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DB2 Performance Tuning: Where do we start?

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The politics of performance

- The data base administrator role
- Management expectations
- DBA expectations
- Performance Tuning Playbooks
 - DB2 for z/OS
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The data base administrator role



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- Protection of the company's data assets
- Availability of the company's data assets
- Fast delivery of the company's data assets
- Provide analysis on problems as required

Protection, Availability, and Speed are the goals.



Performance aspect – logging/recoverability



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Protection of the company's data assets

- Adequate backup and recovery
- Retention of logging media
- Ensuring adequate storage and retention of logs and backups

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• Performing disaster recovery scenarios





Performance aspect – application and SQL, maintenance



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Availability of the company's data assets

- Reviewing data paths into and out of the DBMS
 - Efficiency
 - Connections
 - Minimal server "hops"
 - Outage prevention
- Routine maintenance (data growth)

- Maintenance
- Manage for growth
- Data archival/purges

- Application usage
 - (OLTP vs Batch vs BI)
- SQL coding



Performance aspect – SLA/SLO



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Fast delivery of the company's data assets

- Creation of and meeting service level objectives
- Access paths and access strategies
- Ensure the data is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible

- Performance data collection
- Measurable SLA/SLOs
- Object placement and I/O



Management's expectation & perspective

- Ability to look at the overall environment
- Make projections on the growth
- Plan for any future projects

Motivation: To rein in spending and control costs

To an I.T manager perspective:

- Making a pretty good estimate on how much the overall environment will grow
- Resolve outstanding issues that would enable postponing upgrades
- Not being blindsided by an issue not caught by the database administration staff







Data base administrator's perspective

- Faster mean time to problem resolution
- Get to the problem faster than having the users complain to his manager

Motivation: To not be blindsided by a problem

To a DBA this translates to:

- Monitoring by rules
- Responding quickly to the problems when they happen
- Planning for that next growth issue



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A few words on performance "politics"



- Usually do not happen when applications are...
 - Unit tested
 - System tested or shakedown tested
 - Integration tested
- But when they happen, DBAs ask...
 - Is this a one-off situation?
 - Or is this a new "steady state"?
 - New workload
 - Existing work changes
 - DBA misstep

The DBA "unwritten" Code

(1) To minimize problem phone calls

- (2) To make the on-call rotation a non-item task
- (3) To never receive the problem from your boss



A few words on performance "myths"



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- "... If we tune the environment, we can reduce MIPS being used by the application..."
- "...Performance tuning is easily resolved by finding the spikes and correcting for those spikes..."
- "...We're getting performance problems in _____. We did not change anything..."

Better approach:

- Tune the application
- Put the "spikes" in context
 - New app(s)?
 - Change in app(s)?
 - Change in environment?
 - Continued growth?
- Consistent measurement How do you know there is poor performance?



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System-level vs. Local: Symptoms & Causes



- Performance problems come in two main flavors
 - Localized, impacting a subset of statements or applications
 - Broad-scope, impacting the entire system
- Many individual problems can combine to create a system-level symptom!



Usage and Growth



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Organic New/changed application Capacity Capacity **Observed** behavior Capacity limits or SLA Time Time Spikes Occasional Capacity Capacity Time SH Time



New application on a new subsystem:

- zParm settings
- Above/below the line memory allocations
- WLM settings for service class pertaining to DB2
- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Locking behavior



Sidebar: Why 5 SQL statements?



- Jeffy's rule of "10"
 - Most I/O is caused by no more than 10 tables/indexes
 - No more than 10% of all I/O data show high usage sync activity
 - Most applications have a top 10 list of poor performing SQL
- Of the top 10 poor performing SQL...
 - There are 2 to 3 versions running concurrently
 - Therefore, average of 5 SQL statements



New application on an existing subsystem hosting applications:

- Activity in the buffer pools and I/O
- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Locking behavior
- Capacity like tablespace growth





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Change to an existing application:

- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Locking behavior
- Activity on the subsystem



No perceptible change whatsoever (application and environment)

- Organic growth
- Something unexpected is running

How did "you" hear about the problem?

- Tool showed problem
- Identified by an end-user or application programmer

What should be researched?

- Check for something unexpected additional (Heavy utilities running)
- SQL to find the long running queries, then
- RUNSTATS on tables identified in the long running queries
- Followed by a health check across-theboard
- Trend analysis and capacity planning like table space growth



New application on a new wide open DBMS server

- Inappropriate instance/database level/DB2 WLM settings
- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Locking behavior due to application concurrency





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New application on an existing DBMS server

- Activity on the server
- Instance/database level settings
- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Locking behavior





Changed application

- SQL
 - If less than 5 SQLs running slow, tune the SQL
 - If more than 5 SQLs running slow, look at the I/O and bufferpool
- Instance/database level settings
- Locking behavior
- Activity on the server







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Performance tuning playbooks DB2 for LUW

No perceptible change whatsoever (application and environment)

- Organic growth
- Something unexpected encountered

What should be researched?

- SQL long running queries •
- **RUNSTATS** on tables identified in the long running queries
- Something unexpected
- Trend analysis and capacity planning •



A Thoughtful, Enlightened Strategy

Structured, methodical, closed-loop approach

- Be prepared! Understand how the system works when things are well
- Look at high-level performance symptoms with tooling
 - Optim Performance Manager
 - Omegamon XE
 - lostat / db2look
 - Resource Management Facility
 - Other tools
- "Divide and conquer" the problem
 - What causes do the symptoms indicate?
 - What do they rule out?
- Make one or more hypotheses
- Important: change one thing at a time!



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DB2 biggest performance issues



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Underestimating the effects of ...

- the DB2 setup
- the I/O (DB2 for z/OS)
- poorly written SQL
- the workload





DB2 setup - Buffer pool strategy



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• All I/O is buffered, no direct reads

- DB2 does many operations autonomously (Predictable)
- Unexpected things in the buffer pool (Unpredictable)
- DB2 has to "drop what it is doing" to perform a read
- Contention
 - Buffer pool too small
 - Competition within the pool
 - Threshold settings not reflective of usage

DB2 9 for z/OS: Buffer Pool Monitoring and Tuning

http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4604.html



DB2 setup - Connections



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Know thy traffic

- Application traffic
- Server-to-server traffic and latency
- Workload and usage
- Contention
 - Number of hops
 - Latency
 - Number of connections
 - Settings not reflective of usage



Underestimating the I/O – High usage objects/Logical Control Unit

- Highly used DB2 objects
 - Table spaces
 - Index spaces
- Highly used disk controllers
- Combination of both

DB2 9 for z/OS and Storage Management (SG24-7823-00) http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247823.html?Open





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Bottlenecks due to bad placement of DB2 objects on DASD



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Consider this example





Slow conditions in online

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- One particular BI query
- · BP hit ratios may show low hit ratio and altering
- Just started happening

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Poorly written SQL and the workload



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- Dynamic SQL challenge
- Need to find the "bad" SQL
- How do you know the "good" SQL from the "bad" SQL
- Situation of execution
 - One-off inconsistent
 - Same time / same day-of-week but different day
 - Did it just start happening without change
- Dynamic SQL Finding the application





Sequence to the Hunt for Bad SQL



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Capturing the SQL^{*}

- On-line monitors
- If that doesn't work, set a trace
- Analyzing/Tuning the SQL
- Getting the SQL changed
 - Hopefully there is a feedback/code review process
 - Regression test "sandbox"

Omegamon XE or equivalent

Scanning the dynamic statement cache:

- Data Studio Standalone
- Optim Query Tuner
- Query Workload Tuner

Optim Query Tuner for DB2 for z/OS or equivalent

Data Studio Standalone:

- Query formatter
- Access plan graph
- Statistics advisor

Optim Performance Manager

pureQuery

• Static binding plus WLM





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You have the SQL, now what?

- 1. Minimize I/O
 - Find in the buffer pool
- 2. Minimize synchronous activity
 - Have DB2 predictably prefetch into the buffer pool
- 3. Combine SQL operations to minimize CPU instructions
 - Find an SQL guru
 - Use tooling
 - OQT Tune SQL pre-production while costs and impact are low
 - OQWT Optimize workload for peak performance



Tooling in Performance Management



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DB2 for z/OS

OMEGAMON XE DB2 Performance Expert OMEGAMON XE DB2 Performance Monitor DB2 Buffer Pool Analyzer Optim Query [Workload] Tuner DB2 Query Monitor DB2 Performance Toolkit SAP Edition

DB2 for LUW

Optim Performance Manager Optim Query Tuner

IBM Optim Performance Manager for DB2 for Linux, UNIX, and Windows http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/sg247925.html?Open



Optim Performance Manager *DB2 for LUW*



Optim Performance Manager Dashboard *DB2 for LUW*

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transactions:

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Maximum CPU

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Package cache hit

Log space used:

Log write rate:

Log read for

recovery:

Maximum elapsed

statements:

Critical

ratio:

ratio:

workloads:

fetched row:

Failing

connections:

Active

Open





System OPM Overview dashboard

- Key-performance-indicators (KPIs) will tell you what's going on
- Alerts for critical areas will tell you immediately if something is critical and needs further attention
- Detailed dashboards for each of the areas will let you then isolate and analyze a problem
- Historical information lets you go back in time and see how a problem arose, or if problems occurred in the past



DB2 Developer Workbench vs. Data Studio DB2 for z/OS and LUW



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IBM Data Studio V2.2 IBM DB2 Developer Workbench V9.1 SQL Query Editor Integrated Query Editor – SQL + XQuery SQLJ Editor SQLJ Editor SQL Builder SQL Builder XQuery Builder XQuery Builder SQL Routine Debugger SQL Routine Debugger Java Routine Debugger Java Routine Debugger XML Editor XML Editor XML Schema Editor XML Schema Editor Data Management Data Management Visual Explain Visual Explain Project Management Project Management Data Studio is a full replacement of ER Diagramming DB2 Developer Workbench Data Distribution Viewer Object Management plus much more Browse & Update Statistics Security Access Control Connection Management integration with Kerberos and LDAP • DB2 for Linux, Unix, Windows v8.x, v9.x Data Web Services • DB2 for z/OS v7, v8, v9 IDS Server Support • DB2 for i5/OS v5r2, v5r3, v5r4 Informix Dynamic Server (IDS) v9.x, v10.x, v11



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Data Studio V2.2 DB2 for z/OS and LUW



Other tooling DB2 for z/OS high usage objects & LCU issues



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Methods

- RMF I/O activity by VOLSER reports
- SMF type 42 records (SMS: subtype 6)
- Observation: There are, on average, 10 tables accessed exponentially above all other tables

SMF Type 42 Parser for zOS

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/files/ app?lang=en#/person/100000P902/file/b72b69d9-9ca6-4cdc-bd58-074f3286d0e2



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Performance Touch Points with DB2 for z/OS

DB2 Installation

- SMFACCT=(1,2,3) and SMFSTAT=(1,3,4)
- Log sizes dual for onsite/offsite

DB2 Usage

- Table spaces sized for manageability
- Buffer pool strategy
- Understand the usage for any new feature
 - PGFIX
 - Use sliding scale if not constrained by DASD

z/OS

- SMF Records
 - Use appropriate interval
 - Type 100:102
 - Type 42
 - Need type 30 records with intervals





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Performance Touch Points with DB2 for z/OS

Tooling

- Omegamon XE for DB2 or equivalent
- DB2PE or equivalent
- Data Studio (OSC replacement)
- Optim Query Tuner
- Optim Workload Query Tuner

Optional Tooling

- RMF or equivalent
 - RMF Spreadsheet Reporter
- Optim Performance Manager (DB2 for LUW on zLinux)





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Performance Touch Points with DB2 for z/OS – Links to tools



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IBM Data Studio and pureQuery

http://www-01.ibm.com/software/data/optim/

DB2 Accessories Suite for z/OS

http://www-01.ibm.com/software/data/db2imstools/db2tools/accessories-suite/

SMF Type 42 Parser for z/OS

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/files/app?lang=en#/person/100 000P902/file/b72b69d9-9ca6-4cdc-bd58-074f3286d0e2

IBM Tivoli Monitoring zOMEGAMON and Related Products Best Practices Informational links

http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/download/attachments/141165182/Best+Prac tices+Links.pdf?version=1



Performance Touch Points with DB2 for z/OS - Training

- CV960 DB2 9 for z/OS Application Performance and Tuning
- CV950 DB2 9 for z/OS System
 Performance Analysis and Tuning
- ES545 Basic z/OS Tuning Using the Workload Manager (WLM)



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In Summary

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- It is possible to performance tune ad infinitum, ad nauseam...Don't!
- Tune to the level of what you, your end-users, and the company can live with
- Meet your service level agreements and service level objectives
- Remember these 3 guidelines:
 - Bottlenecks can be either Memory, I/O, or Processor but in most cases it is a combination of factors
 - The limit of any machine is ultimately a bottleneck by definition
 - Workload and performance management is the art of juggling what you can live with



Additional sessions on performance



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Two for One: Optim Solutions Update and Optimizing DB2 for z/OS Query Performance

Friday, March 4, 2011: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Room 201A (Anaheim Convention Center) Speaker: Bryan Smith (IBM Corporation)

DB2 Statistics and Data Studio

Wednesday, March 2, 2011: 9:30 AM-10:30 AM Room 211B (Anaheim Convention Center) Speaker: Bryan Smith (IBM Corporation)

pureQuery

Thursday, March 3, 2011: 6:00 PM-7:00 PM Room 211A (Anaheim Convention Center) Speaker: Bryan Smith (IBM Corporation)

DB2 10 performance topics

Tuesday, March 1, 2011: 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Room 211A (Anaheim Convention Center) Speaker: Roger Miller (IBM Corporation)

z/OS Performance Monitoring Tools Shoot-Out: ASG, BMC, CA, Rocket

Tuesday, March 1, 2011: 9:30 AM-10:30 AM Room 201B (Anaheim Convention Center)









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Reference Slides



The data base administrator - Job description



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Protection, Availability, and Speed are the goals.

• Protection of the company's data assets

- Adequate backup and recovery
- Retention of logging media
- Ensuring adequate storage and retention of logs and backups
- Performing disaster recovery scenarios
- Making sure any recovery performed is done efficiently with little data loss and little outage
- · Jealous data protection and being involved with any change in the system

• Availability of the company's data assets on an as-required basis

- Ensuring the correct security roles and responsibilities are delivered to the correct organizations
- Reviewing that all required paths into and out of the DBMS are efficient with such things as connections, minimal server "hops", prevention of any outage (including failover of a server in the chain)
- Making sure all software is up-to-date
- Performing proactive routine maintenance including REORGS, RUNSTATS, space usage (organic growth), and review of DBMS usage for memory and I/O

Fast delivery of the company's data assets to those authorized

- Involvement with creation of and meeting service level objectives
- Reviewing (and creating) table, view, access paths and access strategies with application personal
- Ensure that the DBMS, the DBMS servers, and the data is delivered as quickly and efficiently as possible

Provide analysis on problems as required



DB2 for z/OS Buffer Pool Recommendations



- A buffer pool strategy should...
 - Separate, at a minimum, by tablespaces and indexes
 - Separate highly accessed tablespaces and indexes from the less active tablespaces and indexes
 - Separate by random (online, OLTP) versus sequential access
 - Separate by size
- A good subsystem buffer pool strategy should...
 - Put work tablespaces into their own pool
 - Put temporary tablespaces into their own pool
 - DB2 Catalog into their own pool

DB2 9 for z/OS: Buffer Pool Monitoring and Tuning

http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/abstracts/redp4604.html



Recommended DB2 buffer pool Strategy



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BP0 – DB2 Catalog

BP1 – Small-sized Reference Tablespaces

- BP2 Small-sized Reference Indexspaces
- BP3 to BP6, BP8 to BP9 expansion/isolation for performance

bottlenecks in BP1 and BP2

BP7 – Sort DSNDB07

BP10 to BP19 – Tablespace buffer pools

- BP10 Medium-sized Sequential Access
- **BP11 Medium-sized Random Access**
- **BP12 Large-sized Sequential Access**
- BP13 Large-sized Random Access
- BP14 to BP19 expansion/isolation for performance

bottlenecks

BP20 to BP29 – Indexspace buffer pools

- BP20 Medium-sized Sequential Access
- **BP21 Medium-sized Random Access**
- **BP22 Large-sized Sequential Access**
- BP23 Large-sized Random Access
- BP24 to BP29 expansion/isolation for performance bottlenecks



Spike analysis technique



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- Look for the spikes in anything and do cross-comparisons
- Adjust one setting at a time to correct
 - SQL spike: Correct (tune) SQL and cross collaborate with table activity
 - I/O spike:

Review type of activity, cross collaborate with bufferpool and SQL activity

• Bufferpool spike:

Review type of spike, cross collaborate with I/O and SQL activity

- Memory spike: Review reasons (DB2 for LUW - STMM?), cross compare with bufferpool, I/O and SQL activity
- Locking issues:

Review application for commit behavior, tune SQL, change config parameters.

