



JES2 Bootcamp – Part 1 of 2 What is JES2 and what does it do



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Brief History of JES



- Original 2 versions
 - Attached Support Processor (ASP)
 - Houston Automatic Spooling Priority (HASP)
- Both affiliated with the US space program
- Both were field developed programs
- Both addressed the problem of slow peripheral I/O
- Spool was staging area for input (jobs) and output (SYSOUT)
- Made more efficient use of expensive CPU resource
- Provided functions the operating system (MVT) chose not to
- Eventually became JES2 (HASP) and JES3 (ASP)
 - JES Job Entry Subsystem



Why do I need a JES? (What does it do?)



- JES implements SPOOL
 - Storage for job JCL, SYSOUT, SYSIN
- JES manages batch
 - Gets jobs from multiple sources and places them on SPOOL
 - Includes TSO logon, started tasks and Batch
 - Schedules jobs to execute (manages work queues)
 - WLM initiator started by WLM, but JES selects the work
 - Provides interfaces to influence job scheduling
 - SSI, commands, exits
- JES manages SYSOUT
 - Interfaces to JES printers
 - Provides output to "FSS" printers (PSF)
 - Has interface for generic "print" drivers (InfoPrint, etc)
 - SAPI SYSOUT API
- JES connects multiple MVS images
 - MAS/Complex predates SYSPLEX
 - Allows multiple systems to process single job/output queue (1975)



Why do I need a JES? (What does it do?)



- JES implemented early "client server"
 - RJE/RJP allows jobs from client computers to be run on MVT and get output back (1967)
 - Protocol still used today (though greatly reduced)
- JES implemented multi-node connections
 - NJE Network Job Entry
 - Allows peer systems to interchange jobs and output for processing (1976)
 - Early e-mail is TSO transmit over NJE
 - Supports TCP/IP as well as traditional BSC and SNA
 - Still actively used by many installations
- Interfaces with other components via the Subsystem Interface (SSI)
 - Gets control from the BCP to process events (command, wto, etc)
 - Invoked to perform functions for other components (Allocate, Open, TSO cancel/status, etc)
 - Provides basic JES2 functions (Extended status, SAPI, SWB read, etc)



What makes JES special (unique)?



- Originally field developed program
 - Not part of the operating system
 - Today, JES would have been considered a mods to the operating system
 - Before the SSI, JES front ended SVCs etc to intercept normal processing
 - Provided functions the operating system (MVT) chose not to
- Rich history of modification by customers
 - Originally as source mods
 - Later as exits
- Source distributed and maintained
 - Mostly assembler code (HLASM), some PL/X and common (IAZ) code in C
 - Customers/vendors look to JES for examples of how to do things
 - Lots of customer written exits to enhance functions
 - One customer has 35K lines of JES2 exit code
 - Customer "interface" to the operating system



How does JES work



- Mini operating system within an operating system
 - Sub dispatches single main task TCB
 - JES2 has hundreds of sub dispatchable units
 - Could not have a TCB for each
 - Serialization and storage constraints
 - Manages data sets on SPOOL
 - Supports rich set of operator commands
 - Implements network protocols
 - BSC is at a CCW level
 - Drives real devices
 - At CCW level
 - Manages work queues, does scheduling
 - Manages initiators that run work
 - Selects work to run in initiators (even WLM initiators)
 - Also manages JES mode initiators



OK, but why 2 JESes?



- 2 philosophies of system management:
 - JES2
 - A collection of peer systems sharing a single job/output queue
 - Each system selects the work it can processes
 - JES3
 - A single job/output queue managed on one system with work being passed from main (global) system to worker (local) system for processing
 - Centralized control of where work is sent to be processed
- Functional differences
 - JES2
 - Simpler to use and set up
 - Changes can be made dynamically
 - No single control point to fail
 - JES3
 - More functions
 - Dependent job control
 - Resource scheduling
 - Deadline scheduling
 - Additional complexity to set up, less dynamic



JES2

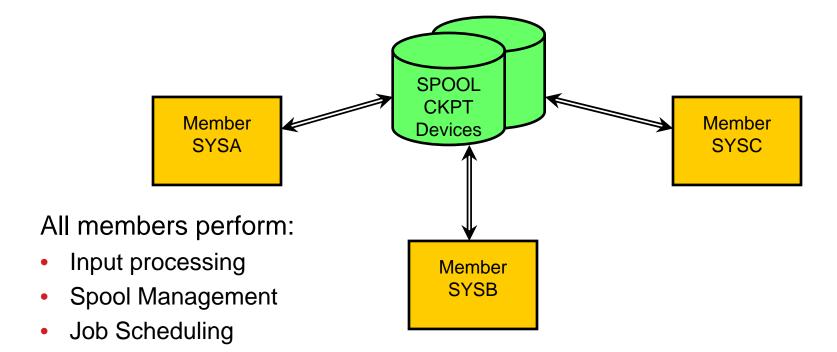


- Common set of work queues stored in its checkpoint
 - Member adds to or selects work from this common queue
 - Checkpoint is time-sliced among members
- Simple mechanisms for managing work
 - Resource management done by MVS
 - Depend on MVS (scheduling environment, etc) to determine eligibility to select jobs for execution
 - Jobs sit in initiators waiting for resources (eg DSN ENQs)
- Peer to Peer relationship between members
 - Members select work that it can process
 - Little regard to other members
 - No single point of control
 - No critical member
- Primary communication via JES2 checkpoint data set
 - XCF usage is increasing with time
 - Mostly special purpose requests
 - Device settings
 - Status updates
 - Managing processes (like checkpoint reconfiguration, and spool migration)
- ENF used for reporting job and SYSOUT status
 - Used to track device activity and job status
 - Allows application to listen to signaling sent between members



JES2 MAS





SSI processing

SYSOUT scheduling

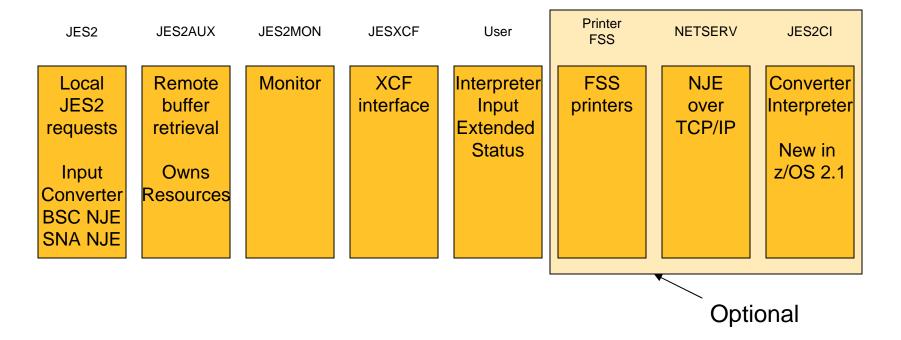
NJE/RJE



JES2 related address spaces



JES2 Member





JES2 Structure



- JES2 address space
 - Main task
 - Sub-dispatched (shared) with multiple processes
 - Subtasks to perform tasks that must MVS wait
- Auxiliary address space to own processes/objects
 - Allows JES2 address space to fail yet JES functions continue
- JESXCF services
 - Provide XCF communications between address spaces
 - Mainly used for enquiry/posting function for JES2
 - More messaging is done in recent releases
 - Manages status of JES2 address spaces
 - Notifies other members of a JES2 failure
- JES2 address space can terminate yet "JES2" is active
 - Address space is only part of JES2 function
 - Other address spaces and SSI survive when JES2 address space terminates
 - Can restart JES2 address space and resume full JES2 function
 - Can cleanly terminate JES2 when all address spaces using JES2 are terminated



JES2 PCEs

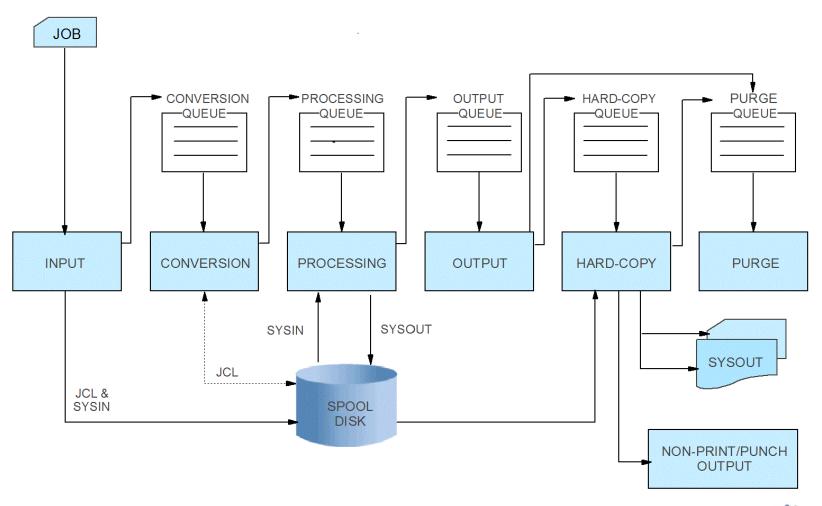


- JES2 Main task processing is performed by PCEs
 - Sub-dispatchable units of work running under main task
 - Cooperative dispatching (non-interruptible from a JES2 point of view)
 - Control given up by a \$WAIT macro
 - SHOULD NEVER EVER MVS WAIT
 - Need to understand is a called service can MVS wait
- Most job phases are processed by a PCE type
 - Conversion, Execution, Output, Purge
- JES2 functions are also implemented by PCEs
 - Checkpoint, spool management, etc
- Table pairs can be used to define and created PCEs
 - Tables are defined in modules loaded via JES2 LOADMOD initialization statement
 - Can be dynamically created using \$ADD LOADMOD command
- Table pairs can be used to extend other things in JES2
 - This is in addition to exit points
 - Installations can add entries to various processing tables dynamically
 - For example commands and initialization statements



Job Phases







JES2 Input Processing



- Internal reader processing occurs in submitter address space
 - Request sent to JES2 address space to get a job number, job structure (in checkpoint), and initial SPOOL space
 - JCL is parsed, SYSIN data sets created, and SPOOLed in submitter address space
 - Passed symbols are saved on SPOOL (JES2 2.1)
- Job completes input processing when
 - ENDREQ macro is issued
 - /*EOF card submitted
 - New job card is encountered
 - INTRDR "data set" is closed
- NJE/TCP processing is similar (occurs in NETSERV address space)
- Other input processing occurs in the JES2 address space (main task)
 - BSC and SNA NJE, RJE, SPOOL Reload, and card readers
- Single submission streams are limited by ability to access the JES2 checkpoint
 - Parallel streams can submit much faster (10 parallel streams are 10x one single stream)



JES2 Conversion Processing



- Converts JCL into internal format needed to run job
 - Two part process Conversion and interpretation
- JCL interpretation can occur either
 - Before job starts execution in target address space
 - After conversion processing in the JES2CI address space
- Controlled by JOBDEF INTERPRET=JES|INIT
- In either case
 - PCE selects job and sets up environment
 - Subtask used to call z/OS converter and optionally interpreter
- Certain JCL error only detected by interpreter
- Converter parms (defaults) based on JOBCLASS settings
 - Journal, BLP, SMF exits, PROCLIB, region, SWA ABOVE, etc.



Execution phase - JES2 Job Scheduling



- Device/Data set scheduling managed by MVS
 - Job starts in initiator and waits for needed resources
 - GRS ENQ at allocation performs serialization and reports contention
- Allocations managed at a STEP level
 - No issues if one step creates data sets used by later steps
 - Steps that are skipped (due to conditional JCL) do not reserve resources
- System affinity and Scheduling environment used
 - Controls what jobs can be selected for execution
- Some balancing done for WLM initiators
 - Keep same percent busy on all members



WLM and JES – Managed Initiators



- WLM initiators
 - Initiators started and managed by WLM
 - Initiators associated with WLM service class
 - Only select work for a specific service class
 - Job class can influence service class assignment
 - WLM starts initiators based on
 - System capacity (WLM tries to balance work across SYSPLEX)
 - · Whether service class is meeting goals
 - Relative importance of the service class
 - JES tells WLM on each system how many jobs are waiting
 - Based on service class, resource availability, where jobs can run
 - JES decides what job to start in each initiator
 - Specified by MODE=WLM on JOBCLASS statement
- JES initiators
 - Type of initiator used based on a JOBCLASS MODE=
 - Applies to all members of the MAS
 - MODE=WLM JOBCLASS uses WLM initiators
 - MODE=WLM cannot be selected by JES2 initiators
 - Work selected by service class
 - MODE=JES JOBCLASS uses JES2 initiators
 - Initiators started and managed by operator commands (\$SI)
 - Number of initiators defined at initialization
 - Work selected by an ordered list of job classes and/or job class groups
 - Start job command, \$S J(nnn), causes WLM to start an initiator to run a specific job
 - Job can be in a WLM or JES mode job class



Why WLM-managed over JES-managed?



- Fewer and simpler externals are needed to control WLMmanaged initiators and to perform workload balancing.
- Managed according to the service classes and performance goals specified in the WLM policy.
- Externals reflect customer expectations typically in terms that are found in service level agreements.
- Workload balancing is automatic as the number of initiators running is based on performance goals and the importance of batch work with respect to other work.
- Dynamic, goal oriented initiator management allows the system to adapt to changing conditions and how well the work is meeting its performance goals.



JES2 Job Limits and Affinities



- JOBCLASS limits exist on a JESPLEX and member level
 - Number of concurrent jobs that can be active in JOBCLASS
 - Applies to JES and WLM mode JOBCLASSes (JOBs)
 - Limits affect number of available jobs reported to WLM
 - Impacts number of initiators WLM starts
- JOBCLASS affinity controls member where class is active
 - Lists systems that can select from the job class
 - Holding class same as null affinity list
 - Applies to JES and WLM mode JOBCLASSes
 - Affect number of available jobs reported to WLM
- Service class affinity limits where service class is active
 - Service class only registered if member in affinity list
 - WLM only starts initiators if service class is active



Execution services



- JES is involved to provide services while a job executes
 - Creation of SYSOUT data sets
 - Job submission services
 - Job message logging
 - Other JES services (SSI functions)
- One special type of SYSOUT data set is a SPIN data set
 - Allocated separate from normal job output on spool
 - Queued to JES for output processing when closed/unallocated
 - Available to print while job is still running (separate JOE)
 - Purging data set (JOE) frees spool space





OUTPUT phase – SYSOUT Grouping

- The OUTPUT phase builds output groups from SYSOUT data sets
 - A SYSOUT group is defined as the set of data sets that prints between a set of job separator pages
 - Always for the same job and security information
 - For SAPI, between group begin and group end indicators
 - For SDSF, data sets in a row on the O or H panel
- Grouping based on various characteristics
 - SYSOUT class, forms, writer name, hold type, destination, security info, etc.
- Print scheduling based on output group (JOE)
 - PSO conversational support is only exception
- SPIN data sets are never grouped with other data sets
- Can influence (prevent) grouping using JCL (GROUPID=)
- Re-grouping only done with SAPI
 - PSO for certain held data sets
- SYSOUT cloning can create multiple copies
 - /*JOBPARM COPIES=
 - Allows multiple copies of entire job output
 - ABC ABC vs AABBCC
 - Cannot be re-grouped
 - Problem for SAPI/PSO



Hardcopy phase



- Parking place for job that have run and are waiting to print
 - No real actions taken on the job level
 - Processing is based on the output groups (JOEs)
- Once output for the job has been processed, job complete
 - Job queued to purge processing



Functional Subsystems (FSS)



- Interface to offload function to separate address spaces
 - Reduces workload on JES main task
 - Used in JES2 for printer support
 - Removes printer "driver" knowledge from JES2
 - Associates them with FSS software
 - JES managed interface
 - Controlled by JES commands



SYSOUT API (SAPI)



- A general purpose API to process output groups (JOEs)
 - Another way to implement a "printer"
 - Application manages the device
 - No JES2 definition or control for the device
 - Local/RJE destined output (no NJE data passed)
- Can also be used as a logical interface to manage output
 - Can chance certain characteristics at a data set level
 - Results in JOEs being re-grouped
 - Only SAPI can regroup any JOE's data sets
 - PSO (an older API) can regroup certain held JOEs
- Very common SYSOUT interface (use growing)



Purge phase



- Frees spool space and deletes jobs and output groups
 - Both job and JOEs can be queued to purge
- Job purge processing
 - Jobs enter purge when all JOEs are processed (gone)
 - All track groups returned and control blocks frees
- Output group (JOE) purge processing
 - Used for SPIN data sets (JOEs)
 - Used to perform cleanup for data set purge
 - If appropriate, frees spool space
 - Control blocks are then freed





Is it JES or MVS?

- JCL processing:
 - JES processes
 - /* JES2 JECL cards
 - //XMIT cards
 - Instream (SYSIN) DD data
 - Except in PROCs and INCLUDES
 - Some keywords on JOB, DD, and JCLLIB cards
 - MVS converter process
 - All other JCL cards
 - PROCLIBs defined and OPENed by JES2
 - Read and processed by MVS converter
- SYSLOG
 - MVS writes to SYSLOG data set
 - JES stores data on spool
- JOBLOG data set (1st data set in output)
 - JES captures messages to place in JOBLOG
- System messages data set (3rd data set)
 - MVS writes messages to the data set



Is it JES or MVS?



- TSO TRANSMIT/RECEIVE
 - TSO formats data and writes it to spool
 - JES sends data to correct system
- RACF checking for new work
 - Started tasks and TSO logon is verified by MVS/TSO
 - Batch jobs are verified (VERIFYX) by JES
- TSO SUBMIT
 - Submit pre-processes JCL and writes it to JES
- DD SYSOUT=(A,INTRDR)
 - Each record written is processed by JES directly



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