# **AIX PERFORMANCE TUNING**

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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?









Scaled Throughput
P7 and P7+ with AIX v6.1 TL08 and AIX v7.1 TL02 Dispatches more SMT threads to a VP core before unfolding additional VPs Tries to make it behave a bit more like P6
<b>Raw</b> provides the highest per-thread throughput and best response times at the expense of activating more physical core
<ul><li>Scaled provides the highest core throughput at the expense of per-thread response times and throughput.</li><li>It also provides the highest system-wide throughput per VP because tertiary thread capacity is "not left on the table."</li></ul>
<ul> <li>schedo -p -o vpm_throughput_mode=</li> <li>0 Legacy Raw mode (default)</li> <li>1 "Enhanced Raw" mode with a higher threshold than legacy</li> <li>2 Scaled mode, use primary and secondary SMT threads</li> <li>4 Scaled mode, use all four SMT threads</li> <li>Dynamic Tunable</li> </ul>
SMT unfriendly workloads could see an enormous per thread performance degradation



Using	SAR -	-P A	LL (	Pow	/er7	& SMT4)
AIX bpicnim 1	7 00F693	4B4C0	0 10	/05/11 (	(1 core a	and 2 VPs)
System config	juration: lcj	pu=8 e	nt=1.0	0 mode	=Uncap	pped
19:40:49 cpu 19:40:50 In the above c	%usr % 0 7 1 0 2 0 3 0 7 0 U - - 0 cpu4-6 are	6sys 88 0 1 0 59 - 1 missin	%wio 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	%idle 5 100 99 100 41 98 99	physc 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.98 0.02 0 so sar	%entc 1.4 0.3 0.3 0.3 0.0 97.5 2.5 r did not print them to save space
mpstat –s 1 1 System config	juration: lcj	pu=8 e	nt=1.0	mode=	Uncapp	bed
cpu0 cpu 1.33% 0.31	Proc0 2.26% 1 cpu2 % 0.31%	cpu3 0.319	%		cpu4 0.00%	Proc4 0.01% cpu5 cpu6 cpu7 0.00% 0.00% 0.01%

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iguration:	: lcpu=4 e	nt=0.80				
cpu	%usr	%sys	%wio	%idle	physc	%entc
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
		physc to	otal match	es ent abo	ve so 100°	%
ariy busy	/ – now ma	p this to th	e mpstat c	ommand		
guration:	lcpu=4 er	nt=0.80				
Proc0	-			Proc1		
39.99%	6			39.76%		
	cpu1		cpu2		cpu3	
	37.45%	5	37.57%		2.19%	
	37.45%	<b>b</b>	31.51%		2.19%	
	arly busy guration: parly busy guration: Proc0 39.99%	1 3 5 00CDAF6F4C iguration: lcpu=4 e cpu %usr 0 0 1 100 2 100 3 0 - 94 early busy – now ma guration: lcpu=4 e Proc0 39.99% cpu1 37.45%	1         3 5 00CDAF6F4C00 ent=0         iguration: lcpu=4 ent=0.80         cpu       %usr       %sys         0       0       7         1       100       0         2       100       0         3       0       1         -       94       0         physc to       physc to         early busy – now map this to the         guration: lcpu=4 ent=0.80         Proc0       39.99%         cpu1       37.45%	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$





CORRECTING PAGING	
11173706 paging space I/Os blocked with no psbuf	
Isps output on above system that was paging before changes were made to	o tunables
Page Space Physical Volume Volume Group Size %Used Active Aut paging01 hdisk3 pagingvg 16384MB 25 yes yes paging00 hdisk2 pagingvg 16384MB 25 yes yes hd6 hdisk0 rootvg 16384MB 25 yes yes	to Type Iv Iv s Iv
What you want to see	
Page Space Physical Volume Volume Group Size %Used Active Aut paging01 hdisk3 pagingvg 16384MB 1 yes yes paging00 hdisk2 pagingvg 16384MB 1 yes yes hd6 hdisk0 rootvg 16384MB 1 yes yes	to Type i Iv i Iv s Iv
lsps -s Total Paging Space Percent Used Can also use vmstat –I and vmsta 49152MB 1%	ıt -s
Should be balanced – NOTE VIO Server comes with 2 different sized page datas (at least until FP24)	sets on one hdisk
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DEFAULT PAGE SPACE CALCULATION	
<ul> <li>AIX Client default</li> <li>hd6 must be &gt;= 64MB, others must be &gt;= 16MB</li> <li>Page space can use no more than 20% disk</li> <li>If real &lt;256MB then page space = 2 x real</li> <li>If real &gt;= 256MB then page space = 256MB</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>VIO Server</li> <li>1 x 512MB and 1 x 1024MB page space both on the same disk</li> <li>Supposedly fixed if installing FP24 but not if upgrade</li> </ul>	
On my VIO: # Isps -a Page Space Physical Volume Volume Group Size %Used Active Auto Type Chksum hd6 hdisk0 rootvg 4096MB 1 yes yes lv 0	
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## PAGE\_STEAL\_METHOD EXAMPLE

500GB memory
50% used by file systems (250GB)
50% used by working storage (250GB)
mempools = 5
So we have at least 5 LRUDs each controlling about 100GB memory
Set to 0
Scans all 100GB of memory in each pool
Set to 1
Scans only the 50GB in each pool used by filesystems
Reduces cpu used by scanning
When combined with CIO this can make a significant difference

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LSSRAD	-AV			
Large <mark>REF1</mark> 0	LPAR on a SRAD	a 770 MEM	CPL	J
63	0	171529.00	0-15	20-23 28-31 36-39 44-47 52-55 60-
	1	114771.50	16-1	9 24-27 32-35 40-43 48-51 56-59
Smalle REF1 0	er LPAR SRAD 0 2 1 3	MEM 88859.50 36354.00 42330.00 20418.00	CPU 0-7 8-11	REF1 indicates where REF1=0 SRAD=0 is local REF1=0 SRAD=1 is near Other REF values are far This is relative to the process home SRAD = CPU + Memory group MEM = Mbytes CPU = LCPU number, assuming SMT4
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ROUGH ANATOMY OF AN I/O	
LVM requests a PBUF <ul> <li>Pinned memory buffer to hold I/O request in LVM layer</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Then placed into an FSBUF</li> <li>3 types</li> <li>These are also pinned</li> <li>Filesystem</li> <li>Client</li> <li>External Pager</li> </ul>	JFS NFS and VxFS JFS2
<ul><li>If paging also need PSBUFs (also pinned)</li><li>Used for I/O requests to and from page space</li></ul>	
Then queue I/O to hdisk (queue_depth)	
Then queue it to adapter (num_cmd_elems)	
Adapter queues it to the disk subsystem	
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	LVMO —	Α Ουτρυ	т	
2725270 pend	ding disk I/Os bloc	ked with n	o pbuf	
vgname = roo pv_pbuf_cour total_vg_pbuf max_vg_pbuf pervg_blocker pv_min_pbuf	tvg tt = 512 s = 1024 _count = 16384 d_io_count = 0 = 512		this is rootvg	
Max_vg_pbuf global_blocke	count = 0 d_io_count = 272	5270	this is the others	
Use lvmo –v > For other VGs	xxxvg -a we see the follow blocked	ving in perv total	/g_blocked_io_count /g_bufs	
nimvg sasvg backupvg	29 2719199 6042	512 1024 4608	0_	
lvmo –v sasvę	g –o pv_pbuf_cou	nt=2048		
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VMSTAT –V OUTPUT	
<ul> <li>3.0 minperm percentage</li> <li>90.0 maxperm percentage</li> <li>45.1 numperm percentage</li> <li>45.1 numclient percentage</li> <li>90.0 maxclient percentage</li> </ul>	
1468217 pending disk I/Os blocked with no pbuf 11173706 paging space I/Os blocked with no psbuf 2048 file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf 238 client file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf 39943187 external pager file system I/Os blocked with no fsbuf	pbufs pagespace JFS NFS/VxFS JFS2
numclient=numperm so most likely the I/O being done is JFS2 or NI Based on the blocked I/Os it is clearly a system using JFS2 It is also having paging problems pbufs also need reviewing	FS or VxFS
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CALCULATING MINFREE AND MAXFREE
vmstat –v  grep memory 3 memory pools
vmo -a   grep free maxfree = 1088 minfree = 960
Calculation is: minfree = (max (960,(120 * lcpus) / memory pools)) maxfree = minfree + (Max(maxpgahead,j2_maxPageReadahead) * lcpus) / memory pools
So if I have the following: Memory pools = 3 (from vmo –a or kdb) J2_maxPageReadahead = 128 CPUS = 6 and SMT on so lcpu = 12 So minfree = (max(960,(120 * 12)/3)) = 1440 / 3 = 480 or 960 whichever is larger And maxfree = minfree + (128 * 12) / 3 = 960 + 512 = 1472 I would probably bump this to 1536 rather than using 1472 (nice power of 2)
If you over allocate these values it is possible that you will see high values in the "fre" column of a vmstat and yet you will be paging.
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IFCONFIG
ifconfig -a output
en0: flags=1e080863,480 <up,broadcast,notrailers,running,simplex,multicas T,GROUPRT,64BIT,CHECKSUM_OFFLOAD(ACTIVE),CHAIN&gt; inet 10.2.0.37 netmask 0xfffffe00 broadcast 10.2.1.255 tcp_sendspace 65536 tcp_recvspace 65536 rfc1323 0</up,broadcast,notrailers,running,simplex,multicas 
flags=e08084b <up,broadcast,loopback,running,simplex,multicast,grou PRT,64BIT&gt; inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 0xff000000 broadcast 127.255.255.255 inetf ::10</up,broadcast,loopback,running,simplex,multicast,grou 
tcp_sendspace 131072 tcp_recvspace 131072 rfc1323 1
These override no, so they will need to be set at the adapter. Additionally you will want to ensure you set the adapter to the correct setting if it runs at less than GB, rather than allowing auto-negotiate
Stop inetd and use chdev to reset adapter (i.e. en0) Or use chdev with the $-P$ and the changes will come in at the next reboot



NET	WORK				
interface	Speed	MTU	tcp_sendspace	tcp_recvspace	rfc1323
00	N/A	16896	131072	131072	1
Ethernet	10/100 mb				
Ethernet	1000 (Gb)	1500	131072	165536	1
Ethernet	1000 (Gb)	9000	262144	131072	1
Ethernet	1000 (Gb)	1500	262144	262144	1
Ethernet	1000 (Gb)	9000	262144	262144	1
Virtual Ethernet	N/A	any	262144	262144	1
InfiniBand	N/A	2044	131072	131072	1
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Other Network
If 10Gb network check out Gareth's Webinar
<ul> <li>https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/download/attachments/153124943/7_PowerVM_10Gbit_Et hernet.pdf?version=1</li> </ul>
netstat –v
Look for overflows and memory allocation failures
Max Packets on S/W Transmit Queue: 884
S/W Transmit Queue Overflow: 9522
<ul> <li>"Software Xmit Q overflows" or "packets dropped due to memory allocation failure"</li> </ul>
Increase adapter xmit queue     Iso isottr. El apt2. To see sotting
Look for receive errors or transmit errors
dma underruns or overruns
mbuf errors
Iparstat 2
<ul> <li>Look for high vcsw – indicator that entitlement may be too low</li> </ul>
tcp_nodelay (or tcp_nodelayack)
Disabled by default
<ul> <li>200ms delay by default as it waits to piggy back acks on packets</li> </ul>
Also check errpt – people often forget this

#### 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: 22738616174 Interrupts: 0 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 CRC Errors: 0 No Carrier Sense: 0 DMA Underrun: 0 DMA Overrun: 0 Lost CTS Errors: 0 Alignment Errors: 0 No Resource Errors: 286155 check those tiny, etc Buffers Receive Collision Errors: 0 Max Collision Errors: 0 Late Collision Errors: 0 Deferred: 0 Packet Too Short Errors: 0 SQE Test: 0 Packet Too Long Errors: 0 Timeout Errors: 0 Single Collision Count: 0 Packets Discarded by Adapter: 0 Receiver Start Count: 0 Multiple Collision Count: 0 Current HW Transmit Queue Length: 50 💋 FORSYTHE 39



BUFFERS								
Virtual Trunk Statistics Receive Information Receive Buffers Buffer Type Min Buffers Max Buffers Allocated Registered History Max Allocated Lowest Registered	Tiny 512 2048 513 511 532 502	Small 512 <b>2048</b> 2042 506 <b>2048</b> 354	Medium 128 256 128 128 128 128	Large 24 64 24 24 24 24 24	Huge 24 64 24 24 24 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 threshhold for how many buffers can be allocated								
chdev –I <veth> -a max_buf_small=4096 –P chdev –I <veth> -a min_buf_small=2048 –P Above increases min and max small buffers for the virtual ethernet adapter configured for the SEA above</veth></veth>								
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SAR	-D								
sar –d :	2 6 sho	ws:							
	device	%busy	avque	r+w/s	Kbs/s	avwait	avserv		
avque	hdisk7 hdisk8 hdisk9	0 19 2	0.0 0.3 0.0	2 568 31	160 14337 149	0.0 23.5 0.0	1.9 2.3 0.9		
Aver Wait Valu Useo	Average IOs in the wait queue Waiting to get sent to the disk (the disk's queue is full) Values > 0 indicate increasing queue_depth may help performance								
avwait									
Time	e waiting	, in the w	ait que	ue (ms	)				
avserv									
I/O service time when sent to disk (ms)									
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IOSTAT -D	
Extended Drive Report Also c	sheck out the –aD option
hdisk18 xfer: %tm_act bps tps bread	bwrtn
read: rps avgserv minserv maxserv til	3.4M meouts fails
0.0 0.2 0.2 0.2	0 0
write: wps avgserv minserv maxserv	timeouts fails
148.3 3.6 0.2 632.2	0 0
queue: avgtime mintime maxtime avgwqs:	z avgsqsz sqfull
24.5 0.0 631.7 4.0	0.0 83.2
tps Transactions per second –	transfers per second to the adapter
avgserv Average service time	
Avgtime Average time in the wait qu	eue
avgwqsz Average wait queue size	
If regularly >0 increase que	ue-depth
avgsqsz Average service queue size	(waiting to be sent to disk)
Can't be larger than queue	depth for the disk
sqiui inumber times the service of	ueue was tuli
Look at lostat $-aD$ for adapted queues	denth Also look at avgsgsz
Per IBM Average IO sizes:	deptil. Also look at avgsqsz.
read = bread/rps	
write = bwrtn/wps	
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INTERACTIVE NMON D								
lgtopas_nmo	onqqN=NFSqqqqq	qqqqqqqqdHost=b	750vio	lqqqqq	qRefres	h=2 secs	qqq21:5	8.53qqq
x Disk - Se	ervice times a	nd Queues	qqq	pppppp	uddddddd	pppppppp	Idddddd	Iddddd
x Name	milli-seconds	milli-seconds	Size	Size	Full	SELVY		
xhdisk1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xhdisk2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xhdisk0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xhdisk3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xhdisk5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xcd0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xhdisk4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
xTotals (MB/	s) Read=0.0	Write=0.0 Si	ze (GB)	=273	Free (GB	)=84		
xqqqqqqqqqqq	Idddddddddddd	adadadadadada	qqqqqq	adadad	qqqqqqq	qqqqqqqq	Idddddd	Iddddd
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ADAPTER QUEUE PROBLEMS						
Look at BBBE Tab in NMON	Analyzor or run fostat command					
Adapter device drivers use DMA for IO From fcstat on each fcs NOTE these are since boot						
FC SCSI Adapter Driver Infor No DMA Resource Count: 0 No Adapter Elements Count No Command Resource Co						
	- adjust max yfor sizo					
No DiviA lesource	- adjust max_xiel_size					
No adapter elements	- adjust num_cmd_elems					
No command resource	<ul> <li>adjust num_cmd_elems</li> </ul>					
If using NPIV make changes						
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Adapter <sup>-</sup>	Tuning	i			
tcs0					
bus_intr_IVI	115 0xdfc00	Bus Interrupt level		False	
bus mem addr	0xe8040000	Bus memory address		False	
init link	al	INIT Link flage	2	True	
intr_priority	3	Interrunt priority		Falso	
la term dma	0×800000	Long term DMA		True	
max xfer size	0x100000	Maximum Transfer	Size	True	(16MB DMA)
num cmd elems	200	Maximum number	of COMMANDS to	queue to the	adapter True
pref alpa	0x1	Preferred Al PA		True	
sw fc class	2	FC Class for Fabric		True	
•	-				
Changes I often make (te	est first)				
max xfer size 0x200000	Maximum Tra	ansfer Size Tru	e 128MB DMA	area for data	a I/O
num cmd elems 1024	Maximum nu	mber of COMMANDS	to queue to the ad	lapter True	
lg term dma is the DMA a	area for contro	ol I/O			
<u> </u>					
Check these are ok with ye	our disk vendo	or!!!			
chdev -l fcs0 -a max xfer	size=0x20000	00 -a num cmd elem	s=1024 -P		
chdev -l fcs1 -a max_xfer_	size=0x20000	0 -a num_cmd_elem	s=1024 -P		
Remember make changes	too both VIO	servers and client LP	ARs if using NPIV		
VIO server setting must be	e at least as la	rge as the client setti	ng		
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My VIO SERVER AND NPIV CLIENT ADAPTER SETTINGS							
VIO SERVER #lsattr -EI fcs0 Ig_term_dma max_xfer_size num_cmd_elems adapter True	0x800000 0x200000 1024	Long term DMA Maximum Transfer Size Maximum number of COMM	True True IANDS to queue to the				
NPIV Client (runnir #Isattr -EI fcs0 Ig_term_dma max_xfer_size num_cmd_elems	ng at defaults before 0x800000 0x200000 512	changes) Long term DMA Maximum Transfer Size Maximum Number of COMM	True True IAND Elements True				
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PARAMETER S	ETTING	as - Su	IMMARY	,	
PARAMETER	DEFAULTS AIXv5.3	S AIXv6	AIXv7	NEW SET ALL TO	
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	3 calculation	
page_steal_method	0	0 /1	(TL) ·	1 1	
JFS2 (ioo)					
j2_maxPageReadAhead	128	128	12	8 as needed	
j2_dynamicBufferPreallocation	on 16	16	1	6 as needed	
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	AD.	APTER	Pri	ORITIE	S AFF	ест Р	ERF	ORMA	NCE				
Power 7	70 Layout		9117-MM	C									
CEC		Тор	123456	has GX cables		Bottom	2468ab			5877 pcie only I/	0 Drawe	123487	
	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	Slot	Desc	Pri	Alloc	IOC
	CI	8GB DP fibre	1	lpar1	C1	8GB DP fibre	1	lpar1	Cl	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
	<b>C3</b>	8GB DP fibre	5	vio2	<b>C</b> 3	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

I/O BANDWIDTH	
<ul> <li>PCIe2 LP 8Gb 4 port Fibre HBA</li> <li>Data throughput</li> <li>IOPS</li> <li><u>http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/technotes/tips</u></li> <li>Can run at 2Gb, 4Gb or 8Gb</li> <li>PCIe2 8Gb 1 or 2 port Fibre HBA</li> </ul>	3200 MB/ps FDX per port 200,000 per port <u>0883.pdf</u>
Data throughput	
	1600 MB/s FDX per port
• IOPS	Up to 200,000 per port
Above are approximate taken from card spec Look at DISK_SUMM tab in nmon analyzer Sum reads and writes, figure out the average Then divide by 1024 to get MB/s	and max
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ASYNC I/O - V5.3		
Total number of AIOs in use pstat –a   grep aios   wc –I Maximum AIOservers started since boot servers per cpu True NB – maxservers is a per processor setting in A	AIO maxservers Isattr –EI aio0 –a maxservers maxservers 320 MAXIMUM number of IX 5.3	
Or new way for Posix AIOs is: ps –k   grep aio   wc -l 4205		
At AIX v5.3 tl05 this is controlled by aloo comma Also lostat –A THIS ALL CHANGES IN AIX V6 – SETTINGS W	IND ILL BE UNDER 100 THERE	
autoconfig defined STATE to be configured at sy fastpath enable State of fast path kprocprio 39 Server PRIORITY mayreas 4096 Mayimum number of BEOLIE	rstem restart True True True STS True	
maxservers 10 MAXIMUM number of servers minservers 1 MINIMUM number of servers	s per cpu True True	
AIO is used to improve performance for I/O t	o raw LVs as well as filesystems.	łE.

IOSTAT -A
iostat -A async IO System configuration: lcpu=16 drives=15 aío: avgc avfc maxg maif maxr avg-cpu: % user % sys % idle % iowait
150 0 5652 0 12288 21.4 3.3 64.7 10.6
Disks: % tm_act Kbps tps Kb_read Kb_wrtn
hdisk6 23.4 1846.1 195.2 381485298 61892856 hdisk5 15.2 1387.4 143.8 304880506 28324064 hdisk9 13.9 1695.9 163.3 373163558 34144512
If maxg close to maxr or maxservers then increase maxreqs or maxservers
Old calculation - no longer recommendedminservers=maxservers=number of disks times 10 divided by the active number of CPUsmaxreqs=4 times the number of disks times the queue depth
***Reboot anytime the AIO Server parameters are changed



AIO RECOM	MENDATIONS	
Oracle now recomm	nending the follo	wing as starting points
	5.3	6.1 or 7 (non CIO)
minservers maxservers maxreqs	100 200 16384	3 - default 200 65536 – default
These are per CF So for lcpu=10 ar	ט nd maxservers=	100 you get 1000 aioservers
AIO applies to bo	th raw I/O and	file systems
Grow maxservers	s as you need to	D
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# DIO AND CIO

### DIO

- Direct I/O
- Around since AIX v5.1, also in Linux
- Used with JFS
- CIO is built on it
- Effectively bypasses filesystem caching to bring data directly into application buffers
- Does not like compressed JFS or BF (Ife) filesystems
   Performance will suffer due to requirement for 128kb I/O (after 4MB)
- Reduces CPU and eliminates overhead copying data twice
- Reads are asynchronous
- No filesystem readahead
- No Irud or syncd overhead
- No double buffering of data
- Inode locks still used
- · Benefits heavily random access workloads

### DIO AND CIO CIO Concurrent I/O – AIX only, not in Linux • Only available in JFS2 Allows performance close to raw devices Designed for apps (such as RDBs) that enforce write serialization at the app Allows non-use of inode locks • Implies DIO as well • · Benefits heavy update workloads · Speeds up writes significantly Saves memory and CPU for double copies No filesystem readahead No Irud or syncd overhead No double buffering of data Not all apps benefit from CIO and DIO – some are better with filesystem • caching and some are safer that way When to use it • Database DBF files, redo logs and control files and flashback log files. • Not for Oracle binaries or archive log files

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he ratings and recommendations in the table below were cho	osen with the following information:				
ostname: vio1. '.com artitionID: 2 onitoring Start Time: 03/09 11:45:19 onitoring Stop Time: 03/09 13:45:19 Duration: 120 min M Systems Workload Estimator link: <u>http://ibm.com/systems/support/tools/estimator</u> (VIOS Sizings)					
SYSTEM - CONFIGURATION					
Name	Value				
Name Processor Family	Value POWER6				
Name       Processor Family       Server Model	Value       POWER6       IBM,9117-MMA				
Name       Processor Family       Server Model       Server Frequency	Value           POWER6           IBM,9117-MMA           4.208 GHz				
Name       Processor Family       Server Model       Server Frequency       Server - Online CPUs	Value           POWER6           IBM,9117-MMA           4.208 GHz           10 cores				
Name         Processor Family         Server Model         Server Frequency         Server - Online CPUs         Server - Maximum Supported CPUs	Value           POWER6           IBM,9117-MMA           4.208 GHz           10 cores           16 cores				
Name         Processor Family         Server Model         Server Frequency         Server - Online CPUs         Server - Maximum Supported CPUs         VIOS Level	Value           POWER6           IBM,9117-MMA           4.208 GHz           10 cores           16 cores           2.2.0.13-FP24 SP-03				

VIOS - CPU	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	-	n/a	n/a		

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.	-	5		n/a	n/a

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 ] eakSend: 0 iops

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	2	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	-	2	-	n/a	n/a	

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	2	n/a	n/a	
I/Os Blocked	optimal	3		2	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	

	VIOS - MEMORY								
	Name	Measured Value	Recommended Value	First Observed	Last Observed	Risk 1=lowest 5=highest	Impact 1=lowest 5=highest		
0	Real Memory	4.000 GB	7.000 GB	03/09 11:45:19	2	1	2		
ľ	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	17.0	03/09 11:45:19	770	n/a	n/a		
	Free Paging Space	7.923 GB free	5 <del>5</del> 8	-	1.5	n/a	n/a		
$\overline{\mathbf{N}}$	Pinned Memory	1.262 GB pinned	-	-	-	n/a	n/a		