

Phoenix Performance Tuning

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Performance tuning

You can use the following configuration properties to tune Phoenix to work optimally on your cluster. You can tune your Phoenix deployment by configuring certain Phoenix specific properties that are configured both on the client and server side hbase-site.xml files. For a full list of Phoenix Tuning properties that are available, see the [Apache Phoenix tuning guide](#).

Table 1:

Property	Description	Default
phoenix.query.threadPoolSize	The number of threads in client-side thread pool executor. As the number of machines/cores in the cluster grows, this value should be increased.	128
phoenix.query.queueSize	Max queue depth of the bounded round robin backing the client side thread pool executor, beyond which an attempt to queue additional work is rejected. If zero, a SynchronousQueue is used instead of the bounded round-robin queue. The default value is 5000.	5000
phoenix.stats.guidepost.width	The server-side parameter that specifies the number of bytes between guideposts. A smaller amount increases parallelization, but also increases the number of chunks which must be merged on the client side. The default value is 100 MB.	104857600
phoenix.stats.guidepost.per.region	The server-side parameter that specifies the number of guideposts per region. If set to a value greater than zero, then the guidepost width is determined by MAX_FILE_SIZE of table/phoenix .stats.guidepost.per.region. Otherwise, if not set, then the phoenix.stats.guidepost.width parameter is used. No default value.	None
phoenix.stats.updateFrequency	The server-side parameter that determines the frequency in milliseconds for which statistics will be refreshed from the statistics table and subsequently used by the client. The default value is 15 min.	900000
phoenix.query.spoolThresholdBytes	Threshold size in bytes after which results from parallelly executed query results are spooled to disk. Default is 20 mb.	20971520
phoenix.query.maxSpoolToDiskBytes	Threshold size in bytes up to which results from parallelly executed query results are spooled to disk above which the query will fail. Default is 1 GB.	1024000000
phoenix.query.maxGlobalMemoryPercentage	Percentage of total heap memory (i.e. Runtime.getRuntime().maxMemory()) that all threads may use. Only coarse grain memory usage is tracked, mainly accounting for memory usage in the intermediate map built during group by aggregation. When this limit is reached, the clients' block attempting to get more memory, essentially throttling memory usage. Defaults to 15%	15

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phoenix.query.maxGlobalMemorySize	Max size in bytes of total tracked memory usage. By default it is not specified, however, if present, the lower of this parameter and the phoenix.query.maxGlobalMemoryPercentage will be used.	
phoenix.query.maxGlobalMemoryWaitMs	The maximum amount of time that a client will block while waiting for more memory to become available. After this amount of time, an InsufficientMemoryException error is displayed. The default value is 10 seconds.	10000
phoenix.query.maxTenantMemoryPercentage	The maximum percentage of phoenix.query.maxGlobalMemoryPercentage that a tenant is allowed to consume. After this percentage, an InsufficientMemoryException error is displayed. Default is 100%	100
phoenix.mutate.maxSize	The maximum number of rows that may be batched on the client before a commit or rollback must be called.	500000
phoenix.mutate.batchSize	The number of rows that are batched together and automatically committed during the execution of an UPSERT SELECT or DELETE statement. This property may be overridden at connection time by specifying the UpsertBatchSize property value. Note that the connection property value does not affect the batch size used by the coprocessor when these statements are executed completely on the server side.	1000
phoenix.query.maxServerCacheBytes	Maximum size (in bytes) of a single subquery result (usually the filtered result of a table) before compression and conversion to a hash map. Attempting to hash an intermediate subquery result of a size bigger than this setting will result in a MaxServerCacheSizeExceededException. Default 100MB.	104857600
phoenix.coprocessor.maxServerCacheTimeToLiveMs	Maximum living time (in milliseconds) of server caches. A cache entry expires after this amount of time has passed since last access. Consider adjusting this parameter when a server-side IOException("Could not find a hash cache for joinId") happens. Getting warnings like "Earlier hash cache(s) might have expired on servers" might also be a sign that this number should be increased.	30000
phoenix.query.useIndexes	Client-side property determining whether or not indexes are considered by the optimizer to satisfy a query. Default is true	true
phoenix.index.failure.handling.rebuild	Server-side property determining whether or not a mutable index is rebuilt in the background in the event of a commit failure. Only applicable for indexes on mutable, non-transactional tables. Default is true	true
phoenix.groupby.maxCacheSize	Size in bytes of pages cached during GROUP BY spilling. Default is 100Mb	102400000
phoenix.groupby.estimatedDistinctValues	Number of estimated distinct values when a GROUP BY is performed. Used to perform initial sizing with the growth of 1.5x each time reallocation is required. Default is 1000	1000

Property	Description	Default
phoenix.distinct.value.compress.threshold	Size in bytes beyond which aggregate operations which require tracking distinct value counts (such as COUNT DISTINCT) will use Snappy compression. Default is 1Mb	1024000
phoenix.index.maxDataFileSizePerc	The percentage used to determine the MAX_FILESIZE for the shared index table for views relative to the data table MAX_FILESIZE. The percentage should be estimated based on the anticipated average size of a view index row versus the data row. Default is 50%.	50
phoenix.coprocessor.maxMetaDataCacheTimeToLiveMs	Time in milliseconds after which the server-side metadata cache for a tenant will expire if not accessed. Default is 30mins	180000
phoenix.coprocessor.maxMetaDataCacheSize	Max size in bytes of total server-side metadata cache after which evictions will begin to occur based on least recent access time. Default is 20Mb	20480000
phoenix.client.maxMetaDataCacheSize	Max size in bytes of total client-side metadata cache after which evictions will begin to occur based on least recent access time. Default is 10Mb	10240000
phoenix.sequence.cacheSize	Number of sequence values to reserve from the server and cache on the client when the next sequence value is allocated. Only used if not defined by the sequence itself. Default is 100	100