

Easy Tiering with DS8870

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Easy Tier Review

- Optimisation of backend storage resources based on historical performance data
- SubLUN granularity using native DS8000 extents for any volume type
- Flexible configurations with any combination of drives of any size and speed
- Easy Tier Application provides APIs for policy and proactive actions
- Easy Tier HeatMap transfer enables workload history to be transferred for replication scenarios (DR, migration etc)



Easy Tier Processing Cycle









Workload skew drives Easy Tier benefits





Easy Tier Reporting Enhancements



- Provide tiering report for volumes and extent pools
- Compare workload activity between tiers and extent pools
- Show tiering effectiveness and opportunity for adding capacity to different storage tiers

- Provide workload skew reports for Easy Tier capable DS8000s
- Choose optimal drive selection for both two and three tier configurations
- Generate input file for Disk Magic modelling using actual workload skew



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Storage Tiering for z/OS – Easy Tier, DFSMS and VTS





Easy Tier HeatMap Transfer

- Provide capability to transfer Easy Tier HeatMap information for a volume from one disk subsystem to another
- Ensures that replication target is being optimised based on source workload to avoid period of learning when workload is switched
- Primary and secondary configurations are not required to be identical as each will optimised based on configuration and overall workload (local and transferred)
- Out of band software implementation provides flexibility and common approach across different replication types
- TPC-R and GDPS support as well as standalone utility





Easy Tier Application Technology Demonstration



zEC12 + DB2 for z/OS + DS8000 Directive Data Placement

<u>Use Case</u>

- DB2 for z/OS integration of Directive Data Placement capability in REORG
- Demonstrate DB2 is able to control the data placement of a Shadow data set based on the storage tier of a REORG Target data set

Value: Performance Assurance On Demand

- Just-In-Time Data Placement
 - Based on unique knowledge about data processing task and data classification, application can timely choose data placement decision
 - Easy Tier function continues to manage the rest of data placement decisions in a coordinated fashion

Storage Performance Assurance

- Ensure a newly created Shadow dataset is placed at the same tier as the existing target dataset during a typical database operation such as REORG
- Assure new dataset is performance optimized immediately after the reorganization

Demonstration Execution

- Apply special DB2 utility, DFSMS, and storage prototype support in demonstration environment
- Perform DB2 for z/OS REORG
- Confirm the storage tier assigned for a newly reorganized data matches original data storage tier

