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DFSMS™: Latest and Greatest

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DFSMS™: Providing System Managed Storage on z/OS®

Storing, managing, protecting, and serving data on a zEnterprise System

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DFSMS is the standard methodology worldwide for managing enterprise data and storage on the z/OS platform

DFSMS strategy addresses explosive growth and management of customer data

DFSMS provides an automated, centralized, policy-based solution for storage management in the z/OS environment

HSM ($)
Policy driven backup disk space manager, recovery management

SMS
Manages data availability & performance policies, assigns policies to data

SDM
Provides advanced function Copy Services like XRC, PPRC, Global Mirroring, CDP

DFP
•Provides logical & physical I/O to disk/tape to applications via a number of protocols (access methods)
•Manages & catalogs data structures on disk
•Provides control & reporting interfaces to end users & system administrators

DSS ($)
Provides backup/recovery and space management (local & remote)

DFSORT ($)
Sorts & merges records within files

TVS ($)
Enables batch updates concurrently with online processing

ICKDSF
Initializes disks Advanced Copy Functions

RMM ($)
Manages tapes & libraries

NFS
Network files transfers

EREP
Reports & fixes disk errors

OAM
Manages object data Provides SMStape support

$ = optional priced feature

- **DFSMS drives value as the data hub for System z:**
  - Creates integrated solutions by exploiting new hardware features
    - Improved Security with exclusive media encryption capability, integration with z/OS Key Management
  - **Maintains leadership in policy based storage management**
    - Improved storage administrator productivity and simplified management of the z/OS environment
  - **Strengthens business resiliency by exploiting new opportunities and advancements in data protection solutions**
    - Point-in-time copy, fast replication, and continuous data mirroring functions while preserving consistency
  - **Supports growing businesses and mission critical workloads by providing continuous availability, scalability/performance and flexibility of storage and data**
    - Increased data storage capacity and scalability to cope with explosive growth of data volumes and database sizes
    - High Availability with simpler, faster, and more reliable recovery operations
    - Ability to cope with increased security and compliance requirements
  - **Enables cross platform data and storage**
    - Data availability at all levels of the storage hierarchy

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•How and where a customer will choose to store this data depends on many things: type of data type, quantity, cost, availability, etc.

•With "data" being key to the System z strategy and DFSMS playing a critical role in the storage and management of that data, the DFSMS strategy addresses the explosive growth and management of customer data.

•In addition to the continuous work in response to customer requirements around growth in the areas of availability, scalability and performance, we see additional growth opportunities…such as data protection through continued zCDP initiatives as well as new opportunities in the area of data archiving.

•The DFSMS strategy also addresses the management of that data through storage simplification and synergy initiatives involving SWG (DB2, IMS, CICS and Content Management) as well as Tivoli and STG.

Data Facility Product (DFP)
•Provides storage, data, program, and device management functions and DFSMS Copy Services capabilities

Hierarchical Storage Manager (HSM)
•An optional feature providing backup, recovery, migration, and space management functions

Data Set Services (DSS)
•An optional feature providing data movement, copy, backup, and space management functions

DFSMS Optimizer
•Optional feature of DFSMS that provides performance and management class analysis capabilities and real-time monitoring and automation of HSM.   To be replaced by Tivoli Storage Optimizer (ITSO).

Removable Media Manager
•An optional feature providing management functions for removable media such as tape cartridges and 3420 reels

Network File System (NFS)
•Provides a way to optimize performance and efficiency in a distributed network while still capitalizing on the capacity, security, and integrity of z/OS.

DFSORT
•Separate complementary product that provides high performance, sorting, merging, copying, reporting, and analysis of data.

Transactional VSAM Services
•Optional priced feature that enables batch jobs and CICS online transactions to update shared VSAM data sets concurrently.

System Data Mover
•DFSMSdfp though its System Data Mover Component provides DFSMS Copy Services which include Extended Remote Copy (XRC) and Concurrent Copy

Device Support Facilities (ICKDSF)

Error Recovery Executive Program (EREP)

z/OS® DFSMS™ V2.1 Highlights
(September 2013)

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  - SAM EF Support for FlashCopy
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  - PDSE Member Generations
  - PDSE Larger Member Size
  - GDG support for PDSEs
  - IEBCOPY Enhancements
- **SMS**
  - Provide Accurate Volume Space Statistics
  - Alter ACDS/COMMDS to SHAREOPTIONS(3 3)
  - New PARMLIB Option to Generate PDSE
  - SMS ACS Read-only Variable for EAVs

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  - OCE RAS Enhancements
  - XTIOT HealthCheck

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  - zFS Change Activity Support

- **SDM**
  - XRC Offline Volumes

- **OAM**
  - OAM Usability & Reliability Enhancements

- **DFSMSrmm**
  - DFSMSrmm SMS Mgmt Class for Tape
  - DFSMSrmm RAS Enhancements

- **DFSORT**
  - Dynamic Sort Enhancements
  - Functional Enhancements
  - 64-bit Enhancements

- **NFS**
  - NFS Server 64-bit Enhancements
  - NFS RPCSEC Performance Enhancements
  - NFS Server RPCBIND Enhancements

z/OS V2.1 Statement of Direction

- **DFSMS Exploitation of zEDC**
  - zEnterprise Data Compression (zEDC) for z/OS V2.1, running on zEC12 and zBC12 servers with the zEDC Express adapter, is designed to support a new data compression function designed for low-latency compression. Initially, z/OS is designed to allow you to specify that SMF data written to log streams be compressed.
    - *In addition, IBM intends to provide support for the BSAM and QSAM access methods. This function, planned to be made available by the end of the first quarter of 2014, is intended to help you save disk space, improve effective channel and network bandwidth without incurring significant CPU overhead, and improve the efficiency of cross-platform data exchange.*
    - *IBM also plans to provide support for DFSMSdss to exploit zEDC by the end of the third quarter 2014. This function is designed to be available for dumping and restoring data, and also when DFSMShsm uses DFSMSdss to move data. This is intended to provide efficient compression with lower CPU overheads than the processor- and software-based compression methods already available.*
  - There are several MVS Core Technologies sessions around the new zEC12 and zBC12. For more on zEDC and SW exploitation:
    - **Session 13705**: z/OS Software Support for IBM zEnterprise EC12 or zBC12 Server, **Wednesday 11AM**

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Additional Sessions to Note

Session 14121: Omegamon XE for Storage – Hints and Tips to Improve Performance, **Monday 4:30PM**

Session 13774: IBM responses to Requirements Submitted From SHARE MVS Storage Management, Monday **6PM**

Session 14163: OMEGAMON XE for Storage, **Tuesday 4:30PM**

Session 14089: What's New in 2013 to the Tivoli z/SO Storage Management Portfolio, **Wednesday 11AM**

Session 13781: MVS Storage: Free-for-All, **Wednesday 6PM**

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Session 14101: A New Frontier in the Evolution of Space Management... Buckle In!, **Monday 1:30PM****

Session 14135: A New Frontier in the Evolution of Space Management...Blast Off!, **Wednesday 1:30PM****

Session 14092/14095: RMM and HSM Report Generator and Hands-on Lab, **Thursday 9:30AM and 11AM**

Session 14137: What's New in DFSMShsm, **Thursday 1:30PM**

Session 14108: What You Need to Know About the Way HSM Uses SMS, **Thursday 3PM**

Session 13772: The Life and Times of a Data Set, You Wouldn't Want Your Relatives Hanging Around, Why Your Data?, **Friday 8AM**

** also multiple HW Storage Tiering sessions in the Storage project

DFSMShsm

- **DFSMS Storage Tiers**
    - Today, DFSMS provides policy-based...
        - Data Creation
        - Backup / Recovery Management
        - Space Management
        - Expiration
    - No policy-based automation for moving data within the Primary Storage Hierarchy (Level 0)
    - No policy-based management of Active (open) data
    - *New enhancement*: Automated, policy-based space management that moves SMS-managed data from tier to tier within the Primary (Level 0) Hierarchy.
        - Movement is referred to as a 'Class Transition'
        - Data remains in its original format and can be immediately accessed after the movement is complete
        - Policies implemented via the existing Class Transition policies and updated Management Class policies
        - Enhanced support for DB2, CICS and zFS data
            - *Open data temporarily closed to enable movement*

The Space Management Environment is evolving

- Typical configurations have changed to leave data on Level 0 longer and then migrate directly to ML2
- When ML2 is a VTS, the VTS disk cache replaces the ML1 tier
    - Eliminates MIPS required for software compression to ML1
    - Eliminates DFSMShsm ML1->ML2 processing

•Invocation:

•When a volume is selected for space management processing due to being over threshold, in addition to existing expiration and migration checking, space management functions will determine if a data set is eligible to be transitioned, based on management class criteria

DFSMShsm

- **DFSMS Storage Tiers**
  - Data sets that would benefit from this solution:
    - Those currently not eligible for migration because they always need to be immediately accessible (ie recall delay is unacceptable)
      - *Data sets could be allocated on a particular class of storage and then later transitioned to a less expensive class of storage for permanent retention*
    - Data sets that are eligible for migration today, but there would be a benefit to keep them online for a longer period of time.
      - *Convert the migration of data sets to transition to a lower cost storage, then migrate directly to ML2*

  ? Why it Matters: Better align storage costs with changing business value; minimize the TCO for System z Data by actively managing data on the lowest cost storage that meets the business needs of the data.

DFSMShsm

- ## DFSMShsm Tape Enhancements
  - Today, although the migration function consists of multiple tasks, the actual migration of a data set is performed by a single task.
    - The migration of a data set may be broken down into three phases: setup (enqueue, verification), data movement, post processing (recatalog, scratch, dequeue).
    - In a single task, those three phases are performed sequentially.
  - *New enhancement:* Allow a migration task to start multiple data set migration sub-tasks, where each sub-task manages the data set migration from beginning to the end as it does today.
    - By supporting multiple sub-tasks, the setup and post-processing phases of data set migration can be run concurrently across the migration sub-tasks.
    - The synchronization of data to tape can be deferred after a certain number of sub-tasks/data sets having completed data movement.

  ? Why it Matters: Potential marked reduction of elapsed time for any migration function managing multiple data sets such as interval migration, primary space management, ODM and volume migration. Greatest improved expected with moving large numbers of small data sets to tape.

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Enabled via new SETSYS command:

- MIGRATIONSUBTASKS (YES | NO ADDITIONALSUBTASKS(nn))

DFSMShsm

- ## DFSMShsm Tape Enhancements
  - DFSMShsm migration and backup data sets can span up to a maximum of 40 tape volumes.
    - Since the size of a virtual tape is limited to 6GB, DFSMShsm cannot migrate or back up data sets larger than 600GB to virtual tape volumes (assuming 2.5:1 compaction).
  - *New enhancement:* Extend the maximum number of volumes that a migration or backup tape data set can span from 40 to 254 volumes.
    - Existing DFSMShsm architecture prevents the limit from being extended to the Allocation limit of 255 volumes.
    - Allow Recycle to process connected sets of up to 254 volumes.

  - **?** **Why it Matters:** Allows migration and backup of larger data sets, which is particularly useful when using the typically small tape volume sizes configured for virtual tape subsystems.

DFSMShsm

- **DFSMShsm** Fast Replication Enhancements
  - Fast replication is an HSM function that manages Point-in-Time copies
    - Combined with DB2 BACKUP SYSTEM, provides non-disruptive backup and recovery to any point in time for DB2 databases and subsystems (SAP) (ie continuous data protection).
    - Recovery at all levels from either disk or tape - entire copy pool, individual volumes and data sets.
  - **FlashCopy Consistency Group Support**
  - *New enhancement:* Add FlashCopy Consistency Group support
    - DFSMShsm will exploit the existing DFSMSdss capabilities.
    - Requirement from DB2 to use the FlashCopy consistency group feature to create a backup of the log copy pool with point-in-time data consistency so that a conditional restart of DB2 is not required.

  ? Why it Matters: By adding support for consistency groups, DFSMShsm will enable the DB2 BACKUP SYSTEM / RESTORE SYSTEM utilities to be used as a method to easily clone DB2 systems.

FlashCopy Consistency Group Support:

"This would allow us to create a backup of the log copy pool with consistency. Today our customers must do a conditional restart of DB2 with a log truncation point that corresponds to the 'data complete LRSN' of the system-level backup. The conditional restart is needed to compensate for the fuzziness of the backup of the log copy pool. If the backup of the log copy pool is taken with consistency, the customers will no longer need to do a conditional restart of DB2."

DFSMShsm

- ## DFSMShsm Fast Replication Enhancements
  - ### Physical Data Set Recovery to Any Volume
    - Previous enhancements in R8 and R11 allowed data set recovery support for data sets that were currently cataloged on the same volumes and recovery for deleted and moved data by capturing catalog information.
    - Requirement to remove the restriction that data sets must be recovered back to the original volumes.
      - *This is a very undesirable restriction because there may not be space on the volumes at the time of the recovery.*
  - ### *New enhancement:* Add Fast Replication recovery to any volume
    - Enables DFSMS to select the volumes with the most highest preference weight, to which the data sets will be recovered.
    - Enables DB2 customers to discontinue the creation of object-level backup copies.
      - *These object-level backup copies must be created today in case the recovery cannot be performed back to the original volumes.*

  ? **Why it Matters:** Avoids of out-of-space conditions that can occur during recovery.

DFSMShsm

- **DFSMShsm** Fast Replication Enhancements
  - **Physical Data Set Recovery RENAME**
  - *New enhancement:* Enhance the FRRECOV DSNAME command to enable data sets to be renamed.
    - Renaming a data set during recovery enables users to be able to recover a broken data set to another name for analysis to determine what caused the breakage and to determine to which point in time the data set should be recovered, before replacing the production version of the data set.
    - *Additional enhancement:* Physical VSAM Data Set Restore RENAME support
      - Currently, DFSMShsm does not support renaming of a VSAM data set using the RECOVER data set FROMDUMP command.
      - With the DFSMSdss support for physical data set RENAME described above, DFSMShsm will extend the RECOVER data set NEWNAME FROMDUMP support to VSAM data sets.

  ? **Why it Matters:** Allows users to unload data from the renamed data set; also allow DB2 to create object-level backups from the system-level backup without impacting the availability of their objects to applications.

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DFSMShsm

- **DFSMShsm RAS and Usability Enhancements**
  - **UCB Capture**
    - HSM's large customers face periodic 878-Abends in the DFSMShsm address space.
    - *New enhancement:* HSM will no longer capture UCBs into below the line storage.

  ?Why it Matters: Provides storage constraint relief by increasing the available storage below-the-line.

  - **SMSVSAM Server Termination Handling**
    - Today, when DFSMShsm accesses the CDSes in RLS mode and an SMSVSAM server error occurs, DFSMShsm simply takes a fatal abend and shuts down.
      - *If RESTART is not specified in the DFSMShsm startup procedure or if DFSMShsm is unable to restart within the allotted amount of time, the user is required to determine when the SMSVSAM server has initialized and manually restart all DFSMShsm hosts.*
      - *All DFSMShsm requests that were in progress at the time of the SMSVSAM server error are lost and must be reissued to complete.*
    - *New enhancement:* When an SMSVSAM server error occurs, DFSMShsm detects the error, and quiesces all CDS I/O activity.
      - *Once the SMSVSAM server initializes, DFSMShsm automatically closes and reopens the CDSes and resumes all requests waiting on CDS I/O operations.*

  ?Why it Matters: greatly improve the usability and robustness of DFSMShsm in regards to it's response to SMSVSAM server errors.

DFSMShsm

- **DFSMShsm RAS and Usability Enhancements**
  - **New Recycle Command**
    - Today, when a take-away occurs from a Recycle task, the Recycle task relinquishes the tape it is processing and terminates.
      - *This requires customers to potentially have to re-issue the Recycle request multiple times until all of the data on the original tape gets moved to new tapes..*
    - *New enhancement:* Automatically generate a new Recycle command for the same original tape when the original Recycle must terminate due to the take-away process.
    - *Share Requirement MET:* SSMVSS10004

  ? Why it Matters: Provides improved usability and recovery during Recycle processing.

New Recycle Command:

Automatically Recycle retry can be managed by the new command:

- SETSYS RECYCLETAKEAWAYRETRY(YES MAXRETRYATTEMPTS(nn) DELAY(mmmm) | NO); SETSYS RECYCLETAKEAWAYRETRY will default to NO.

New option for the Duplex Tape function:

- ERRORALTERNATE(RECYCLE|TAPECOPY) option is being added to the SETSYS DUPLEX command

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **Catalog**

  - **V2.1**

    - RLS Support for Catalog
    - Catalog Contention Detection Enhancements
    - Catalog Alias Enhancements
    - Catalog CSI Enhancements
    - Catalog Parmlib Member Enhancements
    - Catalog DFSMS GDG Enhancements
    - Catalog RNLs HealthCheck

Session 14145: What's New with DFSMS ICF Catalog and IDCAMS, **Monday 11AM**

Session 14142/14144: Unclog Your Systems with z/OS 2.1 - Something new and Exciting in Catalog Part I & II, **Tuesday 1:30 and 3PM**

Session 13771: Simplifying ICF Catalog Management with Tivoli Advanced Catalog Management, **Wednesday 9:30AM**

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Catalog

- **RLS Support for Catalog**
  - Customers have raised a number of issues and requirements around Catalogs and Catalog processing:
    - **Performance**
      - *Contention on SYSIGGV2 bcsname when updating catalogs.*
      - *Limited catalog buffering and buffer invalidation.*
      - *Limited VSAM buffers/strings/storage.*
    - **Availability**
      - *Catalogs need to be split for contention issues.*
      - *Catalogs unavailable for splitting, recovering, and other maintenance activities.*
    - **Integrity**
      - *Catalogs damaged by utilities updating a catalog while catalog is opened by CAS.*
      - *Lack of sysplex control of closing and serializing catalogs.*
    - **Recovery**
      - *Long/error prone forward recovery procedures.*

Catalog

- **RLS Support for Catalog**
    - *New enhancement:* Exploit VSAM Record Level Sharing (RLS) for Catalogs.
        - Addresses customer concerns related to catalog performance, usability, availability, and recovery.
        - Replaces current BCS sharing and buffering protocols with more efficient functionality.
        - RLS will provide record level locking, and 64 bit local/global buffer pools.
            - *Performance is expected to improve by eliminating contention on current catalog serialization (SYSIGGV2 resource), reduced i/o activity (via larger local/global buffering), and improved cross system buffer invalidation (via XES/XCF Cross Invalidation).*
                - *SMSVSAM will hold SYSIGGV2 bcsname SHARE while a catalog is opened for RLS access (ensures catalog data integrity from programs relying on SYSIGGV2 to serialize the catalog)*
        - Enhance IDCAMS commands PRINT, REPRO, IMPORT and EXPORT to be able to open VSAM data sets using RLS.
        - New Catalog MODIFY commands to switch access between RLS and non-RLS.
        - New vendor interface to quiesce updates or suspend lock/catalogs to improve integrity.
        - New performance measurements at a catalog level.
        - Usability and availability are expected to improve since there is no longer a need to split catalogs in order to reduce contention and improve performance.
            - *Catalog size should no longer be a factor in maintaining and managing user catalogs.*
            - *Improve integrity and availability with new sysplex wide commands to control access to individual usercatalogs within a parallel sysplex.*

Catalog

- **RLS Support for Catalog**
  - *Additional enhancements (applies to ALL catalogs RLS and non-RLS):*
    - Preserve user catalog connector alias entries when you temporarily delete a user catalog so they need not be redefined when the catalog is reallocated, and prevent new catalog entries using those aliases from being defined until the new catalog is available.
    - Suspend / Resume catalog requests for a specified catalog across a sysplex to allow users to minimize application disruption during catalog maintenance.
    - DSS DUMP processing will invoke a Quiesce for Copy (QUICOPY/QUICEND) for catalogs opened for RLS.
      - The QUICOPY will suspend update requests only in order to obtain a sharp copy of the catalog. The QUICEND will resume update requests.
      - For nonRLS catalogs, DSS will use existing serialization (SYSIGGV2).
    - DSS RESTORE processing has new LOCK / SUSPEND options
      - LOCK will invoke a sysplex wide close of the catalog and lock the catalog (failing new unauthorized requests), if the catalog is not already locked or suspended.
      - SUSPEND will invoke a sysplex wide close of the catalog and suspend new unauthorized requests in the client space if the catalog is not already locked or suspended.

  ? Why it Matters: Addresses several critical customer requirements around Batch Constraint, Mean Time to Recover (MTTR), and Catalogs as a Single Point of Failure (SPOF).

Catalog

- **Catalog Contention Detection Enhancements**
  - CAS (Catalog Address Space) Contention Management was introduced in Z/OS R1.12
    - CAS Contention Management monitors Catalog Address space for possible contention for resources among Catalog tasks.
    - It was designed initially to ONLY detect SYSZTIOT contention with Catalog and introduced a new catalog modify command.
      - *The only action taken when the wait threshold was crossed was notification to the console and a one time symrec to the logrec.*
  - ***New enhancement:*** Expand the resources being monitored to include:
    - SYSZVVDS – Serialization on the VVDS dataset of a volume.
    - SYSIGGV2 – provides an essential mechanism to facilitate cross system sharing of catalogs.
    - ALLOCLCK -- an internal CAS lock which protects allocations, de-allocations, opens and closes.
    - A new action, REDRIVE, can be associated with a resource and triggered when the wait threshold is breached.
    - Contention wait-time and actions per resource can be set in the Catalog parmlib.

  ? **Why it Matters:** More efficient use of storage resources; better diagnostics to determine the cause of serialization contention problems that impact CAS.

Catalog

- **Catalog Alias Enhancements**
  - *New enhancement:* Improvements in the processing catalog aliases:
    - Save creation date for Catalog aliases; listed by IDCAMS
      - *Clients are attempting to cleanup obsolete HLQs (High Level Qualifiers). If an alias has no associated datasets, there is no easy way to determine whether this is a new alias and no data sets have been created or this is an obsolete alias that should be deleted.*
      - *SHARE Requirement Met:* **SSMVSE10018**
    - Add a check when deleting a catalog entry that has an associated alias to verify that the alias is only related to the entry being deleted, before deleting the alias record.
    - Ensure requests are oriented to the correct catalog when the data set aliases in the master catalog specify a different high-level qualifier.

? Why it Matters: Ease of use and improved catalog alias processing.

Catalog

- **Catalog CSI Enhancements**
  - Today, some data set information can only be accessed by group field names.
  - *New enhancement:* New field names will be externalized for clients to retrieve the requested information:
    - STRNO: Number of concurrent requests
    - BUFND: Number of buffers requested for Data component
    - BUFNI: Number of buffers requested for Index component
    - INDXLVLS: Number of Index Levels SEQ-SET-RBA
    - HILVLRBA: RBA of High Level Index Record
    - ASSOC: A repeating list of catalog records associated with this entry.
    - ASSOCSYB: Indicates if the entry is a symbolic-relate
    - TRACKS: Total tracks per volume.

  ? Why it Matters: Improved usability for CSI requests.

Catalog

- **Catalog Parmlib Member Enhancements**
    - The Catalog PARMLIB member, IGGCATxx, was introduced in R13 and will allow:
        - The specification of most Catalog parameters that now can only be specified in SYSCATLG/LOADxx and/or by the Modify command
        - Parameters in the catalog PARMLIB member override equivalent parameters in SYSCATLG or LOADxx.
    - The options take effect on the next IPL or catalog address space restart
    - *New enhancement:* Include additional parameters for the remaining Modify Catalog command and for other specifications not required early during IPL processing.

    ? Why it Matters: These enhancements are intended to make it easier to specify options for catalog processing.

Catalog

- **Catalog DFSMS GDG Enhancements**
  - *New enhancement:* Allows users to specify that all the members of a generation data group (GDG) be returned in order from oldest to newest when the generation data set (GDS) name is specified without a generation number.
    - New GDGORDER JCL DD statement keyword to specify that you get the generation datasets oldest generation first to newest or the reverse.
    - System default remains newest-to-oldest

  ? Why it Matters: Allows all the members of a GDG to be processed in chronological order without being sorted or concatenated.

Catalog

- ## Catalog RNLs HealthCheck

  - IBM makes specific recommendations about what to specify in global resource serialization resource name lists (GRS RNLs) to prevent catalog-related deadlocks when using shared volumes and catalogs.

  - *New enhancement:* New GRS RNLs Health Check to help prevent lockouts due to shared volumes:

    - The check will perform the system check and indicate when GRS RNLs do not match IBM recommendations for SYSIGGV2, SYSZVVDS and SYSVTOC.

    - IBM now recommends that ALL reserves be converted; the SYSIGGV2, SYSZVVDS and SYSVTOC reserves should all be converted, unless the user shares DASD outside the sysplex.

    - Deadlocks can be prevented by always converting the SYSIGGV2, SYSZVVDS and SYSVTOC reserves to SYSTEMS ENQUEUEs using GRS or an equivalent product.

  ? Why it Matters: Automatic checking (via Healthchecker) of IBM best practice recommendations.

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        - IDCAMS Support for RLS
        - DELETE PDS/PDSE with Mask
        - ALTER NULLIFY Management Class
        - DIAGNOSE of GDGs

Session 14145: What's New with DFSMS ICF Catalog and IDCAMS, **Monday 11AM**

IDCAMS

- **Larger BlockSize for LBI Support**
  - The large block interface (LBI) was introduced ten years ago.
    - It uses less tape storage and transfers data faster
  - IDCAMS has not supported LBI, and this restriction can stop the use of the LBI feature
    - IDCAMS REPRO and PRINT utilities fails with error message IDC3300I followed by IDC3321I and a return code of 12.
    - The max block size for IDCAMS REPRO and PRINT is 32760.
  - *New enhancement:* IDCAMS REPRO and PRINT will support a block size up to the access method limit, which currently is 256 KB.
    - The block size is still limited to 32 KB when the data set does not support LBI, such as with a unit record device or TSO terminal.
    - SYSIN and SYSPRINT do not support LBI.

  ? Why it Matters: Allow processing of data sets created using LBI.

IDCAMS

- **IDCAMS Support for RLS**
  - Customer requirement to copy, print and backup VSAM data sets while sharing the VSAM data set with other applications.
  - *New enhancement:* Enhance IDCAMS commands PRINT, REPRO, IMPORT and EXPORT to be able to open VSAM data sets using RLS.
    - A new optional keyword RLSSOURCE ({NO|YES| QUIESCE}) and/or RLSTARGET ({NO|YES|QUIESCE}) will be implemented for the PRINT, REPRO, IMPORT and EXPORT commands.
  - *SHARE Requirement Met:* **SSMVSS01007**

  ? **Why it Matters:** Provides applications the ability to read or print records from a data set being used in RLS mode.

IDCAMS

- **DELETE PDS/PDSE with Mask**
  - In R12, IDCAMS provided a DELETE option to delete all members of a partitioned data set in a single operation.
  - *New enhancement:* Enhance the IDCAMS DELETE command to be more flexible in performing the deletion of the members in a partitioned data set (PDS/PDSE).
    - Allows a mask for member names to be specified in a DELETE command for PDS/PDSEs.
    - A mask for a member name can contain an asterisk (*) or percent sign (%).
      - Asterisk means 0 or more characters
      - % means 1 and only 1 character
    - Double asterisk (**) still means delete all members in the PDS/PDSE.

  ? Why it Matters: Improved usability and flexibility of the DELETE command for PDS/PDSE processing.

IDCAMS

- **ALTER NULLIFY Management Class**
  - Currently, IDCAMS ALTER does not allow a user to nullify a management class, but ISMF provides support to remove the management class from a dataset by specifying '-'.
  - *New enhancement:* Allow a user to specify 'ALTER NULLIFY' to nullify a Management Class.
    - Users can specify NULLIFY(MANAGEMENTCLASS) to nullify the Management Class of a dataset.
    - The abbreviation is NULLIFY(MGMTCLAS).

  - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improved usability of the ALTER function.

IDCAMS

- **DIAGNOSE of GDGs**
  - Currently, IDCAMS DIAGNOSE command does not detect a mismatch in the actual number of extension cells versus how many GDG BCS records exist.
    - This can lead to GDG processing errors that are undetectable until batch processing fails.
  - *New enhancement:* Enhance AMS DIAGNOSE to crosscheck the extension cells and the GDG BCS record, so the mismatch can be detected.
    - DIAGNOSE will return a failing return code, if there is a mismatch of the actual number of extension cells and the number of BCS records of a GDG.

  ?Why it Matters: Intended to help users easily and quickly identify the cause of GDG processing errors.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **Access Methods**
  - **V2.1**
    - VSAM RLS Directory Only Caching
    - VSAM RLS 64-bit Enhancements
    - VSAM RLS Dynamic Volume Count
    - VSAM SMB Enhancements
    - VSAM SHOWCB Enhancements
    - DFSMS Support for zHPF
    - SAM EF Support for FlashCopy

Session 14142/14144: Unclog Your Systems with z/OS 2.1 - Something new and Exciting in Catalog Part I & II, **Tuesday 1:30 and 3PM**

Session 14156: DFSMS Basics: Transactional VSAM (TVS) Basics/Implementation, **Wednesday 4:30PM**

Session 14153: DFSMS Advanced: RLS Diagnostics and Recovery, **Friday 11AM**

Access Methods

- **VSAM RLS Directory Only Caching**
  - Accessing data stored in the local buffers is the quickest way for a user to access shared data.
    - However, in a sysplex environment if a system has invalidated the local copy because another user has updated the data, users must gain access to the data in another way.
  - Accessing data from the cache structure in the coupling facility is the next fastest way for the user to access the shared data.
    - Data in the XCF cache structure is directly accessible to any system in the sysplex that has access to the structure.
  - *New enhancement:* Provides a new keyword, DIRONLY, for SMS DATACLAS RLSCFCACHE to bypass caching all RLS data for files, including the index component, when the cost of caching any data in the coupling facility outweighs the benefits.

Access Methods

- **VSAM RLS Directory Only Caching**
  - **? Why it Matters:**
    - Directory only cache will benefit RLS customers with limited coupling facility storage but who still need to share VSAM data sets across a parallel sysplex.
      - They will be able to define small cache structures and exploit them only to maintain data consistency.
    - Customers with single system plexes configuration still need to define XCF cache structures and have their data sets connected to them to use RLS; however these cache structures can be very small with directory only caching.
    - Depending on an applications design and workload, some RLS customers, including single system sysplex users, will also experience performance improvements when using Directory Only Cache.
      - RLS will skip writing the data to XCF cache structure every time the data is updated.

Access Methods

- **VSAM RLS 64-bit Enhancements**
  - As customers have taken advantage of 64 bit buffers, the number of control blocks needed to support additional buffers has increased dramatically.
  - *New enhancement:* Move of a number of RLS buffer-related control blocks from the SMSVSAM data space into 64-bit storage.

  - **? Why it Matters:** Increase the amount of available SMSVSAM data space storage and is expected to help improve performance when processing a large amount of VSAM RLS data.

Access Methods

- **VSAM RLS Dynamic Volume Count**
  - Currently setting Dynamic Volume Count (DVC) along with the Space Constraint Relief attribute in the SMS data class used for a data set can be used to determine the maximum number of volumes it will be allowed to span, to increase the original volume count specified for data sets in JCL or when using Dynamic Allocation.
    - Enables the data set to be extended later should it run out of space on the volumes on which it was originally allocated, and is intended to help prevent space-related abends, and is only supported by base VSAM.
  - *New enhancement:* Remove the restriction and extend DVC to support VSAM RLS data sets.
    - Note: To be activated, all sharing systems must be running z/OS V2.1

  ?Why it Matters: Prevent space-related abends when data sets grow during VSAM RLS processing.

Access Methods

- **VSAM SMB Enhancements**
  - VSAM supports the use of system-managed buffering (SMB) for VSAM data sets. In prior releases, SMB access bias (ACCBIAS) specifications could be made in JCL, but not specified at the system level.
    - Currently, to change the SMB and RMODE31 options for the data sets in a data class, potentially hundreds of JCL DD AMP statements would need to be changed.
  - *New enhancement:* Specify SMB Record Access Bias values for VSAM data sets in the SMS data classes and override the ACB RMODE31 parameter with SMS data class specifications.

  - **? Why it Matters:** Users, who need to update SMB in hundreds or thousands of their jobs, can save time by simply modifying the data class to satisfy their SMB needs instead of individually changing the JCL "AMP=" SMB attributes in each job.

Access Methods

- **VSAM SHOWCB Enhancements**
  - The VSAM SHOWCB macro provides information about open VSAM data sets.
  - *New enhancement:* Enhances two sub-parameters for the SHOWCB macro to display fields of an Access Method Control Block (ACB):
    - BUFNOL – to return the number of buffers that was obtained during BLDVRP or SMB for a particular data set component and its LSR buffer pool.
    - BUFUSE – to return the number of buffers in the LSR or NSR buffer pool that are currently being used.

  ? Why it Matters: Help application programs to tune their VSAM buffering; for example, determine whether to change their LSR buffer pool sizes.

Access Methods

- **DFSMS Support for zHPF**
  - z/OS R11 provided the initial support for System z High-Performance FICON (zHPF) and exploited data sets accessed using the media manager component of DFSMS, including VSAM data sets.
  - z/OS R13 added support for QSAM, BSAM, and BPAM and allowed EXCPVR callers to use zHPF channel programs.
  - *New enhancement:* Add zHPF support for EXCP
    - The function is also available for z/OS V1.12 and V1.13 with the PTF for OA38185 and OA40697* (DFSMS).

  ?Why it Matters: provide function that programmers can use to achieve significant I/O performance improvements for programs using EXCP.

PTFs for the zHPF for EXCP:

- Initial support provided by DFSMS shipped with APAR OA34662 which was marked PE. The fixing APAR, OA40697, shipped 11/1/2012.

Access Methods

- **SAM EF Support for FlashCopy**
    - Multi-volume, single-striped extended format sequential data set cannot use FlashCopy with DFSMSdss because the volume boundary cannot be changed.
        - The suffix in each block contains the block number on that volume, and the FlashCopy process cannot adjust those numbers.
    - Similarly a single-volume, single-striped extended format data set cannot use FlashCopy if the destination requires multiple volumes.
    - *New enhancement:* Support the use of FlashCopy by removing volume boundary awareness from sequential extended format data sets.
        - The system will create a new format, Format 2, of an extended format data set which contains no volume boundary awareness within the suffix associated with each physical block.
        - The data set's catalog entry will indicate the data set's version., and LISTCAT and DCOLLECT will display the version.
        - **Do not set version 2 until all sharing and backup systems are at V2.1 or compatibility PTFs have been installed.**

    ? **Why it Matters:** Removes a long standing restriction and allows the exploitation of FlashCopy with single striped extended format data sets.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **PDSE**

  - **V2.1**

    - PDSE Version 2 Enhancements
    - PDSE Member Generations
    - PDSE Larger Member Size
    - GDG support for PDSEs
    - IEBCOPY Enhancements

Session 14147: The Future of PDSE: New Features in z/OS 2.1, **Tuesday 9:30AM**

Session 14146: Using PDSEs in your SYSPLEX: Best Practices and Troubleshooting, **Wednesday 11AM**

PDSE

- **PDSE Version 2 Enhancements**
  - *New enhancement:* Simplify PDSEs to be able to make partial release more effective and to improve general PDSE performance.
    - The system will create a new PDSE format, Format 2, which will allow all unused space to be released, consolidate directory pages when possible, improve read performance, and reduce virtual storage utilization for PDSE processing.
      - *Toleration of the new PDSE format is planned for z/OS V1.12 and z/OS V1.13*
    - Overall PDSE performance will be improved.
      - *The path length of almost all PDSE related operations will be reduced, and index searches will be improved.*
      - *Unnecessary structures from the directory will be removed allowing space to be used more efficiently.*

  - **?** **Why it Matters:** These enhancements are intended to provide additional scalability and usability benefits of using PDSEs in place of PDSs, make it feasible to use PDSEs instead of multiple large sequential data sets, and help reduce the space required for PDSEs.

Background:

One of the few disadvantages of PDSEs is that a deleted or replaced member cannot be recovered.

- IBM IPT and vendors supply tools that can recover deleted or replaced PDS members until the data set is compressed (space recovered)
- Some tools go further and save replaced members in another data set that is associated with the PDS
    - This can present recovery problems in keeping the data sets together

Why would you want to revert to an older version?

- You made an editing mistake
- A program had a bug or erroneous input
- You want to keep old versions for archival purposes and not backup

Why this is not being provided for PDSs:

- The PDS format does not lend itself well to hiding old generations.
- It would be incompatible and continue the recoverability problems of PDSs
- That is the reason for PDSEs

Copying the PDSE

- IEBCOPY and IDCAMS REPRO will ignore old generations
- DFSMSdss will copy everything

PDSE

- **PDSE Larger Member Size**
  - Currently PDSE members are limited to 15,728,639 records.
    - Message IEC036I 002-A8 is issued if a PDSE member exceeds 15,728,639 lines. This limit does not exist for PDS datasets.
  - *New enhancement:* Increase the limit on PDSE member size.
    - PDSE member size is planned to be over 125 times larger (approximately 2,146,435,071 records) than the current limit in many circumstances, and substantially larger than the maximum supported size of a PDS member.
  - *SHARE Requirement met:* **SSMVSS11010**

  ? Why it Matters: Provide additional scalability and usability benefits of using PDSEs in place of PDSs and make it feasible to use PDSEs instead of multiple large sequential data sets.

PDSE

- **GDG support for PDSEs**
  - Currently PDSs are supported as GDSs (generation data sets). However, PDSEs are not supported as GDSs.
  - *New enhancement:* Provide support for using generation data groups (GDGs) comprising PDSE generation data sets.
    - This support, planned to be similar to existing GDG support for PDS data sets.
    - PDSE can be defined as a GDS by specifying DSNTYPE=LIBRARY or a DATACLAS that specifies DSNTYPE=LIBRARY on the GDS define command.

  ? Why it Matters: Extend usage of PDSEs.

PDSE

IEBCOPY Enhancements

- Currently, IEBCOPY can be used to copy to or from a PDSE data set a member and its aliases, together as a group. In addition, copy functions require that member names be fully qualified.
    - COPYGRP supports all combinations of group copy requests for PDSE to PDSE, PDSE to PDS and PDS to PDSE, but PDS to PDS group copies are currently treated as a COPY operation.
- *New enhancement:* New COPYGROUP function designed to copy members and all aliases for any combination of PDS and PDSE data sets.
    - A superset of the existing COPYGRP function.
    - All aliases in a group will be copied with the member or neither the aliases nor the member in a group will be copied.
    - The EXCLUDE statement is not supported.
- *New enhancement:* Allow the user to pass a filter pattern mask on COPYGROUP functions
    - The MEMBER sub parameter of the SELECT and EXCLUDE statements will be enhanced to accept the "*" and '%' filter control characters.
- **? Why it Matters:** Improved usability for IEBCOPY.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **SMS**

    - **V2.1**

        - Provide Accurate Volume Space Statistics
        - Alter ACDS/COMMDS to SHROPT(3 3)
        - New PARMLIB Option to Generate PDSE
        - SMS ACS Read-only Variable for EAVs

Session 14157: DFSMS Intermediate: Naviquest – Streamlining SMS work, **Wednesday 8AM**

Session 14158: DFSMS Intermediate: Understanding Somebody Else's ACS routine, **Wednesday 1:30PM**

Session 13773: What You Need to Know About the Way HSM Uses SMS, **Thursday 3PM**

SMS

- **Provide Accurate Volume Space Statistics**
  - Currently, SMS updates space statistics of SMS-managed DASD volumes in the Active Configuration when
    - CVAF informs SMS that volume space usage has changed
    - A volume is varied online at the first time
    - User issues IGDCNS call to retrieve volume definition that does not contain updated space statistics
    - SMS issues LSPACE and updates the volume definition with most current space statistics
  - SMS does **not** refresh volume space statistics when resizing is done from a different SMS-plex.
  - *New enhancement:* SMS is enhanced to detect the size change and also provides a new command for the user to refresh volume space statistics when needed.
    - DCE contains the newly resized value
    - SMS issues LSPACE to obtain space statistics after resize and updates volume definition in active configuration
    - V SMS,VOL(volser)|SG(sgname),SPACE

  ? **Why it Matters:** Ensures volume space statistics are current and accurate.

Example of resizing: ICKDSF REFORMAT REFVTOC

- CVAF does not inform SMS as the resizing is done from different SMS-plex
- ISMF LISTSYS displays old space statistics that are returned by SMS
- Volume definition will not be updated with new space statistics until space usage changes

SMS

- **Alter ACDS/COMMDS to SHROPT(3 3)**
  - *New enhancement:* SMS will be enhanced to check whether or not the SHAREOPTIONS(3,3) or higher is specified for ACDS or COMMDS.
    - If a lower share option is detected by SMS during CDS activation, SMS will attempt to alter the share option to (3,3) or higher and issue a message to inform the user of the result of the change.
    - If the change is successful, SMS will issue new message IGD098I. Otherwise new message IGD099I will be issued. In both cases the activation process continues as before.

  - **? Why it Matters:** "Soft" enforcement of SMS best practice to help users avoid potential problems with SMS due to incorrect sharing options.

SMS

- **New PARMLIB Option to Generate PDSE**
  - Currently, the DSNTYPE={LIB|HFS} does not guarantee that a partitioned data set will be created
    - A partitioned data set is created if DSORG=PO or directory blocks are specified
    - Otherwise, a sequential data set is created.
  - *New enhancement:* SMS provides a new parameter in IGDSMSxx that directs SMS to create a PDSE:
    - HONOR_DSNTYPE_PDSE(YES|NO); NO is the default and the processing remains as before
    - HONOR_DSNTYPE_PDSE(YES) applies only when DSNTYPE={LIB|HFS}
      - *A PDSE is created regardless of the specification of DSORG and directory blocks when HONOR_DSNTYPE_PDSE(YES)*
    - SMS provides a new SETSMS command to modify the setting

  ? **Why it Matters:** Allows the user to specify that partitioned data sets be unconditionally allocated as PDSE when DSNTYPE=LIBRARY is specified, whether or not directory space is also specified in JCL.

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SMS

- **SMS ACS Read-only Variable for EAVs**
  - Currently, the EATTR keyword can be specified on
    - JCL
    - Dynamic allocation
    - AMS DEFINE
    - DATACLAS
  - However, it's NOT available to the installation's ACS routines
  - *New enhancement:* Provide a new ACS Read-only Variable for EAV:
    - &EATTR - contains the extended attributes for EAV
    - Expected Values:
      - *OPT: extended attributes are optional*
      - *NO: no extended attributes*
      - *Blank : not specified (This is a default value)*

  ? Why it Matters: ACS routines can be more intelligent to select proper SMS constructs for EAV, so a data set can be allocated to an EAV storage group.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **DFSMSdfp**
    - **V2.1**
        - OCE Partial Release Enhancements
        - OCE RAS Enhancements
        - XTIOT HealthCheck

OCE

- **OCE Partial Release Enhancements**
    - Currently unused space at the end of a data set is released under these conditions:
        - Sequential or partitioned data set
        - RLSE was coded on the DD statement or the management class specifies it
        - It happens during HSM space management or when a program closes the data set that is open for writing.
    - If the data set has multiple volumes, the space is released only on one volume, not on subsequent volumes that the data set might have been extended to previously.
        - An exception is striped data sets, where space is released on all stripes if possible.
    - *New enhancement:* If SMS-managed, then all the space in the data set on subsequent volumes will be released.
        - The format 1 or 8 DSCB will remain with no extents.
        - The catalog entry will still show the volume serials.
        - Space is released even if the storage class says "guaranteed space".
- *SHARE Requirement Fully Addressed:* SSMVSS08002
    - Partially addressed in R12 which addressed SMS, Extended Format (EF) datasets.
    - Now fully addressed with support for sequential data sets
- **?** **Why it Matters: More efficient use of storage resources**

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OCE

- **OCE RAS Enhancements**
  - Eliminate ABEND 837 RC08
    - Currently during EOV tape output processing when another volume needs to be added to the JFCB volume list and a JFCB extension is required but does not exist, an abend 837 RC08 is issued
    - *New enhancement:* Eliminate the abend by dynamically calling Allocation to create the JFCB extension required to add the current volume to the volume list.
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Automatic error recovery and avoidance of abends.

  - Parmlib member IEAAPP00 should allow comments
    - Parmlib member IEAAPP00 can be used to define authorized I/O appendage routines. Currently IEAAPP00 processing in IEAVNP16 fails if comments are included.
    - *New enhancement:* Allow comments in parmlib member IEAAPP00
      - Comments will be allowed both at the start of a member or interspersed throughout the member.
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improved communication regarding changes to parmlib members.

OCE

- ## OCE RAS Enhancements
  - ### Externalize reason for DCBE invalidation
    - Function was introduced in z/OS V1.13 that allows users to specify that explanatory text, for a number of DFSMS abends, be included in job output.
    - *New enhancement:* Externalize in a new version of message IEC190I issued to joblog and syslog the reason for OPEN processing invalidating the DCBE.
      - *When OPEN processing finds a problem with the DCBE, OPEN processing continues but without processing the DCBE.*
      - *The additional diagnostics is intended to help avoid problems related to unexpected processing results due to not processing the DCBE.*

  ? Why it Matters: Improved problem diagnostics.

OCE

- **XTIOT HealthCheck**
  - IBM recommends that all users set NON_VSAM_XTIOT=YES in the DEVSUPxx member of PARMLIB.
    - Enables application programs to exploit options on dynamic allocation with BSAM, BPAM and QSAM and affects EXCP.
  - *New enhancement*: To remind system programmers to enable it, a new OPEN/CLOSE/EOV health check, OCE_SMSOCE1 will be supplied.
    - It needs to be run only once per IPL.
    - It has no options.
    - It issues a warning message if NON_VSAM_XTIOT is not set to YES.

  ? Why it Matters: Using XTIOTs is recommended because it provides virtual storage constraint relief (VSCR) below the 16 MB line.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **DSS**
  - **V2.1**
    - Reset with RESTORE
    - zFS Change Activity Support

Session 14138: What's New in DFSMSdss, **Thursday 8AM**

DFSMSdss

- **Reset with RESTORE**
  - The DFSMSdss Full Volume RESTORE command allows users to restore a volume from a DFSMSdss dump data set.
    - The DS1DSCHA (data-set-changed) bit that is found in the Format-1/8 DSCB in the VTOC indicates whether or not the data set has changed since its last backup.
    - During DUMP processing, the user may specify the RESET keyword which tells DFSMSdss to turn off the DS1DSCHA bit once the data set is successfully dumped.
    - During full volume RESTORE, DFSMSdss unconditionally resets (turns off) the data-set-changed indicator for each data set restored to the target volume.
  - *New enhancement:* New RESET keyword, RESET(DUMP|YES|NO), for RESTORE Full and Tracks.
    - Used to turn off the "data set changed since last backup" indicator (DS1DSCHA) for all data sets restored from the dump.
    - DUMP – If RESET was specified on the DUMP command at z/OS R2.1 or higher, then the indicators will be turned off. If RESET was not specified, then the indicators will not be touched.
    - YES – Turn the DS1DSCHA indicators off
    - NO – Do not change the DS1DSCHA indicators from what they are in the backup.
  - *SHARE Requirement met:* **SSMVSS07002**

  ? Why it Matters: Intended to make policy-based storage management more effective for recently restored volumes.

•Some customers are unhappy with this behavior. They believe that the result of a full volume RESTORE should be a volume that is exactly the same (an image copy) as the volume that was dumped.

DFSMSdss

- **zFS Change Activity Support**
  - DFSMSdss will provide support to reset the data set changed (DS1DSCHA) flag in the Format-1/8 during logical data set dump processing.
  - *New enhancement:* Set an indication that a file system has changed, allow its use in DFSMSdss dump command filtering to back up changed file systems, and reset it after a successful dump.

  ? Why it Matters: Helps reduce unnecessary backups for mounted file system data sets.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **SDM**
  - **V2.1**
    - XRC Offline Volumes

Session 13636: What's New in GDPS 3.10, **Wednesday 3PM**

Session 14139: System z and Storage Synergy, **Wednesday 11AM**

Session 14097: Enhanced Availability and IT Resilience: An Integrated TS7700 Grid, **Thursday 4PM**

Session 12259: IBM Data Replication Solutions for System z and Beyond, **Thursday 4:30PM**

DS8K Recent Enhancements:

SDM Non-Disruptive State Save

- Implement new diagnostic control in DS8K that takes an Non-disruptive State Save (a statesave w/o warmstart). Enable NDSS in XRC where statesaves are done now and add API support via ANTRQST. Also provides enhanced existing operator command that allows the operator to initiate a statesave.

Soft Fence

- Hyperswap Synergy support that will prevent read and write access to the former primary PPRC volumes, after a disk switch, by systems outside the sysplex or systems being IPLed manually (outside of GDPS).

GM Pause on CG Boundary

- Allows PiT copies w/o stopping GM session & converting pairs. Capability to switch primary production back and forth between any of the sites w/o performing full copies of data.

Query host volume access

- Basic requirement is for a way that a process running on one system (LPAR) can identify all the other systems a disk device may be attached to and know if the volume is online on the other systems (ie determine where a device has active pathgroups, especially outside of the sysplex). EMC has a unique CCW command that provides us a CPU/LPAR list of only those on which the paths to the device are grouped.
- Another related issue is that customers have occasionally lost important data by inadvertently initializing the wrong volume using ICKDSF. In the worst cases, customers have experienced system outages caused by the unintentional initialization of a system volume.

SDM

- ## XRC (ie z/OS Global Mirror) Offline Volumes

  - The current implementation of XRC requires that primary volumes (the volumes being written to by application programs) be online to the XRC system when the volumes are added to an XRC session, and when a XRC session is restarted.

    - As customer installations have grown from hundreds, to thousands, to tens of thousands of primary volumes, the time to vary these volumes online has become quite large.

      - *"Vary online processing before XSTART takes excessive amount of time, and if vary 'missed', XADD processing fails."*

      - *"Volumes offline, XDELPAIR fails after XSTART, unable to locate UCBs"*

  - *New enhancement:* Allow XRC primary volumes to be offline when the XSTART and XADDPAIR commands are issued to start or restart mirroring for existing volumes.

  - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improve availability by eliminating the need to wait for all devices to be varied online.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **DFSMSrmm**
  - **V2.1**
    - DFSMSrmm SMS Mgmt Class for Tape
    - DFSMSrmm RAS Enhancements

Session 14092/14095: RMM and HSM Report Generator and Hands-on Lab, **Thursday 9:30AM and 11AM**

DFSMSrmm

- **SMS Management Class for Tape**
    - Continuation of the strategy of moving DFSMSrmm expiration and retention decisions outside VRSEL inventory management, and enabling the use of DFSMS Management Class attributes for tape data sets.
    - Currently, users who want the benefits of the EXPDT retention method must assign the expiration date and Last reference days to each data set explicitly by the JCL, DataClass, TSO RMM command or use the DFSMSrmm parmlib default.
        - New requirement to automate these settings.
    - *New enhancement:* To automate the setting of expiration date and Last reference days DFSMSrmm now gives the user the possibility to obtain management class attributes relevant for tape data set management.
        - New RMM parmlib option MCATTR
            - *When Management Class attributes are enabled, the expiration information is retrieved by DFSMSrmm during OPEN for output and used to set the expiration date and the LASTREF extra days for the tape data set.*
            - *Provides an option to use the Management Class attributes for all volumes **except** the Management Class expiration attributes for volumes managed by the VRSEL retention method.*
            - *Regardless of whether the Management Class attributes are used or not for a tape data set, the Management Class name is recorded, just as is done today, in the data set record, and if the volume is managed by VRSEL retention method will be used in the normal VRS matching (same as done today).*
            - *APAR OA35808 provides toleration support.*
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Provides simplification by allowing the user to automate setting the expiration date or LASTREF extra days, without using the JCL expiration date or Data Class or TSO command.

MCATTR(NONE|ALL|VRSELXDI)

This operand enables the use of DFSMS Management Class (MC) attributes for DFSMSrmm that are relevant for tape management, and specifies the range of MC attribute usage by DFSMSrmm. The attributes relevant for tape management are the MC Expiration attributes 'Expire after Date/Days' and 'Expire after Days Non-Usage', without the Retention Limit.

- **NONE** - No Management Class attributes are used at all.
- **ALL** - The use of Management Class attributes relevant for tape management is enabled. The MC attributes are exploited as they are appropriate.
- **VRSELXDI** - The use of Management Class Attributes is partially enabled. MC Expiration attributes 'Expire after Date/Days' and 'Epire after Days Non-Usage' are not applied to data sets on volumes managed by the VRSEL retention method. All other MC attributes relevant for tape management are exploited as they are appropriate.

DFSMSrmm

- **RAS Enhancements**
  - **Expire after days non-usage/Last reference date**
    - Currently, for volumes managed by the VRSEL retention method, users can define vital record specifications to retain all copies of the data set based on the number of days since the data set was last read or written.
      - *New requirement to manage data based on the number of days since the data set was last read or written on volumes managed by the **EXPDT retention method**.*
    - *New enhancement:* A new attribute, LASTREF extra days is added to the data set record for data sets on volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method.
      - *The LASTREF extra days can only be set for data sets on volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method. It can be set explicitly, via PARMLIB, or by Management Class.*
      - *APAR OA35808 provides toleration support.*

  ❓ **Why it Matters:** The user can manage his data based on the number of days since the data set was last read or written without VRSEL processing.

Specification of LASTREF:

- If your system wide default retention method is EXPDT you can specify the default RETENTIONMETHOD(EXPDT(LASTREF(extra_days))) in parmlib.

- If only a subset of your volumes are managed by retention method EXPDT you can use the add or change data set command to specify the LASTREF extra days.

- You can also use the management class 'Expire after Days Non-Usage' attribute to set the LASTREF extra days data set attribute.

DFSMSrmm

- **RAS Enhancements**
    - **'Retain by' options for volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method**
        - Currently, for volumes managed by the VRSEL retention method, the user can specify whether a volume set is to be retained as a whole set expiring all at the same time or as individual volumes.
            - *New requirement to manage volume sets that are managed by the EXPDT retention method with the choice of retaining them as individual volumes or as whole sets or based on the expiration date of the first file.*
        - *New enhancement:* A new attribute, RETAINBY is added to the volume record for volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method.
            - *Possible values for RETAINBY attribute are VOLUME, FIRSTFILE and SET.*
            - *A new sub-parameter RETAINBY for the EXPDT retention method is added to the DFSMSrmm PARMLIB member to specify a system wide default.*
            - *RETAINBY attribute is the same for all volumes in a set, it cannot explicitly be set for volumes other than the first. DFSMSrmm ensures that volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method inherit the RETAINBY attribute from their previous volumes if existing.*
            - *APAR OA35808 provides toleration support.*

    ? **Why it Matters:** The user can manage his EXPDT retention method volume sets as individual volumes, as a whole set or based on the expiration date of the first file.

Specification of RETAINBY:

RETAINBY(VOLUME)

- The expiration date of the volume is considered for each volume
- separately, and each file on a volume can increment the volume expiration date.

RETAINBY(SET)

- The highest expiration date of all volumes in the set is propagated to all volumes in the set. Any file can increment the volume expiration date.

RETAINBY(FIRSTFILE)

- The expiration date of the first file is used to determine the expiration date of the volume or multi volume set. All volumes in a set will have the exact same expiration date.

DFSMSrmm

- **RAS Enhancements**
  - **Conversion Support Changes**
    - RMM implemented a new data set attribute LASTREF and a new volume attribute RETAINBY, for data sets and volumes managed by the EXPDT retention method.
      - *If a customer wants to use these new attributes he has to use TSO RMM CHANGEDATASET and CHANGEVOLUME commands.*
    - *New enhancement:* set the LASTREF and RETAINBY attributes during conversion.
      - *A default value can be set via new EDGCNVT SYSIN statements :*
      OPTION EXPDT_RETAINBY
      OPTION EXPDT_LASTREF.
      - APAR OA35808 provides toleration support.

? **Why it Matters:** At conversion time, for the EXPDT retention method, similar attributes of the input data can be translated to the RMM data set and volume attributes. No extra updates of these attributes are needed after the conversion.

Specification of RETAINBY:

OPTION EXPDT_RETAINBY VOLUME | FIRSTFILE | SET

VOLUME

- The volume expiration date is set to the maximum date of the volume expiration date and the data set expiration dates on it. If OPTION EXPDT_RETAINBY is omitted VOLUME is the default.

FIRSTFILE

- The expiration date of the first file is used to set the expiration date of the volume or multi volume set. All volumes in a set will have the exact same expiration date.

SET

- The expiration date is the highest expiration date of all volumes and all data sets in the set. All volumes in the set will have the exact same expiration date.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **OAM**
  - **V2.1**
    - OAM Usability & Reliability Enhancements

OAM

- **OAM RAS Enhancements**
  - OAM Support for Tape Block Sizes > 32 KB
    - *New enhancement:* Improved tape performance by supporting larger block sizes for tape.
      - *Optionally enabled via new keyword on SETOAM statement in CBROAMxx member of PARMLIB*
      - *Volume supports larger block sizes if support enabled when first object written to that volume*
      - *Volumes that support block sizes > 32 KB not accessible from prior releases*
    - **? Why it Matters:** Improved performance and scalability for OAM tape processing.

OAM

- **OAM RAS Enhancements**
  - OAM Support for Automatic Backup Deletions
    - *New enhancement:* Improved tape performance by automatically removing unneeded backup copies.
      - Optionally enabled via new keyword on SETOSMC statement in CBROAMxx member of PARMLIB
      - When enabled, OSMC processing will delete existing backup copies that exceed the number required by object's current management class (e.g. when object transitions to TS7700 Virtualization Engine with multi-cluster grid support, OAM backups may no longer be needed).
      - SMF – Existing OAM SMF Record Type 85 (x'55') Subtype 32 changes:
        - New flag will indicate whether automatic backup deletion was enabled at the time of OSMC processing
        - New fields will show number of backup copies and total bytes deleted as a result of automatic backup deletion
    - **? Why it Matters:** More automated space management and exploitation of IBM Tape HW functionality.

OAM

- **OAM RAS Enhancements**
  - Reduced Size Limit for OAM Store Sequence Processing
    - *New enhancement:* Improved performance by enabling the OSREQ Store Sequence support on small object sizes.
      - *Minimum size required for OSREQ Store Sequence processing (STOREBEG/STOREPRT/STOREEND) reduced from 256 MB+1 to 50 MB+1*
      - *Provides option for storing objects in 50 MB+1 to 256 MB size range*
      - *Not supported when writing to optical*
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improved OAM usability and reduced application virtual storage requirements.

OAM

- **OAM RAS Enhancements**
  - OAM ATAM Coexistence Enhancement
    - *New enhancement:* Allow users to specify how long OAM's object support should wait before issuing a message when no tape devices are available.
      - New keyword on SETOAM statement in CBROAMxx member of PARMLIB to specify retry time period.
        - Can be set to 0 to indicate no retries.
    - **? Why it Matters:** Improved OAM interoperation with products such as IBM Tivoli Automated Tape Allocation Manager for z/OS (ATAM, 5698-B15),.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **DFSORT**
  - **V2.1**
    - Dynamic Sort Enhancements
    - Functional Enhancements
    - 64-bit Enhancements

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DFSORT

- **Dynamic Sort Enhancements**
    - While DFSORT has installation defaults designed to control the use of central storage resources by all SORT applications running concurrently on a system, customers still often experience degraded performance due to over commitment of resources and high paging.
        - *This is usually due to changes in available resources after a sort has already committed to using large amounts of central storage.*
    - Often the first submitted DFSORT job can possibly use most of the central storage for creating dataspaces, hiperspaces or memory objects.
        - *Any DFSORT job(s), submitted later, use very little or no dataspace, hiperspace or memory objects because the central storage is not available at that time.*
    - *New enhancement:* A new TUNE option is designed to allow users to specify that DFSORT obtain storage incrementally and check on storage availability before allocating additional storage.
        - *Helps to better balance utilization for sort operations and other workloads initiated within a short time.*
    - *New enhancement:* Increase the memory object work space maximum from 64 GB to 1 TB, to allow users to sort larger amounts of data in memory object work files.

    ? Why it Matters: Improved memory resource management to better balance the memory requirements of multiple large concurrent sort operations and other workloads.

DFSORT

- **Functional Enhancements**
  - **Alphanumeric Tests**
    - *New enhancement:* Support new alphanumeric tests, using binary format, for both compare fields and parse fields, including combinations of alphanumeric character sets (uppercase and lowercase, and numeric).
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Allows users to specify various sets of characters using a single compare condition or PARSE keyword rather than using compare conditions or PARSE keywords.

  - **Symbol and PARSE Enhancements**
    - *New enhancement:* Allow symbols to be used for more DFSORT operands, and the number of parse fields supported is planned to be increased from the prior limit of 100 fields to 1,000 fields.
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improved DFSORT usability

  - **Add String at End of Variable-Length Records**
    - *New enhancement:* Allow users to specify that a string up to 50 characters in length be appended to variable-length output records.
    - **?** **Why it Matters:** Improved DFSORT usability.

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DFSORT

- **64-bit Enhancements**

  - Programs can call (invoke) DFSORT and use an invocation parameter list to pass information from the program to DFSORT.

  - During DFSORT processing, exits can be optionally called. Information is passed between DFSORT and exits in 2 different ways:
    - User exit parameter lists
    - COBOL interface used only for E15, E32, and E35 exits written by customers in COBOL

  - *New enhancement:* Provide Blockset sorting support for programs running in 64-bit addressing mode.
    - This new function is designed to be available to programs, using new parameter lists for DFSORT applications that use E15, E35, or E32 exits to process 64-bit addressed records.

  - **?** **Why it Matters:** Helps relieve storage constraints for programs calling DFSORT to perform certain sort operations.

z/OS DFSMS Highlights

- **NFS**
  - **V2.1**
    - NFS Server 64-bit Enhancements
    - NFS RPCSEC Performance Enhancements
    - NFS Server RPCBIND Enhancements

NFS

- **Server 64-bit Enhancements**
  - The z/OS NFS Server provides two data paths, one for the z/OS UNIX file systems (such as zFS), and the other for the traditional z/OS MVS data sets.
    - When writing to z/OS MVS data sets, the z/OS NFS Server has to buffer the RPC WRITE data so the buffered data logically appears sequential before the z/OS NFS Server call DFSMSdfp to write the blocks of data.
    - With the large data sets and the random write from the NFS Clients, the z/OS NFS Server 2GB Address Space is now required to handle concurrent and random writes to large data sets.
  - *New enhancement:* NFS Server exploits 64-bit addressing to support larger sequential data sets, PDS members, and PDSE members.
    - Designed to support processing for files as large as 4 TB, up from the prior limit of 800 MB.

  ? **Why it Matters:** Potentially helps to improve application performance for random access.

NFS

- **RPCSEC Performance Enhancements**

    - RPCSEC_GSS is an authentication flavor of the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) protocol that is supported by the z/OS NFS server for its NFS V4 workloads.

        - Kerberos V5 is the underlying security mechanism supported for this authentication flavor.
        - Currently the z/OS NFS server invokes the GSS and Kerberos API's from a single thread (Main task). This affects the performance of the secure mount workloads, as those requests have to be routed to a single main task for the invocation of the relevant Kerberos and GSS APIs.

    - *New enhancement:* NFS Server is designed to use multi-tasking for the RPCSEC_GSS authentication type of the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) protocol, which is supported by z/OS NFS server for NFS V4 workloads.

        - The Kerberos and GSS API's will now be invoked from the Transport and Worker tasks of the NFS server and will no longer need to be routed to the Main task.

    ? **Why it Matters:** Potentially helps to improve the performance of secure mount workloads in the NFS server.

NFS

- **NFS Server RPCBIND Enhancements**
  - Currently on the z/OS system, when the RPCBIND fails, the z/OS NFS Server has no capability to re-register with RPCBIND when it is restarted.
    - All existing connections to the NFS Server remain operative. However, no new NFS V2 or NFS V3 mounts can be established to the NFS Server.
    - In order for the NFS Server to reconnect to RPCBIND, it must be restarted, which impacts the existing mounts to the NFS Server.
  - *New enhancement:* The RPCBIND and NFS Servers are designed to allow the NFS Server to re-register with RPCBIND when RPCBIND is restarted, without an NFS Server restart.
    - This is designed to help preserve existing connections to the NFS Server and to allow new mounts when RPCBIND is restarted.

  ? **Why it Matters:** Potentially helps to improve the NFS Server resiliency and availability by eliminating a reason for NFS Server restarts.

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- Where to find additional information:

  - **V2.1**
    - **DFSMS Using the New Functions (SC23-6857-00)** - http://www-05.ibm.com/e-business/linkweb/publications/servlet/pbi.wss?CTY=US&FNC=SRX&PBL=sc23-6857
    - **z/OS V1.12 DFSMS Technical Update** (available 9/30/2013)

  - **R13**
    - **DFSMS Using the New Functions (SC26-7473-08)** – (http://publibz.boulder.ibm.com/cgi-bin/bookmgr/Shelves/ez2zo111?filter=DFSMS+Using+the+New+Functions+&SUBMIT=Search+titles)
    - **z/OS V1.13 DFSMS Technical Update** -(http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redpieces/pdfs/sg247961.pdf)

  - **R12**
    - **DFSMS Using the New Functions (SC26-7473-07)** -
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    - **z/OS V1.12 DFSMS Technical Update** -
      http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247895.html?Open

Sources for more information

- Information about DFSMS and components
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