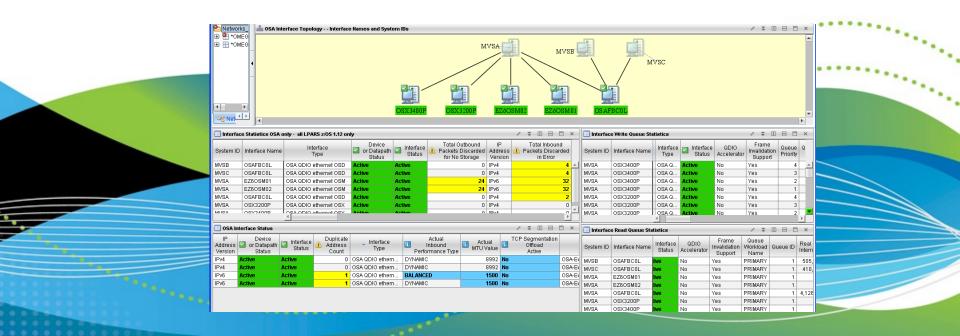


Top 10 Tips for z/OS Network Performance Monitoring with OMEGAMON



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- FP3 and z/OS 1.12

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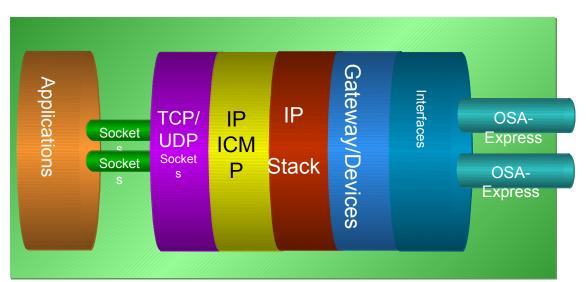




- This presentation will highlight best practices from customers who use OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Network to monitor their z/OS Networking environment.
- Some of these best practices will include hundreds of new metrics that came in with OMEGAMON MFN FP3 and new interface details from IBM Communications Server for z/OS 1.12
- I created a custom DE Navigator view to highlight the best practices discusses in this presentation (Available on OPAL Network_Extended)



Overview





- Solutions that Monitors IBM z/OS Network performance
- IBM OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Networks V4R2
 - Performance monitoring
 - FP3 added hundreds of new metrics, see slide at the end for details
- IBM NetView for z/OS V6R1
 - TEP Feeds
 - DVIPA Extensive monitoring
 - TCP/IP Connection awareness
 - Inactive Connections with termination code
 - Real Time Packet and OSA Traces with on the fly analysis of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the fly analysis of the standard of the standard

z/OS Network Performance Data Collection Points

OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Networks

NLDM API

TCP/IP NMI VTAM API

SNMP

z/OS Communications Server

•Collected using the TCP/IP NMI:

- Applications, Connections, TCP/IP Memory Statistics, IPSec
- •FTP Sessions and Transfers, TN3270 Server Sessions, Interfaces (z/OS 1.12)

Collected using the VTAM API:

- VTAM Summary, CSM Buffer Pools
- ► Enterprise Extender (EE), High Performance Routing (HPR)

Collected using SNMP:

- Interfaces (z/OS 1.11 or before)
- OSA
- Collected using the "Session Awareness and trace" API:
 - SNA Session Awareness and Trace
 - ✓ Move from SNMP and NETSTAT COMMANDS to the NMI API
 - ✓ Less overhead
 - √ Scalable



Tivoli Enterprise Portal (TEP) Highlights

Common user interface

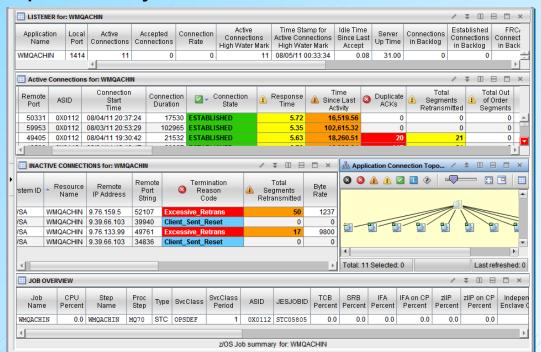
- Manage z/OS system and distributed resources single user interface.
- Displays real time and historical, and alerts at the same time
- All customization and admin through the same interface
- Define thresholds and generate events

Out of the box Best Practices

- Workspaces
- Situations Problem Signatures and Expert Advice (ALERTS)

Create your own views and situations

To match responsibility and skill level



Tivoli Enterprise Portal Situations and Thresholds



View Thresholds

Highlight metrics in a table you are viewing

	ľ		ponse ime	Origin Node	System ID			
			15.19	TCPIP:MVSA	MVSA			
			5.67	TCPIP:MVSA	MVSA			
Г	Response Time GE 5.00							

Situations

Notification, though the TEP or OMNIBUS or even an email



Mainframe Networks







髐 TCPIP:MVSA



Applications



🖳 Address Space

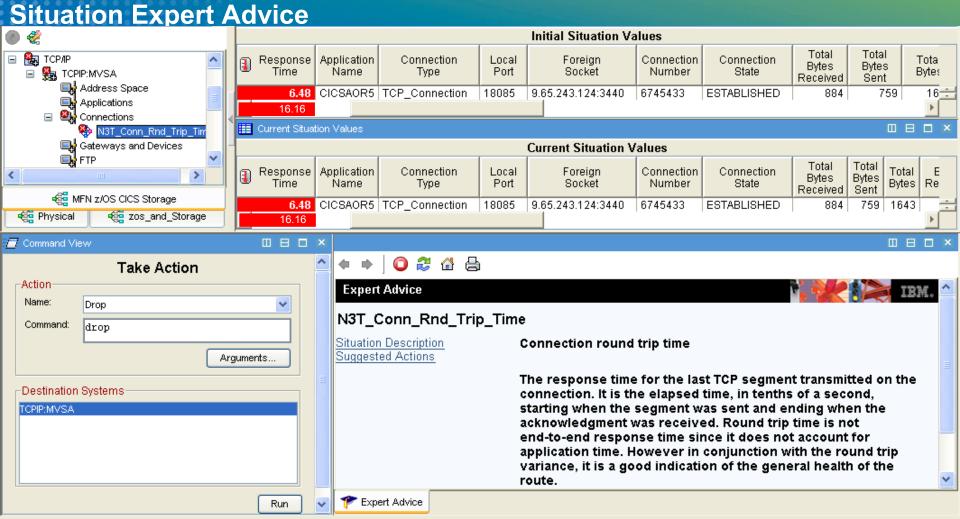


Connections



🤛 N3T_Conn_Rnd_Trip_Time





•Initial Situation Values:

•Current Situation Values:

- •Expert Advice:
- •Take Action:
- •Reflex Automation:
- •Event Forwarding:

Captures metrics at timed triggers

Compare current metrics with initial metrics

Provides suggested actions Issue commands from TEP

Automatically issue commands

Can forwards alerts to OMNIBUS



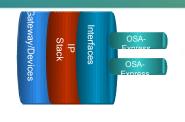
OSA-Express and Interfaces

- Interface Status
 - (Enhancement with z/OS 1.12)
- Situation on OSA Interface Status.
- Alert of OSA Interface down.
- Check Microcode level
- Adjust MTU size to reduce fragmentation
- zEnterprise Monitor new OSA types
- Previously hidden outbound prioritie queues (z/OS 1.12+)

Out of Box Expert Advice

Interfaces

- Device Inactive
- High bandwidth Utilization
- No traffic
- QDIO is Accelerating Bytes
- Max Staging queue depth
- DLC Read deferrals
- DLC Read Exhausted





Out of Box Expert Advice

OSA Express

- High BUS Utilization
- Channel utilization
- Missed packets
- Not Stored Frames



Tip#1 Tuning OSA-Express / ¥ 11 🖯 🗆 × 🚠 OSA Interface Topology - - Interface Names and System IDs ⊕ Maria *OMEG ± ⊞ *OMEG MVSA MVSB MVSC OSX 34001 Interface Statistics OSA only - all LPARS z/OS 1.12 only 11 - × Interface Write Queue Statistics 4 = = Total Outbound Total Inbound Frame Interfac QDIO Queue Interface Interface Interface Packets Discarded Interface Name or Datapath Packets Discarded System ID Interface Name Invalidati<mark>o</mark>n System ID Address Status Priority Statu Type Accelerator Type Status for No Storage Ve sion in Error Suppo MVSB OSAFBC0L OSA QDIO ethernet OSD ΙP۷ MVSA OSX3400P OSA Q Active Active 0 | Active No Yes MVSA MVSC OSAFBCOL OSA QDIO ethernet OSD Active Active 0 | IPv OSX3400P OSA Q Active No Yes 3 MVSA EZ608M01 OSA QDIO ethernet OSM 24 IPV 32 MVSA OSX3400P OSA Q. Active No **Active** Active Yes 24 IPvi 32 OSA Q. MVSA EZ6OSM02 OSA QDIO ethernet OSM OSX3400P No Active Active MVSA **Active** Yes 2 MVSA OSAFBCOL OSA QDIO ethernet OSD Active 0 | IPV OSX3200P OSA Q OSX3200P OSA QDIO ethernet OSX 0 | IPv 0 MVSA OSX3200P OSA Q. Active No 3 MVSA Active Active Yes MN 7C A ∩eva#nne OGA ODIO othornot OGV n lies MVSA OSX3200P OSA Q. No Yes ₹ 🗓 🖂 🗆 × OSA Interface Status Interface Read Queue Statistics / ¥ 11 8 8 ×

TCP Segmentation

Offload

Active

System ID

MVSB

MVSC

MVSA

MVSA

MVSA

MVSA

MV8A

OSA-EX

OSA-EX

OSA-EX

OSA-EX

Interface Name

OSAFBCOL

OSAFBC0L

EZ60SM01

EZ6OSM02

OSAFBC0L

OSX3200P

OSX3400P

Examples for areas for tuning

Actual

Inbound

Performance Type

Actual

MTU Value

8992 No

8992 No

1500 No

1500 No

Discards due to no Storage

DYNAMIC

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BALANCED

- Outbound Queue Priorities
- MTU Sizes

Duplicate

Address

Count

Interface

Type

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1 OSA QDIO ethern.

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Interface

Status

Active

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Device

or Datapath

Status

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Address

Version

IPv4

IPv4

IPv6

IPv6

Duplicate Address Count



Frame

Invalidation

Support

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

QDIO

Accelerator

No

No

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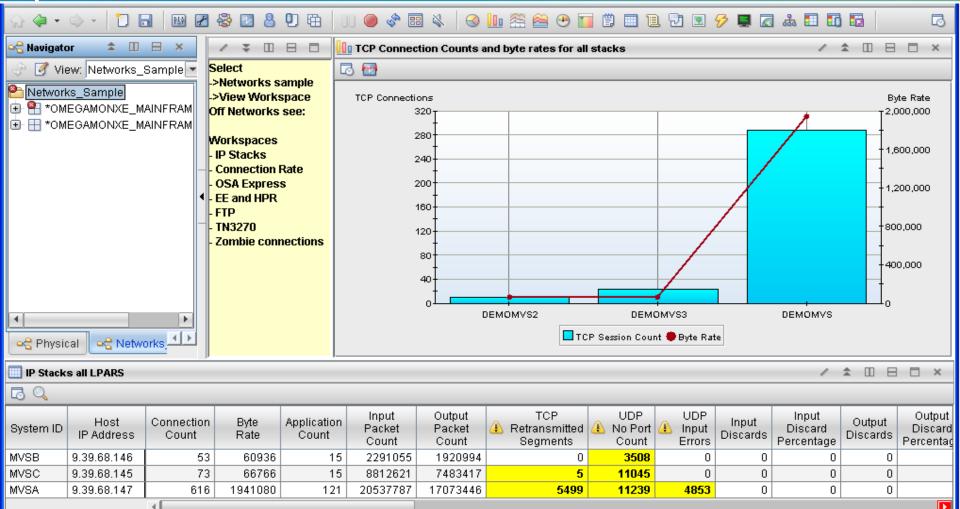
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Tip#2 Look for Errors IP Stacks



- Number of Connections
- Retransmitted Segments
- UDP No port Count and input errors
- Monitor DVIPA from NetView

Out of Box Expert Advice

IP Stack

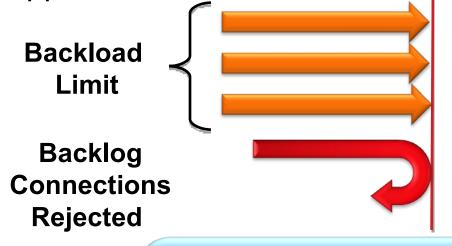
- Input Discards
- Output Discards

Next a Connection Backlogs

Exceeding Backlog Connection Limit



Application will not be aware that connections are being rejected



Application

Out of Box Expert Advice

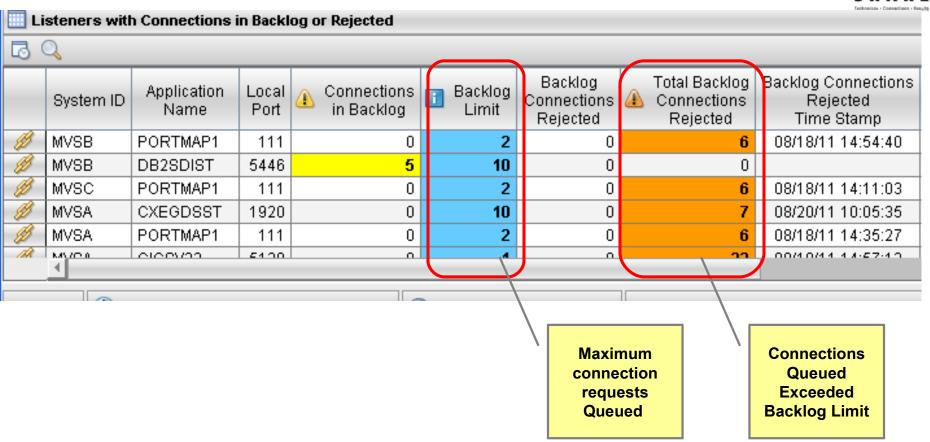
Application problems

- Backlog Connections Rejected
- Connections backlogged
- Not Accepting Connections
- Rejecting new connections



Tip#3 Monitor Connection Backlog Rejections

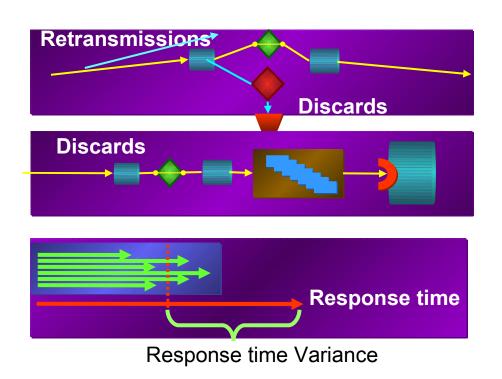




- Increase Backlog Limit (TCPIP profile or in Application)
- •Stagger automatic logons, if possible.



TCP/IP Connections Response times





Out of Box Expert Advice

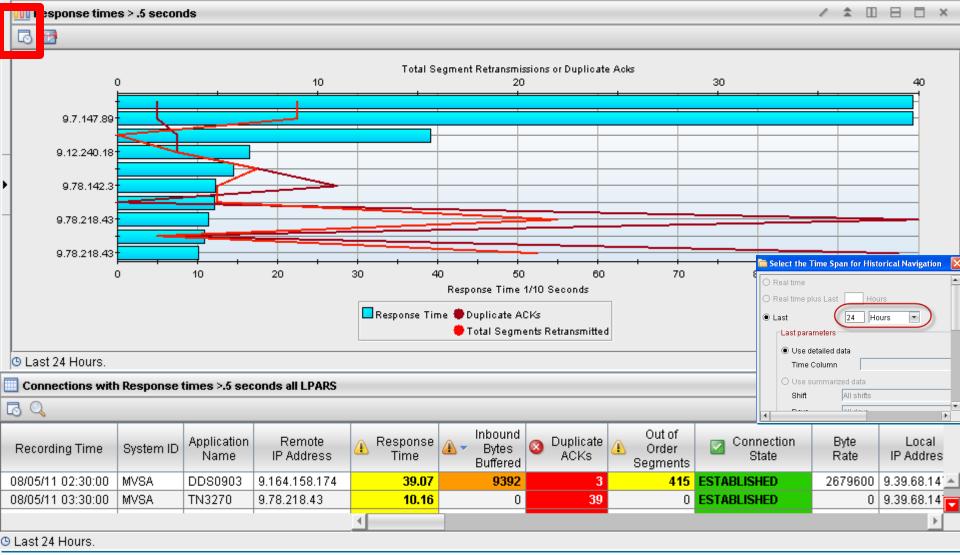
Connections

- Retransmissions
- Discards
- Out of order segments
- Round trip time
- Round trip time variance

Retransmissions, discards and out of order segments

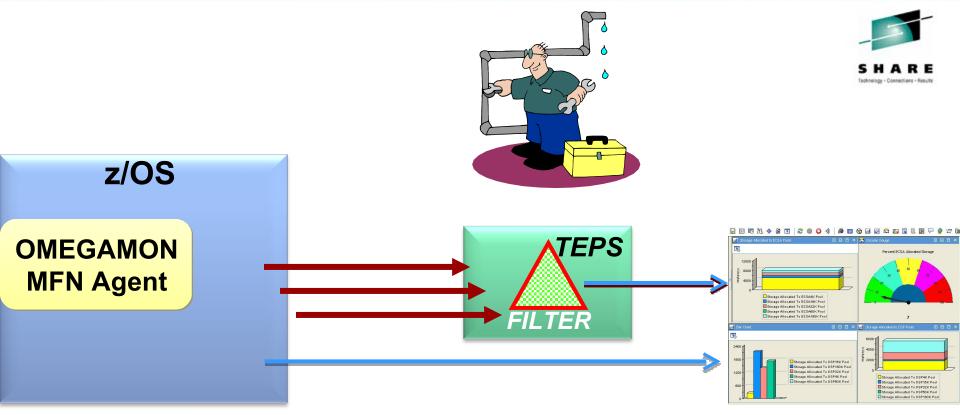


Tip#4 Correlate Response Times with Errors



- •See if poor response time correlates with any errors.
- •Duplicate ACKs, out of Order Segments, Segments Retransmitted
- Turn on history to see when problems are occurring

Filter Data from all z/OS LPARS



- •Filter can be at TEPS Server or z/OS Agent
- •Filtered Query is dynamically pushed to z/OS Agents
- Performance gain is dramatic and immediate

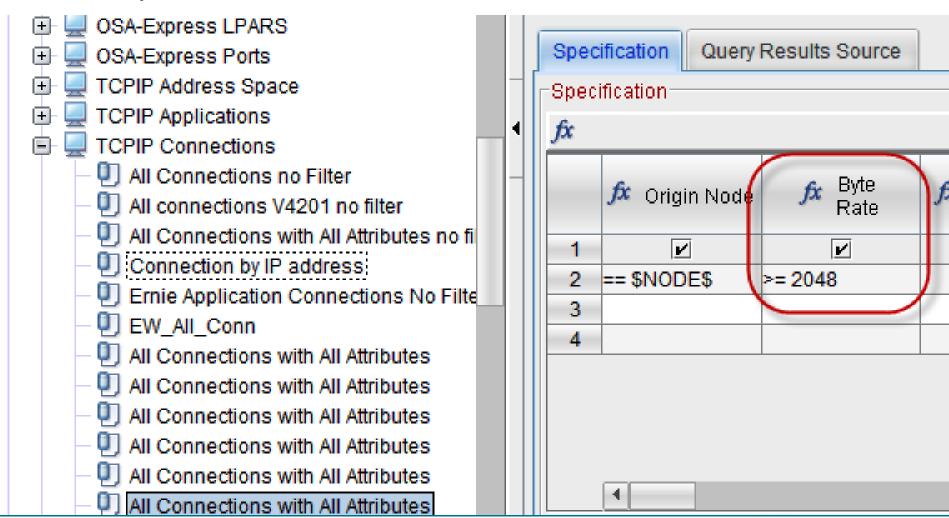


Where are my Connections?

OMEGAMON for MFN default filters can hide problems

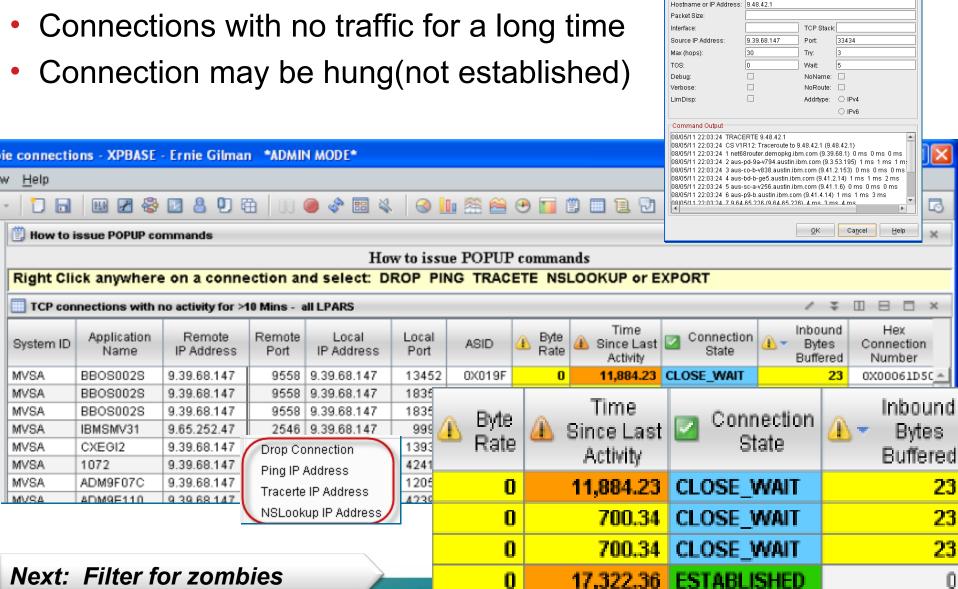


It is simple is to override these filters.



Tip#5 zombie connections

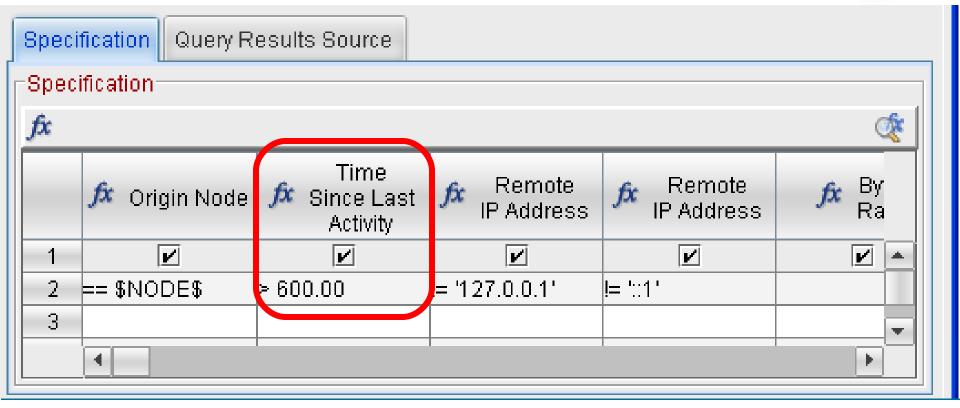
- Connection that do not get dropped
- Connections could start to backlog



Tracerte IP Address Command Input

How to create a filter in Query Editor





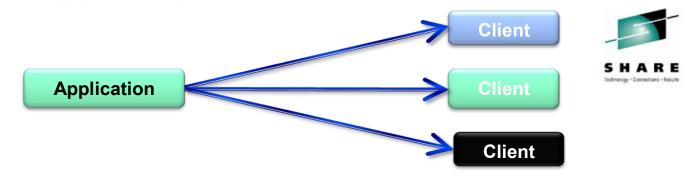
Connections with no activity for > 10 Mins (600 seconds) Filter out addresses such as loopback Filter will automatically be pushed out to the MFN Agents



Tip#6 Create Application Network Filtered Views

Examples:

- •Connect:Direct
- •MQ
- ·CICS
- •WebSphere



Address Space

- •CPU
- Storage
- Priority

Application Listener

- Connection Rejections
- Backlog limit
- Number of Connections
- Connection Rate

TCP/IP Connections

- •Response times
- •Buffers queued
- Connection hangs
- Congestion
 - Reset windows
 - Retries,
 - Out of order
- Listener and connection feeds from OMEGAMON MFN
- Inactive connections feeds from NetView for Termination reasons
- Address Space feeds from OMEGAMON on z/OS

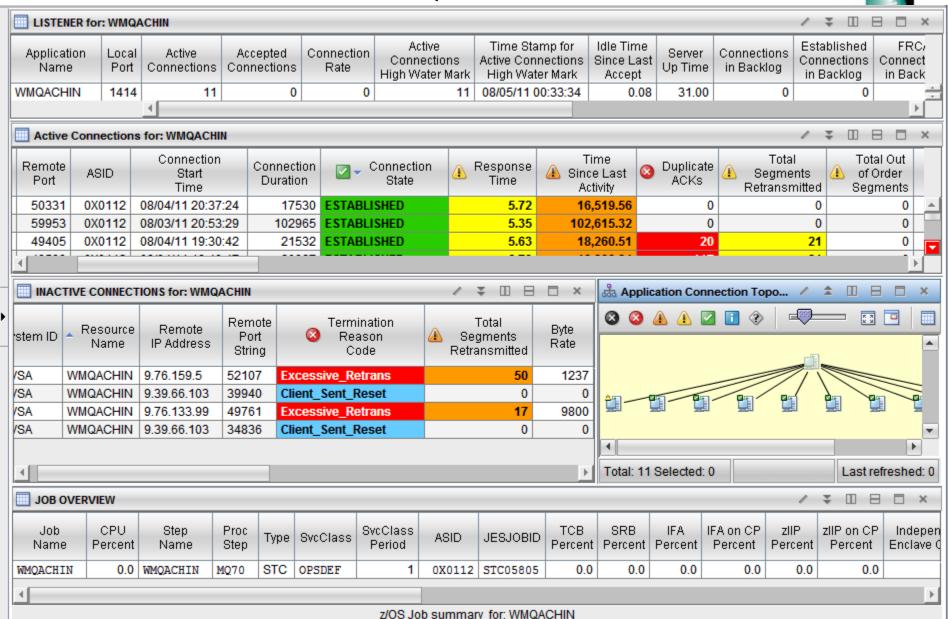
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Next: Create filtered view on application

Application Monitor View

Here is one filtered on MQ

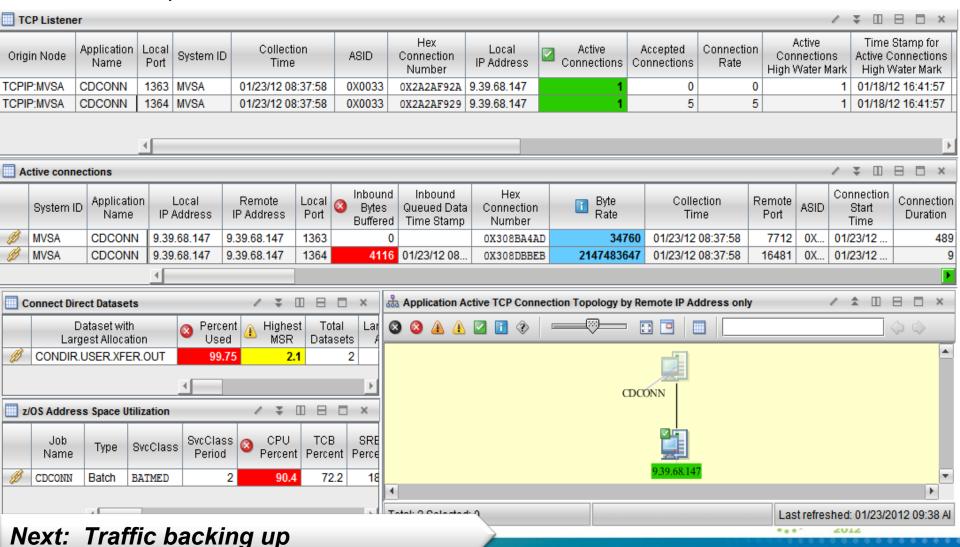




Monitoring Connect: Direct (NDM)

- •We see the status of the C:D Listners (Default Ports 1363 & 1364)
- Notice we have bytes backing up for one of them
- Check the Dataset response time (MSR)
- •C:D address space CPU utilization with drill down to the current WLM.





Bytes backing up for a connection



- Check connection status connections with bytes backing up inbound or outbound
- •Notice some of these may be zombies connections.
- •Remote endpoint unable to keep up.
- Ceck for Segment retransmissions .
- Backup can cause significant CSM storage usage Issues
- •Recommendations:
- Create warning situations based on Bytes Buffered.
- •Trigger Critical Situations if number of Bytes Buffered continues to increase
- •In severe cases, consider automatically dropping the connection in Situation action tab.

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С	□ Connections with Bytes Buffered														
	System ID	Application Name and Port	Inbound Bytes Buffered	Queued Data	T 400 T	Outbound Queued Data Time Stamp		Connection State	Remote IP Address	Remote Port	Time Activity	Percent Segments Retransmitted	Total Segments Retransmitted	Duplicate ACKs	A
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B	MVSA	RD4ZRS	84	09/16/11 13	0	A	0	CLOSE_WAIT	9.39.68.147	6715	41,976.91	0	0	1	
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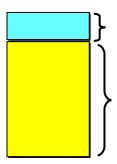
Next: TN3270

TN3270 High Response Time Exception View

TN3270 Response time

S H A R E

- SNA time is application
- IP time is the network
 - Drill down to TCP connection to see errors
- Response time distribution by buckets
 - Sliding window buckets set in Comm Server
- TN3270 Server status from NetView



SNA Response Time (Application issue)

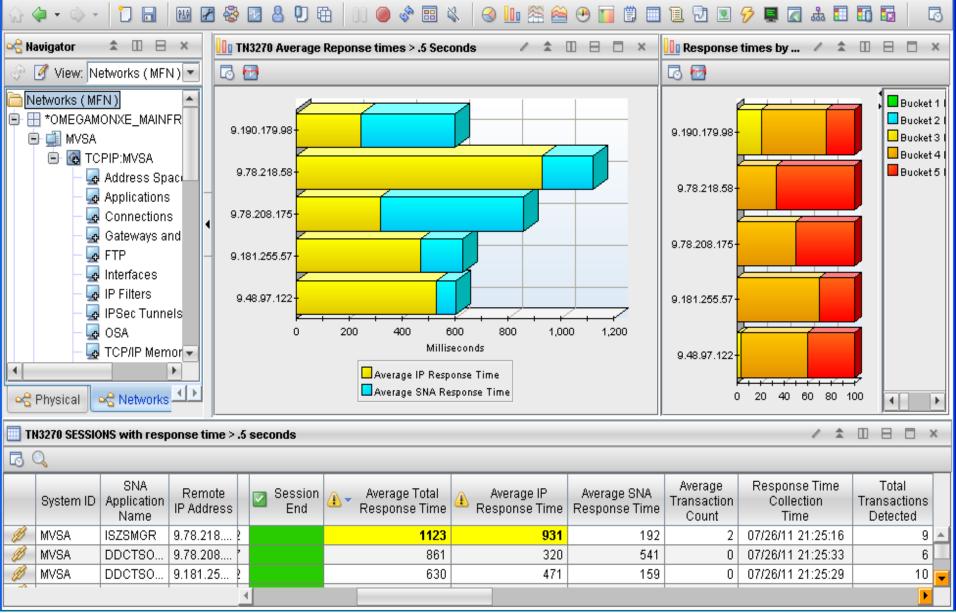
IP Response Time
Drill to connection

Out of Box Expert Advice TN3270 Response times

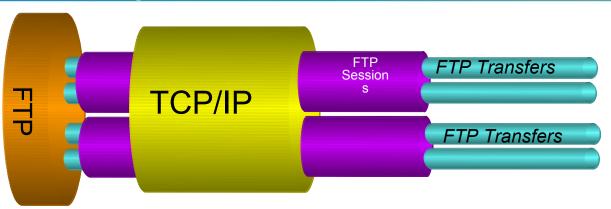
- Average IP response times
- Average SNA response times
- Average total response times
- High number of long responses



Tip#8 TN3270 High Response Time Exception View



Tip#9 FTP View of Logon and Transfer Problems



- FTP Session logon failure reason codes
- FTP Transfers, How long it took

250

MS519

Drill down to connection for performance issues

User ID on Server	Session Start	Session End	Login Failure Reason Description		
MS519	02/17/08 09:07:03	02/17/08 09:07:03	Password_not_valid		
MS519	02/17/08 09:07:52				
User ID on Server		ransmission Tr	Bytes ransmitted	Command	

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Datasi Name
MS519.EL

Last Reply

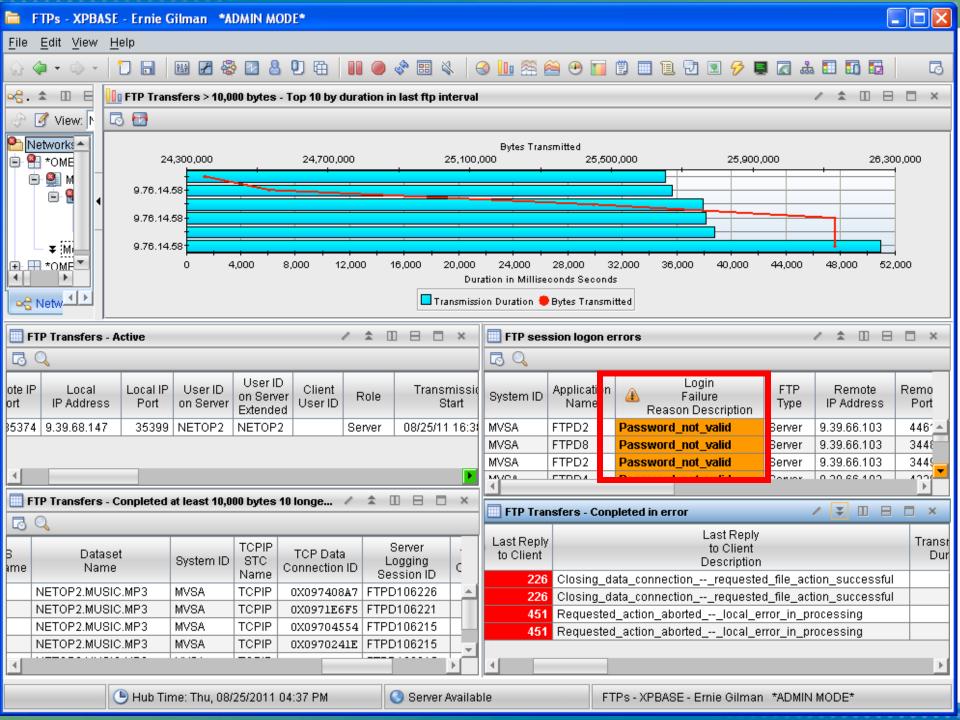
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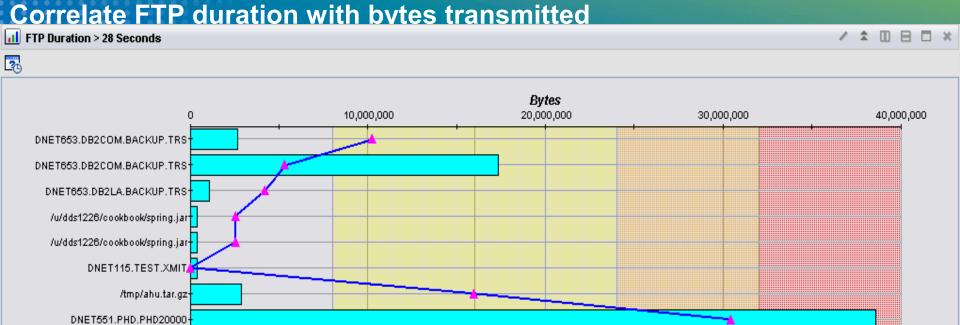
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1965120 RETRIEVE





200,000

FTP Duration 🛨 Bytes Transmitted

Miliseconds

300,000

400,000

Out of Box Expert Advice

FTP Session Errors:

- Network or socket errors
- Error reply from server
- Invalid sequence from client
- Resource shortage (storage...)

100,000

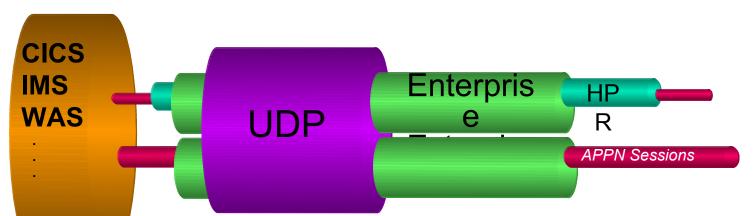
FTP Transfer Errors

File, system or network errors



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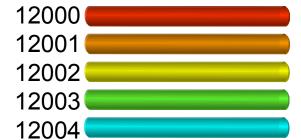
Summary of Enterprise Extender and HPR





Network Priority Mappings

UDP Ports



Expert Advice

HPR

- Low initial throughput rate
- Path Switches
- ARB Mode Red, Persistent*

EE

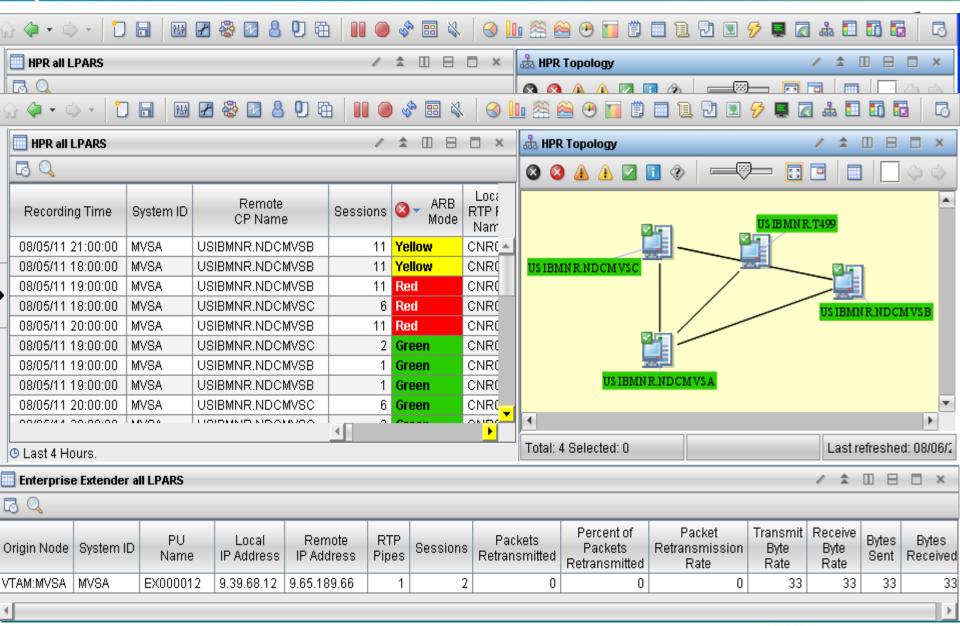
- High retransmissions
- Out of Sequence buffers
 UDP
- High Discard Rates
- Long Queues exceeding Queue Limit*

SNA	Path Switch Timeout
LL2	(LIVTIME 10 Seconds)
Network	1 Minute
High	TP(2) 2 Minutes
Medium	TP(1) 3 Minutes
Low	TP(0) 8 Minutes





Tip#10 Show EE and HPR on one View for all LPARs



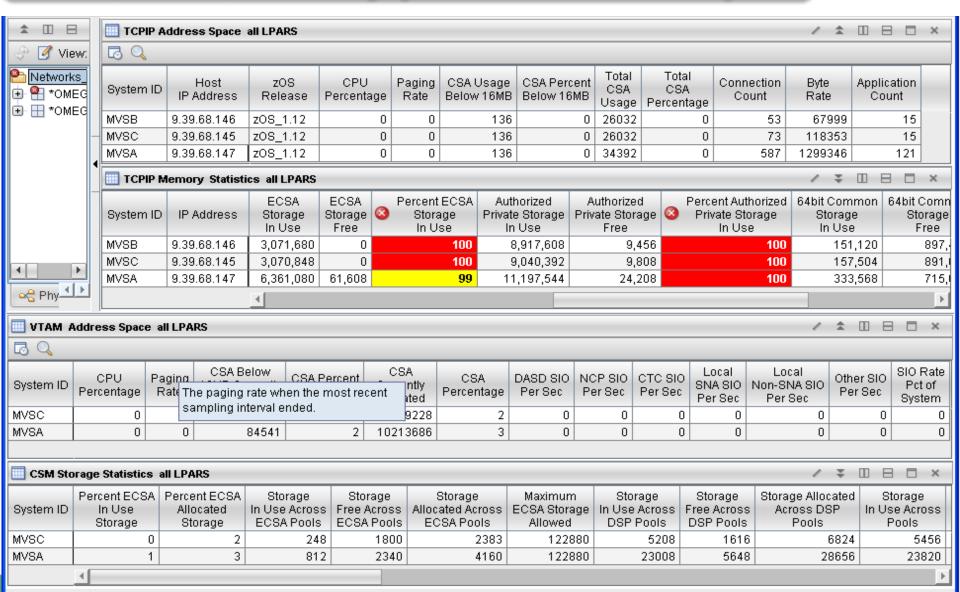


TCP/IP and VTAM Address Spaces, Storage and Buffers

Out of Box Expert AdviceVTAM and TCP Address Space

SHARE Inchneigg · Connections · Results

CSA%, ECSA %, CPU %, Paging Rate, and Buffer Pool shortage



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Additional Information:





- OMEGAMON Recommended Maintenance:
- https://www-304.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg21290883
 - OMEGAMON XE for MFN V4R2 Fix pack 3 4.2.0.3-TIV-KN3-IF0001
 - Matching PTFs UA58835, UA59029, UA59138, UA59709
 - IBM Tivoli Monitoring V6.2.2 Fix Pack 6.2.2-TIV-ITM-FP0005
 - OMEGAMON for DE licence
 - Matching PTFs UA60941, UA60942, UA60943, UA60944
 - Download Network_Extended DE Navigator View from OPAL
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