

The Dark Side of Monitoring MQ – SMF 115 and 116 record reading and interpretation

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Session Agenda

- Shameless Laziness
- Introduce the native audit capabilities of WMQ
- Discuss real-time monitoring of WMQ for z/OS
- Finally, an introduction to the dark arts – a quick view into SMF115 and 116
- Final shameless plug

Shameless Laziness



- This session is light on Auditing and Monitoring because
 - There was already a session (Monday at 3) covering Auditing and Monitoring
- This session immediately follows lunch
 - The presenter is not responsible for injuries that occur:
 - When you start to snore and the person beside you hits you
 - Your head hits the table
 - Or anything else for that matter



WMQ for z/OS and Auditing



- System Management Auditing needs
 - New Objects
 - Changed Objects
 - Updated Objects



WMQ for z/OS and Auditing - Notes



- WMQ V7 introduced command and configuration events for all platforms
- Enabled at the queue manager level



Enabling configuration Events



- Use the DISPLAY QMGR command to show the current configuration event setting
- If the display indicates disabled
- Use the ALTER QMGR command to set configuration events on

```
System Command Extension
Type or complete typing a system command, then press Enter.

===> qml1 dis qmgr configev
===> █
```

```
RESPONSE=MPX1
CSQM2011 QML1 CSQMDRTC  DIS QMGR DETAILS
QMNAME(QML1)
CONFIGEV(DISABLED)
END QMGR DETAILS
CSQ9022I QML1 CSQMDRTC  ' DIS QMGR ' NORMAL COMPLETION
```

```
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===> QML1 alter QMGR CONFIGEV(enabled) █
===>
```



Configuration Events

- Once config events are enabled
 - Changes to the objects are recorded
 - On z/OS the messages will typically be persistent

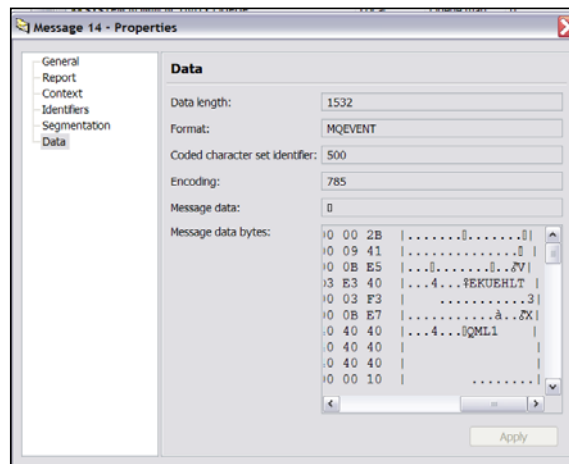
Queues

Filter: ADMIN

Queue name	Queue type	QSG dispos...	Open input count	Open outp...	Current queue depth
SYSTEM.ADMIN.ACTIVITY.QUEUE	Local	Queue man...	0	0	0
SYSTEM.ADMIN.CHANNEL.EVENT	Local	Queue man...	0	0	0
SYSTEM.ADMIN.COMMAND.EVENT	Local	Queue man...	0	0	0
SYSTEM.ADMIN.COMMAND.QUEUE	Alias	Queue man...			
SYSTEM.ADMIN.CONFIG.EVENT	Local	Queue man...	0	0	14
SYSTEM.ADMIN.PERFM.EVENT	Local	Queue man...	0	0	0
SYSTEM.ADMIN.QMGR.EVENT	Local	Queue man...	0	0	1
SYSTEM.ADMIN.TRACE.ROUTE.QUEUE	Local	Queue man...	0	0	0

Configuration Events

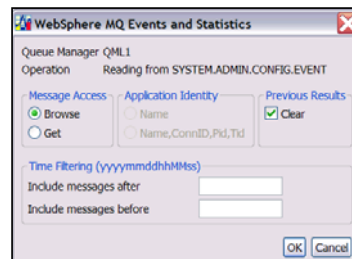
- Messages not 'human readable'



Configuration Events



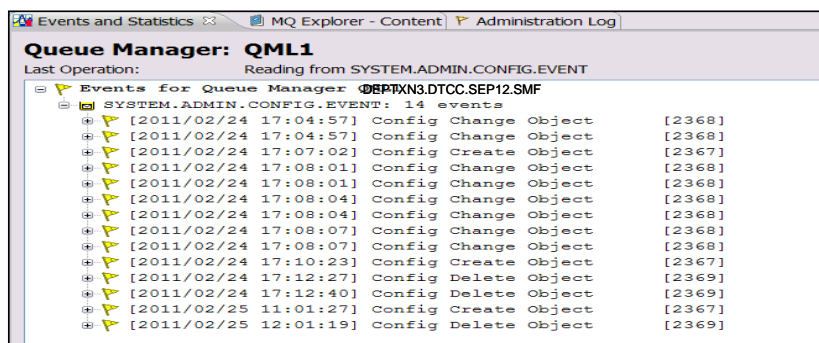
- They can easily be displayed using MSOP Plug-In
 - Right click on the queue name and select 'Format Event messages
 - Events and Statistics selection panel is used to select the messages to be formatted



Configuration Events



- The event messages are configured and can be examined to see the changes that have been made



Configuration Events - Notes

- Note that change messages are in pairs, showing the before and after image. Creation and deletion are single messages.

Events and Statistics | MQ Explorer - Content | Administration Log

Queue Manager: QML1
Last Operation: Reading from SYSTEM.ADMIN.CONFIG.EVENT

Events for Queue Manager QML1: 14 events

Timestamp	Event Type	Object	Message ID
[2011/02/24 17:04:57]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:04:57]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:07:02]	Config Create Object		[2367]
[2011/02/24 17:08:01]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:08:01]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:08:04]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:08:04]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:08:07]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:08:07]	Config Change Object		[2368]
[2011/02/24 17:10:23]	Config Create Object		[2367]
[2011/02/24 17:12:27]	Config Delete Object		[2369]
[2011/02/24 17:12:40]	Config Delete Object		[2369]
[2011/02/25 11:01:27]	Config Create Object		[2367]
[2011/02/25 12:01:19]	Config Delete Object		[2369]



Configuration Events Before and After

Event Type	Event User Id	Event Origin	Event Queue Manager	Event Accounting Token	Event Appl Identity	Event Appl Type	Event Appl Name	Event Appl Origin	Object Type	Queue Name	Queue Desc	Backout Req Queue Name
Config Change Object	ELKINSCT	Msg	QML1	1a0fd8d4d3f1c3c8c9d5f1f4c6c6f7c1c6f3		Java	WebSphere MQ Client for Java		Queue	SYSTEM.ADMIN.LYNTEST		
Config Change Object	ELKINSCT	Msg	QML1	1a0fd8d4d3f1c3c8c9d5f1f4c6c6f7c1c6f3		Java	WebSphere MQ Client for Java		Queue	SYSTEM.ADMIN.LYNTEST	Adding random information	



Auditing Configuration Changes

- MSOP is a good place to start
 - Gives you a quick look into changes that have been made
 - Without user action, the configuration events may be lost
- Turn monitoring on the configuration events file
 - If objects change unexpectedly, someone can be notified immediately
- To keep an audit trail
 - Write the event messages to a file
 - Create reports

Real Time Monitoring

- What are you watching today?
 - No one source gives you a complete picture of a queue manager's use and health
 - No one source gives you all the information you may need for problem determination
- How are you watching WMQ?
- Who is watching WMQ?

Real Time Monitoring



- What are you watching today?
 - Channel status
 - Queue depth
 - Queue usage
 - Queue manager and chinit status
- But are you watching?
 - Queue manager storage usage

```
CSQY220I QML1 Queue manager is using 627 MB of local  
storage, 1105 MB are free
```

- RBA of your logs



Real Time Monitoring



- But are you watching?
 - Long running UOWs
 - Log shunting
 - CSQR026I: Long-running UOW shunted to RBA=rba,
URID=urid connection name=name
 - CSQR027I: Long-running UOW shunting failed, URID=urid
connection name=name
- Amount of time messages are on the queues?



Real Time Monitoring



- How are you watching?
 - Automated monitoring tools
 - Tivoli, BMC, RYO, etc.
 - IEBEYEBALL
- Who is watching WMQ?
 - Developers
 - Application owners
 - System administrators
 - Execs?



Real Time Monitoring - Notes



- Some monitoring 'war stories'
 - Perpetual enter key compulsion when doing stress periods
 - We've seen 99% of the transactional traffic on MQ as monitoring requests – hugely impacting other work
 - RBA wrapping, or as it was described 'the unthinkable has happened'
 - Not monitoring Admin queues
 - Not monitoring storage usage
 - Subscription queues



The dark arts – SMF Data

- Unreal time monitoring
- Introduction to SMF115
 - What it can tell you and what it cannot
 - Trend analysis
- Introduction to SMF116 – class 3
 - What it tells you in horrid detail
 - What it doesn't tell you



Introduction to SMF115

- Statistics records for the Queue Manager
- Enabled via:
 - SYSP Macro
 - START Trace command
- Lightweight - two cut per SMF interval per queue manager
- Recommendations:
 - Always gather and examine this data
 - Useful to store for trend analysis
- Contains information on the managers:

• Buffer manager	• Data manager
• Log manager	• Lock manager
• Storage manager	• CF Manager
• Message manager	• DB2 Manager



SupportPacs

- SupportPac MP1B
 - Sample programs to print the SMF data
 - Documentation on how to use and interpret the information
- SupportPac MP16
 - The WMQ for z/OS handbook



Buffer Manager

- Often biggest bang for the buck on performance tuning
- For each bufferpool it reports:
 - The number of pages allocated
 - The 'low' point
 - How the pool is used
 - Short on Storage
- What it doesn't tell you:
 - How many pagesets are used by this pool
 - Number of pages written to/read from each pageset
 - Number of pageset expansions
- It does NO good to increase the bufferpools for shared queues



Buffer Manager

> 01 Buffs	15000	LOW	0	NOW	1844	Getp	351632	Getn	198775
01 Rio	102140	STW	472341	TPW	260049	WIO	129209	IMW	85105
01 DWT	137	DMC	81686	STL	276198	STLA	4	SOS	413

- Bufferpool churn example from a stress test:
- Note the 'low' value of '0' and the SOS value of 413
 - The bufferpool went to short on storage 413 times in a 5 minute interval
 - There were 102,140 reads from the pagesets
 - There were 129,209 writes to the pagesets
 - The async write process was started 137 times
 - The synchronous write process was started 81,686 times!
 - JES log also had repetitions of the following messages

```
CSQP020E QML1 CSQP1RSW Buffer pool 1 is too small
CSQP020E QML1 CSQP3GET Buffer pool 1 is too small
```

Buffer Manager - Notes

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- The information in interpretation is taken from MP1B
- While this example is from a stress test, we have seen similar situations in production environments
- If the bufferpool becomes completely exhausted and nothing can be freed, the queue manager willabend with a '00D70120' reason code
- There is no indication of pageset expansions, that information can be obtained from the JES log

```
CSQP017I QML1 CSQPEXT1 EXPANSION STARTED FOR PAGE SET 1
CSQP013I QML1 CSQPEXT1 NEW EXTENT CREATED FOR PAGE
SET 1. NEW EXTENT WILL NOW BE FORMATTED
```

Log Manager

- This is important for customers using a lot of persistent messaging – and those who don't think they are
- Some of the interesting fields include:
 - Checkpoint
 - The numbers are slightly deceiving, the checkpoint count only includes when the LOGLOAD has been hit , not when log switching has occurred
 - Any of the log read fields – indicating work is being backed out
 - Wait for buffers
 - Write force – tasks are suspended until the write completes
- Information not available:
 - Number of log switches
 - Number of log shunts
 - Number of long running UOWs detected

Log Manager

Log manager : QJST						
write_wait	0,	write_nowait	3818652,	write_force	1663,	WTB 179
read_stor	0,	read_active	0,	read_archive	0,	TVC 0
bsds_reqs	814,	cis_created	750066,	bfwr	103576,	ALR 0
alw	0,	cis_offload	914688,	checkpoints	0	
wur	0,	lama	0,	lams	0	
write_susp	101189,	write_reqs	41648,	ci_writes	758876	
write_serl	0,	write_thrsh	2381,	buff_pagein	0	

- Log Manager Example
 - Note that checkpoints were 0, but there had been more than 20 during the interval caused by log switches
 - WTB – is the wait count for unavailable buffers, and the outbuffer value is at the recommended value

Storage Manager

Storage manager : QSST					
Fixed pools :	Created	48,	Deallocated	49	
Fixed segments:	Freed	0,	Expanded	1,	Contracted 1
Varbl pools :	Created	38,	Deallocated	38	
Varbl segments:	Freed	6178,	Expanded	6178,	Contracted 0
Getmains	48,	Freemains	48,	Non-zero RCS	0
SOS bits	0,	Contractions	0,	Abends	0

- Two fields are of interest:
 - SOS bits – QSSTCRIT – which indicates a critical short on storage
 - A sort on storage was detected – QSSTCONT – and storage contractions had to be done.
- Information not available:
 - High and low watermark use, both below and above the bar
 - Storage use by type (security caching, index, etc.)
 - Storage use in the CHIN by clients and channels

Storage Manager - Notes

- In addition to the storage manager statistics, review the JES log for the storage use messages
 - If storage use keeps increasing and the free storage goes to less than 100 MB, the queue manager may need to be stopped and restarted to avoid an abend soon. Investigation should take place to determine why storage is not being freed.

```
CSQY220I QML1 Queue manager is using 627 MB of local
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```

- Information about the structure storage use may be found in the CF activity reports

Message Manager



Message manager : QMST							
MQOPENS	215,	MQCLOSES	216,	MQGETS	129377,	MQPUTS	155007
MQPUTIs	0,	MQINQS	174,	MQSETS	0,	close_all	4

- The message manager reports the number of API requests that have been made
 - NOT the number of successful requests
- Useful for volume tracking



Data Manager & Lock manager



- The data manager statistics can provide information about the number of read ahead and gets that required real I/O, however these fields are not included in the sample SMF reports
- The lock manager statistics are only of interest to IBM.



DB2 Manager & CF Manager

- Only used when there are shared queues
- The DB2 Manager data:
 - Is used to report on the queue manager interaction with DB2
 - DB2 response time will impact the WMQ response times and should be monitored
 - Should be used in conjunction with DB2 performance reports
- The CF Manager data
 - Is used to report on the interaction with the CF structures
 - Should be used in conjunction with the CF Activity Report

DB2 Manager & CF Manager

DB2 manager : Q5ST						
Tasks : Servers	8,	Active	9,	Conns	0,	Discs
High	14,	Abend	0,	Requeue	0	
Number of deadlock conditions 0						
	Count	Task avg	Task max	DB2 avg	DB2 max	(m/s)
Reads :	580	1	2	1	2	
Lists :	485	4	97	4	97	
SCS Selects :	30	5	33	5	33	
SCS Inserts :	212	8	47	8	47	
SCS Updates :	272	5	49	5	49	
SCS Deletes :	224	6	25	6	25	
SSK Selects :	40	0	2	0	2	

- In the sample above, the 'High' value represents the high water mark on requests to the DB2 server.
- The SCS fields are for Shared Channel Status table
- The SSK fields are for the Shared Sync Key table

DB2 Manager & CF Manager

```

CF manager      : QUEST
Structure #     0, Name CSQ_ADMIN, Structure-fulls    0
Single         168364, Elapsed time 0000001115116730, Retries    0
Multiple        5747, Elapsed time 0000000257214151, Retries   1473
Max entries     708, Max elements    863
Structure #     1, Name APPLS, Structure-fulls        0
Single         523101, Elapsed time 000000087923BCB91, Retries   11775
Multiple       14999, Elapsed time 0000000162517D77, Retries    280
Max entries     4997, Max elements   91409
  
```

- In the sample above there were no Structure full conditions
- Requests to the CF can be to update a single entry or multiple entries, based on the type of request. They are reported separately in the statistics.
- 'Retries' indicates the number of times a 4K buffer was not sufficient to retrieve the data from the CF and the request had to be retried with a larger (64K) buffer

Trend Analysis

- External to WMQ
- Some monitoring tools have historical capture and trend analysis tools
 - For smaller implementations (<10 production queue managers) keeping spreadsheets may be sufficient
 - For others, look into implementing this component of your monitoring tool if it's not in place

Introduction to SMF116 – Class 3



- The Really Dark Arts



Introduction to SMF116 – class 3



- Also known as the “New” Accounting records
- Heavyweight – multiple records may be cut for each transaction, and at SMF intervals for long running UoWs
 - Turning this on has been known to swamp an SMF environment
 - But you get marvelous information about what is actually happening
 - Often used in tracking down an application problem and in performance tuning
- Enabled like the Statistics records
- Recommendation - Even though they are prolific:
 - At least once a month turn on class 3 accounting for one SMF interval
 - Become familiar with the data and with the patterns of WMQ usage



SMF116 – The header Information

```
z/OS:Q001 MQ QMGR:QML1 Time: 2010255 13:36:19.73 Jobname:LYNE2054 Userid:MQUSER
====> New task record found <=====
== Thread type.....> RRS BATCH
== Connection name.....> LYNEBTCH
== Operator ID.....> MQUSER
== User ID.....> MQUSER
== Channel name.....>
== Chl connection.....>
== Correlator ID.....>
== Correlator ID....(HEX)> 4040404040404040404040404040
== Context token.....>
== Context token....(HEX)> 00000000000000000000000000000000
== NID.....>
== NID.....(HEX)> 40404040404040400000000000000000
== Accounting token.....>
== Accounting token..(HEX)> 0000000000000000000000000000000000000000
== UOW identifier.....> Fk™0j€
== UOW identifier....(HEX)> 40404040404040404040404040404040c69239F0d1200001
```

SMF116 – The header Information

- The Thread type gives you information about the task, in this case it's a batch process. It may also be mover (for channels), CICS and IMS
- Connection name is the jobname
- The channel name will be present when this is a mover thread
- The correlator ID is not the correlation ID
 - If the SMF data is for a CICS transaction, it will contain the transaction ID. The transaction ID for this record is QPUB:
 - == Correlator ID.....> .®.ÇQPUB.
 - == Correlator ID.....(HEX)> 20AF4B68D8D7E4C20043219C

SMF116 – The Header Information – cont'd



```

== Task token : 12-09-2010 17:30:33.73, 3431D3E0, 342E1AE0
== Interval   : START 12-09-2010 17:30:33.73
== Interval   : END   12-09-2010 17:36:19.73
== Number of queue blocks for this task      4
== Other reqs : Count      4, Avg elapsed    200, Avg CPU      13
== Latch      : Max number 19, Max wait    35788780 mics
> Latch 7, Total wait      161 mics, waits      2, Name DMCISTGC
> Latch 11, Total wait     6473 mics, waits      9, Name DMCSEGAL SSSCONN
> Latch 12, Total wait    2483916 mics, waits    102, Name DMCNMSPC XMCHASH
> Latch 15, Total wait    166693 mics, waits     55, Name CMXL1   BMXL1
> Latch 16, Total wait     70987 mics, waits     78, Name BMXL2   RMCRMST |RLMARQC
> Latch 19, Total wait    35788780 mics, waits   1586, Name BMXL3   CFXML2  |SRH1_L19
> Latch 21, Total wait    18040644 mics, waits   10680, Name RLMLWRT
> Latch 24, Total wait    225667 mics, waits     53, Name LMXL1
> Latch 31, Total wait      0 mics, waits      2, Name DPSLTCH
> Latch 32, Total wait    28816 mics, waits     45, Name SMCPHB
> Address of latch for longest wait: 0000000042c37E80
== Commit     : Count      113, Avg elapsed    53071, Avg CPU      18
== Log I/O    : Count      461, Avg elapsed    18574, Bytes 331798792,
                Forces      445, Avg elapsed    14012
== Suspend    : Count      113, Avg elapsed    53051
== Pages      : New       90409, old         95577
MTASVER 5
== Task token : 12-09-2010 17:30:33.73, 3431D3E0, 342E1AE0

```



SMF116 – The really interesting header Information



- Task token is the task identifying information
- Since this is a long running task, the interval start and end information may be of interest
- The queue blocks gives you the number of queues that have been accessed
- Then there's the latches.....



SMF116 – Latching – The Good, the bad and the



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```

- Latching is performed to serialize requests within the queue manager
- There is always latching going on
 - But there are times when it gets a bit excessive, and needs to be investigated
 - This is one of those times



SMF116 – Latching – The Good, the bad and theNotes



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- The 'Max number' is really the latch type that showed the longest wait, in this case latch type 19
- Latch types may be used for multiple purposes
- MP1B has a list of some of the more typical entries, latch 19 is used for serialization to bufferpools
- Latch 21, the second largest wait count, is used when updating log buffers.
- Using these numbers, and looking at the JES message log for the queue manager indicates that during this interval there were numerous log switches and one of the bufferpools expanded
- Further investigation uncovered I/O subsystem issues – the logs and the pagesets were on the same devices for this environment, leading to significant contention



SMF116 – More Header Information

```

== Commit      : Count      113, Avg elapsed 53071, Avg CPU 18
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== Suspend     : Count      113, Avg elapsed 53051
== Pages       : New       90409, Old       95577
WTASVER 5
== Task token  : 12-09-2010 17:30:33.73, 3431D3E0, 342E1AE0

```

- The commit count is useful, especially when working with long running tasks
- The 'Pages' values show how many new and old buffer pages have been used during this interval by this task

SMF116 – Queue Information

```

open name LYN.LOGQ.Q11                      object type:Local Queue
Base name LYN.LOGQ.Q11                      Base type :Queue
Queue indexed by NONE
First opened 12-09-2010 17:30:34.17
Last closed 12-09-2010 17:36:19.60
Page set ID 63, Buffer pool 3
Current opens 0, Total requests 4157
Generated messages : 0
Persistent messages: GETs 0, PUTs 4155, PUTIs 0
Put to waiting getter: PUT 0, PUTI 0
PUTs: valid 4155, Max size 35712, Min size 17856, Total bytes 139 MB
-MQ call- N ET CT Susp LOGW PSET Epages skip expir
Open : 1 40 39 0
Close : 1 5 5 0
Put : 4155 10948 193 9457 915
-Logging: Total-count Total-elapsed Force-count Force-elapsed
MQPUT 326 3.801852 318 2.852607
Maximum depth encountered 385

```

- This is the first queue used by the task
- Detailed information about the queue's use by this task, including:
 - Pageset and bufferpool
 - Number of valid requests
 - Record size range, you can calculate the average size
 - Total elapsed time and cpu time for the requests
 - Maximum depth

SMF116 – Queue Information

```

Open name LYN.TEST.Q03                               Object type:Local Queue
Base name LYN.TEST.Q03                               Base type :Queue
Queue indexed by NONE
First opened 12-09-2010 17:30:33.73
Last closed 12-09-2010 17:36:19.60
Page set ID      4, Buffer pool      1
Current opens    0, Total requests  8518
Generated messages :
Persistent messages: GETs      8200, PUTs      0, PUTIs      0
Put to waiting getter: PUT      0, PUTI      0
GETs: Valid      8200, Max size    7750, Min size    7750, Total bytes 63550000
GETs: Dest-S     0, Dest-G      8515, Brow-S     0, Brow-G     0, Successful destructive 8200
Time on queue : Max 26.319674, Min 0.011420, Avg 4294967269.002278
-MQ call-      N      ET      CT      Susp      LOGW      PSET Epages skip expire
Open :          1      71      36      36
Close :         1      7      7      0
Get :          8515    1608    47    1137      0      0    198      0      0
Inquire:         1      12      9
-Logging: Total-count Total-elapsed Force-count Force-elapsed
MQGET          2      0.002355      2      0.002355
Maximum depth encountered 299

```

SMF116 – Queue Information

- This is the fourth queue used by the task, the 'get' queue
- In addition to the information common to all queues, the following should be noted on the GET queues
 - Number of valid gets as compared to the total gets issued
 - The difference means that a number of gets returned no message, often due to a get wait expiring
 - Time on queue
 - In microseconds – though the average often overflows
 - PSET is the average I/O time for a read from a pageset
 - Epages is the number of empty pages there were scanned during a get
 - Skip is the number of pages with messages that were skipped
 - Expire is the number of expired messages that were skipped

SMF116 Uses



- Channel usage
- Bufferpool/pageset balancing
 - In a high volume request reply scenario if the two queues are on the same pageset, separating them can improve performance
 - When queues have become concentrated in one resource pool
- Preparation for migration to shared queues
 - Min/Max/Average message size and duration on queue
- Application Performance tuning
 - Proper Indexing
 - Elimination of 'hot spots' – reducing contention
- Problem determination



SMF116 – What it does not tell you



- Often a consolidated view is needed
 - How many tasks are concurrently using this set of queues?
 - What tasks are related?
 - Can be determined via the queues accessed, but not easily
- Were security calls made during this task?
- Finally, how can the z/OS information and distributed information be consolidated for a complete view?



The rest of the week					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:00			More than a buzzword: Extending the reach of your MQ messaging with Web 2.0	Batch, local, remote, and traditional MVS - file processing in Message Broker	Lyn's Story Time - Avoiding the MQ Problems Others have Hit
09:30		WebSphere MQ 101: Introduction to the world's leading messaging provider	The Do's and Don'ts of Queue Manager Performance	So, what else can I do? - MQ API beyond the basics	MQ Project Planning Session
11:00		MQ Publish/Subscribe	The Do's and Don'ts of Message Broker Performance	Diagnosing problems for Message Broker	What's new for the MQ Family and Message Broker
12:15	MQ Freebies! Top 5 SupportPacs	The doctor is in. Hands-on lab and lots of help with the MQ family		Using the WMQ V7 Verbs in CICS Programs	
01:30	Diagnosing problems for MQ	WebSphere Message Broker 101: Introduction to the world's leading messaging provider	The Dark Side of Monitoring MQ - SMF 115 and 116 record reading and interpretation	Getting your MQ JMS applications running, with or without WAS	
03:00	Keeping your eye on it all - Queue Manager Monitoring & Auditing	The MQ API for dummies - the basics	Under the hood of Message Broker on z/OS - WLM, SMF and more	Message Broker Patterns - Generate applications in an instant	
04:30	Message Broker administration for dummies	All About WebSphere MQ File Transfer Edition	For your eyes only - WebSphere MQ Advanced Message Security	Keeping your MQ service up and running - Queue Manager clustering	
06:00			Free MQ! - MQ Clients and what you can do with them	MQ Q-Box - Open Microphone to ask the experts questions	

