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Understanding The Impact Of The Network On z/OS Performance

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Agenda

Introduction

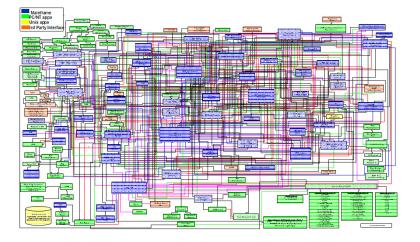
- Looking at the application time line
- Examples of mainframe/network interaction
- Analysis scenario using commonly available commands
- Optimization examples
- Defining a consistent monitoring strategy





The Challenges Of Performance And Availability Management Of Complex Systems

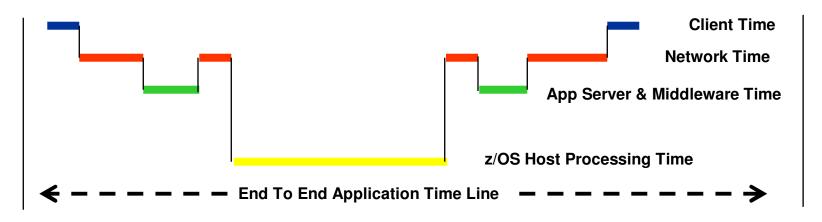
- Most new applications are composite by design
 - Applications cross multiple subsystems and platforms
 - Integration and utilization of multiple core technologies
 - Pose challenges from a management and monitoring perspective
- Common Technical Challenges
 - Multiple platforms
 - Potentially multiple DB systems
 - Middleware considerations
 - One or multiple network hops



Is the problem the network, the host, the DB, the client, or somewhere in between?



The Network And The Application Time Line



- Portions of response time may reside in any of the following
 - End user client processing, the application server or middleware level, the database, or other aspects of host z/OS application processing
 - Potential for bottlenecks at multiple points
- The network will impact the overall application time line
 - Time is required to send messages across the network
 - Overhead processing, including communication subsystem session management
 - Network hardware, traffic, connections, connection pools





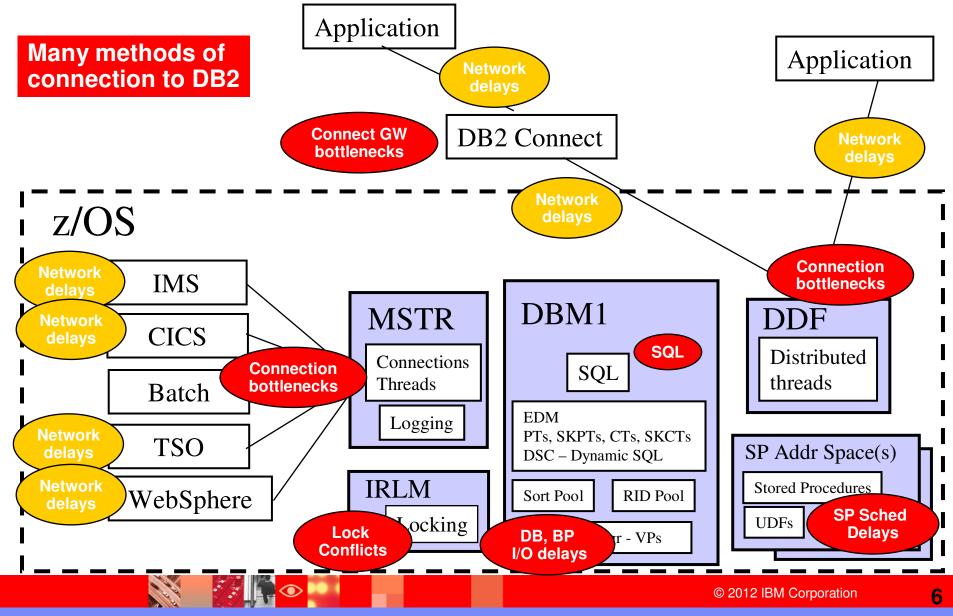
The Impact Of The Network On Critical z/OS Components

- The network has impact on z/OS workload in many ways
- Each z/OS application or component subsystem has unique network considerations
 - ► IMS
 - DB2
 - CICS
 - MQSeries
 - WebSphere
 - ► FTP
- Keep in mind that z/OS application/subsystem configuration and logic may also impact the network
 - > Also, be aware of the potential impact of SSL and IPSec



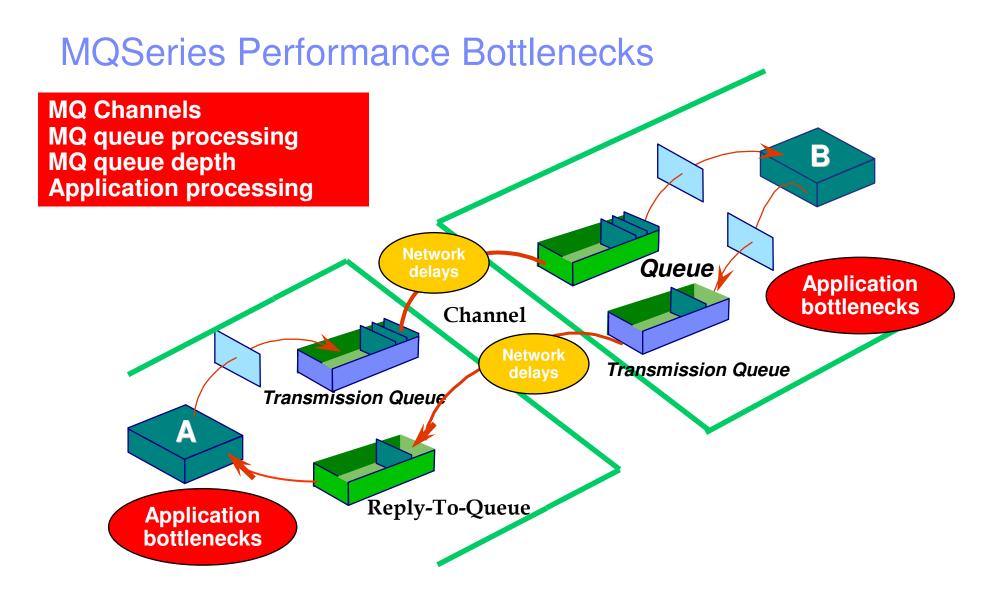


DB2 Has Several Potential Performance Bottlenecks



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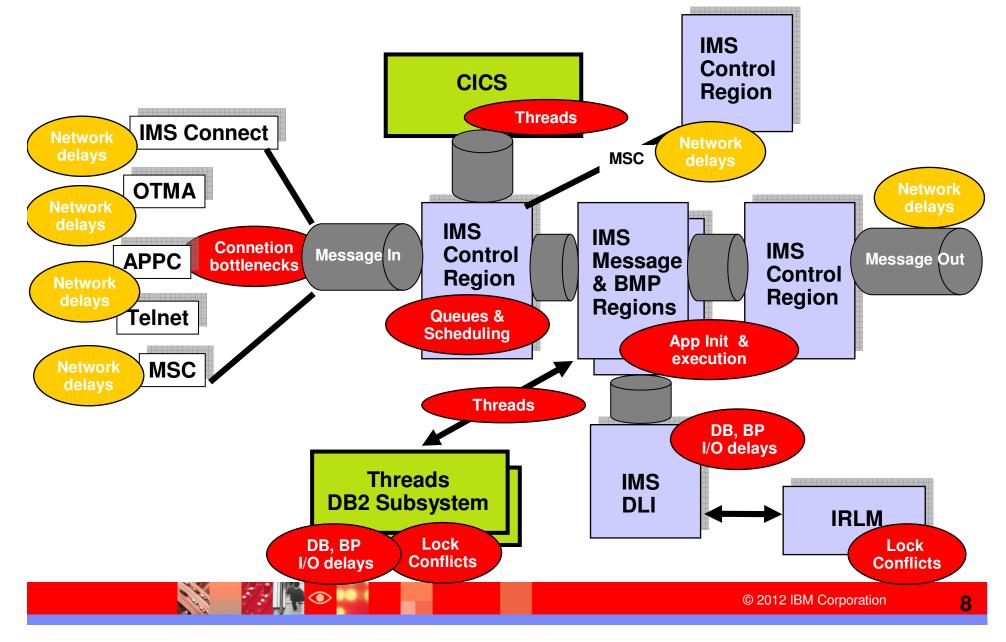




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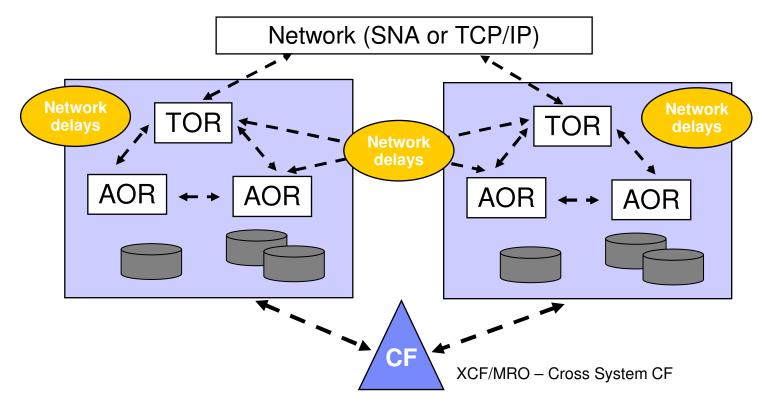


IMS Has Many Potential Bottlenecks (Including Network)





The Network Impacts CICS Processing

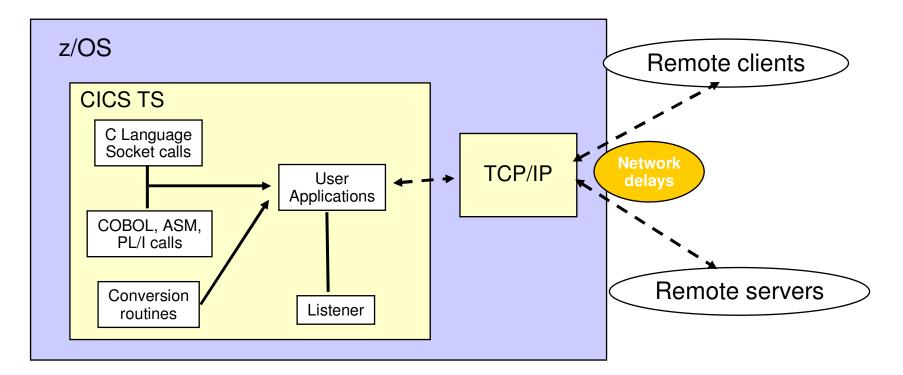


- Network potentially impacts CICS in a variety of ways
 - Connections to CICS connections via a variety of means
 - Communication within CICS ISC and MRO
 - InterSystems Communication system to system, Multi-Region Operation region to region, and IPIC – IP InterCommunications





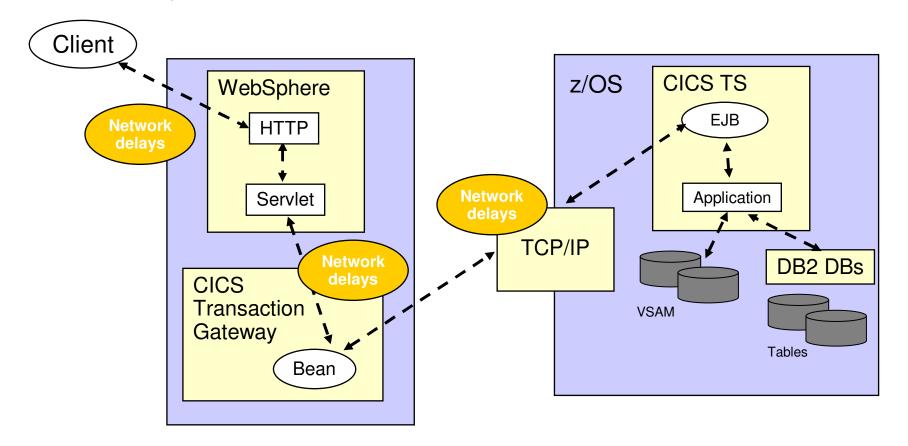
CICS Socket Interface Example



- Socket API available for C, COBOL, PL/I and ASM applications
- Listener is a CICS transaction
- Conversion routines ASCII/EBCDIC



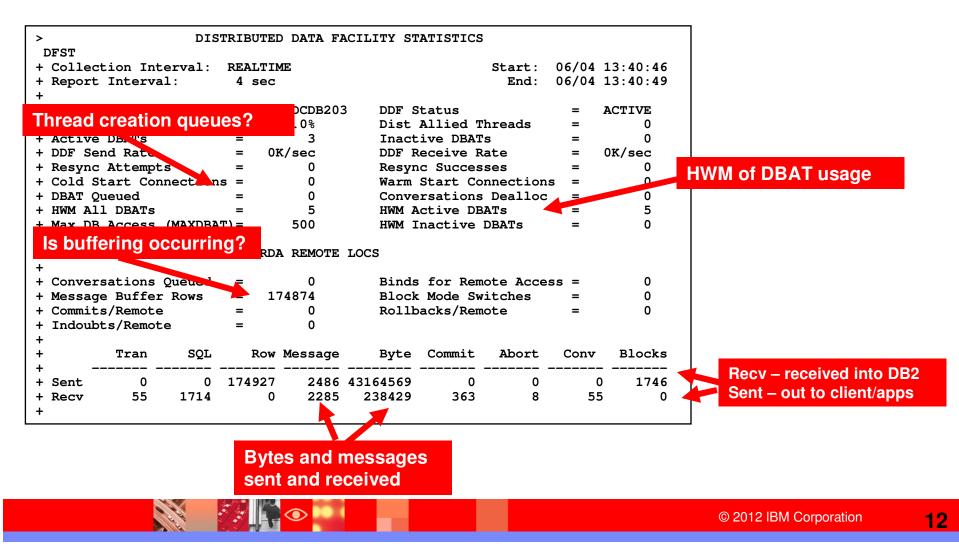
A WebSphere Example With CICS Transaction Gateway





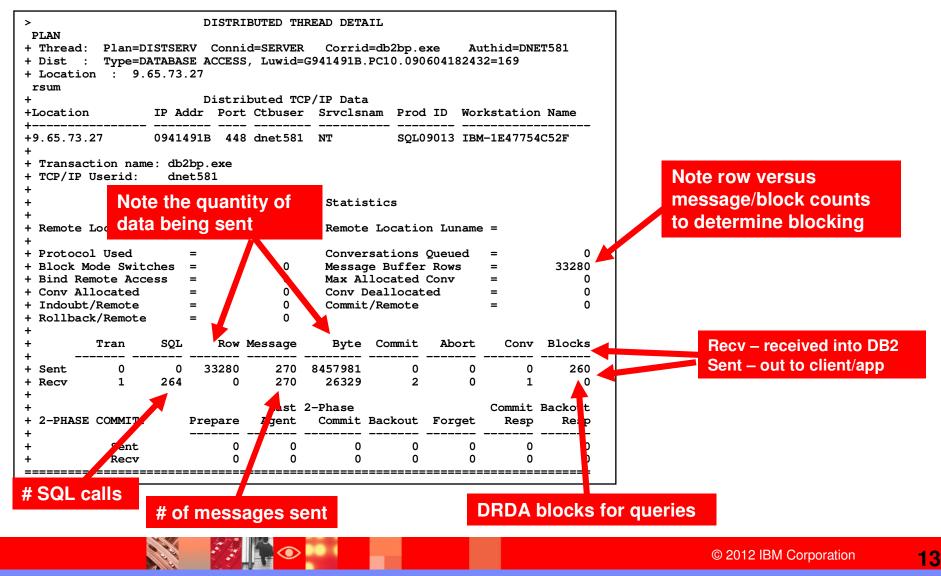


An Example - Looking At The Numbers DB2 Distributed Performance Statistics Trace Data For The DB2 Subsystem





Looking At The Application DB2 Accounting Information Analysis





Network Analysis Tools PING Command

- PING is a simple, but highly useful command
- Verifies connection between hosts by sending ICMP packets to the specified address (IP address or hostname)
- PING shows the time to echo a packet
- Beware in some shops PING may have limitations

64 bytes from 198.210.45.27:icmp_seq=0 ttl=253 time=0.345 ms 64 bytes from 198.210.45.27:icmp_seq=1 ttl=253 time=0.345 ms 64 bytes from 198.210.45.27:icmp_seq=2 ttl=253 time=0.345 ms

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Network Analysis Tools NETSTAT Command

- NETSTAT reports TCP/IP connections and protocol statistics
- Get status information on connections and statistics on packets sent, packets received, fragmentation, etc.....

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NETSTAT Command Display Connections To A Specific Port

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Command can be filtered a variety of ways including IP address and port number





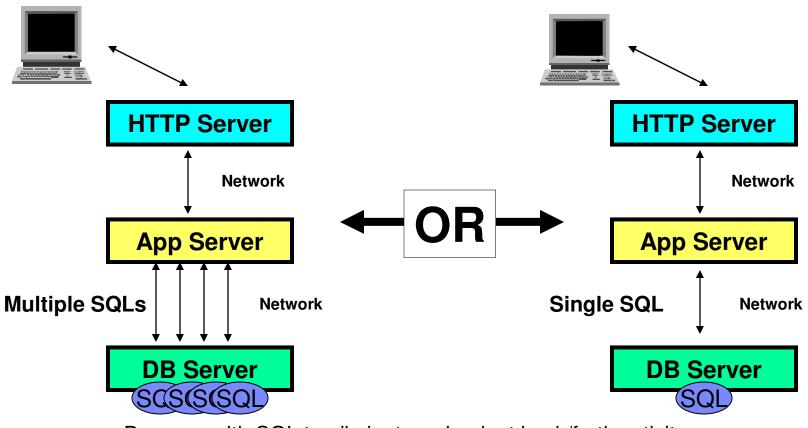
NETSTAT Connection Detail

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EZZ2574I	SegmentsIn:	0000003423	SegmentsOut:	0000006614 🚽	Network segment
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EZZ2556I	CongestionWindow:	0000017349	SlowStartThreshold	: 0000002620	
EZZ2557I	IncomingWindowNum:	3808824236	OutgoingWindowNum:	2538289289	
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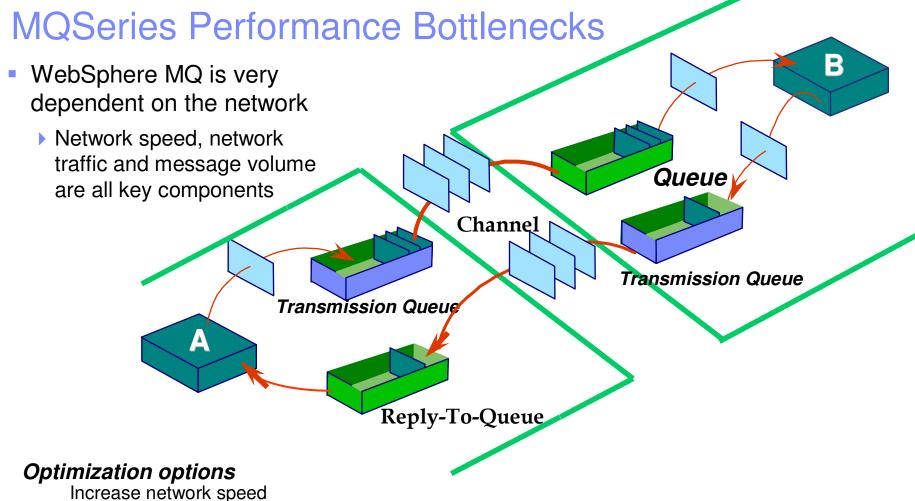


Example - Optimize DB2 Applications To Minimize Network Traffic



- Do more with SQL to eliminate redundant back/forth activity
- Crossing more layers will mean more overhead
- Don't put too much business logic in the DB layer





Compress messages - decreases network transmission by reducing the size of the message. Channel parameters

Batch size defines the maximum number of messages sent within a batch. Reduces the amount of channel processing required.

Note – batching for small applications may result in delays and spikes





Many Factors May Impact Response Time

- Host processing bottlenecks
 - Transaction bottlenecks, application failures/stopped resources, high I/O and poor BP ratios, transaction/message queues, concurrency/lock conflicts
- Network performance
 - Network congestion, data fragmentation, data retransmission
- Network hardware issues
 - Adapter hardware errors, hardware configuration errors, hardware congestion issues
- Application subsystem connection issues
 - Application errors, subsystem configuration errors
- Application issues
 - Application design and logic problems



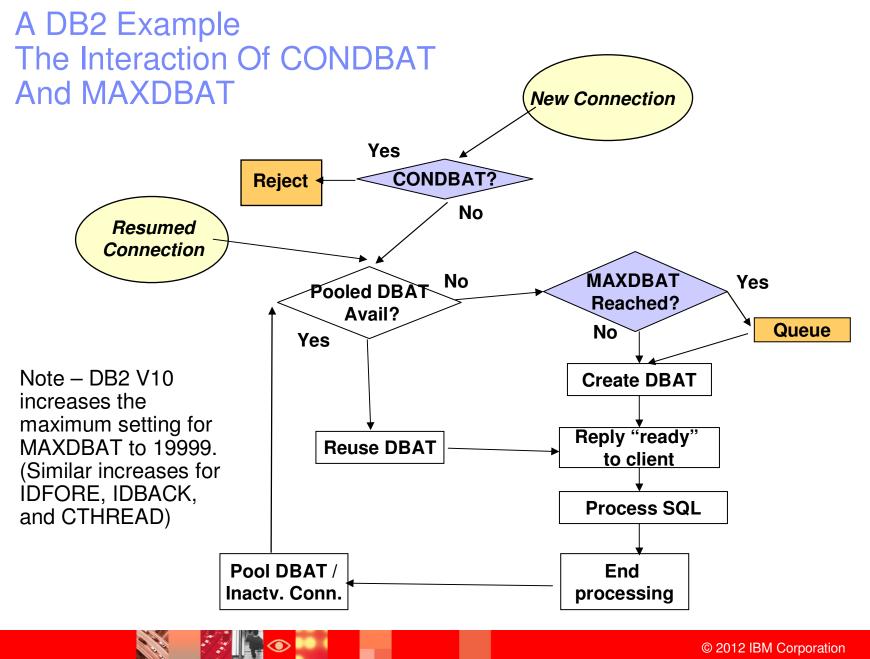


z/OS Application Configuration Considerations That May Impact Interaction With The Network

- CICS MAXSOCKETS
 - MAXSOCKETS SIT parameter specifies the maximum number of IP sockets that can be managed by the CICS sockets domain
- IMS Connect parameter MAXSOC
 - > Total number of sockets IMS Connect supports across all ports at the same time
 - Note USS parameter MAXFILEPROC must be equal to or greater than the value of the IMS Connect parameter MAXSOC
 - IMS Connect issues warning message HWSS0772W when the number of sockets reaches the default warning threshold of 80 percent of MAXSOC
- DB2 thread connection DSNZPARMs
 - MAXDBAT Max Remote Active
 - CONDBAT Max Remote Connected
 - Thread creation will queue if exceeded
- Application logic issues and errors
 - Application errors that tie up finite connection resources



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Defining A Monitoring Strategy Monitoring At Multiple Levels

Monitor from an end-to-end perspective

 Monitor at the host application subsystem level 	
IMS, CICS, DB2, WebSphere, WebSphere MQ	Subsystem
Response time, transaction rates, message rates, queues	Monitoring
 Monitor host application network connection activity 	
Connection activity, connection counts, connection backlogs	Both
 Monitor at the interface level 	
 OSA adapters, error counts, fragmentation counts, retransmission counts 	Network Monitoring
 Monitor at the network connection level 	
Response time, traffic counts, error counts, fragmentation counts, retransmission counts	
Integrate host and network monitoring Dashboa	ard level monitoring

- - - Composite level monitoring



An Example - IMS Host Subsystem Level Monitoring Detailed IMS Connect Transaction Level

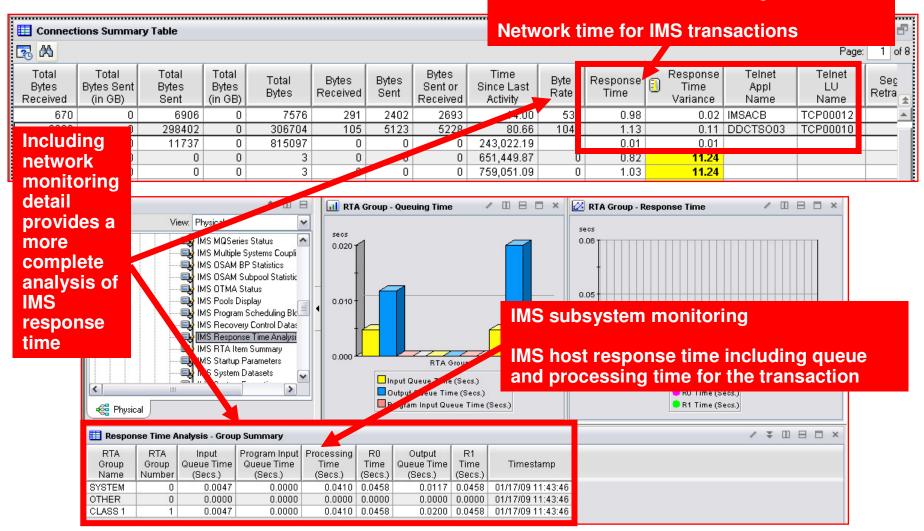
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Example - Understanding IMS Response Time

Mainframe network monitoring







Another Example Combining Host And Network Level Monitoring

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Connection activity, connection counts, connection backlogs

Look for applications with connection failures and backlogs



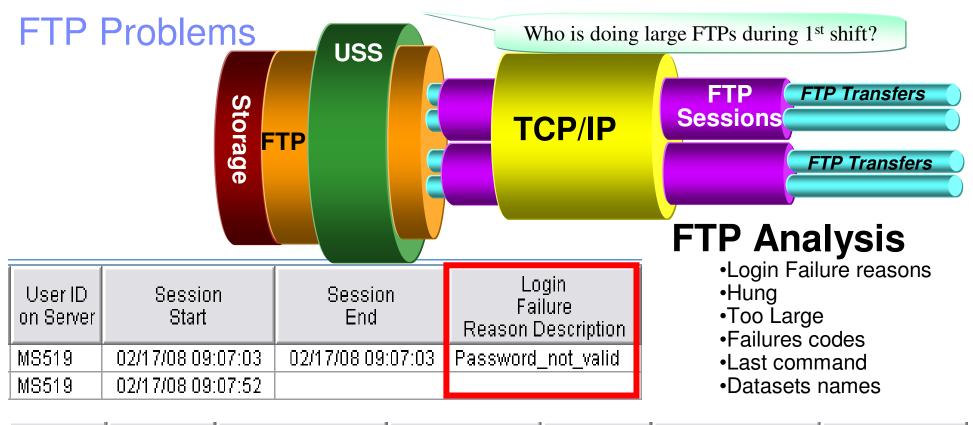
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- Monitor for interface status, bandwidth utilization, and errors
- Look for potential problems at the interface level

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Dashboard Level Monitoring Creating An Integrated Performance Interface

- Creating an integrated performance management display allows for the easy inclusion of network detail into various mainframe monitoring displays
- Integrated monitoring takes several forms
 - Integrated displays pulling together performance detail from multiple sources (host and network monitoring)
 - Integrated cross monitoring tool navigation
 - History integrated with real time performance information
 - Integrated alerts, alert correlation, and corrective actions



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Dashboard Level Monitoring Integrate Host And Network Monitoring

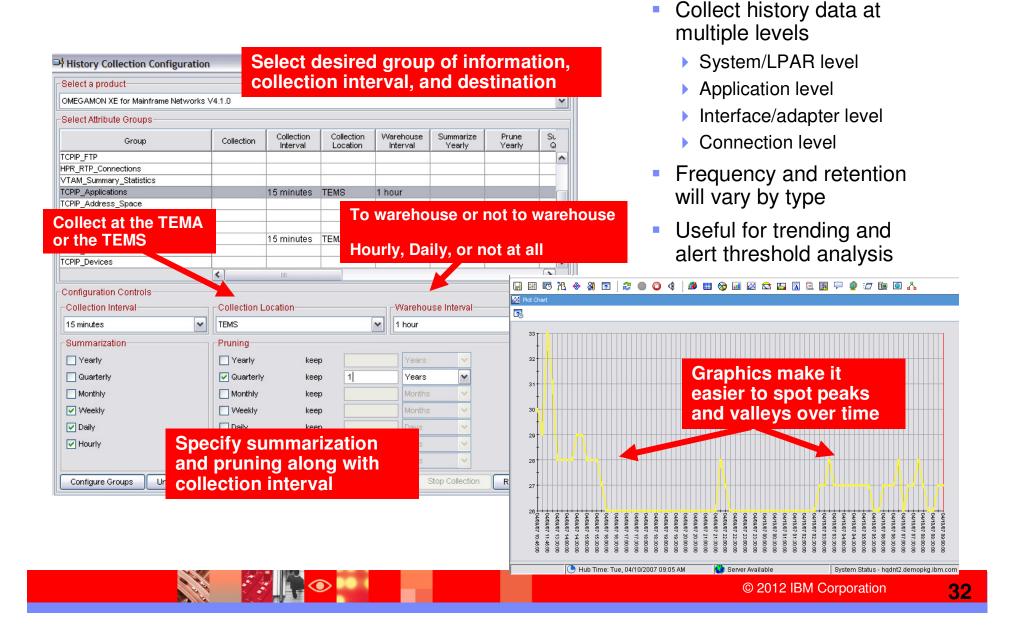
Real time monitoring provides a view of current utilization, status, and alerts

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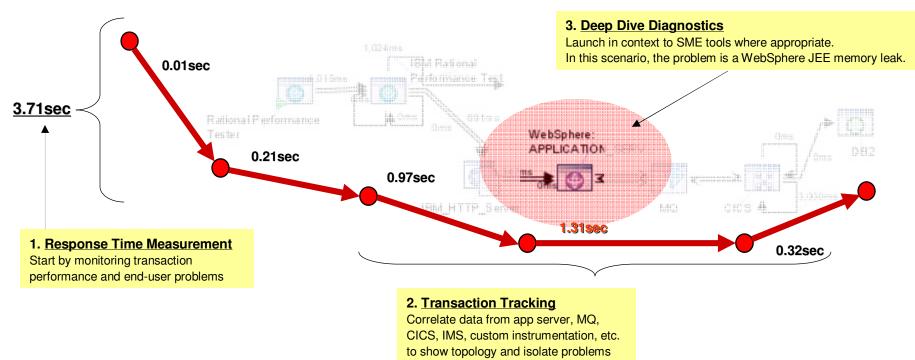


Collect History For Trending And Analysis





End-to-End Monitoring, Tracking and Diagnosis

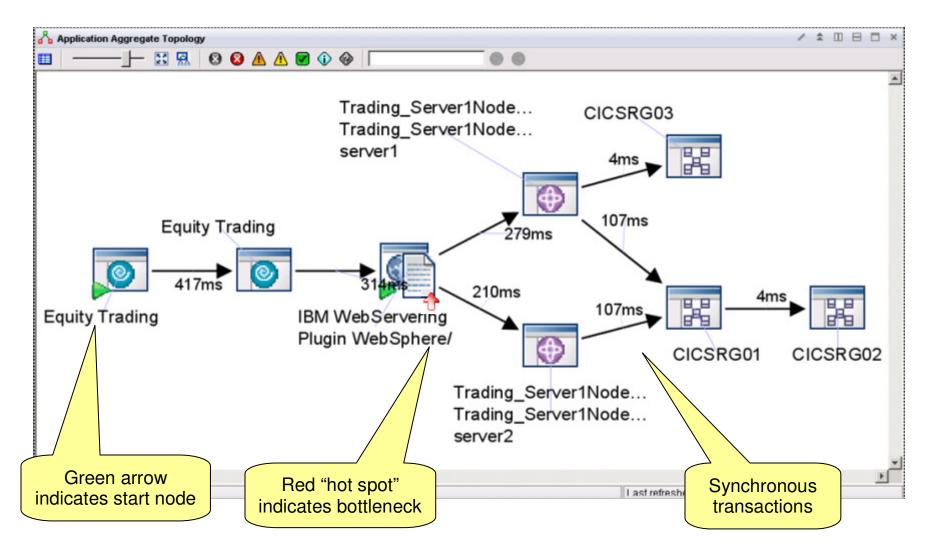


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1. Sense End User Experience and alert on threshold violation	2. Isolate by measuring performance data against baseline through entire infrastructure	3. Diagnose and repair through launch-in-context into deep-dive diagnostics	





End To End Monitoring Enables The Isolation of "Hot Spots"







Summary

- The network is an essential part of the overall mainframe application time line
 - Each network application/subsystem has interactions with the network
- It's important to understand how the mainframe interacts with the network
 - Application/subsystem configuration and options
- It is useful to have an integrated monitoring strategy that pulls together core mainframe and network monitoring information
 - Integrated dashboard views, integrated analysis, integrated alerts and automated corrections
 - Defining an end to end analysis strategy





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