

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 VPs are unfolded. Secondary threads are used when VPs are all in use for primary threads. When secondaries are loaded to 50% tertiary threads are dispatched

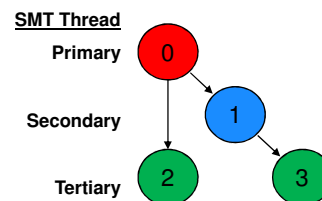


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ENTITLEMENT AND VPs

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 at 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



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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			



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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

Server-9117-MMA-SN1020AD5

GeneralProcessorsMemoryI/OMigrationPower-On ParametersCapabilitiesAdvanced

Details of the managed system's memory are listed below.

Installed memory:

Deconfigured memory:

Available memory:

Configurable memory:

Memory region size:

Current memory available for partition usage :

System firmware current memory:

Maximum number of memory pools:

32768 MB

0 MB

1920 MB

32768 MB

128 MB

30592 MB

2176 MB

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OKCancelHelp

Server-8233-E8B-SN0617BFP

GeneralProcessorsMemoryI/OMigrationPower-On ParametersCapabilitiesAdvanced

Details of the managed system's memory are listed below.

Installed memory:

Deconfigured memory:

Available memory:

Configurable memory:

Memory region size:

Current memory available for partition usage :

System firmware current memory:

Maximum number of memory pools:

131072 MB

0 MB

0 MB

131072 MB

256 MB

127744 MB

3328 MB

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OKCancelHelp

Note
firmware
Use

Also note
memory region
size

You need to
know it for LPM




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PLANNING FOR MEMORY

Don't forget memory overhead
And double if Hypervisor Mirrored

Memory Planning Worksheet
Power7 770

Max RAM Capacity		786432 Ram installed	393216 Ram Active	131072 Each active IVE port adds 102 MB					
		GB	384	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					
		Extra high performance ports per VIO							
LPAR NAME	Desired Memory MB	Maximum Memory MB	Overhead Max Div 64	OH/LMB MB	Roundup OH MB	8 NPIV VFCs per VIO Actual Overhead (MB) OH * LMB	Memory Needed	12 Extra high Perf ports	If NPIV
VIOS1	3172	4096	64	0.25	1	256		4096	1680
VIOS2	3172	4096	64	0.25	1	256		4096	1680
LPAR1	12032	16384	256	1.00	1	256			
LPAR2	20224	24576	384	1.50	2	512			
LPAR3	14336	16384	256	1.00	1	256			
LPAR4	16384	24576	384	1.50	2	512			
LPAR5	3072	4096	64	0.25	1	256			
LPAR6	2048	4096	64	0.25	1	256			
LPAR7	17152	17152	268	1.05	2	512			
LPAR8	65536	71680	1120	4.38	5	1280			
LPAR9	32768	36864	576	2.25	3	768			
HYPERVISOR							768		
IVE							102		
I/O drawer (I use 512 per 2)							512		
Safety Net							512		
MB Total							189896	224000	3500
GB Total							185	13.671875	20
							7014	196910	8192
							6.85	192	3360
							GB Total		3.28
Hypervisor requires 7GB minimum for overhead with these settings							Add High Perf	200	
LPARs require 185GB so the total active needed is at least 192GB							Or add NPIV	196	
Need to add NPIV and high speed adapter memory needs as well									
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							Combined New Overhead total	204	
So if doing both total overhead 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									
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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.

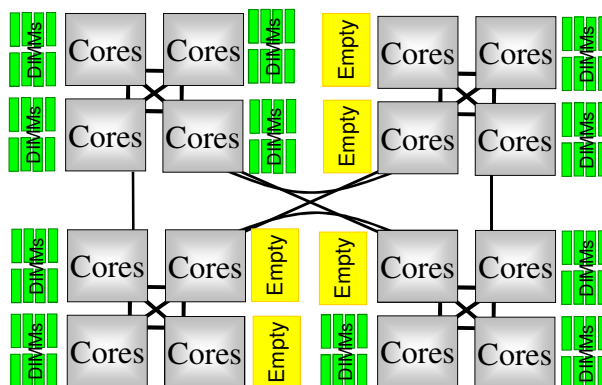


Diagram courtesy of IBM

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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 MPIO 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	
	AIXv5.3	AIXv6	AIXv7	SET ALL TO	
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

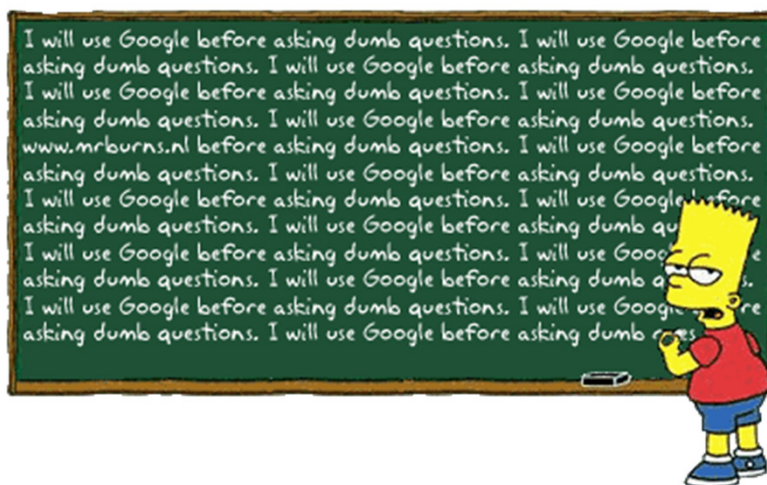
Step 1 – gather information

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

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GOOGLE IT



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BASELINE

You can use `perfpmr`, `nmon` or whatever works for you

- Must be consistent and repeatable

On AIX v5.3 you must download nmon12 – don't use the nmon_topas version

I collect nmon data 7/24 as follows:

Crontab entry:

- ```
• 59 23 * * * /usr/local/bin/runnmon.sh >/dev/null 2>&1
```

runnmon.sh:

```
#!/bin/ksh
```

#

```
cd /usr/local/perf
```

```
/usr/bin/nmon -ft -A -M -L -^ -s 150 -c 576
```

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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/prftungd/reporting\\_perf\\_prob.htm](http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/pseries/v5r3/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.aix.prfungd/doc/prftungd/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?

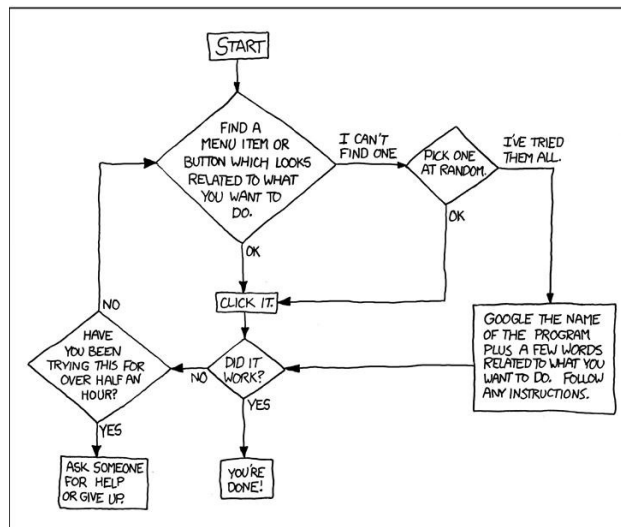
*Throughput* is a measure of the amount of work that can be accomplished over some unit of time.

- 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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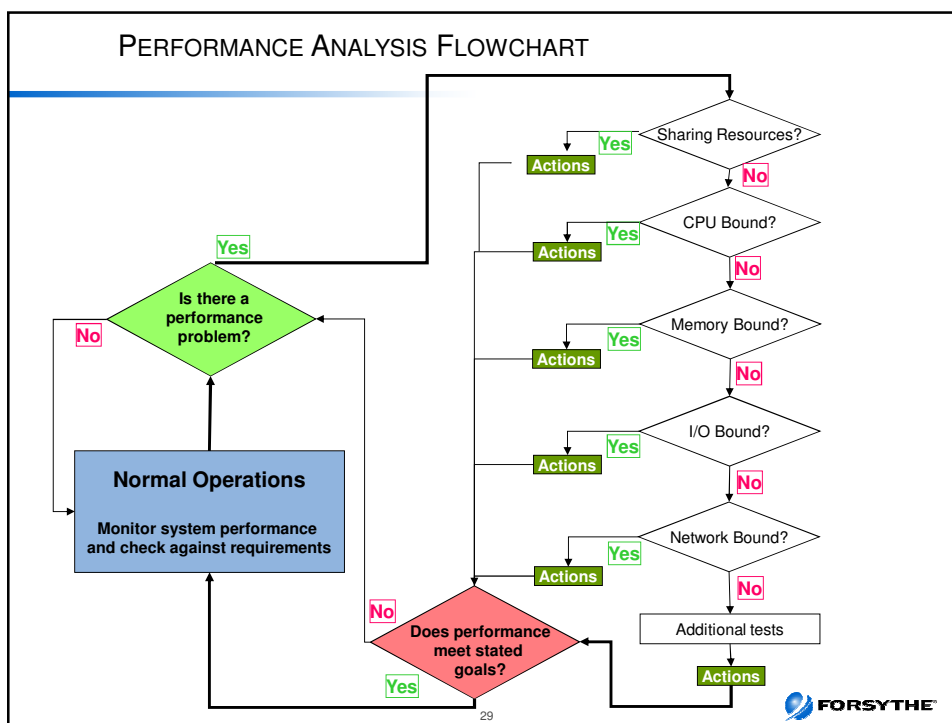
## PERFORMANCE SUPPORT FLOWCHART



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 Physc (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 |        |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| cpu0  | 39.99% | cpu2  | 39.76% |
| 2.55% | 37.45% | cpu3  | 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   |

On average exceeding entitlement  
Need to adjust it

|            |          |           |           |          |           |                    |
|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 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                |
| <b>AVE</b> | <b>-</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>12.90 184.2</b> |

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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 |
| <b>AVE -</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>1.74</b> | <b>158.0</b> |     |

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

vmstat -I 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  |
| 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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## LSSRAD -AV

Large LPAR on a 770

| REF1 | SRAD | MEM       | CPU                                    |
|------|------|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| 0    | 0    | 171529.00 | 0-15 20-23 28-31 36-39 44-47 52-55 60- |
| 63   | 1    | 114771.50 | 16-19 24-27 32-35 40-43 48-51 56-59    |

Smaller LPAR

| REF1 | SRAD | MEM      | CPU  |
|------|------|----------|------|
| 0    | 0    | 88859.50 | 0-7  |
|      | 2    | 36354.00 |      |
| 1    | 1    | 42330.00 | 8-11 |
|      | 3    | 20418.00 |      |

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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## 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

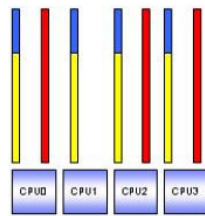


Diagram courtesy of IBM

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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## KERNEL I/O LAYERS

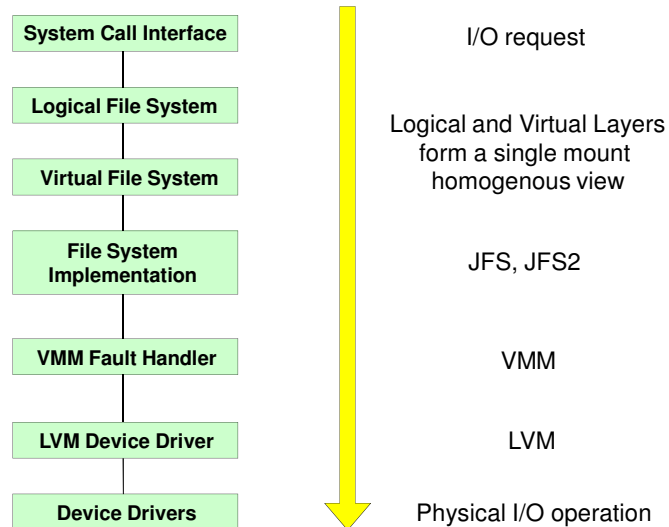


Diagram courtesy of IBM

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## ROUGH ANATOMY OF AN I/O

### LVM requests a PBUF

- Pinned memory buffer to hold I/O request in LVM layer

### Then placed into an FSBUF

- 3 types
- These are also pinned
- Filesystem
- Client
- External Pager

JFS  
NFS and VxFS  
JFS2

### If paging then need PSBUFs (also pinned)

- Used for I/O requests to and from page space

### 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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## 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\\_Ethernet.pdf?version=1](https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/wikis/download/attachments/153124943/7_PowerVM_10Gbit_Ethernet.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  
Bytes: 99551035538979  
Interrupts: 0  
Transmit Errors: 0  
Packets Dropped: 0

Packets: 94747124969  
Bytes: 99550991883196  
Interrupts: 22738616174  
Receive Errors: 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

### SEA

Transmit Statistics:

Receive Statistics:

Packets: 83329901816  
Bytes: 87482716994025  
Interrupts: 0  
Transmit Errors: 0  
Packets Dropped: 0

Packets: 83491933633  
Bytes: 87620268594031  
Interrupts: 18848013287  
Receive Errors: 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

Receiver Failures: 4043136

Send Errors: 0

**Hypervisor Receive Failures: 67836309**

"No Resource Errors" can occur when the appropriate amount of memory can not be added quickly to vent buffer space for a workload situation.

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## 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

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## 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 | physc | %entc | lbusy | app  | vcs   | 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:
JFS2 IO dio demoted:
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## REDO LOGS AND DEMOTED I/O

lsfs -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         |

lsfs -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, DMAP1: 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

|                 | <b>AVE</b> | <b>MAX</b> | <b>MB</b>    | <b>MB</b>    |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                 |            |            | <b>AVE</b>   | <b>MAX</b>   |
| 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    | <b>12.83</b> | <b>61.58</b> |

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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/ursrvc/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

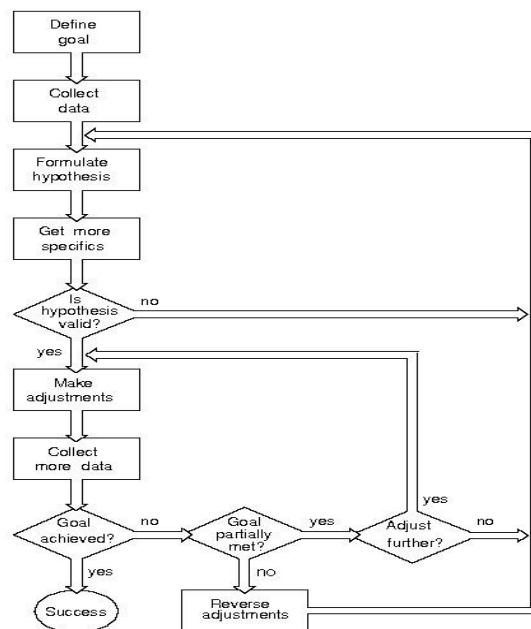
- <http://www-05.ibm.com/de/support/ecurep/index.html>

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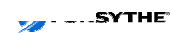
# PERFORMANCE TOOLS

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Flowchart illustrating the methodology for system performance tuning

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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                                       | tprof, curt, splat, trace, trcpt                   | schedo, fdpr, bindprocessor, nice/renice, setpri, smtctl                                   |
| Memory         | vmstat, sar, topas, nmon, ps, lpsps, 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, lpsps, lsdev, lsattr, lspv, lsvg, lslv, fileplace, trcpt, filemon, ncheck, xmpref, wlmstat | trace, trcpt                                       | loo, lvmo, chdev, nfso, migratepv, chlv, 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, tuncheck, 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

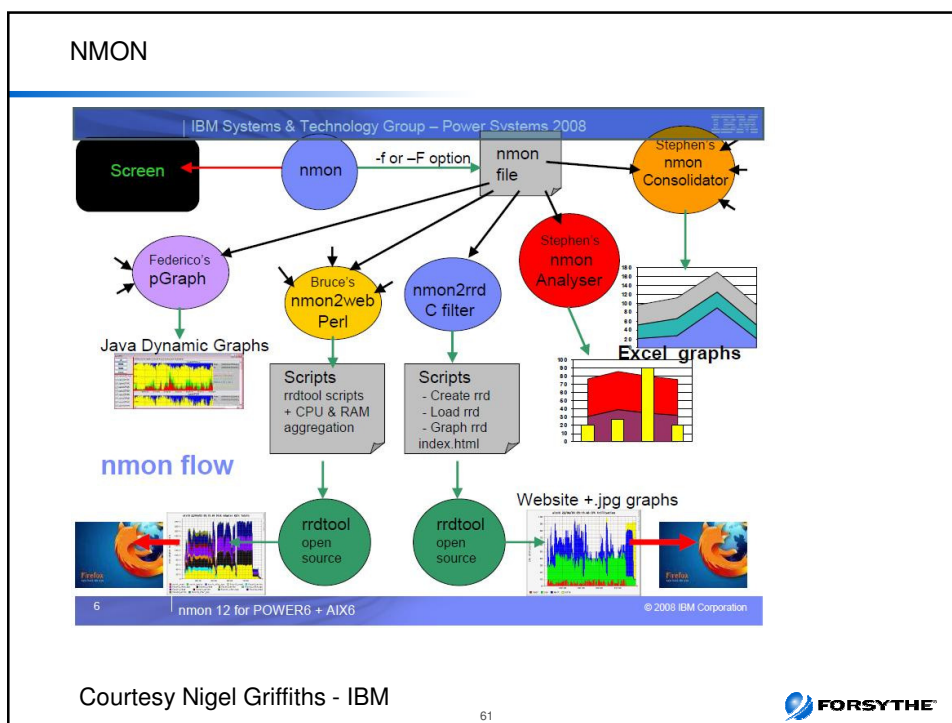
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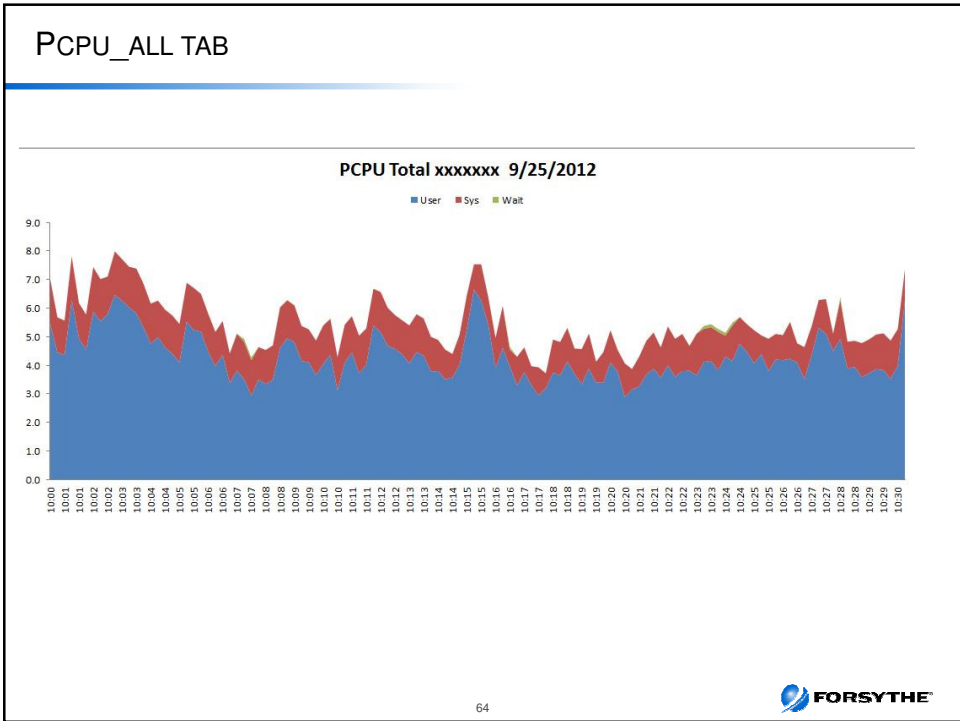
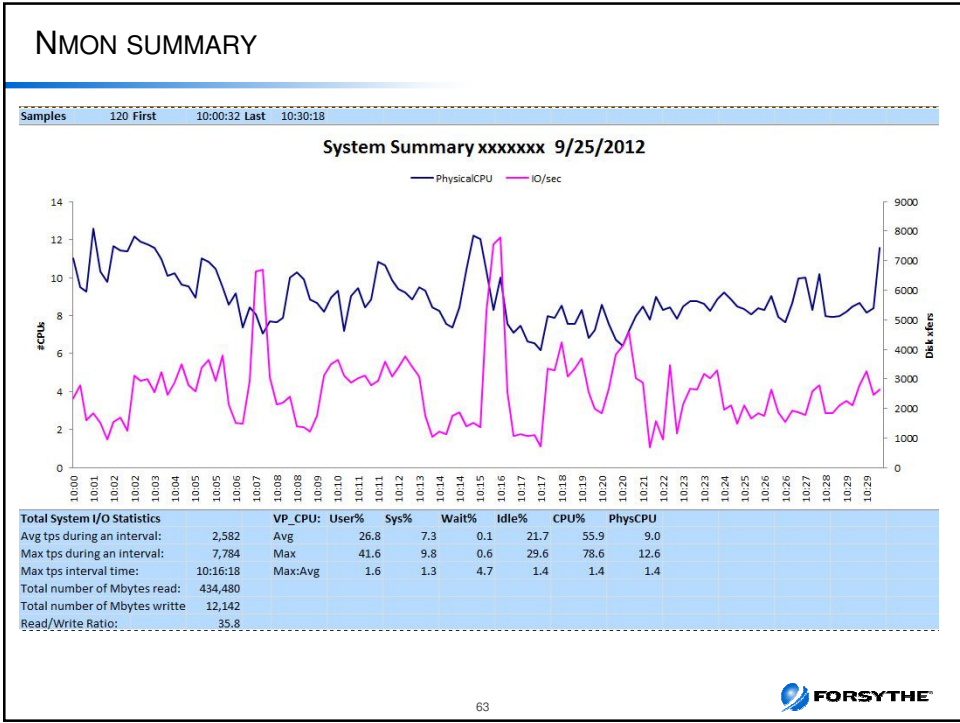


## NMON ON POWER6 & AIX6 + - NEW FEATURES FOR V12

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





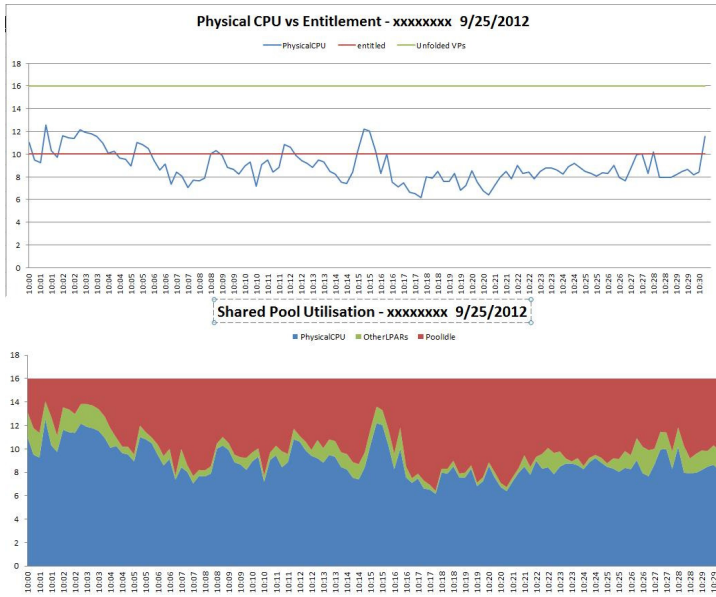
# NMON BBBL TAB

|    | A                 | B                                                                            | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
|----|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1  | lparno            | 3                                                                            |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2  | lparname          | xxxxxxx                                                                      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 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             | LPARRed 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/](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-care/flrt/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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## USEFUL LINKS

### 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/eserverprereg.nsf](https://www-912.ibm.com/e_dir/eserverprereg.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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### Other Performance Tools

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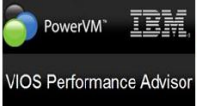
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#### Performance - Other Tools (non AIX commands)



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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.

Take this link to the [VIOS Performance Advisor](#)

## 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

## 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<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest | Impact<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest |
|  | CPU Capacity             | 1.0 ent                                              | -                 | 03/09 11:45:19 | -             | n/a                           | n/a                             |
|  | CPU Consumption          | avg:5.4%<br>(cores:0.1)<br>high:40.2%<br>(cores:0.5) | -                 | -              | -             | n/a                           | n/a                             |
|  | Processing Mode          | Shared CPU,<br>(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<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest | Impact<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest |
|  | 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.<br>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<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest | Impact<br>1=lowest<br>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<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest | Impact<br>1=lowest<br>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)<br>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<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest | Impact<br>1=lowest<br>5=highest |
| ✖             | Real Memory       | 4.000 GB         | 7.000 GB          | 03/09<br>11:45:19 | -                 | 1                             | 2                               |
| 🔒             | Available Memory  | 0.346 GB         | 1.5 GB Avail.     | 03/09<br>11:45:39 | 03/09<br>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<br>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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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME



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