp field.

### DmuFullRegbuf\_t

The DmuFullRegbuf\_t object defines the DMF fullregion buffer information for a file. Only a single region constituting of the whole file is supported.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

arrcnt	Specifies the number of regions in the regions array.
regcnt	Specifies the number of regions in the regions array that are valid. Only 0 and 1 are supported.
regions	Specifies a DmuFullRegion_t array. See "DmuRegion_t" on page 393.

### DmuFullstat\_t

The DmuFullstat\_t object is a user-accessible version of the internal DMF fullstat object. It contains all of the basic stat(2) information regarding the file, as well as all of the DMAPI-related fields.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>inconsistent</code>	Indicates that the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> object has inconsistencies in the fields.
<code>stat</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuStat_t</code> object that contains the fields representing those in the <code>stat(5)</code> structure. See the <code>stat(2)</code> system call.
<code>evmask</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuEvents_t</code> object that defines the event mask for the file. See "DmuEvents_t" on page 391
<code>regbuf</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuRegionbuf_t</code> object that defines the regions of the file. See "DmuRegionbuf_t" on page 393.
<code>attr</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuAttr_t</code> object that defines the DMF attribute of the file. See "DmuAttr_t" on page 383.
<code>host</code>	Specifies the hostname where the file is native.
<code>mntpt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuOpaque_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) defining the mount point of the filesystem containing the file on <code>host</code> .
<code>relpath</code>	Specifies the relative path of the file in <code>mntpt</code> on <code>host</code> .
<code>is_valid()</code>	Returns 1 if the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> is valid.

## DmuRegion\_t

The `DmuRegion_t` object defines a filesystem region.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>rg_offset</code>	Defines the region starting offset in bytes. The start of the file is byte 0.
<code>rg_size</code>	Defines the region size in bytes.
<code>rg_flags</code>	Defines the region event flag bitmask. See "DmuEvents_t" on page 391.

## DmuRegionbuf\_t

The `DmuRegionbuf_t` object defines the filesystem region buffer information for a file. Only a single region constituting the whole file is supported.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>arrcnt</code>	Specifies the number of regions in the <code>regions</code> array.
<code>regcnt</code>	Specifies the number of regions in the <code>regions</code> array that are valid. Only 0 and 1 are supported.
<code>regions</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuRegion_t</code> array. See the <code>DmuRegion_t</code> description.

### **DmuReplyOrder\_t**

The `DmuReplyOrder_t` object is used to select the order in which asynchronous replies are to be returned by the API reply processing subroutines.

Valid settings are defined as follows:

<code>DmuAnyOrder</code>	Returns replies in the order the replies are received.
<code>DmuReqOrder</code>	Returns replies in the order the requests were issued.

### **DmuReplyType\_t**

The `DmuReplyType_t` object is used to select the type of reply that an API can receive after sending a request. All requests will receive a final reply when the `dmusrCmd` process has completed processing the request whether it was successful or not.

Valid settings are defined as follows:

<code>DmuIntermed</code>	Specifies an intermediate reply. An informational message to alert the caller that the request is being processed and may not complete for some time. An example of this is the intermediate reply that is sent when a put request has been forwarded to an MSP or LS for processing and that the completion reply is deferred until that operation is complete.
<code>DmuFinal</code>	Specifies the final reply for the request.

This definition is used to specify the types of replies that some of the reply processing subroutines defined below are to consider.

## DmuSeverity\_t

The `DmuSeverity_t` object specifies the level of message reporting.

Valid settings are defined as follows:

<code>DmuSevDebug4</code>	Highest level of debug reporting.
<code>DmuSevDebug3</code>	Second-highest level of debug reporting.
<code>DmuSevDebug2</code>	Third-highest level of debug reporting.
<code>DmuSevDebug1</code>	Lowest level of debug reporting.
<code>DmuSevVerbose</code>	Verbose message reporting.
<code>DmuSevInform</code>	Informative message reporting.
<code>DmuSevWarn</code>	Warning message reporting.
<code>DmuSevFatal</code>	Error message reporting.

## DmuVolGroup\_t

The `DmuVolGroup_t` object defines a volume group (VG) name. As an entry in a `DmuVolGroups_t` array, it is used to specify one of the VGs to be used for a DMF `put` request. For more information about VGs, see "How DMF Works" on page 17.

The public member field and function of this class is as follows:

<code>vname</code>	Specifies a character pointer to string containing the name of a valid VG.
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## DmuVolGroups\_t

The `DmuVolGroups_t` object defines an array of `DmuVolGroup_t` objects. This object is used to specify the list of VGs to which a caller would like a file to be written in a DMF `put` request.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

<code>setVolGroup()</code>	Adds a <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> object to the internal <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> array.
<code>clearVolGroup()</code>	Removes a <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> object from the internal <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> array.

<code>numVolGroups()</code>	Returns the number of <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> objects in the internal <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> array.
<code>resetVolGroups()</code>	Clears the internal <code>DmuVolGroup_t</code> array.
<code>toVolGroupsImage()</code>	Converts a <code>DmuVolGroups_t</code> object to a <code>DmuStringImage_t</code> (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) in the following format:  <code>vgname1 vgname2 ...</code>  The delimiter between multiple <code>vgname</code> values may be a space, a tab, or a comma.
<code>fromVolGroupsImage()</code>	Converts a string image of the following format to a <code>DmuVolGroups_t</code> object:  <code>vgname1 vgname2 ...</code>  The delimiter between multiple <code>vgname</code> values may be a space, a tab, or a comma.

## User-Accessible API Subroutines for libdmfusr.so.2

This section describes the following types of user-accessible API subroutines:

- "Context Manipulation Subroutines" on page 396
- "DMF File Request Subroutines" on page 399
- "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412

### Context Manipulation Subroutines

The `DmuContext_t` object manipulated by the `DmuCreateContext()`, `DmuDestroyContext()`, and `DmuChangedDirectory()` subroutines is designed to be completely opaque to the application. The context is used on all API subroutine calls so that the API can successfully manage user request and reply processing, but its internal contents are of no interest or use to the application.

You can use multiple `DmuContext_t` objects within the same process if desired.



**DmuCreateContext() Subroutine**

The `DmuCreateContext()` subroutine creates an opaque context for the API to use to correctly communicate with the `dmusrcmd` process. This subroutine should be the first API subroutine called by a DMF user command. Not only is the context created, but the communication channel to the `dmusrcmd` process is initialized.

Normally, a context would be used for multiple requests and only destroyed when no more requests are to be made. Creating and destroying a context for each request is likely to be inefficient if done frequently.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuCreateContext(
    const char          *prog_name,
    DmuCreateFlags_t    create_flags,
    DmuSeverity_t       severity,
    DmuErrorHandler_f   err_handler,
    DmuContext_t        *dmuctxt,
    pid_t               *child_pid,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>prog_name</code>	Contains the name of the program. This field can be the full pathname of the program or some other representation.
<code>create_flags</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuCreateFlags_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfusr.H</code> ) that specifies create options. The only valid <code>create_flags</code> option is:  <code>CREATE_CHDIR</code>  Allows change-directory requests via the <code>DmuChangedDirectory()</code> routine. See "DmuChangedDirectory() Subroutine" on page 398.
<code>severity</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuSeverity_t</code> object that specifies the level of error reporting. See "DmuSeverity_t" on page 395.

err_handler	Specifies a user-defined error handling subroutine. The <code>DmuErrorHandler_f</code> object is defined in <code>libdmfusr.H</code> . If the <code>err_handler</code> parameter is <code>NULL</code> , the default error handler <code>DmuDefErrorHandler</code> is used. For more information, see " <code>DmuErrorHandler_f</code> " on page 390.
dmuctxt	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfusr.H</code> ) that is returned with the address of the newly created API to be used on all subsequent subroutine calls that require the program's API context.
child_pid	Specifies the process ID (PID) of the child that is forked and executed to create the <code>dmusrcmd</code> process. This value is returned to the caller so that the caller is free to handle the termination of child signals as desired.
errs	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See " <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> " on page 382 .

If the `DmuCreateContext` call completes successfully, it returns `DmuNoError`.

### **DmuChangedDirectory() Subroutine**

The `DmuChangedDirectory` subroutine changes the current directory of the context. This subroutine is useful to a process that will be making multiple API file requests using relative pathnames while the process might also be making `chdir(3)` subroutine calls.

When a process makes a `chdir` call, if the `DmuChangedDirectory()` subroutine is called before the next API file request that references a relative pathname is made, the file reference will be successfully made by the process.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuChangedDirectory(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    const char          *new_directory,
    DmuAllErrors_t     *errs);
```

`dmuctxt` Specifies a `DmuContext_t` object that was previously created by `DmuCreateContext()`.

<code>new_directory</code>	Specifies a read-only character pointer to the string containing the directory path that was passed on the last <code>chdir(3)</code> subroutine call.
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

**DmuDestroyContext() Subroutine**

The `DmuDestroyContext()` subroutine destroys the API context `dmuctxt`. The memory that had been allocated for its use is freed.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuDestroyContext(
    DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    DmuAllErrors_t *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

**DMF File Request Subroutines**

Each of the following subroutines makes a DMF file request. The context parameter that is included in each of these subroutines must have been already initialized via `DmuCreateContext`.

## Copy File Requests

The `DmuCopyAsync()` and `DmuCopySync()` subroutines perform copy requests in the manner of the `dmcopy(1)` command.

The `DmuCopyAsync()` subroutine returns immediately after the copy request has been forwarded to the `dmusrcmd` process. If a reply is desired, the caller must process the reply to this request. See "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412.

The `DmuCopySync()` subroutine does not return until the requested copy has either completed successfully or been aborted due to an error condition.

The prototypes are as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuCopyAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char            *srcfile_path,
    const char            *dstfile_path,
    DmuCopyFlags_t       copy_flags,
    const DmuCopyRanges_t *copyranges,
    DmuPriority_t         priority,
    DmuReqid_t           *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuCopySync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char            *srcfile_path,
    const char            *dstfile_path,
    DmuCopyFlags_t       copy_flags,
    const DmuCopyRanges_t *copyranges,
    DmuPriority_t         priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>srcfile_path</code>	Specifies the pathname of the source (input) file for the copy operation. It must be an offline or dual-state DMF file.

<code>dstfile_path</code>	Specifies the pathname of the destination (output) file for the copy operation. This path must point to a file that exists or can be created in a DMF-managed filesystem that is native on the same host as that of the source file's filesystem.
<code>copy_flags</code>	Specifies the OR'd value of the following copy operation flags as defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>COPY_NONE</code> – No flags specified.</li><li>• <code>COPY_PRESV_DFILE</code> – Do not truncate the destination file before the copy operation.</li><li>• <code>COPY_ADDR_ALIGN</code> – Allow an address in the destination file that is greater than the size of the file.</li><li>• <code>COPY_NOWAIT</code> – If the daemon is not available to process the request, do not wait. Return immediately.</li></ul>
<code>copyranges</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuCopyRanges_t</code> object, as defined in "DmuCopyRanges_t" on page 389 and in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> . This object can have only one <code>DmuCopyRange_t</code> as defined in "DmuCopyRange_t" on page 388 and in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> .
<code>priority</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuPriority_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the request priority. (Deferred implementation.)
<code>request_id</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuReqid_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) parameter that will be returned with the unique request ID of the asynchronous request. This value can be used when processing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> objects (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412).
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

If the subroutine succeeds, it returns `DmuNoError`.

## fullstat Requests

The following subroutines send a fullstat request to the dmusr cmd process:

```
DmuFullstatByFhandleAsync()  
DmuFullstatByFhandleSync()  
DmuFullstatByPathAsync()  
DmuFullstatByPathSync()
```

These subroutines have the following things in common:

- The 'Sync' versions of these subroutines do not return until the `DmuFullstat_t` has been received or the request has been aborted due to errors.
- The 'Async' versions of these subroutines return immediately after successfully forwarding the fullstat request to the dmusr cmd process. If a reply is desired, the caller must process the reply to this request. See "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412. That is the only way to actually receive the `DmuFullstat_t` object for an 'Async' fullstat request, however. The `DmuFullstatCompletion()` subroutine has been supplied to extract the fullstat information from a fullstat completion object.
- The 'ByPath' versions of these subroutines allow the target file to be defined by its pathname.
- The 'ByFhandle' versions of these subroutines allow the target file to be defined by its filesystem handle, the `fhandle`. These subroutines are valid only when the command making the call is on the DMF server machine, and they are valid only when a user has sufficient (`root`) privileges.

These subroutines can return a successful completion (`DmuNoError`), but might not return valid `DmuFullstat_t` information. The subroutines are designed to return the normal `stat` type information regardless of whether a DMAPI fullstat could be successfully completed. Upon return from these subroutines, the caller can use the `DmuFullstat_t is_valid()` member function to verify the validity of the DMAPI information in the `DmuFullstat_t` block.

The ultimate result of this request is the transfer of a `DmuFullstat_t` object to the caller.

The prototypes are as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuFullstatByFhandleAsync(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t  *client_fhandle,
    DmuReqid_t          *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuFullstatByFhandleSync(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t  *client_fhandle,
    DmuFullstat_t       *dmufullstat,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuFullstatByPathAsync(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    const char           *path,
    DmuReqid_t          *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuFullstatByPathSync(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    const char           *path,
    DmuFullstat_t       *dmufullstat,
    DmuFhandle_t        *fhandle,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>client_fhandle</code>	Specifies the DMF filesystem fhandle of the target file. Valid for use only by a privileged ( <code>root</code> ) user on the DMF server machine.
<code>path</code>	Specifies the relative or absolute pathname of the target file.

dmufullstat	Specifies the pointer that will be returned with the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> object.
fhandle	Specifies the pointer that will be returned with the <code>DmuFhandle_t</code> value.
request_id	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuReqid_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) parameter that will be returned with the unique request ID of the asynchronous request. This value can be used when processing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> objects (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412).
errs	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See " <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> " on page 382.

If the subroutine succeeds, it returns `DmuNoError`.

### put File Requests

The following subroutines perform the `put` DMF request:

```
DmuPutByFhandleAsync()
DmuPutByFhandleSync()
DmuPutByPathAsync()
DmuPutByPathSync()
```

These subroutines have the following things in common:

- The 'Sync' versions do not return until the `put` request has either completed successfully, or been aborted due to errors.
- The 'Async' versions return immediately after successfully forwarding the `put` request to the `dmusrcmd` process. If a reply is desired, the caller must process the reply to this request. See "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412.
- The 'ByPath' versions allow the target file to be defined by its pathname.
- The 'ByFhandle' versions allow the target file to be defined by its filesystem handle, the `fhandle`. These subroutines are valid only when the command making the call is on the DMF server machine, and they are valid only when a user has sufficient (`root`) privileges.



The prototypes are as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuPutByFhandleAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuMigFlags_t         mig_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    const DmuVolGroups_t  *volgroups,
    DmuPriority_t          priority,
    DmuReqid_t             *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t        *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuPutByFhandleSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuMigFlags_t         mig_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    const DmuVolGroups_t  *volgroups,
    DmuPriority_t          priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t        *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuPutByPathAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char             *path,
    DmuMigFlags_t         mig_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    const DmuVolGroups_t  *volgroups,
    DmuPriority_t          priority,
    DmuReqid_t             *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t        *errs)
```

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuPutByPathSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char             *path,
    DmuMigFlags_t         mig_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    const DmuVolGroups_t  *volgroups,
```

```
DmuPriority_t    priority,
DmuAllErrors_t  *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>client_fhandle</code>	Specifies the DMF filesystem <code>fhandle</code> of the target file. Valid for use only by a privileged ( <code>root</code> ) user on the DMF server machine.
<code>path</code>	Specifies the relative or full pathname of the target file.
<code>mig_flags</code>	Specifies the following migration flags as defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>MIG_NONE</code> – No flags specified.</li> <li>• <code>MIG_FREE</code> – Free the space associated with the file.</li> <li>• <code>MIG_NOWAIT</code> – If the daemon is not available to process the request, do not wait. Return immediately.</li> </ul>
<code>byteranges</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuByteRanges_t</code> object. See " <code>DmuByteRanges_t</code> " on page 384.
<code>volgroups</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuVolGroups_t</code> object. See " <code>DmuVolGroups_t</code> " on page 395.
<code>priority</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuPriority_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the request priority. (Deferred implementation.)
<code>request_id</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuReqid_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) parameter that will be returned with the unique request ID of the asynchronous request. This value can be used when processing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> objects (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412).
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine

will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors\_t" on page 382.

If the subroutine succeeds, it returns `DmuNoError`.

## get File Requests

The following subroutines perform the `get` DMF request:

```
DmuGetByFhandleAsync()
DmuGetByFhandleSync()
DmuGetByPathAsync()
DmuGetByPathSync()
```

These subroutines have the following things in common:

- The 'Sync' versions do not return until the `get` request has either completed successfully or has been aborted due to errors.
- The 'Async' versions return immediately after successfully forwarding the `get` request to the `dmusrcmd` process. If a reply is desired, the caller must process the reply to this request. See "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412.
- The 'ByPath' versions of these calls allow the target file to be defined by its pathname.
- The 'ByFhandle' versions allow the target file to be defined by its filesystem handle, the `fhandle`. These subroutines are valid only when the command making the call is on the DMF server machine, and they are valid only when a user has sufficient (`root`) privileges.

The prototypes are as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuGetByFhandleAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuRecallFlags_t      recall_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    DmuPriority_t          priority,
    DmuReqid_t            *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t        *errs)

extern DmuError_t
```

```

DmuGetByFhandleSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuRecallFlags_t    recall_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    DmuPriority_t        priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuGetByPathAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char            *path,
    DmuRecallFlags_t    recall_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    DmuPriority_t        priority,
    DmuReqid_t          *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuGetByPathSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char            *path,
    DmuRecallFlags_t    recall_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *byteranges,
    DmuPriority_t        priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t      *errs)

```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>client_fhandle</code>	Specifies the DMF filesystem <code>fhandle</code> of the target file. Valid for use only by a privileged ( <code>root</code> ) user on the DMF server machine.
<code>path</code>	Specifies the relative or full pathname of the target file.

<code>recall_flags</code>	<p>Specifies the following recall flags as defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>RECALL_ETIME</code> - Update the access time of the file. This parameter is only valid with <code>DmuGetByPathAsync()</code> and <code>DmuGetByPathSync()</code>.</li> <li>• <code>RECALL_NONE</code> - No flags specified.</li> <li>• <code>RECALL_NOWAIT</code> - If the daemon is not available to process the request, do not wait. Return immediately.</li> </ul>
<code>byteranges</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuByteRanges_t</code> object. See "DmuByteRanges_t" on page 384.
<code>priority</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuPriority_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the request priority. (Deferred implementation.)
<code>request_id</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuReqid_t</code> (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) parameter that will be returned with the unique request ID of the asynchronous request. This value can be used when processing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> objects (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412).
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

If the subroutine succeeds, it returns `DmuNoError`.

### settag File Requests

The `settag` request performs the same functional task as the `dmtag(1)` command. The following subroutines perform the `settag` DMF request:

```
DmuSettagByFhandleAsync()
DmuSettagByFhandleSync()
DmuSettagByPathAsync()
DmuSettagByPathSync()
```

These subroutines have the following things in common:

- The 'Sync' versions do not return until the `settag` request has either completed successfully or has been aborted due to errors.
- The 'Async' versions return immediately after successfully forwarding the `settag` request to the `dmusrcmd` process. If a reply is desired, the caller must process the reply to this request. See "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412.
- The 'ByPath' versions allow the target file to be defined by its pathname.
- The 'ByFhandle' versions allow the target file to be defined by its filesystem handle, the `fhandle`. These subroutines are valid only when the command making the call is on the DMF server machine and when a user has sufficient (`root`) privileges.

The prototypes are as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuSettagByFhandleAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuSettagFlags_t     settag_flags,
    DmuSitetag_t         sitetag,
    DmuPriority_t         priority,
    DmuReqid_t           *request_id,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuSettagByFhandleSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *client_fhandle,
    DmuSettagFlags_t     settag_flags,
    DmuSitetag_t         sitetag,
    DmuPriority_t         priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuSettagByPathAsync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char             *path,
    DmuSettagFlags_t     settag_flags,
    DmuSitetag_t         sitetag,
```

```

                                DmuPriority_t    priority,
                                DmuReqid_t     *request_id,
                                DmuAllErrors_t *errs)

extern DmuError_t
DmuSettagByPathSync(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    const char            *path,
    DmuSettagFlags_t     settag_flags,
    DmuSitetag_t         sitetag,
    DmuPriority_t         priority,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)

```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>client_fhandle</code>	Specifies the DMF filesystem <code>fhandle</code> of the target file. Valid for use only by a privileged ( <code>root</code> ) user on the DMF server machine.
<code>path</code>	Specifies the relative or full pathname of the target file.
<code>settag_flags</code>	Specifies the following settag flags as defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>SETTAG_NONE</code> – No flags specified.</li> <li>• <code>SETTAG_NOWAIT</code> – If the daemon is not available to process the request, do not wait. Return immediately.</li> </ul>
<code>sitetag</code>	Defines the file site tag value. See <code>dmtag(1)</code> .
<code>priority</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuPriority_t</code> object (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) that defines the request priority. (Deferred implementation.)
<code>request_id</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuReqid_t</code> (defined in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> ) parameter that will be returned with the unique request ID of the asynchronous request. This value can be used when processing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> objects (see "Request Completion Subroutines" on page 412).

`errs` Specifies a pointer to a `DmuAllErrors_t` object. This value may be `NULL`. If it is not `NULL`, the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "`DmuAllErrors_t`" on page 382.

If the subroutine succeeds, it returns `DmuNoError`.

## Request Completion Subroutines

The request completion subroutines are provided so that the application can process the completion events of any asynchronous requests it might have issued. The caller can choose to process each request's completion object (`DmuCompletion_t`) or to be notified when each request has responded with either an intermediate or final (completion) reply.

The asynchronous requests described previously along with the following completion subroutines allow the user to achieve maximum parallelization of the processing of all requests.

### `DmuAwaitReplies()` Subroutine

The `DmuAwaitReplies()` subroutine performs a synchronous wait until the number of outstanding request replies of the type specified is less than or equal to `max_outstanding`. This subroutine is called by a user who does not want to perform individual processing of each outstanding request, but wants to know when a reply (intermediate or final) has been received for each request that has been sent to this point.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuAwaitReplies(
    const DmuContext_t  dmuctxt,
    DmuReplyType_t     type,
    int                 max_outstanding,
    DmuAllErrors_t     *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

`dmuctxt` Specifies a `DmuContext_t` object that was previously created by `DmuCreateContext()`.



<code>type</code>	Defines the type of reply to be received. The caller can wait for an intermediate or final reply for the outstanding requests.  See the definition of <code>DmuReplyType_t</code> in "DmuReplyType_t" on page 394 or in <code>libdmfcom.H</code> .
<code>max_outstanding</code>	Specifies the number of outstanding requests allowed for which the <code>type</code> reply has not been received before the subroutine returns. If this parameter is 0, all <code>type</code> replies will have been received when the subroutine returns.
<code>errs</code>	Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code> . If it is not <code>NULL</code> , the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

If no errors occurred getting the next reply, this subroutine returns `DmuNoError`.

#### **DmuFullstatCompletion() Subroutine**

The `DmuFullstatCompletion()` subroutine can be called when asynchronous fullstat replies are being processed by `DmuGetNextReply()` or `DmuGetThisReply()`. When the reply is received, the `DmuCompletion_t` object that is part of the reply can be used as an input parameter to this routine, which will then extract the `DmuFullstat_t` object and the `DmuFhandle_t` objects that are contained in the `DmuCompletion_t` object's `ureq_data` field.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuFullstatCompletion(
    DmuCompletion_t *comp;
    DmuFullstat_t *dmufullstat,
    DmuFhandle_t *fhandle,
    DmuAllErrors_t *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>comp</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> object from an asynchronous fullstat request.
<code>dmufullstat</code>	Specifies a pointer to an existing <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> object. If <code>comp</code> references a successful fullstat

	request, dmufullstat will be set to be equal to the DmuFullstat_t that was returned with the reply.
fhandle	Specifies a pointer to an existing DmuFhandle_t object. If comp references a successful fullstat request, fhandle will be set to be equal to the DmuFhandle_t that was returned with the reply.
errs	Specifies a pointer to a DmuAllErrors_t object. This value may be NULL. If it is not NULL, the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors_t" on page 382.

**DmuGetNextReply() Subroutine**

The DmuGetNextReply() subroutine returns the completion object of the next reply based on the order specified on the call.

The caller can specify DmuIntermed or DmuFinal for the type parameter. If DmuIntermed is specified and an intermediate reply is the next reply received and there are no completed replies available for processing, the comp parameter is not set (will be NULL) when the subroutine returns. An intermediate reply has no completion object associated with it; a return of this type is informational only.

This subroutine performs a synchronous wait until a request reply of the type specified on the call is received. At the time of the call, any reply that has already been received and is queued for processing is returned immediately.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuGetNextReply(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    DmuReplyOrder_t order,
    DmuReplyType_t type,
    DmuCompletion_t *comp,
    DmuAllErrors_t *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

dmuctxt	Specifies a DmuContext_t object that was previously created by DmuCreateContext().
order	Defines the order in which the request replies should be returned. The caller can process the replies in the order

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	<p>the replies are received (<code>DmuAnyOrder</code>) or in the order the requests were issued (<code>DmuReqOrder</code>).</p> <p>See the definition of <code>DmuReplyOrder_t</code> in "<code>DmuReplyOrder_t</code>" on page 394 or in <code>libdmfcom.H</code>.</p>
<code>type</code>	<p>Defines the type of reply to be received. The caller can wait for an intermediate or final reply for the outstanding requests. The receipt of an intermediate reply returns no data.</p>
<code>comp</code>	<p>Specifies a pointer to an existing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> object. If a reply was available for processing according to the parameters on the calling subroutine, the <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> object pointed to by <code>comp</code> will be set with all of the appropriate values. See "<code>DmuCompletion_t</code>" on page 388.</p> <p>If the <code>reply_code</code> field of the <code>comp</code> parameter is not <code>DmuNoError</code>, the <code>comp-&gt;allerrors</code> object will contain the error information needed to determine the cause of the error.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> The <code>errs</code> parameter on the subroutine call does not contain the error information for the failed request.</p> <hr/>
<code>errs</code>	<p>Specifies a pointer to a <code>DmuAllErrors_t</code> object. This value may be <code>NULL</code>. If it is not <code>NULL</code>, the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "<code>DmuAllErrors_t</code>" on page 382.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Note:</b> This object will return errors that occurred while waiting for or receiving this reply. It does not refer to the errors that might have occurred during the request processing that resulted in the reply. Those errors are available in the <code>comp</code> object.</p> <hr/>

If no errors occurred getting the next reply, this subroutine returns `DmuNoError`. If there are no outstanding requests pending, a return code of `DME_DMU_QUEUEEMPTY` is returned. You can use a check for `DME_DMU_QUEUEEMPTY` to terminate a `while`

loop based on this subroutine. Any other error return code indicates an error, and the `errs` parameter can be processed for the error information.

### **DmuGetThisReply() Subroutine**

The `DmuGetThisReply()` subroutine returns the completion object of the specified request. This subroutine performs a synchronous wait until a request reply specified on the call is received.

The prototype is as follows:

```
extern DmuError_t
DmuGetThisReply(
    const DmuContext_t    dmuctxt,
    DmuReqid_t           request_id,
    DmuCompletion_t      *comp,
    DmuAllErrors_t       *errs)
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmuctxt</code>	Specifies a <code>DmuContext_t</code> object that was previously created by <code>DmuCreateContext()</code> .
<code>request_id</code>	Specifies the unique request ID of the request for which the caller wants to wait.
<code>comp</code>	Specifies a pointer to an existing <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> object. If a reply was available for processing according to the parameters on the calling subroutine, the <code>DmuCompletion_t</code> object pointed to by <code>comp</code> will be set with all of the appropriate values. See "DmuCompletion_t" on page 388.

The `reply_code` field of the `comp` parameter is the ultimate status of the request. A successful `comp` has a `reply_code` of `DmuNoError`. If the `reply_code` of `comp` is not `DmNoError`, the `comp->allerrors` object will contain the error information needed to determine the cause of the error.

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**Note:** The `errs` parameter on the subroutine call does not contain the error information for the failed request.

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`errs`

Specifies a pointer to a `DmuAllErrors_t` object. This value may be `NULL`. If it is not `NULL`, the subroutine will use it to return errors. See "DmuAllErrors\_t" on page 382 .

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**Note:** This object will return errors that occurred while waiting for or receiving this reply. It does not refer to the errors that might have occurred during the request processing that resulted in the reply. Those errors are available in the `comp` object.

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If no errors occurred getting the next reply, this subroutine returns `DmuNoError`. Any other error return code indicates an error, and the `errs` parameter can be processed for the error information.



## Site-Defined Policy Subroutines and the `sitelib.so` Library

This appendix provides an overview of the site-defined policy feature and a summary of the policy subroutines sites may write:

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### Overview of Site-Defined Policy Subroutines

Site-defined policy subroutines are loaded dynamically by DMF to provide custom decision-making at key points in its processing. Several DMF processes, including `dmfdaemon`, can call subroutines within `sitelib.so`.

You do not need to use this feature, in which case DMF will function as documented in the manuals and man pages. But if you wish, you can implement one or more of these subroutines in order to override DMF's default behavior.

If you use the site-defined policy feature, you must communicate the policy changes to your user community; otherwise, they will not be able to predict how the user commands will work. The man page for any command with a site-defined policy will state something like the following:

If your site is using the site-defined policy feature, the default behavior may be overridden. Please check with your administrator for any behavior differences due to site-defined policies.

You should also consider adding `ERROR`, `WARN`, and `INFO` messages into the reply stream for commands you customize so that you can routinely return messages to the user that explain what was changed in their request. Doing so will allow the users to understand why the behavior was different from what they expected.

The subroutines are written in C++ according to the subroutine prototypes in `/usr/include/dmf/libdmfadm.H`. They are placed in a shared-object library called `/usr/lib/dmf/sitelib.so`.

The parameters and return values of the subroutines and the name of the `sitelib.so` library are fixed and cannot be altered by the site. In general, the parameters provide all of the information DMF has that is relevant to the purpose of the subroutine, which is described in the comments preceding each subroutine.

The code within the subroutines performs whatever processing the site wishes. To assist in several common operations, such as extracting information from the DMF configuration file, optional helper subroutines are provided in `/usr/include/dmf/libdmfadm.H`.

## Getting Started with Custom Subroutines

The `/usr/share/doc/dmf-*/info/sample` directory contains the following files to demonstrate generating the `sitelib.so` library:

- Basic example:
  - `sample_sitelib.C` contains source code of basic sample subroutines
  - `sample_sitelib.mk` is the associated makefile
- Example showing how to rotate migration requests across multiple media-specific processes (MSPs):
  - `sample_sitelib2.C` contains source code of sample subroutines to rotate migration requests
  - `sample_sitelib2.mk` is the associated makefile

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**Note:** If you use these files as a base for implementing subroutines of your own, be sure to keep them in a different directory and/or rename them to avoid any conflict when DMF is upgraded and new sample files are installed. For example, you could rename the files `sitelib.c` and `sitelib.mk`.

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For example, to use the basic subroutine example `sample_sitelib.C`, do the following:

1. Copy `sample_sitelib.C` and its associated makefile `sample_sitelib.mk` from `/usr/share/doc/dmf-*/info/sample` to a directory of your own with names of your own choice.

For example, if you wanted to work in the `/tmp/testdmf` directory:

```
$ cp /usr/share/doc/dmf-*/info/sample/sample_sitelib.C /tmp/testdmf/sitelib.C
$ cp /usr/share/doc/dmf-*/info/sample/sample_sitelib.mk /tmp/testdmf/sitelib.mk
```

2. In the makefile, specify the stem from which the library filename and source code filename will be derived by editing the value for the `SITELIB` parameter. For example, to use a stem of `sitelib` (that is, `sitelib.so` for the library and `sitelib.c` for the source code file):

```
SITELIB=sitelib
```

---

**Note:** Although you can set the `SITELIB` value to something other than `sitelib` for testing purposes, when you actually want to run with DMF, it must be `sitelib`.

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3. Read the comments at the start of each subroutine and alter the supplied code to suit your requirements. As supplied, each subroutine is disabled. To enable one or more subroutines, modify the `SiteFncMap` variable at the bottom of the source file (in our example, `sitelib.C`).
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**Note:** The name of the `SiteFncMap` variable is fixed and cannot be altered. However, you can change the names of the site-defined subroutines such as `SiteCreateContext()`.

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4. Build the `sitelib.so` library by using the `make(1)` command:

```
$ make -f sitelib.mk
```

5. Print a list of the subroutines that have been enabled and visually verify that it is what you expect:

```
# make -f sitelib.mk verbose
```

6. Install the library on a DMF server, which requires you to be the `root` user:

```
$ su
# make -f sitelib.mk install
```

---

**Note:** You do not need to install `sitelib.so` on a machine that functions only as a DMF client.

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For subroutines that affect the operation of the DMF daemon, library server, or MSP, you must wait for a minute or so for the new `sitelib.so` library to be noticed. You will see a message in the relevant log file when this happens.

7. Test your new library by monitoring the relevant log file with `tail -f` while you present test cases to DMF. You may also find it useful to have a Resource Watcher configured and running or to use `dmstat`.

## Considerations for Writing Custom Subroutines

As you write your own custom subroutines, be aware of the following:

- The `sitelib.so` file must be owned by `root` and must not be writable by anyone else, for security reasons. If these conditions are not met, DMF will ignore `sitelib.so` and use the default behavior.
- The `sitelib.so` library should not use the `stdin`, `stdout`, or `stderr` files as this could cause problems for DMF, possibly endangering data. For information about sending messages to users or to log files, see "`DmaSendLogFmtMessage()`" on page 443 and "`DmaSendUserFmtMessage()`" on page 444.
- If you overwrite the `sitelib.so` file while it is in use (for example by copying a new version of your file over the top of the old one), DMF processes may abort or run improperly. The DMF daemon may or may not be able to restart them properly.

To update the file, you should do one of the following:

- Use the `mv(1)` command to move the new file over the top of the old one, so that any existing DMF processes will continue to use the previous version of the file, which is now unlinked pending removal. The `install` target in the supplied makefile is also a safe way to update the file.

- Delete the old file with `rm(1)` before installing the new one using `cp`, `mv`, or `make install`.
- Shut down DMF while the update takes place.

This warning also applies to changes to the DMF configuration file.

- Site-defined policy subroutines should not call subroutines in `libdmfusr.so`, such as `DmuSettagByPathSync()`. They are free to call member functions of classes defined in `libdmfcom.H`, such as `DmuVolGroups_t::numVolGroups()`.
- At times, the site-defined subroutines may be called many times in rapid succession. They should therefore be as efficient as possible, avoiding any unnecessary processing, especially of system calls.

For example, when `dmfsfree` is invoked to prevent a filesystem from filling, site-defined subroutines may be called one or more times for every file in the filesystem as `dmfsfree` prepares its list of candidates prior to migrating and/or freeing some of them. If the functions are slow, DMF may not be able to react to the situation in time to prevent the filesystem from filling.

## sitelib.so Data Types

The data types described in this section are defined in `libdmfadm.H`. The information in this section is provided as a general description and overall usage outline. Other data types that are referenced in this file are defined in `libdmfcom.H`; see Appendix B, "DMF User Library `libdmfusr.so`" on page 377.

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**Note:** For the most current definitions of these types, see the `libdmfadm.H` file.

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### `DmaContext_t`

The `DmaContext_t` object stores information for DMF in order to provide continuity from one subroutine call to the next. It is an opaque object that is created when a DMF process first loads `sitelib.so` and it exists until that process unloads it. This context is provided as a parameter for each of the site-defined policy subroutines.

Site-defined subroutines cannot directly access the information held in the context, but they can obtain information from it by using the following subroutines:

- `"DmaGetContextFlags()"` on page 440
- `"DmaGetProgramIdentity()"` on page 441
- `"DmaGetUserIdentity()"` on page 442

Site-defined subroutines can also store their own information in the context and retrieve it on subsequent calls by using the following subroutines:

- `"DmaSetCookie()"` on page 445
- `"DmaGetCookie()"` on page 440

### **DmaFrom\_t**

The `DmaFrom_t` object specifies the type of policy statement being evaluated.

There are the following possible values:

<code>DmaFromAgeWeight</code>	Indicates that an <code>AGE_WEIGHT</code> policy statement is being evaluated.
<code>DmaFromSpaceWeight</code>	Indicates that a <code>SPACE_WEIGHT</code> policy statement is being evaluated.
<code>DmaFromVgSelect</code>	Indicates that a <code>SELECT_MSP</code> or <code>SELECT_VG</code> policy statement is being evaluated.

### **DmaIdentity\_t**

The `DmaIdentity_t` object provides information, if known, about the program calling the site-defined subroutine and the user whose request generated the call.

The public member fields and functions of this class are as follows:

`realm_type`

Specifies the environment in which the type of data that is contained in the `realm_data` field is meaningful.

The following settings are defined:

- `DMF_REALM_UNIX`, which means that the `unix_1` member of `realm_data` contains valid information
- `DMF_REALM_UNKNOWN`, which means that `realm_data` is not reliable

`realm_data`

Specifies user identity information that is specific to the environment defined by `realm_type`. Only the `unix_1` member of the union is defined for the `realm_type` of `DMF_REALM_UNIX`.

If the UID and/or GID values are `0xffffffff`, the values are not reliable.

`logical_name`

Specifies a character string containing the program name of the process. This may be an absolute or relative pathname. If the value is unknown, the program name was unavailable.

`product_name_and_revision`

Specifies a character string containing the product name and revision (for example, `DMF_3.1.0.0`).

`locale_1`

Specifies a character string containing the locale value. See the `locale(1)` man page.

`host`

Specifies a character string containing the host on which the `DmaIdentity_t` originated.

`pid`

Specifies the process ID where the `DmaIdentity_t` originated.

`instance_id`

Specifies a further refinement of the PID field. Because a process may create more than one `DmaIdentity_t`, this value is incremented by one for each new `DmaIdentity_t`.

`os_type`

Specifies a character string containing a description of the operating system where the `DmaIdentity_t` originated.

`os_version`

Specifies a character string containing a description of the operating system version where the `DmaIdentity_t` originated.

`cpu_type`

Specifies a character string containing a description of the CPU type where the `DmaIdentity_t` originated.

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**Note:** Any of the descriptive character strings may be set to unknown if the field's true value cannot be determined.

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### **`DmaLogLevel_t`**

The `DmaLogLevel_t` object specifies the level of a message. The administrator may select a log level in the DMF configuration file; messages with a less severe level than what is specified in the configuration file will not appear in the log.

### **`DmaRealm_t`**

The `DmaRealm_t` object specifies the realm. Only the UNIX realm is supported.

### **`DmaRecallType_t`**

The `DmaRecallType_t` object specifies the type of kernel recall being performed.

## SiteFncMap\_t

The `SiteFncMap_t` object specifies the site subroutine map. The various DMF processes that can call subroutines in `sitelib.so` look for a variable named `SiteFncMap`, of type `SiteFncMap_t`, in the `sitelib.so` library. It then uses the addresses provided in this variable to find the site-defined subroutines. If the variable is not found, DMF will not make any calls to subroutines in `sitelib.so`.

## Site-Defined Policy Subroutines

DMF looks for the variable named `SiteFncMap`, of type `SiteFncMap_t`, in the `sitelib.so` library. It then uses the addresses provided in this variable to find site-defined subroutines listed in this section. You can provide any number of these subroutines in the `sitelib.so` library.

## SiteCreateContext()

The `SiteCreateContext()` subroutine provides the opportunity to create a site-specific setup. It is called when `sitelib.so` is loaded. If no such setup is required, it need not be implemented. If this subroutine returns anything other than `DmuNoError`, no other subroutines in `sitelib.so`, including `SiteDestroyContext()`, will be called by the current process, unless `sitelib.so` is changed and therefore reloaded.

This subroutine may not issue messages to the user because the user details are unknown at the time it is invoked. If it is invoked by a program with a log file, such as `dmfdaemon`, it can issue log messages by calling `DmaSendLogFmtMessage()`. You can call `DmaGetContextFlags()` to determine if it can issue log messages.

The prototype is as follows:

```
typedef DmuError_t (*SiteCreateContext_f)(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Refers to the context established when <code>sitelib.so</code> was loaded.
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### `SiteDestroyContext()`

The `SiteDestroyContext()` subroutine provides the opportunity for site-specific cleanup. It is called when `sitelib.so` is unloaded. If no such cleanup is required, it need not be implemented. This subroutine may not issue messages to the user because the user details are no longer valid at the time it is invoked. If it is invoked by a program with a log file, such as `dmfdaemon`, it can issue log messages by calling `DmaSendLogFmtMessage()`. You can call `DmaGetContextFlags()` to determine if it can issue log messages.

The prototype is as follows:

```
typedef void (*SiteDestroyContext_f)(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Refers to the context established when <code>sitelib.so</code> was loaded.
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### `SiteKernRecall()`

The `SiteKernRecall()` subroutine allows sites some control over kernel requests to recall a file. It is invoked when DMF receives a kernel request to recall a file. For example, a `read()` system call for a file that is currently in OFL state would result in `SiteKernRecall()` being called. The `dmget` command or the equivalent `libdmfusr.so` library call would not result in a call to `SiteKernRecall()`.

This subroutine may accept or reject the request or change its priority; no other changes are possible. If the subroutine returns a value other than `DmuNoError`, the request will be rejected. Changing the priority has no effect at this time.

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**Note:** `offset` and `length` pertain to the range of the file that the user's I/O request referenced, not the byte range that `dmfdaemon` will actually recall.

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The subroutine may not issue messages to the user, but it can issue messages to the DMF daemon log.

The prototype is as follows:

```
typedef DmuError_t (*SiteKernRecall_f) (
    DmaContext_t    dmacontext,
    const DmuFullstat_t *fullstat,
    const DmuFhandle_t *fhandle,
    uint64_t        offset,
    uint64_t        length,
    DmaRecallType_t recall_type,
    DmuPriority_t    *operative_priority);
```

The parameters are as follows:

dmacontext	Refers to the context established when <code>sitelib.so</code> was loaded.
fullstat	Specifies the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> of the file being recalled
fhandle	Specifies the <code>DmuFhandle_t</code> of the file being recalled
offset	Pertains to the range of the file that the user's I/O request referenced.
length	Pertains to the length of the file that the user's I/O request referenced.
recall_type	Specifies the type of recall.
operative_priority	(Deferred implementation.)

## SitePutFile()

The `SitePutFile()` subroutine allows sites some control over the DMF put requests. It is invoked when a `dmput` command is issued or when one of the following `libdmfusr.so` subroutines is called:

```
DmuPutByPathAsync()
DmuPutByPathSync()
DmuPutByFhandleAsync()
DmuPutByFhandleSync()
```

This subroutine is not called when automatic space management migrates a file.




---

**Caution:** If `SitePutFile()` is implemented, it takes precedence over any when clause being used to control MSP or volume group (VG) selection, whether or not `SiteWhen()` has been implemented.

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If this subroutine returns a value other than `DmuNoError`, the put request will be rejected. The subroutine may not issue log messages, but it can issue messages to the user.

The prototype is as follows:

```
typedef DmuError_t (*SitePutFile_f) (
    const DmaContext_t    dmacontext,
    const DmuFullstat_t   *fstat,
    const char            *path,
    const DmuFhandle_t    *fhandle,
    const int             flags,
    const DmuVolGroups_t  *policy_volgrps,

    const DmuPriority_t   user_priority,
    const int             user_flags,
    const DmuByteRanges_t *user_byteranges,
    const DmuVolGroups_t *user_volgrps,

    DmuPriority_t         *operative_priority,
    int                   *operative_flags,
    DmuByteRanges_t      *operative_byteranges,
    DmuVolGroups_t       *operative_volgrps);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Refers to the context established when <code>sitelib.so</code> was loaded.
<code>fstat</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> information of the target file for the put request.
<code>path</code>	Specifies the pathname of the target file for the put request (if known) or <code>NULL</code> .
<code>fhandle</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuFhandle_t</code> of the target file for the put request.

flags	<p>Specifies whether the <code>SitePutFile()</code> subroutine is called for the first time (0) or is replayed (nonzero). <code>SitePutFile()</code> can be called multiple times for the same request. For example, if <code>dmfdaemon</code> is not running, a <code>dmput</code> request will periodically try to establish a connection with it, and <code>SitePutFile()</code> may be called. If <code>flags</code> is 0, this is the first time that <code>SitePutFile()</code> has been called for a particular request. When a request is replayed, DMF reevaluates the parameters to <code>SitePutFile()</code> before calling it.</p>
policy_volgrps	<p>Specifies an input parameter that contains the VGs and MSPs that have been selected by the policy statements in the DMF configuration file.</p>
user_priority user_flags user_byteranges user_volgrps	<p>Contains information entered by the user as a <code>dmput</code> parameter (where supported) or as a parameter to one of the following <code>libdmfusr.so</code> subroutines:</p> <pre>DmuPutByPathAsync() DmuPutByPathSync() DmuPutByFhandleAsync() DmuPutByFhandleSync()</pre>
operative_priority operative_flags operative_byteranges operative_volgrps	<p>Contains the information that will be used when the request is made to the <code>dmfdaemon</code>. These are all both input and output parameters. You can alter the <code>operative_flags</code>, <code>operative_byteranges</code>, and <code>operative_volgrps</code> values. (Currently, <code>operative_priority</code> is ignored. For compatibility</p>

with future releases of DMF, it is recommended that you do not alter the value of this parameter at this time.)

### `SiteWhen()`

The `SiteWhen()` subroutine provides the opportunity to supply the value for the `sitelfn` variable in when clauses in the following parameters:

```
AGE_WEIGHT
SPACE_WEIGHT
SELECT_MSP
SELECT_VG
```

This subroutine and the `sitelfn` variable in when clauses are not supported for the `SELECT_LOWER_VG` parameter.



---

**Caution:** If `SitePutFile()` is implemented, it takes precedence over any when clause being used to control MSP or VG selection, whether or not `SiteWhen()` has been implemented.

---

For example,

```
SELECT_VG      tp9840  when uid = archive or sitelfn = 6
```

If this subroutine is unavailable, either because it was not implemented or because the `sitelib.so` library is not accessible, the expression using `sitelfn` is evaluated as being false. Therefore, the example above would be treated as if it were the following:

```
SELECT_VG      tp9840  when uid = archive or false
```

Or:

```
SELECT_VG      tp9840  when uid = archive
```

If a policy stanza contains multiple references to `sitelfn`, it is possible that the subroutine is only called once and the value returned by that call may be used for several substitutions of `sitelfn`. Therefore, a policy that contains the following will not necessarily call the subroutine three times:

```
AGE_WEIGHT      -1      0      when sitelfn < 10
AGE_WEIGHT      1       .1
SPACE_WEIGHT    1       1e-6   when sitelfn != 11
```

```
SPACE_WEIGHT 2 1e-9 when sitefn > 19
SPACE_WEIGHT 3.14 1e-12
```

The subroutine can issue log messages in some circumstances and user messages in others. You can call `DmaGetContextFlags()` to determine what kind of messages are possible.

The prototype is as follows:

```
typedef int (*SiteWhen_f) (
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext,
    const DmuFullstat_t *fstat,
    const DmuFhandle_t *fhandle,
    DmaFrom_t fromtyp);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Refers to the context established when <code>sitelib.so</code> was loaded
<code>fstat</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuFullstat_t</code> of the file being evaluated.
<code>fhandle</code>	Specifies the <code>DmuFhandle_t</code> of the file being evaluated.
<code>fromtyp</code>	Indicates what kind of policy is being evaluated.

## Helper Subroutines for `sitelib.so`

This section describes optional subroutines that may be called from `sitelib.so` and are present in the processes that load `sitelib.so`.

### `DmaConfigStanzaExists()`

The `DmaConfigStanzaExists()` subroutine checks whether a specified stanza exists in the DMF configuration file.

---

**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

---

The prototype is as follows:

```
DmaBool_t  
DmaConfigStanzaExists(  
    const DmaContext_t    dmacontext,  
    const char            *type,  
    const char            *stanza);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>type</code>	Specifies the type of the stanza being checked.
<code>stanza</code>	Specifies the name of the stanza being checked.

For example, if the DMF configuration file contained the following:

```
define /dmf1  
    TYPE            filesystem  
    POLICIES        space_policy vg_policy  
enddef
```

Then the following call would return true:

```
DmaConfigStanzaExists(dmacontext, "filesystem", "/dmf1");
```

### **DmaGetConfigBool()**

The `DmaGetConfigBool()` subroutine extracts parameter values of type `DmaBool_t` from the specified stanza in the DMF configuration file. If there is no such parameter definition or if it exists but with a missing or improper value, then the default is used.

---

**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

---

The prototype is as follows:

```
DmaBool_t
DmaGetConfigBool(
    const   DmaContext_t   dmacontext,
    const   char           *stanza,
    const   char           *param,
           DmaBool_t      default_val);
```

The parameters are as follows:

dmacontext	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
stanza	Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.
param	Specifies the name of the parameter for which <code>DmaGetConfigBool()</code> is searching.
default_val	Specifies the value to use if <code>param</code> is not found in <code>stanza</code> or if <code>param</code> has a missing or invalid value.

### **DmaGetConfigFloat()**

The `DmaGetConfigFloat()` subroutine extracts parameter values of type `float` from the specified stanza in the DMF configuration file. If there is no such parameter definition or if it exists but with a missing or invalid value, the default is used.

---

**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

---

The prototype is as follows:

```
float
DmaGetConfigFloat(
    const   DmaContext_t   dmacontext,
    const   char           *stanza,
    const   char           *param,
           float           default_val,
           float           min,
           float           max);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>stanza</code>	Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.
<code>param</code>	Specifies the name of the parameter for which <code>DmaGetConfigFloat()</code> is searching.
<code>default_val</code>	Specifies the value to use if <code>param</code> is not found in <code>stanza</code> or if <code>param</code> has a missing or invalid value.
<code>min</code>	Defines the minimum valid value.
<code>max</code>	Defines the maximum valid value.

### `DmaGetConfigInt()`

The `DmaGetConfigInt()` subroutine extracts parameter values of type `int64_t` from the specified stanza in the DMF configuration file. If there is no such parameter definition or if it exists but with a missing or invalid value, then a default value is used.

---

**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

---

The prototype is as follows:

```
int64_t
DmaGetConfigInt(
    const DmaContext_t  dmacontext,
    const char          *stanza,
    const char          *param,
    int64_t             default_val,
    int64_t             min,
    int64_t             max);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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stanza	Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.
param	Specifies the name of the parameter for which <code>DmaGetConfigInt()</code> is searching.
default_val	Specifies the value to use if <code>param</code> is not found in stanza or if <code>param</code> has a missing or invalid value.
min	Defines the minimum valid value.
max	Defines the maximum valid value.

### `DmaGetConfigList()`

The `DmaGetConfigList()` subroutine returns a pointer to an array of words found in the parameter in the specified stanza. The `items` value points to a block of memory containing an array of string pointers as well as the strings themselves; the end of the array is marked by a `NULL` pointer. The block of memory has been allocated by the `malloc()` subroutine and can be released with the `free()` subroutine if desired. The caller is responsible for releasing this memory.

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**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

---

The prototype is as follows:

```
DmaBool_t
DmaGetConfigList(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext,
    const char *stanza,
    const char *param,
    char *** items);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>stanza</code>	Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.
<code>param</code>	The name of the parameter for which <code>DmaGetConfigList()</code> is searching.

`items` Specifies an output value that points to a block of memory containing an array of string pointers as well as the strings themselves; the end of the array is marked by a `NULL` pointer.

### **DmaGetConfigStanza()**

The `DmaGetConfigStanza()` subroutine return a pointer to an array of parameters and values for the specified stanza in the DMF configuration file. (That is, it provides the entire stanza, after comments have been removed.) The `items` value points to a block of memory containing an array of structures with string pointers as well as the strings themselves; the end of the array is marked by a `NULL` pointer. The block of memory has been allocated by the `malloc()` subroutine and can be released with the `free()` subroutine if desired. The caller is responsible for releasing this memory.

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**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

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The prototype is as follows:

```
DmaBool_t
DmaGetConfigStanza(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext,
    const char *stanza,
    DmaConfigData_t **items);
}
```

The parameters are as follows:

`dmacontext` Specifies the `DmaContext_t` parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as `SitePutFile()`.

`stanza` Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.

`items` Specifies an output value that points to a block of memory containing an array of structures with string

pointers as well as the strings themselves; the end of the array is marked by a NULL pointer.

### **DmaGetConfigString()**

Extracts a string from the specified stanza in the DMF configuration file and returns it. If there is no such parameter definition, the default is used. If the parameter exists but with a missing value, the null string (which is a valid value) is returned.

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**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

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The prototype is as follows:

```
void
DmaGetConfigString(
    const   DmaContext_t   dmacontext,
    const   char            *stanza,
    const   char            *param,
    const   char            *default_val,
    DmuStringImage_t       &result);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>stanza</code>	Specifies the name of the stanza being searched.
<code>param</code>	Specifies the name of the parameter for which <code>DmaGetConfigString()</code> is searching.
<code>default_val</code>	Specifies the value to use if <code>param</code> is not found in <code>stanza</code> . If <code>param</code> is found in <code>stanza</code> but has a missing value, the null string is returned.
<code>result</code>	Specifies an output parameter, containing the result.

### **DmaGetContextFlags()**

The `DmaGetContextFlags()` determines if a given subroutine can issue log messages or issue user messages.

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**Note:** If `DmaFlagContextValid()` is not set in the return value, no use should be made of any other bits.

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`DmaGetContextFlags()` can return the following values, which may be OR'd together:

<code>DmaFlagContextValid</code>	Indicates that the context is valid.
<code>DmaFlagLogAvail</code>	Indicates that <code>DmaSendLogFmtMessage</code> may be called.
<code>DmaFlagMsgAvail</code>	Indicates that <code>DmaSendUserFmtMessage</code> may be called.

The prototype is as follows:

```
uint64_t
DmaGetContextFlags(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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### **DmaGetCookie()**

The `DmaGetCookie()` subroutine returns the cookie that was stored in `dmacontext` by a call to `DmaSetCookie()`. If a NULL value is returned, either the context is invalid or the cookie was not set.

The prototype is as follows:

```
void *
DmaGetCookie(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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### **DmaGetDaemonVolGroups()**

The `DmaGetDaemonVolGroups()` subroutine returns the VGs and MSPs that the `dmfdaemon` is currently configured to use.

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**Note:** Values in the configuration file may change while DMF is running.

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The prototype is as follows:

```
const DmuVolGroups_t *
DmaGetDaemonVolGroups(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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### **DmaGetProgramIdentity()**

The `DmaGetProgramIdentity()` subroutine returns a pointer to the program `DmaIdentity_t` object in the `dmacontext` parameter.

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**Note:** The program `DmaIdentity_t` object should not be confused with the user `DmaIdentity_t` object that is returned by "`DmaGetUserIdentity()`" on page 442. The user identity is usually of much more interest when applying site policies because it defines who is actually making the request as opposed to what process is negotiating the site policies.

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The prototype is as follows:

```
const DmaIdentity_t *
DmaGetProgramIdentity(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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### **DmaGetUserIdentity()**

The `DmaGetUserIdentity()` subroutine returns a pointer to the user `DmaIdentity_t` object in the `dmacontext` parameter.

The user `DmaIdentity_t` object contains as much information as could be reliably gathered regarding the identity of the originator of the request. For example, the user identity in the `SitePutFile()` policy subroutine would identify the process (such as `dmput`) that made the original `DmuPutByPathSync()` `libdmfusr` call.

If `DmaGetUserIdentity()` is called from within `SiteKernRecall()`, it will return the identity of `dmfdaemon`. The identity of the user who initiated the read request that caused `SiteKernRecall()` to be called is unknown to DMF.

Within `SiteCreateContext()`, the user details may be as yet unknown; therefore, `DmaGetUserIdentity()` may return different values than if it is called with the same context from another site-defined policy subroutine. In most cases, the user identity is determined after the call to `SiteCreateContext()`.

Under certain circumstances, some elements of the `DmaIdentity_t` structure may be unknown. For example, if a site-defined subroutine is called as a result of a command entered on a client machine running a release prior to DMF 3.1, some elements of the user identity may be unknown.

The prototype is as follows:

```
const DmaIdentity_t *
DmaGetUserIdentity(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext);
```

The parameter is as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
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### **DmaSendLogFmtMessage()**

The `DmaSendLogFmtMessage()` subroutine formats and issues log messages, if log messages are possible. The messages will potentially appear in the calling program's log depending upon the `DmaLogLevel_t` of the message and the log level selected by the administrator in the DMF configuration file. If log messages are not possible, `DmaSendLogFmtMessage()` silently discards the message.

The prototype is as follows:

```
void
DmaSendLogFmtMessage(
    const   DmaContext_t   dmacontext,
           DmaLogLevel_t   log_level,
    const   char            *name,
    const   char            *format,
    ...);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>log_level</code>	Specifies the level of the message.
<code>name</code>	Specifies a string that is included as part of the log message.
<code>format</code>	Specifies the format for the message that will be printed in the log. It looks like a <code>printf(3S)</code> format. Do not include <code>\n</code> as part of the message. If you want to print

more than one line to the log, make multiple calls to `DmaSendLogFmtMessage()`.

For example, the following will issue an error message to the calling program's log:

```
DmaSendLogFmtMessage (dmacontext, DmaLogErr,
    "SiteCreateContext", "sitelib.so problem errno %d",
    errno);
```

### **DmaSendUserFmtMessage()**

The `DmaSendUserFmtMessage()` subroutine formats and sends messages to the user, if user messages are possible. The messages will potentially appear as output from commands such as `dmput` and `dmget`, depending upon the severity of the message and the level of message verbosity selected by the user. If user messages are not possible, `DmaSendUserFmtMessage()` silently discards the message.

The prototype is as follows:

```
void
DmaSendUserFmtMessage(
    const   DmaContext_t   dmacontext,
           DmuSeverity_t   severity,
    const   char           *position,
           int             err_no,
    const   char           *format,
           ...);
```

The parameters are as follows:

<code>dmacontext</code>	Specifies the <code>DmaContext_t</code> parameter passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as <code>SitePutFile()</code> .
<code>severity</code>	Specifies the severity of the message.
<code>position</code>	Specifies a string that can be included in the message. This string may be set to <code>NULL</code> .
<code>err_no</code>	Specifies that if <code>err_no</code> is non-zero, the results of <code>strerror(err_no)</code> will be included in the message.



`format` Specifies the format for the message that will be sent to the user. It looks like a `printf(3S)` format. It is not necessary to put a `\n` at the end of the message.

### **DmaSetCookie()**

The `DmaSetCookie()` subroutine stores a pointer to site-defined subroutine information in `dmacontext`. This pointer may be retrieved by a call to `DmaGetCookie()`. The site-defined subroutines are responsible for memory management of the space pointed to by the `cookie` parameter.

The prototype is as follows:

```
void
DmaSetCookie(
    const DmaContext_t dmacontext,
    void *cookie);
```

The parameters are as follows:

`dmacontext` Specifies the `DmaContext_t` parameter that is passed as input to all site-defined policy subroutines, such as `SitePutFile()`.

`cookie` Specifies a pointer to information that `sitelib.so` subroutines want to retain while the `dmacontext` is valid.



## Third-Party Backup Package Configuration

The following third-party backup packages are known to be DMF-aware:

- "EMC LEGATO NetWorker" on page 447
- "Atempo Time Navigator" on page 449

### EMC LEGATO NetWorker

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**Note:** EMC NetWorker only operates with Linux standard `st` tape devices. DMF and OpenVault only operate with SGI `ts` tape devices. A given tape drive can be managed as either an `st` device or as a `ts` device, not both. To learn how to use `ts` and `st` tape devices for different tape drives on the same system (where each tape drive is assigned to one device or the other), see the `/etc/ts/README.apd` file on the DMF server.

If OpenVault manages the library for DMF, NetWorker and OpenVault will each have their own set of tape devices but they are unaware of each other's devices. To allow each software package to access its own set of tape volumes and tape devices, you must partition the library.

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To use EMC LEGATO NetWorker to back up DMF-managed filesystems, add each filesystem to the NetWorker client's save set list and enable `dmfasm` on each filesystem.

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**Note:** Only `root` can restore migrated files because DMF uses an extended (system) attribute owned by `root`.

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You can enable the `dmfasm` module by creating a file named `.nsr` in the root directory of each DMF-managed filesystem. The contents of this file should be the following, which specifies that `dmfasm` should be used on all files (including hidden files) and subdirectories:

```
+dmfasm: * .**
```

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**Note:** As of NetWorker 7.1.2, the `nwbackup` and `nwrecover` commands do not include `dmfasm`, and therefore backups and recovers performed with those commands will not be DMF-aware. Only the `save`, `savepnpc`, and `recover` commands use `dmfasm`.

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An alternative method for enabling `dmfasm` on DMF-managed filesystems is to create a directive resource using `nwadmin`. For example, with two DMF filesystems `/dmfusr1` and `/dmfusr2`, the directive resource would contain the following:

```
<< /dmfusr1 >> +dmfasm: * .**
<< /dmfusr2 >> +dmfasm: * .**
```

After creating the directive, you must update the NetWorker client's `Directive` field to use the new directive.

See the NetWorker documentation for more information about ASMs, `.nsr` files, and directives.

To use DMF's `do_predump.sh` script with NetWorker, set up the NetWorker client to use a precommand as follows:

1. Set the client's `Backup` command field to `savepnpc`.
2. Create a file named `/nsr/res/grpname.res`, where `grpname` is the NetWorker group to which the client belongs. The file should contain the following:

```
type: savepnpc;
precmd: "/usr/lib/dmf/do_predump.sh daemon dump_tasks";
```

where:

- `daemon` is the name of the `dmdaemon` object in the DMF configuration file
- `dump_tasks` is the name of the task group specifying parameters related to backups

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**Note:** DMF's `DUMP_RETENTION` parameter should match the value of the NetWorker client's `Retention Policy` parameter.

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For more information about NetWorker, see [www.emc.com](http://www.emc.com) and the NetWorker manuals.

## Atempo Time Navigator

Atempo's Time Navigator is high-performance backup and recovery software designed with intuitive graphical user interfaces (GUIs) to manage data in heterogeneous environments.

Time Navigator is DMF-aware and supports a broad range of servers and client operating systems including SGI IRIX and 64-bit Linux running on Intel Itanium 2 processors. It also supports a wide range of SAN hardware and tape libraries. Time Navigator by default uses Atempo's proprietary Time Navigator protocol for all data transfers.

To make Time Navigator aware of a DMF filesystem, add a line resembling the following to the *full-Time-Navigator-installation-path*/Conf/parameters file, where */dmfusr* is the DMF user filesystem:

```
parameter:bapi_fs=/dmfusr
```

You can specify more DMF filesystems by adding a similar line for each DMF filesystem.

Using the Time Navigator GUI, you can define **backup classes** to select which directories you want to back up. You can also vary the granularity for backup and restore, such as file, directory, or class level.

To use DMF's `do_predump.sh` script with Time Navigator, set up Time Navigator to use a precommand as follows:

- In the **Advanced** settings of the backup strategy, specify the following as the preprocessing command:

```
/usr/lib/dmf/do_predump.sh daemon dump_tasks
```

where:

*daemon*        Name of the `dmdaemon` object in the DMF configuration file

*dump\_tasks*    Name of the task group specifying the parameters related to backups

- Ensure that DMF's `DUMP_RETENTION` parameter matches the retention value of the cartridge pool associated with backing up the DMF filesystem.

For more information about Time Navigator, see [www.atempo.com](http://www.atempo.com) and the Time Navigator manuals.



## Converting from IRIX DMF to Linux DMF

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**Note:** This procedure must take place during a planned outage of the systems and filesystems managed by DMF. It is assumed that sites converting DMF from IRIX to Linux will obtain the help of SGI customer support. The following documentation is offered to familiarize you with the necessary steps.

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This appendix describes the necessary steps to convert an IRIX DMF system to a Linux DMF system and provides an example using a single library server (LS).

You cannot copy DMF databases from an IRIX system to a Linux system because of binary incompatibility. Instead, you must dump the IRIX DMF databases to text on the IRIX system and load the resulting text file into the databases on the Linux system. However, you can move DMF-managed filesystems (that is, filesystems containing user files that DMF has migrated) from an IRIX system to a Linux system.

### **Procedure E-1** Converting from IRIX DMF to Linux DMF

1. Discontinue all user activity for the duration of the IRIX to Linux conversion process.
2. If you have a tape MSP, you must convert it to a volume group (VG) in an LS **while still on IRIX** using `dmmstols`.

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**Note:** The tape MSP is not available in the Linux DMF release.

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For more information, see the DMF 3.0 version of the *DMF Administrator's Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage* (007-3681-008).

3. Prepare the DMF databases on the IRIX system:
  - a. Change the filesystem migration levels in the `dmf.conf` file to `none`.
  - b. Run `dmdidle` and wait for activity to cease.
  - c. Use `dmsnap` to back up the DMF databases.

Alternatively, if time or disk space considerations are critical, it is acceptable to use the snapshot of the DMF databases that is generated in the

*dmaudit\_working\_dir* as part of step 4 below as the database backup copy, allowing you to skip this *dmsnap* step.

4. Audit the DMF databases to ensure that they are valid:



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**Caution:** Do not proceed until you have obtained clean results for each step in turn.

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- a. Run `dmaudit snapshot` and resolve all errors before moving on to step 4.b.
- b. Run `dmatvfy dmaudit_working_dir` and resolve all errors before moving on to step 4.c.
- c. Run `dmdskvfy` against all DCM and disk MSPs and resolve all errors before moving on to step 5.

For more information, see the `dmaudit(8)` man page and *DMF Filesystem Audit Guide for SGI InfiniteStorage*.

5. Stop DMF on the IRIX system.



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**Caution:** If DMF is started again on the IRIX system during or after this procedure, the databases captured during step 7 might not reflect reality, and loss of data might result if you use them.

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6. Use `dmdbcheck` to verify the consistency of the DMF databases.
7. Dump all of the DMF databases to text from the snapshot taken in step 3c above. This should include the daemon database and the CAT and VOL tables for each LS database. For more information, see the `dmdump(8)` man page.
8. Sort the daemon and CAT text database records for better overall performance of the text-record load process. (The time to sort and load will be less than the time to load unsorted text records when the number of records is in the millions.) Do the following:

- To sort the daemon text record file, use a command similar to the following, where *tmpdir* is a directory in a filesystem with sufficient free space for `sort` to complete the sort:

```
# /bin/sort -t"|" -y -T tmpdir -k 1,1 -o sorted_daemontext daemontext
```



- To sort the CAT text record file, use a command similar to the following, where *tmpdir* is a directory in a filesystem with sufficient free space for `sort` to complete the sort:

```
# /bin/sort -t"|" -y -T tmpdir -k 2,2 -o sorted_cattext cattext
```

For more information, see the `sort(1)` man page.

9. Set up the `/etc/dmf/dmf.conf` file on the Linux system. The conversion will be simpler if you name all of the FTP MSPs, disk MSPs, tape VGs, and LSs with the same names used on IRIX. This assumes that you do not already have MSPs, LSs, or VGs with these names on your Linux system.

If you do change the name of an MSP or VG, you must convert the daemon database. For more information on how to perform this conversion, see the documentation in the `dmconvertdaemon` script.

10. Use `dmcheck` to ensure that your new `/etc/dmf/dmf.conf` file is valid on the Linux system.
11. Copy the text versions of the databases (which you created in step 7 and sorted in step 8) to the Linux system.
12. Load the database files from the text files on the Linux system. Use the following commands:

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**Note:** If you are loading the text records into an empty database, use the `-j` option on the `dmdadm(8)` and `dmcatadm(8)` commands to eliminate the unnecessary overhead of database journal records. If you are loading the records into a nonempty database, SGI recommends that you make a copy of the database before running the `dmdadm` and `dmcatadm` commands and that you do not use `-j` option.

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- `dmdadm` to load the daemon database file
  - `dmcatadm` to load the CAT records for each of the LS databases
  - `dmvoladm` to load the VOL records for each of the LS databases
13. Use `dmdbcheck` to check the consistency of databases on the Linux system.
  14. Move all of the DMF-managed user filesystems and DCM filesystems from the IRIX system to the Linux system:

- If reusing the existing disks and the IRIX filesystem blocksize is supported by Linux (512, 1024, 2048, 4096, 8192, or 16384), you can simply move the disks from the IRIX system to the Linux system.
- If there is a disk resource upgrade or if the IRIX block size greater than what is supported in Linux, there will be new user filesystems built under Linux. The old data must then be restored to these new filesystems. For information, see "Using SGI `xfsdump` and `xfrestore` with Migrated Files" on page 342.

15. Start DMF on the Linux system.

16. Run `dmaudit` to verify the filesystems.

#### **Example E-1** IRIX to Linux Conversion (Single LS)

In the following example, the IRIX system has a single LS named `ls1`. The example assumes that the `/tmp/dmf_databases` directory has been created, is initially empty, and contains enough space to accommodate the text versions of the databases. The example also assumes that the `HOME_DIR` configuration parameter is set to `/dmf/home` on both systems. After completing steps 2 through 6 of Procedure E-1 on page 451, the daemon database and the CAT and VOL tables of the LS database are dumped to text, as follows:

```
$ dmdump -c /dmf/home/daemon > /tmp/dmf_databases/daemon_txt
$ dmdump /dmf/home/ls1/tpcrdm.dat > /tmp/dmf_databases/ls1_cat_txt
$ dmdump /dmf/home/ls1/tpvrdm.dat > /tmp/dmf_databases/ls1_vol_txt
```

Next, the files in `/tmp/dmf_databases` on the IRIX system are copied to `/tmp/dmf_txtdb` on the Linux system. After creating the DMF configuration file on the Linux system, the databases are loaded on the Linux system, as follows:

```
$ dmdadm -u -c "load /tmp/dmf_txtdb/daemon_txt"
$ dmcataadm -m ls1 -u -c "load /tmp/dmf_txtdb/ls1_cat_txt"
$ dmvoldadm -m ls1 -u -c "load /tmp/dmf_txtdb/ls1_vol_txt"
```

Now `dmdbcheck` is run to verify the consistency of the databases, as follows:

```
$ cd /dmf/home/daemon; dmdbcheck -a dmd_db
$ cd /dmf/home/ls1; dmdbcheck -a libsrv_db
```

## Considerations for Partial-State Files

This section discusses the following:

- "Performance Cost Due to Lack of Linux Kernel Support" on page 455
- "Inability to Fulfill Exact Byte Range Requests" on page 456

### Performance Cost Due to Lack of Linux Kernel Support

The Linux kernel does not provide underlying support for partial-state files. A partial-state file looks exactly like an offline file to the filesystem, and so all read requests for a partial-state file generate a DMF daemon read event, whether the byte range being read is actually already online or not. The DMF daemon will write an attribute to a partial-state file that includes the number and boundaries of each region so that any read event whose byte range is completely contained in an online region will return immediately to the kernel with no intervening recall. A read event whose byte range is not completely contained in an online region will result in the entire file being recalled.

Because there is no underlying support in the Linux kernel, the DMF partial-state file feature has a performance cost. The kernel cannot detect when a read request could be satisfied without a read event being generated to the DMF daemon, resulting in pseudo read events that cannot be absorbed by the system and therefore impact the system's performance. A performance degradation will be noticed if thousands of pseudo read events are being generated in a short period of time.

For example, if a very large file has a very large online region followed by a very small offline region and a process is doing a sequential read through the file using a small buffer size, each of the reads for the online region will result in a pseudo read event until finally a read for the offline region will cause the rest of the file to be brought back online. A single process doing this kind of operation might not impact the system, but tens or hundreds of simultaneous similar processes may. In this situation, it might be better to manually recall the file before doing the read.

Additionally, the pseudo read events will result in DMF daemon log-file entries for each read, and so the DMF `SPOOL_DIR` directory may experience a very significant increase in the amount of disk space that is consumed each day. If this is the case, the `SPOOL_DIR` directory will require maintenance (file removal) on a more frequent basis.

## Inability to Fulfill Exact Byte Range Requests

User files can become partial-state either manually or automatically. The manual method involves using the byte-range parameters on the `dmput(1)` and `dmget(1)` commands. (See the man pages for a full description of the syntax of the byte-range specifications). You can use these commands to manually control which regions of a user file should be made online or offline, subject to the restrictions of the underlying filesystem and the maximum number of regions allowed in that filesystem.

All currently supported filesystems have a restriction that punching a hole in a file (to make a region offline) must take place on a fixed boundary size, usually on a 4096-byte block boundary. If a user requested an offline region from byte 10000 to byte 20000, the resulting offline byte range would be from byte 12288 to byte 16384. Offline regions are rounded inward, which might result in fewer bytes than specified being made offline, but will never result in more bytes than specified being made offline.

When requesting online regions, the byte addresses are rounded outward. So in the 10000-20000 byte address example, the resulting online region would be from byte 8192 to byte 20480 based on the idea that it is better to bring some extra bytes online than to not bring all of the bytes that were requested online.

It is entirely possible that a `dmput` or `dmget` request that specifies a byte-range parameter will result in no action on the file taking place. This is possible if the file is already in the requested state (just like using `dmget` on a `DUALSTATE` file before the introduction of partial-state files) or if the requested state would result in more than the maximum number of regions allowed by the filesystem per file. (See the `MAX_MANAGED_REGIONS` configuration file parameter in "filesystem Object" on page 182.) Because of the general inability of DMF to deliver the exact byte ranges requested, requests that do not deliver exact byte range results do not return an error. It is up to the caller to determine the exact state of the file after the request.

## Case Study: Impact of Zone Size on Tape Performance

This appendix details an experiment with a 100 MB/s LTO4 drive, which is in the same performance class as the STK T10000A. The purpose of the test was to show the cost of having a small zone size (the `ZONE_SIZE` parameter, see "volumegroup Object" on page 217).

The `moverlog.yyyymmdd` log traces show two tests:

- In the first test, we migrated 200 512-MB files to tape using a `ZONE_SIZE` of 10g (10 GB). This resulted in 10 zones.
- In the second test, we recalled all the files, changed the `ZONE_SIZE` to 499m (499 MB), and remigrated the same 200 files. In the second test, each migrated file became its own zone (200 zones).

In the first test (with a `ZONE_SIZE` of 10g), the tape drive achieved 118-MB/s per zone. This is the drive's full streaming rate. For example, the drive spent 89.6 seconds doing I/O to the first zone and only 1.48 seconds flushing the first zone:

```
12:49:54-V 102037-dmatwc process_completed_zone: Zone 1 written, chunks=21, bytes=10752000000
12:49:54-V 102037-dmatwc stats: idle=0.00, mount=32.27, skip=0.00, io=89.60, zone=1.48
12:49:54-V 102037-dmatwc stats: total chunks=21, mb=10752.000000, rate=118.05 mb/s
```

When the first migration test was complete, the `dmatwc` final statistics showed that the drive consistently achieved 114 MB/s, and the effective rate (if you include mount/unmount/zone/close/rewind time) was 89 MB/s (line breaks shown here for readability):

```
13:06:55-I 102037-dmatwc final_stats: idle=107.66, mount=32.27, skip=0.00, io=868.54,
zone=20.84, close=81.29, unmount=34.19
13:06:55-I 102037-dmatwc final_stats: total sec = 1144.78, totalmb=101911.101562, rate=114.59 mb/s, effective
rate=89.02 mb/s
```

In the second test (with a `ZONE_SIZE` of 499m), the increased stop/start behavior of the drive meant that the drive only achieved about half of its native rate, or 67.28 MB/s (line breaks shown here for readability):

```
13:19:53-V 104013-dmatwc process_completed_zone: Req=4,6dc90 done, chunk=7, zone=4,
chunklength=512000000, bytes=512000000
13:19:53-V 104013-dmatwc process_completed_zone: Zone 4 written, chunks=1, bytes=512000000
```

```
13:19:53-V 104013-dmatwc stats: idle=0.01, mount=31.88, skip=0.00, io=23.70, zone=5.93
13:19:53-V 104013-dmatwc stats: total chunks=1, mb=512.000000, rate=67.28 mb/s
```

When the second migration test was complete, the dmatwc final statistics show that the drive was only able to achieve 66 MB/s when it was doing I/O. Furthermore, 304.58 seconds were spent just flushing data (versus 20 seconds in the first test). Thus the effective rate in the second case was only 56 MB/s (line breaks shown here for readability):

```
13:48:57-I 104013-dmatwc final_stats: idle=114.54, mount=31.88, skip=0.00, io=1237.52,
zone=304.58, close=82.74, unmount=34.09
13:48:57-I 104013-dmatwc final_stats: total sec = 1805.36, totalmb=102248.742188, rate=66.30 mb/s, effective
rate=56.64 mb/s
```

Had we done a larger test and written an entire tape in each case, the mount, unmount, and close (rewind) time would have contributed much less to the effective bandwidth, and so the numbers would be even more dramatic.

You can obtain the statistics discussed in this appendix from the following log file:

*SPOOL\_DIR/ls\_name/moverlogs/hostname/moverlog.yyyymmdd*

For more information, see:

- "Improve Tape Drive Performance with an Appropriate Zone Size" on page 67
- "LS Logs" on page 300

## Historical Feature Information

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### End of Life for the Tape Autoloader API with DMF 2.6.3

With the release of DMF 2.6.3, DMF dropped support for the tape autoloader API. DMF supports OpenVault and TMF as tape mounting services. If you have not yet acquired OpenVault or TMF, do not upgrade to any version of DMF 2.6.3 or later.

### DMF Directory Structure Prior to DMF Release 2.8

Beginning with DMF 2.8, DMF no longer supports multiple installed versions of DMF that can be made active via the `dmmain(8)` program. While it is not necessary to delete any existing pre-2.8 versions of DMF, they will not be accessible by the DMF 2.8 or later software and they can be removed at the convenience of the administrator.

The reason for this change is that the pre-2.8 DMF directory hierarchy of `/usr/dmf/dmbase` is no longer the target installation directory of DMF. Rather, DMF 2.8 and later binaries, libraries, header files, and man pages are installed directly into

the proper system locations and they are accessed directly from those locations without the use of symbolic file links.

When DMF 2.8 or later is installed, if the symbolic file link `/etc/dmf/dmbase` exists, it will be deleted. This link was used in pre-2.8 versions of DMF to access the active version of DMF, and as such, it was part of the administrators' initialization procedure to add this link to their `PATH` environment variable. Because it is no longer used in DMF 2.8 and later versions, it could cause an incorrect copy of a DMF command to be executed if an administrator's path included the link to be searched before the normal system binary locations. This way, even if the administrator neglects to remove the link from the path, it should not make any difference.

## End of Life for the Tape MSP after DMF 3.0

DMF 3.0 was the last major release cycle that contained support for the tape MSP. The `dmatmsp` command is not included as part of any DMF 3.5 or later package. When the library server (LS) was introduced in DMF 2.7, the intention was for all existing tape MSPs to be converted to LSs eventually.

It is mandatory that you complete the conversion from tape MSPs to LSs before installing DMF 4.0 or later. SGI highly recommends that you install DMF 3.0.1 for the purpose of doing the conversion because the `dmmsptols` command in that release is much more efficient in terms of time and disk space than in any earlier release.

For more information regarding converting tape MSPs to LSs, see Chapter 13, "Media-Specific Processes and Library Servers" on page 293 or contact SGI Support.

## DMF User Library (`libdmfusr.so`) Update in DMF 3.1

The DMF user library (`libdmfusr.so`) was modified significantly in DMF 3.1 and is not backwards compatible with applications written and linked with pre-3.1 versions of `libdmfusr.so`. The library's naming convention has also changed.

This change only impacts sites with site-written applications that link with `libdmfusr.so`. Any site that does have any such applications should immediately refer to Appendix B, "DMF User Library `libdmfusr.so`" on page 377 to find the steps required to keep your site applications operational.



## Downgrading and the Site-Tag Feature Introduced in DMF 3.1

DMF 3.1 introduced the site tag feature; see `dmtag(1)`. Site tags are stored in the DMF extended attribute on files. This means that if you have installed and run DMF 3.1 or later and wish to run an earlier version of DMF (pre-DMF 3.1), you must ensure that there are no nonzero site tags on files before installing the earlier version of DMF. Failure to do this will cause errors when running the earlier version of DMF.

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**Note:** Restoring a file that had a site tag from a filesystem backup created while DMF 3.1 or later was running to a system running a pre-3.1 version of DMF is not recommended, because the attribute will appear invalid to the pre-3.1 version of DMF.

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To ensure that there are no nonzero site tags, do the following:

1. While DMF is running, execute the following script to clear all site tags in DMF-managed filesystems:

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/dmcleartag
```

This command can take some time to run. If there are other DMF requests active for files whose site tags must be cleared, the request to clear the site tag may be queued behind the other request.

2. If the `dmcleartag` script completed without errors, stop DMF.
3. It is possible that a site tag was set on a file while the `dmcleartag` script was running, and so there may still be files with nonzero site tags. To verify that there are no nonzero site tags in the DMF-managed filesystems, run the following script:

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/dmanytag
```

The script will print a message to `stderr` if any nonzero site tags are found. If any are found, restart DMF, and repeat step 1. Otherwise, proceed to step 4.

4. Site tags may also be put on files in the DCM or disk MSP `STORE_DIRECTORY`. The `dmcleartag` script run in step 1 will clear the site tags on many of these files. However, if there are any soft-deleted files in the DCM or disk MSP `STORE_DIRECTORY` that have a non-zero site tag, they must be handled while the DMF daemon is not running. Run the following script to clear the tags on soft-deleted DCM copies while the `dmfdaemon` is stopped:

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/dmcleardcmtag
```

The DMF attributes should now be in a proper state for running a previous version of DMF.

## Downgrading and the Partial-State File Feature Introduced in DMF 3.2

DMF 3.2 introduced the partial-state file feature. Partial-state (PAR) files are not handled by earlier versions of DMF. If customers have installed and run DMF 3.2 or later and then wish to run an earlier version of DMF (pre-DMF 3.2), they must ensure that there are no partial-state files in the DMF-managed filesystems before installing the earlier version of DMF. Failure to do this will cause errors when running the earlier version of DMF.

Follow these steps to ensure that there are no partial-state files:

1. While DMF 3.2 is running, execute the following script to change all partial-state files in DMF-managed filesystems to be offline:

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/dmclearpartial
```

This command may take some time to run. If there are other DMF requests active for the partial-state files, the request to make them offline may be queued behind the other request.

2. If the `dmclearpartial` script completed without errors, stop DMF.
3. It is possible that a file was changed to partial-state while the `dmclearpartial` script was running, and so there may still be partial-state files. Verify that there are no partial-state files in the DMF-managed filesystems by running the following script:

```
# /usr/lib/dmf/support/manypartial
```

This script will print a message to `stderr` if any partial-state files are found. If any are found, restart DMF and repeat step 1. Otherwise, proceed to step 4.

4. The partial-state files should now be offline and in a proper state for running a previous version of DMF. If you are installing a version of DMF prior to DMF 3.1, you must also ensure that there are no site tags on DMF-managed files. See the instructions below.

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**Note:** While site tags are being cleared, it is possible that files will be made partial-state. Before running a version of DMF prior to DMF 3.1, check (while DMF is stopped) both that there are no partial-state files and that there are no files with site tags.

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## `dmaudit`(8) Changes in DMF 3.2

The format of some of the files that `dmaudit` writes changed in DMF 3.2. The DMF 3.2 or later version of `dmaudit` is unable to read the files written by pre-DMF 3.2 versions of `dmaudit`. This means that after upgrading DMF to version 3.2 or later from a pre-DMF 3.2 version, the first time you use `dmaudit`, you must select the `snapshot` option before you can use the `inspect` option.

## Logfile Changes in DMF 3.2

A change was made in DMF 3.2 to the way that the DMF daemon and the library server (LS) and MSPs refer to the daemon request number. This change should make it easier for administrators to extract all of the pertinent messages from the `SPOOL_DIR` logs for a particular request.

In previous releases of DMF, the string `Req=xxx` could be used to extract some log messages for daemon request number `xxx`, but there were some messages in the form `Req=xxx/nnn` that would not be found (such as by using the `grep(1)` command) with a pattern of `Req=xxx`.

A change was made to standardize all daemon and LS/MSP log messages to use the form `Req=xxx` for all messages. As a result, a log message formerly of the form `Req=xxx/nnn` would now take the form `Req=xxx,nnn` so as to be visible via the `grep` pattern `Req=xxx`. If your site uses these patterns to search DMF `SPOOL_DIR` logs, please be advised of this change and update any scripts or procedures accordingly.

## Possible DMF Database Lock Manager Incompatibility On Upgrades as of DMF 3.8.3

The DMF 3.8.3 version of DMF introduced decreased DMF database lock manager delays when processes are making simultaneous lock requests. This code also introduced a backwards incompatibility between pre-3.8.3 `dmlockmgr` processes and post-3.8.3 `dmlockmgr` clients. If DMF is stopped (as recommended) via `/etc/init.d/dmf stop` immediately before installing DMF 3.8.3 or later (in a non-HA environment), there will be no incompatibility.<sup>1</sup>

If, however, one of the DMF administrator commands (`dmdadm`, `dmvoladm`, or `dmcatadm`) is executed after DMF has been stopped and DMF 3.8.3 or later is installed, new `dmlockmgr` clients will hang when trying to request database locks from an older version of `dmlockmgr` that was executing as the result of the administrator command.

For this reason, it is important to make sure that DMF, including the `dmlockmgr` process, is stopped via `/etc/init.d/dmf stop` immediately before installing DMF 3.8.3 or later even if the DMF daemon is not running, if you are upgrading from a pre-3.8.3 version of DMF.

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<sup>1</sup> In an HA environment, you must first remove Heartbeat control of the resource group before stopping DMF and the mounting service. See the SGI HA documentation.

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## Glossary

### **accelerated access to first byte**

A partial-state file feature capability that allows you to access the beginning of an offline file before the entire file has been recalled.

### **active database entry**

A valid daemon database entry. See also *soft-deleted database entry* and *hard-deleted database entry*.

### **active metadata server**

A CXFS server-capable administration node chosen from the list of potential metadata servers. There can be only one active metadata server for any one filesystem. See also *metadata*.

### **active parallel data mover node**

A parallel data mover node that has been enabled using `dmnode_admin(8)`, has not exceeded the number of parallel data mover node licenses on the DMF server, and is connected to the `dmnode` service on the DMF server. See also *parallel data mover node* and *parallel data mover node license*.

### **ADMIN\_EMAIL**

The e-mail address to receive output from administrative tasks. See "base Object" on page 148.

### **administrative filesystems**

See *DMF administrative filesystems*.

### **AGE\_WEIGHT**

A floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use to calculate the weight given to a file's age (for MSP/VG user filesystem). See "File Weighting Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 191.

ALGORITHM

The resource scheduling algorithm to be used. See "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222.

**allocation group**

A source of additional volumes for a VG that runs out of media. An allocation group defines a logical pool of volumes, and is different from an actual operational VG. Normally, one allocation group is configured to serve multiple VGs. If a VG has an associated allocation group, when the VG runs out of empty volumes, the LS assigns one from the allocation group to it, subject to configuration restrictions. Similarly, when a volume's `hfree` flag is cleared in a VG, it is returned to the allocation group, subject to configuration restrictions. The use of allocation groups is optional. Allocation groups are defined in the DMF configuration file (`/etc/dmf/dmf.conf`).

ALLOCATION\_GROUP

The group that serves as a source of additional volumes if a VG runs out of media. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

ALLOCATION\_MAXIMUM

The maximum size in number of volumes to which a VG can grow by borrowing volumes from its allocation group. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

ALLOCATION\_MINIMUM

The minimum size in number of volumes to which a VG can shrink by returning volumes to its allocation group. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

**alternate media**

The media onto which migrated data blocks are stored, usually tapes.

**automated space management**

The combination of utilities that allows DMF to maintain a specified level of free space on a filesystem through automatic file migration.

**BANDWIDTH\_MULTIPLIER**

(OpenVault only) A floating point number used to adjust the amount of bandwidth that the LS assumes a drive in the drive group will use. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**base object**

The configuration file object that defines pathname and file size parameters necessary for DMF operation. See "base Object" on page 148.

**basic DMF**

DMF without the Parallel Data Mover Option.

**BFID**

See *bit-file identifier*.

**BFID set**

The collection of database entries and the user file associated with a particular bit-file identifier.

**BFID-set state**

The sum of the states of the components that constitute a bit-file identifier set: the file state of any user file and the state of any database entries (incomplete, complete, soft-deleted, or active).

**bitfile ID**

See *bit-file identifier*.

**bit-file identifier**

(BFID) A unique identifier, assigned to each file during the migration process, that links a migrated file to its data on alternate media.

**block**

Physical unit of I/O to and from media, usually tape. The size of a block is determined by the type of device being written. A tape block is accompanied by a header identifying the chunk number, zone number, and its position within the chunk.

`BLOCK_SIZE`

The maximum block size to use when writing from the beginning of a tape. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

`BUFFERED_IO_SIZE`

The size of I/O requests when reading from a filesystem using buffered I/O. See:

- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

`CACHE_AGE_WEIGHT`

The floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier used to calculate the weight given to a file's age (for `DCM STORE_DIRECTORY`). See "Automated Space Management Parameters for a `DCM STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194.

`CACHE_DIR`

The directory in which the VG stores chunks while merging them from sparse tapes. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

`CACHE_SPACE`

The amount of disk space (in bytes) that `dmatis` can use when merging chunks from sparse tapes. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

`CACHE_SPACE_WEIGHT`

The floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use to calculate the weight given to a file's size (for `DCM STORE_DIRECTORY`). See "Automated Space Management Parameters for a `DCM STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194.

**candidate list**

A list that contains an entry for each file in a filesystem eligible for migration, or for a file or range of a files that are eligible to be made offline. This list is ordered from largest file weight (first to be migrated) to smallest. This list is generated and used internally by `dmfsmom(8)`. The `dmscanfs(8)` command prints similar file status information to standard output.



**capability license**

See *server capability license*.

**capacity license**

One or more cumulative DMF licenses that permit DMF migration, corresponding to the amount of data that DMF is currently managing. See also *server capability license*.

**CAT record**

An entry in the catalog (CAT) table of the LS database that tracks the location of migrated data on a tape volume. There is one CAT record for each migrated copy of a file. (If a migrated copy of a file is divided between two physical media, there will be a CAT record for each portion.) See also *VOL record*.

**CAT table**

A table in the LS database that contains CAT records. See also *VOL table*.

**CHILD\_MAXIMUM**

The maximum number of child processes that the MSP is allowed to fork. See:

- "FTP `msp` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `msp` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `msp` Object" on page 246

**chunk**

That portion of a user file that fits on the current media volume. Most small files are written as single chunks. When a migrated file cannot fit onto a single volume, the file is split into chunks.

**client-only node**

A node that is installed with the `cxfs_client.sw.base` software product; it does not run cluster administration daemons and is not capable of coordinating CXFS metadata. See also *server-capable administration node*.

**COMMAND**

The binary file to execute in order to initiate an MSP or LS. See:

- "libraryserver Object" on page 208
- "FTP `msp` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `msp` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `msp` Object" on page 246

**complete daemon-database entry**

An entry in the daemon database whose `path` field contains a key returned by its MSP or VG, indicating that the MSP or VG maintains a valid copy of the user file.

**compression**

The mechanism by which data is reduced as it is written to tape.

**configuration file object**

A series of parameter definitions in the DMF configuration file that controls the way in which DMF operates. By changing the parameters associated with objects, you can modify the behavior of DMF.

**configuration parameter**

A string in the DMF configuration file that defines a part of a configuration object. By changing the values associated with these parameters, you can modify the behavior of DMF. The parameter serves as the name of the line. Some parameters are reserved words, some are supplied by the site.

**configuration stanza**

A sequence of configuration parameters that define a configuration object.

**CXFS**

Clustered XFS, a parallel-access shared clustered filesystem for high-performance computing environments.

**daemon**

A program that is run automatically by the system for a specific purpose.

**daemon database**

A database maintained by the DMF daemon. This database contains information such as the bit-file identifier, the MSP or VG name, and MSP or VG key for each copy of a migrated file.

**dmdaemon object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters necessary for `dmdaemon(8)` operation. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**DASD**

See *direct-access storage device*.

**DATA\_LIMIT**

The maximum amount of data (in bytes) that should be selected for merging at one time. See "LS Tasks" on page 232.

**DATABASE\_COPIES**

One or more directories into which a copy of the DMF databases will be placed. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**data mover**

A node running *data mover processes* to migrate and recall data to tape, either a *DMF server* or a *parallel data mover node*.

**data mover processes**

The individual processes that migrate data to tape (using the *write child*) and recall data from tape (using the *read child*).

**data-pointer area**

The portion of the inode that points to the file's data blocks.

**device object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters for the DMF backup scripts' use of tape devices other than those defined by a drive group. See "device Object" on page 181.

**DCM**

The *disk cache manager* is a disk MSP that is configured for *n*-tier capability, which lets you manage data on secondary storage, allowing you to further migrate the data to tape as needed.

**DG**

See *drive group*.

**DIRECT\_IO\_MAXIMUM\_SIZE**

The maximum size of I/O requests when using `O_DIRECT` I/O to read from any primary filesystem or when migrating files down the hierarchy from the `STORE_DIRECTORY` of a DCM. See "base Object" on page 148.

**DIRECT\_IO\_SIZE**

The size of I/O requests when reading from this filesystem using direct I/O. See:

- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**DISCONNECT\_TIMEOUT**

Specifies the number of seconds after which the LS will consider a mover process to have exited if it cannot communicate with the process. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

**disk cache**

Data on secondary storage.

**disk cache manager**

See *DCM*.

**DMF administrative filesystems and directories**

The set of filesystems and directories in which DMF stores databases, log and journal files, and temporary file directories. The DMF configuration file specifies these filesystems using the following parameters:

HOME\_DIR  
JOURNAL\_DIR  
SPOOL\_DIR  
TMP\_DIR  
MOVE\_FS  
CACHE\_DIR  
STORE\_DIRECTORY

**DMF daemon**

The program that accepts requests to migrate data, communicates with the operating system kernel in order to maintain a file's migration state, determines the destination of migrated data, and requests the return of offline copies.

**DMF server**

A node running the required DMF server software that provides DMF administration, configuration, and data mover functionality. (When using the Parallel Data Mover Option, data mover functionality is optional on the DMF server.)

**DMF state**

See *file state*.

**drive group**

(DG) One of the components of an LS. The drive group is responsible for the management of a group of interchangeable tape drives located in the tape library. These drives can be used by multiple VGs and by non-DMF processes, such as backups and interactive users. However, in the latter cases, the drive group has no management involvement; the mounting service (TMF or OpenVault) is responsible for ensuring that these possibly competing uses of the tape drives do not interfere with each other. The main tasks of the drive group are to monitor tape I/O for errors, to attempt to classify them (as volume, drive, or mounting service problems), and to take preventive action.

`drivegroup` **object**

The configuration file object that defines a drive group, one for each pool of interchangeable drives in a single library. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

`DRIVE_GROUPS`

One or more drive groups containing drives that the LS can use for mounting and unmounting volumes. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

`DRIVE_MAXIMUM`

The maximum number of drives within this drive group that the LS is allowed to attempt to use simultaneously. See:

- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "volumegroup Object" on page 217

`DRIVE_SCHEDULER`

The resource scheduler that the drive group should run for the scheduling of tape drives. See:

- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "volumegroup Object" on page 217

`DRIVES_TO_DOWN`

An integer value that controls the number of "bad" drives the drive group is allowed to try to configure down. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

`DRIVETAB`

This optional parameter provides the name of a file that is used with the `tsreport --drivetab` option, which causes the `run_daily_drive_report` and `run_daily_tsreport` output to contain the more readable drive name instead of the device name.

**DSK\_BUFSIZE**

The transfer size in bytes used when reading from and writing to files within the disk MSP's `STORE_DIRECTORY`. See:

- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**DUALRESIDENCE\_TARGET**

The percentage of DCM cache capacity that DMF maintains as a reserve of dual-state files whose online space can be freed if free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` (for DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`). See:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**dual-resident file**

In a DCM, a cache-resident copy of a migrated file that has already been copied to tape, and can therefore be released quickly in order to prevent the cache filling, without any need to first copy it to tape (analogous to a *dual-state file*).

**dual-state file**

A file whose data resides both online and offline.

**DUMP\_DATABASE\_COPY**

The path to a directory where a snapshot of the DMF databases will be placed when `do_predump.sh` is run. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**DUMP\_DEVICE**

The name of the drive group in the configuration file that defines how to mount the tapes that the dump tasks will use. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**DUMP\_FILE\_SYSTEMS**

One or more filesystems to dump. If not specified, the tasks will dump all the DMF-managed user filesystems configured in the configuration file. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_FLUSH\_DCM\_FIRST

Specifies whether or not the `dmigrate` command is run before the dumps are done to ensure that all non-dual-resident files in the DCM caches are migrated to tape. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_INVENTORY\_COPY

The pathnames of one or more directories into which are copied the XFS inventory files for the backed-up filesystems. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_MAX\_FILESPACE

The maximum disk space used for files to be dumped, which may be larger or smaller than the length of the file. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_MIGRATE\_FIRST

The parameter that specifies whether or not the `dmigrate` command is run before the dumps are done to ensure that all migratable files in the DMF-managed user filesystems are migrated, thus reducing the number of tapes needed for the dump and making it run much faster. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_RETENTION

The length of time that the backups of the filesystem will be kept before the tapes are reused. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_TAPES

The path of a file that contains tape volume serial numbers (VSNs), one per line, for the dump tasks to use. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_VSNS\_USED

A file in which the VSNs of tapes that are used are written. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

DUMP\_XFSDUMP\_PARAMS

Passes parameters to the `xfsdump` program. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.



**EXPORT\_METRICS**

Enables DMF's use of the common arena for collecting DMF statistics for use by `dmstat(8)`, `dmarenadump(8)`, and other commands. See "base Object" on page 148.

**EXPORT\_QUEUE**

Instructs the daemon to export details of its internal request queue to `SPOOL_DIR/daemon_exports` every two minutes, for use by `dmstat (8)` and other utilities. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**FADV\_SIZE\_MSP**

Specifies the size of files in the MSP's `STORE_DIRECTORY` for which `posix_fadvise()` will be called with advice `POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED`. See:

- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**fhandle**

See *file handle*.

**file**

An inode and its associated data blocks; an empty file has an inode but no data blocks.

**file handle**

The DMAPI identification for a file. You can use the `dmscanfs(8)`, `dmattr(1)`, and `dmfind(1)` commands to find file handles.

**file state**

The migration state of a file as indicated by the `dmattr(1)` command. A file can be regular (not migrated), migrating, dual-state, offline, partial-state, unmigrating, never-migrated, or have an invalid DMF state.

**file tag**

A site-assigned 32-bit integer associated with a specific file, allowing the file to be identified and acted upon.

filesystem **object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters necessary for migrating files in that filesystem. See "filesystem Object" on page 182.

FREE\_DUALRESIDENT\_FIRST

Specifies whether `dmfskfree` will free dual-resident files in the DCM before freeing files it would have to move to tape first (for DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`). See "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194.

FREE\_DUALSTATE\_FIRST

Specifies whether or not `dmfsmom` will first free dual-state and partial-state files before freeing files it must migrate (for MSP/VG user filesystem). See "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190.

FREE\_SPACE\_DECREMENT

The percentage of filesystem space by which `dmfsmom` will decrement `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` (if it cannot find enough files to migrate) so that the value is reached. The decrement is applied until a value is found that `dmfsmom` can achieve. See:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190
- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194

FREE\_SPACE\_MINIMUM

The minimum percentage of free filesystem space that `dmfsmom` maintains. `dmfsmom` will begin to migrate files when the available free space for the filesystem falls below this percentage value. See:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190
- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194

**FREE\_SPACE\_TARGET**

The percentage of free filesystem space that `dmfsmon` will try to achieve if free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM`. See:

- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190
- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194

**freed file**

A user file that has been migrated and whose data blocks have been released.

**FTP\_ACCOUNT**

The account ID to use when migrating files to the remote system. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

**FTP\_COMMAND**

Additional commands to send to the remote system. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

**FTP\_DIRECTORY**

The directory to use on the remote system. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

**FTP\_HOST**

The Internet hostname of the remote machine on which files are to be stored. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

**FTP MSP**

The daemon-like media-specific process (MSP) that copies data blocks onto alternate media and assigns keys to identify the location of the migrated data using the file transfer protocol (FTP) to transfer to and from disks of another system on the network.

**FTP\_PASSWORD**

The file containing the password to use when migrating files to the remote system. This file must be owned by `root` and be only accessible by `root`. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

FTP\_PORT

The port number of the FTP server on the remote system. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

FTP\_USER

The user name to use when migrating files to the remote system. See "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237.

**fully migrated file**

A file that has one or more complete offline copies and no pending or incomplete offline copies.

GUARANTEED\_DELETES

The number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing delete requests. See:

- "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

GUARANTEED\_GETS

The number of child processes that are guaranteed to be available for processing `dmget(1)` requests. See:

- "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**HA**

High availability

**HA resource**

A service, associated with an IP address, that is managed by Linux-HA Heartbeat. Also see *resource* for DMF Manager.

HA\_VIRTUAL\_HOSTNAME

The virtual hostname. See "node Object" on page 159.

**hard-deleted database entry**

An MSP or VG database entry that has been removed from the daemon database and whose MSP or VG copy has been discarded. See also *active database entry* and *soft-deleted database entry*.

HBA\_BANDWIDTH

(*OpenVault only*) The I/O bandwidth capacity of an HBA port that is connected to tape drives on a node. See:

- "base Object" on page 148
- "node Object" on page 159

HFREE\_TIME

The minimum number of seconds that a tape no longer containing valid data must remain unused before the VG overwrites it. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

HOME\_DIR

The base pathname for directories in which DMF databases and related files reside. See "base Object" on page 148.

HTML\_REFRESH

The refresh rate (in seconds) of the generated HTML pages. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.

IMPORT\_DELETE

A parameter that specifies that the MSP should honor hard-delete requests from the DMF daemon. See:

- "FTP `msp` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `msp` Object" on page 242

IMPORT\_ONLY

A parameter that specifies that the MSP is used for importing only. See:

- "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242

**incomplete daemon-database entry**

An entry in the daemon database for a MSP or VG that has not finished copying the data, and therefore has not yet returned a key. The `path` field in the database entry is `NULL`.

**incompletely migrated file**

A file that has begun the migration process, but for which one or more copies on alternate media have not yet been made.

**inode**

The portion of a file that contains the bit-file identifier, the state field, and the data pointers.

**integrated data mover functionality**

The ability of the DMF server to move data. See also *parallel data mover node*.

JOURNAL\_DIR

The base pathname for directories in which the daemon database and LS journal files will be written. See "base Object" on page 148.

JOURNAL\_RETENTION

The length of time to keep journals. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

JOURNAL\_SIZE

The maximum size (in bytes) of the database journal file before DMF closes it and starts a new file. See "base Object" on page 148.

**LABEL\_TYPE**

The label type used when writing tapes from the beginning. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**library server**

See *LS*.

**LS**

The library server (LS) is a daemon-like process by which data blocks are copied onto tape and that maintains the location of the migrated data. Each LS has an associated LS database with catalog (CAT) and volume (VOL) records. An LS can be configured to contain one or more drive groups. Each drive group contains one or more VGs. A VG is responsible for copying data blocks onto alternate media. A VG is capable of managing a single copy of a user file.

**LS database**

The database containing catalog (CAT) and volume (VOL) records associated with a library server (LS). See also *CAT record* and *VOL record*.

**libraryserver object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters relating to a tape library for an LS. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

**LICENSE\_FILE**

The full pathname of the file containing the license used by DMF. See "base Object" on page 148.

**LOG\_RETENTION**

The length of time to keep log files. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**LS\_NAMES**

The library servers used by the DMF daemon. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

MAX\_CACHE\_FILE

The largest chunk (in bytes) that will be merged using the merge disk cache. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

MAX\_CHUNK\_SIZE

The configuration parameter that specifies that the VG should break up large files into chunks no larger than this value (specified in bytes) as it writes data to tape. See "volume group Object" on page 217.

MAX\_DRIVES\_PER\_NODE

(This parameter has been deprecated and will be ignored.)

MAX\_MANAGED\_REGIONS

The maximum number of managed regions that DMF will assign to a file on a per-filesystem basis. You can set MAX\_MANAGED\_REGIONS to any number that is less than the actual number of regions that will fit in a filesystem attribute. See "filesystem Object" on page 182.

MAX\_MS\_RESTARTS

The maximum number of times DMF can attempt to restart the mounting service (TMF or OpenVault) without requiring administrator intervention. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

MAX\_PUT\_CHILDREN

The maximum number of write child (dmatwc) processes that will be simultaneously scheduled for the VG. See "volume group Object" on page 217.

**media-specific process**

(MSP) The daemon-like process by which data blocks are copied onto alternate media and that assigns keys to identify the location of the migrated data.

MERGE\_CUTOFF

A limit at which the VG will stop scheduling tapes for merging. See "volume group Object" on page 217.



**merging**

See *volume merging*.

**MESSAGE\_LEVEL**

The highest message level that will be written to a log file (the higher the number, the more messages written). See:

- "dmdaemon Object" on page 156
- "services Object" on page 163
- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "libraryserver Object" on page 208
- "FTP msp Object" on page 237
- "Disk msp Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
- Chapter 9, "Message Logs" on page 269

**metadata**

Information that describes a file, such as the file's name, size, location, and permissions.

**metadata server**

The CXFS server-capable administration node that coordinates updating of metadata on behalf of all nodes in a cluster. There can be multiple potential metadata servers, but only one is chosen to be the active metadata server for any one filesystem.

**migrated file**

A file that has a bit-file identifier and whose offline copies are completed. Migrated files can be *dual-state* or *offline*.

**migrating file**

A file that has a bit-file identifier but whose offline copies are in progress.

MIGRATION\_LEVEL

The highest level of migration service allowed. See:

- "dmdaemon Object" on page 156
- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "FTP msp Object" on page 237
- "Disk msp Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246

MIGRATION\_TARGET

The percentage of filesystem capacity that DMF maintains as a reserve of dual-state files whose online space can be freed if free space reaches or falls below `FREE_SPACE_MINIMUM` (for MSP/VG user filesystem). See "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190.

MIN\_DIRECT\_SIZE

Determines whether direct or buffered I/O is used when reading from this filesystem. See:

- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246
- `open(2)` man page for a description of direct I/O

MIN\_VOLUMES

The minimum number of unused volumes that can exist in the LS database for this VG without operator notification. See "volume group Object" on page 217.

MODULE\_PATH

The path name of a Dynamic Shared Object (library of runtime-loadable routines) containing the scheduling algorithm. For more information, see the `dmf.conf(5)` man page.

**MOUNT\_SERVICE**

The mounting service. See:

- "device Object" on page 181
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210

**MOUNT\_SERVICE\_GROUP**

The name by which the object's devices are known to the mounting service. See:

- "device Object" on page 181
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210

**MOUNT\_TIMEOUT**

The maximum number of minutes to wait for a tape to be mounted. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**MOVE\_FS**

The scratch filesystem used by `dmmove(8)` to move files between MSPs or VGs. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**MSG\_DELAY**

The number of seconds that all drives in the drive group can be down before an e-mail message is sent to the administrator and an error message is logged. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**MSP**

The media-specific process (MSP), a daemon-like process by which data blocks are copied onto alternate media and that assigns keys to identify the location of the migrated data.

**MSP database entry**

The daemon database entry for a file that contains the path or key that is used to inform a particular media-specific process (MSP) where to locate the copy of the file's data.

MSP\_NAMES

Names the media-specific processes (MSPs) used by the DMF daemon. See "dmddaemon Object" on page 156.

m<sub>SP</sub> **object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters necessary for the operation of a media-specific process. There is one m<sub>SP</sub> object for each MSP. See:

- "FTP m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 237
- "Disk m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 246

MVS\_UNIT

The storage device type on an MVS system. See "FTP m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 237.

NAME\_FORMAT

The strings that form a template to create names for files stored on remote machines in the STORE\_DIRECTORY. This parameter is also used by the disk MSP and the DCM MSP, where it provides a template for file names in STORE\_DIRECTORY. See:

- "FTP m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 237
- "Disk m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) m<sub>SP</sub> Object" on page 246

**near-line storage**

Storage in which tapes are mounted by robot.

NODE\_ANNOUNCE\_RATE

The rate in seconds at which a node will contact the dmnode\_service on the DMF server to announce its presence. See "services Object" on page 163.

**NODE\_BANDWIDTH**

(OpenVault only) The I/O bandwidth capacity of the node. See:

- "base Object" on page 148
- "node Object" on page 159

**NODE\_TIMEOUT**

The number of seconds after which the data mover functionality on the DMF server or on a parallel data mover node will be considered inactive if it has not contacted the `dmnode_service` on the DMF server. See "services Object" on page 163.

**nonmigrated file**

A file that does not have a bit-file identifier or any offline copies. See *regular file*.

**offline file**

A file whose inode contains a bit-file identifier but whose disk blocks have been removed. The file's data exists elsewhere in copies on alternate media.

**offline pointer**

In MSP and VG processing, a character string that the MSP or VG returns to the daemon to indicate how a file is to be retrieved.

**OpenVault**

A storage library management facility that improves how applications can manage, store, and retrieve removable media.

**orphan chunk**

An unused area in an LS catalog (CAT) database entry resulting from the removal of migrated files.

**orphan database entry**

An unused daemon database entry resulting from the removal of a migrated file during a period in which the DMF daemon is not running.

OV\_ACCESS\_MODES

The OpenVault access mode. See:

- "device Object" on page 181
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210

OV\_INTERCHANGE\_MODES

A list of interchange mode names that control how data is written to tape. See:

- "device Object" on page 181
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210

OV\_KEY\_FILE

The file containing the OpenVault keys used by DMF. See "base Object" on page 148.

OV\_SERVER

The name of the OpenVault server (required only if it differs from the DMF server). See "base Object" on page 148.

**parallel data mover node**

A node, installed with DMF data mover software and underlying CXFS client-only software, that provides dedicated data mover functionality in addition to the DMF server, increasing data throughput and enhancing resiliency.

**parallel data mover node license**

A DMF license installed on the DMF server that permits one parallel data mover node to be active when using the Parallel Data Mover Option. There can be multiple licenses installed, one for each parallel data mover node that is active at any one time. See also *parallel data mover node* and *Parallel Data Mover Option*.

**Parallel Data Mover Option**

Optional software and licenses available for purchase that allow you to run parallel data mover nodes in order to increase data throughput and enhance resiliency.

**parameter**

See *configuration parameter*.

**partial-state file**

A file that has more than one region. DMF allows a file to include up to four distinct file regions. See also *region*.

**partial-state file online retention**

A partial-state file feature capability that allows you to keep a specific region of a file online while freeing the rest of it (for example, if you wanted to keep just the beginning of a file online). See also *partial-state file*.

**partial-state file recall**

A partial-state file feature capability that allows you to recall a specific region of a file without recalling the entire file. For more information, see the `dmput(1)` and `dmget(1)` man pages. See also *partial-state file*.

**PARTIAL\_STATE\_FILES**

Enables or disables the DMF daemon's ability to produce partial-state files. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**PENALTY**

A parameter used to reduce the priority of requests from a VG that is not the next one preferred by the round-robin algorithm. See "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222.

**POLICIES**

The names of the configuration objects defining policies for this filesystem. See:

- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**policy**

Rules that tell DMF how to determine MSP or VG selection, automated space-management policies, and/or file weight calculations.

**policy object**

The configuration file object that specifies parameters to determine MSP or VG selection, automated space management policies, and/or file weight calculations in automatic space management. See "policy Object" on page 186.

**POSITIONING**

How the tape should be positioned. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**POSITION\_RETRY**

The level of retry in the event of a failure during zone positioning. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**POSIX\_FADVISE\_SIZE**

Specifies the number of bytes after which DMF will call `posix_fadvise()` with advice `POSIX_FADV_DONTNEED` when recalling files. See "filesystem Object" on page 182.

**PRIORITY\_PERIOD**

Specifies the number of minutes after which a migrating file gets special treatment. See "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) msp Object" on page 246.

**PUTS\_TIME**

The minimum number of seconds a VG waits after it has requested a drive for a write child before it tells a lower priority child to go away. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

**raw time**

The time in seconds since January 1, 1970.

**read child**

A data mover process that recalls data from tape.

**READ\_ERR\_MAXIMUM**

The maximum number of I/O errors that will be tolerated when reading from tape to recall a file. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.



**READ\_ERR\_MINIMUM**

The minimum number of I/O errors that will be tolerated when reading from tape to recall a file. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**READ\_ERR\_TIMEOUT**

The elapsed number of seconds since the first I/O error was seen. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**READ\_IDLE\_DELAY**

The number of seconds an idle tape LS read child (dmatrix) can wait before being told to exit. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**READ\_TIME**

The interval, in seconds, after which the VG will evaluate whether a read child should be asked to go away (even if it is in the middle of recalling a file) so that a higher priority child can be started. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

**recall**

To request that a migrated file's data be moved back (unmigrated) onto the filesystem disk, either by explicitly entering the `dmget(1)` command or by executing another command that will open the file, such as the `vi(1)` command.

**RECALL\_NOTIFICATION\_RATE**

The approximate rate, in seconds, at which regions of a file being recalled are put online. This allows for access to part of a file before the entire file is recalled. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**region**

A contiguous range of bytes that have the same residency state. The states can be DUALSTATE, OFFLINE, MIGRATING, or UNMIGRATING.

**regular file**

DMF considers a regular file to be one with no bit-file identifier and no offline copies.

REINSTATE\_DRIVE\_DELAY

The number of minutes after which a drive that was configured down by the drive group will be automatically reinstated and made available for use again. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

REINSTATE\_VOLUME\_DELAY

The number of minutes after which a volume that had its HLOCK flag set by DMF will be automatically reinstated and made available for use again. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**removable media**

A tape cartridge, a tape reel, an optical disc, a digital linear tape, a removable magnetic disk, or a videotape.

**resource**

A *resource* is a filesystem or hardware component used by DMF. Also see *HA resource*

**resource group**

A service, associated with an IP address, that is managed by Linux-HA Heartbeat.

resourcescheduler **object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters relating to scheduling of tape devices in a drive group when requests from VGs exceed the number of devices available. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.

resourcewatcher **object**

The configuration file object that defines parameters relating to the production of files informing the administrator about the status of the LS and its components. See "resourcewatcher Object" on page 223.

REWIND\_DELAY

The number of seconds an idle tape LS read child (dmatrc) can wait before rewinding. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**RUN\_TASK**

A DMF maintenance command to be executed. See:

- "Automated Maintenance Tasks" on page 85
- "taskgroup Object" on page 166
- "libraryserver Object" on page 208
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "volumegroup Object" on page 217

**SCAN\_FAST**

The parameter that specifies whether or not the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` task will use fast scanning. If set to `no`, the `dmscanfs` command will use its recursive option, which is much slower but results in pathnames being included in the output file. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**SCAN\_FILESYSTEMS**

The parameter that specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script the filesystem that `dmscanfs` will scan. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**SCAN\_FOR\_DMSTAT**

The parameter that specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script whether the `fhandle2bfid+path` file is created. That file may be used by the `dmemptytape (8)` command. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**SCAN\_OUTPUT**

The parameter that specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script the name of the file into which `dmscanfs` will place output. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

**SCAN\_PARAMS**

The parameter that specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script other `dmscanfs` parameters, such as for example requesting a nondefault output format. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

SCAN\_PARALLEL

The parameter that specifies for the `run_filesystem_scan.sh` script whether `dmscanfs` will scan filesystems in parallel. See "taskgroup Object" on page 166.

SELECT\_LOWER\_VG

Defines which VGs should maintain tape-based copies of files in the cache, and under what conditions that would define dual-residence. (It is not used for defining which VG to use for recalls; for that, see the definitions of the `LS_NAMES`, `MSP_NAMES`, `DRIVE_GROUPS`, and `VOLUME_GROUPS` parameters.) See "VG Selection Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 197.

SELECT\_MSP

The media-specific processes (MSPs) to use for migrating a file (for Disk MSP / DCM MSP FTP MSP user filesystem). See "MSP/VG Selection Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 193.

SELECT\_VG

The volume groups (VGs) to use for migrating a file (for LS user filesystem). See "MSP/VG Selection Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 193.

**server capability license**

The DMF license that permits DMF migrations to exceed 1 TB when installed in conjunction with one or more DMF capacity licenses. See also *capacity licenses*.

SERVER\_NAME

Hostname of the machine on which the DMF server is running (used for HA configurations or configurations using the DMF Parallel Data Mover Option). See "base Object" on page 148.

SERVICES

The name of the `services` object used to configure DMF services on a node. See:

- "node Object" on page 159
- "services Object" on page 163

**SERVICES\_PORT**

The port number on which DMF starts a locator service, which DMF uses to locate other DMF services. See "services Object" on page 163.

**site-defined policy**

A site-specific library of C++ functions that DMF will consult when making decisions about its operation.

**SITE\_SCRIPT**

The site-specific script to execute when `dmfsfree`, `dmdskfree`, or `dmfsmon` is run. See:

- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246
- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 190
- "Automated Space Management Parameters for a DCM `STORE_DIRECTORY`" on page 194

**snapshot**

The information about all bit-file identifier sets that is collected and analyzed by `dmaudit(8)`. The snapshot analysis is available from the `report` function.

**soft-deleted database entry**

A daemon database entry for which the MSP or VG copy of the data is no longer valid. Data remains on the alternate media until the database entry is hard-deleted. See also *active database entry* and *hard-deleted database entry*.

**SPACE\_WEIGHT**

The floating-point constant and floating-point multiplier to use to calculate the weight given to a file's size (for MSP/VG user filesystem). See "File Weighting Parameters for a User Filesystem" on page 191.

**sparse tape**

A tape containing only a small amount of active information.

**special file**

A device file in UNIX or Linux. (DMF never migrates special files.)

`SPOOL_DIR`

The base pathname for directories in which DMF log files are kept. See "base Object" on page 148.

**standby metadata server node**

A CXFS server-capable administration node that is configured as a potential metadata server for a given filesystem, but does not currently run any applications that will use that filesystem.

**state field**

The field in the inode that shows the current migration state of a file.

`STORE_DIRECTORY`

The directory used to hold files for a MSP. See:

- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**tape block**

See *block*.

**tape drive**

A hardware device that reads and writes data to tape.

**tape chunk**

See *chunk*.

**tape merging**

See *volume merging*.

**task**

A process initiated by the DMF event mechanism. Configuration tasks that allow certain recurring administrative duties to be automated are defined with configuration file parameters.

**taskgroup**

A type in the DMF configuration file for task groups. See "dmdaemon Object" on page 156.

**TASK\_GROUPS**

The task groups containing tasks that the daemon or LS should run. See:

- "dmdaemon Object" on page 156
- "services Object" on page 163
- "taskgroup Object" on page 166
- "filesystem Object" on page 182
- "libraryserver Object" on page 208
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "volumegroup Object" on page 217
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**THRESHOLD**

The percentage of active data on a tape. DMF will consider a tape to be sparse when it has less than this percentage of data that is still active. See "LS Tasks" on page 232.

**TIMEOUT\_FLUSH**

The number of minutes after which the VG will flush files to tape. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

TMF\_TMMNT\_OPTIONS

Command options that should be added to the `tmmnt` command when mounting a tape. See:

- "device Object" on page 181
- "drivegroup Object" on page 210

TMP\_DIR

The base pathname for DMF directories in which DMF puts temporary files such as pipes. See "base Object" on page 148.



**TYPE**

The required name for the object. See:

- "base Object" on page 148
- "dmdaemon Object" on page 156
- "node Object" on page 159
- "services Object" on page 163
- "taskgroup Object" on page 166
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**USE\_UNIFIED\_BUFFER**

Determines how DMF manages its buffers when recalling files on this filesystem. See "filesystem Object" on page 182.

**VERIFY\_POSITION**

A parameter that specifies whether the LS write child should (prior to writing) verify that the tape is correctly positioned and that the tape was properly terminated by the last use. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**VG**

A volume group is a component of an LS that is responsible for copying data blocks onto alternate media. Each VG contains a pool of tapes, all of the same media type, capable of managing single copies of user files. Multiple copies of the same user files require the use of multiple VGs. See also *LS*.

VOLUME\_GROUPS

The VGs containing volumes that can be mounted on any of the drives within this drive group. See "drivegroup Object" on page 210.

**unmigratable file**

A file that the daemon will never select as a migration candidate.

**unmigrate**

See *recall*.

**volume group**

See *VG*

**voided BFID-set state**

A bit-file-identifier (BFID) set state that consists of one or more soft-deleted daemon database entries, either incomplete or complete. There is no user file.

**voiding the BFID**

The process of removing the bit-file identifier (BFID) from the user file inode and soft-deleting all associated database entries.

**VOL record**

An entry in the volume (VOL) table of the LS database that contains information about a tape volume. There is one VOL record for each volume. See also *CAT record*.

**VOL table**

A table in the LS database that contains VOL records. See also *CAT table*.

**volumegroup**

The configuration object that defines parameters relating to a pool of tape volumes mountable on the drives of a specific drive group that are capable of holding, at most, one copy of user files. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

**VG database entry**

The daemon database entry for a file that contains the path or key that is used to inform a particular VG where to locate the copy of the file's data.

**VOLUME\_LIMIT**

The maximum number of tape volumes that can be selected for merging at one time. See "LS Tasks" on page 232.

**volume merging**

The mechanism provided by the LS for copying active data from volumes that contain largely obsolete data to volumes that contain mostly active data. Also known as *tape merging*.

**WATCHER**

The resource watcher that the LS should run. See "libraryserver Object" on page 208.

**WEIGHT**

The parameter that assigns a weighting to one or more VGs. See "resourcescheduler Object" on page 222.

**WRITE\_CHECKSUM**

The parameter that specifies that tape block should be checksummed before writing. See:

- "drivegroup Object" on page 210
- "FTP `mSP` Object" on page 237
- "Disk `mSP` Object" on page 242
- "Disk Cache Manager (DCM) `mSP` Object" on page 246

**write child**

A data mover process that migrates data to tape.

**zone**

A logical grouping of chunks. Zones are separated by file marks and are the smallest block-addressable unit on the tape volume. The target size of a zone is configurable by media type.

**ZONE\_SIZE**

The parameter that specifies about how much data the write child should put in a zone. See "volumegroup Object" on page 217.

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