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Do you have WebSphere Application Server V8.5?



... Then you already have WebSphere Batch! ("Compute Grid")

Get started with some basic Batch applications!

- Java Batch options
 - JZOS, WAS Feature Packs, z/OS Batch Container, or . . .
 - WebSphere Batch ("Compute Grid") built into WAS V 8.5
- Important Features in WebSphere Batch
 - Integration with Schedulers, CICS, COBOL, PJM, WLM, SMF
- Development Tools
 - Batch Framework & Supporting Classes
- Choosing your 1st Application ("Proof Of Concept")
 - Transform traditional JES batch jobs into WAS batch.



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Different Approaches for Java Batch . . .

Standalone Java Program

- Simple programming model
- · Launch with java command at the shell
- · Programmer responsible for everything

JVM Launcher Solutions

- JZOS, BPXBATCH
- JVM Launcher in a JES Batch Job + JZOS Services for z/OS functions
- · Programmer must code functions not provided by Launcher

z/OS Batch Execution Runtime

- z/OS 1.13 & V2.1 Batch Container
- · Batch Container provides useful functions with JDBC & RRS
- · Programmer must code functions not provided by Container

WebSphere Batch Container

- WebSphere Compute Grid or WebSphere 8.5
- Provides batch programming function as services of the platform + Batch Scheduler
- · Allow programmer to focus on the business logic, not "middleware" functions

CICS Batch Container

- CICS TS 4.2, 5.1 w/ Batch Feature Pack
- Batch Container provides same functions as WebSphere Batch Container + JCICS
- · Jobs must be scheduled by the WebSphere Batch Dispatcher
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All are perfectly good approaches, depending on the nature of your batch processing needs.

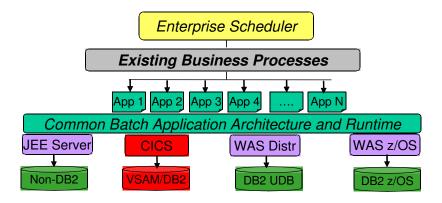




The Batch Vision:



- Run anywhere, any time.
- Portable across platforms.
- Locate near data.
- Concurrent Access to Data with Online Systems
- Centrally Managed by Enterprise Scheduler.
- Integrate with existing Workload Management, Accounting, Disaster Recovery, Auditing, Logging, Archiving.

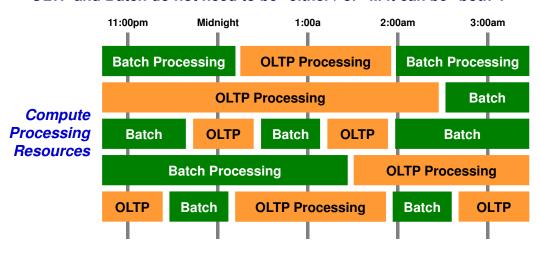


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The Objective -- OLTP and Batch Mixed and Managed: OLTP and Batch do not need to be "either / or" ... it can be "both":





Possible with IBM WebSphere Batch.

OLTP and Batch processing within a common execution runtime (WebSphere Application Server) allows the WAS platform to mix and manage the two workload types.



Why run Batch with Java on Z?



Extend Development Skill Sets & Programming Resources

- · Java programming skills are more prevalent.
- Leverage your OLTP infrastructure.
- Modern development tools increase application agility.

Integration with other Technology Solutions

- Extend Enterprise Scheduling with WebSphere Batch
- Java rules execution engines (Ilog, WODM, Drools)

Leverage Specialty Engine Processors on System Z

- Offload Java work to System Z Application Assist Processors (zAAP)
- Lower the overall cost-profile of running batch on the mainframe.

Compress your Batch Window

· Run batch during Online





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Why Use WebSphere Batch?



Benefits beyond a J2SE-based batch implementation:

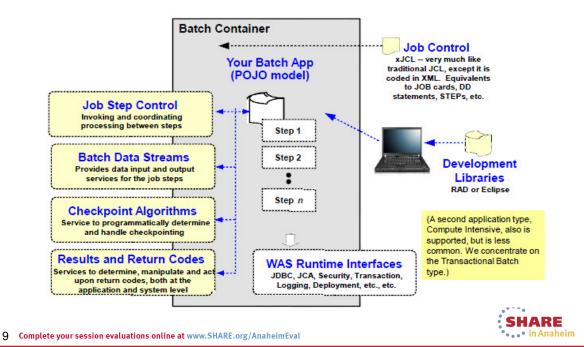
- Long-running re-usable JVM to amortize out the cost of initialization and tear-down and reap the benefits of JIT
- Built on Java EE platform security, logging, integration, high availability, resource management.
- Programming model for batch in a structured, re-usable, rich manner.
- Application support functions specific to batch processing:
 - Checkpoint / Restart
 - Service Classification & Workload throttling
 - Log management and aggregation
 - Job Parallelism & Distribution across LPARs
 - Scheduler integration (TWS, CtrlM, Zeke, etc)



The Batch Programming Model



Functions & class libraries supplied with WebSphere Batch



Function-Rich Programming Framework



Batch Data Streams (BDS)

- Supplied "Patterns" for JDBC, JPA, J2C, Files, JZOS classes
- BDS maps data fields to Data Objects for Java
- · Applications focus on Business Logic, Not data handling & Recovery

Checkpoint Processing

- Interval for Commit processing based on Time / Record numbers
- Restart failed jobs from Checkpoints

Extended Programming Functions

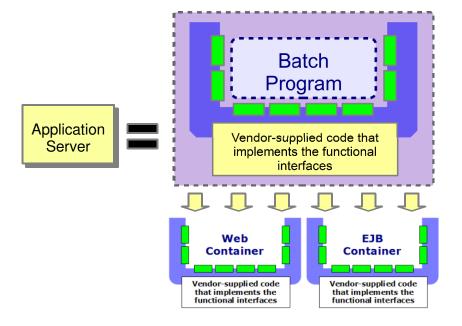
- Skip-Record Processing to tolerate data read/write errors
- Retry-Step Processing Allow job to continue with errors (customizable)
- Configurable Transaction Modes (Local/Global at Step level)
- Batch Data Stream Timeout configurable at BDS level
- Record Metrics available through JobStepContext object
- Parallel Job Manager, Parallel Steps & Multi-threading or Multi-JVM
- COBOL Container Share JDBC Type 2 Connectors



WebSphere Batch Runtime Container



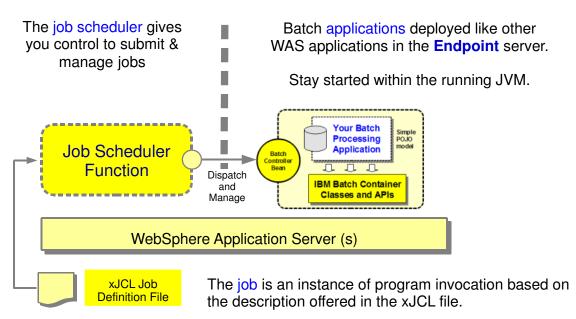
The IBM Batch Container is an extension to the existing container structure of WebSphere Application Server





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Separation of Job Scheduler & Batch Endpoint



* The two may be in the same server, or separate servers. Or clustered. Your choice. ©



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Simple Customization Steps For WebSphere Batch

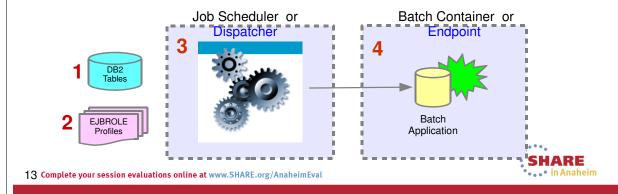


Batch is Integrated in WAS V 8.5 profiles and "binaries"

(No longer "Augmented" as a "Stacked Product")

- 1. Create Database tables & Data sources
- 2. Create Security (EJBROLE) Profiles
- 3. Configure the Job Scheduler in a Server (ISC)
- 4. Deploy a Sample Batch Application in an Endpoint Server (ISC)
 - Mapping to a server/cluster defines the Endpoint cluster.

(See "Installing and Configuring Compute Grid" Techdoc WP101783.)



xJCL: Declaring the Structure of a Job



Concepts same as traditional // JCL ... syntax different

Analogous to the //JOB card





Job STEP ... JNDI name analagous to // EXEC PGM= in traditional JCL

Job declaration, or xJCL file

Carry substitution properties down to variable declarations in XML

Not shown:

- Input/Output declarations
- Checkpoint declaration
- Conditional processing
- Much more

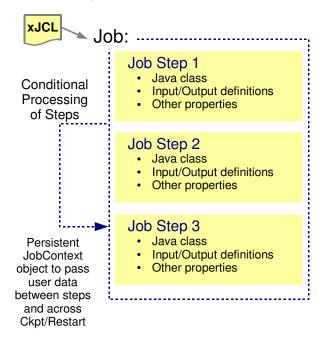
xJCL "describes" the elements of a "job"



Batch Job and Job Steps



A batch job consists of one or more steps executed in order...



- Dispatcher interprets xJCL & determines which endpoint has batch application deployed
- Dispatcher passes job (xJCL) to **Endpoint server**
- Steps executed in order, with conditional step processing if declared
- Dispatcher maintains awareness of the job state
- · When the job ends, Joblog accessible through JMC or WSGRID Proxy job
- Step-Retry; Skip-Records; Restartable



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Ways to Submit Jobs



Several different interfaces to the job dispatcher:



Interfaces provided to submit jobs:

The "Job Management Console" (JMC) is Browser a simple-to-use browser application

Job Scheduler, or Dispatcher

USS Command Line Using the supplied Ircmd.sh client

Web Services clients may use the JobScheduler interface Web Services

EJB Java programs may submit jobs using the JobScheduler EJB interface

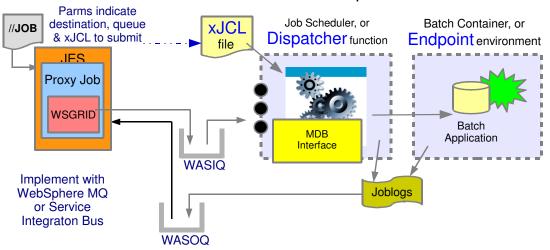
The Message Drive Bean interface allows job submission across a MDB messaging queue. Heart of the integration with enterprise schedulers



Integration with Workload Schedulers



It's all about the MDB interface to the Dispatcher...



If workload scheduler is capable of submitting JCL or invoking a shell script, it can submit a job into Compute Grid

The WSGRID utility stays up for duration of job in Compute Grid, and feeds Java batch output to STDOUT or JES

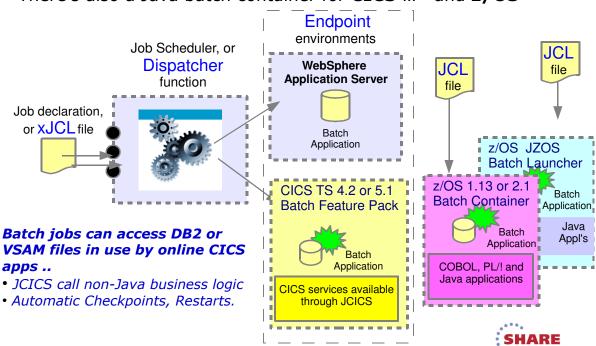
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"Batch Containers" not Limited to WebSphere

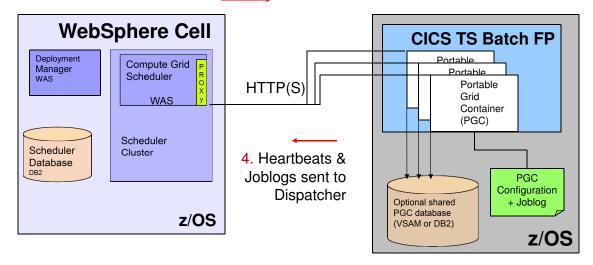


There's also a Java batch container for CICS ... and z/OS



WebSphere Batch and CICS with Modern Batch Feature Pack

- 2. WCG Dispatcher sends HTTP request to CICS to start batch job. (CICS Port 1313)
- 1. CICS initiates connection (WAS Port 20067)
- 3. CICS matches the URI against the batchcontainer-config.xml & starts the **DFHBATPI** pipeline to handle the request.



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Configuring the CICS Modern Batch feature pack



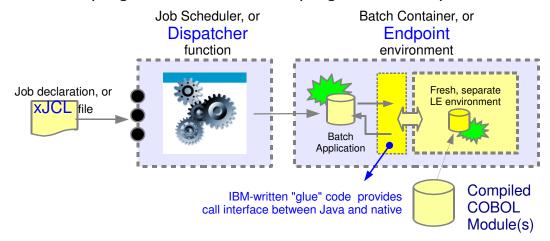
- Add resources in the CICS CSD (CICS System Definitions) DFHBCCSD
 - Use default CICS directory, HLQ, Port#, PIPELINE, DB2NAME
- Define tables in DB2 DFHBCDB2
 - Define tables required for Batch Cont. (normal JOBLIB, Program, Runlib)
- Configure JVM server profile BATCHPRF
 - Specify JAVA_HOME, WORK_DIR, LIBPATH, CLASSPATH & Java Options
- Configure the batch container batchcontainer-config.xml
 - WAS Cell, Node, Server names; Hostname & HTTP Port
 - CICS Host Port, HLQ, HFS home
- Start the Batch Container with these CICS Trans:
 - CEDA INSTALL GROUP(DFHBATCH)
 - CBCH



Java Batch + COBOL? Yes ...



With a new COBOL interoperability function that allows Java batch programs to call COBOL programs directly ...



This provides a way to use (and re-use) COBOL assets as part of a Java batch job within Compute Grid

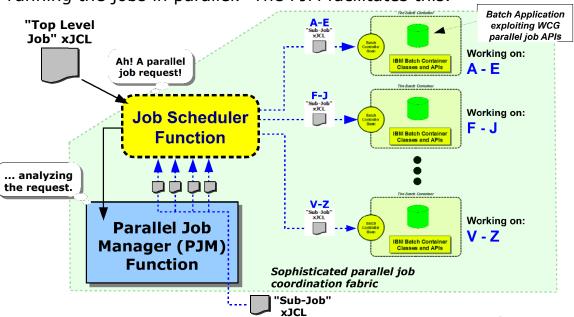
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Parallel Job Manager (PJM)



Batch processing often lends itself to data partitioning and running the jobs in parallel. The PJM facilitates this.



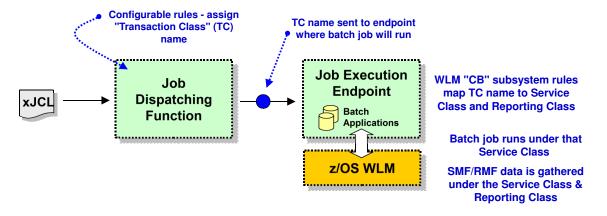
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Classifying Batch Jobs with WLM



Submitted jobs can be tagged with a WLM "Transaction Class," which may be used to map the batch job to a WLM Service Class and Reporting Class:



Unique to z/OS!

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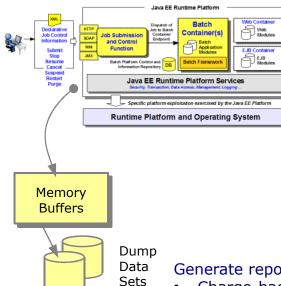
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SMF Recording for Charge-Back & Capacity Planning

SMF is a powerful (and fast) activity recording subsystem on z/OS. Compute Grid z/OS exploits this with its own SMF record:





SMF 120.20 & 120.9 records contain additional info for Batch Jobs:

Job identifier

Job submitter

Final Job state

Server

Node

Accounting information

Job start time

Last update time

General CPU usage

zAAP or zIIP CPU use

Generate reports and determine usage for

- Charge-back Accounting
- Capacity Planning
- Performance Measurement.

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Customer Use Profiles Development Tools Batch Programming Model Framework & Classes POC Scenarios

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Customer Use Profiles - WAS Batch on z/OS



Large Financial Enterprise

Take advantage of newer development tools and skills Increase agility -- faster time-to-market for changes.

Usage: Month-end, quarter-end & year-end batch jobs

- WebSphere Java batch spread across 6 LPARs
- WSGRID for integration with existing enterprise scheduler
- Parallel Job Manager for reduced overall completion time
- Heavy interaction with MVS datasets and DB2
- Integrated with WODM for business rules engine
- Co-located with batch in same WAS z/OS runtime servers



More Customer Use Profiles



International Insurance Enterprise

Exploit System z Specialty engines.

Usage: Lots of COBOL batch applications with many interdependencies

- Adopting Java batch incrementally based on batch job interdependencies
- COBOL Container lets Java call existing COBOL with low-level interface.
- Share JDBC T2 between Java and COBOL in same transaction scope
- Using WSGRID to integrate with enterprise scheduler.

Utility Company

Improve Critical Path in Batch Cycle.

Usage: Cut Bills for 1/20th of the Customers each night

 Allow Batch jobs to be run while CICS online systems are up (Previously, online systems owning the database files must be offline so files could be accessed.)

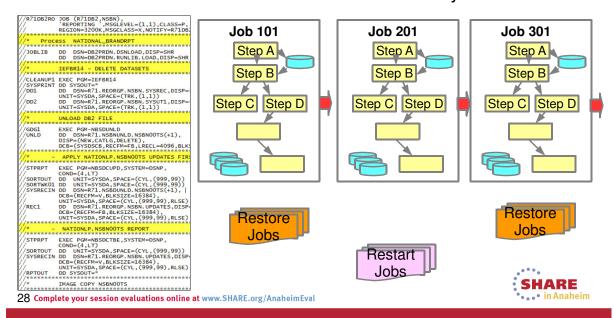
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The "Batch Cycle" (Network of batch job-streams)



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- Strict Sequence with Restore, Restart & Recovery Jobs.
- Every Night, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly, Year-End.
- Run when Online Applications are Down.
- Strict Time Schedule... Critical Path = "Batch Cycle"



Function-Rich Programming Framework -



Education, including xJCL references & Sample code:

- 1) Job & Step Overview
 - · Batch vs. Compute-Intensive
- 2) Implement the Batch Step
 - · Create Java class
- 3) Batch Data Streams (xJCL)
- 4) Batch Loop & Checkpoints
- 5) Compute-Intensive Steps
- 6) Job Step Context
 - Object providing user data area
- 7) Setting/Using Step Return Codes

- 8) Job States
- 9) Exceptions & Failures
- 10) Batch Data Streams
- 11) Transaction Mode
- 12) Database Cursors
- 13) Batch Framework
- 14) Step Retry
- 15) Skip Record Processing
- 16) Application Packaging

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- www.ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/techjournal/1109_alderman/1109_alderman.html
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Some JZOS Classes to help Batch Apps:



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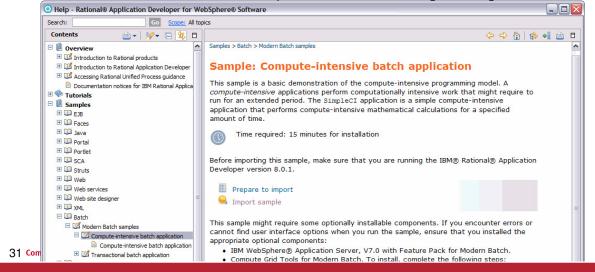
JZOS has functions that make Java on z/OS much easier & more useful. Use them in your batch application development:

- DfSort Invoke DFSORT to perform high-volume sort and merge operations
- **Exec** Run external process that buffers output, provides timeout control and stdout/stderr character encoding.
- **File Factory** Build a BufferedReader, BufferedWriter, InputStream, or OutputStream on a text file or MVS dataset.
- JzosPermission Simple Permission class to allow JZOS to operate with a SecurityManager (such as RACF)
- MvsConsole Class with static methods to interface with the MVS console.
- WtoMessage Data object/bean for holding a WTO message and parameters.
- MvsJobSubmitter Submit batch jobs to JES2 or JES3 from a Java program
- PdsDirectory Opening a PDS directory and iterating over its members.
- **Zfile** JNI Wrapper for z/OS C-Library IO routines.
- Zutil Static interface to various z/OS native library calls getCurrentJobId(), getCurrentUser(), getCpuTimeMicros()

Application Development Environments



- Rational Application Developer tooling for WebSphere Batch (RAD)
 - Wizard based dialogs for creating batch application artifacts
 - Designed around the "Batch Data Stream Framework API"
- Techdoc WP101788 "Beginners guide to developing Java Batch Apps"
- Redbook SG24-7835 "RAD for WebSphere Software V8 Programming Guide"



Other Appl'n Development Environments



Options for Developers to test Locally on workstations:

- WebSphere Application Server Unit Test Environment (UTE)
 - No charge: WebSphere Application Server Developer Tools and WebSphere Application Server for Developers

ibm.com/developerworks/downloads/ws/wasdevelopers/index.html

- Batch Simulator
 - Stand-alone J2SE batch simulator to unit-test batch jobs: ibm.com/developerworks/websphere/techjournal/0801_vignola/0801_vignola.html
- Batch model simplifies "swapping" platform-dependent components
 - BDS implementation for flat-file for z/OS data-set inputs.

Rational Application Developer tooling for WebSphere Batch still the best!



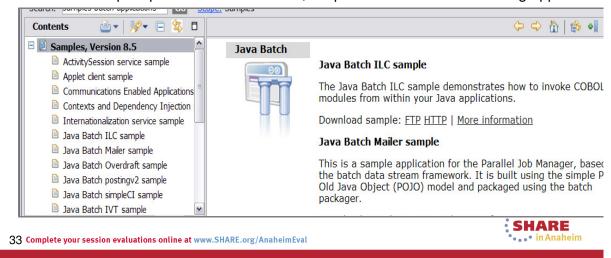
WebSphere V. 8.5 Sample Applications



- Download samples from Samples, V 8.5 info. center: http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/wasinfo/v8r5/index.jsp
 - Samples no longer packaged with the WebSphere product.

On the Downloads tab, Download compressed file, or individual sample files.

- Samples have an /installableApps directory containing deployable prebuilt archives.
- Contain sample-specific source archives, scripts & instructions for building apps.



Application Selection

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Choosing the right application for a POC

Workload Profile

- CPU-bound work can demonstrate capabilities of off-load eligibility
- · IO-Bound applications still yield good results.

Application Dependencies

- Applications that interact with many other apps make poor POC candidates.
- Select an application that stands-alone to minimize the development effort
- Focus can be on developer tooling training, and performance comparisons.
- New Application or Existing COBOL application?

External System Integration

- WebSphere batch applications can integrate any external system you need.
- Choose an application that accesses DB2 or MVS data to demonstrate common integration patterns.



Success Criteria – Setting Expectations



Functional:

- Demonstrate equivalent functional capabilities
- MVS and DB2 integration
- Checkpoint / Restart capabilities

Operational:

- Integration with z/OS Job Scheduling (TWS, ZEKE, CA7, etc)
- Test Fail-over scenarios
- SMF 120.9 record generation & reporting

Measurement Criteria:

- CPU time
- Elapsed Time
- % Offload to specialty engines (zIIPs & zAAPs)
- · Initial performance profiling



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Transforming traditional JES job-streams



Keep Enterprise Scheduler as your Central Controller

- Replace individual job steps with WSGRID Batch Steps
- Keep traditional utilities as-is, or replace with Java / JZOS apps. (e.g., DFSORT can be invoked via JZOS services.)
- Use COBOL container to integrate Java-written functions while retaining existing COBOL code.
- Use CICS container to use CICS apps & access VSAM or DB2

Use Advanced Functions as you go . . .

- Parallel Job Manager can provide more horizontal parallelism.
- Automated Recovery and Restart processing
- Optimized Local Adapters (WOLA) for very efficient adapters to CICS, IMS, Batch, USS, ALC
- Parallel Sysplex, Reliability, Availability, and Fail-over scenarios.
- Performance tuning & measurement with WLM & SMF.



Where to go for more Help and Education?



DeveloperWorks ibm.com/developerworks/websphere

- Intro to batch programming techjournal/0801_vignola/0801_vignola.html
- Skip-record processing techjournal/1109_alderman/1109_alderman.html
- Simple Compute Grid Parallel Batch Application tutorials/1203 usha
- Enterprise batch processing techjournal/1210 narain/1210 narain.html
- Integration w/ ent.schedulers techjournal/1303 narain/1303 narain.html

Techdocs - ibm.com/support/techdocs/atsmastr.nsf/Web/TechDocs

- WP101783 WebSphere Modern Batch
- WP101788 Beginners Guide to Coding Java Batch Jobs
- WP101909 WebSphere Compute Grid COBOL Container
- WP102231 WebSphere Compute Grid z/OS Capacity Planning
- PRS4644 WebSphere Compute Grid for z/OS Wildfire class mat'ls
- PRS4467 WebSphere ATS YouTube Video Flyer with Hiperlinks

RedBooks www.redbooks.ibm.com

- SG24-7779 Batch Modernization on z/OS
- SG24-7343 Best Practices for Implementing WebSphere Extended Deployment
- REDP-4566 Batch Processing with WebSphere Compute Grid: Delivering Business Value

InfoCenter – http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/wasinfo/v8r5/index.jsp



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More Help and Education (Cont'd)



Wildfire Workshop: WebSphere Compute Grid for z/OS (WCG01)

- Hands-on workshop available "no charge" to qualified customers. Learn how to configure and use WebSphere Compute Grid to develop and deploy batch programs in WebSphere Version 8.5.
- See Techdoc PRS1778 for more information.

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Summary



- 1. Quick Start with Simple Configuration in WAS 8.5.
- 2. Experiment with Sample Applications (IVT, Mailer, Posting).
- 3. Integrate with Enterprise Scheduler.
- 4. Create stand-alone Java applications, then inter-operate with COBOL and CICS applications.
- 5. Incorporate into your Batch Production Cycles.



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