

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT DISTRIBUTED ACCESS TO DB2 FOR Z/OS

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Agenda

→Objective

 To review topics that you must know about distributed access to Db2 for z/OS

→ Contents

- Connectivity topics
- Db2 Connect Configurations
- Timeouts
- Security options
- WLM
- High performance DBATs
- Problem determination

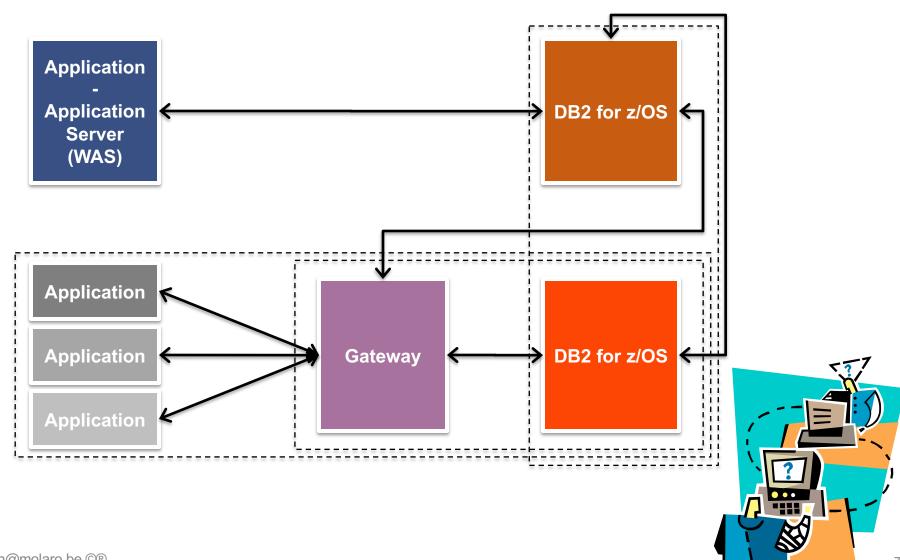




CONNECTIVITY TOPICS

Distributed access to DB2

Configuration examples



Distributed Relational Database Architecture levels

- Communication will be done using the lowest DRDA level supported by the Client / Server
- Working with down-level clients?
 - An old client will work but probably with a subset of the DRDA capabilities of the DB2 server
 - Clients and servers are supported independently
- → BUT: feedback from IBM DDF Level 2 Support area shows:
 - Typical problem: distribution protocol errors or errors with certain DDM code points
 - Special register settings not taking effect after connection reuse
 - Many (sometimes undetermined) problems solved after updating clients



IMPORTANT: Keep clients up to date

Database access threads processing modes

- → **ACTIVE MODE:** A DBAT is always active from initial creation to termination
- → INACTIVE MODE: A DBAT that is not currently processing a unit of work is called a pooled thread, and it is disconnected
 - When a DBAT in INACTIVE MODE is active, it processes requests from client connections within units of work
 - When a DBAT is pooled, it waits for the next request from a client to start a new unit of work
- → CONDBAT: Max. # of distributed connections into DB2 system
 - Includes inactive and active connections, may be large
 - DB2 queues DBAT requests to become active up to CONDBAT
- → MAXDBAT: Max # database access threads (DBATs) that can be active concurrently
 - In many installations, max. value determined by available storage in DBM1 → check IFCID 225

Use INACTIVE threads

- Enable inactive thread support
 - CMSTAT=INACTIVE
 - Allows DB2 for z/OS pooling:
 - Reduction in CPU utilization
 - Reduction in Memory utilization
- → To allow DDF threads to become INACTIVE
 - Avoid holding resources
 - WITH HOLD cursors not closed
 - DTT not dropped
 - Application using packages bound using KEEPDYNAMIC



IMPORTANT: Resources held across a COMMIT would prevent the connection and associated DB2 thread from being POOLED

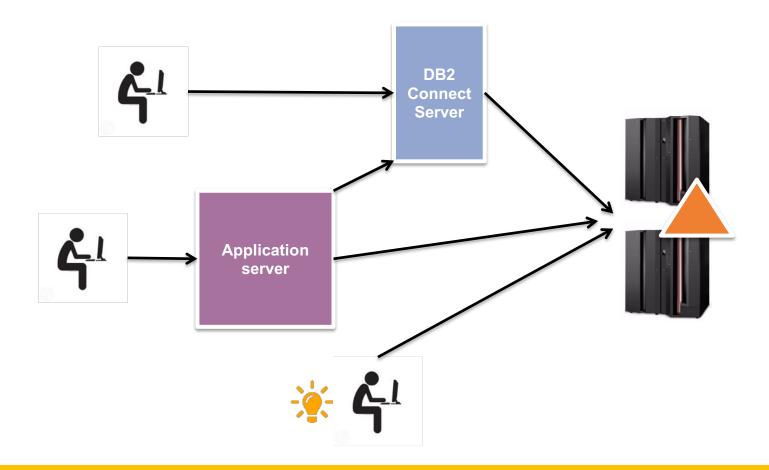


DIS DDF command

```
DSNL080I -DB2P DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT FOLLOWS:
DSNL081I STATUS=STARTD
DSNL082I LOCATION
                       LUNAME
                                       GENERICLU
DSNL083I DB2P
                        DB2P.LU1
                                       -NONE
DSNL084I TCPPORT=5136 SECPORT=5137 RESPORT=5138 IPNAME=-NONE
DSNL085I IPADDR=::192.168.1.1
DSNL086I SOL DOMAIN=WWW.HELLOWORLD.BE
DSNL090I DT=I CONDBAT= 1000 MDBAT= 200
0 CONQUED=
DSNL093I DSCDBAT=
                   0 INACONN=
DSNL099I DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT COMPLETE
***
```

- → DT=I --> DDF configured with INACTIVE threads
- → CONDBAT --> MAX REMOTE CONNECTED
- → MDBAT --> MAX REMOTE ACTIVE
- → ADBAT --> Current # of DBATs, active and disconnected
- → QUEDBAT --> Count # times MDBAT was reached, only reset at restart
- → INADBAT --> Current # of inactive DBATs, DISPLAY THREAD TYPE(INACTIVE)
- → CONQUED --> Current # of queued connections
- → DSCDBAT --> Current # of disconnected DBATs= DBAT pool threads
- → INACONN --> Current # of inactive connections

DB2 Connect Configurations





IMPORTANT: DB2 Connect licensing is required in **ALL** configurations

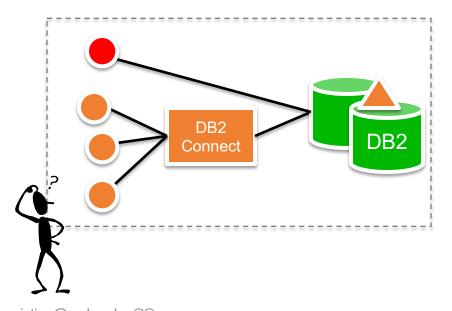
Some DB2 Connect reserved functionalities

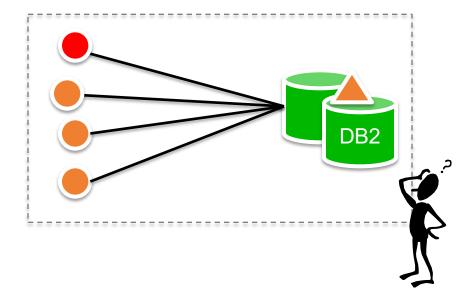


IMPORTANT: There is no mechanism available to DDF or WLM to classify a workload **BEFORE** connection: critical and low priority workloads compete for DBATs

→ DB2 Connect:

- Provides gateway, connection concentration and a larger scope for WLB and Pooling
- Simplification of upgrades and maintenance



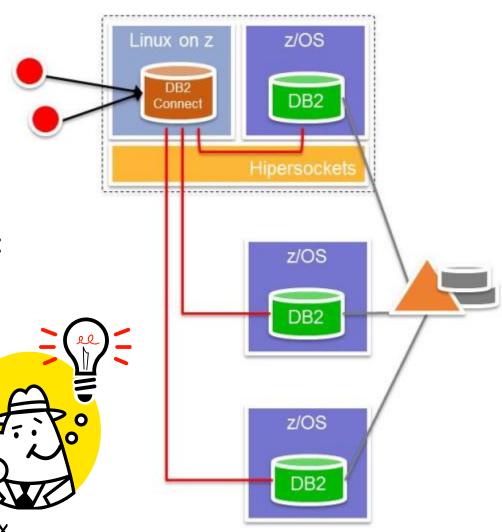


DB2 Connect and Hipersockets

- → DB2 Connect + zVM + zLinux
- → Probably the best option for a DB2 Connect server
- Get availability advantages of System z at IFL price
- Hipersockets support
- Promotes server consolidation: reduces Data Center costs



Application server in zLinux



db2 ping

- → Tests the network response time of the underlying connectivity between a client and a database server
- → Can simulate ≠ packages sizes (bytes) for REQUEST and RESPONSE

```
C:\..\SQLLIB\BIN>db2 ping PRODDB request 100 response 32000 10 times

Elapsed time: 4256 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4507 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4240 microseconds
Elapsed time: 5034 microseconds
Elapsed time: 3998 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4009 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4000 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4071 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4071 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4096 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4096 microseconds
Elapsed time: 4053 microseconds
```

- Requires to be connected to the target database
 - For testing if you can reach the server
 - Ping / traceroute OS commands

DB2 for z/OS Timeouts

→ Example: a remote client connects to DB2, does some work, and then does not go inactive (likely no COMMIT):



STC09109 DSNL027I _DBXP SERVER DISTRIBUTED AGENT WITH

LUWID=GA65B414.PA09.1111C8065156=43494

THREAD-INFO=TOTO123:MACBOOK01:TOTO123:javaw.exe

RECEIVED ABEND=04E

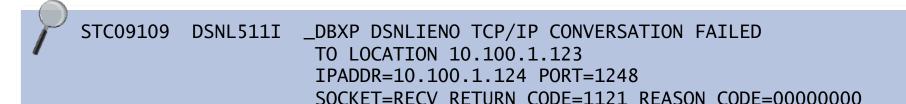
FOR REASON=00D3003B

→ IDTHTOIN

- Time, in seconds, an active server thread remains idle before it is cancelled
- Inactive connections are not subject to idle thread timeout
- In general, default works well
- Client may receive SQL30081N which would indicate that the remote connection was terminated

Client timeouts

- → SQL_ATTR_QUERY_TIMEOUT
 - The client side equivalent of IDTHTOIN
- Set a timeout value for SQL queries ran through the ODBC API
- → A timeout value of 0 disables the timeout



- QueryTimeoutInterval is the delay, in seconds, between checks for a query timeout
 - May be set larger than SQL_ATTR_QUERY_TIMEOUT
 - It is a db2cli.ini keyword

How to catalog a DB2 for z/OS SSID

DSNL099I DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT COMPLETE



→ DB2 10 for LUW does not provides the Configuration Assistant



```
DSNL080I -DZA1 DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT FOLLOWS:
DSNL081I STATUS=STARTD
DSNL082I LOCATION LUNAME GENERICLU
DSNL083I CRISDDF USIBMT6.DDFDZA1 -NONE
DSNL084I TCPPORT=446 SECPORT=448 RESPORT=4461 IPNAME=-NONE
DSNL085I IPADDR=::10.50.1.1
DSNL086I SQL DOMAIN=CRIS59
DSNL105I CURRENT DDF OPTIONS ARE:
DSNL106I PKGREL = BNDOPT
```



catalog tcpip node CMO9 remote 10.50.1.1 server 446 ostype mvs

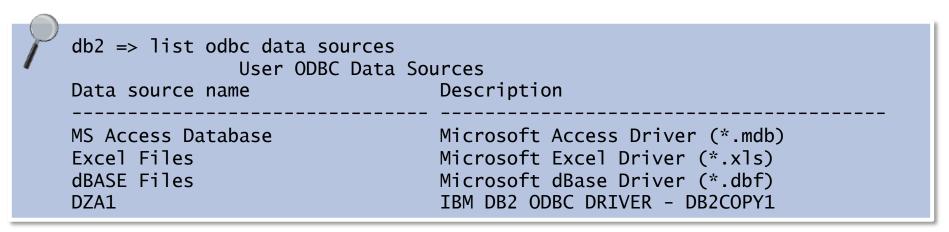


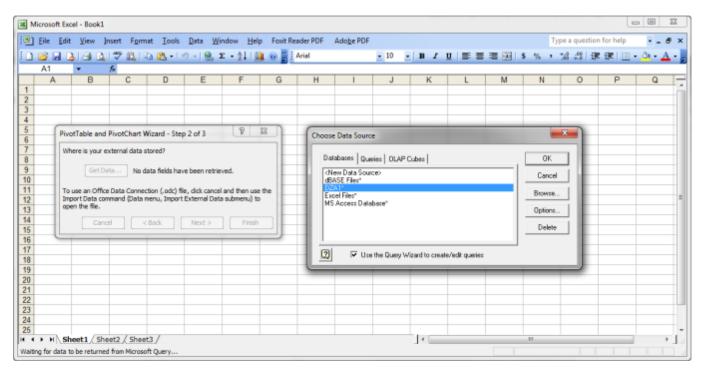
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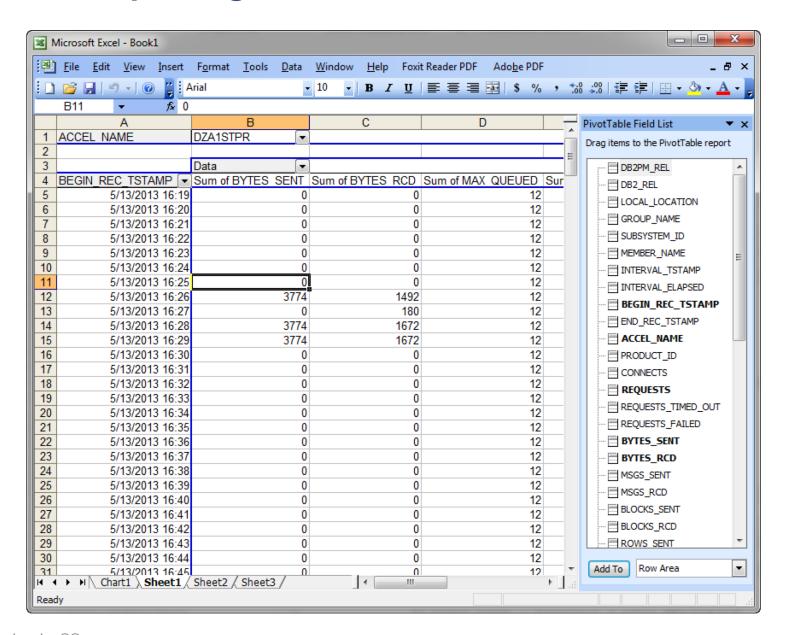
catalog odbc data source DZA1

Pivot table + ODBC to connect to DB2 for z/OS





Ad-hoc reporting from a Performance Warehouse



DB2 Security options

- → TCP/IP Already Verified (TCPALVER) subsystem parameter
 - Controls whether DB2 accepts TCP/IP connection requests that contain only a user ID
 - TCPALVER=NO → strongly recommended
 - TCPALVER=YES → RACF will not perform password checking unless the connection request sends the password
 - Potential security exposure!
 - TCPALVER=SERVER_ENCRYPT: new in DB2 10

IMPORTANT: Do not send a clear text password through the network!

- Consider using one of the following security options:
 - RACF PassTicket
 - Kerberos ticket
 - DRDA encrypted passwords



TIP: db2 catalog db DB9A at node NODE1 authentication SERVER_ENCRYPT

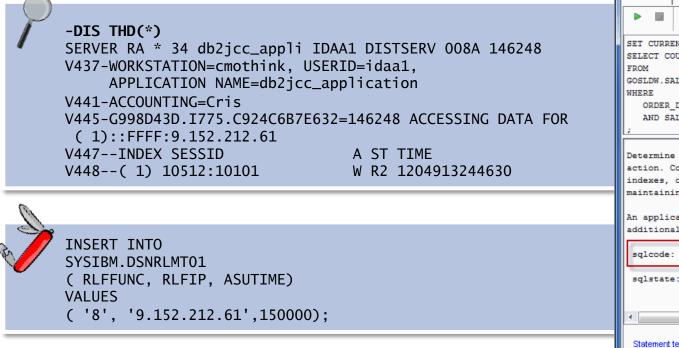
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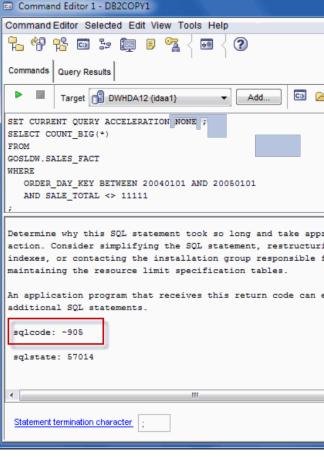
- → The resource limit tables can be used to limit the amount of resources used by dynamic queries that run on middleware servers
- Queries can be limited based on:

Client information, including the application name, user ID,

workstation ID

IP address of the client





WLM client information

- → DB2 server systems have implemented the concepts of:
 - End user IDs
 - End user workstation names
 - End user application names
 - Accounting data
- Much of this information is externalized in various forms:
 - The DSNV437I message of the DISPLAY THREAD command
 - THREAD-INFO data in various messages such as DSNT375I
 - DB2 accounting records

```
DSNL027I -PRD1 SERVER DISTRIBUTED AGENT WITH 778
LUWID=C9DE5919.F7D7.C5C2D6F15029=636
THREAD-INFO=CRIS:TotoMac:Toto:TestFromMac:*:*:

RECEIVED ABEND=04E
FOR REASON=00D3003B

DSNL028I -PRD1 C9DE5919.F7D7.C5C2D6F15029=636 779
ACCESSING DATA FOR
LOCATION ::10.50.1.12
IPADDR ::10.50.1.12
```

WLM client information

- Cannot use SQL for setting values
- Can use SQL for inquiring values:

```
SELECT
SUBSTR(CURRENT CLIENT_ACCTNG,1,15),
SUBSTR(CURRENT CLIENT_APPLNAME,1,15),
SUBSTR(CURRENT CLIENT_USERID,1,15),
SUBSTR(CURRENT CLIENT_WRKSTNNAME,1,15)
FROM SYSIBM.SYSDUMMY1;
```

- → The value of these special register can be changed by using:
 - SQLE_CLIENT_INFO_USERID (sqleseti)
 - DB2Connection.setDB2ClientUser(String info)
 - The RRS DSNRLI SIGNON, AUTH SIGNON, CONTEXT SIGNON, or SET_CLIENT_ID function
 - The WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO stored procedure

WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO

Korn shell script example

```
#!/usr/bin/ksh
client_uid="cristian"
client_wrkst="Office Desktop"
client_appl="RC01"
client acc="RC01"
db2 +o "Connect to " $MFDB2 " user " $HOSTuser " using " $HOSTpasswd
db2 "CALL SYSPROC.WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO('"$client_uid"','"$client_wrkst"'
                                       '"$client_appl"','"$client_acc"');"
db2 -xtof /home/cognos/scripts/queries/RC01
# End program
```

WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO cost

TIMES/EVENTS ELAPSED TIME NONNESTED STORED PROC UDF TRIGGER CP CPU TIME AGENT NONNESTED STORED PRC UDF TRIGGER PAR.TASKS	APPL(CL.1) 0.015367 0.007966 0.007402 0.000000 0.000000 0.001771 0.001771 0.000509 0.001262 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	DB2 (CL.2) 0.004823 0.000505 0.004319 0.000000 0.001340 0.001340 0.001340 0.000397 0.000943 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000	Up to 20 mSecs in first exec	echo "Connecting to " \$MFDB2 " user " \$HOSTuser " using " \$HOSTpasswd db2 "CALL SYSPROC.WLM_SET_CLIENT_INFO('"\$clientuid"', '"\$clientwrktn"', '"\$clientapp"', '"\$report"');" db2 -xto \$stmt1 db2 -xtof /home/cognos/scripts/RI09 db2 +o terminate

	DSNADMSI	VALUE	DSNADMSI		DSNADMSI	TIME
/	TYPE	PACKAGE	ELAPSED TIME - CL7	0.000012	LOCK/LATCH	0.000000
	LOCATION	DWHDA12	CP CPU TIME	0.000010	IRLM LOCK+LATCH	0.000000
	COLLECTION ID	DSNADMSI	AGENT	0.000010	DB2 LATCH	0.000000
	PROGRAM NAME	DSNADMSI	PAR.TASKS	0.000000	SYNCHRONOUS I/O	0.000000
	CONSISTENCY TOKEN	0E5F1F0D09F14040	SE CPU TIME	0.000000	OTHER READ I/O	0.000000
	ACTIVITY TYPE	STORED PROC	SUSPENSION-CL8	0.000000	OTHER WRITE I/O	0.000000
	ACTIVITY NAME	WLM_SET_CLIENT_I#1	AGENT	0.000000	SERV.TASK SWITCH	0.000000
	SCHEMA NAME	SYSPROC SYSPROC	PAR.TASKS	0.000000	ARCH.LOG(QUIESCE)	0.000000
	SUCC AUTH CHECK	NO	NOT ACCOUNTED	0.000001	ARCHIVE LOG READ	0.000000
	NBR OF ALLOCATIONS	1			DRAIN LOCK	0.000000
	SQL STMT - AVERAGE	1.00	CP CPU SU	1	CLAIM RELEASE	0.000000
	SQL STMT - TOTAL	1	AGENT	1	PAGE LATCH	0.000000
	NBR RLUP THREADS	1	PAR.TASKS	0	NOTIFY MESSAGES	0.000000

Accounting information and WLM

- Client info can be used to clasiffy work in WLM
- WLM Classification rules

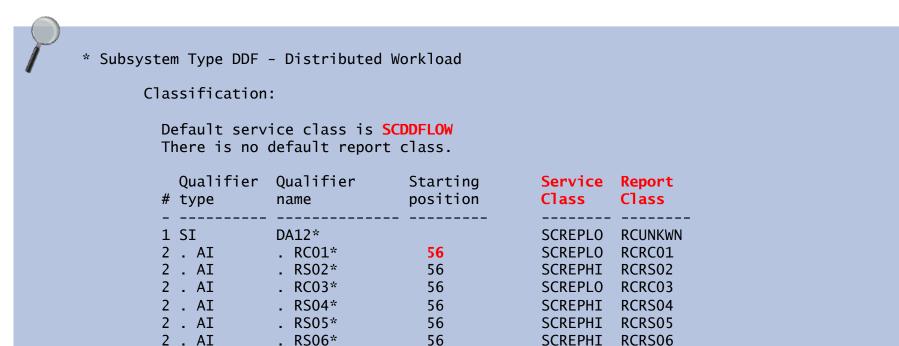
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 For work type DDF: DDF Accounting information is the value of the DB2 accounting string associated with the DDF server thread



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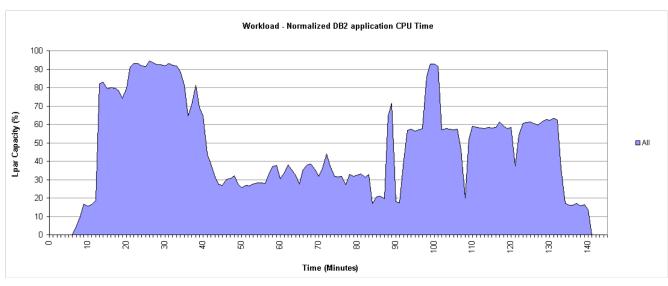
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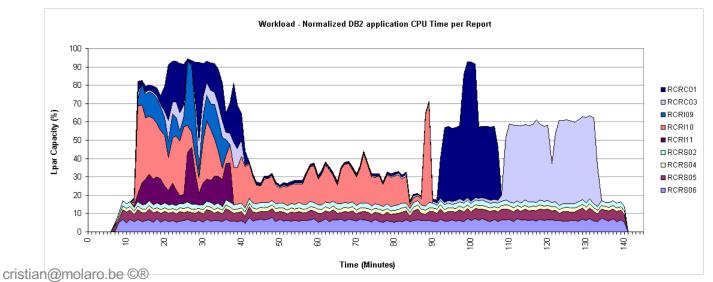
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Can you tell the difference?



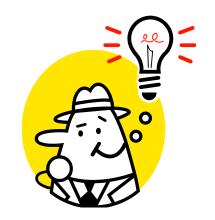


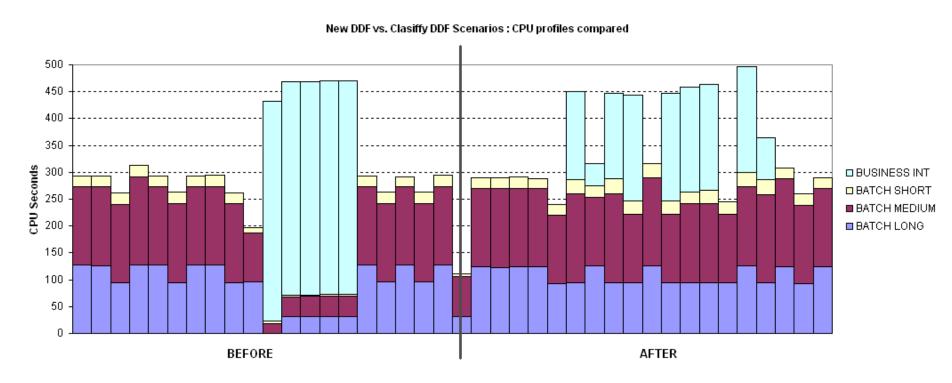




Protecting the work that matters

- → WLM can help to
 - Protect critical workloads
 - Provide consistent response times
- → Example:





DDF and Classification Rules

- Classification rules used to assign the incoming work to a
 - Service Class
 - Reporting Class (optional)
- If you do not implement classification rules for DDF
 - All DDF workload is classified and executed under the service class...

SYSOTHER

- System provided service class for all work not associated with a service class
- → It is assigned a discretionary goal
- Discretionary work is run using any system resources not required to meet the goals of other work



HIGH PERFORMANCE DBATS

Benefits of HP DBAT + RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)

- DB2 High Performance DBAT support reduces CPU consumption by:
 - Supporting RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)
 - Avoid repeated package allocation/de-allocation
 - Avoids acquiring and releasing parent (IS, IX) locks frequently
 - Avoids the processing necessary to go INACTIVE and then back to ACTIVE
 - More noticeable CPU reduction for short transactions

Behavior

- DBAT will stay associated with connection at UOW boundaries if there is at least one RELEASE(DEALLOCATE) package allocated
- DBAT will be terminated after 200 uses
- Normal idle thread time-out IDTHTOIN detection will be applied to these DBATs



TIP: No benefit and not support for ACTIVE threads (CMSTATS=ACTIVE)



TIP: No benefit for KEEPDYNAMIC YES

RELEASE(COMMIT) vs RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)

Total CPU per transaction	V9	V10 PKREL(COMMIT)	Delta (%)	V10 PKREL(BNDOPT)	Delta (%)
SQCL	2114	1997	-5.5	1918	-9.3
SPCB	1221	1124	-7.9	1056	-13.5
JDBC	2152	2017	-6.3	1855	-13.8
SQLJ	1999	1761	-11.9	1689	-15.5
SPSJ	1759	1642	-6.7	1550	-11.9
SPNS	1472	1304	-11.4	1180	-19.8

- → Total CPU per txn = System Services Address Space + Database Services Address Space + IRLM + DDF Address Space CPU
- CPU time in microseconds.

Exploiting High Performance DBATs

→ To enable:

REBIND with RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)

-MODIFY DDF PKGREL (BNDOPT)

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STC12396 DSNL300I -DB0A DSNLTMDF MODIFY DDF REPORT FOLLOWS:

DSNL302I PKGREL IS SET TO BNDOPT

DSNL301I DSNLTMDF MODIFY DDF REPORT COMPLETE

→ To disable:



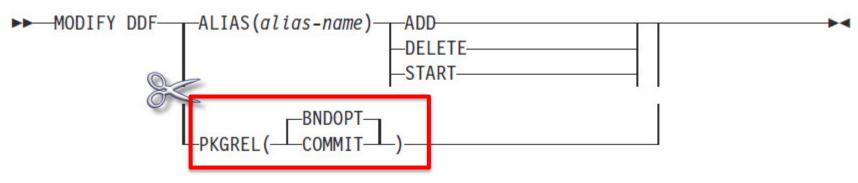
-MODIFY DDF PKGREL (COMMIT) to overlaid BNDOPT option

- → To monitor:
 - Statistics GLOBAL DDF activity report

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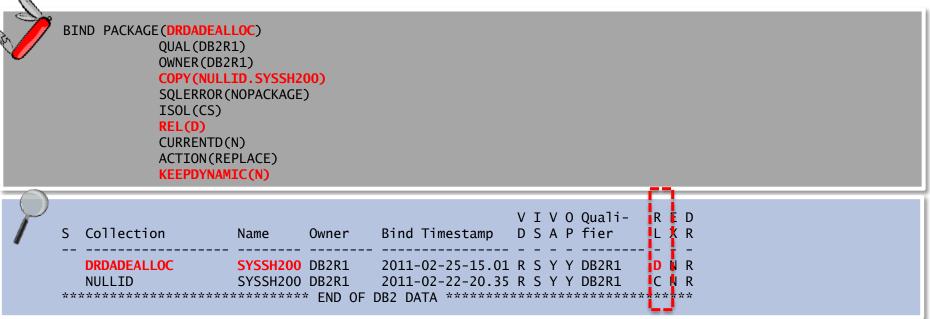
DIS DDF DETAIL

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DSNL081I STATUS=STARTD
DSNL082I LOCATION
                           LUNAME
                                            GENERICLU
DSNL083I DB0A
                           USIBMSC.SCPDBOA -NONE
DSNL084I TCPPORT=12345 SECPORT=12346 RESPORT=12347 IPNAME=-NONE
DSNL085I IPADDR=::10.50.1.1
DSNL086I SOL DOMAIN=wtsc63.itso.ibm.com
DSNL087I ALIAS
                           PORT SECPORT STATUS
DSNL088I ABC
                                         STOPD
DSNL088I TEST
                                         STOPD
DSNL088I TEST2
                                         STOPD
DSNL090I DT=I CONDBAT= 10000 MDBAT= 200
DSNL092I ADBAT=
                  0 QUEDBAT=
                                  0 INADBAT=
                                                 0 CONQUED=
DSNL093I DSCDBAT= 0 INACONN=
DSNL1051 CURRENT DDF OPTIONS ARE:
DSNL106I PKGREL = COMMIT
DSNL099I DSNLTDDF DISPLAY DDF REPORT COMPLETE
```



Implement gradually or selectively

- BIND a new set of packages with RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)
- → SYSSHxyy
 - S: Represents a small package (65 sections)
 - H: Represents WITH HOLD
 - x: Indicates the isolation level
 - 1=UR, 2=CS, 3=RS, 4=RR
 - yy: The package iteration 00 through FF



Break-in into High Performance DBATs

- → To enable HP DBATs:
 - Create a collection of packages with RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)
 - Do NOT bind NULLID col. with RELEASE(DEALLOCATE)
 - Modify client applications to request packages from a different collection via CURRENTPACKAGESET
 - Issue -MODIFY DDF PKGREL (BNDOPT)
- → To disable
 - Issue -MODIFY DDF PKGREL (COMMIT)
 - Existing running DBATs will be terminated on next COMMIT
 - Idle DBATs waiting for a new transaction will be terminated during the next two minutes DDF
 - New DBATs will only allocate packages in RELEASE(COMMIT)

→ DB2 break-in

Automatically done on next COMMIT if waiter on a package lock

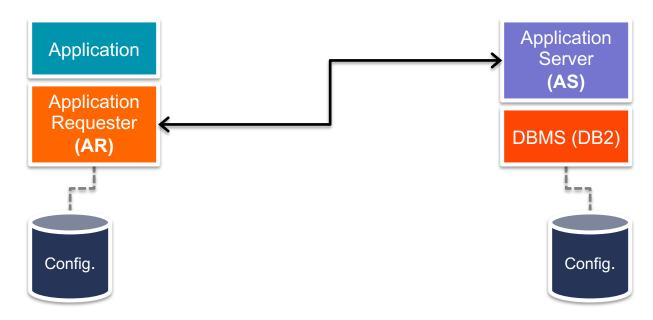


PROBLEM DETERMINATION

Analyze it simple

- → DRDA configurations can be complex
- Divide the analysis into 3 basic components:
 - The client
 - The network
 - The server





Problem determination

- Typical DRDA problem areas
 - Connectivity
 - Network
 - Performance degradation
 - Data conversion issues
 - Abends
- Eliminate non distributed elements as a root cause
 - Application issues?
 - User error?
- → Narrow scope
 - The client?
 - The network?
 - The server?

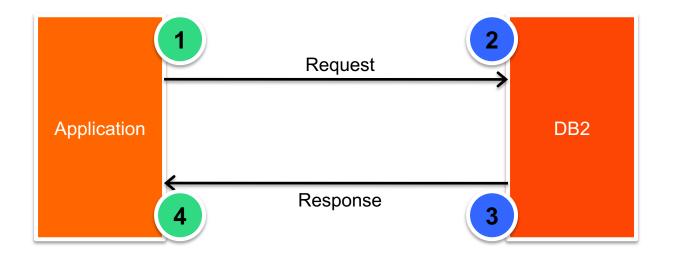




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End to End Monitoring

→ Basic requirement: to identify the Response Time components



- \rightarrow Application RT = (4 1)
- \rightarrow Time in DB2 = (3 2)
- → Network
 - $(2-1)+(4-3) \rightarrow$ if clocks in synch
 - $-((4-1)-(3-2)) \rightarrow$ if clocks not in synch
 - Averages Request and Response Network times

Traces available in distributed components

Client / Driver	Available traces	What the trace contains?
IBM Data Server Driver for JDBC and SQLJ (type 4)	JCC Trace	JCC trace contains both JCC driver trace and DRDA trace only when TRACE_ALL is specified
IBM Data Server Driver for ODBC and CLI	CLI trace, db2trc, db2drdat	CLI trace contains the driver trace. db2trc contains db2 client side buffers and DRDA buffers. (db2drdat available from 9.5 FPack 4)
All other Data Server Clients, DB2 Connect, DB2 ESE and so forth	CLI trace, db2trc, db2drdat	CLI trace + db2trc + db2drdat. db2drdat contains only DRDA buffers.



TIP: Get experience on collecting and analyzing distributed component traces

→ Tip: Refer to *DB2 9 for z/OS: Distributed Functions SG24-6952* for more details and examples

Getting distributed detailed information

→ Use DIAGLEVEL=4 at client side



db2 update dbm cfg using diaglevel 4

Other settings

- DFT MON STMT=ON → Start/stop time statements ids
- DFT_MON_UOW=ON → Start/end times, completion status
- DB2CONNECT_IN_APP_PROCESS=NO → monitor clients
 local to DB2 Connect Server



CLOSING

There is more that you must know!

- Automatic client reroute and work load balancing
- Stored procedures
- Autocommit implications
- Tracing distributed applications
- Application development best practices
- Security topics
- Trusted contexts and roles
- Data Sharing considerations
- Specialty engine considerations
- What is new in DB2?
- Problem determination
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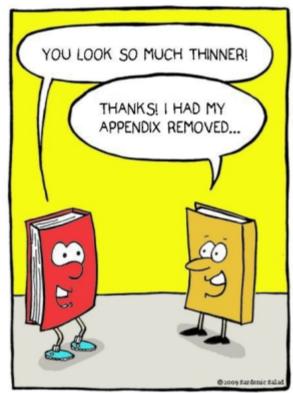
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