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Symptom

The SBM fails to start. Log entries show the service stopping, but does not show a reason why.

Example monitor.log output:

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STATUS | monitor | 2017/06/21 09:00:00 | Launching a Service...
ERROR | monitor | 2017/06/21 09:00:00 | Service exited while loading the application.
STATUS | monitor | 2017/06/21 09:00:00 | Service Restarts disabled. Shutting down.
STATUS | monitor | 2017/06/21 09:00:00 | <-- Monitor Stopped
```

Cause

Kernel-side fixes to resolve the StackGuard vulnerability, included a change to increase the stack guard gap size from one page to 1 MiB. On an SBM, this caused Java to fail to allocate memory from the same (already allocated) space, and segfault as a result.

Resolution

Our workaround is to increase the stack size to 2048k, to allow Java to allocate the appropriate amount of memory to operate the SBM.

-Open our server.conf file using your preferred text editor:
`/usr/sbin/r1soft/conf/server.conf`

-Locate the last "additional.X" line, and add a new line, incrementing the last number by 1.
For example, if your last active line is:
`additional.18=-XX:ReservedCodeCacheSize=1024m`
You would need to add the following:
`additional.19=-Xss2048k`

-Save the file

-Restart the SBM
`# service cdp-server restart`

