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# Performing a Cursory WLM Review



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  - ☐ Instructor: Peter Enrico
  - □ June 23 27, 2014 Detroit, Michigan, USA
  - □ September 15 19, 2014 Kansas City, Missouri, USA



□ Parallel Sysplex and z/OS Performance Tuning

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- □ Instructor: Peter Enrico
- □ July 29 31, 2014 (Web)
- □ August 19 21, 2014 (Web)
- Essential z/OS Performance Tuning Workshop
  - Instructors: Peter Enrico and Tom Beretvas
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## Cookbook Approach to a WLM Analysis

- □ High level steps for revisiting your WLM setup and service definition
  - Step 1: Learn the basic concepts of WLM (and the oddities)
  - Step 2: Inventory Your Managed Resources
  - Step 3: Inventory System Workloads
  - Step 4: Understand Current WLM Definition
  - Step 5: Clean Up Your Service Definition
  - Step 6: Learn How to Interpret WLM Measurements
  - Step 7: Verify Properness of WLM Controls
  - Step 8: Determine Effectiveness of Controls
  - Step 9: Examine Workload Mixtures
  - Step 10: Re-evaluate Assigned Goals and Importance
  - Step 11: Explore Exploiting New Functions
  - Step 12: Start to Tackle Those Difficult Issues

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### **Presentation Overview**

- □ Please note that this is a multiple day presentation / discussion
- Covered in this presentation
  - Simplifying your WLM service definition by removing usage of NEWWORK service class.
  - Some considerations for evaluating importance levels
  - Some considerations for evaluating performance indexes
  - Some considerations for evaluating response time goals

If extra time at end of session:

Some considerations for evaluating multiple period service class durations

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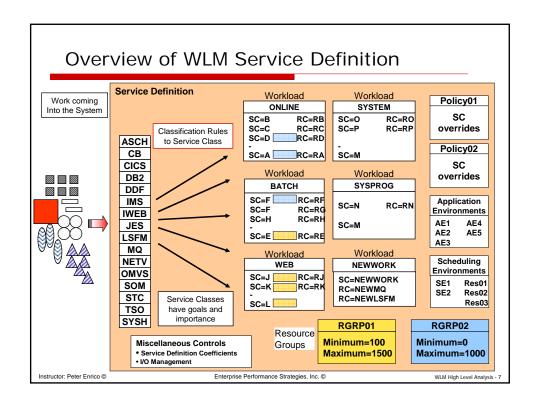
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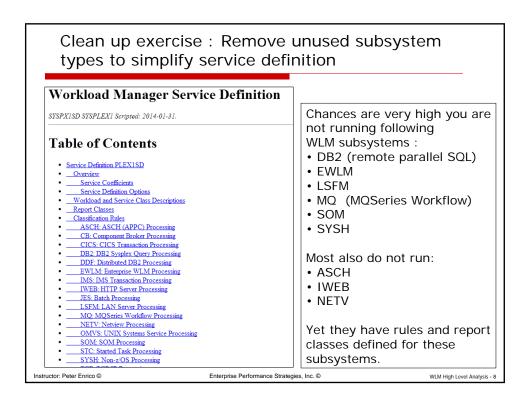
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### Old NEWWORK Service Class Methodology

- Old methodology of using 'NEWWORK' as the default service class for 'unused' subsystems is outdated in the year 2014
  - Many monitors have been updated to report where all work is classified.
- Old thinking: Even if some work is not running on your system; still should ensure it is identified and classified
- Old solution: Create a NEWWORK service class
  - Assign a discretionary goal (certainly not a multiple period service class)
  - Assign a default service class for every new/unused subsystem type
  - Go into WLM application, classification rules, and make sure the list shown there matches what the IBM manuals say are available

    - If not, add the new subsystem type
      For any subsystem type with new service class defined, assign NEWWORK service class
  - Assign unique default report class for that subsystem
    - Now new work can be identified and managed easier
    - Example: LSFM subsystem type

Default service class: NEWWORK Default report class: NEWLSFM

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## **Example of NEWWORK Classification**

Installation then use NEWWORK to classify work they will most likely never see

### LSFM: LAN Server Processin LSFM Service Class LSFM Report Class R LSFM NEWWORK MQ: MQSeries Workflow Processing Level Qualifier Type Qualifier Na Mgmt. Goals NETV: Netview Processing Instructor: Peter Enrico © Enterprise Performance Strategies, Inc. © WLM High Level Analysis - 10



### New and Old way

#### Old way

- Use NEWWORK to allow all possible unused subsystem type work to be classified
  - ☐ This way the work gets still gets management.
- Some installations even have NEWWORK set to multiple period service class with something other than discretionary goal
- Logic
  - ☐ If work goes to NEWWORK, then known WLM subsystem type, so go to associated report class to figure out what the work is.
  - ☐ If anything in SYSOTHER than not a defined subsystem type

#### New Way

- Just let any new work for a subsystem not defined to go to SYSOTHER
  - ☐ Avoids NEWWORK service class and associated report classes
- Just check if anything in SYSOTHER (discretionary goal)
  - ☐ If yes, just check all your monitors what that work is to correct.

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### Ensure Only Active Subsystem Types Are Defined

- □ Recommendation: Make sure only active subsystem types are defined
  - It makes for a simpler service definition
  - Work that exists for a subsystem type not used goes to SYSOTHER
    - □ So monitor SYSOTHER to make sure it is always void of activity
    - If not, then figure out the new type of work and add the necessary subsystem type and classification
    - □ All monitors and SDSF and other products will tell you what is in SYSOTHER

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              Single service class
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# **Quick Review of Importance Levels**

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### WLM Service Class Period Importance

- When there is not sufficient capacity to meet goals, WLM uses importance to prioritize work
  - Helps WLM to prioritize goal work relative to other goal work
  - WLM attempts to meet higher importance goals before trying to meet lower importance goals
- □ Importance is considered when work is not meeting their assigned goals
  - Higher importance work tends to receive resources to help it meet its goals
  - Lower importance work tends to have resources taken away before higher importance work
- All work assigned a velocity or response time goal is also assigned a relative importance level
  - 1 highest
  - 2 high
  - 3 medium
    - 4 low
  - 5 lowest
  - SYSTEM & SYSSTC are more important than importance 1
  - Discretionary goals are less important than importance 5

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### Importance Levels cont...

- ☐ There are 4 *primary* ways that WLM uses importance settings
  - Selecting a service class period to help
    - □ WLM attempts to meet higher importance goals before trying to meet lower importance goals
  - Selecting a service class period to take resources from
  - Determining if an action being considered has net value
    - □ WLM will not take from higher importance work to help lower importance work if the higher importance work is projected to miss its goals
    - There needs to be a net positive effect of all changes
  - Considered when CPU and storage critical controls are used
    - □ WLM considers importance when making tradeoffs to protect critical workloads
- □ Relative importance does not translate to relative CPU or I/O dispatch priorities
  - A higher importance goal could have a lower CPU dispatch priority than a lower importance goal
  - CPU Critical control does influence this
    - Lower importance work will never have same or high DP as work identified as CPU critical

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# Verifying Properness of WLM Controls Importance Levels

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### **Evaluating Importance Levels**

- Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:
  - Determine which importance levels are being used
    - □ Helpful to WLM if all 5 importance levels are used
  - Determine the amount of system resources being used by each of the importance levels
    - Example: CPU and Storage
  - Determine if there are opportunities for WLM to steal from lower importance service class periods to give to higher importance service class periods
    - □ Remember WLM can only steal from another period using the same resource
  - Determine if too much work at any importance level could cause WLM to make 'less than desirable' trade-offs at the <u>same</u> importance level.
- Determine if there is a feeder effect in your workloads
  - Generally speaking, certain types of work depend on other types of to run effectively
     Example: IRLM -> DB2 -> CICS
  - Make sure you consider this when setting importance

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### Evaluating Importance Levels cont...

- □ Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:
  - Determine if the resource consumption is dominated by importance levels 1 and 2, and little work running in the lower importance levels
    - ☐ This might show few periods to steal from to help high importance work
  - Are importance levels correctly being used to prioritize work to WLM?
    - □ Or do they specify business importance to satisfy management and the users?

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### Importance Level Questions

- □ For each system, evaluate the number of active periods at each importance level
- □ For each system, evaluate the relative amount to CPU used at each importance level
- ☐ For importance level 1 work, if on any system there are more than 3 to 4 active periods or the collection of importance 1 work is using a sizable amount of CPU (relative to other work on that system), is there anything that can be separated out and moved to a lower importance level?
  - A question to ask is 'If WLM had to make a choice between two importance level 1 items of work, which one would you want WLM to give service to before the giving service to the other?'
- □ Ask the same questions for importance level 2
- □ Ask the same questions for importance level 3
- What work would you want WLM to take from first? Is this work correctly identified as lower importance work?

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### Importance Level 1 Classes

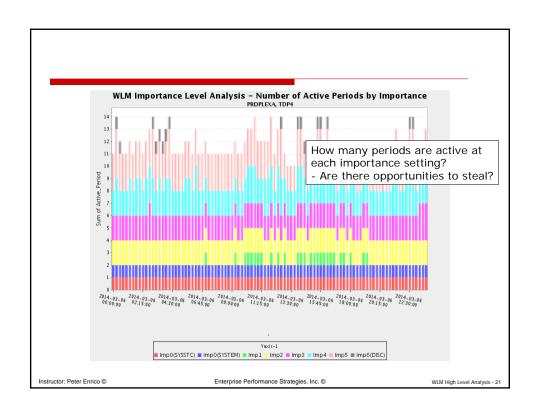
Examine WLM service definition for the way the importance levels

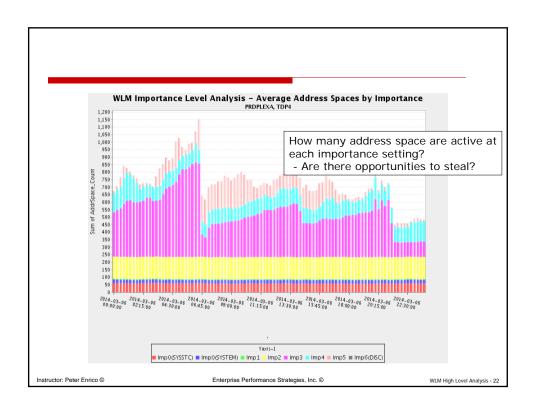
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DDFBOBJ	DB2	1	6000	1	Avg 00:00:11.000
DDFBOBJ	DB2	2	2500000	1	Avg 00:03:00.000
DDFDBS	DB2	1	2500	1	80% 00:00:00.300
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DDFLNG	DB2	2		1	Velocity 60
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DDFSRV	DB2	2		1	Velocity 35
DDFTDEVQ	DB2	1	4000	1	80% 00:00:00.500
OMVS	OMVS	1		1	Velocity 70
STCCNTL	STC	1		1	Velocity 50
STCHI	STC	1		1	Velocity 30
STCH3	STC	1		1	Velocity 10
STCH5	STC	1		1	Velocity 50
STCSERV	STC	1		1	Velocity 45
STPDEF	ONLINES	1	10000	1	Avg 00:00:00.500
TSO	TSO	1	2000	1	80% 00:00:00.200
TSOPRIV	TSO	1	500	1	80% 00:00:00.100
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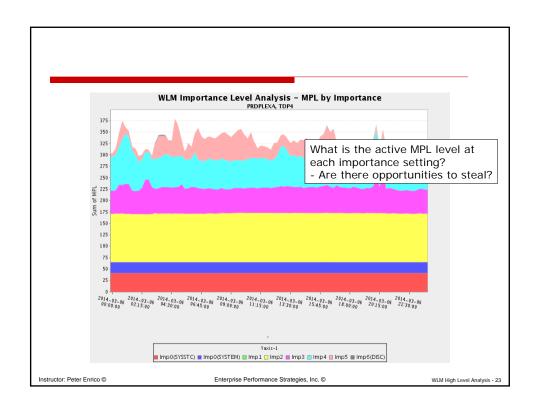
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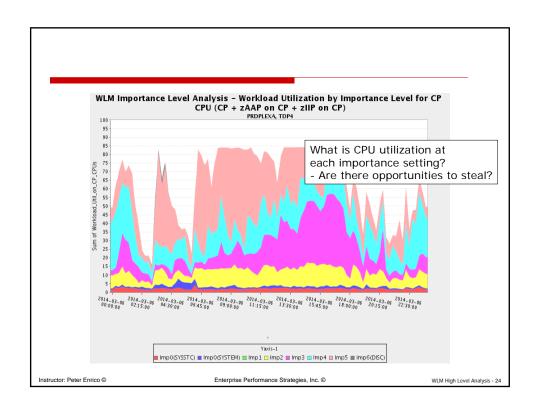




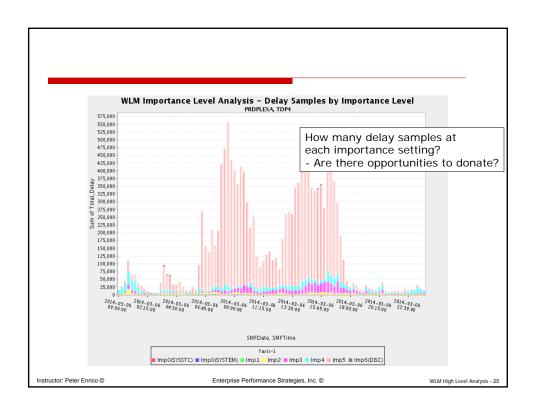


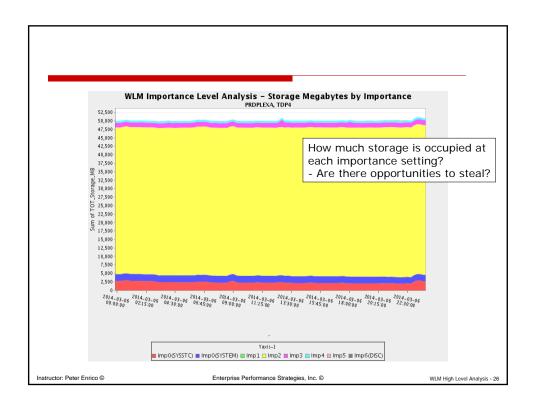














### **Quick Review of Performance Indexes**

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# Performance Index (AKA PI)

- During Policy Adjustment summarization WLM calculates the PI for every service class period
  - PI is an indicator of how well a service class period is achieving its goal
  - Allows for comparison of unlike goals for unlike work
- □ PI < 1 indicates that a goal is being exceeded
  - example: PI = .5 means that work is achieving twice goal
- □ PI = 1 indicates that a goal is exactly being met
- □ PI > 1 indicates that a goal is being missed
  - example: PI = 3 means goal is being missed by 3 times

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### Performance Index (PI) Formulas

- Average Response Time goal periods  $Average RT Goal PI = \frac{Actual Average Response Time}{Average Response Time Goal}$
- Velocity goal periods

Percentile Response Time goal periods

$$Percentile RT Goal PI = \frac{Actual \ RT \ at \ Percentile}{Response Time \ Goal \ at \ Percentile}$$

- Discretionary goal periods
  - Always have PI of .81

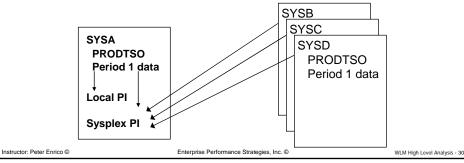
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# Local PI vs Sysplex PI

- □ Each local system calculates two Performance Indexes for each goal period
  - Local PI
    - ☐ Indicates how well goal period is doing on local z/OS image
    - Based on goal period data just from local z/OS image
  - Sysplex PI
    - ☐ Indicates how well goal period is doing globally throughout the sysplex
    - □ Based on period data from all z/OS images in goal mode in sysplex





# Verifying Properness of WLM Controls Performance Indexes

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# Evaluating Goals (in General) via PIs

- □ Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:
  - Are any goals too easy?
  - Are any goals too difficult?

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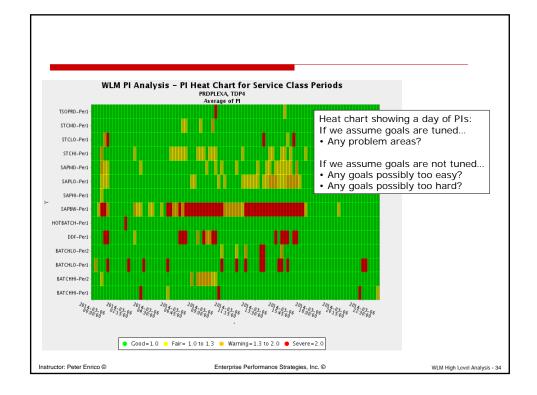


### Performance Index Questions

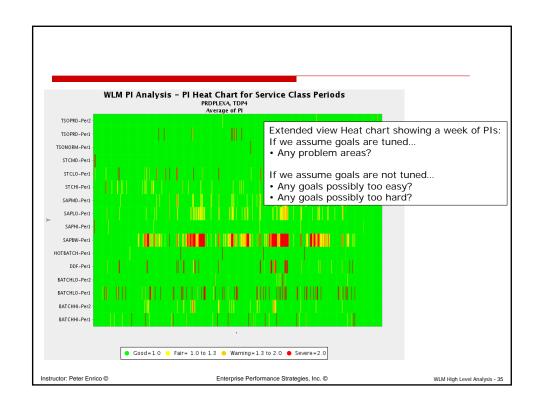
- What are the achieved performance indexes for importance 1 periods?
- What are the achieved performance indexes for importance 2 periods?
- What are the achieved performance indexes for importance 3 periods?
- What are the achieved performance indexes for importance 4 periods?
- What are the achieved performance indexes for importance 5 periods?

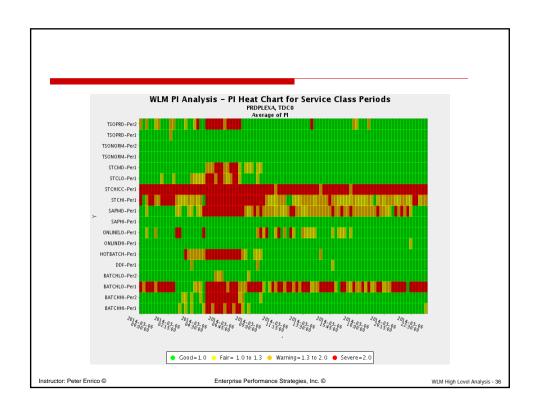
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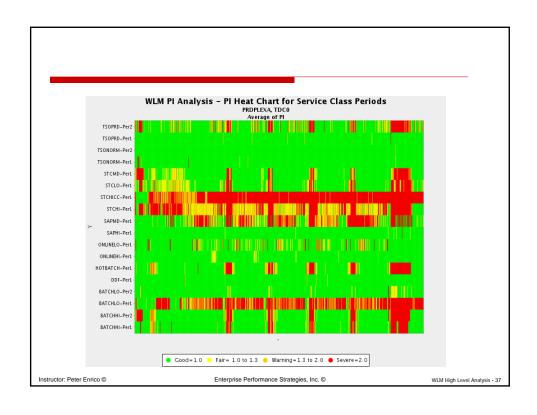


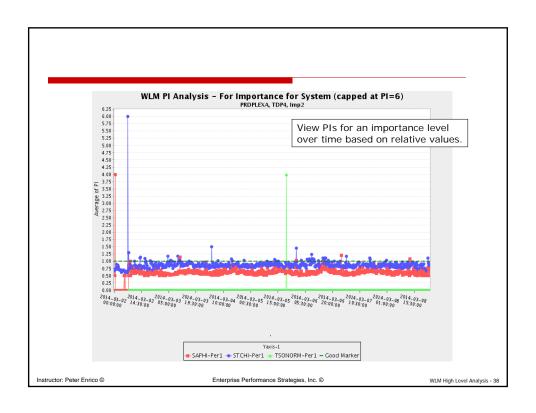




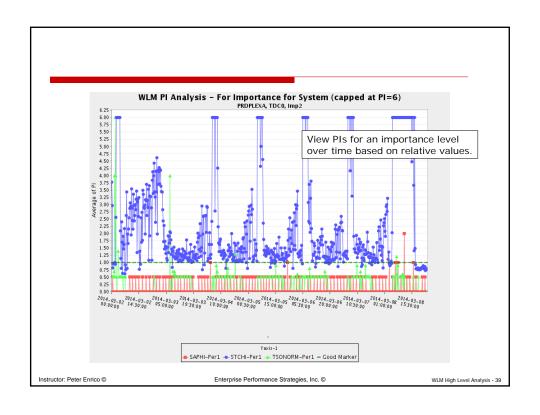


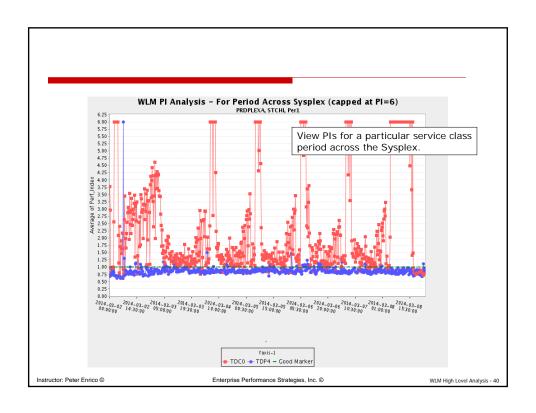














# Quick Review of Response Time Goals

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### Understanding WLM's Response Time Distributions

- WLM maintains a response time distribution for periods assigned a response time goal
  - Distribution compose of 14 buckets
  - Each bucket represents a count of transactions that completed within a certain percentage of the assigned goal value
  - Examples:
    - Bucket 4 represents count of all transactions completing between 70% and 80% of the goal value
    - Bucket 6 represents count of all transactions completing between 90% and exactly the goal value  $\frac{1}{2}$
    - Bucket 12 represents count of all transactions that complete between 1.5 and twice the goal value
    - Bucket 13 represents count of all transactions that complete between twice and 4 times goal value

Bucket	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Width	<=50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	110%	120%	130%	140%	150%	200%	400%	>400%
<b>*</b>	0	85	240	365	260	100	50	20	25	20	25	0	0	0

Transaction Count

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# Understanding WLM's Response Time Distributions

- Items to note:
  - Response time distribution only exists for periods with response time goals
  - The value of each bucket is dependent on the goal
    - ☐ The below example is a distribution for a 2 second response time goal
  - Buckets 1 and 14 are unique in that they can contain *outlier* transactions
    - ☐ We never know the precise time range that the transactions completed
    - Example: Bucket 14 could contain transactions that completed in 5x, 10x, or 100x the goal value
  - Response time distribution data is reported by the performance monitors

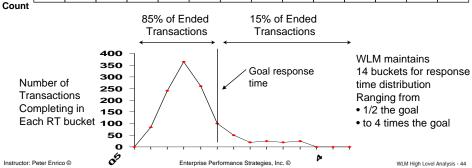
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Value	<=1sec	1.2sec	1.4sec	1.6sec	1.8sec	2sec	2.2sec	2.4sec	2.6sec	2.8sec	3sec	4sec	8sec	>8sec
Trans Count	0	85	240	365	260	100	50	20	25	20	25	0	0	0

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# Percentile Response Time Goals

- Percentile of ended transactions that need to complete within a particular response time desired
  - Reduces the influence of outlier transactions
    - □ Example: 85% of transactions (or better) to complete within a given response time
    - Measure response time of all completed transactions and drop highest 15%

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Buc	ket	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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# Verifying Properness of WLM Controls Response Time Goals

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## **Evaluating Response Time Goal Periods**

- □ Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:
  - Making sure all response time goals are percentile response time goals
    - Percentile goals are less sensitive to outlier transactions
  - Ensure the work assigned a response time goal is response time oriented
    - □ Response time goals are best for work running 20 seconds or less
  - Verify that during times that matter, there is enough work in a response time goal period to warrant a response time goal
    - ☐ If too few transactions or consume too little resource then may need to consolidate this response time goal period with another

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### Evaluating Response Time Goal Periods cont...

### □ Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:

- Evaluate the response time goal value
  - ☐ Where do the PIs hover? Between 0.5 and 1.2 is usually OK
- Evaluate the percentile assigned to the response time goal
  - Remember that percentile represents transactions to meet goal
- Determine the regular pattern of the response time distribution.
- Determine if the goal is too easy or too hard.

### ■ Evaluate both percentile and response time

- Peter Enrico preference : Avoid percentiles of 96% or higher
  - □ Better to lower the response time value

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### Response Time Goal Classes

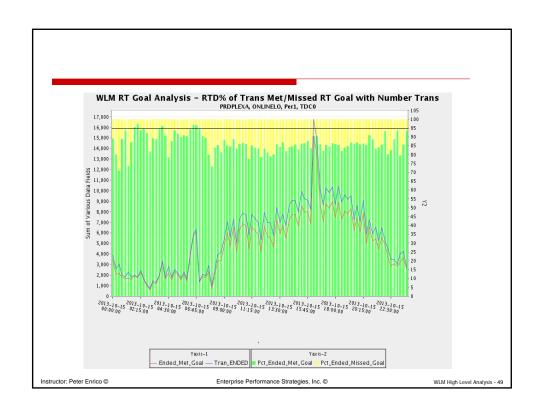
- □ Verify that all response time goals are percentile response time goals
- ☐ If Average response time goals are found
  - Is there a reason for them being defined as average RT goals?
  - If converted to percentile RT goal, use RT distribution to figure percentile

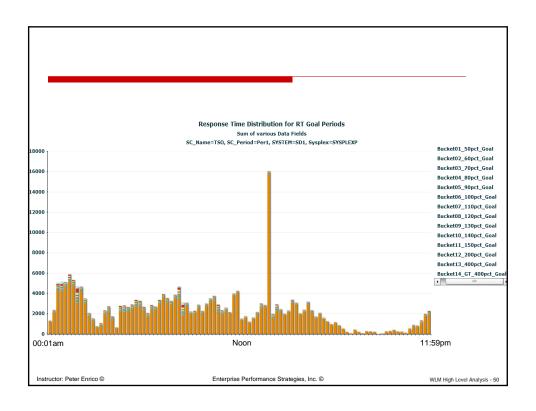
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DDFWTFQ	DB2	1	2500	1	80% 00:00:00.500
DDFWTFWF	DB2	1	2500	1	80% 00:00:00.200
DDFLDPRA	DB2	1	2500	1	80% 00:00:00.300
DDFLNG	DB2	1	4000	1	80% 00:00:01.000
DDFSRV	DB2	1	2500	1	80% 00:00:00.300
DDFTDEVQ	DB2	1	4000	1	80% 00:00:00.500
STPDEF	ONLINES	1	10000	1	Avg 00:00:00.500
STPDEF	ONLINES	2		2	Avg 00:00:50.000
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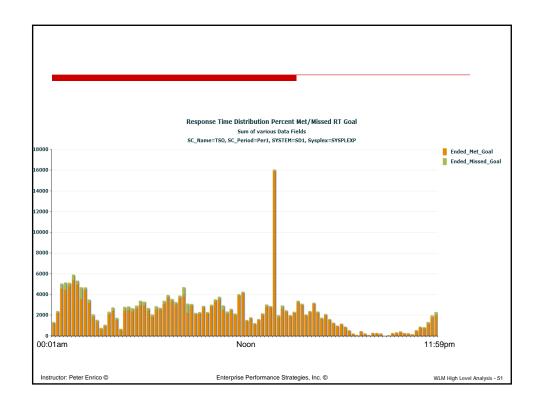
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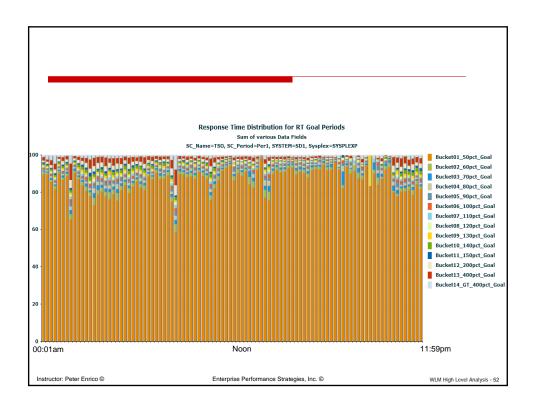




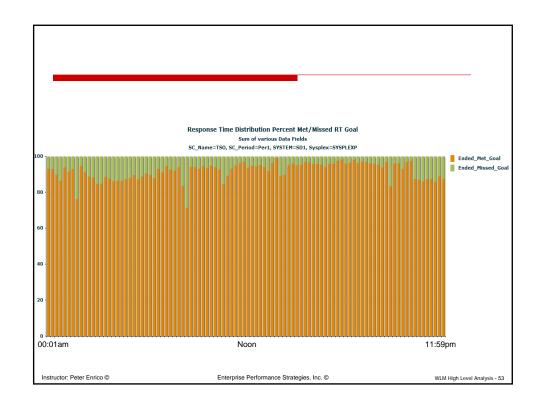


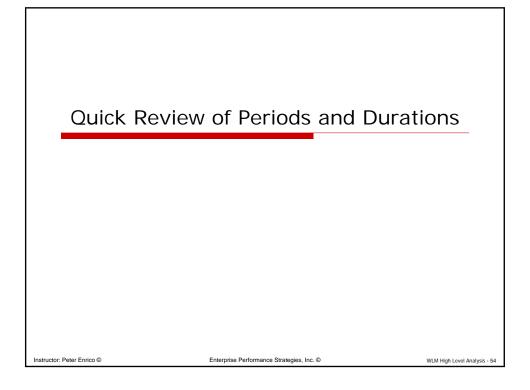






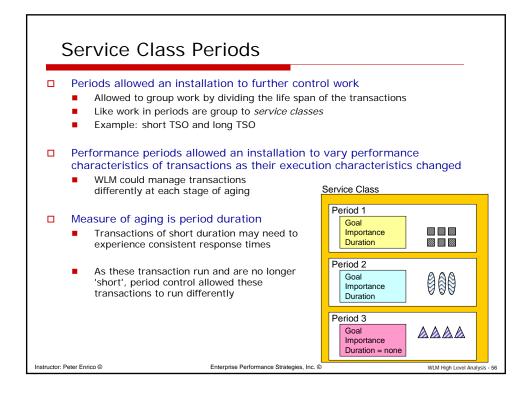








#### **WLM Service Classes** Within a WLM Workload, work with similar performance characteristics is grouped into Service Classes Service Classes are created for a group of work with similar Work types Performance goals COMPBAT Service Class Resource requirements Business importance to installation Period 1 Goal = Velocity 15 Importance 4 RGRP = FENCED Service class consists of Service class name PRODTSO Service Class Service class description Period 1 – 500 Service Goal = RT 0.5 sec, 95% Period(s), Performance goal and importance Importance 2 Period durations RGRP = Resource group name Period 2 – 1500 Service Goal = RT 1.5 sec. 90% Importance 3 Service class can only be associated with one workload RGRP = Can define up to 100 service classes Period 3 Goal = RT 3.0 sec, 80% Importance 4 RGRP = Instructor: Peter Enrico © Enterprise Performance Strategies, Inc. © WLM High Level Analysis - 55





### WLM Service Class Durations

- Because some work may have variable resource requirements, service classes can be defined with multiple periods
  - Periods are a way of defining different goals for work depending on the amount of resources the work consumes
- Typically periods are used to
  - Give shorter transactions more aggressive goals
  - Give longer transactions less aggressive goals
- Each period consists of
  - Goal and importance
  - Duration (except for last period)
- Durations
  - The amount of resources, in service, that work consumes
  - As work consumes service and consumption exceeds duration, work is transitioned to the next period and managed to goal of next period
  - Way of aging transactions

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**PRODTSO Service Class** 

Period 1 - 500 Service

Importance 2

Importance 3

Period 3

RGRP =

Goal = RT 0.5 sec. 95%

Period 2 – 1500 Service

Goal = RT 1.5 sec, 90%

Goal = RT 3.0 sec, 80% Importance 4

### Example of a Multi-Period Service Class Definition

- ☐ The following is an example of a three period service class for TSO
  - The last period of a service class is the one without a duration
  - Thus, if the first period of a service class had no duration, then it would be a single period service class



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# Verifying Properness of WLM Controls Period and Durations

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# Review Your Multiple Period Service Classes

- □ Some key objectives of this evaluation include the following:
  - Determine if certain periods of a service class can be eliminated, or if any can be consolidated with other periods
    - □ Does the period have enough activity to warrant its existence?
    - What is the justification?
  - Verify the usage of the last period of the service class
    - Many last periods are penalty periods in which transactions are never expected to run there. If transactions do run there then there is a problem. Is the last period of the class this type of period?
  - Determine the effectiveness of the duration
    - When a transaction transitions to a different period is it really a different type of transaction that warrants to be managed towards a different goal?
  - Determine if there is enough work in a service class period to allow for effective WLM management of the work in that period
    - □ A period may have activity, but is there enough activity for it to be effectively managed by WLM?

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### Questions to Ask of Multiple Period Service Classes

- Evaluate the activity of each period relative to all the other periods in the service class.
  - Are there any periods that never show activity of resource consumption?
- ☐ Are there any multiple period service classes mistakenly being used to run long running work?
  - Note if any work is stuck in the last period of a service class.
  - Look to see if MPL or ENC are regularly non-zero but ended transactions is
- Are there any transactions oriented periods that usually have no ended transactions?
  - Look at the number of ended transactions for each period and determine if certain periods just have no activity
- □ Evaluate the CPU consumed by each period in the service class.
  - Are there any periods with very low activity?
  - If so, can this period be merged with another?

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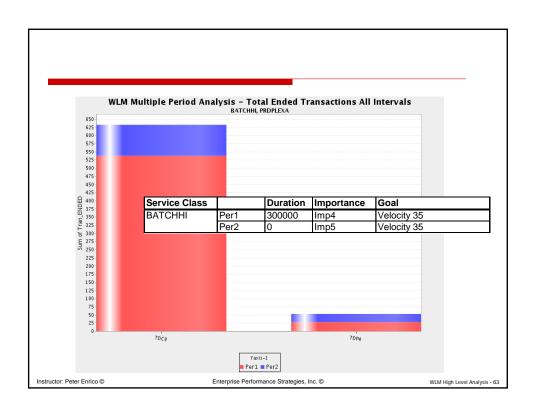
### Questions to Ask of Multiple Period Service Classes

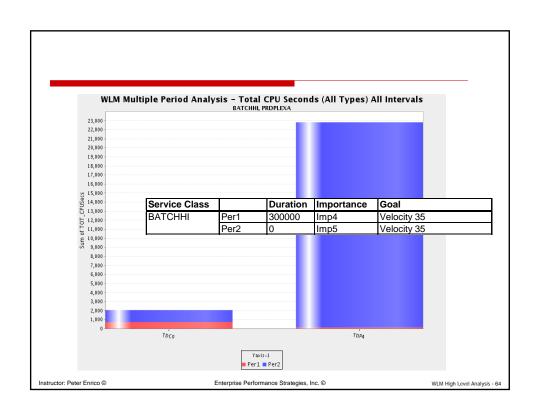
- Evaluate the importance levels of each of the periods belonging to a multiple period service class.
  - Are any two periods in the same service class assigned the same importance level?
- ☐ If the last period of a service class appears to be setup as a penalty period, is there ever any activity in this period?
- ☐ Given the duration of a period and the SU/Sec constant for the LPARs, are any of the durations in conflict with the response time objectives of the periods?
  - Example, assuming all service consumed by work in a period is CPU, is the CPU time represented by the duration greater than the response time objective of the period?
- Are there any periods that consume so few resources and have so few ended transactions they probably do not warrant a separate period?
  - Can any of the low activity periods be consolidated with other periods?

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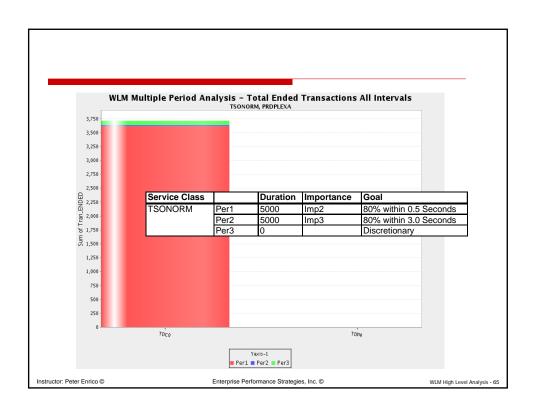
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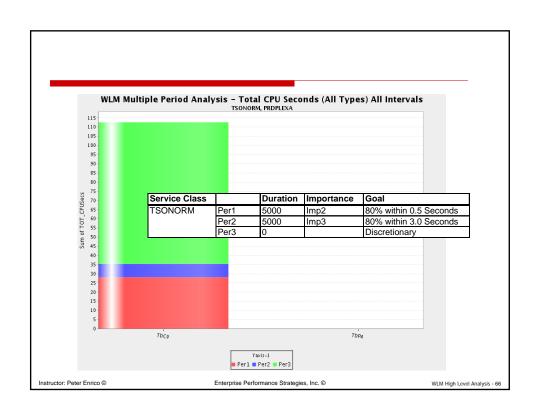














### Cookbook Approach to a WLM Analysis

### □ High level steps for revisiting your WLM setup and service definition

- Step 1: Learn the basic concepts of WLM (and the oddities)
- Step 2: Inventory Your Managed Resources
- Step 3: Inventory System Workloads
- Step 4: Understand Current WLM Definition
- Step 5: Clean Up Your Service Definition
- Step 6: Learn How to Interpret WLM Measurements
- Step 7: Verify Properness of WLM Controls
- Step 8: Determine Effectiveness of Controls
- Step 9: Examine Workload Mixtures
- Step 10: Re-evaluate Assigned Goals and Importance
- Step 11: Explore Exploiting New Functions
- Step 12: Start to Tackle Those Difficult Issues

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      - WLM PI Analysis
    - WLM Velocity Goal Analysis
    - □ WLM Response Time Goal Analysis
    - WLM Discretionary Goal Analysis
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