Informatica PowerCenter Partitioning Option
Delivering High Performance for Processing Massive Data Volumes

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“PowerCenter helps us achieve greater productivity, drive down costs, minimize operational risks, and accelerate the time to market for new data integration-intensive enterprise applications.”

The PowerCenter® Partitioning Option increases the performance of PowerCenter through parallel data processing, and it has been instrumental in establishing PowerCenter’s industry performance leadership. This option provides a thread-based architecture and automatic data partitioning that optimizes parallel processing on multiprocessor and grid-based hardware environments.

The Partitioning Option dynamically optimizes jobs for parallel processing at runtime based on data-driven, key-driven, or database-supplied partitioning schemes, dramatically increasing PowerCenter’s performance.
Partitioning Option

**Key Features**

**Data Smart Parallelism**
- Automatically aligns PowerCenter partitions with database table partitions to improve performance
- Automatically guarantees data integrity by leveraging the parallel engine of PowerCenter, which dynamically realigns data partitions for set-oriented transformations

**Session Design Tools**
- Create user-defined partitioning schemes quickly and easily
- Provide a graphical partitioning map for determining the best partitioning points
- Gather statistics on configurable session options, such as error handling, recovery strategy, memory allocation, and logging, to maximize performance

**Integrated Monitoring Console**
- Gathers session statistics, such as throughput, rows/second, error details, and performance optimizations, to identify potential bottlenecks and recognize trends
- Shows all session execution and dependency details

**Multiple Partition Schemes**
- Support parallelization through multiple mechanisms, including key range, hash algorithm-based, round robin, or file partitions
- Maximize data throughput via concurrent processing of specified partitions along the data transformation pipeline

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**Partitioning Option Benefits**

**Scale Cost-Effectively to Handle Large Volumes**

With the Partitioning Option, you can execute optimal parallel sessions by dividing data processing into subsets that are run in parallel and spread among available CPUs in a multiprocessor system. When different processors share the computational load, large data volumes can be processed faster. When sourcing and targeting relational databases, the Partitioning Option enables PowerCenter to automatically align its partitions with database table partitions to improve performance. Unlike approaches that require manual data partitioning, data integrity is automatically guaranteed because the parallel engine of PowerCenter dynamically realigns data partitions for set-oriented transformations (e.g., aggregators or sorters).

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**Optimize System Performance in Response to Changing Business Requirements**

The Partitioning Option lets you easily gather in-depth session statistics such as throughput, rows/second, error details, and performance optimizations. These statistics help you identify potential bottlenecks and recognize trends. An integrated monitoring console lets you view all session execution and dependency details. With the metadata-driven architecture of PowerCenter, data transformation logic is abstracted from the physical execution plan. This feature enables rapid performance tuning without compromising the logic and design of the original data mappings. You can continually and easily optimize system performance in the face of increasing data loads and changing business requirements.

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**Learn More**

Let Informatica help you determine how the PowerCenter Partitioning Option can maximize the business value of your data.

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