

A Different Way to Perform z/OS Maintenance

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Why Different from Other Successful Maintenance Practices?

- Small Shop, Small Staff
- z/OS includes Unix and Java and z/OSMF
- Big Data so Big SYSRES and Big DLIB Volumes
- SYSRES libraries and file systems are not SMS-managed
- SYSRES data sets are indirectly cataloged (except VSAM)
- Monthly RSU APPLY

Why Different from Other Successful Maintenance Practices?

- **Users Exist To Provide A Test Load**

Agenda

- Our Environment
- z/OS Installation Setup
- APPLY Maintenance Before Cloning New SYSRES
- Create and Customize a New Test System SYSRES
- Clone Test System SYSRES for Other LPARs
- APPLY RSU Maintenance on a Live System
- APPLY Service to Other LPARs in a Sysplex
- Various Tools
- APPLY Service Between RSUs
- Summary

Our Environment

- **SAS Product Build and Test is Our Real Production**
 - z9-BC for Production, Sandbox, Licensing LPARs
 - z196-706 for Product Development and Testing LPARs
 - 6 CPs and 1 ICF
 - 2 zIIPs (zAAP enabled)
- **3 Sysplexes Running z/OS in One GRS Ring**
 - Production Sysplex with One LPAR
 - Test Sysplex with One LPAR
 - System Programmer “Sandbox”
 - Development System with Four LPARs
 - One LPAR is Primarily for System Programmer Use

z/OS Installation Setup

- **z/OS at SAS**

- Include\$ RACF, DFrm, DFhsm, DFDss, DFSort, RMF, Print Support Facility and Fonts
- Include\$ HLASM Toolkit, C/C++, COBOL, FORTRAN, PL/1, Pascal, WebSphere MQ
- Includes Ported Tools, Java (4 releases, two flavors of each), XML V10
- Includes z/OSMF (and its WASOEM with Java)
- Include\$ JES3 (for use by z/OS guests under z/VM)

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Big SYSRES - One 3390-27 Volume**
 - All SMP/E-managed Target libraries are here
 - All SMP/E-managed z/OS Unix file systems are here
 - 14 File Systems (about 206,000 tracks (13734 Cylinders is bigger than 3390-9))
 - Version root (with merged FSES for Ported Tools (perl, php, ported, IHSA (Apache webserver)), cobol, pli, esa (Electronic Service Agent))
 - z/OSMF, WASOEM for z/OSMF are separate file systems
 - 8 Java variations (V5, V6, V6.0.1, V7; all in 31- and 64-bit flavors)
 - XML V10, MQSeries, Tivoli Storage Manager also have FS

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Big SYSRES – One 3390-27 Volume (continued)**
 - SYS1.PARMLIB and SYS1.PROCLIB for shop use
 - SMP/E-managed SYS1.IBM.PARMLIB and SYS1.IBM.PROCLIB
 - **ServerPac SYSRES has Other products and Data Added for our z/OS guests that run under z/VM**
 - In-house Program Libraries
 - Third Party Products
 - z/OS Guest Setup and Housekeeping Jobs As Examples for the Guest owner
 - Private System Programmer Userid so We Can Help When Needed

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Big DLIB - One 3390-27 Volume**
 - 500+ z/OS Distribution data sets
 - All SMP/E-managed Distribution and DLIBZone libraries are here
 - All z/OS Globalzone data sets are here
 - At least 3 SMPPTS data sets (not PDSE)
 - 4369 Cylinders (65535 tracks) each
 - Operational Data Sets (PAGE, LOGREC, /etc file system, others) are here for running ServerPac system under z/VM
 - Created by ServerPac Full Replacement Process

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Order and Install New Release of z/OS**
 - Place Shopz Order for ServerPac Internet Delivery
 - When ready, use ServerPac Dialog to download the package
 - Use the ServerPac Dialog to customize SYSRES and DLIB volumes
 - Merge Previous ServerPac z/OS configuration
 - Make HLQ updates, SPACE changes, merge file systems
 - Add additional SMPPTS_n data sets and perhaps other USER-defined data sets
 - Get two 3390-27 Volumes (One SYSRES and One DLIB)
 - Run ALLOC and RESTORE and other ServerPac pre-IPL jobs

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Test New Release of z/OS Under z/VM**
 - Add or Update some Operational data sets on the SYSRES and DLIB for use under z/VM
 - Data sets required to execute ServerPac IVP jobs and tasks
 - IPL new z/OS ServerPac system under z/VM
 - Run ServerPac IVP jobs on the z/OS guest
 - Use ServerPac Dialog on My Current Driving System
 - Dialog-generated IVP Jobs are NJE'd to z/OS guest
 - Perform ServerPac IVP tasks on the z/OS guest
 - Shutdown z/OS guest

z/OS Installation Setup

- **Prepare Tested SYSRES for Cloning and Maintenance**
 - Run Selected Final ServerPac jobs
 - UPDDDUV
 - *Skip first step to preserve /SERVICE in DDDEF PATHs*
 - *Second step adds VOLSER and UNIT to DDDEFs and renames to non-SSA names*
 - Do NOT Run UPDDEF and UPDBCK jobs
 - DELDSN, DELCSI and DELSSA jobs are run to cleanup ServerPac Aliases and PATHs and Driving System Catalog entries
 - If RSU Service is available, APPLY Maintenance to ServerPac SYSRES before Cloning
 - Good Opportunity to Test new z/OS system with “real” work

APPLY Maintenance Before Cloning New SYSRES

- **APPLY Maintenance Using New z/OS SYSRES**
 - RECEIVE ORDER CONTENT(ALL) Into New GLOBALZONE
 - Run On Driving System
 - IPL z/OS Guest with New SYSRES and DLIB
 - Still a bare bones ServerPac system
 - Stop LLA to reduce PDSE caching issues
 - Via NJE, run RSU APPLY CHECK on the Guest
 - Review output, particularly ACTION and ENH HOLDS
 - Via NJE, run RSU APPLY on the z/OS Guest
 - Might find some allocation or other environmental problems that can be corrected before cloning

APPLY Maintenance Before Cloning New SYSRES

- **APPLY Maintenance Using New z/OS SYSRES**
(continued)
 - Run SMP/E Error SYSMODs Report
 - Capture SMPPUNCH output and put PTFs listed in a SMP/E LIST MCS command
 - Review the LIST MCS output to determine if any PE or HIPER PTFs need to be applied
 - APPLY any PTFs that you want (still run jobs on the z/OS guest)
 - Run Cross-Zone Compare between new z/OS release and previous z/OS release Target Zones
 - APPLY any PTFs or APARs as needed or desired
 - Shutdown z/OS guest

Create the New SYSRES for Test System

- **Clone ServerPac SYSRES to Test System SYSRES**
 - Full Volume Copy
 - Delete all VSAM (VVDS, CSI, file systems)
 - **ALTER mcat REMOVEVOLUMES(newsysresvolume)** is very fast
 - **Recreate VVDS in desired location on new SYSRES**
 - Selective Data Set Copy with Rename of CSI and File Systems
 - Unique SMP/E Target Zone for Each SYSRES
 - ZONERENAME the new CSI with new target zone name
 - ZONEEDIT DDDEF to change SYSRES VOLUME and selected data set names (SMPLOG, MTS, STS, LTS, SCDS)

Customize the New SYSRES for Test System

- **Customize the New Test System SYSRES**

- Copy SYS1.PROCLIB and SYS1.PARMLIB from previous release SYSRES (for the target LPAR)
- Review and update PROCLIB and PARMLIB members for z/OS changes
 - Compare with new IBM libraries, Sample Libraries
- Use SAS to Compare VTOCs and Generate IDCAMS DEFINE statements to Catalog new SYSRES data sets
- Add new SYSRES data sets to the Test System Master Catalog via DEFINES with Indirect Volser Reference (VOL(*****) UNIT(0000))

Customize the New SYSRES for Test System

- **Customize the New Test System SYSRES** (continued)
 - Create new Version Root mountpoint in the “Read-Only” Sysplex Root file system
 - Perform Any Pre-IPL z/OS Migration Actions
 - IPL new SYSRES in Test LPAR
 - Add some Installation-specific symlinks to the Version Root
 - Add USERMODs (about 100 or so)
 - Harass co-workers to update USERMODs
 - Perform Any Post-IPL Migration Actions
 - Test System is Now Running new z/OS

Clone Test System SYSRES to Other Images

- **Clone Test System SYSRES to Other Images**
 - Very Similar to Clone of ServerPac SYSRES to Test System
 - Customize Each Image as Needed
 - IPL Each New SYSRES in Appropriate LPAR
 - Takes about 6-8 weeks from ServerPac IPL to All LPARs Running the New z/OS Release
 - PROD lags 2-4 months

APPLY RSU Maintenance On A Live System

- **Prepare to APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex**
 - Daily Update of HOLDDATA and FIXCAT
 - **Notified by Shopz and CST of New RSU**
 - RECEIVE ORDER CONTENT(ALL) ... on New Test System
 - RECEIVE into a large /tmp file system and, from there, into SMPPTS
 - **APPLY CHECK Service for SMP/E Using FORFMID HMP1J00 (V3.6)**
 - APPLY any RSU or Selected Service for SMP/E Itself Onto the Test System
 - Refresh LLA to implement Service

APPLY RSU Maintenance on a Live System

- **Prepare to APPLY RSU to First System** (continued)
 - Create and Run an APPLY CHECK job
 - ZONEEDIT to Remove /SERVICE from DDDEF PATHs
 - APPLY CHECK RSU* plus IBM.Coexistence.z/OSMF.V1R13, IBM.Coexistence.z/OS.VvRnn and IBM.Function.HealthChecker plus z196 and zBX FIXCATs and any SELECTed PTFs that are of interest
 - ZONEEDIT to Add /SERVICE to DDDEF PATHs
 - Review CAUSER Report in SMPRPT Listing
 - Ignore PTFs HELD by ERROR
 - Carefully review SAS-customized output report of Actionable HOLDDATA (ACTION, ENH, EC, MULTSYS)

APPLY RSU Maintenance on a Live System

- **Prepare to APPLY RSU to First System** (continued)
 - Create APPLY JOB
 - Create a new member from the APPLY CHECK JOB
 - ZONEEDIT to remove /SERVICE from DDDEF PATHs
 - Remove CHECK from APPLY and ID from BYPASS
 - Add COMPRESS of non-PDSE Data Sets (not LINKLIB or MIGLIB)
 - *Edit List of Affected Data Sets from SMPRPT*
 - Add REMOUNT of file systems as RDWR before SMP/E step
 - Add REMOUNT of file systems as READ after SMP/E step

APPLY RSU Maintenance on a Live System

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex** (continued)
 - Full Volume Backup of SYSRES and DLIB volumes
 - Run SHUTDOWN process until OMVS SHUTDOWN COMPLETE and All Available Functions Complete messages
 - Restart VTAM and TSO (No TCP/IP)
 - Via Cross-Domain SNA, Logon TSO on Target System
 - Run Batch Jobs to compress SYS1.PARMLIB, SYS1.PROCLIB, SYS1.MIGLIB and SYS1.LINKLIB (via explicit VOLSER) on target system
 - Refresh LLA after MIGLIB and LINKLIB steps using our in-house MGCR tool

APPLY RSU Maintenance On A Live System

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex** (continued)
 - Start a JUSTIPLD task
 - Disables recovery automation for File System MOUNTs
 - F OMVS,RESTART,OMVS=(10) to restart z/OS Unix with a minimum configuration (SYSRES file systems plus /etc and /var)
 - Once OMVS is initialized, stop the JUSTIPLD task
 - Stop Network File System Client
 - F OMVS,STOPPFS=NFS
 - Restart z/OS Unix Automounter for file systems at /u/
 - Be sure job submitter's file system is or can be mounted in this sysplex

APPLY RSU Maintenance On A Live System

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex** (continued)
 - Stop LLA to reduce PDSE caching problems
 - Perform any pre-APPLY actions
 - Run APPLY JOB
 - Fix any APPLY failures
 - Look at CAUSER section of SMPRPT
 - Usually out-of-space (PDS and PDSE “fixed” by DATOC)
 - Out of Directory Blocks (fixed via free PDS TSO command)
 - Rerun APPLY job to APPLY failed PTFs

APPLY RSU Maintenance On A Live System

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex** (continued)
 - Perform any post-APPLY actions
 - Turn off Secondary Allocations in Linklist via DATOC
 - Run SMP/E Error SYSMODs Report (On first LPAR in Plex)
 - Take SYSPUNCH output and put in LIST MCS command
 - Review LIST MCS output Problem Descriptions
 - Run APPLY for selected PTFs if desired
 - Shutdown TSO, VTAM, OMVS, JES2, then Z EOD, GRS QUIESCE and **V XCF,xxxx,OFFLINE,REIPL**
 - Outage Time Depends But Usually 1.5 to 2 Hours

APPLY RSU Maintenance On A Live System

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex** (continued)
 - After IPL (CLPA defaulted), Perform post-IPL Actions
 - z/OSMF or its WASOEM can require post-IPL actions
 - Others based on HOLDDATA review from earlier
 - We're Happy Now on current RSU level!

APPLY Service to Other LPARs in a Sysplex

- **Prepare to APPLY RSU to Other Systems in Sysplex**
 - Run APPLY CHECK with RSU* and SOURCEIDs and PTFs as Before
 - Run IOF Compare of SMPRPT from This APPLY CHECK with the SMPRPT of First LPAR APPLY CHECK
 - *Usually just catches RSU PTFs that have become PE*

APPLY Service to Other LPARs in a Sysplex

- **Prepare to APPLY RSU to Other Systems** (continued)
 - Create APPLY JOB from the APPLY CHECK JOB
 - Remove ZONEEDIT so /SERVICE stays in DDDEF PATHs
 - Remove CHECK from APPLY and ID from BYPASS
 - Add COMPRESS ALL because target system is down
 - Add MOUNT of file systems as RDWR at /SERVICE before SMP/E step
 - Add UNMOUNT of file systems after SMP/E step

APPLY Service to Other LPARs in a Sysplex

- **APPLY RSU to First System in Sysplex**
- Run SHUTDOWN process until Target System is Down (VARY XCF,yyyy,OFFLINE)
- Full Volume Backup of Target SYSRES
- From First LPAR in Sysplex
 - Run Batch Jobs to compress SYS1.PARMLIB, SYS1.PROCLIB, SYS1.MIGLIB, and SYS1.LINKLIB (via explicit VOLSER) on target system SYSRES
 - Be sure job submitter's file system is or can be mounted in this sysplex
 - Perform any pre-APPLY actions

APPLY Service to Other LPARs in A Sysplex

- **APPLY RSU to Other Systems** (continued)
 - Run APPLY JOB
 - Fix any APPLY failures
 - Look at CAUSER section of SMPRPT
 - Rerun APPLY job to APPLY failed PTFs
 - Perform any post-APPLY actions
 - Run SMP/E ZONE Compare
 - Run APPLY for Missing PTFs and APARs if appropriate
 - IPL Updated Target SYSRES into the Sysplex

Different Maintenance With Various Tools

- **Tools Used in Our Maintenance Processes**
 - “Systems Time” JES2 Command
 - Sets bit on or off in User CVT
 - Tested by JES2 Job Selection exit to restrict what jobs can run
 - Tested by TSO Logon Pre-Prompt Exit to stop unauthorized users
 - Future plan: Same or similar process to restrict z/OS Unix users (rlogin, FTP, and such)
 - DATOC
 - Program to alter fields in existing DSCBs in VTOC
 - SAS
 - HOLDDATA report customization

Different Maintenance With Various Tools

- **Tools Used in Our Maintenance Processes** (continued)
 - SNOUPDTE
 - Zapped version of CPPUPDTE program from ServerPac
 - Creates new RSU jobs from previous set (RDU1205x cloned and updated to be RDU1206x)
 - PDS TSO command
 - From cbttape.org
 - Easy to Add Directory Blocks with FIX subcommand
 - MGCR In-House program
 - In-house program that uses SVC35 (MGCRE) to issue z/OS Commands that are passed via PARM
 - Only authorized users can run MGCR

Different Maintenance With Various Tools

- **Tools Used in Our Maintenance Processes** (continued)
 - ISRSUPC used extensively throughout the Install and Maintenance process
 - Reports VOLSER of NEW and OLD data sets in Page Heading
 - *Add VTITLE to PARM for ISRSUPC to see VOLSER*
 - Via APARs OA38467 and PM38213 (PTFs UA63859 (ISPF R13) and UK74830 (HLASM-TK), respectively
 - ServerPac Install Modify Layout function
 - Change Primary SPACE allocations
 - Increase Directory Blocks
 - Will be merged into next ServerPac creation

APPLY Maintenance Between RSUs

- **Select PTFs to be APPLYed**
 - Create and run a specific APPLY CHECK job for PTF or set of PTFs
 - Look at CAUSER section of SMPRPT
 - Read HOLDDATA particularly RESTART
 - Can the fix be implemented Dynamically?
 - Perform any pre-APPLY actions
 - Create and run a specific APPLY job built from APPLY CHECK job
 - Perform any post-APPLY actions

APPLY Maintenance Between RSUs

- **Select PTFs to be APPLYed** (continued)
 - Implement Dynamically
 - Refresh LLA if Any Linklist Library is Updated
 - SETPROG LPA,ADD.... To Implement Simple LPA changes
 - z/OS Unix
 - *F LLA,REFRESH*
 - *SETOMVS SERV_LINKLIB=('SYS1.LINKLIB','sysres')*
 - *SETOMVS SERV_LPALIB=('SYS1.LPALIB','sysres')*
 - *F OMVS,ACTIVATE=SERVICE*
 - *D OMVS,ACTIVATE=SERVICE to summarize the results*

A Different Way to Perform z/OS Maintenance

- **Summary**

- Use Big SYSRES and DLIB
- Write Up Your Current Process and See Where Improvements Can Be Made
- RECEIVE ALL Service
 - Let SMP/E Filter the RSU* PTFs for you
- Use Indirect VolSer Reference or Symbols in Catalog for SYSRES data sets
 - Be sure explicit VOLSER and UNIT in DDDEFs
- APPLY Live Strategy Works with One SYSRES per Image

A Different Way to Perform z/OS Maintenance



- **Summary**
 - Target System SMP/E libraries and CSI on SYSRES
 - Implement PTFs Dynamically
 - You can APPLY Service to A Live System

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- Q and A
- Session 11581 Evaluation at www.SHARE.org/AnaheimEval
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