



Cheryl's Hot Flashes #27

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Introduction

- Currently
 - Author of Cheryl Watson's Tuning Letter (40-60 pages six times a year) and Cheryl Watson's CPU Charts
 - Author of free email Cheryl's List (sign up on website)
 - Developer of two Watson & Walker's software products, BoxScore and GoalTender
 - Long-time SHARE member/contributor (ribbon wearer since 1978)
 - CMG past director/contributor
 - CMG A. A. Michelson Award winner
 - zJournal Mainframe Hall of Fame
 - Presenter of "Hot Flashes" at every SHARE to talk about the things I'm passionate about





Introduction

History

- 1965 Math & physics major at Portland State; worked at Consolidated Freightways, wrote Autocoder on 1401 and 7010; installed MFT in 1966; wrote Assembler & COBOL
- 1967-1982 Several software companies, Amdahl, and EDS (training, CICS admin, performance and capacity)
- 1982-1986 Morino Associates (England, Germany, Virginia)
- 1986 Met Tom Walker, partner and future husband, started Watson & Walker, Inc. as a training company (taught SMF, RMF, performance, WLM, capacity planning until 1999)
- 1991 Started Cheryl Watson's Tuning Letter
- 1995 Created WLM QuickStart Policy
- Never met an SMF record I didn't like!





Leaving Soon?

- Important Items to Take Away
 - Two new red alerts in the last two weeks; subscribe to these at
 - http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/redAlerts/home.html.
 - 2012.03.15 APAR PM51093 is required for DB2 10 for z/ OS NFM (New Function Mode) customers executing data recovery in a Data Sharing environment. Potential data loss.
 - 2012.03.07 Possible data loss for EAV Users on releases z/OS 1.11, 1.12, and 1.13 using DSS Logical Dump or HSM Migrate and Backup processing. Apply ++APAR for OA38942.





Leaving Soon?

- Important Items to Take Away
 - Storage Flash S1004024 (8Mar2012) Potential DS8700/ DS8800 Undetected Data Error on Release 6.2 code during System z High Performance FICON (zHPF) Format Writes during Recovery with zHPF Format Write feature enabled in z/OS 1.11, z/OS 1.12 or z/OS 1.13. After applying the 6.2 microcode, user experienced sporadic EQC errors from the DS8800 and hangs when trying to run the HCD.
 - http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?
 uid=ssg1S1004024&myns=s028&mynp=OCSTXN8P&mynp=OCSTUVMB&mync=E
 - Thanks to Dan Squillace of SAS Institute.





Big Data Has Arrived

- Per IDC, the amount of data created and replicated surpassed the zettabyte barrier (over one trillion gigabytes of data).
- Per IDC, the amount of data will grow at 44% each year over the next ten years
- To understand, read the following:
 - SHARE published four articles on Big Data Analytics: Asking the Right Questions, and four articles on The Big Deal About Big Data.
 - New York Times, Steve Lohr, The Age of Big Data (2/11/12)
 - The Economist, Data, data everywhere (2/25/2010)





Big Data Has Arrived

- And more reading:
 - SHARE sessions search on Big Data Big Analytics Big Needs track for 11 sessions.
 - Learn about Apache's Open Source Hadoop
- Suggestion Help guide your company by learning more about Big Data. Attend a couple of sessions at next SHARE.





Big Data Has Arrived

Slide below shown in several IBM sessions:

Information is at the Center ... And Organizations of a New Wave of Opportunity Need Deeper Insights













z/OS Release Schedule

- Jeff Magdall, IBM z/OS Product Manager, spoke at the MVS Program Opening session 11017, about z/OS directions.
- The next release of z/OS will be in the second half of 2013 instead of September 2012.
- Future releases will be every two years instead of every year. Support for concurrent releases will be adjusted.
- There will be an official IBM Statement of Direction (SOD) within 60 days.
- IBM has found that only 5% of customers migrate every year, while the majority migrate every two years (or even less frequently).



z/OS Release Schedule

- I provided a statement for IBM to publish indicating that I support this move because I think it will help my customers. I also sent out a Cheryl's List indicating my support.
- Feedback has been more than interesting:
 - Most comments have been positive (including one "yippee!")
 - At SHARE, a few of the 5%ers were afraid that this would result in a reduction of staffing, while other 5%ers feel that it will give them more time for other things.
 - Some IBM developers are concerned.
- My take this is a great opportunity for both customers and SHARE.



z/OS Release Schedule

- My recommendations:
 - If you're part of the 5%, take this opportunity to exploit more of the enhancements.
 - If you normally migrate every two years, then plan to migrate to z/OS 1.13 this year, if you've not migrated yet.
 - Move up your maintenance frequency. (You can afford to keep more current now.)
 - Review Marne Walle's z/OS Migration (Part 1) for any positioning that you can do for z/OS 1.13. See session #10621. Activate Migration Health Checks.
 - Put a higher priority on New Function APARs.
 - Make a check list of things to exploit (next slides).





- Evaluate cost versus benefits of High Performance FICON for System z (zHPF)
- Implement CIM and CEA
- Install z/OSMF
 - If you haven't installed this yet, start with z/OS 1.13
- Implement VSAM RLS
 - This now has a wider acceptance
- Convert MANx to SMF logstream
- Evaluate cost versus benefits of zIIPs and zAAPs
- Turn on and experiment with CPU Measurement Facility and HIS (SMF type 113s)





- Implement Health Checker
- Evaluate costs versus savings of new processor (e.g. z114)
- Evaluate Capacity Provisioning
- Start a performance or capacity planning effort
- Review and implement best practices for sysplex, such as Sysplex Failure Management (SFM)
- Learn to use zPCR for changes like number of LPs per LPAR
- Investigate use of Infiniband
- Exploit the coupling facility; ensure you have the most current CFCC
- Use the Distributed Data Server for RMF





- 1 TB extended address volumes (EAVs)
- WLM I/O priority management
- WLM enclave enhancements
- Turn on sysplex wide DAE (Dump Analysis & Elimination)
- Use both SYSLOG and OPERLOG
- Turn on HiperDispatch if turned off
- Set MSO Service Definition Coefficient to zero, and adjust durations
- Install CA's Mainframe Software Manager (MSM)
- Read and implement recommendations from Mean Time to Recovery (MTTR) Redbook – SG24-7816-00





- These are more from Frank Kyne's IPL Avoidance session:
 - Convert HFS to zFS
 - Implement Predictive Failure Analysis (PFA)
 - Implement Runtime Diagnostics (RTD)
 - Implement Auto IPL
 - Investigate use of z/OS BCPii
 - Implement System Status Detection Partitioning Protocol
 - Investigate Parallel Subsystem Initialization
 - Turn on SMF Record Flooding support
 - Turn on MVS Message Flooding support
 - Use Auto Reply
 - Implement CA Reclaim





z/OSMF

- Web-based admin tool for sysprogs
 - I've become a z/OSMF (technology) evangelist
 - Most important new facility since Workload Manager
 - IBM is firmly behind this (as evidenced by the amount of development and resources behind it) – this is NOT like eWLM, z/OS Software Manager, zMC
 - Fact your company will need this
 - One attendee is expecting a mass exodus of MVS talent within 5 years; new sysprogs need this simplification
 - Early releases too difficult to install and too many resources to run
 - This is constantly improving, best to be on z/OS 1.13
 - The benefits are worth the investment of time





Outsourcing, Tuning, Chargeback

- If you outsource your data center, or if you are an outsourcer, or if you do chargeback to your users, then be aware of the following:
 - Most people use a single normalization factor when moving between processors. But this doesn't work. Batch runs differently than CICS which runs differently than DB2, etc..
 - You need a normalization factor for each type of workload.
 One number doesn't work.
 - Tuning often changes the CPU time and/or I/Os. If you charge for these resources, tuning will normally reduce your income.





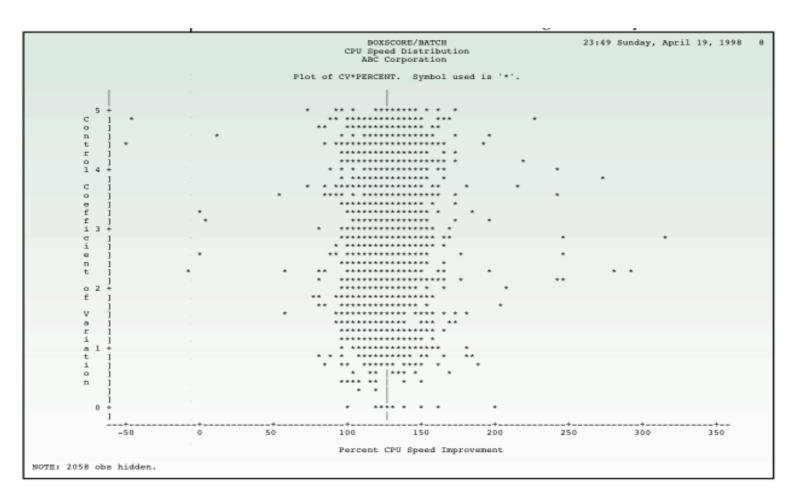
Outsourcing, Tuning, Chargeback

- If there is an existing outsourcing contract, it might need to be modified when moving to a z196 or z114 because a single number is very difficult to obtain.
- If tuning is done, who gets the benefit?
- Be aware that even in the same workload that response will vary a lot. The next slide shows the effect on hundreds of stable job steps after a processor change. The most stable job steps are on the bottom. The average speed improvement was 127%, but some steps saw no improvement, and some saw a 300% improvement.





Outsourcing, Tuning, Chargeback







z196 Power Saving Mode

- Excellent new facility on z196 to reduce power consumption when not needed.
- BUT, CPU time measurements could be inaccurate.
- The service unit factor is changed, so all CPU times that are accumulated in service units are fine, but CPU times accumulated in seconds (milli-, micro-) are not modified.
- So a job that takes 10 seconds of CPU time during normal processing could take 12 seconds of CPU time during power saving mode.
- Caution: Give chargeback and capacity planning departments plenty of notice before utilizing this feature!!





Faves at This SHARE

- Frank Kyne, IBM ITSO
 - SHARE session 10650 z/OS Planned Outage Avoidance
 - Redbook SG24-7328 describes facilities up to z/OS 1.7; this session expands on that by listing facilities after 1.7
- Nick Jones, IBM z/OS System Logger
 - SHARE session 10848 System Logger Update
 - Logger hasn't been presented at SHARE since 2005
 - This 158-page handout is like a new Redbook, including some of the latest updated to improve availability
 - Also see his SHARE session 10849 System Logger Top 10 Problems





Faves at This SHARE

Many thanks to New Era Software for sponsoring a CNN studio tour!







At This SHARE

- 10373, Frank DeGilio Hex, Lies and Videoblogs Debunking Mainframe Myths
- 10192, 10194, 10195, Greg Boyd ICSF & Crypto see his White Papers at ATS Techdocs
- 10592 Meral Temel Analyzing/Measuring/Monitoring Memory Usage. Good preparation for 64-bit storage management.





See You in Anaheim!

Cheryl Watson Walker with partner, husband, and best friend Tom Walker in Iran in May (www.tomandcheryltravels.me)



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