

zEnterprise Platform Performance Management: Overview

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Agenda

- Platform Management Objectives
- Workload based monitoring
- Management functions



Platform Performance Management Objectives



zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager

Ensemble:

- A zEnterprise Ensemble is a collection of zEnterprise Nodes managed as a single virtualized pool of server resources
 - Native LPAR and z/VM Virtual Images
 - Power VM Virtual images
 - IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer for DB2
- A zEnterprise Node can be a member of at most one Ensemble

zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager

- HMC is management console
- Ensemble-Wide scope of responsibility
- Hardware configuration and operational control
- Virtual server life cycle management
- Virtual network and storage provisioning
- Energy Management
- Goal-oriented performance management





zEnterprise Platform Performance Manager

- Platform management component responsible for goal-oriented resource monitoring, management, and reporting across the zEnterprise Ensemble
 - Core component responsible for definition and implementation of goal-oriented management policy
 - Workload monitoring and reporting based on management policy
 - Common approach to monitoring / management of platform resources across zEnterprise
 - Extend goal oriented approach of z/OS WLM to platform managed resources
 - Orchestration of autonomic management of resources across virtual servers
 - Provide Intelligent Resource Director like function across the zEnterprise
 - Management function will evolve over time
 - Pushes management directives to the SE, Hypervisors, and OS agents as required across the zEnterprise
- Integration of HMC console support
 - Integrated UI for monitoring, display of workload topology relationships, status alerts, etc
 - Definition of Performance Management Goals and Policy Administration
- Functionality integrated into the Unified Resource Manager
 - Code structured and packaged as System Z firmware
 - Inter-Component communication over trusted internal platform management network

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Platform Workload

- A Platform Workload is a grouping mechanism and "management view" of virtual servers supporting a business application
- Provides the context within which associated platform resources are presented, monitored, reported, and managed
- Management policies are associated to Platform Workload
 - Currently supports
 Performance Policy



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Workload Performance Policy

- Defines performance goals for virtual servers in a workload
 - Conceptually similar to simplified z/OS WLM Policy
- Provides basis for monitoring and management of platform resources used by virtual servers in a Workload
- Workload to performance policy relationship:
 - A Workload can have multiple performance policies associated with it

- Single policy is active at a given time
- Can dynamically change the policy that is active
 - Through the UI
 - Through a timed based schedule
 - Example: Day shift policy / night shift policy

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Workload Performance Policy...

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Policy structure:

- Policy contains a set of service classes
- Classification rules map each virtual server within the workload to a service class
- A service class assigns a performance goal and importance
- HMC as console for policy creation and editing
 - Wizard for policy creation
 - Repository for policies under development and saved policies
 - Links to Workload based performance reporting



Workload Monitoring

Workload Based Monitoring and Reporting

- Provide reporting capability that shows usage of platform resources in a Workload context within a zEnterprise Ensemble scope
 - Across virtual servers / partitions supporting the Workload
- Workload goal vs actual reporting
- Drill down from overall Workload "performance health" view to contributions of individual virtual server
- Graphical views
 - Topology, trending graphs, etc
- Links to system activity displays to show hardware utilization views
- Reporting is limited to platform level resources, not trying to replicate tools that report on intra-OS resources and performance



Workload Monitoring Overview

- Provide monitoring on the HMC based on a Workload context
- Display of current data and fairly recent history
 - Current stake in the ground is 36 hours of history
 - Interval of data displayed is user selectable
 - Granularity of data kept in repository changes over time
 - 1 minute granularity kept for most recent hour
 - 15 minute interval data kept after first hour

Workload Report

- Display high level view of "performance health" of each Workload
- Indication if a Workload contains service class missing goals
- Worst performing service class / performance index
- Details of specific Workloads
 - Graph of PI of worst performing service class
 - Option to graph other service classes
 - Bar graph of virtual server utilization distribution
 - Visualize view of workload overall load
- Drill down to Workload's service class report











Workload Monitoring Overview...

Service Class Report

- High-level view of each service class in Workload's performance policy
 - Goal and importance
 - Actual performance
 - Indication if monitoring event is established for service class and event is triggered
 - Service class details
 - Graph of service class performance index
 - Drill down to virtual server report for Workload

Event Monitoring

- Initial support:
 - Leverage HMC event monitoring
 - Send e-mail when selected metrics reach threshold
 - Service Class PI threshold
 - Virtual Server CPU Utilization threshold









Workload Monitoring Overview...

Workload virtual server report

- List of virtual servers in a service class
 - Virtual server velocity
 - Resource usage
 - Physical CPU utilization
 - OS view of CPU utilization
 - Physical memory used
 - Hypervisor delay percentage

Resource adjustment report

- Resource adjustment actions taken over report interval

Transaction topology and hops report

- Topology of virtual servers
- Transactions hops report





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Management Functions



Managing Resources across Virtual Servers on P7 blade



Manage resources across virtual servers to achieve workload goals

- Detect that a virtual server is part of Workload not achieving goals
- Determine that the virtual server performance can be improved with additional resources
- Project impact on all effected Workloads of moving resources to virtual server
- If good trade-off based on policy, redistribute resources
- Initially support CPU management



Managing Resources across z/VM Virtual Machines



Manage resources across z/VM virtual machines

- Detect that a virtual machine that is part of Workload is not achieving goals
- Determine that the virtual machine performance can be improved with additional resources
- Project impact on all effected Workloads of moving resources to virtual machine
- If good trade-off based on policy, redistribute resources
- Initially support CPU management



Platform Performance Manager Summary

- Extend z/OS goal oriented workload management concepts across zEnterprise mixed processors environment
- Integrated function of zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager firmware
- Workload based goal oriented policy definition
- Monitoring and reporting in context of Workload and associated performance policy
- Goal oriented resource management

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