

IBM zAware – Even more aware now

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Agenda

- Why IBM zAware?
- What is IBM zAware?
 - How does it identify and diagnose problems on your z/OS and Linux for z systems
- Using IBM zAware
- Operating requirements
- Integration with other management products



Background – Why IBM zAware

Systems are more complex and more integrated than ever

- Errors can occur anywhere in a complex system
- Some problems are particularly...
 - Difficult to detect
 - •Several allowable anomalies can build up over time
 - •Symptoms / problems can manifest for hours or days
 - •Problem can grow, cascade, snowball
 - Difficult to diagnose
 - •Sometimes finding the system in error is a challenge
 - •Many times finding the *component* in error is a challenge
 - •Volume of data is not humanly consumable, *especially* when seconds count
- Need timely information and insight



IT Analytics for System z



IBM System z Advanced Workload Analysis Reporter (IBM zAware)-Using Analytics to Improve System z Availability

- The complexity and rate of change of today's IT infrastructures stress the limits of IT to resolve problems quickly and accurately--while preserving SLAs
- IT is challenged to diagnose system anomalies and restore service quickly
 - Systems often experience problems which are difficult or unusual to detect
 - Existing tools do little to identify messages preceding system problems
 - Some incidents begin with symptoms that remain undetected
 - Manual log analysis is skills-intensive, and prone to errors

IBM zAware with Expert System Diagnostics Gets it Right, Fast

- IBM zAware helps improve problem determination in *near real time* helps rapidly and accurately identify problems and speed time to recovery
- Analyzes **massive amounts of data** to identify problematic messages, providing information to enable faster corrective action
- Analytics on log data provides a near real time view of current system state
- Cutting edge pattern recognition examines system behavior to help you pinpoint deviations
- Machine learning, modeling and historical data work to analyze your unique environment
- Improves problem diagnosis across a set of System z servers

Benefits

- > Helps you diagnose problems quickly and more accurately to improve service recovery time
- Particularly helpful when problems involve multiple teams
- Easy to use graphical interface
- Allow establishment of procedures to prevent reoccurrence





IBM zAware can reduce time to repair to improve availability



Ineffective time spent in problem determination and trial and error. Incorrect problem identification may result in the wrong fixes being applied. More precise and early diagnosis can shorten impact time and help you to avoid a similar problem. Gain an edge in your ability to respond to events.

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What can zAware do for you? Identify unusual behavior quickly

Which z/OS image is having unusual message patterns?

- High score generated by unusual messages or message patterns
- GUI shows all systems or selected subsets

Which subsystem or component is abnormal?

• Examine high-scoring messages

When did the behavior start?

- Which messages are unusual?
- How often did the message occur?
- Easily examine prior intervals or dates

Is the unusual behavior after some maintenance or upgrade?

• Easily pinpoint changes caused by new software levels, configuration settings.



What is IBM zAware?

 IBM System z Advanced Workload Analysis Reporter (IBM zAware) V1 was released with the zEC12 in September 2012

Features

- Delivers cutting edge pattern recognition analytics applied to z/OS OPERLOG messages with minimal impact to z/OS workloads
 - Helps diagnose major problems while they are occurring in near real time
 - Heightens awareness of small problems before they become big problems
 - Reduces mean time to recovery
 - \succ Reduces the time and skill required to diagnose a problem
- A browser based view, which can show the entire z/OS footprint in one window

IBM zAware Version 1- Analyze z/OS System



Identify unusual system behavior of zOS imagesProactively surface anomalies in z/OS operlog





- •Identify unusual system behavior of Linux on system z images
 - Monitors *syslog* from guest or native image in real time
- •Improved analytics for z/OS message logs
- •Enhanced UI with heat map views



Analyzing z/OS systems

- A model of "what's normal" is created for each system
- IBM zAware monitors and scores messages including all z/OS console messages, ISV and application generated messages
- Reports on 10 minute intervals
 - Current score is updated every 2 minutes
 - Uses a sliding 10 minute window to generate the current score
 - Uses 90 days baseline log data to build model by default (configurable)
- Detects anomalies monitoring systems miss:
 - Messages may be new, or in new patterns
 - Messages may be suppressed or rare
 - Messages may indicate a trend
 - Customer can specify message to be ignored prevent flood of new messages from masking real problems
- XML Output is consumable through published API, can drive ISV products



Analyzing Linux for z systems

- A model of "what's normal" is created for each system or group of systems
- IBM zAware monitors and scores messages all Linux for z syslog messages, including ISV and application generated messages
- Reports on 10 minute intervals
 - Current score is updated every 2 minutes
 - Uses a sliding 60 minute window to generate the score
 - Recommend 120 days baseline data to build model by default (configurable)
 - Early models may be built with lesser data
- XML Output is consumable through published API, can drive ISV products



Analyzing Linux for z systems - details



- For Linux on System z, multiple systems can be grouped into a combined 'model group'
- This allows multiple systems with similar operational characteristics to contribute to the generation of a single model
- 'Model groups' defined by the zAware admin using hostname wildcards
 - Assumes well-defined Linux host naming conventions
 - Can model systems running similar types of workload (e.g. webserver, app servers)
 - By workload (e.g. one for all web servers, one for all databases, etc.)
 - By 'solution' (e.g. one model for your Cloud)
 - By VM host
- Dynamic activation and deactivation of an image, common on Linux, is automatically recognized
 - The Model Group support allows for analysis to be done for a system as soon as it connects to zAware, since it can use its group model



General V2.0 Enhancements



- Enhanced analytics
 - The new generation of technology provides improved analytics to provide better results.
 - New scorers including periodicity.
- Broader scope of input data to be analyzed
 - The previous version required messages with z/OS message id format
 - zAware can process message streams that do not have message ids
 - This opens up new possibilities going forward



Enhanced zAware GUI



- Improved usability and GUI functional enhancements address many customer requirements
 - enhanced filtering, visualization, better use of GUI real estate,
 - improved UI navigation
 - O display local time in addition to UTC time
- New improved GUIs are based on IBM One UI guidelines
- Heat map display provides a high level consolidated view with ability to drill down to detail views
 - zOS grouped by sysplex, Linux grouped by model group
 - ❑ Scores presented at the hour level
 - Quickly get to all systems in a specific group
 - See the interval summaries per system with the Bar Score view
 - Detailed messages and scores in the Interval view
- Expanded browser support with Firefox ESR 24, 31 and IE 9,10,11

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Heat Map – All systems in a group



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Interval View

| -1- (1170): | | | | | | | |
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| ate (UTC): | 7, 2015 🛗 | ↔ ↔ | System date: (UTC | -5) | Analysis source: | Analysis source type: | Number of unique message IDs: |
| | 7,2013 | | February 17, 2015 | ., | SVPLEX4.C08 | z/OS | 76 |
| ime interval (UTC): | 1:50 22:00 | 4 4 | System time interva 16:50 17:00 | l: (UTC -5) | Interval anomaly score: 101.0 | Analysis interval (minutes): 10 | Analysis group: SVPLEX4-C08 |
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| Actions 👻 | | 🚛 Details | | | Time Line shows | tol | knowledge center |
| Io filter applied | | | | 000 | urrences within inte | erval 7 | |
| Anomaly Score 1 - | Interval 2 - Contribution Score | Clustering Status 3 🔺 | Count | Rules Status | Time Line | ID | Message Example |
| 1.000 | 1001.00 | unclustered | 1 | Critical | · | IXC101I | SYSPLEX PARTITIONING IN PROGRESS FOR C06 REQUESTED BY XCFAS REASON: OPERATOR VARY REQUEST |
| 0.997 | 5.698 | unclustered | 1 | None | 8 <u>8</u> | IXC108I | SYSPLEX PARTITIONING INITIATING FENCE SYSTEM NAME: C06 SYSTEM NUMBER: 0800186F SYSTEM IDENTIFIER: C8672964 1600186F |
| 0.997 | 5.698 | unclustered | 1 | None | ¥E]_ | IXC109I | FENCE OF SYSTEM C06 SUCCESSFUL. |
| 0.995 | 5.403 | unclustered | 1 | None | * | IXC105I | SYSPLEX PARTITIONING HAS COMPLETED FOR C06 - PRIMARY REASON: OPERATOR VARY REQUEST - REASON FLAGS: 000004 |
| 0.991 | 4.760 | out_of_context | 1 | None | ¥] | ISG378I | GRS QSCAN ERROR COMMUNICATING WITH SYSTEM C06, DIAG=00000001 |
| 0.978 | 3.823 | unclustered | 1 | None | 8 | IEA031I | STP ALERT RECEIVED. STP ALERT CODE = 18 |

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IT Analytics for System z Interval View with details **Enhanced!** admin 0. IBM. Current Analysis > Interval View Interval View for System SVPLEX4.C08 ② Date (UTC): February 17, 2015 System date: (UTC -5) Analysis source: Analysis source type: Number of unique message IDs: $\langle \varphi \rangle \langle \varphi \rangle$ \Rightarrow \Rightarrow SVPLEX4.C08 February 17, 2015 z/OS 76 Time interval (UTC): System time interval: (UTC -5) Interval anomaly score: Analysis interval (minutes): Analysis group: 21:50 -- 22:00 ¢ ¢ 16:50 - 17:00 101.0 10 SVPLEX4-C08 ↓ ↓ Messages Actions . Details Filter ÷ * No filter applied Clustering 3 🔺 ID Anomaly1 -Interval 2 🔻 Count **Rules Status** Time Line Message Example Periodicity Periodicity Last Issued Daily Rarity Score Score Contribution Status Status Score (UTC) Frequency Score 0.999 1001.00 IXC101I SYSPLEX PARTITIONING IN NOT_PERIODI 0.000 February 16, 0.168 1.000 unclustered 1 Critical 28 PROGRESS FOR C06 REQUESTED С 2015 BY XCFAS, REASON: OPERATOR 17:59:55 VARY REQUEST 0.997 5.698 unclustered IXC108I SYSPLEX PARTITIONING INITIATING NOT_PERIODI 0.000 February 16, 0.116 0.999 1 None 23 FENCE SYSTEM NAME: C06 SYSTEM С 2015 NUMBER: 0800186F SYSTEM 18:00:10 IDENTIFIER: C8672964 1600186F 0.997 5.698 IXC109I FENCE OF SYSTEM C06 NOT_PERIODI 0.000 February 16, 0.116 0.999 unclustered 1 None 88 SUCCESSFUL. 2015 С 18:00:15 0.995 5.403 unclustered None IXC105I SYSPLEX PARTITIONING HAS NOT_PERIODI 0.000 February 16, 0.168 0.999 1 23 **COMPLETED FOR C06 - PRIMARY** С 2015 REASON: OPERATOR VARY 18:00:15 REQUEST - REASON FLAGS: 000004 0.991 4.760 out_of_context ISG378I **GRS QSCAN ERROR** NOT_PERIODI 0.000 February 16, 0.374 0.997 None 1 23 COMMUNICATING WITH SYSTEM С 2015 C06, DIAG=00000001 18:00:15 <. Þ 111

Total: 76



Inside IBM zAware Analytics -- Modeling

- OPERLOG (z/OS) or syslog (Linux for z) is processed
- zAware recognizes any well-formed message IDs for z/OS
 - -recognizes similar message text and generates a message ID for Linux for z,
 - including IBM and non-IBM products and customer applications
- zAware summarizes the common message text and records the occurrences
- zAware builds a model of normal behavior based on recent baseline data
 - Called "Training"
 - Automatically trains every 30 days (configurable)
 - Training can be forced manually
 - Training period is configurable
 - Unusual days can be excluded from future models
 - For z/OS,
 - Each system has its own model
 - Messages can be excluded from analysis scoring
 - For Linux for z,
 - Systems are grouped into a combined model
- z/OS utility, or a Linux command, may be used to load historical logs into zAware



Inside IBM zAware Analytics -- Analysis

- Real-time log data from each system is compared to the model
- Assigns a message anomaly score to indicate deviation from the model
 - Rare messages
 - Out of context from normal patterns
 - High counts
 - Periodicity
- Uses z/OS knowledge to influence the z/OS scores
- Generates an **interval anomaly** score bar per 10 minute interval
 - z/OS based on last 10 minutes
 - Linux for z based on last 60 minutes
 - Current interval is updated every 2 minutes
 - GUI shows number of unique message IDs (bar height)
 - GUI shows interval anomaly score (bar color)
- Drill down on interval shows the message scores



Sample Use cases

- A client compared it to an Airbag in the car it reacts when something is wrong;
- It learns as time progresses, situations happen and identifies things we know would not have been identified by normal monitoring products - Allows to fix before it becomes a real problem;



Identify unusual behavior quickly

| | Date: | | | | | | | | | Ar | nalysis S | Source: |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|--------|-------|------------|-------|---|---|---|------|-----------|------------|
| | ⇔ ⇔ | March 22, 2013 | | - | ⇔ ⇒ | | | | | U | TCPLXC | в |
| Which z/OS image is having unusual message | Interval | Anomaly Scores by | System | | | | | | | | | |
| patterns? | Syster | n | Anoma | y Sco | res | | | | | | | |
| • Yellow and dark blue on CB88 | UTCP (UTC) - | LXCB.CB88 4 | | | | | | | | nr!h | | |
| When did the behavior start? • Around 2:30 | UTCP (UTC) - | LXCB.CB89 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Arouna 2:50 | UTCP (UTC) - | LXCB.CB8A 4 | | | | | | | | ╍╍ | | |
| | UTCP (UTC) - | LXCB.CB8B 4 | | | | | | | | | | î : |
| | UTCP (UTC) - | LXCB.CB8C 4 | ┏ᠽ | | ᡄ᠇ᡗᡄ᠇ | ┠╌┎╍┥ | | | | | | |
| | | Timeline (UTC) | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

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Identify unusual behavior quickly – Configuration Error

Interval View for System CB88

The Messages table provides detailed analysis information for each message that occurred during the indicated time interval. To view message details for other intervals use the date and time interval selectors. Click the Re



UTCPLXCB.CB88 Interval anomaly score: 99.8

Analysis Source:

Messages

| ▼1 Anomaly Score | Interval ▼2 Contribution Score | Message Context | Rules Status | Appearance Count | Time Line | Message ID | Message Example | Rarity Score | Component | Cluster ID |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 0.999 | 196.275 | unclustered | None | 898 | | IRRC1311 | (<) RACF ENCOUNTERED AN R_PROXYSERV ERROR WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE AN | 73 | IRRC | -1 |
| 0.999 | 48.115 | unclustered | None | 932 | | <u>IRRC144I</u> | <) RACF ENCOUNTERED AN R_PROXYSERV ERROR: SAF RETURN CODE=X'00000008', | 85 | IRRC | -1 |

What component is having the problem?

Drill down indicates 900 IRRC131I and IRRC144I messages per interval. A review of SYSLOG showed that this was the result of work being performed in the LDAP address spaces. Further analysis showed that the LDAP PC Callable Interface was not enabled. At 6:40, the function was enabled, and the 131I and 144I messages are no longer generated.

Impact

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Unnecessary messages blocking ability to see anything else. Impacts ability to look at the console

When did the behavior start?

• Around 2:30



Identify unusual behavior quickly



Which z/OS image is having unusual message patterns?

• Recurring yellow and dark blue on CB8C

When did the behavior start?

• After an IPL at 13:30



Identify unusual behavior quickly – Configuration Error

Interval View for System CB8C

The Messages table provides detailed analysis information for each message that occurred during the indicated time interval. To view message details for other intervals use the date and time interval **Return to Analysis** button to go back to the Analysis view.

| Date:]∳ ∲ Auç Ti ms inierva]∳ ∳ | gust 28, 2012 11 (UTC): 14:20 1 | 4:30 🔷 | - | | Analysis Source: UTCPLXCB.CB8C Interval anomaly scor 99.6 | e: | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--|----------------|---|--------------|----------|
| Messages Actions - | | | | | | | | | |
| | Interval ▼2 Contribution Score | Moceano | Rules Status | Appearance Count | Time Line | Message ID | Message Example | Rarity Score | Componen |
| 0.999 | 14.369 | unclustered | None | 2 | | IEE838I | TNPROC NON-CANCELABLE - ISSUE FORCE ARM | 93 | IEE |
| 0.999 | 12.943 | unclustered | None | 2 | | EZZ06211 | AUTOLOG FORCING TNPROC, REASON: TCP/IP HAS BEEN RESTARTED | 100 | EZZ |
| 0.999 | 9.41 | unclustered | None | 1 | | <u>IXG6011</u> | 10.27.18 LOGGER DISPLAY 081 CONNECTION INFORMATION BY | 62 | IXG |
| 0.997 | 6.078 | unclustered | None | 3 | | <u>IEA6311</u> | OPERATOR GTHOMPS NOW INACTIVE, SYSTEM=CB8C, LU=TCP8C003 | 31 | IEA |

Which subsystem or component is abnormal?

• Examine high-scoring messages

When did the behavior start?

• When did the messages start to occur?

Were similar messages issued previously?

• Easily examine prior intervals or dates

Moving left and right by interval shows messages due to TNPROC being cancelled by TCP/IP



Identify behavior after a change

Are unusual messages being issued after a change?

- New / updated workload (OS, middleware, apps) was introduced
- Detected as yellow bars
- Once messages confirmed as ok, can rebuild your system model, and workload now understood as "normal."





IBM zAware Operating Requirements



Operating Requirements – IBM zAware Server

- Logical partition on a zEC12 or zBC12 server or z13 (soon)
 - Runs on IFLs or general purpose CPs may be dedicated or shared
 - Runs its own self-contained firmware stack
 - Recommended 2 partial engines
 - Initial priming and training: 25-80% of 1 zEC12 IFL (30-95% of 1 zBC12 IFL)
 - 20-40% of 1 IFL (zEC12 or zBC12)
- Memory and DASD resources are dependent on the number of monitored clients, amount of message traffic, length of time data retained
 - Minimum Memory is 4 GB for 6 clients with light message traffic (500 msgs/sec) For > 6 clients + 256 MB per client required
 - Estimated DASD storage is 500 GB (ECKD) + 5GB per client
- Network resources

> Analysis:

- HiperSockets or shareable OSA ports or IEDN
- IP address for partition
- Browsers
 - Internet Explorer 9, 10, 11
 - Firefox ESR 24, 31



Operating Requirements – z/OS Monitored Clients

- System z servers supported as IBM zAware monitored clients
 - **z**13
 - zEC12
 - zBC12
 - IBM zEnterprise[™] 196 (z196) or z114,
 - IBM System z10[™] EC or BC
 - Prior generations that meet the OS and configuration requirements

Running z/OS 1.13 + PTFs or z/OS 2.1

- APAR OA38747
- APAR OA38613
- APAR OA39256
- APAR OA42095
- System needs to be configured as a monoplex, system in a multisystem sysplex, or a member of a parallel sysplex
- Using operations log (OPERLOG) as the hardcopy medium
- Sysplex name + system name must uniquely identify system
- Requires an OSA or IEDN or HiperSocket for IP network connection
- z/OS zAware monitored client MIPs usage ~ 1%



Linux for System z Setup

Monitoring Linux on System z 'syslog' data

- Where 'syslog' is well-known, standardized, UNIX syslog data (e.g. /var/log/messages), from Linux on System z
 - Note this data is different than z/OS SYSLOG
 - Note this does not include zVM hypervisor data.
- Uses existing syslog daemon interface to send data to IBM zAware
 - Configuration of syslog daemon is required for Linux on system z images
 - Linux syslog daemon (rsyslog, syslog-ng) configured to send RFC 5424 format
- No Linux client / agent software is needed
- Each Linux for System z system connects to IBM zAware, without a syslog relay



Integration with z/OSMF

□ Using the z/OSMF GUI

- Configure a new external **link**
 - to access IBM zAware from z/OSMF

O Administration > Links > Actions > New

- Provide link name, SAF suffix, zAware GUI URL
- Category recommend Problem Determination
- Define authority required to use the link



Integration with other System Management products

APIs

Provides XML equivalent to GUI

- Analysis page
- Interval View page
- O Requires HTTPS
 - From z/OS, use AT-TLS
- HTTP GET/POST requests
 - Connect and authenticate to IBM zAware server
 - UserID known as a zAware user (e.g. LDAP)
 - Retrieve analysis for a monitored client
 - Analysis Analysis data generated
 - INTERVAL Message scores for a 10-minute interval
 - LPAR Interval scores for date (deprecated, replaced by analysis)

Note: API compatible with existing callers (z/OS); V2 required for Linux. Adds new attributes.

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Integration with other System Management products

□ IBM Tivoli **NetView** for z/OS

- Use the APIs to pull the IBM zAware results
- Sample programs are available from

- Described in detail in the Redbook:
 - Extending z/OS System Management Functions with IBM zAware
- The samples can be tailored to drive NetView message **automation** for high anomaly scores:
 - Generate a message
 - Generate an event
- CANZLOG Browse consolidated logs for PD
- □ Tivoli Integrated Service Management products use of IBM zAware results.
 - Omegamon XE on z/OS (including predefined situations)
- Other products can exploit the XML format results
 - Rexx exec sample can be obtained from IBM

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Omegamon XE on z/OS





Summary IBM zAware – Smarter Computing Needs Smart Monitoring

IBM zAware is a self learning, integrated solution that analyzes messages in near real time to provide insight into the behavior of your system.

Benefits

Helps diagnose problems quickly and more accurately to improve service recovery time

.Reduces risk by identifying "what changed" after maintenance.

Helpful when problems involve multiple teams

Easy-to-use graphical interface

Integrates with existing alerting environment



zAware's capacity as a 'watch dog' can help to detect unusual behavior in near real time



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