

z/OS Workload Management (WLM) Update for z/OS V2.1 and V1.13

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zAAP on zIIP (ZAAPZIIP) Changes

- In July 2013 IBM has modified the possible ratio of zIIP/zAAPs to CPs to be 2:1 for a zEC12 and/or zBC12.
- Customers may purchase up to two zIIP and/or up to two zAAP processors for every general purpose processor they purchase on the server. For the z196 and z114 and earlier servers, the 1:1 ratio will still be enforced; customers may purchase one zIIP and/or one zAAP for every general purpose processor they purchase on the server.
 - Refer to FAQs at <http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/hardware/zenterprise/zec12.html>
- SRM changed to relief requirements for the IEAOPTxx ZAAPZIIP (“zAAP on zIIP”) option:
 - No longer limits the zAAP on zIIP function based on the number of zAAPs and/or the number of zIIPs installed on the machine.
 - While the *Global Performance Data Control* LPAR security setting is no longer required for this function GPDC continues to be required for other functions, namely HiperDispatch.
 - The zAAP on zIIP function continues to be limited to LPARs that have no zAAP.

<i>Function</i> / <i>z/OS release</i>	V2.1	V1.13	V1.12
<i>Relaxed ZAAPZIIP requirements</i>	+ (OA43065 included in GA level)	OA43102	OA43102

IBM zEnterprise EC12 GA2 Support Overview

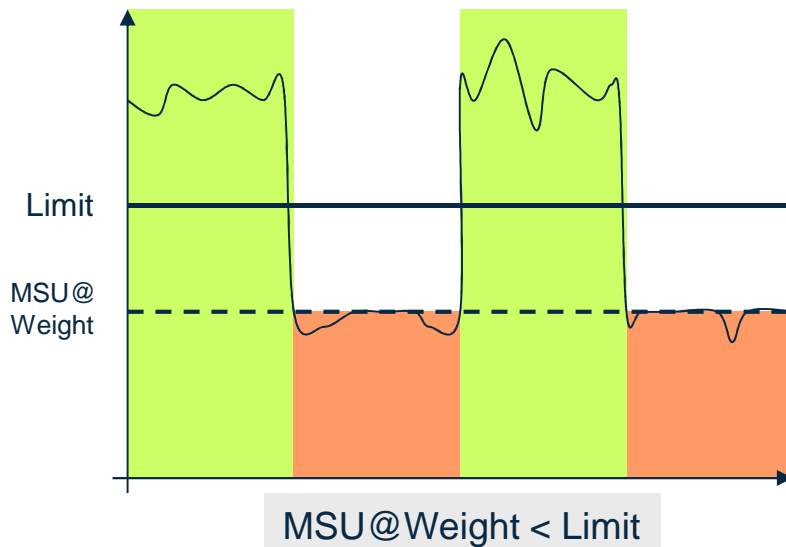
- zEnterprise BC12 and EC12 (zEC12) GA2 (firmware driver 15) offer new functions for hard and soft capping:
 - Smoother capping with WLM managed softcapping
 - When IRD weight management is active the group capacity of an LPAR may be derived by the initial weight
 - New “Absolute Capping Limit” LPAR control

<i>z/OS release</i> <i>Function</i>	V2.1	V1.13	V1.12
<i>Smoother capping</i>	+		
<i>Group capacity to use initial weight</i>	+	OA41125	OA41125
<i>Absolute capping</i>	+	OA41125	OA41125

Capping algorithms for defined capacity prior to zEC12 GA2

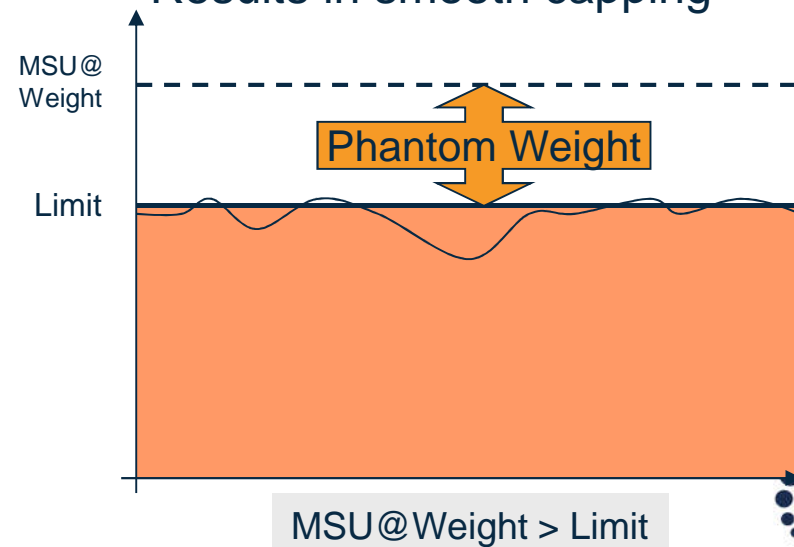
Pattern capping

- Must be used when $MSU@LPARweight < \text{definedLimit}$
- Periods with LPAR capped at weight and running uncapped
- Can result in “pulsing” potentially impacting online workloads



Phantom weight capping

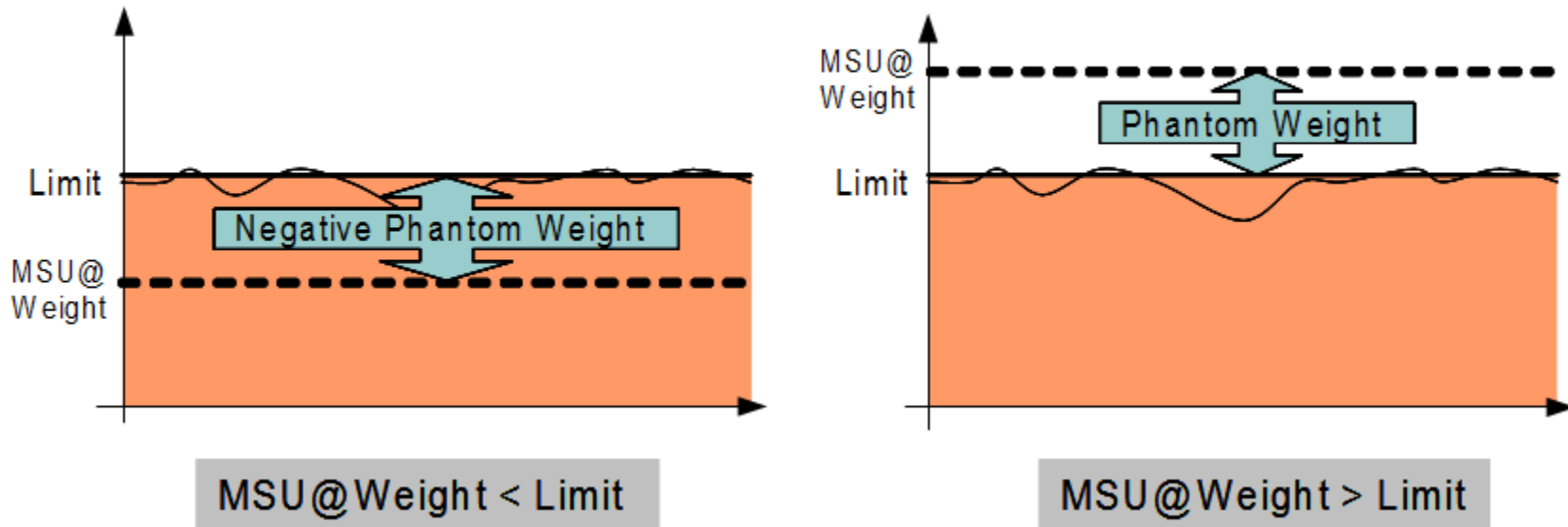
- Is used when $MSU@LPARweight \geq \text{definedLimit}$
- Internally PR/SM uses an additional weight to limit LPAR consumption below weight
 - Phantom weight must be non-negative pre-zEC12 GA2
- Results in smooth capping



zEC12 GA2 Negative Phantom Weight

- zEC12 GA2 allows using a *negative* phantom weight for soft capping
- Therefore, when $MSU@LPARweight < \text{definedLimit}$ WLM can now use a negative phantom weight instead of pattern capping
 - I.e., phantom weight capping becomes the only mechanism
- z/OS V2.1 will exploit this feature
 - Eliminates pulsing effects caused by cap patterns

Capping Algorithm with Negative Phantom Weight



While a positive phantom weight changes the priority of a partition, the negative phantom weight caps the partition at a higher defined capacity without changing the priority of the partition.

zEC12 GA2 can use initial weight for group capping



- It is possible to combine IRD weight management with capacity groups
 - IRD changes the –current- weight in order to shift capacity within an LPAR cluster
 - However, IRD weight management gets suspended when capping is in effect
 - Because entitlement of an LPAR within a capacity group is currently derived from the current weight the LPAR might get stuck at a low weight
 - Consequently, a low group capacity entitlement can result
- On zEC12 GA2 the **initial** LPAR weight will be used for group capacity
 - Only if **all** systems in a capacity group run
 - z/OS V2.1, or
 - z/OS V1.12, V1.13 with OA41125 applied.
 - Results in more predictive and better controllable group capacity entitlement



zEC12 GA2 Absolute Capping Limit

- zEC12 GA2 allows to define an “absolute capping limit”
 - Primarily intended for non z/OS images
 - Expressed in terms of 1/100ths of a processor
 - Therefore, it is insensitive to LPAR (de)activations and less sensitive to capacity changes
 - Can be specified independently from the LPAR weight
 - Can be specified per processor type in image profile and partition controls panel
- Unlike initial capping it may be used *concurrently* with defined capacity and/or group capacity management
 - The minimum of all specified limits will be used
 - WLM/SRM recognizes new cap, e.g. for routing decisions.
 - $RCTIMGWU = \text{MIN}(\text{absolute cap, defined capacity, group cap})$ when all capping types are in effect
 - RMF provides RCTIMGWU in SMF70WLA
 - In addition, SMF70HW_Cap_Limit value in hundredths of CPUs

zEC12 GA2 Absolute Capping Limit - Examples

Change Logical Partition Controls - P35

Last reset profile attempted:
Input/output configuration data set (IOCDS):A0 198AP35

CPS
zAAPs
IFLs
zIIPs
Processor Running Time

Logical Partitions with Central Processors

--- Select Action ---

Logical Partition	Active	Defined Capacity	WLM	Current Weight	Initial Weight	Min Weight	Max Weight	Current Capping	Initial Capping	Absolute Capping	Number of Dedicated Processors	Number of Not dedicated Processors
IRD6	Yes	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	300	300			No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.20	0	3

Logical Processor Assignments

Dedicated processors

Select	Processor Type	Initial	Reserved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Central processors (CPs)	3	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	System z application assist processors (zAAPs)	0	1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	System z integrated information processors (zIIPs)	0	1

Not Dedicated Processor Details for :

CPs zAAPs zIIPs

CP Details

Initial processing weight 1 to 999 Initial capping

Enable workload manager

Minimum processing weight

Maximum processing weight

Absolute Capping None Number of processors (0.01 to 255.0)

Customize Image Profiles: IRD8

- IRD8
- IRD8
 - General
 - Processor
 - Security
 - Storage
 - Options
 - Load
 - Crypto

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New Classification Qualifiers and Groups: Overview

- With z/OS V2R1, WLM/SRM introduces
 - New types of classification groups, and
 - Some new and modified types of work qualifiers for use in classification rules in the WLM service definition
- Can be used to improve the structure of your WLM service definition when masking or wild-carding are not sufficient to simplify classification rules.
- New and modified qualifier types allow better classification of new DB2 and DDF workload
- More notepad information about a service definition allowed

New Classification Qualifiers and Groups

- z/OS V2.1 extends classification groups to all non-numeric work qualifier types.
- For long qualifier types, a start position for group members, and nesting is allowed.
- **New Groups:**
 - Accounting Information Group
 - Client Accounting Information Group
 - Client IP Address Group
 - Client Transaction Name Group
 - Client Userid Group
 - Client Workstation Name Group
 - Collection Name Group
 - Correlation Information Group
 - Procedure Name Group
 - Process Name Group
 - Scheduling Environment Group
 - Subsystem Collection Group
 - Subsystem Parameter Group
 - Sysplex Name Group

New Classification Qualifiers and Groups

- Subsystems (DB2) require longer and additional work qualifiers:
 - Work qualifier type “Package Name”: 128 characters (instead of 8)
 - Work qualifier type “Procedure Name”: 128 characters (instead of 18)
 - New work qualifier types:
 - Client Accounting Information (max. 512 characters)
 - Client IP Address (max. 39 characters)
 - Client Transaction Name (max. 255 characters)
 - Client User ID (max. 128 characters)
 - Client Workstation Name (max. 255 characters)
- The maximum number of “Notepad” lines the has been increased from 500 to 1000 lines
- Note: New and modified work qualifier types are only supported by the new 64-bit classify IWM4CLSY (planned to be used by DB2 V11).

WLM ISPF application enhancements

- Option 5 Classification Groups: Groups can be defined for all non-numeric work qualifier types.
 - Except: Priority (numeric), zEnterprise Service Class

```

File Utilities Notes Options Help
-----
Functionality LEVEL029          Definition Menu          WLM Appl LEVEL029
Command ==> _____

Definition data set . . . : none

Definition name . . . . . coeffs      (Required)
Description . . . . . Service coefficients

Select one of the
following options. . . . . 5      1. Policies

Classification Group Menu

Select one of the following options.
-----
 1. Accounting Information Groups      14. Plan Name Groups
 2. Client Accounting Info Groups      15. Procedure Name Groups
 3. Client IP Address Groups           16. Process Name Groups
 4. Client Transaction Name Groups     17. Scheduling Environment Groups
 5. Client Userid Groups               18. Subsystem Collection Groups
 6. Client Workstation Name Groups     19. Subsystem Instance Groups
 7. Collection Name Groups             20. Subsystem Parameter Groups
 8. Connection Type Groups             21. Sysplex Name Groups
 9. Correlation Information Groups     22. System Name Groups
10. LU Name Groups                    23. Transaction Class Groups
11. Net ID Groups                     24. Transaction Name Groups
12. Package Name Groups               25. Userid Groups
13. Perform Groups

F1=Help      F2=Split      F5=KeysHelp      F9=Swap      F12=Cancel
  
```


WLM ISPF application samples

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Group  Xref  Notes  Options  Help
-----
Command ==> _____
Modify a Group

Enter or change the following information:

Qualifier type . . . . . : Accounti
Group name . . . . . : SLOWACCT
Description . . . . . :
Fold qualifier names? . . . . . : Y (Y or

Qualifier Name  Start  Des
020175
030275
040375

```

Use to group work when there is no naming convention that allows for masking or wild-carding

```

Group  Xref  Notes  Options  Help
-----
Command ==> _____
Modify a Group

Enter or change the following information:

Qualifier type . . . . . : Accounting Information
Group name . . . . . : FASTDEPT
Description . . . . . :
Fold qualifier names? . . . . . : Y (Y or N

Qualifier Name  Start  Description
PURCHASE      8
SALES         8
SHIPPING     8
ITDEP*       11
HRDEP*       11

```

Use a start position for each group member to indicate how far to index into the character string for a match. The start position may differ across group members.



Use of New Groups and Qualifiers in the WLM Administrative Application

Groups of long work qualifier types can be nested

New work qualifier types:

- Client Accounting Information
- Client IP Address
- Client Transaction Name
- Client User ID
- Client Workstation Name

Increased maximum length for work qualifier types
Package Name and Procedure Name.

```

Subsystem:      e  Xref  Not  tions  Help
-----
Command ==>    Modify Rule for the Subsystem Type      Row 1 to 9 of 9
                Scroll ==> CSR
Subsystem Type : DB2      Fold qualifier name      Y (Y or N)
Description    :
Action codes:  A=After      C=Copy      M=Mo      I=Insert rule
                B=Before     D=Delete row R=Releas  IS=Insert Sub-rule
                More ==>
Action        ---Qualifier-----
Type         Name      Start
-----
1  AIG        SLOWACCT
2  AIG        FASTDEPT
1  CAI        CLIENTAI
1  CIP        CLIENTIP
1  CTN        CLIENTTN
1  CUI        CLIENTUI
1  CWN        CLIENTWN
1  PK         LONGPK      121
1  PR         LONGPR      119

                -----Class-----
                Service      Report
                DEFAULTS:  MEDIUM
                SLOW
                FAST
                VEL20
                VEL30
                VEL40
                VEL50
                VEL60
                VEL80
                VEL90
    
```

Classification via new groups: Examples

```

_____ 1 AIG SLOWACCT _____
_____ 2 AIG FASTDEPT _____
_____ 1 CAI CLIENTAI _____
_____ 1 CIP CLIENTIP _____
_____ 1 CTN CLIENTTN _____
_____ 1 CUI CLIENTUI _____

```

```

Accounting Information Group SLOWACCT -
Created by user IBMUSER on 2011/08/23 at
Last updated by user IBMUSER on 2011/08/

Qualifier Starting Description
name position -----
-----
020175
030275
040375

```

```

Accounting Information Group FASTDEPT -
Created by user IBMUSER on 2011/08/23 at
Last updated by user IBMUSER on 2011/08/

Qualifier Starting Description
name position -----
-----
PURCHASE 8
SALES 8
SHIPPING 8
ITDEP* 11
HRDEP* 11

```

- '040375,SHIPPING' → FAST.
- '030275,D71ITDEP' → FAST.
- '020175,CONTROL' → SLOW, because the department is not contained in the FASTDEPT group
- '020177,SALES' → MEDIUM, because the account number does not match group SLOWACCT, and therefore no sub-rules are checked

How WLM matches qualifier values

- When matching on qualifier values shorter than 8 characters, WLM treats long and short qualifier types differently:
 - **Short qualifier types:** Value padded with blanks to be 8 characters, blanks used for matching
 - **Long qualifier types with start position:** Value padded with blanks to be 8 characters, blanks used for matching
 - **Long qualifier types without start position:** Value matched according to the number of characters specified
- Example:

-----Qualifier-----			-----Class-----		
Type	Name	Start	Service	Report	
			DEFAULTS: MEDIUM		
AI	DIRS	8	SLOW		
AI	DIRS*	8	FAST		
AI	0201		FAST		
UI	HUGO		SLOW		

- 1st rule matches accounting information with the 8 characters 'DIRS_____' starting in the 8th position
- 2nd rule matches accounting information with the 4 characters 'DIRS' starting in the 8th position
- 3rd rule matches accounting information starting with the 4 characters '0201'
- 4th rule matches user ID equal to the 8 characters 'HUGO_____'

Coexistence and migration considerations for new classification qualifiers and groups



- Apply toleration APAR **OA36842** to z/OS V1.10 through V1.13 to handle service definitions with functionality level 29 introduced by use of z/OS V2R1 functionality
 - Service definitions with functionality level 29 cannot be extracted, displayed, modified, installed or activated in a back-level WLM Administrative Application
 - But they can be activated in a mixed z/OS V1.10 through V2.1 Sysplex using
 - The WLM Administrative Application on the z/OS V2.1 system
 - Console command “v wlm,policy=<pol>” on the z/OS V2.1 system
 - WLM service IWMPACT on the z/OS V2.1 system
 - WLM then runs with this service definition on all systems
 - However, the new groups and new and modified qualifier types are **not** honored for workload classification on pre-z/OS V2.1 systems



Coexistence and migration considerations for new classification qualifiers and groups

- If you plan to use more than 500 lines of notepad information, re-allocate the WLM couple data set on the z/OS V2R1 system before installing the service definition
 - By using z/OS V2.1 to allocate the WLM couple data set, the space allocated is sufficient for the increased notepad size
 - Else you may receive error message “WLM couple data set is too small to hold the service definition. (IWMAM047)”

<i>Function</i> \ <i>z/OS release</i>	V2.1	V1.13 – V1.10
Groups of SPM rules & new classification qualifiers	+	Toleration OA36842

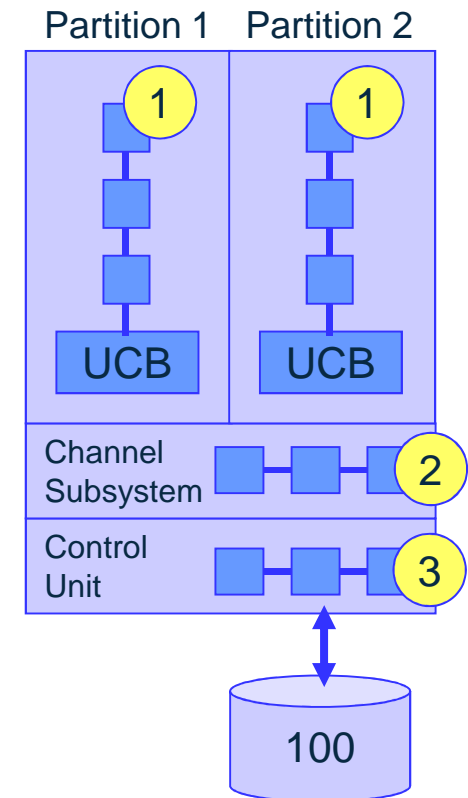
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I/O Priority Groups

- **Rationale**

- I/O Priority is used to control DASD I/O queuing.
- WLM dynamically adjusts the I/O priority based on goal attainment and whether the device can contribute to achieve the goal.
- Every 10 minutes, WLM determines which service classes use which devices and builds so called device sets.
- Typically, different workloads use distinct device sets and WLM changes I/O priorities between service classes using the same device set.
- If a workload starts to use a device outside from its previously used device sets and experiences significant I/O delay, it may take up to 10 minutes until WLM refreshes the device sets and adapts the I/O priority of the corresponding service class.



- **Solution:**

- Important service classes which are sensitive to I/O delay can now be assigned to priority group HIGH which ensures that they get always higher I/O priorities than the service classes assigned to group NORMAL.

I/O Priority Groups Specification in WLM ISPF Application

<i>z/OS release</i> <i>Function</i>	V2.1	V1.13	V1.12
<i>I/O Priority Groups</i>	+	<i>Toleration</i> <i>OA37824</i>	<i>Toleration</i> <i>OA37824</i>

I/O Priority Group is specified in the service class definition:

Create a Service Class

Command ==> _____

Service Class Name _____ (Required)

Description _____

Workload Name _____ (name or ?)

Base Resource Group _____ (name or ?)

Cpu Critical NO_ (YES or NO)

I/O Priority Group NORMAL (NORMAL or HIGH)

I/O Priority Groups – Validation

But I/O Priority Group HIGH is only honored by WLM if both “I/O priority management” and “I/O priority groups” are enabled for the service definition:

Service Coefficient/Service Definition Options

I/O priority management	YES	(Yes or No)
Enable I/O priority groups	YES	(Yes or No)
Dynamic alias tuning management	NO_	(Yes or No)

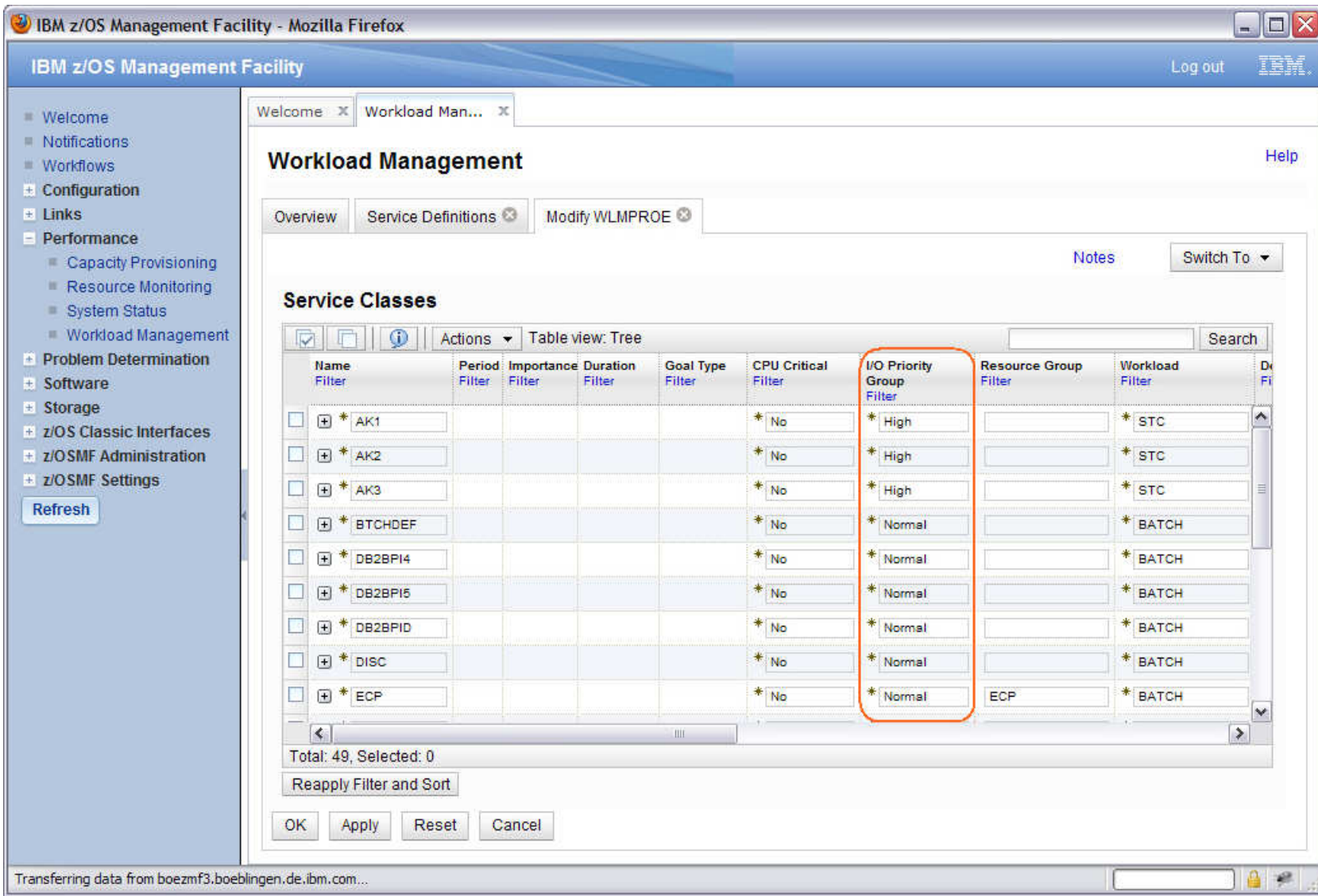
The “Validate definition” option can be used to check whether service classes assigned to I/O priority group HIGH although I/O priority management is not enabled

Service Definition Validation Results

```
IWMAM918W  Service class(es) assigned to I/O priority group HIGH but
_____  I/O priority management or I/O priority groups are not
_____  enabled. The I/O priority group will not be honored.
```

I/O Priority Groups – Specification in z/OSMF

z/OSMF Workload Management task provides new option, too.



The screenshot shows the IBM z/OS Management Facility interface in Mozilla Firefox. The main window is titled "Workload Management" and contains a table of "Service Classes". The table has columns for Name, Period, Importance, Duration, Goal Type, CPU Critical, I/O Priority Group, Resource Group, and Workload. The "I/O Priority Group" column is highlighted with an orange box, showing values like "High" and "Normal".

Name	Period	Importance	Duration	Goal Type	CPU Critical	I/O Priority Group	Resource Group	Workload
* AK1					* No	* High		* STC
* AK2					* No	* High		* STC
* AK3					* No	* High		* STC
* BTCHDEF					* No	* Normal		* BATCH
* DB2BPI4					* No	* Normal		* BATCH
* DB2BPI5					* No	* Normal		* BATCH
* DB2BPID					* No	* Normal		* BATCH
* DISC					* No	* Normal		* BATCH
* ECP					* No	* Normal	ECP	* BATCH

I/O Priority Groups – Callable Services



- The WLM services **IWMDEXTR** or **IWMDINST** allows extracting or installing a service definition in XML format.
- The layout of the XML service definition (DTD) is extended as follows. The entire DTD is described in Appendix C of the WLM Services Guide.

```
<!ELEMENT ServiceClass ( Name, Description?, CreationDate,  
    CreationUser, ModificationDate, ModificationUser,  
    CPUCritical?, IOPriorityGroup?, ResourceGroupName?,  
    Goal ) >
```

```
<!ELEMENT ServiceClassOverride ( ServiceClassName,  
    CPUCritical?, IOPriorityGroup?, ResourceGroupName?,  
    Goal ) >
```

```
<!ELEMENT IOPriorityGroup ( #PCDATA ) >
```

```
<!ELEMENT ServiceOptions ( IOPriorityManagement,  
    DynamicAliasManagement?, IOPriorityGroupsEnabled? ) >
```

```
<!ELEMENT IOPriorityGroupsEnabled ( #PCDATA ) >
```



I/O Priority Groups – Callable services

- The RASD parameter list of **SYSEVENT REQASD** and **REQFASD** is extended to return information about the I/O priority group of the address space. Additional flags are added to field RASDFLAGS1.
- **IWMRQRY** is the interface reporting products should use to obtain address space related general execution delays. The answer area mapped by IWMWRQAA is enhanced according to REQFASD. An additional flag is added to field RQAEFLG1.
- **IWMPQRY** is the interface to return a representation of the active policy. The answer area mapped by IWMSVPOL is extended. An additional flag is added to SVPOLCFL of the service class definition section SVPOLC.

I/O Priority Groups – SMF record type 72.3



RMF's record types 72 subtype 3 and SMF 79 subtypes 1 and 2 are extended to indicate assignment to the I/O priority group.

SMF record 72 subtype 3 (Workload activity) – Workload manager control section

Offsets	Name	Len	Format	Description
0 0	R723MSCF	1	Binary	Service/Report class flags. Bit 0-6: Meaning not changed Bit 7: Indicator for I/O priority group HIGH



I/O Priority Groups – SMF record type 79



RMF's record types 72 subtype 3 and SMF 79 subtypes 1 and 2 are extended to indicate assignment to the I/O priority group.

SMF record 79 subtype 1 (Address space state data) – ASD data section				
Offsets	Name	Len	Format	Description
236 EC	R791FLG3	1	Binary	Additional flags. Bit 0: Service class assigned by classification or RESET SRVCLASS belongs to I/O priority group HIGH in the active policy Bit 1: I/O priority group HIGH was assigned either to the address space or to transaction service classes served by the space Bit 2-7: Reserved
SMF record 79 subtype 2 (address space resource data) – ARD data section				
224 E0	R792FLG3	1	binary	Additional flags. Bit 0: Service class assigned by classification or RESET SRVCLASS belongs to I/O priority group HIGH in the active policy Bit 1: I/O priority group HIGH was assigned either to the address space or to transaction service classes served by the space Bit 2-7: Reserved

I/O Priority Groups – RMF: Workload Activity Report

- Postprocessor Workload Activity (WLMGL) report shows I/O priority group
- If service class is assigned to I/O priority group HIGH, an indication is displayed in the SERVICE CLASS(ES) and SERVICE CLASS PERIODS sections.

```

----- SERVICE CLASS(ES)
REPORT BY: POLICY=WLMPOL      WORKLOAD=ONLINE      SERVICE CLASS=ONLTOP      RESOURCE GROUP=*NONE
                                CRITICAL      =CPU+STORAGE
                                DESCRIPTION    =Batch workload
                                I/O PRIORITY GROUP=HIGH

-TRANSACTIONS-  TRANS-TIME  HHH.MM.SS.TTT  --DASD  I/O--  ---SERVICE---  SERVICE TIME  ---APPL %---  --PROMOTED--  ----STORAGE----
AVG      0.74  ACTUAL          0  SSCHRT  0.0  IOC      0      CPU    6.429  CP    0.66  BLK    0.000  AVG    7663.01
MPL      0.74  EXECUTION      0  RESP   0.0  CPU    287332  SRB    0.000  AAPCP  0.00  ENQ    0.000  TOTAL  5698.61
ENDED    0    QUEUED          0  CONN   0.0  MSO    537297  RCT    0.002  IIPCP  0.00  CRM    0.000  SHARED  0.00
  
```


Use of I/O Priority Ranges

I/O Priority Management=YES		
Priority	I/O PriorityGroups NOT enabled	I/O PriorityGroup enabled
FF	SYSTEM	SYSTEM
FE	SYSSTC	SYSSTC
FD	Dynamically managed	Priority Group = HIGH
FC		
FB		
FA		
F9		
F8		
F7	Priority Group = NORMAL	
F6		
F5		
F4		
F3		
F2	Discretionary	Discretionary

I/O Priority Groups require some migration and coexistence considerations

- Toleration **APAR OA37824** required on z/OS V1R12 and z/OS V1R13 systems because dynamic I/O priority management is a sysplex-wide function
- Turn on I/O priorities only if all systems sharing disk systems run on z/OS V2R1 or on z/OS V1R12 / R13 with OA37824
- When the Enable I/O Priority Groups option is turned on in one sysplex, turn it also on in other sysplexes even if they do not exploit I/O priority group HIGH.
 - Ensures that all systems sharing a disk system work with an identical range of I/O priorities
- Assigning service classes to I/O priority group HIGH is only possible with the z/OS V2R1 WLM ISPF Application or z/OSMF V2R1
- If a service class is assigned to I/O priority group HIGH, the functionality level of the service definition is increased to **LEVEL029**
 - A service definition at functionality level 29 cannot be extracted, displayed, modified, installed, or activated by an WLM Application prior z/OS V2R1
- RMF support is only available with z/OS V2R1

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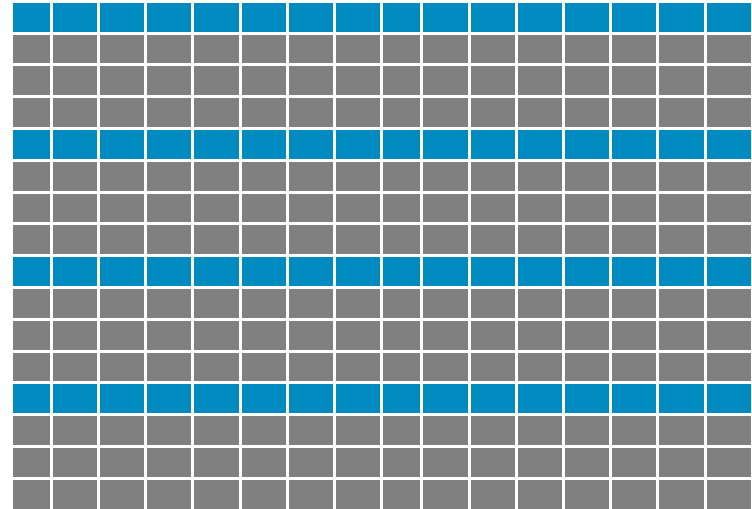
How Resource Groups (RG) Limit the CPU Consumption

- When WLM recognizes that the workload associated to a resource group exceeds its maximum limit, it will reduce processor access access by capping the amount of service that can be consumed by the RG.
- To do the capping, WLM calculates a pattern of intervals where the workload is set to *non-dispatchable* in some of the intervals.
- All service classes which belong to a RG are *awake* at the same time and they are also non-dispatchable at the same time.
- The RG cap pattern defines the time slices during which the workload is



Improved Granularity for Resource Group Capping in z/OS V2.1

- Smallest resource group limit and granularity that can be enforced depends on
 - Processor speed/capacity
 - Number of logical processors in system or Sysplex
 - Service consumed at higher priority than capped work
- With z/OS V2.1 the number of time slices for resource group management was quadrupled
 - From 1/64th to 1/256th of elapsed time
 - Allows for more fine grained control of resource groups



More than 999 Application Environments

- A –static- application environment is a named entity in the WLM service definition that allows WLM to start server address spaces for scalable client/server type applications.
 - One of the main exploiters of this function are DB2 Stored Procedures
- Large DB2 installations may have a requirement to define more than 999 static Application Environments
 - Typically, these are SAP installations where the WLM service definition is shared across many systems and Sysplexes
- With z/OS V2.1 WLM increases the limit from 999 to 3000.

More than 999 Application Environments: Coexistence considerations

- As soon as more than 999 AEs are defined, the functionality level of the service definition is raised to **LEVEL029**
 - Can use z/OS V2.1 WLM ISPF Application or z/OSMF V2.1
 - Any service definition at functionality level 29 cannot be extracted, displayed, modified, installed, or activated by an WLM ISPF Application prior z/OS V2R1
 - If a service definition at LEVEL029 is installed to the WLM Couple Data Set by z/OS V2R1, systems with z/OS V1R12 and V1R13 of the same Sysplex can activate the policy
- APAR OA36842 for toleration of level 29 policies required on z/OS V1R12 and V1R13

More than 999 Application Environments: Migration considerations

- Customers with a need for more than 999 AEs must allocate a Couple Data Set for WLM which can hold the required number of AE objects
 - This is achieved by performing the **Allocate couple data set using CDS values** task in the WLM ISPF application
 - If a service definition with more AEs than allowed for the current WLM couple data set would be installed, the WLM ISPF application displays message
`IWMAM047 WLM couple data set is too small to hold the service definition`
 - Alternatively, it is possible to allocate a WLM couple data set by running a job as provided in `SYS1.SAMPLIB(IWMFTCDS)`

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Manage Regions Using Goals Of: “BOTH”: New management option for CICS environments

- **Problem:**

In environments with pre-dominant CICS workloads it is possible to observe contention problems as described in the following sample test scenario

- **Example:**

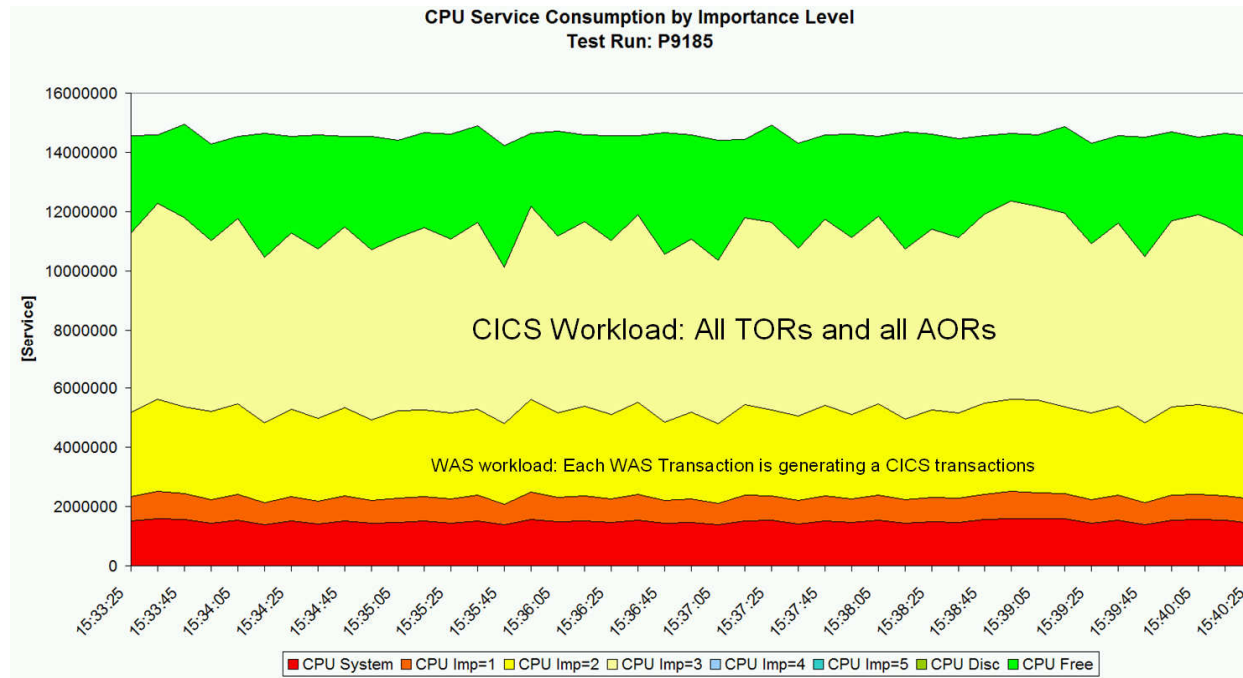
Workload: Websphere → CICS → DB2

- Websphere receives work, sends it to CICS TORs which send it to AORs which execute DB2 calls
- Classification: Websphere Imp=2 and all CICS Imp=3, managed towards response time goals

- **Symptoms:**

- Low system throughput
- Relatively high response times
- System utilization can hardly be increased beyond (in this scenario) 80%

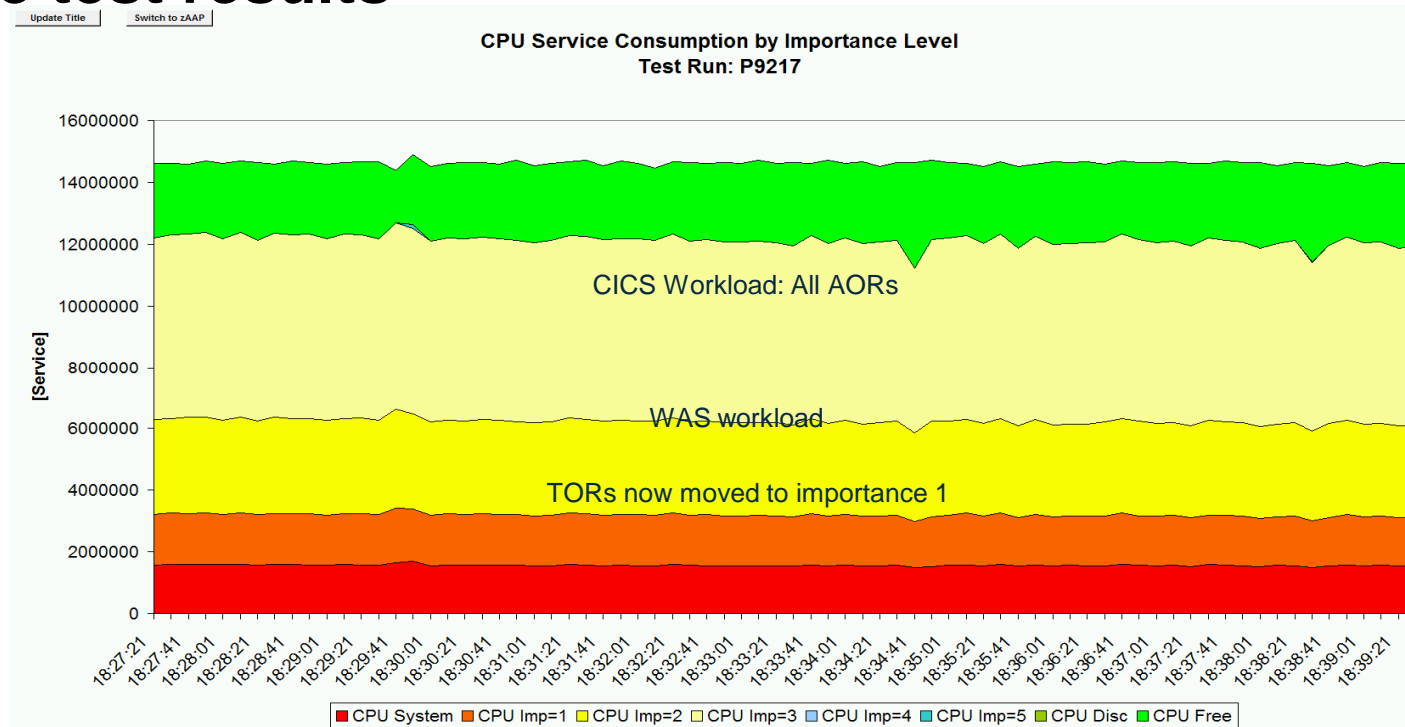
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- Problem Analysis
 - TORs and AORs run at the same dispatch priority
 - AORs heavily consume CPU.
TORs compete against AORs and need to wait too long to receive work and return results to the caller fast enough
 - Hiperdispatch can amplify the situation because it runs the work at higher utilization

Manage Regions Using Goals Of: "BOTH"

Sample test results



Test example:

	Completed Transactions/sec	Avg. RespTime/sec
w/o „BOTH“	9765	0.197
„BOTH“	12463 +27%	0.026 -86%



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- **Two possible alternatives:**
(Move TORs to a service class with higher importance than AORs)

– Option 1: Exempt **all** regions from being managed to response time goals and classify TORs to a service class with higher importance than AORs.

Disadvantage: No response time data present

– Option 2: Exempt only AORs and move them to a service class with lower importance than the CICS service classes with response time goals.

Disadvantage: Response time data cover only a small portion of the execution path because AORs consume much more than TORs.

Manage Regions Using Goals Of: “BOTH”

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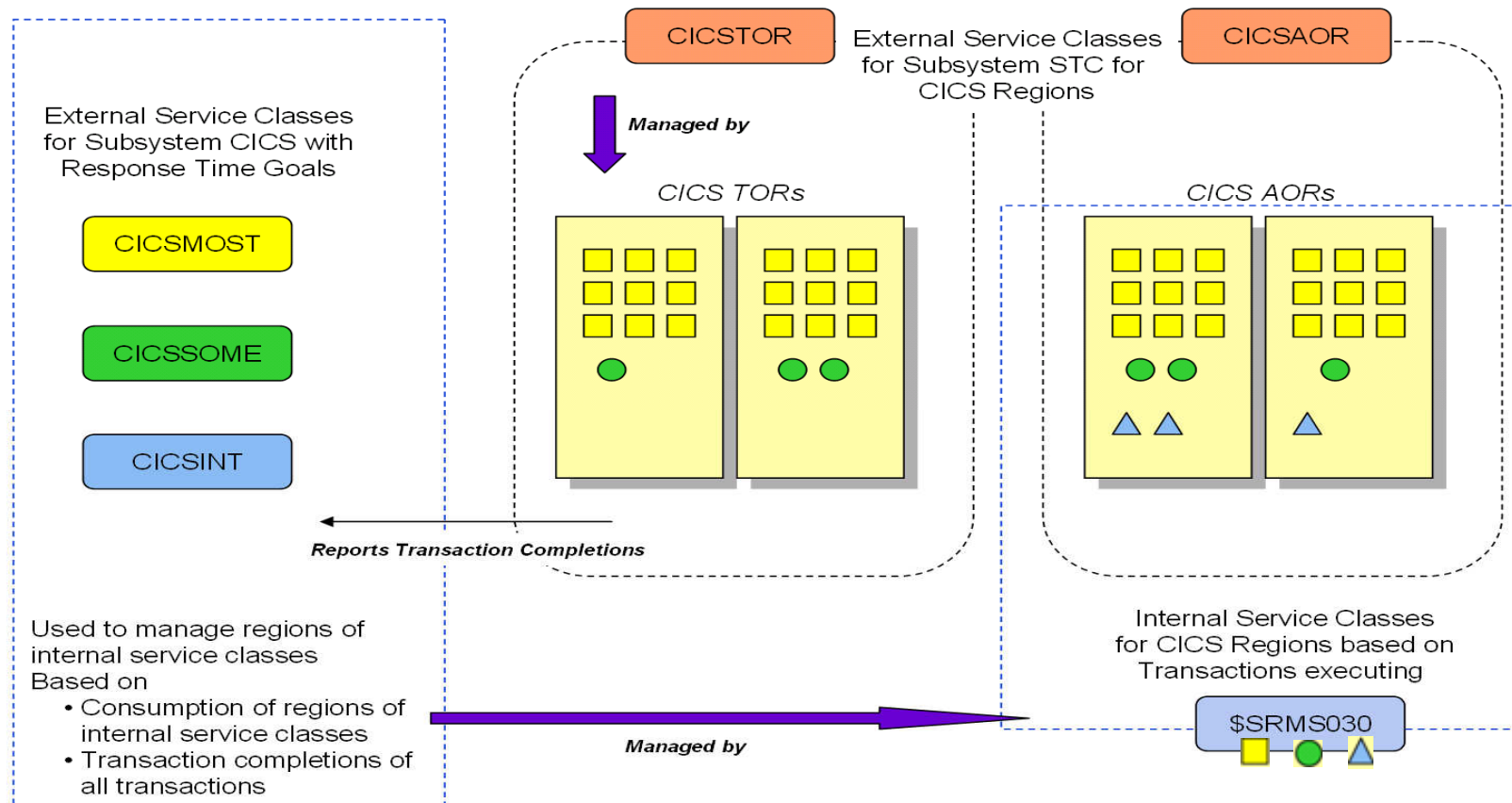
- Define STC service class for TORs which has a higher importance than the CICS service class with response time goals for the CICS work and AORs
- TOR: “Manage Regions by Goals Of: BOTH” option in WLM service definition
- AOR: “Manage Regions by Goals Of: TRANSACTION” (the default)

- Result:

- WLM will manage the TORs towards the goals of the STC service class
- And WLM will ensure bookkeeping of transaction completions to the correct CICS response time service class
- The CICS transactions are managed towards CICS response time goals and the AORs are also managed towards these goals like today

Manage Regions Using Goals Of: “BOTH”

Structure of Service Classes



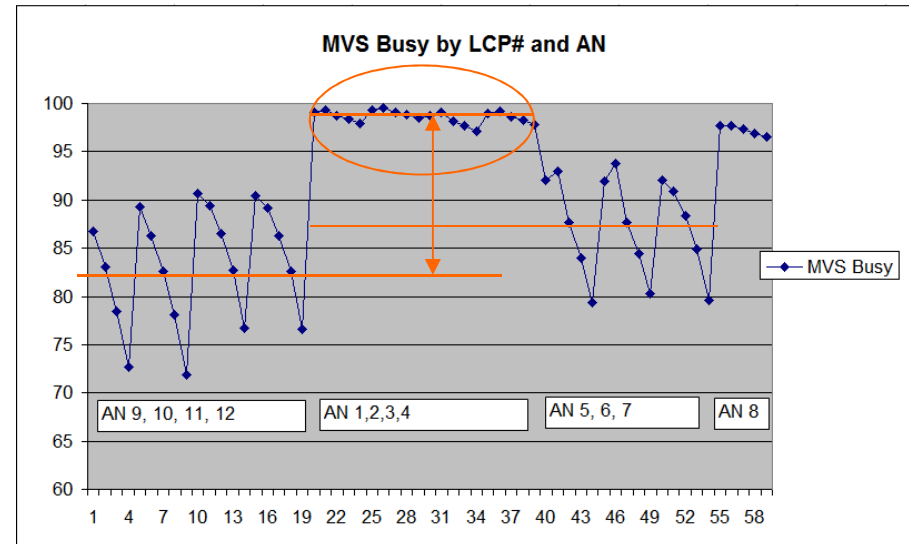
- TORs are now managed towards the goal of the service class CICSTOR
 - They still report their transaction completions for management
- AORs are still managed towards the goals of the CICS transaction service classes
- CICSTOR should be defined at a higher importance than the CICS service classes

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OA42185 / OA44337: Uneven HiperDispatch Balancing on VERY large systems

- Symptom: On very large systems HiperDispatch may utilize affinity nodes unevenly:
 - Some nodes may be “overloaded“ showing an MVS busy near 100%, while other nodes have plenty of free capacity.
 - Can typically be seen only with very stable workloads utilizing ≥ 30 CPs.



- The WLM algorithms were changed to more aggressively balance the work unit as the number of processors grow - resulting in a more even distribution of work across nodes.
 - Note: It is perfectly fine to see uneven processor utilization within nodes, for I/O enabled processors and also some uneven utilization across nodes (without overloading nodes, though)
 - z/OS V2.1: OA42185; z/OS V1.13: OA44337

Service Stream Enhancements for “Unused Capacity”

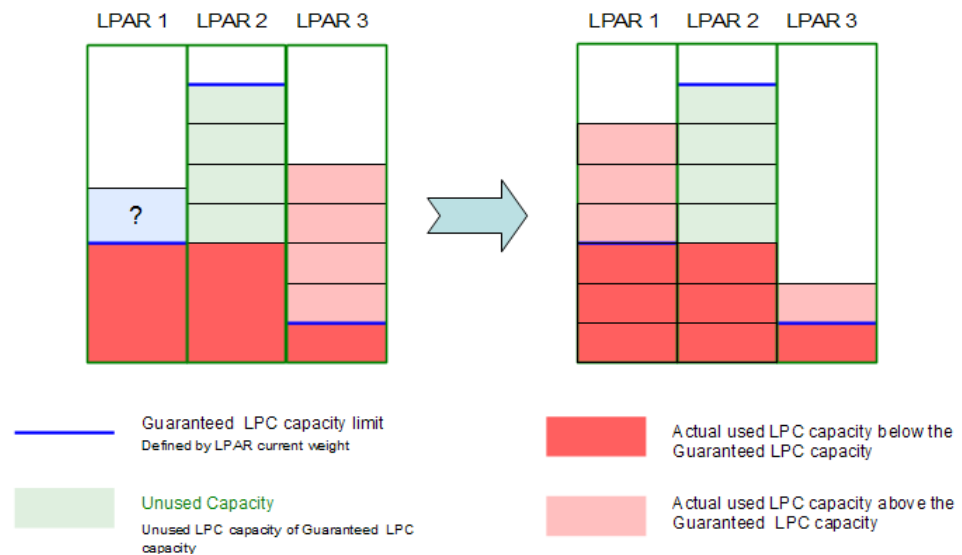
OA37736 (z/OS V1R12, z/OS V1R13)



- Problem addressed:
 - If a large LPAR consumes below its weight-entitlement it is possible that a low-weight LPAR un parks many Vertical Low (VL) processors
 - Therefore a small LPAR could “dominate” larger LPARs because those could not un park their VLs (additional VL would appear to be inefficient)

Consideration of Unused Capacity

- Solution:
 - HiperDispatch considers now also the “unused” capacity share for a partition to un park VLs
 - This share is calculated by dividing the unused capacity (guaranteed but not used) of all partitions in the CEC by the share of the partitions which can use more capacity



Improvements for DB2 stored procedures and IDAA environments

- DB2 PM90151
 - In the case where a stored procedure spawns a thread and the spawned thread calls another stored procedure, the inner stored procedure can exceed the STORTIME zparm.
 - Can occur if WLM needs to start an additional server to satisfy the request.
 - With this APAR change, DB2 will use the DEPENDENT(YES) attribute when inserting the WLM request to schedule the stored procedure
 - Provided there are system resources available, WLM will give increased priority to this request. This should help prevent the sqlcode471 rc00E79002.
- WLM OA43538 (z/OS V1.12, z/OS V1.13, V2.1): “Unbound Servers”
 - Server address spaces, such as for DB2 Application Environments were not started due to incorrect assessment of available capacity
 - Symptom could be DB2 stored procedure timeouts with SQLCODE -471
 - Could occur even when minimum number of servers were requested via MNSPAS=n parameter

Service Stream Enhancements for more aggressive Blocked Workload support (OA44526)



- Problem addressed:
 - The current minimum value that can be specified for the Blocked Workload interval threshold BLWLINTHD is 5 sec. DB2 could profit from earlier or more frequent trickling.
- More aggressive specifications will be enabled by OA44526
 - New lower limit is 1 sec
 - BLWLINTHD default and BLWLTRPCT remain unchanged
 - Consider lowering BLWLTRPCT with very small BLWLINTHD values if amount of trickle cycles that may be handed out is a concern.



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WLM-Managed bufferpool (AUTOSIZE BPs) update for z/OS V2.1

- REDP-5092-00: “Buffer Pool Monitoring And Tuning” says:

AUTOSIZE(YES) does not require z/OS 2.1, but IBM recommends that you not use it until you have migrated to z/OS 2.1. Still, no customers have tested this function yet in production with z/OS 2.1. If you want to use it, you need to test it before considering it for production.

- DSNB555I @DBX2 WLM RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST SIZE FOR BUFFER POOL BP11 HAS COMPLETED OLD SIZE = 1065 NEW SIZE = 1130

Changes to WLM-Managed DB2 Bufferpool Adjustment in z/OS V2.1

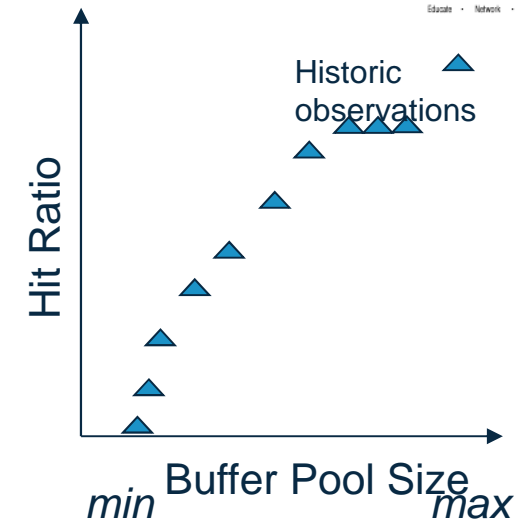


A bufferpool can be increased when

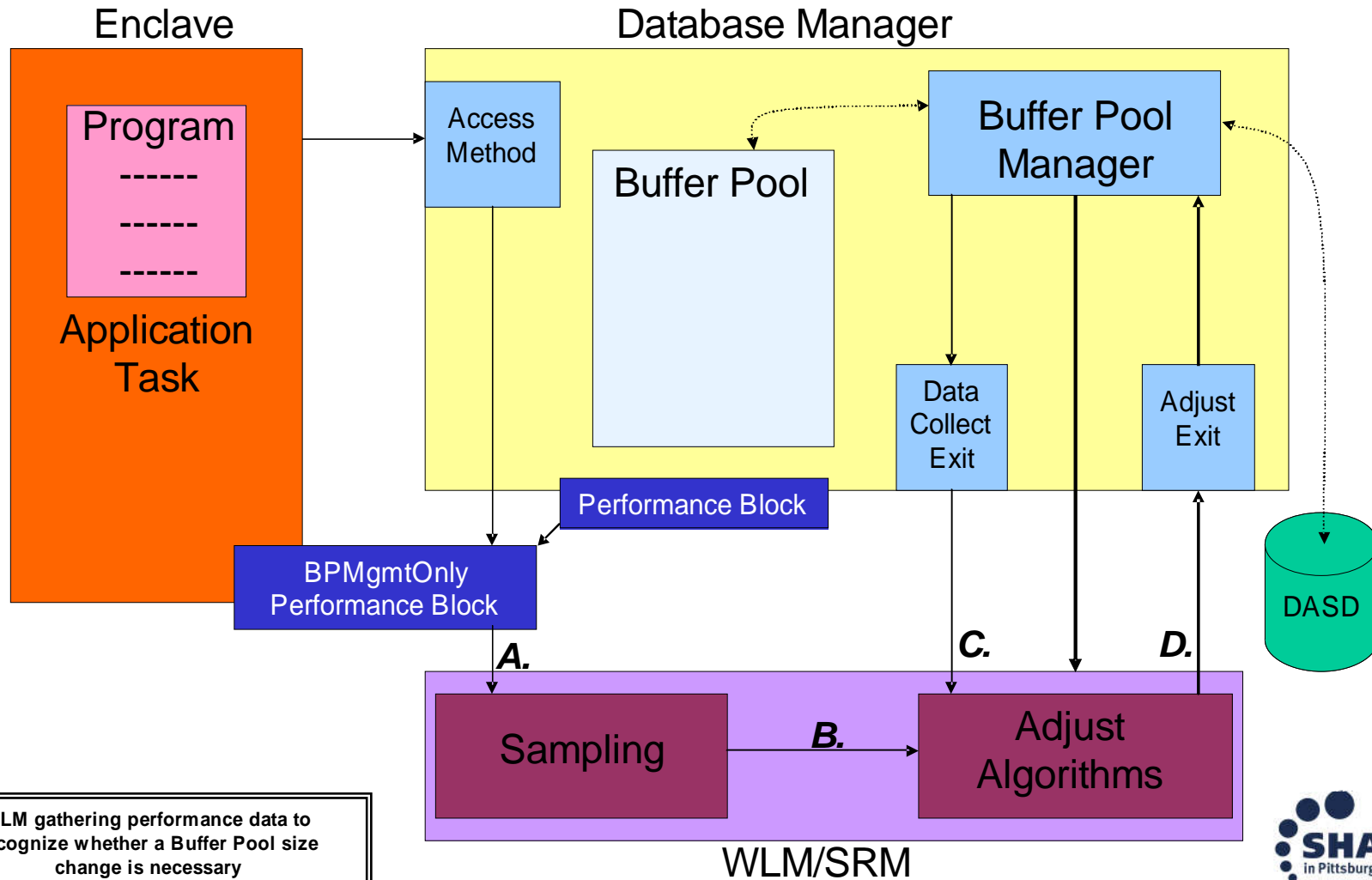
- Performance index impacted and buffer pool delays are significant contributor

A bufferpool may shrink...

- Due to donation to a suffering service class period
 - May suffer storage related delays
- Due to regular housekeeping cycles
 - Select one BP per 10 sec interval:
 - BP idle - had no references
 - No delays, i.e. 100% hit ratio
 - Is there any period of which the PI won't be impacted if buffer pool size reduced?
 - Any bufferpool may change no more than once a minute



Overall Flow WLM-managed DB2 Bufferpools



WLM gathering performance data to recognize whether a Buffer Pool size change is necessary

z/OS Workload Management - More Information -

- z/OS WLM Homepage:

<http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/zos/features/wlm/>

– Inside WLM: <https://ibm.biz/BdF4L4>

- z/OS MVS documentation

– z/OS MVS Planning: Workload Management:

<http://publibz.boulder.ibm.com/epubs/pdf/iea2w1c0.pdf>

– z/OS MVS Programming: Workload Management Services:

<http://publibz.boulder.ibm.com/epubs/pdf/iea2w2c0.pdf>

- *IBM Redbooks publications:*

– System Programmer's Guide to: Workload Manager:

<http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/sg246472.html?Open>

– ABCs of z/OS System Programming Volume 12

<http://publib-b.boulder.ibm.com/abstracts/sg247621.html?Open>

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