

CA ARCserve® Backup for Windows

Agent for IBM Informix Guide

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Chapter 1: Introducing the Agent

CA ARCserve Backup is a comprehensive, distributed storage solution for applications, databases, distributed servers, and file systems. It provides backup and restore capabilities for databases, business-critical applications, and network clients.

Among the agents CA ARCserve Backup offers is the CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix. This agent provides backup and restore capabilities for the IBM Informix Dynamic Server, referred to as IDS throughout this guide. The types of data that can be backed up include both critical and non-critical tablespaces (primarily chunks, or specific regions of disk space); blobspaces (binary large object spaces); and logical logs (transaction records).

This section contains the following topics:

[How the Agent Works](#) (see page 7)
[Agent Features](#) (see page 7)

How the Agent Works

The Agent for IBM Informix works in conjunction with ON-Bar, the backup and recovery utility for IDS, to deliver a powerful, easy to use backup and restore solution. The primary job of the agent is to issue requests for the Informix ON-Bar utility on behalf of the Informix Manager. Options set through the Backup Manager interface are translated into ON-Bar command line options, providing an integrated environment. You can also choose to work from the ON-Bar command line to submit jobs directly to the Backup Manager.

The agent connects CA ARCserve Backup and IDS by handling all communication between the two applications, enabling data to be passed back and forth. The agent resides on the same system as IDS.

To perform a database backup, the CA ARCserve Backup Manager converts user entries into one or more requests, which it sends to the agent on the IDS system. The agent communicates this request to ON-Bar, which executes backup and restore requests for IDS. The agent retrieves the specified data objects from IDS and sends them to the Backup Manager, which copies the data to your storage media.

Agent Features

The CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix offers the following features.

Remote Procedure Call Service

With Remote Procedure Call (RPC) enabled, the agent operates as a Windows service and can be configured to start automatically through standard Windows setup or the Control Panel Services feature. This configuration allows the agent to run without a user being logged in.

Modify Agent Settings to Customize Agent

You can customize the agent by modifying settings in the Windows registry. Certain settings can be set using the Windows REGEDT32 utility. Agent settings are listed in the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE window under the following key:

SOFTWARE\ComputerAssociates\CA ARCserve Backup\DSAgent\Current Version\agent\dbaifmx@*ServerName*

In this example, *ServerName* identifies the IDS instance name.

Several optional settings are provided for the agent under the dbaifmx key:

- **CriticalFileBackupDelay**—This is the current delay, in minutes, to back up critical IDS files located in the Informix\etc directory.
- **dll**—This specifies the location of the agent files.
- **debug**—Normally, you will not modify this field. You should enable this setting (change the default) only when requested to do so by CA Customer Support. The default value is 0 (FALSE).

Note: The agent includes activity logs that provide information about backup or restore jobs and their status. These logs are located in the agent home directory, and are named dbaifmx.log, dbabatch.log, and xbsa.log. The home directory may also contain files called trace logs, which are created and updated only when debug is enabled. These logs are called dbaifmx.trc, dbabatch.trc, and xbsa.trc. If required during a debug session, you may be asked to check these job logs to help determine the cause of the problem.

Full Offline Backups

You should keep at least one recent offline backup of your IDS databases. When performing a full offline backup, you must select the appropriate directories (in particular, the Informix home directory as well as Informix data files) from the Backup Manager window.

Access Control Lists

Access Control Lists (ACLs) allow you to specify the CA ARCserve Backup servers permitted to back up the IDS database.

In a Windows environment, you can create and edit Informix ACLs from the CA\Agent Admin navigation tab.

For more information about ACLs, see the *CA ARCserve Backup Client Agents Guide* or Online Help.

Chapter 2: Installing the Agent

This chapter describes how to install and configure the Agent for IBM Informix. The chapter also explains other steps you must take before performing backup and restore operations after the agent has been installed.

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Installation Prerequisites

Before installing the CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix, verify the following prerequisites:

- Your system meets the software requirements needed to install the Agent for IBM Informix. For a list of requirements, see the *readme file*.
- CA ARCserve Backup is installed and working properly.
Note: You can install the Agent for IBM Informix on the same computer as CA ARCserve Backup (the local computer) or on a separate computer (a remote computer).
- IBM Informix-Connect is installed and working properly.
- You have administrator privileges or the proper authority to install software on the computers where you will be installing the product.
Note: Contact your administrator to obtain the proper rights if you do not have them.
- If you do not use the default installation path, make a note of the installation path you use for easy reference.
- You have completed the modifications to the Windows environment as described in Preinstallation Tasks in this chapter.

Preinstallation Tasks

Before you install the agent on computers running IDS, you must make modifications to the Windows environment. These modifications are described in the following sections.

Modify the Windows Environment for ISM Systems on IDS Versions

You must make modifications to the Windows environment for computers running Informix Storage Manager (ISM) with IDS Versions 9.40, 10.0 and 11.10.

To make these modifications

1. In the Control Panel, select System.
System Properties dialog appears.
2. Select the Environment tab or the Advanced tab (varies by Windows operating system). If you select the Advanced tab, click Environment Variables.
3. Modify the PATH variable to include the location of the ISM directory path, as shown in the following sample:
`C:\ism\ver#\bin`
4. Click OK.
5. Click OK to close the remaining dialog.

Note: The installation program performs the remaining steps for you. If this procedure is skipped, perform the following steps.

6. Locate the sm_versions.std file
Note: The sm_versions.std file is a template for setting up the sm_versions file with storage manager information.
For more information on the sm_versions file, see the Informix user documentation.
7. Rename the existing sm_versions file to exclude the extension .std, as defined in your IDS release notes and as shown in the following example:
`Informixdir\etc\sm_versions.std`
to:
`Informixdir\etc\sm_versions`
8. Open the sm_versions file with Notepad to make sure it contains the following string:
`1|1.0.1|ism|1`
If the string is not present, enter it at the end of the file and save the file.
9. Close the file.

Install the Agent

The Agent for IBM Informix follows the standard installation procedure for CA ARCserve Backup system components, agents, and options.

For detailed procedures about how to install CA ARCserve Backup, see the *Implementation Guide*.

Note: After you complete the installation procedure, be sure to restart your computer when prompted.

Post Installation Tasks

After you install the agent, you must complete several procedures before you can begin operating CA ARCserve Backup with the agent. These procedures are described in the following sections.

Set the IDS ONCONFIG File

The installation program updates the ONCONFIG file in the IBM Informixdir\etc directory so that the agent can operate properly. If you do not update the ONCONFIG file during installation, you will need to use a text editor to manually enter the changes in the ONCONFIG file before you install and deploy the agent in your network.

Skip this procedure if you modified the ONCONFIG file during installation.

To manually modify the ONCONFIG file

1. Open the ONCONFIG file with Notepad or a similar text editor.
2. For IDS Versions 9.40, 10.0 and 11.10, insert the following lines in the ONCONFIG file:

```
BAR_MAX_BACKUP 1 # Informix Backup Agent  
BAR_BSALIB_PATH AGENT_HOME\libbsa.dll #Informix Backup Agent XBSA DLL
```

where *AGENT_HOME* is the home directory path of the agent.

Important! For IDS Versions 9.40, 10.0 and 11.10, if your agent home directory path contains space characters (for example, C:\Program Files\Informix), you must enter the MS-DOS shortened name when you specify the path (for example, C:\progra~1\ Informix). To determine the shortened form of a path name, view the path in an MS DOS command prompt window.

3. For IDS Versions 9.40, 10.0 and 11.10, replace the following line:

```
LTAPEDEV NULL #Log tape device_path
```

with this line:

```
LTAPEDEV \\.\TAPE1 #Log tape device_path
```
4. Save the file.
5. Stop and restart all IDS instances to apply the changes to the ONCONFIG file.

Note: An IDS instance means the concurrent operation of shared memory, processors, databases, and physical devices allocated to IDS, all of which can be monitored by the ONSTAT -p (profile) command.

Agent Communication with ON-Bar

CA ARCserve Backup provides a batch job configuration utility. This feature lets you configure one IDS instance at a time. You can use the Informix Agent Batch Job Configuration dialog to submit backup and restore jobs through ON-Bar command line on the IDS. However, if the agent server is hosting multiple instances of IDS, you must reconfigure the batch job configuration for each backup or restore job submitted through ON-Bar command line.

Note: If you use CA ARCserve Backup, the Backup and Restore Managers as your methods for initiating backup or restore jobs, the batch job configuration process is unnecessary.

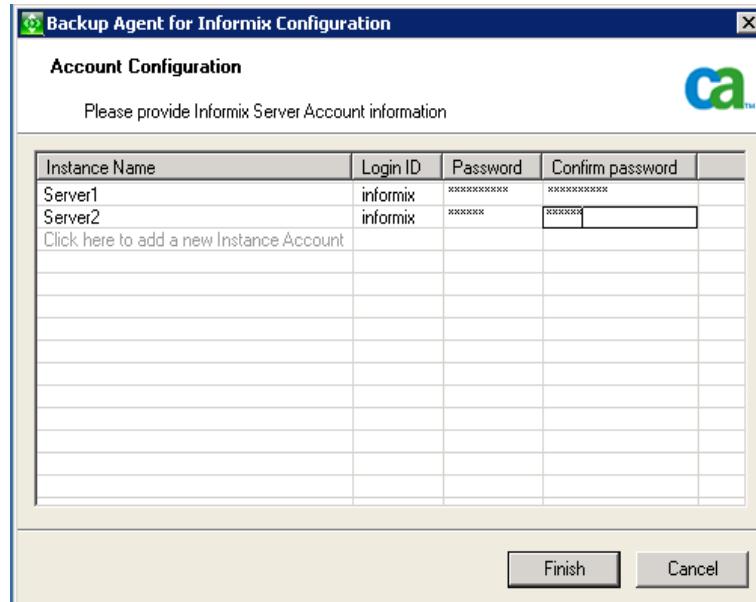
You can also use the Informix Agent Configuration dialog to instruct CA ARCserve Backup to submit backup and restore jobs via ON-Bar utility.

Configure the Agent for ON-Bar Interaction

To configure the agent to support backup or restore operations of IDS instances with the Informix ON-Bar utility

1. Log in as the Windows administrator to the server where IDS is running.
2. Select Start, Programs, CA, CA, ARCserve Backup Agents, and Informix Agent configuration.

The following dialog appears:



3. Enter the requested information in the fields provided for each unique instance of IDS operation.
4. Click Finish.

The Agent is configured for ON-Bar interaction.

Prepare for Operation

After you install and configure the Agent for IBM Informix, perform the following steps before you run backup and restore jobs for IDS.

1. On the server where IDS is running, start the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) service from the Control Panel Services feature.
2. Log on to Windows with administrator rights for backup. Enter **Informix** as the user name.
3. Synchronize jobs with other administrative tasks.
4. Verify the proper configuration of the server where IDS is running by submitting a test backup; use the ON-Bar command line.

For more information on using the ON-Bar command line, see the *Informix ON-Bar* documentation.

Uninstall the Agent

To uninstall the Agent for IBM Informix

1. Open the Windows Control Panel.
2. Double-click the Add or Remove Programs icon.
3. Select CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix.
4. Click the Remove button.

The Add or Remove Programs dialog opens asking whether you want to remove CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix.

5. Click Yes.

The Agent is uninstalled.

Chapter 3: Using the Agent

You can use the Agent for IBM Informix to back up IDS objects such as tablespaces, blobspaces, and logical logs. Command line options associated with the ON-Bar utility are also available.

For more information about using ON-Bar, see the *Informix ON-Bar* documentation.

This section contains the following topics:

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Back Up an IDS Database

When you submit a job from the Backup Manager, CA ARCserve Backup validates the jobs in the queue. The agent then converts the job requests to ON-Bar commands, which appear in the activity log for this agent.

ON-Bar evaluates your backup privileges and IDS status, and submits the backup jobs to CA ARCserve Backup. You should expect to see one (or more) job per tablespace, blobspace, or logical log being backed up.

The following important recommendations help to ensure a full restore based on your organization's defined backup schedule:

- Periodically stop IDS services and perform a full offline backup (regular file backup) of the IDS configuration and data files, without the agent. This ensures that restores will be successful if tablespaces or blobspaces are lost. Before the backup, stop all IDS services with the Services feature of the Control Panel (in some versions of Windows, Services is found under Administrative Tools on the Control Panel).
- Back up tablespaces or blobspaces immediately after you create them, and maintain a regular backup schedule to ensure smooth recovery in case of tablespace or media failure. CA ARCserve Backup allows you to set and maintain a regular schedule of automatic backups.
- IDS reuses logical logs. To conserve disk space, IDS limits log size and quantity. When these logs are full, you must back them up to free them for reuse.

- Before submitting jobs using the Backup Manager, ensure that the following CA ARCserve Backup services are running:
 - Job Engine
 - Tape Engine
 - Database Engine

To back up an IDS database

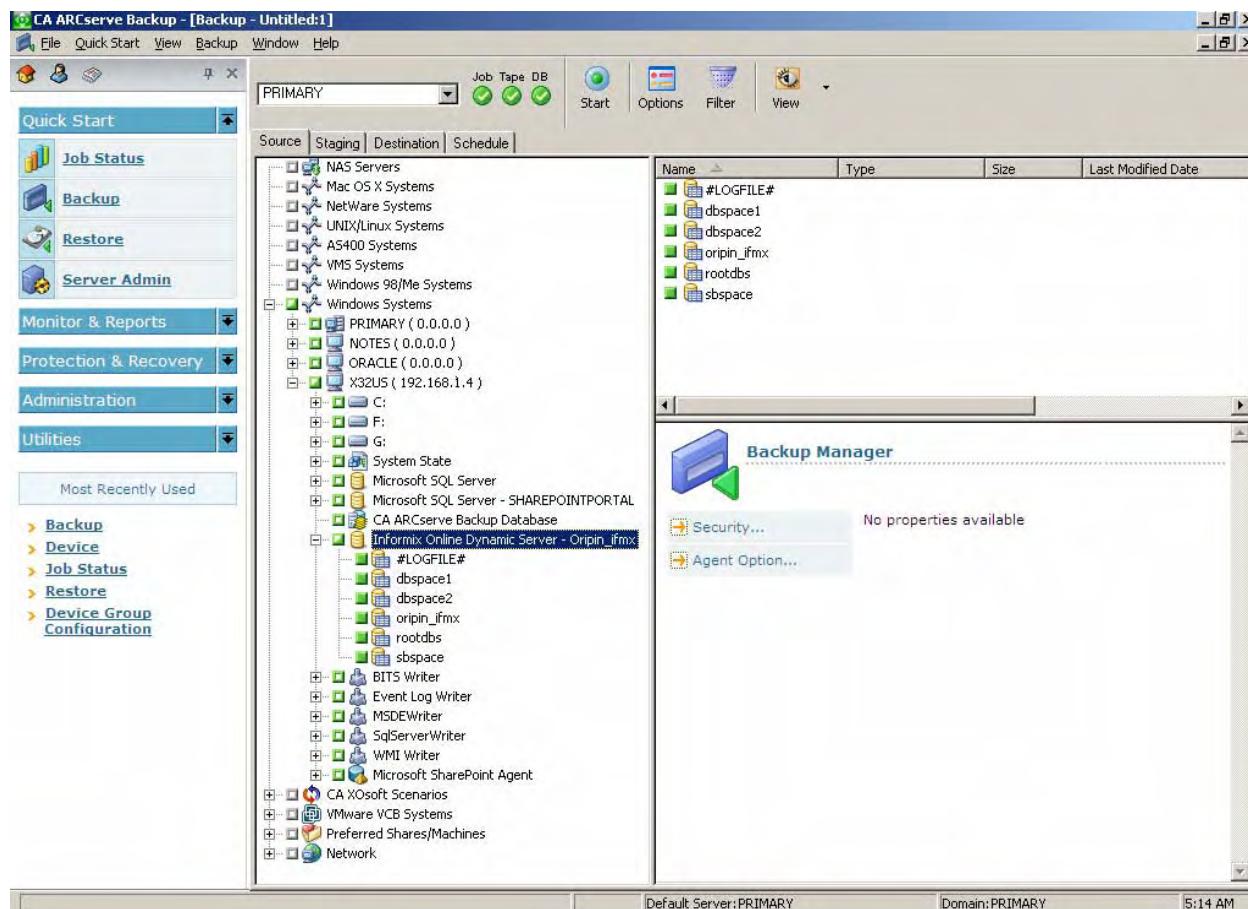
1. Verify that IDS is online. Backups using the Agent for IBM Informix can be performed only while IDS is online.

Note: Be sure to submit the #LOGFILE# backup with each salvage operation while IDS is offline.

2. Start the Backup Manager.

Important! The agent supports only single, non-concurrent backups and restores. Parallel operations are not supported.

3. Click the Source tab if it is not already visible. In the Source view, select the Informix server you want to back up as shown in the following example:



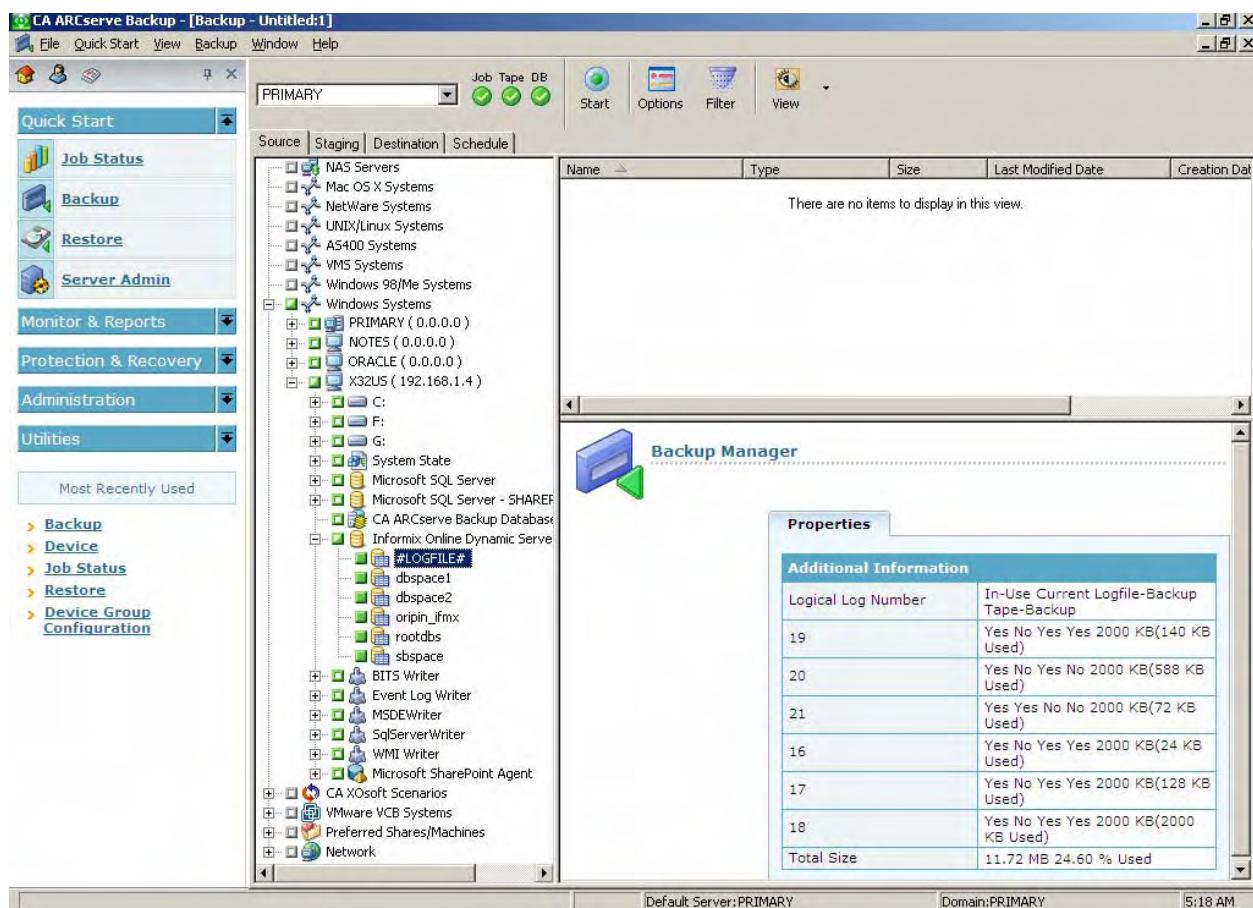
Selecting the server in Backup Manager is equivalent to the following ON-Bar full-backup command:

`onbar_d -b -w (for Informix 9.x, 10.0 or 11.10)`

Note: When you select a full Informix server backup (that is, one that includes all IDS objects on the server), the system backs up all files located in the \etc directory under the Informix home directory. The \etc directory is expected to contain ONCONFIG, IXBAR, ONCFG, and other critical files. If the \etc directory does not contain these files, modify the Informix environment to ensure the files are there.

Also, the Agent for IBM Informix backs up the files located in the \TAPEINFO directory under the agent directory to ensure the backup of the XBSATAPE.TBL file. The XBSATAPE.TBL file is critical for an IDS restore.

If you select individual dbspaces or blobspaces, the Informix server is automatically selected. The box to the left of the selection is partially shaded even when all objects are selected, as shown in the following example:



The box is partially shaded because dbspaces and the logical logs were individually selected. In this case, a full Informix server-level backup does not occur.

Important! For logical log backup options to work properly, you must select the #LOGFILE# entry.

Selecting the objects in CA ARCserve Backup is equivalent to the following ON-Bar commands for IDS Version 9.40, 10.0 and 11.10:

```
onbar_d -b sbspace root dbs  
onbar_d -l
```

4. Right-click the Informix server and choose Backup Agent Options. You must specify the options to complete a backup. The following describes how backup levels are used:

- **Level 0**—for a full backup
- **Level 1**—to back up changes since the level 0 backup
- **Level 2**—to back up changes since the level 1 backup

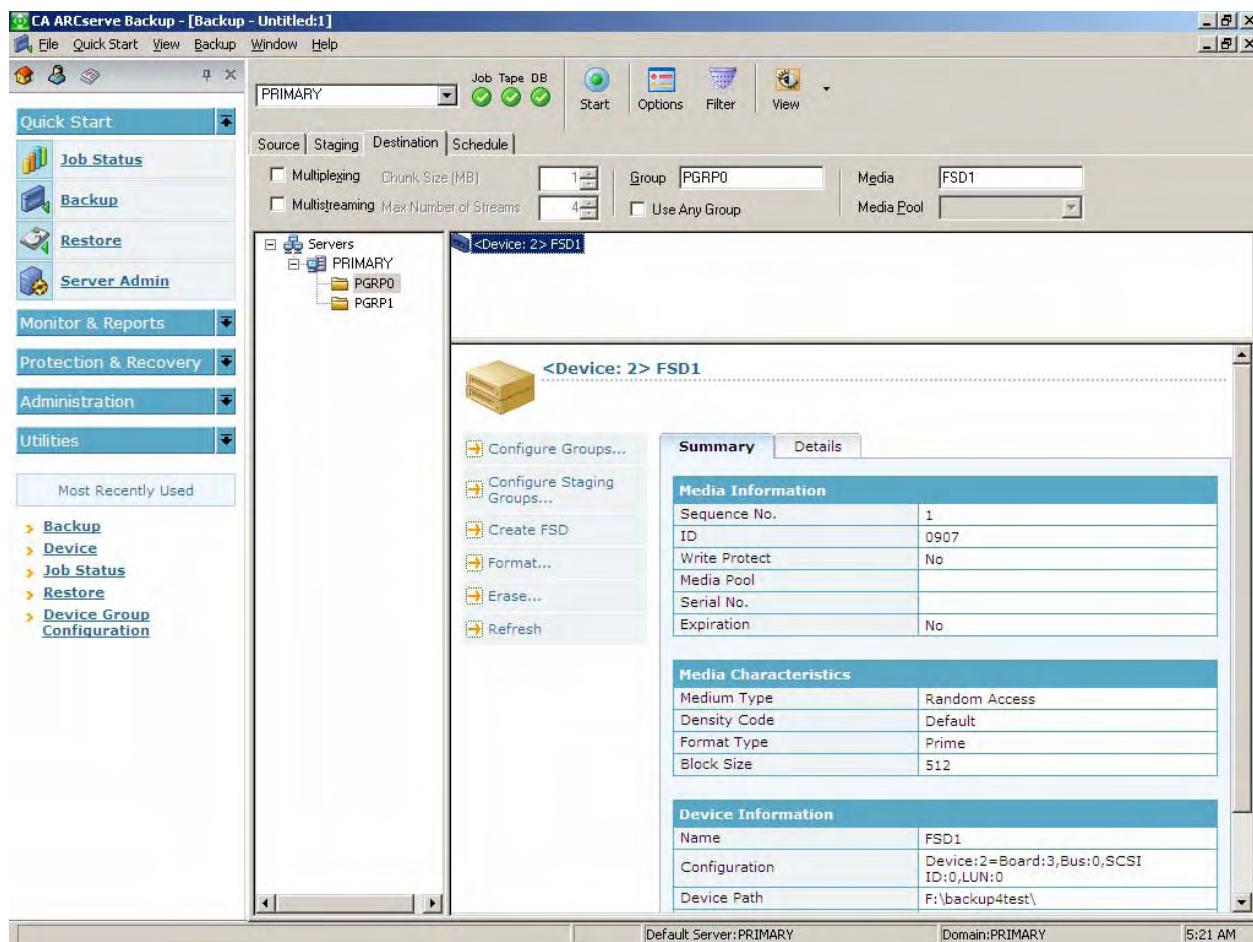
CA ARCserve Backup Option	ON-Bar Option	Description	IDS Status
Backup Level 0	-L0	Full backup	Online
Backup Level 1	-L1	Incremental backup based on the last Level 0 backup	Online
Backup Level 2	-L2	Incremental backup based on the last Level 1 backup	Online
Backup Current Log	-c	Backs up the current active logical log and other full logical logs that were not backed up.	Online
Salvage Logs	-s	Backs up all logical logs that reside on the disk	Offline

Note: By default, the agent performs a level 0 backup.

Important! A full offline restore always attempts to salvage logical logs before restoring the root dbspace. If the salvage fails, the restore continues; however, transactions that cannot be salvaged are lost. Therefore, it is important that you keep copies of logical log backups until you are sure that you do not need them to complement a restore from a backup.

5. Select the media device group and media for the backup job from the Destination view.
6. Click the media device for the backup destination.

The name appears in the Media field as shown in the following example.



7. Click the Schedule tab to select scheduling options. You can run the backup job at this point or schedule the job to run later.
For a full explanation of scheduling options, see the *CA ARCserve Backup Administration Guide*.
8. After scheduling the backup job, click the Start button on the tool bar to execute the job (or to queue it for later execution, if you schedule it for later).
9. Click Security to edit the user name and password fields.
10. Enter your security information and click OK.
11. When the operation is complete, Backup Operation Successful message appears.

Note: The first job submitted for backup is always a test job, with no actual data. It is used to trigger ON-Bar. If the job is successful, the Backup Operation Successful message appears. This message indicates that ON-Bar was successfully activated. However, the actual backup process is still in progress. You can track the progress of the job with the Job Status window.

If a backup job fails because of a CA ARCserve Backup or agent environment variable (such as a request for unavailable media) the ON-Bar process may stop responding. Use the Windows Task Manager to determine if ON-Bar is responding. If it is, issue the following command from the agent directory:

```
stopxbsa.exe informix_server_instance_name
```

Backup Functions Not Supported

The Agent for IBM Informix does not support the following file-system-related functions:

- Media verification
- Compare tape to disk
- InoculateIT (eTrust®) options
- Grandfather-father-son rotation (GFS) clear archive bit, for incremental and differential backups
- RUN NOW to rerun a Informix child backup job from the Job Status Manager
- Encryption passwords
- Encrypting data on the agent system
- Encrypting data on the backup server
- Compressing data on the agent system

Restore an IDS Database

Before restoring IDS logical logs, dbspaces, and blobspaces, take note of the following:

- Restores always consist of the complete backed-up set of data. You cannot restore dbspaces and blobspaces individually unless they are damaged and you must perform a disaster recovery restore.
- When performing a disaster recovery, you may need to restore critical IDS files located in the \etc directory, under the Informix home directory.

Important! Exercise caution with this procedure; restoring critical files overwrites the current files. To determine when you should restore the critical boot files, see the *Informix* documentation.

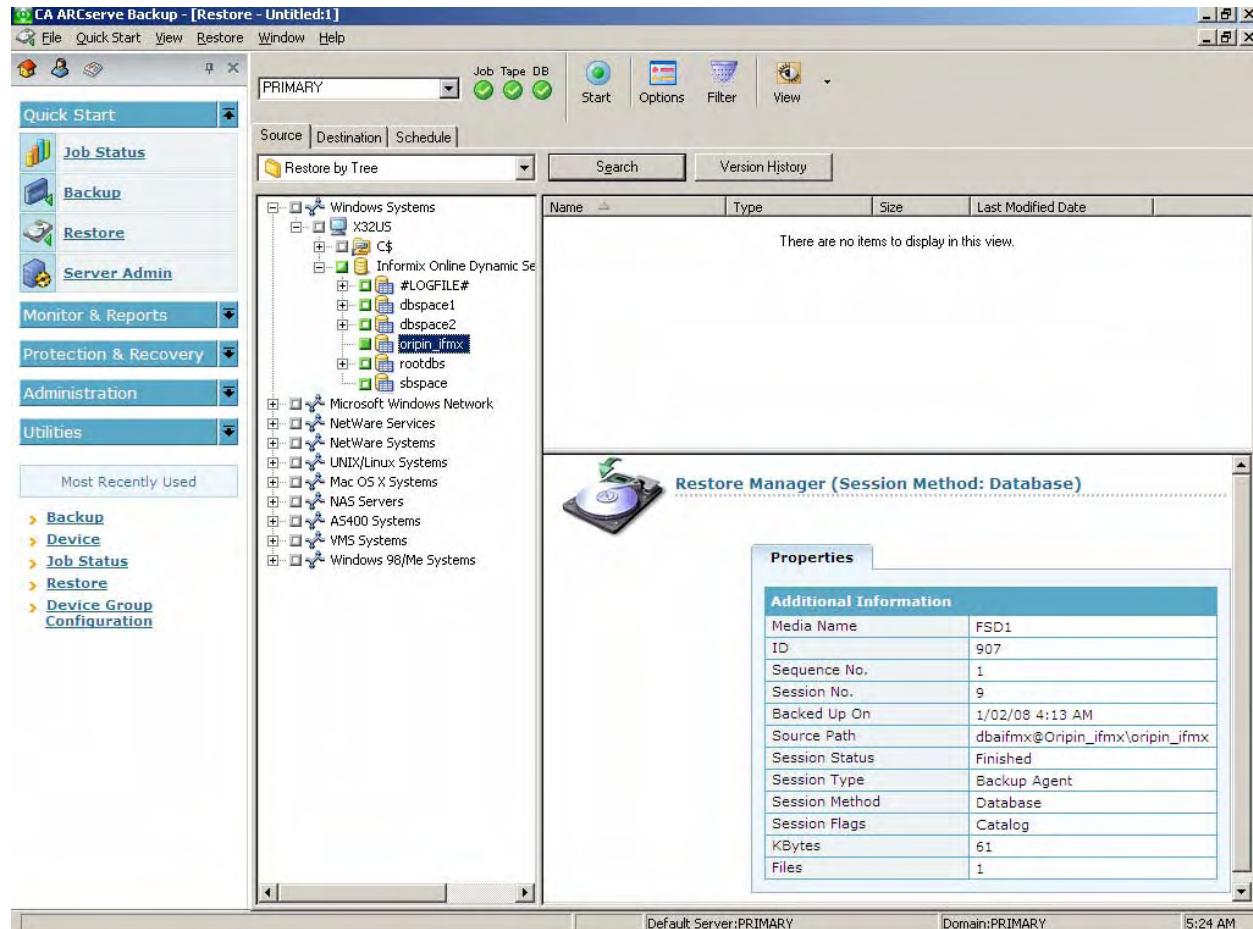
- If you are executing a full restore, shut down all IDS services before starting the restore operation. The Restore by Tree view is the supported format.
- If you are restoring Informix instance with the Last Logical Log option selected, ensure you assign a correct value to the restore job and it is saved in the emergency boot file.

To restore an IDS database

- From the Restore Manager, select the items to be restored. This can be either the entire Informix server or individual dbspaces or blobspaces.

Note: Only one dbspace can be restored at a time.

A sample Restore list is shown in the following example:



Note: Do not restore the #LOGFILE#. The Informix server restores the logical logs automatically when a logical restore is performed.

- Right-click the Informix server from the Source tab.

The Restore Options dialog appears.

CA ARCserve Backup Option	ON-Bar Option	Description
Restore Methods	Physical and Logical	-r Restores all dbspaces, blobspaces, and logical logs.

CA ARCserve Backup Option	ON-Bar Option	Description
Physical Only	-p	Restores all dbspaces and blobspaces.
Logical Only	-l	Restores logs only.
Restore Options	Last Logical	-n log
		The number of the last log to be restored. If any logs exist after this one, they are not restored.
Point in Time	-t time	The point in time at which to stop the restore.

Important! The Point in Time option is for Informix server-level restores and cannot be combined with any individual dbspace or blobspace restore job. Do not select the Logical Only restore method and the Point in Time restore option at the same time. If the Logical Only method is combined with any dbspaces or blobspaces, IDS ignores the objects and executes an Informix server-level logical restore.

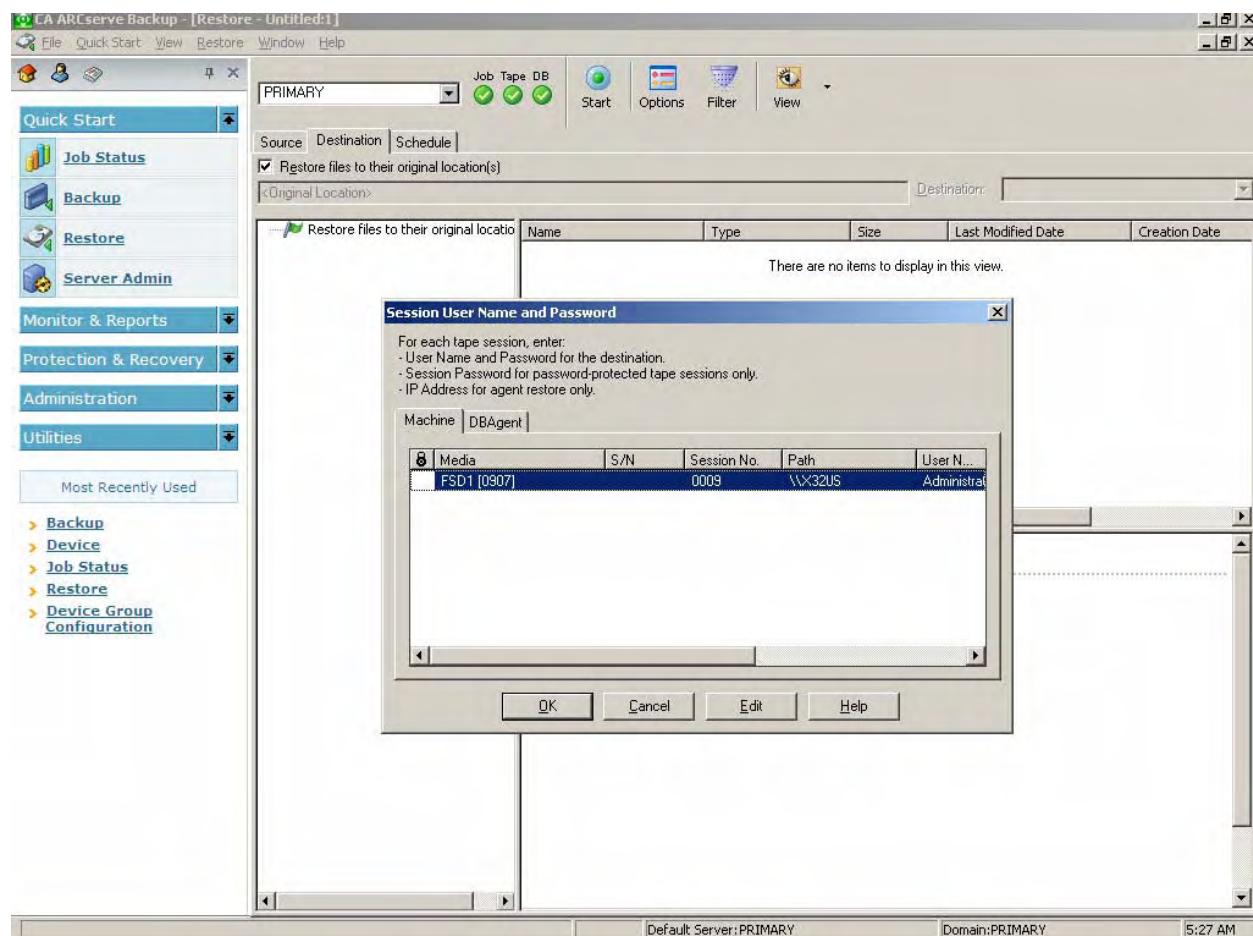
For information about the different options and requirements available for performing cold restores, warm restores, physical restores, and logical restores, see the ON-Bar documentation.

3. Click the Destination tab.
4. The destination must be the original location. Select the option **Restore Files to their Original Locations**.
5. When the Security dialog appears, enter the Informix server user name and password with restore privileges, and click OK.
6. Select the preferred restore method and options. Click OK.

CA ARCserve Backup restore options are equivalent to the following ON-Bar options:

`onbar_d -r -t 2003-9-5 13:31:17`

7. The Session User Name and Password dialog opens. Verify the user name and password for the computer to which the files are being restored. If the restore session needs to access media or another computer that requires a different user name and password from those used for IDS or CA ARCserve Backup, that user name and password should be listed here. Click OK.



8. The Submit Job dialog displays the job details. Click OK.

The job is submitted to the CA ARCserve Backup queue. You can verify the restore process from the CA ARCserve Backup Job Status window.

9. When the job is complete, a message appears indicating that the restore was successful. The first restore message results from the creation of the ON-Bar process. Depending on the progress of the restore procedure, other messages from actual (not test) restore jobs will follow.

Note: Do not interrupt the restore procedure by browsing IDS objects from the Backup Manager, or attempt to stop the restore. Wait until the BAR_INFORMIX SERVER.log shows that the restore is complete.

Media Rotation Precautions

Both CA ARCserve Backup and IDS maintain backup histories of the media used, and other session information associated with dbspaces and blobspaces. However, during a restore operation, ON-Bar uses the IDS backup history, not the backup history maintained by CA ARCserve Backup.

IDS decides which backup session to restore. Depending on its backup history, ON-Bar may ask for CA ARCserve Backup media that is no longer in your media rotation scheme. In this case you may experience a failed restore job. CA recommends that you keep all the IDS log backup sessions after a full Informix server backup until you complete another full backup.

Note: It is extremely important that you plan a practical backup media rotation scheme, based on a realistic IDS restore scenario. See the *CA ARCserve Backup Administration Guide* for information regarding media rotation. In general, you can rotate current media after backing up Informix server-related physical files while IDS is offline.

Restore Functions Not Supported

The Agent for IBM Informix does not support the following file system-related functions:

- Global restore options:
 - Create empty path for the root
 - Pre- or post-execution
- Session or tape view for dbspace or blobspace restores
- Filter options
- Destination options
 - Directory structure
 - File conflict resolution
 - Restore to different locations

For additional information about restore functions, see the *CA ARCserve Backup Administration Guide*.

Perform Disaster Recovery

To recover IDS after a disaster, such as a hard disk failure, you need backups of the following:

- The most recent cold (full offline) backup of all Informix files.
- One or more copies of a full Informix server hot backup (an online backup) made since the cold backup.
- The latest copy of the Informix critical boot files and XBSATAPE.TBL file in the agent directory.

To recover IDS

1. Reinstall IDS, if necessary.

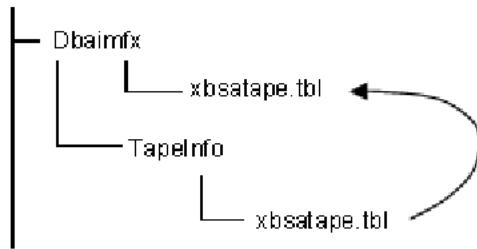
Note: If you reinstall IDS, be sure to use the same account name, password, and directory structures used in the previous IDS installation.

2. Stop all Informix services:
 - a. From the Windows Start menu, choose Settings, Control Panel.
The Control Panel dialog appears.
 - b. Depending on the Windows operating system you are using, carry out one of the following actions on the Control Panel:
 - Click Services
 - Click Administrative Tools, then click Services
 - c. On the Services dialog, locate the Informix services.
 - d. To start or stop a service, right-click it and choose Start or Stop from the pop-up menu.
3. Restore the cold (offline) backup Informix system and data files from CA ARCserve Backup.
4. Reinstall the Agent for IBM Informix.

Note: You should use the same account name and password as IDS and the directory structures used in the previous agent install.

5. Restore the latest \tapeinfo directory located in the agent home directory, if necessary.

6. Compare the xbsatape.tbl file in the agent home directory under \tapeinfo. If the agent home directory has an old version of the file, copy the xbsatape.tbl from the \tapeinfo directory to the agent home directory (one level up), as shown in the following diagram:



7. Compare and carefully restore the critical files under \etc in the Informix home directory from CA ARCserve Backup.
8. Select and restore the full Informix server from CA ARCserve Backup.

Note: ON-Bar takes time to determine the objects to restore. This process should not be interrupted. However, you can check BAR_INFORMIX SERVER NAME.LOG to see the ON-Bar restore activity.

9. ON-Bar handles the restore jobs from this point.

Verify IDS Status

Verify IDS status by using the onstat.exe utility with the following commands:

Onstat Command	Definition
-?	Display the definition of command options.
-l	Display the current logical log status.
-d	Display current dbspace or blobspace information.

Appendix A: Troubleshooting

The Agent for IBM Informix provides logs for examining backup activities and enables you to modify settings if any trouble is encountered.

This section contains the following topics:

- [Identify the Problem](#) (see page 31)
- [Enable Debug Mode](#) (see page 32)
- [Verify the Backup File Location](#) (see page 32)
- [Problems and Solutions](#) (see page 32)

Identify the Problem

If the CA ARCserve Backup Job Status window displays an incomplete backup or restore, do the following to get helpful information:

- Monitor activity logs:
XBSA.LOG, DBAIFMX.LOG, and DBABATCH.LOG for CA ARCserve Backup Agent for IBM Informix activity (located in the agent home directory)
BAR_informix server name.LOG for ON-Bar activity (located in the Informix home directory)
- Enable debug mode (only when instructed to do so by a CA Technical Support representative) to trace all agent activity found in these files:
XBSA.TRC
DBABATCH.TRC
DBAIFMX.TRC
- Verify the backup location.

Enable Debug Mode

To receive debug information, you must enable the debug mode. You can set the debug mode in the Windows registry using the Regedt32 editor. By default, the debug mode is disabled.

1. Run WINNT\SYSTEM32\REGEDT32.exe.
2. In the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE window, open:
SOFTWARE\ComputerAssociates\CA ARCserve
BACKUP\DSAGENT\CURRENTVERSION\AGENT\dbaifmx@ Informix Server
3. Double-click debug. The DWORD editor opens.
4. Change the debug mode value as follows:
From: REG_DWORD:0 (disable debug, the default mode)
To: REG_DWORD:1 (enable debug)

Important! Be sure to set the key entry back to 0 (disabled) when you have finished troubleshooting to prevent the needless consumption of disk space and CPU time.

Verify the Backup File Location

The DLL that defines the location of the agent files is located in the same key as the debug setting. This location is defined during installation.

Important! Do not change this path manually. Change it only through the agent setup program.

To examine the location

1. Run WINNT\SYSTEM32\REGEDT32.exe.
2. In the HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE window, open:
SOFTWARE\ComputerAssociates\CA ARCserve
BACKUP\DSAgent\CurrentVersion\Agent\dbaifmx@ Informix Server

You will see a statement similar to the following:

dll:REG_SZ:C:\Program Files\CA\CA ARCserve Backup Agent for
Informix\dbaifmx.dll

Problems and Solutions

This section describes a few samples of common problems that agent users encounter.

A backup job was reported as successful but nothing happens

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Reason:

The Informix server has problems and cannot handle the job.

Action:

Check the BAR_INFORMIX SERVER.LOG in the Informix home directory to see if ON-Bar returned any error.

A backup job is submitted, but the job has stopped running

A backup job is submitted, but the job has stopped running.

Reason:

The previous backup job has not been cleared on the Informix server side.

Action:

Execute STOPXBSA.EXE INFORMIX Server from the agent home directory.

If the problem continues, check the value of the LastObject field in the Registry:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\COMPUTERASSOCIATES\CA ARCSERVE
BACKUP\DSAGENT\CURRENTVERSION\AGENT\DBAIFMX@INFORMIX SERVER

Clear remaining strings.

A backup and restore job is submitted from the ON-Bar utility of Informix, but nothing happens

A backup and restore job is submitted from the ON-Bar utility of Informix, but nothing happens.

Reason:

The system's environment may not be set properly, or your agent configuration is not set properly.

Action:

Use the Informix Agent Batch Job Configuration utility to set the current CA ARCServe Backup configuration-like media name and user information. Verify that your local CA ARCServe Backup server is running (examine the Admin Job, Database, and Tape Engine).

During an Informix restore, CA ARCserve Backup asks for media that no longer exists

During an Informix restore, CA ARCserve Backup asks for media that no longer exists.

Reason:

Informix keeps backup history in its critical file. During restore, Informix may ask for specific media that may not exist.

Action:

Find a proper restore scenario based upon your available backup media.

A job from the Informix Backup or Restore Utility is in the job queue, but nothing is happening

A job from the Informix Backup or Restore Utility is in the job queue, but nothing is happening.

Reason:

CA ARCserve Backup engine services are not running.

Action:

Using the Server Admin feature, start the CA ARCserve Backup engine services: Database, Tape, and Job engines. If you start the engines from any other location, be sure to **start the Database engine first**.

If the Database engine service is not started first, media information may not merge correctly.

A rescheduled backup or restore job stops responding

A rescheduled backup or restore job stops responding.

Reason:

The rescheduled backup or restore job may be from ON-Bar. ON-Bar backup or restore jobs cannot be modified. You can identify an ON-Bar job if it was submitted by dbabatch.

Action:

Identify whether the job was submitted by dbabatch from information in the description field of each job in the CA ARCserve Backup Job Status window.

Submit a new job instead of rescheduling.

Restore job from CA ARCserve Backup failed but BAR_<INFORMIX SERVER>.LOG on the Informix Server said it was successful

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Reason:

In rare cases, ON-Bar does not need the entire backup image to accomplish its restore, and terminates the restore process in the middle of its operation. From the point of view of the agent, the restore finished before reaching the end of the data.

Action:

Ignore the CA ARCserve Backup failure message. The Informix restore was completed successfully.

Cannot find the Backup Agent home subdirectory \TAPEINFO from the CA ARCserve Backup Restore Manager Tree View

Cannot find the Backup Agent home subdirectory \TAPEINFO from the CA ARCserve Backup Restore Manager Tree View.

Reason:

Your last backup job did not back up the agent home subdirectory \TAPEINFO. Tree View only shows the latest backup objects.

Action:

To restore Informix-related physical files (such as critical boot files, and XBSATAPE.TBL) use the CA ARCserve Backup Restore Manager Session View.

Error Messages

This section contains a list of error messages produced by the agent with a brief description of each error and a possible solution.

A backup job returned the error (123)

Cannot start onbar utility

Reason:

The agent could not start ONBAR_D.EXE.

Action:

Check your system environment to see if INFORMIXDIR is defined. Also, verify that the path is valid.

A backup job returned the error (128)

Invalid object name to handle

Reason:

The agent cannot process the Informix object.

Action:

Verify that you are using CA ARCserve Backup. If necessary, generate a trace log and contact Customer Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A backup job returned the error (129)

Cannot get session ID and tape ID from the client

Reason:

The agent cannot process the Informix object.

Action:

Verify you are using CA ARCserve Backup. If necessary, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A backup or restore job returned the error (130)

Cannot write to XBSA named pipe

Reason:

The agent cannot communicate with the XBSA ON-Bar component.

Action:

Check the BAR_INFORMIX SERVER.LOG to see if ON-Bar generated an error message.

If necessary, check the XBSA.LOG. Reschedule the job. If the problem persists, contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A backup job returned the error (131)

Cannot handle the tape ID information

Reason:

The agent cannot process the job.

Action:

Verify you are using CA ARCserve Backup. If necessary, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A backup job returned the error (132)

Cannot logon as the user requested

Reason:

The agent cannot log on using the information provided by the user.

Action:

Check the current CA ARCserve Backup user, Windows user, and agent user privileges. You can modify user information on your job submission.

A backup job returned the error (133)

Cannot impersonate to the user

Reason:

The agent cannot impersonate the Informix user.

Action:

Check the current Windows and CA ARCserve Backup user privileges to determine if you can impersonate to the Informix user. If not, you have no authority to submit a backup job. Otherwise, provide all the security information on your job submission and reschedule the job.

A backup job returned the error (134)

Cannot find proper Informix environment. Please check Informix Server

Reason:

The agent failed to retrieve the Informix environment. The agent requires the same environment as the Informix superuser.

Action:

Open a command prompt and check the current user's environment using the DOS "set" command. If information about INFORMIXDIR, PATH, USERNAME, or INFORMIXSERVER is absent or incorrect, update the information using the Informix utility "setnet32" and the Windows System utility (in Control Panel).

A backup job returned the error (135)

Informix user name is invalid

Reason:

The agent cannot connect to the Informix server using the user name and password provided from CA ARCserve Backup.

Action:

Verify that you provided the proper Informix user name and password when submitting the job. Typically, Informix backup or restore jobs require a user called informix.

A backup job returned the error (136)

Error: no backup/restore option is set

Reason:

Backup and restore options, needed by the agent to execute the process, were not sent from CA ARCserve Backup.

Action:

In CA ARCserve Backup, right-click the Informix server. Provide detailed backup or restore options before submitting your job.

A backup job returned the error (137)

Cannot get dbspace names from Informix Server

Reason:

The agent is unable to receive all the dbspace names from the Informix server.

Action:

Verify your Informix server is online.

Open a command prompt and check the current user's environment using the DOS "set" command. (See the solution for error message 134.)

A backup job returned the error (138)

Cannot get file names from Informix Server

Reason:

The agent is unable to receive dbspace file names from the Informix server.

Action:

See the solution for error message 137.

A backup job returned the error (139)

Cannot get dbspace size information from Informix Server

Reason:

The agent is unable to receive dbspace size from the Informix server.

Action:

See the solution for error message 137.

A backup job returned the error (140)

Cannot get log information from Informix Server

Reason:

The agent is unable to receive logical log information from the Informix server.

Action:

See the solution for error message 137.

A backup job returned the error (141)

Cannot get current domain name

Reason:

The agent cannot get the local domain name.

Action:

Verify your machine has its own domain. If the problem continues, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A restore job returned the error (142)

Informix is online. Cannot submit full/rootdbs restore job

Reason:

The Informix server level restore and rootdbs restore requires the Informix server to be offline.

Action:

Shut down your Informix server and resubmit the job.

A restore job returned the error (143)

No restore option is set. Please set proper restore option on Restore Manager. And make sure to use Tree View from the Restore Manager when you submit a job

Reason:

The agent expects to receive restore options but no options are set.

Action:

Resubmit the restore job after setting the DBAgent option in the CA ARCserve Backup Restore Manager.

A backup or restore job returned the error (144)

Invalid Job Type

Reason:

The agent cannot interpret the job type.

Action:

Verify you are using CA ARCserve Backup. If necessary, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A restore job returned the error (145)

Cannot restore any specific Informix log. Logs will be automatically restored when you do logical restore on Informix Server level

Reason:

The agent does not let the user submit the #LOGFILE# object with the ON-Bar restore command.

Action:

Informix logs are restored, if necessary, during the Informix logical restore. To specify an additional logical restore, choose the Informix server and select the Logical Restore Only option for your restore job.

A restore job returned the error (146)

Cannot log on to Windows as User Informix

Reason:

The agent failed to log on to the Windows machine with the user name provided.

Action:

Verify you have correctly entered your Windows Informix user name and password.

A restore job returned the error (147)

Restore option from CA ARCserve Backup is invalid

Reason:

The agent cannot process the restore option you selected in CA ARCserve Backup.

Action:

Check your restore option before submitting jobs.

A backup job returned the error (148)

Cannot submit log backup job with salvage log option. Informix Server should be in offline mode

Reason:

The agent detected that Informix is online. Log salvage must be done while the Informix server is offline.

Action:

Shut down your Informix server and resubmit the job.

A backup or restore job returned the error (149)

Informix Server returned error. Connection failed

Reason:

The agent failed to connect with the Informix server.

Action:

Check the client connection environment of your Informix server. If the error persists, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A restore job returned the error (150)

Cannot create thread

Reason:

The agent failed to create a thread.

Action:

Generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A restore job returned the error (151)

Cannot connect to Informix Server

Reason:

The agent failed to connect with the Informix server.

Action:

Check the client connection environment of your Informix server. If the error persists, generate a trace log and contact Technical Support at <http://ca.com/support>.

A restore job returned the error (152)

Informix Server error. Check Informix log for detail information

Reason:

The agent received an Informix error during its operation.

Action:

Check the BAR_INFORMIX SERVER.LOG to fix the problem.

A restore job returned the error (154)

Cannot get logical log space information

Reason:

The agent was unable to receive the logical log size information.

Action:

Check the BAR_INFORMIX SERVER.LOG to fix the problem.

A backup job returned the error (160)

Cannot submit backup job. Informix Server should be in Online mode

Reason:

The agent was unable to connect with the Informix server for the backup job.

Action:

Load the Informix server or back up your Informix files as regular files.

A restore job returned the error (164)

**Previous onbar job was not successful or another job is going on.
Please check BAR_<INFORMIX SERVER>.log. If the ON-Bar job was
not successful before, you should run STOPXBSA.EXE <INFORMIX
SERVER> or kill the ON-Bar before submitting another ON-Bar job. If
there is another ON-Bar job, you should wait until it is finished**

Reason:

The message is self-explanatory.

Action:

Follow the instructions in the message.

A restore job returned the error (165)

**Restore job has failed due to expiration of named pipe wait time.
Please make sure your restore job had not been submitted from
dbabatch (onbar)**

Reason:

The agent handles two kinds of restore jobs; one from CA ARCserve Backup (user) and another from dbabatch (ON-Bar). Users cannot reschedule dbabatch jobs, even though they appear in the CA ARCserve Backup job queue.

Action:

Use the CA ARCserve Backup Restore Manager to submit a new restore job.

Check if any previous ON-Bar jobs have stopped responding.

A backup job returned the error (166)

**Backup job has failed due to expiration of named pipe wait time.
Please make sure your original backup job had not been created by
dbabatch (onbar)**

Reason:

The agent handles two kinds of backup jobs; one from CA ARCserve Backup (user) and another from dbabatch (ON-Bar). Users cannot reschedule dbabatch jobs, even though they appear in the CA ARCserve Backup job queue.

Action:

Use the CA ARCserve Backup Manager to submit your backup job.

Check if any previous ON-Bar jobs have stopped responding.

A backup job returned the error (167)

Cannot submit log backup job when Informix Server is down. Use salvage logs option in this case

Reason:

The agent detected that the Informix server is offline during the logical log backup.

Action:

Select the Salvage Log and then submit the backup job.

A backup job returned the error (168)

Cannot handle Tape Name (*). Please choose a proper media from Backup Manager

Reason:

The agent needs a specific media name for Informix backup. The wild card character provided by the current job is not acceptable.

Action:

Select your backup media and submit the backup job again.

A restore job returned the error (169)

Cannot submit point-in-time restore with dbspace name. Point-in-time restore works only with Physical Logical or Physical Only on Informix Server level

Reason:

The message is self-explanatory.

Action:

Select the Physical & Logical or Physical Only restore option. You should restore the entire Informix server, not specific tablespaces or blobspaces, using this option.

A restore job returned the error (170)

**Cannot submit Logical Point-in-time Restore Job with dbspace name.
Point-in-time Restore works only with Physical & Logical or Physical
Only on Informix Server level**

Reason:

The message is self-explanatory.

Action:

Select the Physical & Logical or Physical Only option for your restore job. You should restore the entire Informix server, not specific tablespaces or blobspaces, using this option.

A restore job returned the error (171)

**Cannot submit Logical Point-in-time Restore Job on Informix Server
level. Point-in-time Restore option works only with Physical & Logical
or Physical only on Informix Server level**

Reason:

The logical-only and Point-in-time restore options cannot be chosen together.

Action:

Select the Physical & Logical or Physical Only option for your restore job. You should restore the entire Informix server, not specific tablespaces or blobspaces, using this option.

To restore the logical log, do not select the point-in-time option for your restore job.

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