Managing Your Pro2 Deployment

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Essentials
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About me...

- Over 30 years of Progress experience
- Always focused on operations database, performance, BC/DR, installation & configuration
- Worked for Progress for some time
 - "Everything but legal and accounting"
- Pro2 Implementation team for 2 years

Avid BBQ Addict







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Essentials Team

- Who we are
 - Combined 158 years of OpenEdge DBA experience
 - 5 onshore DBA's
 - 2 offshore DBA's
- Migration Experience
 - AIX to AWS 1.5 TB database in ~ 4 hours
 - Pro2Pro and Pro2Oracle experience
 - Classic AppServer to PASOE



Agenda

The Application Environment

- Pro2 Overview
- The Pro2 schema change process
- Pitfalls you might experience
- Monitoring Pro2
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The Application Environment

- Two applications 100% AWS
- 4 environments each (DEV, TEST, UAT, PROD)
- Pro2Oracle is used in 4 of these environments (UAT & PROD)
- Near real-time reporting OE Replication moving to Oracle
- Oracle is really a staging area for SnowFlake



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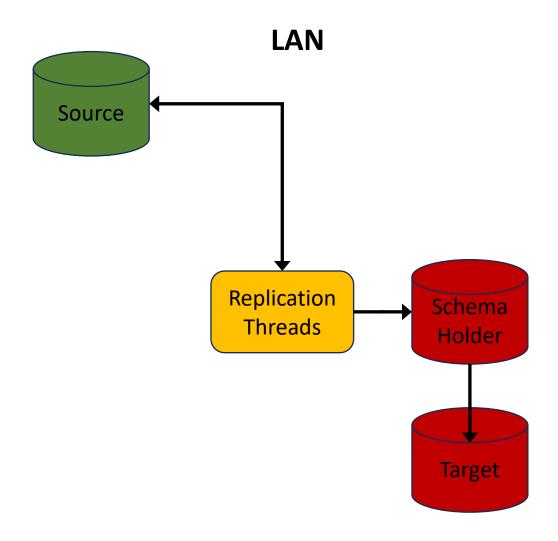
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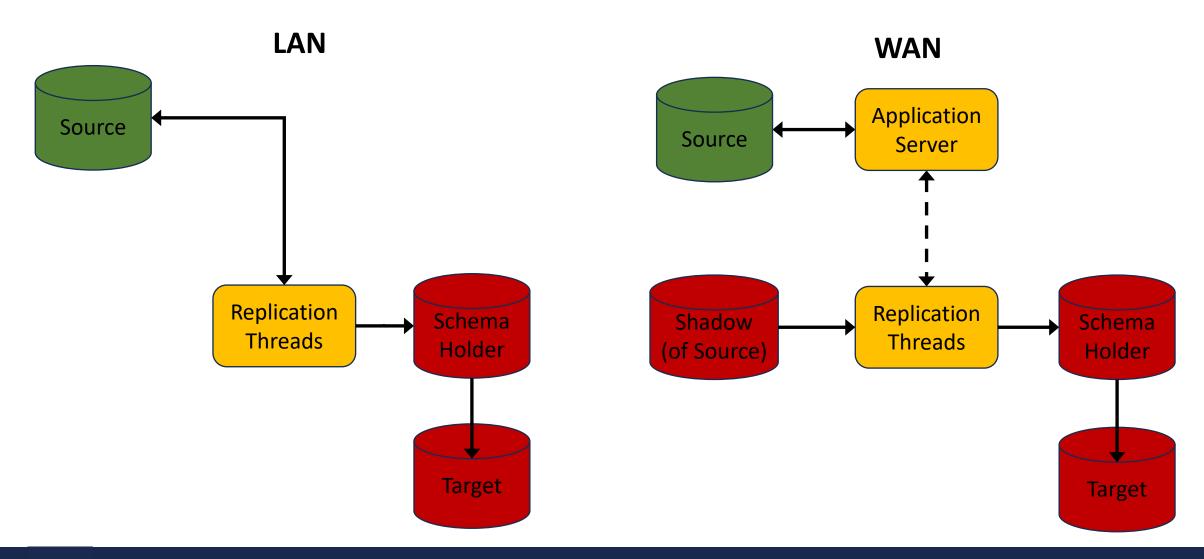


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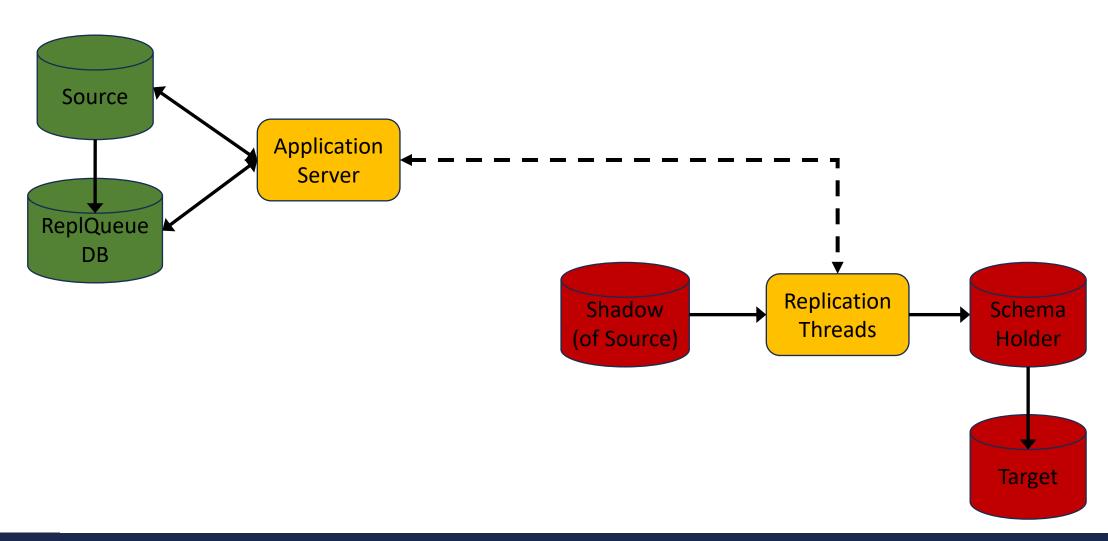


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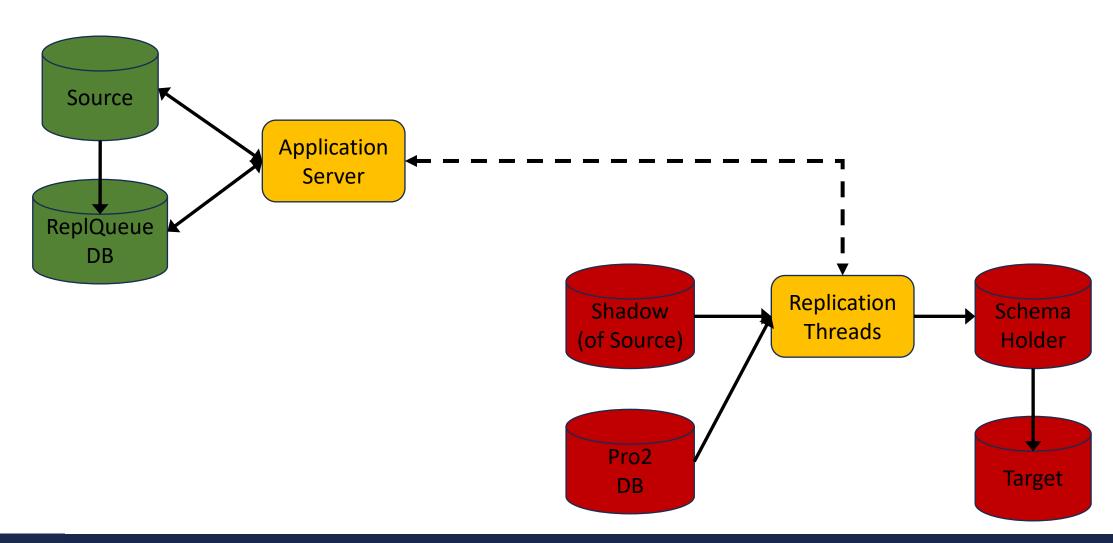


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Our WAN Configuration – Pro2 6.5





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Pro2 Schema Change Process

- 4 databases you have to keep in sync
 - Source
 - Shadow
 - Schema Holder
 - Target
- We do it ALL (almost) from the command line!
 - Make use of Pro2 scripts/programs where possible
 - Customization is needed in some cases
 - Felt we could not "trust" the GUI interface of pre version 6
 - Pro2 V6 UI looks interesting, but we will not use it for change management
- Schema change occurs every 3 weeks in UAT**



Pro2 Schema Change Process (2)

- Update order is important
 - 1. Generate DDL
 - 2. Take threads down
 - 3. Shut down Source
 - 4. Update Source
 - 5. Restart source for application
 - Update Target (Oracle)
 - 7. Update Schema Holder
 - 8. Update Shadow & Regenerate code
 - 9. Start Threads



All Automated except...

- Generate DDL Online script that uses new DF
- Take threads down
- Update Source Automated schema apply process in UAT
- Restart source for application
- Update Target offline script
- Update Schema Holder Manual process
- Update Shadow & Regenerate code One offline script
- Start Threads



How can this help you?

By automating it you can...

- Build validation checks into the process
- Achieve consistency
- Run the whole process faster



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Pitfalls you might experience

- Databases are out of sync
 - Check field counts between them
 - Check r-code generation sizes
- Int64
 - Progress undocumented feature
- Datetime parsing
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- R-code vs. P-code
 - We run p-code except for triggers
- Shadow Database Management
 - We recreate it every time (automated)
 - Just found it to be easier to ensure it matches production



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- Available Tools
 - Pro2 UI
 - OpenEdge Management
 - Progress MDBA Monitoring
 - ProTop
- Script-based Monitoring



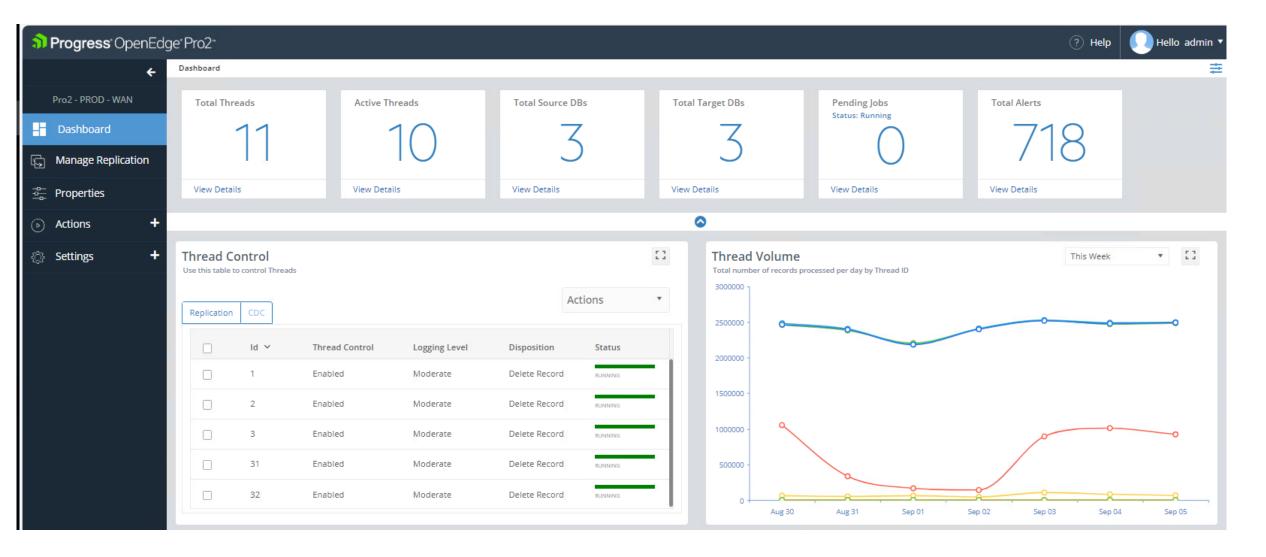
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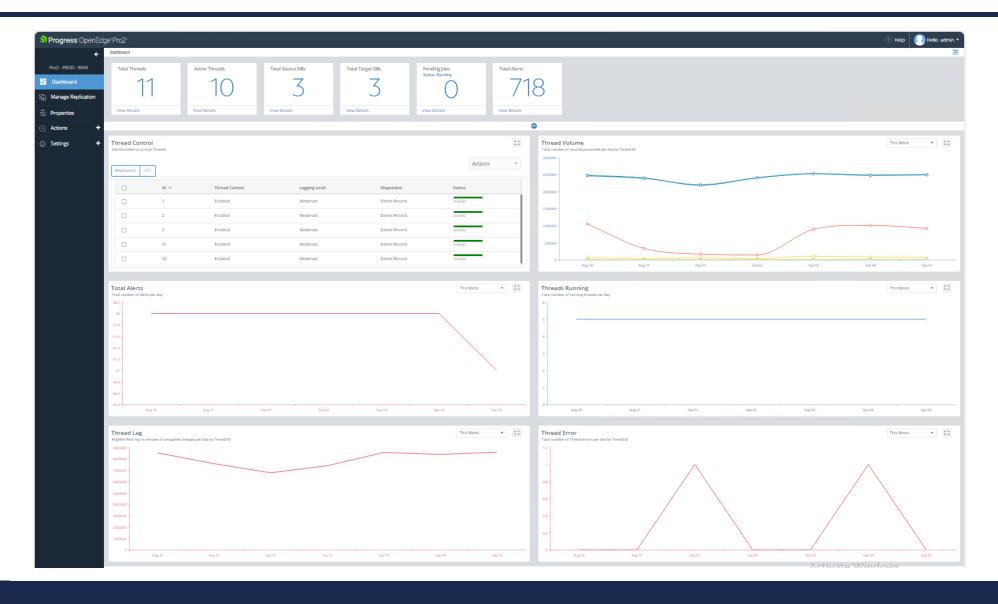


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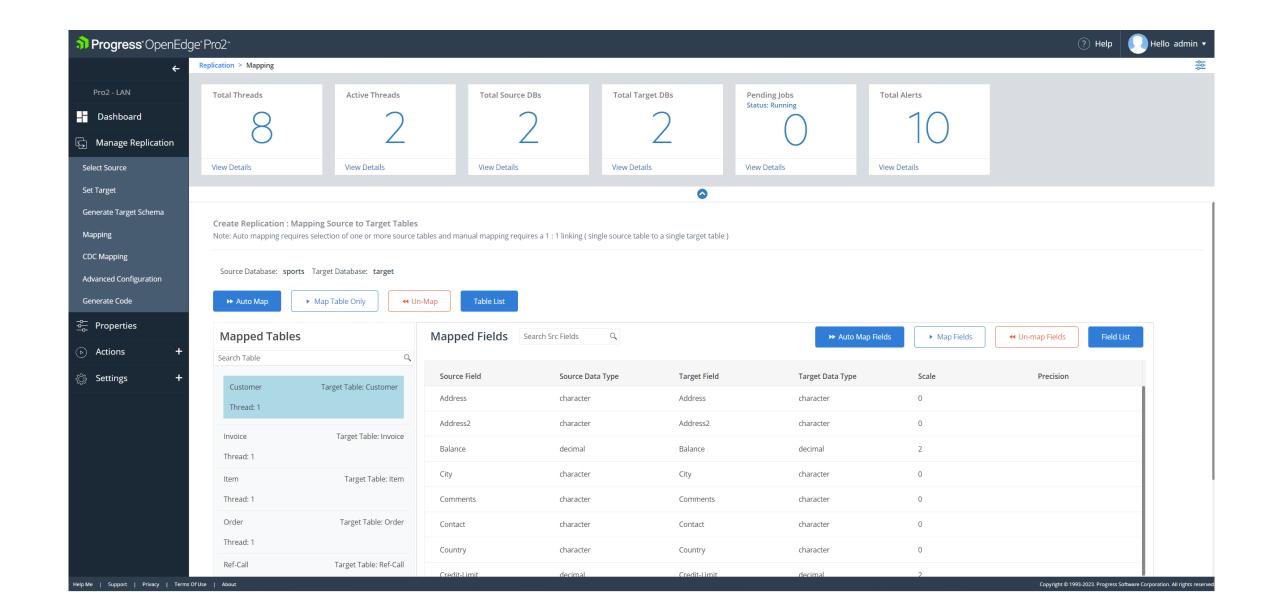


Pro2 UI (2)





Pro2 UI (3)



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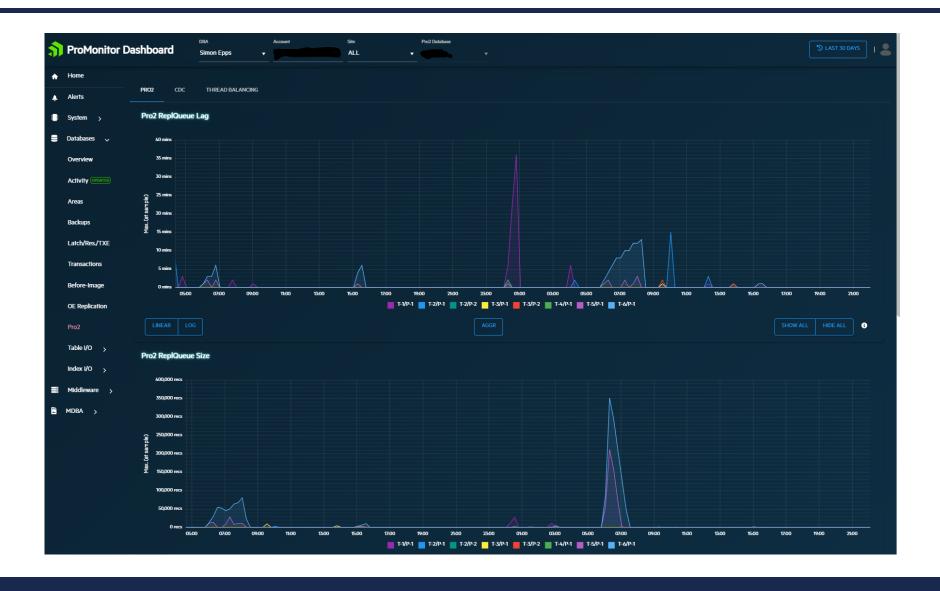
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Progress MDBA Monitoring

ProTop



ProMonitor Dashboard





ProMonitor Dashboard(2)





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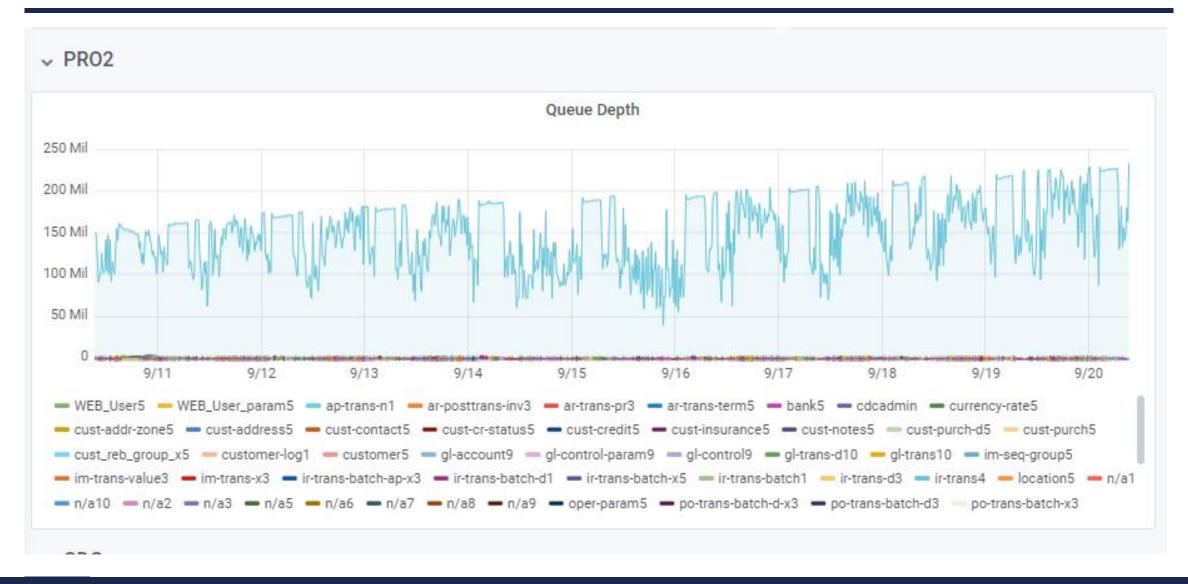


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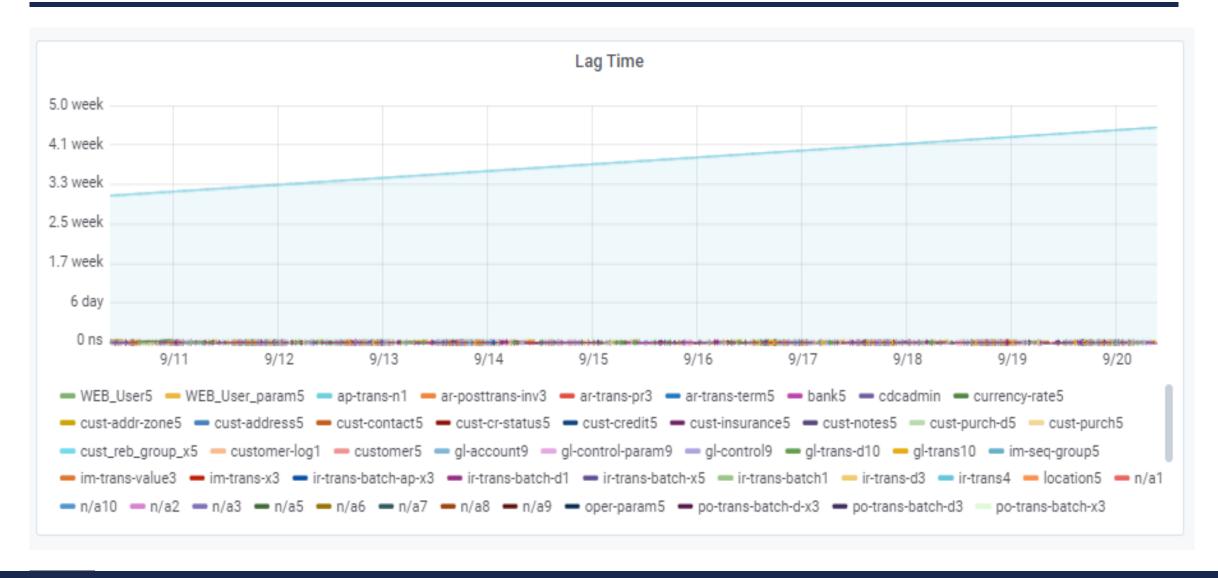


ProTop Portal – Queue Depth





ProTop Portal – Lag Time Stuck Record



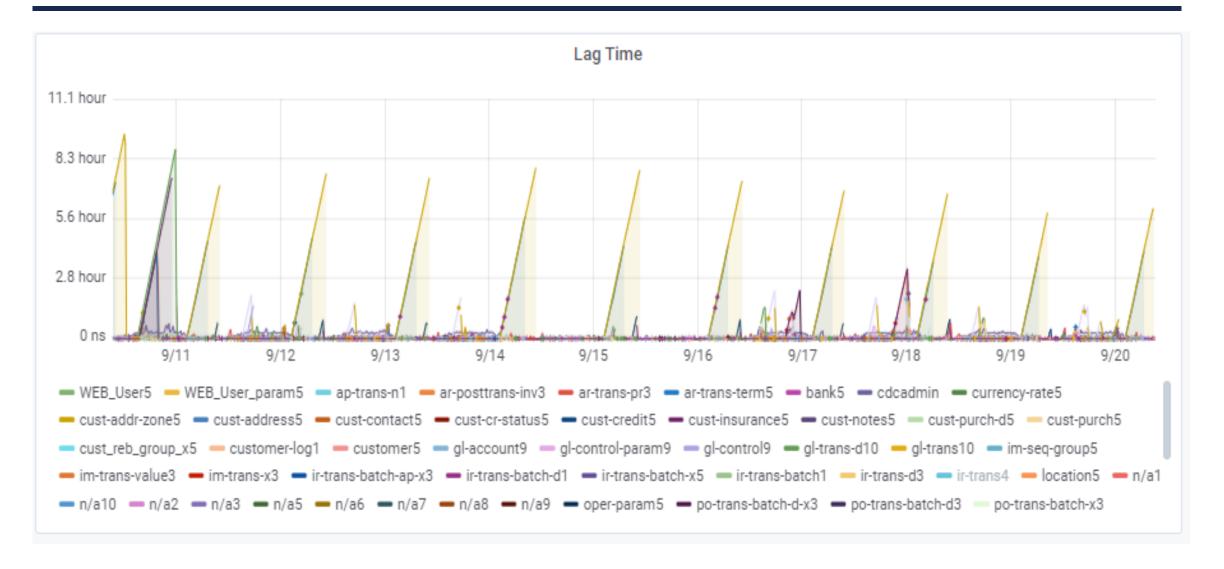


ProTop Portal – Lag Time Detail



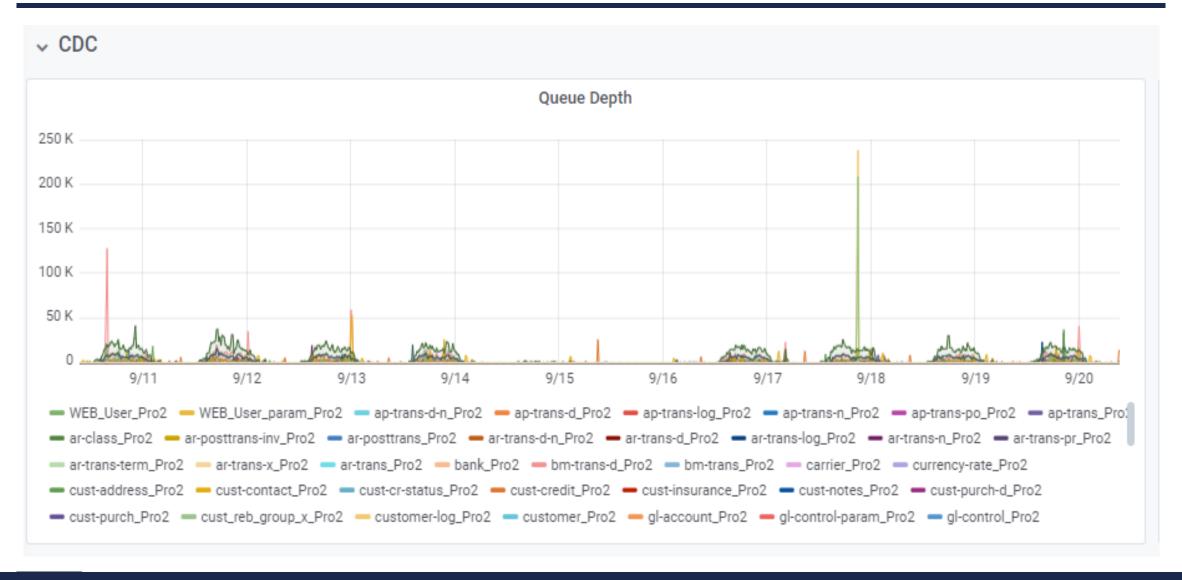


ProTop Portal – Lag Time Spikes





ProTop Portal – CDC Queue Depth





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Additional Topics

Summary



What is the data used for?

- Are they reporting off of the Pro2 database?
- What additional indexes are needed?
- Is it a staging area for additional ETL processing?



Pro2 Alerting Challenge

Pro2Ora Queue Alert				
Queue Count	11,512			
Lag Time	573 secon	ds		
Table	Count	Queue	Date	Time
i-post-cmnt	2	30	9/10/2024	15:35:29
critical	6	5	9/10/2024	15:44:13
address	598	2	9/10/2024	15:44:14
loan-edits	188	6	9/10/2024	15:44:14
escrow	30	11	9/10/2024	15:44:14
escrw-dt	40	11	9/10/2024	15:44:14
housing	148	13	9/10/2024	15:44:14
addrappr	5	30	9/10/2024	15:44:14

- Backlog 11,512 rows
- Lag Time 8.5 minutes

- Transaction scope issue?
- Is the thread buried?
- Are the records "stuck"?



The Dreaded Bulkcopy

- Validation is always a challenge!
- Constantly defending Pro2Ora because of the use of ROWID
- Getting back in sync ultimately it is best to start over



Replication Triggers vs. CDC

- CDC
 - Harder to set up in the beginning
 - Easier to manage in the longer run
- We use replication triggers
 - When we create a new table, we also create the triggers for it
- Replication Trigger types can be a challenge!
- Replication Triggers vs. CDC
 - CDC introduces another queue and level of management
 - Replication Triggers are "older"
 - Each has their own quirks



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- Change is inevitable The effect of them can be minimized
- Once you understand the update process it gets easier.
- There are several options for managing your pro2 environment and configuration
 - Some are good, some cost you money
 - Some are more sexy and less intuitive
- We still find alerting to be a challenge...



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