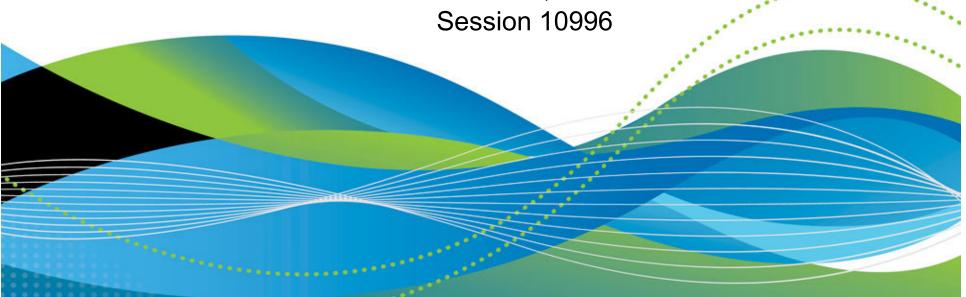




DB2 for z/OS Distributed Access – **Best Practices and Updates**

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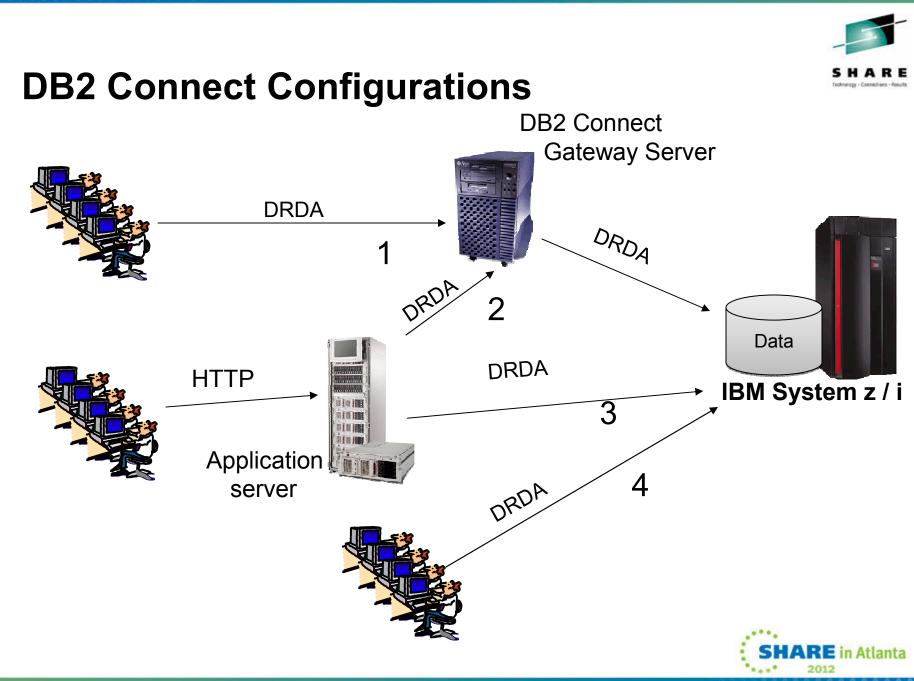
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Why Would I use DB2 Connect Server



- Two Phase Commit
 - Many transaction managers still require a DB2 Connect Server for two phase commit if they use a dual transport model
 - For example, Tuxedo, Encina
 - DB2 and MS DTC are two transaction managers that do not require a DB2 Connect Server
- Federation
 - Homogeneous Federation is possible with DB2 Connect Server
 - Use of nicknames to other DB2 and Informix data servers
- Licensing
 - DB2 Connect Enterprise Edition with concurrent user licensing requires DB2 Connect Server configurations only
 - Ensure you have license for MSUs and Host (based on # of subsystems or D.S. group



Sysplex Workload Balancing



- The Sysplex Distributor
 - Allows you to transparently establish an initial connection to an available member of the data sharing group
 - However, the workload balancing is network based so should just be for establishing the initial connection to the group
- The driver/connect server uses the WLM-provided information, together with DB2 Connect's sysplex support, to do the actual workload balancing of the different connections



So what are the key points to Pooling and Concentrator



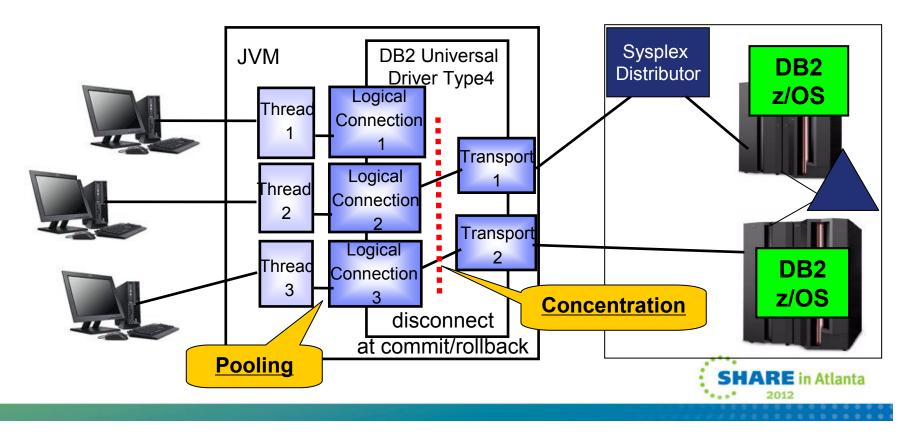
- Both can support Data Sharing
- Both can support VIPA and Sysplex Distributor
- Connection Pooling reuses threads at <u>connection</u> time
 - Have to drop the connection to be routed to another DB2
- Connection Concentrator reuses threads at <u>commit</u> time
 - Restrictions:
 - Only supports SSL for outbound connections
 - If you declare global temporary tables, they must be closed explicitly at transaction or branch boundary
 - Dynamic prepare requests from embedded dynamic SQL applications will be rejected.
 - See DB2 Connect user guide for details on other restrictions
 - SAP does not support Connection Concentrator
 - Observations:
 - Most customers use Connection Pooling
 - Thoroughly test usage of Connection Concentrator often times applications are using some of the above restrictions which do not show up until in production



Sysplex Workload Balancing

- SHARE Interview - Feasite
- Sysplex Workload Balancing was supported by the JCC type 4 since V8 and by non-Java since 9.5 FP3
 - What level driver came thru the maintenance stream...
 - https://www-

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SysplexWLB and Failover

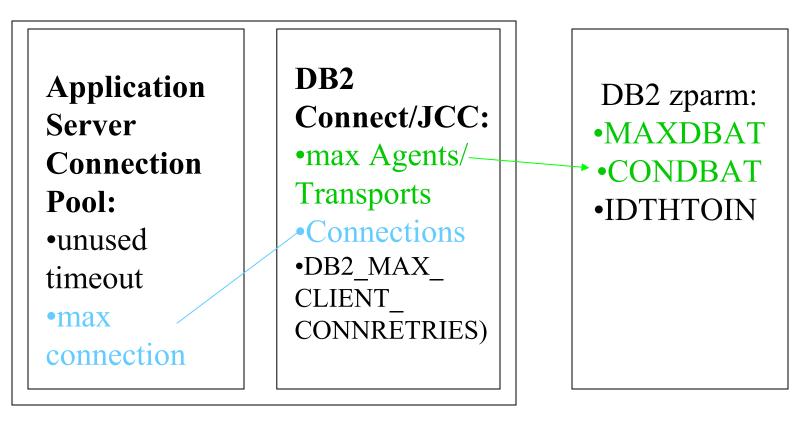


- Java and non-Java IBM Data Server drivers can exploit the sysplex as follows:
 - They can connect applications to a DB2 data sharing group as though it were a single database server, and spread the workload among the different members, based on server lists dynamically provided by WLM (connection pooling)
 - They can recognize when a member of a DB2 data sharing group fails and can automatically route new connections to other members. This is done after commit scope of application, otherwise connection would simply hang. (connection concentration)







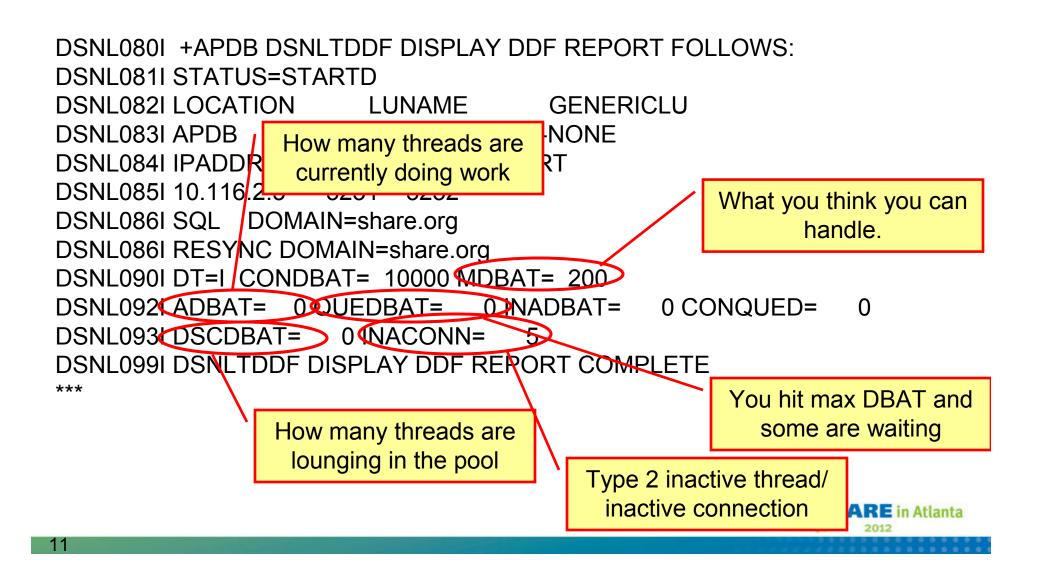




Thread Monitoring:



-DIS DDF DETAIL real time information on DBAT and CONDBAT metrics



Configuration Best Practices (non-JAVA)



- enableWLB True
 - Enables WLB and seamless failover.
- Transports allocated based on app connection
 - Default max of 1000 transports per member
- ConnectionTimeout Network. Based on Application QoS
 - · Connect will fail when expired
- CommandTimeout Network (.NET 30 seconds). Based on Application QoS.
 - Triggers interrupt when expired.
- maxAcrRetries 1 time thru server list
 - Number of times to retry the connection to the alternate server.
- AcrRetryInterval 1 second
 - Number of seconds to wait between retries.



Configuration Best Practices (non-JAVA)



- maxTransportIdleTime 60 seconds (< than IDTHTOIN)
 - Time an unused transport hangs around before being closed.
- maxRefreshInterval 10 seconds
 - Time between updates of WLM weights with server.
- maxTransportWaitTime 1 second
 - Max time an app will wait for a transport to become available.
- memberConnectTimeout 1 second
 - Timeout to be used when communicating with a member in the server list.
- tcpipKeepAlive 15 seconds (< than TCPKPLV)
 - Timeout for all other communication requests
- interruptprocessingmode 2
 - Controls interrupt behavior. Value=2 drops the connection when interrupt is triggered.



Configuration Best Practices...

- Cursor Hold we do not want result sets persist across commits so...
 - JAVA setResultHoldability =2
 - Non-JAVA CursorHold=0
- Implicit Close we want cursors to be automatically closed after rows are fetched so...
 - JAVA queryCloseImplicit
 - Non-JAVA CursorTypes
- Auto Commit we would like the application to *intelligently* moderate the commit scope through the persistence layer or manually within the application
 - JAVA setAutoCommit(false)
 - Non-JAVA Autocommit configuration keyword



Key DB2 DDF Parameters



Parameter	Possible values	Default – as of V8*	Description	
DDFNO / AUTO / COMMANDCMTSTATACTIVE / INACTIVECTHREAD1-2,000		No	DDF Startup	
		INACTIVE*	Thread Pooling - Pool inactive threads	
		200*	Max users - allied (local) threads RRSAF or CAF (CICS, IMS, TSO, Batch attach, SPUFI, Classic QMF, etc)	
MAXDBAT	0-1,999 200* Max remote active DDF Threads - DBM1 Add		Max remote active DDF Threads - DBM1 Address Space	
CONDBAT	0-15,000	10,000*	Max remote connections - DDF Address Space	
MAXTYPE1 These were mentioned on previous slides POOLINAC 0-9,999 IDTHTOIN 0-9,999		0	Max inactive DBATs, these are used for private protocol. DRDA uses inactive connections.	
		120	Approximate time, in seconds that an inactive/unused DBAT can remain idle in the pool before it is terminated. DBAT deleted after being used 200 times also.	
		120*	The IDLE THREAD TIMEOUT (IDTHTOIN) parameter specifies the time (in seconds) that an active DBAT can remain idle before it is canceled. – Should set a "little" higher than TCPKPALV	
TCPKPALV	ENABLE / DISABLE / 1- 120* 65534 120* TCP/IP keep alive (Goes hand-in-hand with IDTHTOIN)			
CONTSTOR	YES / NO	No	Periodically " contract" each thread's working storage area.	
MINSTOR	YES / NO	No	Use storage management algorithms that minimize the amount of working storage consumed by individual threads.	

WLM Weight calculation.

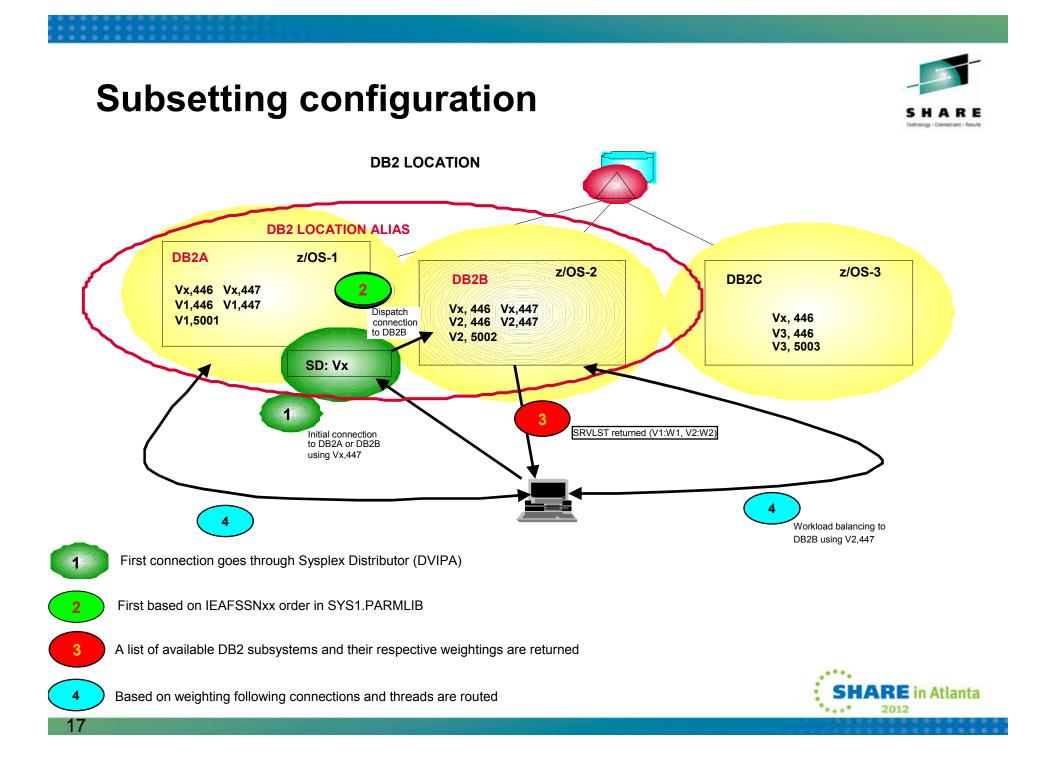


There are no configuration parameters related to enabling sysplex WLB on DB2 for z/OS server. When DDF is started, it registers itself to WLM, unless MAXDBAT is set to 0 or DDF is stopped. In either of these exception cases, that member's DDF does not appear in the server list. The drivers use the updated server list on each transaction to distribute workload to DB2 data sharing members.

There are several factors WLM will take into account when creating and updating weights.

- 1. Displaceable capacity of systems (CPU).
- 2. Enclave service class achievement (Performance Index, or PI)
 - WLM goal should be attainable when system is not under stress, which would result in a PI < 1.</p>
- 3. Enclave service class queuing.
- 4. DB2 for z/OS Health
 - DB2 will report its health factor of 0 to 100 to WLM based on the current storage consumption within the DBM1 and DIST address spaces.





Types of location aliases



Static location aliases

You can use DSNJU003 (change log inventory) utility to define and modify as many as 8 static location aliases. Changes to these aliases require you to stop both DDF and DB2, thus requiring an outage.

• Dynamic location aliases (New in v10)

You can use the MODIFY DDF command with the ALIAS option to define and manage as many as 40 location aliases dynamically. You can start, stop, cancel, modify, and delete dynamic location aliases without stopping either DDF or DB2. These aliases **cannot** be defined or managed by the DSNJU003 utility, and the DSNJU004 utility does not print any information about them. You have to use the DISPLAY DDF command to find information about these aliases. Before you can define dynamic location aliases, DB2 must be started, but DDF may or may not be started.



Dynamic Location Aliases



Business Challenge : Need the ability to manage poorly performing app servers without taking a DB2 server outage.

- **Solution:** You can associate a location alias with an app server and use the –MODIFY DDF command to dynamically exclude poorly behaved applications from sysplexWLB (change PORT)
- **Business Challenge** : Stopping DDF causes all the app servers connected to a member to <u>failover</u>. DBAs are looking for a more granular failover where only certain app servers fail over while others don't.
- **Solution:** You can associate a location alias with an app server and use the –MODIFY DDF command to dynamically stop the alias which only causes the app servers connected to that alias to failover, without affecting others.



Dynamic Location Aliases



Business Challenge : Block incoming traffic from certain app servers without disrupting <u>outbound</u> traffic. Setting MAXDBAT=0 blocks all inbound traffic.

Solution: You can associate a location alias with an app server and use the –MODIFY DDF command to dynamically stop the alias on a member which blocks incoming traffic from only those app servers that are connected to that alias without affecting other inbound or any outbound traffic.

Business Challenge : The default IP addresses provided to the client drivers may not always be usable to establish connections for sysplexWLB or failover. So, DBAs want to control the IP addresses provided to the client drivers.

Solution : You can use the –MODIFY DDF command with the ALIAS keyword to dynamically specify the IP address that will be returned in the server list when client connects to the specified alias.



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Dynamic Location Aliases - Continued

Examples :

-MODIFY DDF ALIAS(alias1) ADD

Alias1 is created and is stopped by default.

-MODIFY DDF ALIAS(alias1) PORT(9000)

Alias1 is associated with port 9000.

-MODIFY DDF ALIAS(alias1) IPv4(2.2.2.2)

Alias1 is associated with IP address 2.2.2.2

-MODIFY DDF ALIAS(alias1) START

DDF will accept requests for alias1 on port 9000. When a client connects to alias1, IP address 2.2.2.2 is returned in the server list.

-MODIFY DDF ALIAS(alias1) STOP

Alias1 is stopped and will not accept new requests. Existing requests will be allowed to complete.



Displaying location alias-specific information



-DISPLAY DDF ALIAS(alias1) DETAIL

DSNL080I @ DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF (alias1) REPORT FOLLOWS: DSNL087I ALIAS PORT SECPORT STATUS DSNL088I ALIAS1 9000 5005 **STARTD** DSNL089I MEMBER IPADDR=::2.2.2.2 DSNL089I MEMBER IPADDR=2002:91E:610::1 DSNL096I ADBAT = 100 CONQUED = 1000 TCONS = 1000 DSNL100I LOCATION SERVER LIST: DSNL100I LOCATION SERVER LIST: DSNL101I WT IPADDR IPADDR DSNL102I 32 ::2.2.2.2 2002:91E:610::1 DSNL102I 32 ::1.2.3.4 DSNL099I DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT COMPLETE

- **ADBAT** : The number of active data base access threads (DBATs) that are currently processing requests on behalf of the specified alias.
- **CONQUED :** The number of connection requests that are currently queued and waiting to be serviced on behalf of the specified alias.
- **TCONS :** The total number of remote connections that are currently associated with the alias.



Online CDB (Communications DataBase)



Business Need : TCP/IP connections established after modifying the CDB should automatically use the updated values without recycling DDF.

Solution : When a CDB table used for TCP/IP access is updated, DDF is notified and it dynamically retrieves the updated values to establish new connections. You can use the –DISPLAY LOCATION command to tell which connections are using the updated CDB values and other connection attributes like AES, SSL, IPSec, trusted context, XA or sysplexWLB.



Cancel Thread improvements



Business Challenge : Lack of sufficient cancel detection points in DB2 server is causing certain queries to run indefinitely and consume resources, even after client disconnects. DBAs want to be able to cancel a long running query and not be charged for wasted CPU costs that will never be materialized to the applications.

Solution : More cancel detection points have been added in DB2, mainly in areas like sort and work file processing to catch more runaway threads.



Cancel Thread improvements - Continued



Business Challenge : DBAs want to be able to cancel requests suspended in the network effectively without issuing external commands to drop the connection. Users may not know it is suspended in the network and end up recycling DB2 to free the held resources.

Solution : DB2 will now programmatically drop the connection using TCP/IP network manager calls that allows DB2 to get control and cancel the thread. APAR number is PM54383.



System Profiling



Business Challenge : With direct connections, DBAs need greater flexibility and control to manage (punish) resources for specific clients according to their needs.

Solution : You can use DB2 profile tables to monitor connections for specific clients. You can specify thresholds and actions to be taken when threshold is exceeded. You can set filters to identify client connections to be monitored.



System Profiling - Continued



Filters that you can set.

- Client IP address/domain name
- Client product id
- Client application name
- Client userid
- Client workstation name
- Role name, authid
- Collection id/package name
- Location/location alias name



System Profiling - Continued

What can be monitored ?

- 1. MONITOR CONNECTIONS
 - Monitor the number of concurrent inbound connections allowed.
 - Is subject to the filtering on IP address or Domain name only.
- 2. MONITOR THREAD
 - Monitor the number of DBATs that are allowed to be concurrently active.
 - Is supported for all filtering combinations.
- 3. MONITOR IDLE THREADS
 - Monitor the amount of time, in second, that an active server thread is to be allowed to remain idle.
 - Is supported for all filtering combinations.
- You can use history tables to know what profiles and monitoring functions are in effect.
- When a profile warning or exception occurs, IFCID 402 (stat class 4) record is written at an interval set in the STATIME zPARM.





Profile enhancements

- Catalog table holds profiles
 - Can limit:

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- <u>Warning only produces</u> <u>messages</u>
- Exception will take action
- Warning or exception
 - DIAG level 1 1 message if any threshold reached
 - DIAG level 2 1 message for each unique threshold surpassed
 - Exception for active thread means 10 can be active, 10 can be in queue, but next one in gets canceled
- DSNT771I/DSNT772I console message, reason code 00E3050x alerts you of warning or exception

PRO- FILEID	KEYW ORDS	AT- TRIB- UTE1	AT- TRIB- UTE2	AT- TRIB- UTE3	AT- TRIB- UTE TIMES TAMP	RE- MARK S
1	MONIT- OR THREA DS	EXCEP- TION_D IAG- LEVEL2	10		2008-12- 19	
2	MONIT- OR CON- NEC- TIONS	WARN- ING	50		2008-12- 17	
3	MONIT- OR IDLE THREA DS	EXCEP- TION_D IAG- LEVEL1	300		2009-01- 25	





Protecting DB2



Business Challenge : DBAs want to control the connection queue depth and the wait time for a queued connection to get a DBAT, exceeding which connection should be terminated. Solution : Two new zPARMs MAXCONQN (depth) and MAXCONQW (wait time) are supported. -DISPLAY DDF DETAIL will show the current configured values and connections closed because limit exceeded. This info is also recorded in stats and accounting. APAR number is <u>PM43293</u> (V9 & V10).



Protecting DB2 - continued



Business Challenge : WLM weights are not updated until PI index interval of 10 seconds which causes clients to use a stale server list to route requests. The requests may thus land on members that have a connection count approaching the CONDBAT limit.

Solution : DB2 will lower its health when connection count starts approaching the CONDBAT limit. Since the health is factored in the weight calculation, clients will be discouraged to route here. Every 1 minute, DB2 will check if connection count started declining and will raise back the health to the system value. The health reported to WLM can be displayed using –DISPLAY DDF DETAIL. APAR number is PM43293.



Location Monitoring



- 24/7 availability and bigger counters : Previously stat counters were 4 bytes and wrapped quickly. For 24/7 availability, counters have been extended to 8 bytes.
- New IFCID 365 (class 7) : Previously, stats for all locations were grouped under DRDA REMOTE LOCS and written to SMF every minute. With IFCID 365, stats can be displayed by location and written to SMF at the interval specified by zPARM STATIME. You can provide tuning info for each app server depending on where work is coming from.

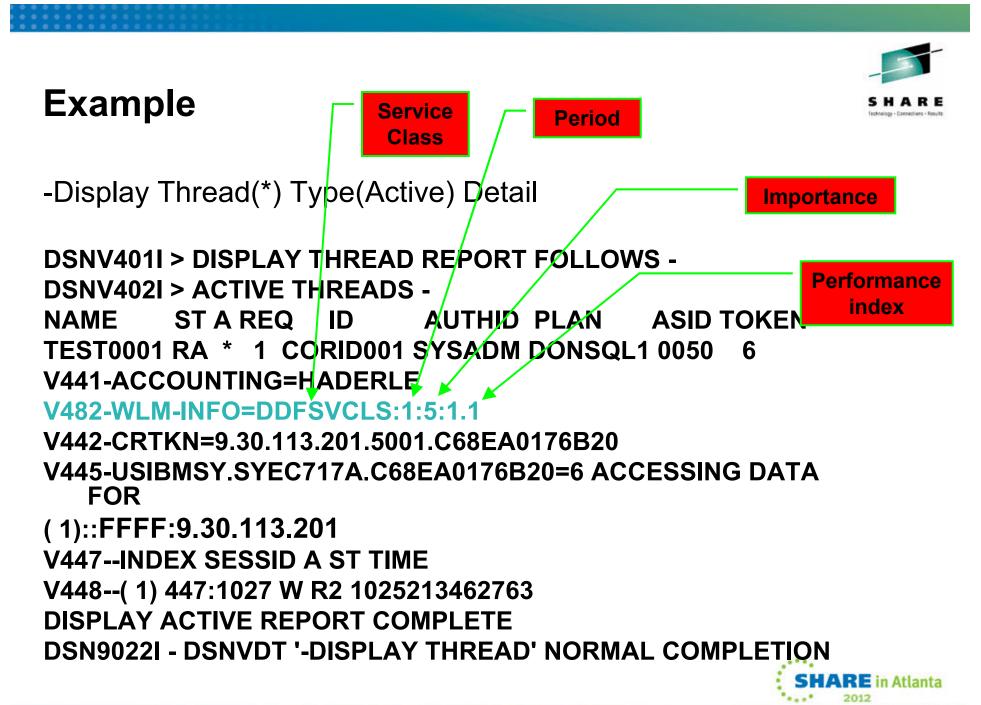


Monitoring DBAT's WLM goals (DB2 10)



- You can use the **–DISPLAY THREAD** command to find out the following WLM characteristics associated with the DBAT (separated by a colon)
 - Service Class Name Named group of work with similar goals and resource requirements.
 - **Importance Level of the period -** The relative importance of the service class period goal. Only used when goal is not being met. The value can be 1-5, or DISCRETIONARY(5), 1 being the highest importance.
 - Service class Period Number Performance periods are available for work that has variable resource requirements and for which your goals change as the work uses more resources. You specify a goal, an importance, and a duration for a performance period. You can specify up to eight performance periods.
 - Performance Index of the service class period A calculation of how well work is meeting its goal. For work with response time goals, Pl is the actual divided by goal.
 - PI=1 (period is exactly meeting its goal)
 - PI<1 (period is beating its goal)
 - PI>1 (period is missing its goal)
 - DISCRETIONARY = 0.8





How Should I Classify Threads:

Work qualifiers are used to help identify a thread

- AI Accounting Information*
- CI Correlation Information*
- CN Collection Name
- CT Connection Type
- CTG Connection Type Group
- LU LU Name
- LUG LU Name Group
- NET Net ID
- NETG Net ID Group
- PC Process Name
- PF Perform

- PFG Perform Group
- PK Package Name *
- PKG Package Name Group
- PN Plan Name
- PNG Plan Name Group
- PR Procedure Name
- PX Sysplex Name
- SI Subsystem Instance
- SIG Subsystem Instance Group
- SSC Subsystem Collection
- * Popular choices UI Userid

- Best Practice
 - Ensure all remote workload is less important than DDF address space
 - Classify transactionary work based on response time goals (2 periods), not velocity goals AND NOT DISCRETIONARY

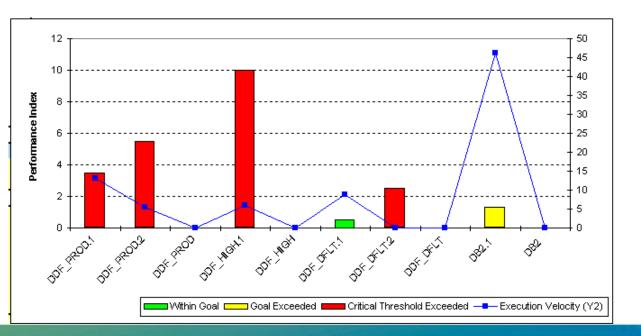


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WLM classification example

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- This is an example of ill-fated goals
 - DDF workload imp. 1 high velocity goal
 - DB2 DIST high velocity goal as well
 - Deadly embrace as DDF uses resources DB2 needs to accept new work
 - DDF response time could go up by factor of 10x, because duration is not part of the goal nor monitored by WLM with a velocity goal
 - If you continuously miss your goal WLM will skip you





How do I set Client-info to better classify trans.?

- In data source
 - All applications sharing data source appear the same to DR2
 - Need source per application to change information
- Calling WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO stored procedure
 - Requires application add a call to proc and populate the information
- pureQuery product makes JAVA into static packages
- Having application set it
 - WSConnection() method to set correlation and accounting info
- Create a wrapper from incoming getConnection() string that dynamically picks up program name and IDs
 - Can use Hibernate or Spring class to populate their intermediary config file
 - Could use a wrapper from Websphere that uses getConnection() and WSSubject class to pull the information out of the incoming request to populate client info

Ease of implementing **But static**

Requires

coding, but

flexible

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Example of Creating a DDF Service Class for a Specific Application Continued . . .

- If a service class of 'PC=AdrianBurke', or 'CI=agb_v9' had been created and the application code contained WSConnection.CLIENT_APPLICATION_NAME, "agb_v9", or connectionProperties.put("clientProgramName", "agb_v9"), and connectionProperties.put("clientApplicationInformation", "AdrianBurke") in connection string: then the snapshot of the enclave screen would show the following details:



Distributed Correlation Enhancements



- Previously, the correlation token used to correlate work between the client and server was only externalized in DB2 accounting data and not in DB2 messages making it impossible for users to correlate message related failures to the remote client application that is involved in the failure.
- In DB2 10, the THREAD-INFO description for key messages will include this token, which will be enclosed in '<' and '>' characters, and contains three components,

separated by a period:

- A 3 to 39 character IP address.
- A 1 to 8 character port address.
- A 12 character unique identifier.

Example :

DSNL027I > SERVER DISTRIBUTED AGENT WITH

LUWID=G91702F8.P853.100629180434=4

THREAD-INFO=ADMF001:mask:admf001:db2bp:*:*:*:

<9.23.2.248.38995.100629180434>

RECEIVED ABEND=04E

FOR REASON=00D3001A

REQUESTER	: ::131.126.51.231	CORRNAME: G1PBTC00	LUW LUN: DA84
MAINPACK	: YPKSFC00	CORRNMBR: 4	LUW INS: C8A688E43E56
PRIMAUTH	: G1PDBC	CONNTYPE: DRDA	LUW SEQ: 71
ORIGAUTH	: G1PDBC	CONNECT : SERVER	







- Previously, we did not allow DB2 to process TCP/IP requests without configuring a domain name, even when the IP address that domain name maps to is always fixed.
- In v10, for users that specify fixed IP addresses in the DB2 BSDS, a domain name is no longer required to be configured to process TCP/IP requests.
 - When a domain name is unavailable, A DSNL523I message that contains the BSDS-specified IP address will be issued, in lieu of a DSNL519I message to indicate that DDF is ready to accept requests for that IP address.



Whats new with remote threads in DB2 10...



- High Performance DBATs is a new type of distributed thread (some customershave seen XX% perf. Gain)
 - Packages must be bound with RELEASE(DEALLOCATE) to get reuse for same connection and -MODIFY DDF PKGREL(BNDOPT) must also be in effect
 - Since V6 they have been RELEASE(COMMIT)
 - Now DBAT and client connection will remain active together
 - After the Hi-Perf DBAT has been reused 200 times
 - · DBAT will be purged and client connection will then go inactive
 - If Hi-Perf DBAT has not received new work for POOLINAC time
 - DBAT will be purged and the connection will go inactive
 - If # of Hi-Perf DBATs exceed 50% of MAXDBAT threshold
 - DBATs will be pooled at commit and package resources copied/allocated as RELEASE(COMMIT)
 - Hi-Perf DBATs can be purged to allow DDL, BIND, and utilities to break in
 - Via -MODIFY DDF PKGREL(COMMIT)

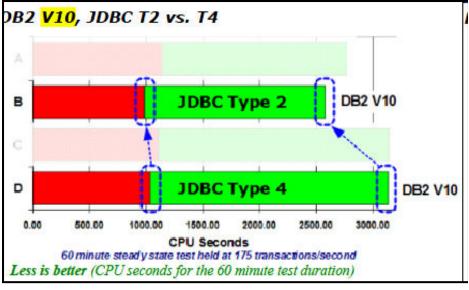


Cost of deployment for type 2 vs. type 4 drivers

- Type 4 saved CPU over 3 years ago
 - Even then T4 used 23% more total processing cycles (PTV8)
 - 23% less ITR (PVT8)
 - 19% increase in elapsed time (PVT8)
- Current V10 numbers show T2 saves 5% on CP, and 17% CP+zIIP

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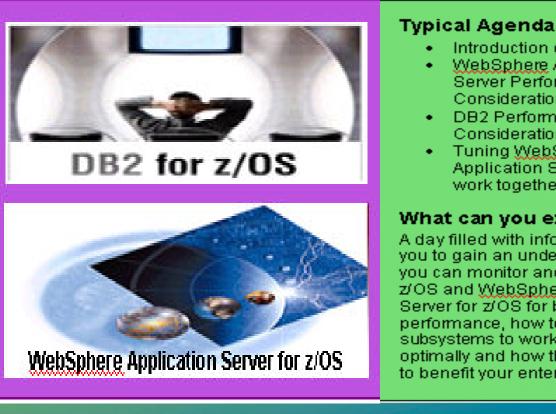


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Extras.....



- No-Charge workshop (email me)
 - System z Synergy workshop focused on Websphere (LUW or z) and DB2 for z/OS, settings, best practices, lessons learned



- Introduction (15 min)
- WebSphere Application Server Performance Considerations (1.5 hours)
- DB2 Performance Considerations (1.5 hours)
- Tuning WebSphere Application Server and DB2 to work together (1.5 hours)

What can you expect?

A day filled with information to help you to gain an understanding of how you can monitor and tune DB2 for z/OS and WebSphere Application Server for z/OS for better performance, how to tune the two subsystems to work together optimally and how they can be used to benefit your enterprise.





Questions???

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