MVS Core Technology Project Opening
z/OS Service and APARs

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SDUMP OA39596

- z/OS 1.12 and 1.13

- Problem: long SVC dump time or very large SVC dumps that are partial, when address spaces with shared memory objects (such as DB2) are dumped.

- PTFs: UA67367 and UA67368 (tentatively RSU1301)

- Note: PTF UA67368 is PE (SMP/E Logic)
  - Customers at HBB7780 should install UA67368
  - Customers at JBB778H should not install UA67368
  - New APAR is OA41315
SDUMP OA40015

- z/OS 1.12 and 1.13

- Problem: high virtual user region storage missing from complete dumps. This may result in dump formatting errors. For example, error messages when attempting to review the CICS internal trace in a CICS 4.2 dump.

- PTFs: UA66977 and UA66978 (RSU1212)
PFA OA40299

- z/OS 1.13

- Problem: High CPU in HZR (Runtime Diagnostic) address space due to repetitive invocation by PFA.

- PTFs: APAR is OPEN (++APAR available)
SUP OA41136

- z/OS 1.12 and 1.13

- Problem: ABENDAC7 during pause/release processing. This may cause the invoker of the pause/release function (such as DB2) to go down. Problem is caused by PEs from OA39061, OA39731 or OA40272.

- PTFs: APAR closed 1/24 (++APAR available)
Access Method OA41190

- z/OS 1.12 and 1.13

- Problem: CVT overlay by Media Manager module after applying PTF for OA38492 but without also putting on PTF for OA39431. PTFs for OA38492 are now marked PE and OA41190 is the PE APAR.

- PTFs: APAR closed 1/17 (local fix is to ensure that PTF for OA39431 is applied if OA38942 is on the system)
System z Security Portal

- Enables you to receive the latest critical service information on security and system integrity APARs for z/OS and z/VM

- See instructions in:

- See also Red Alert published on 04/09/11:
  z/OS Security and Integrity Service Currency
Where is my Coupling Facility?

- Problem: the first system to IPL in a sysplex in GRS STAR mode is unable to allocate the ISGLOCK structure because no coupling facility is available.

- The following paper provides clear and concise instructions on how to resolve this issue:

  http://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/FLASH10786
z/OS Best Practices: Large Stand-Alone Dump Handling - Version 3

- Describes current best practices when taking and handling large stand-alone dumps in the z/OS environment

- Version 3 was published on 1/16/13:

  http://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/WebIndex/TD103286
Red Alerts (since last SHARE)


- 09/04/12 VSAM OA40253
- 10/05/12 OMEGAMON OA40497