

STARTING TO LOOK AT A PERFORMANCE PROBLEM

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AGENDA

How to avoid performance crit sits!
Where to start when there is a problem
Performance Tools



AVOIDING PROBLEMS

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UNDERSTAND YOUR WORKLOAD

Are you about speed?

- Speed is distance over time or performance
- Affected by clock speed, memory and I/O bandwidth, etc
- Basically how much can I push through one core
- Higher frequency cores
- May run better with SMT2 or SMT or dedicated cores

Or throughput?

- Volume over time or capacity
- How many concurrent things can I push through
- Affected by pipelining and SMT

Architect accordingly

Check for gating factors that could impact use of SMT

- i.e. is there one thread that controls all work?

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APPLICATIONS AND SPLPARS

Applications do not need to be aware of Micro-Partitioning

Not all applications benefit from SPLPARs

Applications that may not benefit from Micro-Partitioning:

- Applications with a strong response time requirements for transactions may find Micro-Partitioning detrimental:
 - Because virtual processors can be dispatched at various times during a timeslice
 - May result in longer response time with too many virtual processors:
 - Each virtual processor with a small entitled capacity is in effect a slower CPU
 - Compensate with more entitled capacity (2-5% PUs over plan)
- Applications with polling behavior
- CPU intensive application examples: DSS, HPC, SAS

Applications that are good candidates for Micro-Partitioning:

- Ones with low average CPU utilization, with high peaks:
 - Examples: OLTP, web applications, mail server, directory servers

In general Oracle databases are fine in the shared processor pool

For licensing reasons you may want to use a separate pool for databases

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UNDERSTAND SMT

SMT

- Threads dispatch via a Virtual Processor (VP)
- SMT1: Largest unit of execution work
- SMT2: Smaller unit of work, but provides greater amount of execution work per cycle
- SMT4: Smallest unit of work, but provides the maximum amount of execution work per cycle
- On POWER7, a single thread cannot exceed 65% utilization
- On POWER6 or POWER5, a single thread can consume 100%
- Understand thread dispatch order
- VPs are unfolded when threshold is reached
 - P5 and P6 primary and secondary threads are loaded to 80% before another VP unfolded
 - In P7 primary threads are loaded to 50%, then secondary threads used. When they are loaded to 50% tertiary threads are dispatched

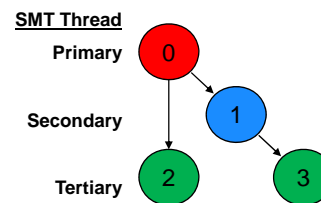


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ENTITLEMENT AND VPS

Utilization calculation for CPU is different between POWER5, 6 and POWER7
VPs are also unfolded sooner (at lower utilization levels than on P6 and P5)

This means that in POWER7 you need to pay more attention to VPs

- You may see more cores activated a lower utilization levels
- But you will see higher idle
- If only primary SMT threads in use then you have excess VPs

Try to avoid this issue by:

- Reducing VP counts
- Use realistic entitlement to VP ratios
 - 10x or 20x is not a good idea
 - Try setting entitlement to .6 or .7 of VPs
- Ensure workloads never run consistently above 100% entitlement
- Too little entitlement means too many VPs will be contending for the cores
- **Performance may (in most cases, will) degrade when the number of Virtual Processors in an LPAR exceeds the number of physical processors**

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UNCAPPED VS CAPPED

Capped LPARs can cede unused cycles back but can never exceed entitlement

Uncapped LPARs can exceed entitlement up to the size of the pool or the total virtual processors, whichever is smaller

Unused capacity is ceded back

User defined weighting (0 to 255) is used to resolve competing requests

Weights are share based

- 2 LPARs need 3 cores each
- Only 3 cores available
- If A is 100 and B is 200 then A gets 1 core and B gets 2 cores

Use common sense when planning your use of weights and remember the default is 128

- Prod VIO 192
- Prod 160
- Test/Dev 128

- Have a plan, not necessarily this one – document it well

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GENERAL SERVER SIZING THOUGHTS

- Correct amount of processor power
- Balanced memory, processor and I/O
- Min, desired and max settings and their effect on system overhead
- Memory overhead for page tables, TCE, etc that are used by virtualization
- Shared or dedicated processors
- Capped or uncapped
- If uncapped – number of virtual processors
- Do not starve your VIO servers!
- Set entitlement and VPs correctly
- Be cautious of sizing studies – they tend to undersize memory and sometimes cores and usually do not include the VIO server needs
- Consider whether the workload will play well with shared processors
- Never underestimate the power of common sense

Scale by rPerf (or other benchmark data) NOT by ghz when comparing boxes



ADAPTER PRIORITIES AFFECT PERFORMANCE

Power 770 Layout		9117-MMC											
CEC	Top	123456 has GX cables		Bottom 2468ab				5877 pcie only I/O Drawer 123487					
	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	IOC
	C1	8GB DP fibre	1	lpar1	C1	8GB DP fibre	1	lpar1	C1	8GB DP fibre	1	vio1	1
	C2	4PT 10/100/1000	3	lpar1	C2	4PT 10/100/1000	3	lpar1	C2	4PT 10/100/1000	3		1
	C3	8GB DP fibre	5	vio2	C3	8GB DP fibre	5	vio1	C3		5		1
	C4	4PT 10/100/1000	6	vio2	C4	4PT 10/100/1000	6	vio1	C4	8GB DP fibre	2	vio2	2
	C5	8GB DP fibre	2	vio1	C5	8GB DP fibre	2	vio2	C5	4PT 10/100/1000	4		2
	C6	4PT 10/100/1000	4	vio1	C6	4PT 10/100/1000	4	vio2	C6	4GB DP fibre	6	lpar1	2
									C7	4GB DP fibre	7		3
	D1	146GB disk		vio1	D1	146GB disk		vio1	C8		8		3
	D4	146GB disk		vio2	D4	146GB disk		vio2	C9		9		3
									C10		10		3



MAKE SURE YOUR PAGE SPACE IS CORRECT

More than one page volume
All the same size including hd6
Page spaces must be on different disks to each other
Do not put on hot disks
Mirror all page spaces that are on internal or non-raided disk

How much page space is needed?

- That depends
- Some software vendors require 2X memory and will not support it without that
- Others are fine with something more sensible

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Help the Hypervisor!

Help the hypervisor cleanly place partitions when they are first defined and activated.

Define dedicated partitions first.

- Define large partitions first.

Within shared pool, define large partitions first.

At system (not partition) IPL, PowerVM will allocate resources cleanly.

Do not set maximum memory setting too high as you will waste memory

Fill your memory dimms to get maximum bandwidth

Don't mix memory dimms of different speeds

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MEMORY USAGE

From HMC

Note firmware Use

Also note memory region size

You need to know it for LPM

PLANNING FOR MEMORY

Memory Planning Worksheet
Power7.770

Max RAM Capacity 786432 Ram installed GB 393216 Ram Active GB 131072 Each active IVE port adds 102 MB LMB below in MB

Change the LMB size on this line to match MRO on HMC MB LMB = 256 Used the largest to show worst possible

LPAR NAME	Desired Memory MB	Maximum Memory MB	Overhead Max Div 64	OH/LMB MB	Roundup OH MB	8NPIV VFCs per VIO	Actual Overhead (MB)	Memory Needed	Extra high Perf ports	12 If NPIV
VIOS1	3172	3172	4096	64	0.25	1	256		4096	1680
VIOS2	3172	3172	4096	64	0.25	1	256		4096	1680
LPAR1	12032	16384	256	1.00	1	1	256			
LPAR2	20224	24576	384	1.50	2	2	512			
LPAR3	14336	16384	256	1.00	1	1	256			
LPAR4	16384	24576	384	1.50	2	2	512			
LPAR5	3072	4096	64	0.25	1	1	256			
LPAR6	2048	4096	64	0.25	1	1	256			
LPAR7	17152	17152	268	1.05	2	2	512			
LPAR8	65536	71680	1120	4.38	5	5	1280			
LPAR9	32768	36864	576	2.25	3	3	768			
HYPERVISOR							768			
IVE							102			
I/O drawer (I use 512 per 2)							512			
Safety Net							512			
MB Total	189896	224000	3500	13.671875	20	7014	196910	8192	3360	
GB Total	185					6.85	192	8.00	3.28	

Hypervisor requires 7GB minimum for overhead with these settings
LPARs require 185GB so the total active needed is at least 192GB
Need to add NPIV and high speed adapter memory needs as well

So if doing both totaloverhead is

8GB and 10GB extra high performance adapters, for each active port DD 512mb
i.e. 20 ports per VIO without NPIV would be 20 * 512 = 10GB plus VIOS base for each VIOS
If NPIV then 140MB per VFC adapter per client
if NPIV then we allocate per client so if there are 20 clients on each VIO then each vio needs 20*140=2.8GB extra

Don't forget memory overhead
And double if Hypervisor Mirrored

This gives a rough estimate
Assumes LMB size is 256MB

MB Total
196910

GB Total
192

Add High Perf
Or add NPIV

200
196

Combined New Overhead total
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Memory Tips

Avoid having chips without DIMMs.

Attempt to fill every chip's DIMM slots, activating as needed.

Hypervisor tends to avoid activating cores without "local" memory.

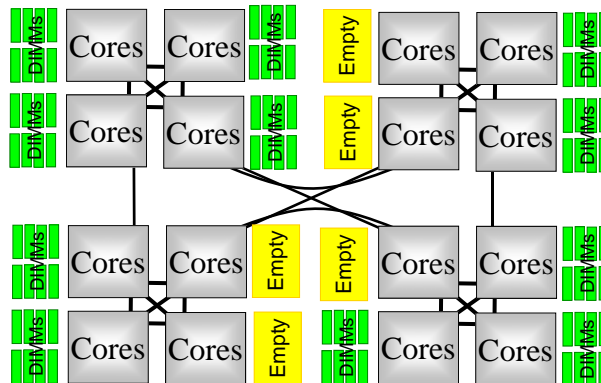


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TIPS TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE

Check the latest performance apars have all been installed

- Yes this means you need to stay current
- See Stephen Nasypany Optimization Presentations

Keep firmware up to date

- In particular, look at the firmware history for your server to see if there are performance problems fixed

Information on the firmware updates can be found at:

- <http://www-933.ibm.com/support/fixcentral/>
 - i.e. in AL720_064 there is a Hypervisor dispatch bug
 - It is fixed in concurrent update AL720_101

Firmware history including release dates can be found at:

- Power7 Midrange
 - <http://download.boulder.ibm.com/ibmdl/pub/software/server/firmware/AM-Firmware-Hist.html>
- Power7 High end
 - <http://download.boulder.ibm.com/ibmdl/pub/software/server/firmware/AL-Firmware-Hist.html>

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MORE TIPS TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE

Ensure software stack is current
 Ensure compilers are current and that compiled code turns on optimization
 To get true MPIIO run the correct multipath software
 Ensure system is properly architected (VPs, memory, entitlement, etc)

Use the correct tunables for the version you are running

Always read the READMEs for firmware, etc updates

- Sometimes there is a prerequisite action to avoid problems

COLLECT BASELINES when the system is well
 DOCUMENTATION

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HAVE A PLAN FOR MAKING CHANGES

1. Describe the problem.
2. Measure where you're at (baseline).
3. Recreate the problem while getting diagnostic data (perfpmr, your own scripts, etc.).
4. Analyze the data.
5. Document potential changes and their expected impact, then group and prioritize them.
 1. Remember that one small change that only you know about can cause significant problems so document ALL changes
6. Make the changes.
 1. Group changes that go together if it makes sense to do so but don't go crazy
7. Measure the results and analyze if they had the expected impact; if not, then why not?
8. Is the problem still the same? If not, return to step 1.
9. If it's the same, return to step 3.

This may look like common sense but in an emergency that is the first thing to go out the window

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PARAMETER SETTINGS - SUMMARY

PARAMETER	DEFAULTS			NEW SET ALL TO	
	AIXv5.3	AIXv6	AIXv7		
NETWORK (no)					
rfc1323	0	0	0	1	
tcp_sendspace	16384	16384	16384	262144 (1Gb)	
tcp_recvspace	16384	16384	16384	262144 (1Gb)	
udp_sendspace	9216	9216	9216	65536	
udp_recvspace	42080	42080	42080	655360	
MEMORY (vmo)					
minperm%	20	3	3	3	
maxperm%	80	90	90	90	JFS, NFS, VxFS, JFS2
maxclient%	80	90	90	90	JFS2, NFS
lru_file_repage	1	0	0	0	
lru_poll_interval	?	10	10	10	
Minfree	960	960	960	calculation	
Maxfree	1088	1088	1088	calculation	
page_steal_method	0	0/1 (TL)	1	1	
JFS2 (ioo)					
j2_maxPageReadAhead	128	128	128	as needed	
j2_dynamicBufferPreallocation	16	16	16	as needed	

OK I HAVE A PROBLEM – NOW
WHAT DO I DO?

TAKE A DEEP BREATH!



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RULES OF THE ROAD

Clear the room of unnecessary people so you can think (but be nice)

Always have a baseline to compare to

- In order to know what is bad you have to know what is normal

Take new baselines before and after changes

Don't make so many changes it is impossible to figure out what broke it

Make sure there is good documentation

- Sysplan from HMC or use HMC Scanner (for HMC and Flexmgr)
- LPAR layouts
- Allocation list

Change control

Step 1 – gather information

- Need a clear description of the problem
 - What happened
 - What is the problem
 - Any error messages, etc

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LOW HANGING FRUIT

Check change control – was there anything changed?

Do I have any hardware errors in errpt?

Does lsps -a or lsps -s show you have a lot of page space used?

Is my system approaching 100%

- If shared pool am I constantly over entitlement or am I constantly folding/unfolding VPs

Is the ratio of SYS% more than USR%?

Does my batch window extend into my online?

Is there unexplained I/O wait?

Are my CPU's and threads being used fairly evenly?

Is the I/O fairly well spread between disks? / Adapters?

Any full filesystems – especially /var or / or /usr

Error messages

- /etc/syslog.conf will tell you where they are
- Look at errpt – a lot of problems are made clear there

Check at Fix Central in case it is a known bug

- <http://www-933.ibm.com/support/fixcentral/>

Do the same at the firmware history site in case it is fixed at the next firmware update

Know how to use PerfPMR – before you need to...

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/pseries/v5r3/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.aix.prfungd/doc/prfungd/reporting_perf_prob.htm

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WHAT MAKES IT GO SLOW?

Obvious:-

- Not enough CPU
- Not enough memory
- Not enough disk I/O
- Not enough network I/O

Not so obvious:-

- AIX tuning
- Oracle/DB2 parameters log place, SGA, Buffers
- Read vs write characteristics,
- Adapter placement, overloading bus speeds
- Throttling effects – e.g., single-thread dependency
- Application errors
- Background processes (backups, batch processing) running during peak online times?
- Concurrent access to the same files
- Changes in shared resources
- Hardware errors

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HOW TO MEASURE

Response time is the elapsed time between when a request is submitted and when the response from that request is returned.

- Amount of time for a database query
- Amount of time it takes to echo characters to the terminal
- Amount of time it takes to access a Web page
- How much time does my user wait?

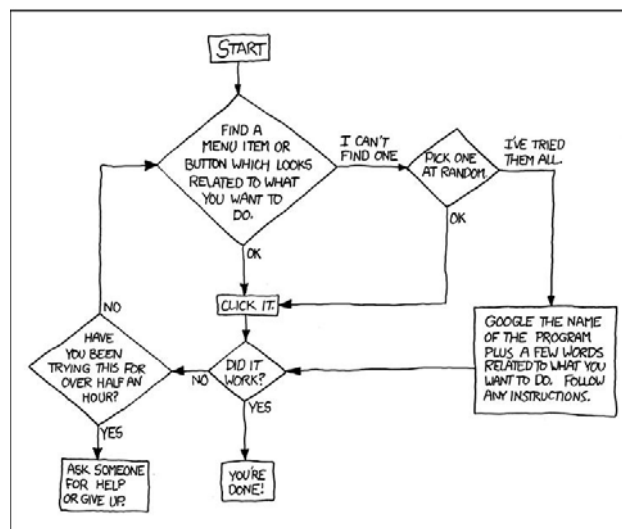
Throughput is a measure of the amount of work that can be accomplished over some unit of time.

- Database transactions per minute
- File transfer speed in KBs per second
- File Read or Write KBs per second
- Web server hits per minute

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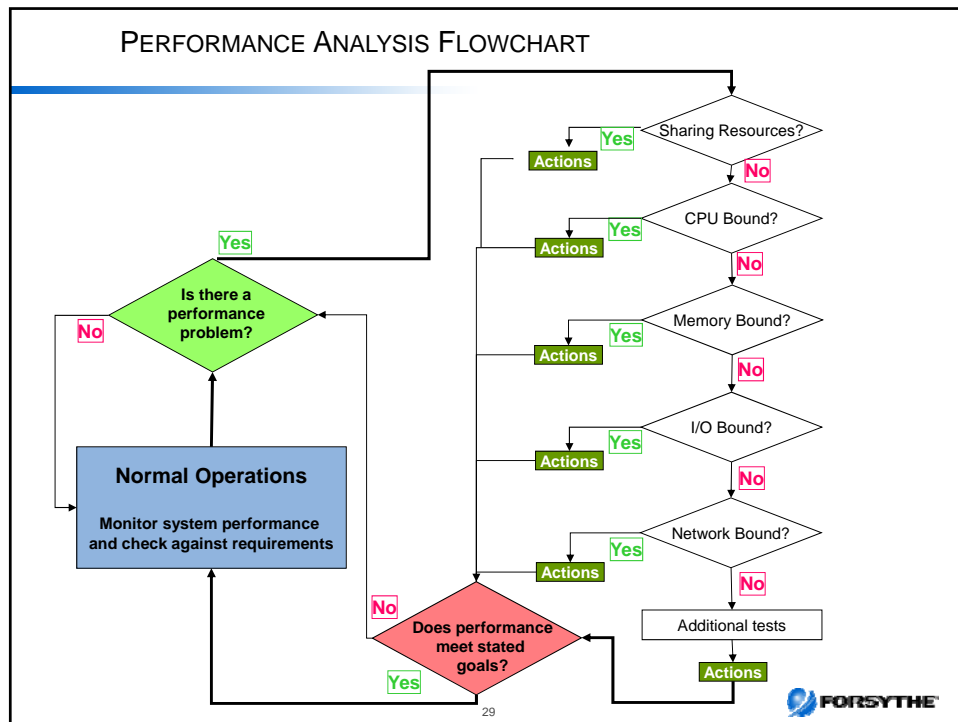
PERFORMANCE SUPPORT FLOWCHART



Courtesy of XKCD

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MONITORING CPU

User, system, wait and idle are fine for dedicated LPARs
 They are not fine for SPLPAR or dedicated donating LPARs
 You need to measure and charge back based on used CPU cycles
 Moral of the story – use Phycs (Physical consumed)

lparstat

- Use with no flags to view partition configuration and processor usage

TERMS TO UNDERSTAND

Process

- A process is an activity within the system that is started with a command, a shell script, or another process.

Run Queue

- Each CPU has a dedicated run queue. A run queue is a list of runnable threads, sorted by thread priority value. There are 256 thread priorities (zero to 255). There is also an additional global run queue where new threads are placed.

Time Slice

- The CPUs on the system are shared among all of the threads by giving each thread a certain slice of time to run. The default time slice of one clock tick is 10 ms

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USING SAR -P ALL TO SHOW SMT THREADS

SMT2 Example

```
sar -P ALL 1 1
AIX sys01a 3 5 00CDAF6F4C00 ent=0.80
System Configuration: lcpu=4 ent=0.80
12:18:01  cpu    %usr  %sys  %wio  %idle  %physc  %entc
12:18:01  0      0     7     0     93     0.03    3.3
          1     100   0     0     0     0.37    46.8
          2     100   0     0     0     0.38    46.9
          3      0     1     0     99     0.02    3.1
          -     94    0     0     6     0.80    100
```

System is clearly busy – now map this to the mpstat command

```
mpstat -s 1 1
System configuration: lcpu=4 ent=0.80
          Proc0                      Proc1
          39.99%                      39.76%
          cpu0                      cpu1                      cpu2                      cpu3
          2.55%                      37.45%                    37.57%                    2.19%
```

Oracle tends to really like SMT and to take advantage of it

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USING SAR -P ALL (POWER7 & SMT4)

AIX bpicnim 1 7 00F6934B4C00 10/05/11 (1 core and 2 VPs)

System configuration: lcpu=8 ent=1.00 mode=Uncapped

19:40:49	cpu	%usr	%sys	%wio	%idle	physc	%entc
19:40:50	0	7	88	0	5	0.01	1.4
	1	0	0	0	100	0.00	0.3
	2	0	1	0	99	0.00	0.3
	3	0	0	0	100	0.00	0.3
	7	0	59	0	41	0.00	0.0
	U	-	-	0	98	0.98	97.5
	-	0	1	0	99	0.02	2.5

In the above cpu4-6 are missing as they are 0 so sar did not print them to save space

mpstat -s 1 1

System configuration: lcpu=8 ent=1.0 mode=Uncapped

Proc0				Proc4			
2.26%				0.01%			
cpu0	cpu1	cpu2	cpu3	cpu4	cpu5	cpu6	cpu7
1.33%	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%

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SAR -MU -P ALL

System configuration: lcpu=64 ent=7.00 mode=Uncapped

CPU	%usr	%sys	%wio	%idle	physc	%entc	
Average							
0	66	32	0	2	0.47	6.8	
1	48	15	2	34	0.20	2.9	
2	0	4	0	96	0.09	1.3	
3	0	4	0	96	0.09	1.3	
4	80	16	0	3	0.43	6.2	
5	74	6	1	18	0.28	4.0	
6	0	4	0	95	0.08	1.1	
7	0	4	0	95	0.08	1.1	
8	78	19	0	2	0.45	6.4	
9	54	13	2	32	0.21	3.0	
10	0	4	0	96	0.09	1.2	
11	0	4	0	96	0.09	1.2	
12	77	20	0	3	0.42	6.0	
13	63	10	2	25	0.23	3.3	
14	0	5	0	95	0.08	1.2	
15	1	4	0	95	0.08	1.2	
.....							
60	78	19	0	3	0.42	6.0	
61	56	16	2	27	0.22	3.1	
62	0	4	0	96	0.08	1.1	
63	0	6	0	94	0.08	1.2	
AVE	-	52	17	1	30	12.90	184.2

On average exceeding entitlement
Need to adjust it

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VIO CONSTANTLY EXCEEDING ENTITLEMENT

System configuration: lcpu=16 ent=1.10 mode=Uncapped

cpu	%usr	%sys	%wio	%idle	physc	%entc	
0	0	96	0	4	0.48	43.9	
1	0	35	0	65	0.14	12.5	
2	0	20	0	80	0.11	10.0	
3	0	16	0	84	0.11	9.7	.83
4	1	67	0	33	0.10	9.1	
5	0	33	0	67	0.05	5.0	
6	0	31	0	69	0.05	4.7	
7	0	31	0	69	0.05	4.6	.25
8	0	71	0	29	0.11	9.9	
9	0	32	0	68	0.06	5.0	
10	0	31	0	69	0.05	4.8	
11	0	31	0	69	0.05	4.8	.27
12	0	82	0	18	0.18	16.4	
13	0	27	0	73	0.07	6.1	
14	0	25	0	75	0.06	5.8	
15	0	25	0	75	0.06	5.8	.37
AVE -	0	57	0	43	1.74	158.0	

4 VPs
Ent=1.1
Using 1.74 on ave



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VMSTAT EXAMPLE

System configuration: lcpu=64 mem=163840MB ent=7.00

kthr	memory	page	faults	cpu															
r	b	p	avm	fre	fi	fo	pi	po	fr	sr	in	sy	cs	us	sy	id	wa	pc	ec
13	0	0	34899243	3335256	13	191	0	0	0	0	2001	179983	36609	36	32	31	1	8.20	117.1
15	0	0	34897063	3337424	10	12	0	0	0	0	2422	185355	28888	36	32	31	1	8.21	117.3
13	0	0	34899746	3334982	9	9	0	0	0	0	2114	273146	41908	36	33	29	1	7.90	112.8
13	0	0	34899376	3335340	5	27	0	0	0	0	2173	256828	41451	35	32	32	1	7.83	111.9
14	0	0	34899005	3335696	4	14	0	0	0	0	2079	258935	46276	35	30	34	1	8.34	119.1
11	0	0	34896462	3338226	8	29	0	0	0	0	4535	321194	77820	34	28	37	1	8.15	116.4
12	0	0	34895235	3339441	2	18	0	0	0	0	1653	180720	25206	34	30	35	1	8.41	120.2
13	0	0	34899626	3335032	4	93	0	0	0	0	1996	252956	44036	35	28	36	1	8.23	117.6

Ent = 7
Using last line PC is 8.23 cores or 117.6% of entitlement
US + SY = 35+28= 63%



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VMSTAT -I OUTPUT

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vmstat -l 2 10

System Configuration: lcpu=22 mem=90112MB

kthr  memory      page      faults    cpu
-----
r  b  p  avm    fre    fi  fo  pi  po  fr  sr  in  sy  cs  us  sy id wa
70 309 0 8552080 9902 75497 9615 9 3 84455 239632 18455 280135 91317 42 37 0 20
79 285 0 8537038 9371 83963 7568 44 2 84266 230503 19400 406846 77938 58 37 0 5
56 301 0 8540516 8895 91385 8912 12 3 101110 253980 17943 388340 86999 52 38 0 10
48 306 0 8544771 9565 101529 9966 14 3 112865 277552 16930 358515 82444 50 41 0 9
73 285 0 8544667 8763 94305 5915 25 3 95071 277963 19299 438769 83214 49 35 0 16
23 317 0 8547888 9846 91608 5481 12 1 97364 235613 19148 393468 74293 55 34 0 11
16 352 0 8541280 8845 92946 5246 14 0 93028 244146 18471 448516 87874 44 37 0 19


fre is meaningless if you do not know the minfree, maxfree and mempools values
SR:FR should be <= 4:1
244146: 93028 is around 2.61 : 1

System configuration: lcpu=32 mem=122880MB ent=8.00
kthr  memory      page      faults    cpu
-----
r  b  p  avm    fre    fi  fo  pi  po  fr  sr  in  sy  cs  us  sy id wa  pc  ec
1 0 0 16760611 13937801 36 0 0 0 0 0 405 4413 1165 5 1 94 0 0.79 9.9 .79 is
9.9% of entitlement
1 0 0 16760407 13938004 0 0 0 0 0 0 357 4445 979 5 1 93 0 0.81 10.1
    
```


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SVMON -G OUTPUT TRANSLATED TO GB

MEMORY	VALUE	GB	MB
size	46137344	176.00	180224.00
inuse	23832056	90.91	93093.97
free	22305116	85.09	87129.36
pin	3470487	13.24	13556.59
virtual	16886019	64.42	65961.01
page sz	4194304	16.00	16384.00
page inuse	106961	0.41	417.82
pin work	2128407	8.12	8314.09
pin persist	0	0.00	0.00
pin client	0	0.00	0.00
pin lpage	1342080	5.12	5242.50
inuse work	16885847	64.41	65960.34
inuse persist	0	0.00	0.00
inuse client	6946209	26.50	27133.63


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WHAT IS IOWAIT?

- **iowait** is a form of idle time

The **iowait** statistic is simply the percentage of time the CPU is idle AND there is at least one I/O still in progress (started from that CPU)

The **iowait** value seen in the output of commands like **vmstat**, **iostat**, and **topas** is the **iowait** percentages across all CPUs averaged together

High I/O wait does not mean that there is definitely an I/O bottleneck

Zero I/O wait does not mean that there is not an I/O bottleneck

A CPU in I/O wait state can still execute threads if there are any runnable threads

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IO WAIT AND WHY IT IS NOT NECESSARILY USEFUL

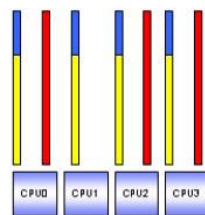


Diagram courtesy of IBM

System has 3 threads blocked (red threads)

SMT is turned on

There are 4 threads ready to run so they get dispatched and each is using 80% user and 20% system

Metrics would show:

$$\%user = .8 * 4 / 4 = 80\%$$

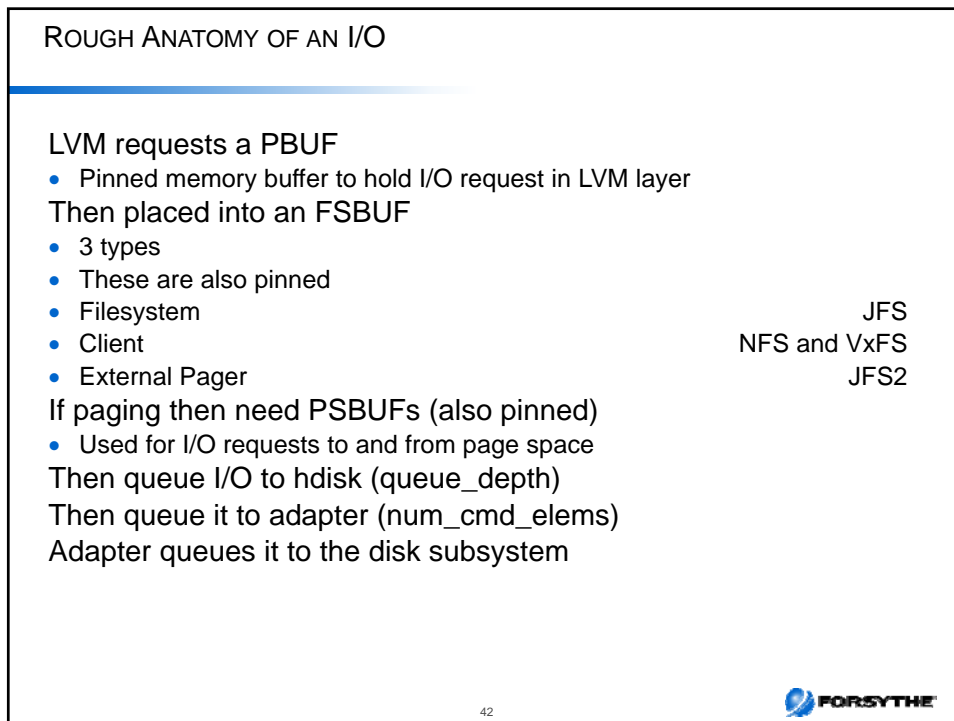
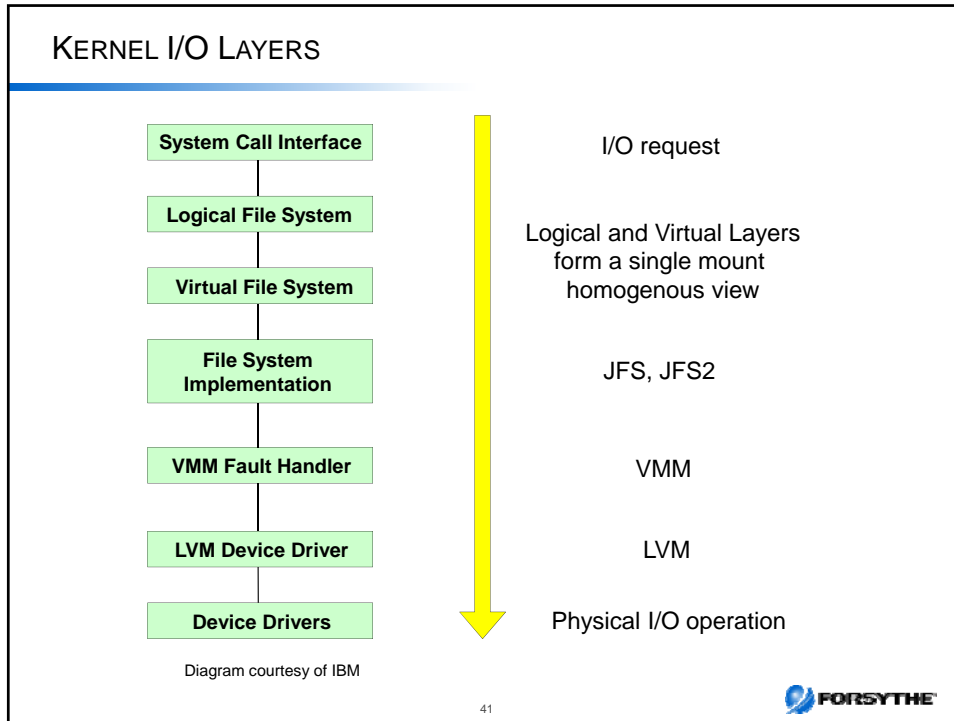
$$\%sys = .2 * 4 / 4 = 20\%$$

Idle will be 0% as no core is waiting to run threads
IO Wait will be 0% as no core is idle waiting for IO to complete as something else got dispatched to that core

SO we have IO wait
BUT we don't see it

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VMSTAT -V OUTPUT

3.0 minperm percentage
 90.0 maxperm percentage
 45.1 numperm percentage
 45.1 numclient percentage
 90.0 maxclient percentage

1468217 pending disk I/Os blocked with no pbuf	pbufs
11173706 paging space I/Os blocked with no psbuf	pagespace
2048 file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf	JFS
238 client file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf	NFS/VxFS
39943187 external pager file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf	JFS2

numclient=numperm so most likely the I/O being done is JFS2 or NFS or VxFS
 Based on the blocked I/Os it is clearly a system using JFS2
 It is also having paging problems
 pbufs also need reviewing

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ADAPTER QUEUE PROBLEMS

Look at BBBF Tab in NMON Analyzer or run fcstat command

Adapter device drivers use DMA for IO
 From **fcstat** on each fcs
 NOTE these are since boot

FC SCSI Adapter Driver Information

No DMA Resource Count: 0
No Adapter Elements Count: 2567
No Command Resource Count: 34114051

No DMA resource – adjust max_xfer_size
 No adapter elements – adjust num_cmd_elems
 No command resource - adjust num_cmd_elems

If using NPIV make changes to VIO and client, not just VIO

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NETWORK

If 10Gb network check out Gareth's Webinar

- https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/download/attachments/153124943/7_PowerVM_10Gbit_Et_hernet.pdf?version=1

netstat -v

- Look for overflows and memory allocation failures
 - Max Packets on S/W Transmit Queue: 884
 - S/W Transmit Queue Overflow: 9522
- "Software Xmit Q overflows" or "packets dropped due to memory allocation failure"
 - Increase adapter xmit queue
 - Use lsattr -EL ent? To see setting
- Look for receive errors or transmit errors
- dma underruns or overruns
- mbuf errors

Lparstat 2

- Look for high vcsw – indicator that entitlement may be too low

tcp_nodelay (or tcp_nodelayack)

- Disabled by default
- 200ms delay by default as it waits to piggy back acks on packets

Also check errpt – people often forget this

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ENTSTAT -V

ETHERNET STATISTICS (ent18) :

Device Type: Shared Ethernet Adapter

Elapsed Time: 44 days 4 hours 21 minutes 3 seconds

Transmit Statistics: Receive Statistics:

Packets: 94747296468	Packets: 94747124969
Bytes: 99551035538979	Bytes: 99550991883196
Interrupts: 0	Interrupts: 22738616174
Transmit Errors: 0	Receive Errors: 0
Packets Dropped: 0	Packets Dropped: 286155
	Bad Packets: 0

Max Packets on S/W Transmit Queue: 712

S/W Transmit Queue Overflow: 0

Current S/W+H/W Transmit Queue Length: 50

Elapsed Time: 0 days 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds

Broadcast Packets: 3227715 Broadcast Packets: 3221586

Multicast Packets: 3394222 Multicast Packets: 3903090

No Carrier Sense: 0

CRC Errors: 0

DMA Underrun: 0

DMA Overrun: 0

Lost CTS Errors: 0

Alignment Errors: 0

Max Collision Errors: 0

No Resource Errors: 286155 check those tiny, etc Buffers

Late Collision Errors: 0

Receive Collision Errors: 0

Deferred: 0

Packet Too Short Errors: 0

SQE Test: 0

Packet Too Long Errors: 0

Timeout Errors: 0

Packets Discarded by Adapter: 0

Single Collision Count: 0

Receiver Start Count: 0

Multiple Collision Count: 0

Current HW Transmit Queue Length: 50

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ENTSTAT -V VIO

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Transmit Statistics:	Receive Statistics:
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Packets: 83329901816	Packets: 83491933633
Bytes: 87482716994025	Bytes: 87620268594031
Interrupts: 0	Interrupts: 18848013287
Transmit Errors: 0	Receive Errors: 0
Packets Dropped: 0	Packets Dropped: 67836309
	Bad Packets: 0


Max Packets on S/W Transmit Queue: 374
 S/W Transmit Queue Overflow: 0
 Current S/W+H/W Transmit Queue Length: 0

Elapsed Time: 0 days 0 hours 0 minutes 0 seconds

Broadcast Packets: 1077222	Broadcast Packets: 1075746
Multicast Packets: 3194318	Multicast Packets: 3194313
No Carrier Sense: 0	CRC Errors: 0
DMA Underrun: 0	DMA Overrun: 0
Lost CTS Errors: 0	Alignment Errors: 0
Max Collision Errors: 0	No Resource Errors: 67836309

Virtual I/O Ethernet Adapter (I-lan) Specific Statistics:

Hypervisor Send Failures: 4043136	"No Resource Errors" can occur when the appropriate amount of memory can not be added quickly to vent buffer space for a workload situation.
Receiver Failures: 4043136	
Send Errors: 0	
Hypervisor Receive Failures: 67836309	



BUFFERS

Virtual Trunk Statistics

Receive Information

Receive Buffers

Buffer Type	Tiny	Small	Medium	Large	Huge
Min Buffers	512	512	128	24	24
Max Buffers	2048	2048	256	64	64
Allocated	513	2042	128	24	24
Registered	511	506	128	24	24


History

Max Allocated	532	2048	128	24	24
Lowest Registered	502	354	128	24	24

"Max Allocated" represents the maximum number of buffers ever allocated
 "Min Buffers" is number of pre-allocated buffers
 "Max Buffers" is an absolute threshold for how many buffers can be allocated

```
chdev -l <veth> -a max_buf_small=4096 -P
chdev -l <veth> -a min_buf_small=2048 -P
```

Above increases min and max small buffers for the virtual ethernet adapter configured for the SEA above



LPARSTAT

lparstat 30 2 output

System configuration: type=Shared mode=Uncapped smt=4 lcpu=12
mem=6144MB psize=4 ent=1.50

%user	%sys	%wait	%idle	phyc	%entc	lbusy	app	vcsw	phint
0.1	9.6	0.0	90.3	0.38	25.5	3.4	3.55	16678	5
0.1	8.2	0.0	91.7	0.33	21.8	3.5	3.59	13922	5



DEMOTED I/O IN ORACLE

CIO write fails because IO is not aligned to FS blocksize

- i.e app writing 512 byte blocks but FS has 4096

Ends up getting redone

- Demoted I/O consumes more kernel CPU
- And more physical I/O

To find demoted I/O (if JFS2)

```
trace -aj 59B,59C ; sleep 2 ; trcstop ; trcrpt -o directio.trcrpt
grep -i demoted directio.trcrpt
```

Look in the report for:

```
JFS2 IO dio demoted:
1000 1000 dio demoted:
```



REDO LOGS AND DEMOTED I/O

Isfs -a output

Name	Nodename	Mount Pt	VFS	Size	Options	Auto	Accounting
/dev/hd4	--	/	jfs2	524288	rw	yes	no
/dev/hd1	--	/home	jfs2	20971520	rw	yes	no
/dev/hd2	--	/usr	jfs2	8912896	rw	yes	no

Isfs -q output

Name	Nodename	Mount Pt	VFS	Size	Options	Auto	Accounting
/dev/hd4	--	/	jfs2	524288	rw	yes	no

(lv size: 524288, fs size: 524288, **block size: 4096**, sparse files: yes, inline log: no, inline log size: 0, EAformat: v1, Quota: no, DMAPi: no, VIX: yes, EFS: no, ISNAPSHOT: no, MAXEXT: 0, MountGuard: no)

NOTE THE BLOCKSIZE ABOVE IS 4096 – redo log should be 512
So look for that with redo logs (usually /u99 or some such – check with DBA)

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CHECKING I/O BANDWIDTH

Taken from an NMON report and totaled here

	AVE	MAX	MB AVE	MB MAX
Disk read KB/s	19374.7	67151	18.92	65.58
Disk write KB/s	6259.5	40462.5	6.11	39.51
BOTH	25634.2	107613.5	25.03	105.09
FCS0 read KB/s	4710.1	22204.7	4.60	21.68
FCS0 write KB/s	1412.5	9903.9	1.38	9.67
BOTH	6122.6	32108.6	5.98	31.36
FCS1 read KB/s	4710.1	20129.6	4.60	19.66
FCS1 write KB/s	1591.9	14330.6	1.55	13.99
BOTH	6302	34460.2	6.15	33.65
FCS2 read KB/s	4988	17924.6	4.87	17.50
FCS2 write KB/s	1666.2	13539.8	1.63	13.22
BOTH	6654.2	31464.4	6.50	30.73
FCS3 read KB/s	4953.9	21645.9	4.84	21.14
FCS3 write KB/s	1528.4	9945.1	1.49	9.71
BOTH	6482.3	31591	6.33	30.85
ALL FCS	13136.5	63055.4	12.83	61.58

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OPENING A PMR

Do yourself a favor and open via the web

- Yes you need a login but it is worth it!

Gather documentation

- IBM needs a clear description of the problem
 - Include any error messages
- They also need serial numbers, etc for entitlement

Software

- <https://www.ibm.com/support/servicerequest>

Hardware

- <http://www-947.ibm.com/usrsvc/support/esc/signin.jsp>

Determine and set severity correctly

- Sev 4 is documentation and seems to be default
- Sev 1 means hard down and you are on call 7/24

Uploading files to IBM

- <http://www-05.ibm.com/de/support/ecurep/index.html>

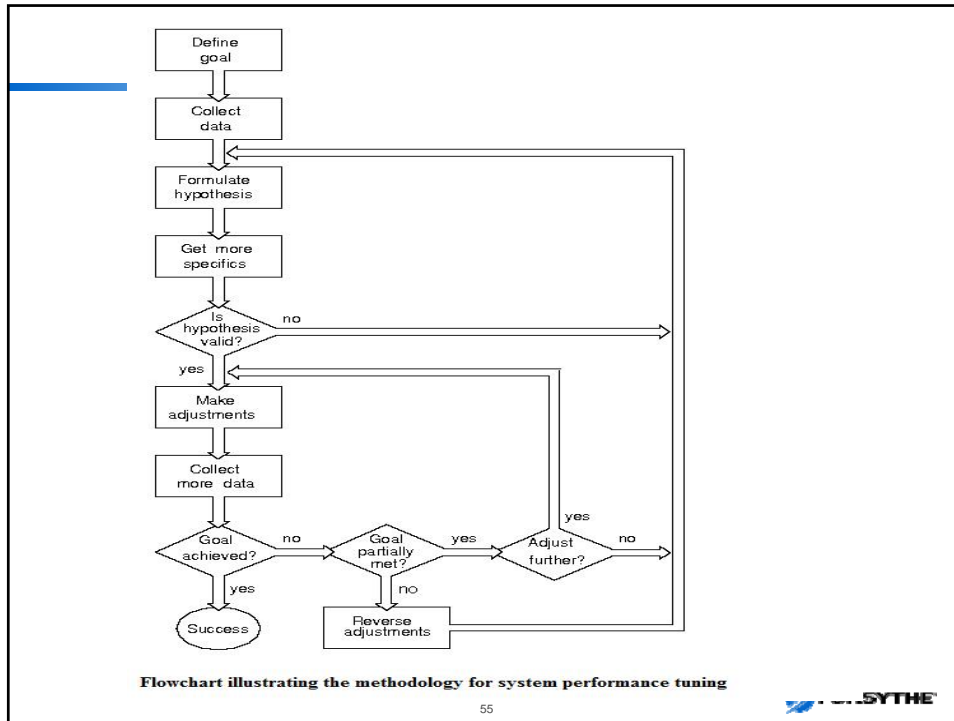
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PERFORMANCE TOOLS


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AIX Performance Monitoring Tools (lots of options)

Tools	Monitor status and stats	Trace	Tune
Virtualization	lparstat, mpstat, schedo, hpmcount, hpmstat, VIOS and HMC commands	VIOS and HMC commands	schedo, VIOS commands, HMC commands
Processor	vmstat, topas, nmon, iostat, ps, lparstat, mpstat, sar, time, emstat, netpmon, wlmstat, xmpref, procmon	trprof, curt, splat, trace, trcpt	schedo, fdpr, bindprocessor, nice/renice, setpri, smtctl
Memory	vmstat, sar, topas, nmon, ps, lsps, ipcs, svmon, netpmon, filemon, xmpref, wlmstat, pagesize	trace, trcpt	vmo, rmss, fdpr, chps/mkps
Network	netstat, topas, nmon, nfsstat, atmstat, entstat, tokstat, fddstat, nfsstat, ifconfig, netpmon tcpdump, wlmstat, iperf, netperf, jperf	iptrace, tcpdump, ipreport, trace, trcpt	no, nfso, chdev, ifconfig
I/O, LVM, JFS2	vmstat, sar, topas, nmon, iostat, fcstat, lvmstat, lsps, lsdev, lsattr, lspv, lsvg, lsiv, fileplace, trcpt, filemon, ncheck, xmpref, wlmstat	trace, trcpt	loo, lvmo, chdev, nfso, migratepv, chlvs, reorgvg, chps
Kernel	ps, pstat, topas, nmon, ipcs, emstat, svmon, truss, kdb, dbx, gprof, fuser, prof, ncheck, procmon	truss, prof, curt, splat, trace, trcpt	chdev, fdpr, schedo, schedtune, tunchange, tunccheck, tunrestore, tunsave, tundefault, raso
Application	emstat, gprof, trprof, truss, probevue, prof, time	emstat, gprof, trprof, truss, probevue, prof, time	emstat, gprof, trprof, truss, probevue, prof, time

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TOOLS

<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/Other+Performance+Tools>

topas

- New -L flag for LPAR view

nmon

nmon analyzer

- Windows tool so need to copy the .nmon file over in ascii mode
- Opens as an excel spreadsheet and then analyses the data
- Also look at nmon consolidator

sar

- sar -A -o filename 2 30 >/dev/null
- Creates a snapshot to a file – in this case 30 snaps 2 seconds apart
- Must be post processed on same level of system

errpt

Check for changes from defaults

ioo, vmo, schedo, vmstat -v

lvmo

lparstat, mpstat

iperf, jperf, netperf

iostat

Check out Alphaworks for the Graphical LPAR tool

Ganglia - <http://ganglia.info>

Nmonrrd and nmon2web and pGraph

Commercial IBM

- PM for AIX
- Performance Toolbox
- Tivoli ITM

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OTHER TOOLS

filemon

- filemon -v -o filename -O all
- sleep 30
- trcstop
- Most active LVs, PVs and files

pstat to check async I/O in 5.3

- pstat -a | grep aio | wc -l

perfpmr to build performance info for IBM if reporting a PMR

- /usr/bin/perfpmr.sh 300

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NMON

`nmon -ft -A -s 15 -c 120`

- Grabs a 30 minute nmon snapshot with async I/O

`nmon -ft -A -M -L -^ -s 15 -c 120`

- Same as above but includes large pages and some other features

Must be running nmon12e or higher

Nmon comes with AIX at 5.3 tl09 or 6.1 tl01 and higher BUT on 5.3 I download the latest version from the web so I get the latest v12 for sure

Creates a file in the working directory that ends .nmon

This file can be transferred to your PC and interpreted using nmon analyser or other tools

`nmon -f -O` - now gets seastats for VIO server

`nmon -f -K` - dump libperfstat structures

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmon>

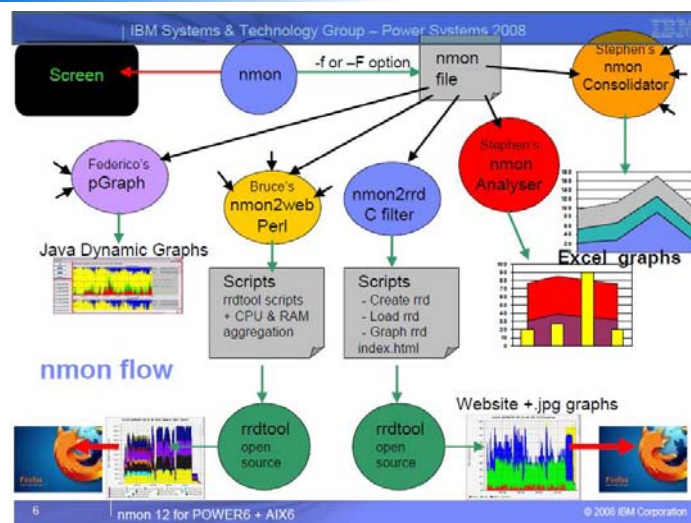
<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmonanalyser>

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmonconsolidator>

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NMON



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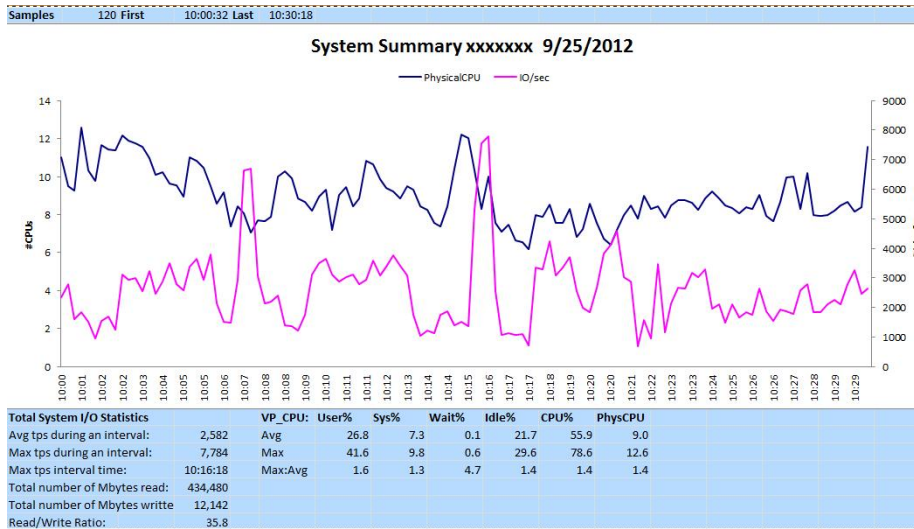
NMON ON POWER6 & AIX6 + - NEW FEATURES FOR V12

- Disk Service Times
- Selecting Particular Disks
- Time Drift
- Multiple Page Sizes
- Timestamps in UTC & no. of digits
- More Kernel & Hypervisor Stats *
- High Priority nmon
- Advanced, POWER6 and AIX6 items
- Virtual I/O Server SEA
- Partition Mobility (POWER6)
- WPAR & Application Mobility (AIX6)
- Dedicated Donating (POWER6)
- Folded CPU count (SPLPAR)
- Multiple Shared Pools (POWER6)
- Fibre Channel stats via entstat

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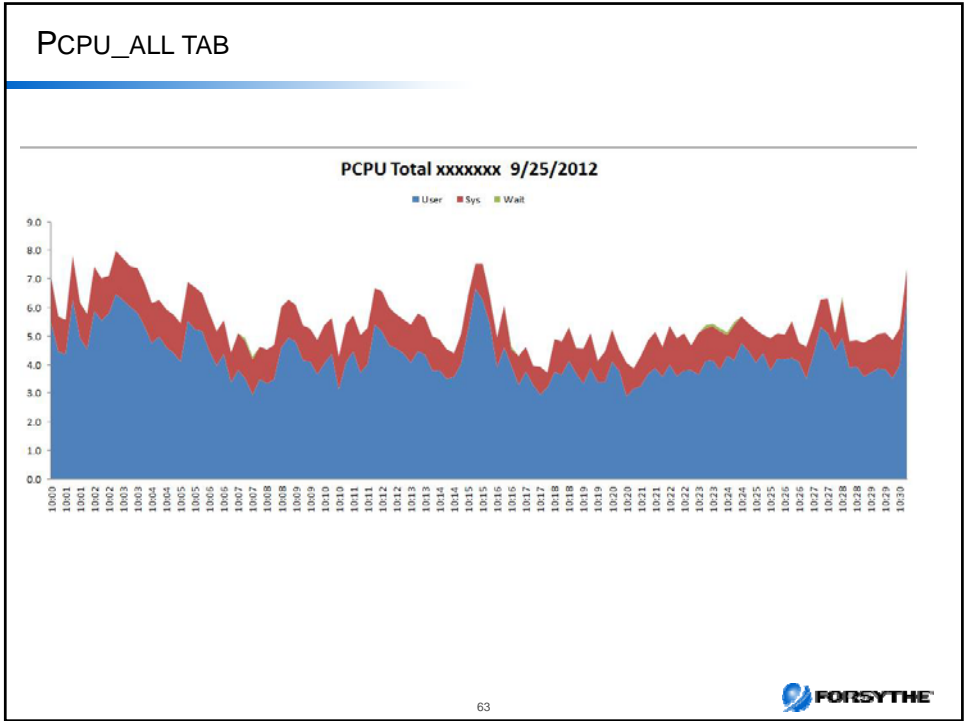


NMON SUMMARY



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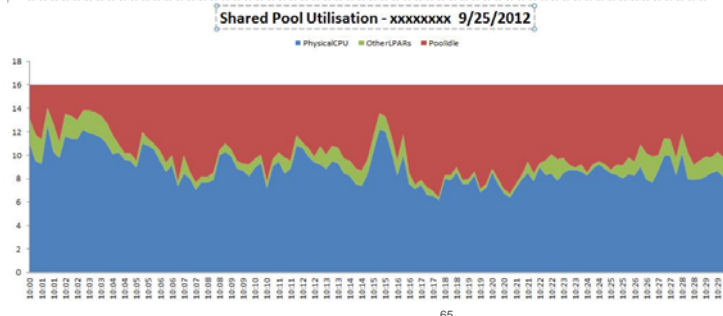
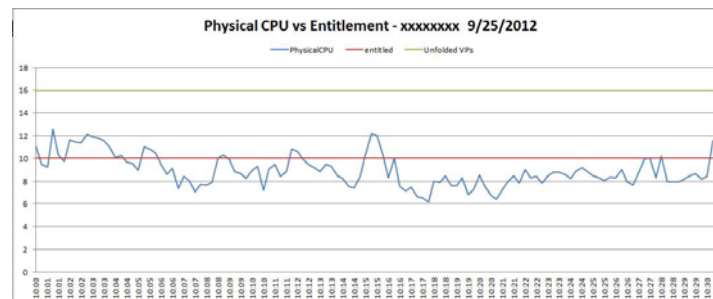


NMON BBBL TAB

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	lparno	3								
2	lparname	xxxxxx								
3	CPU in sys	24								
4	Virtual CPU	16								
5	Logical CPU	64								
6	Pool CPU	16								
7	smt threads	4								
8	capped	0								
9	min Virtual	8								
10	max Virtual	20								
11	min Logical	8								
12	max Logical	80								
13	min Capacity	8								
14	max Capacity	16								
15	Entitled Capacity	10								
16	Weight	150								
17	min Memory MB	131072								
18	max Memory MB	327680								
19	online Memory	294912								
20	pool id	2								
21	Flags	LPARed DRable SMT Shared UnCapped PoolAuth Migratable Not-Donating AMSable.								

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LPAR TAB



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USEFUL WEB LINKS

Sign up for Storage and System Notifications

- <https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/subscriptions/onvdg>

Article on this topic

- http://www.ibmssystemsmag.com/aix/administrator/performance/performance_updates/

POWER Firmware Code Matrix

- <http://www-304.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/power5cm/power7.html>

Perfpmr

- <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=aixtools-27a38cfb>
- <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/aix/tools/perftools/perfpmr>

Fix Level Recommendation Tool (FLRT)

- <http://www-304.ibm.com/support/customer/flare/home>

Nigel's AIXPert Blog

- <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/blogs/aixpert/?lang=en>

IBM Performance Tools

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/Other+Performance+Tools>

- Includes new advisors for Java, VIOS, Virtualization

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AIX Wiki

- <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/AIX>

HMC Scanner

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/HMC+Scanner>

Workload Estimator

- <http://ibm.com/systems/support/tools/estimator>

Performance Tools Wiki

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/Performance+Monitoring+Tools>

Performance Monitoring

- <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/Performance+Monitoring+Documentation>

VIOS Advisor

- <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/Other+Performance+Tools#OtherPerformanceTools-VIOSPA>

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USEFUL LINKS

Service and support best practices

- <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/best/home.html>

Fix Central - HMC, SDMC, Firmware, AIX Updates

- <http://www-933.ibm.com/support/fixcentral/>

IBM Prerequisite Tool

- https://www-912.ibm.com/e_dir/eserverprereq.nsf

IBM System Planning Tool

- <http://www-947.ibm.com/systems/support/tools/systemplanningtool/>

IBM Systems Workload Estimator

- <http://www-947.ibm.com/systems/support/tools/estimator/index.html>

nmon wiki

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmon>

nmon analyser wiki

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmonanalyser>

nmon consolidator wiki

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/nmonconsolidator>

IBM Redbooks

- <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com>

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DON'T FORGET!



When you're right
no-one remembers

When you're wrong
no-one forgets



PERFORMANCE WIKI


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VIOS Performance Advisor



VIOS Performance Advisor

The VIOS advisor is an application that runs within the customer's VIOS for a user specified amount of time (hours), which polls and collects key performance metrics before analyzing results and providing a health check report and proposes changes to the environment or areas to investigate further. The goal of the VIOS advisor is not to provide another monitoring tool, but instead have an expert system view performance metrics already available to the customer and make assessments and recommendations based on the expertise and experience available within the IBM systems performance group.

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VIOS ADVISOR

<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/display/WikiPtype/VIOS+Advisor>
Application that collects performance metrics and does a health check

Following slides run on a production VIO during a regular production day

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VIOS ADVISOR

The ratings and recommendations in the table below were chosen with the following information:

Hostname : vio1.com

PartitionID: 2

Monitoring Start Time : 03/09 11:45:19

Monitoring Stop Time : 03/09 13:45:19 **Duration :** 120 min

IBM Systems Workload Estimator link: <http://ibm.com/systems/support/tools/estimator> (VIOS Sizings)

SYSTEM - CONFIGURATION	
Name	Value
Processor Family	POWER6
Server Model	IBM,9117-MMA
Server Frequency	4.208 GHz
Server - Online CPUs	10 cores
Server - Maximum Supported CPUs	16 cores
VIOS Level	2.2.0.13-FP24 SP-03
VIOS Advisor Release	121211B

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VIOS - CPU							
	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowes 5=highes
	CPU Capacity	1.0 ent	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	CPU Consumption	avg:5.4% (cores:0.1) high:40.2% (cores:0.5)	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Processing Mode	Shared CPU, (UnCapped)	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	Variable Capacity Weight	200	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	Virtual Processors	2 vCPUs	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	SMT Mode	SMT2	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a

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SYSTEM - SHARED PROCESSING POOL							
	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowes 5=highes
	Shared Pool Monitoring	enabled	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	Shared Processing Pool Capacity	10.0 ent.	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	Free CPU Capacity	avg_free:9.4 ent. lowest_free:7.7 ent.	-	-	-	n/a	n/a


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VIOS - I/O ACTIVITY





	Name	Value
	Disk I/O Activity	avg: 229 iops @ 32KB peak: 1916 iops @ 137KB
	Network I/O Activity	[avgSend: 0 iops 0.0MBps , avgRcv: 0 iops 0.0MBps] [peakSend: 0 iops 0.0MBps , peakRcv: 0 iops 0.0MBps]




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VIOS - DISK ADAPTERS




	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowest 5=highest
	FC Adapter Count	3	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	FC Avg IOps	avg: 77 iops @ 32KB	-	03/09 11:45:19	03/09 13:45:19	n/a	n/a
	FC Adapter Utilization	optimal	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
	FC Port Speeds	running at speed	-	-	-	n/a	n/a



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VIOS - DISK DRIVES







	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowest 5=highest
	Physical Drive Count	93	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	I/Os Blocked	optimal	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Long I/O Latency (hdisk3)	avg:9.7ms (9.7 + 0.0) high:11.5ms (11.5 + 0.0)	Range: 8-12ms	03/09 12:35:58	03/09 13:44:02	n/a	n/a

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VIOS - MEMORY

	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowest 5=highest
	Real Memory	4.000 GB	7.000 GB	03/09 11:45:19	-	1	2
	Available Memory	0.346 GB	1.5 GB Avail.	03/09 11:45:39	03/09 13:45:05	n/a	n/a
	Paging Rate	0.2 MB/s pg rate	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Paging Space Size	8.000 GB	-	03/09 11:45:19	-	n/a	n/a
	Free Paging Space	7.923 GB free	-	-	-	n/a	n/a
	Pinned Memory	1.262 GB pinned	-	-	-	n/a	n/a

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