

# IBM zAware Using Analytics to Improve System z Availability

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## Agenda – IBM zAware Overview

- Why IBM zAware?
- What is IBM zAware, and what can it detect?
  - How can it help identify problems on z/OS systems?
  - How can it help diagnose problems on z/OS systems?
  - How can it identify changes after maintenance or new workloads?
- Use of the IBM zAware GUI
- Operating requirements
- Integration with other management products
- IBM zAware Setup



## Background – Why IBM zAware

## Systems are more complex and more integrated than ever

- Errors can occur anywhere in a complex system
- Some problems are particularly...
  - Difficult to detect
    - •Several allowable anomalies can build up over time
    - •Symptoms / problems can manifest for hours or days
    - Problem can grow, cascade, snowball

## -Difficult to diagnose

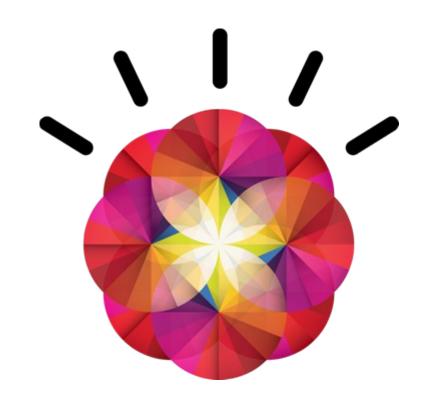
- •Sometimes finding the *system* in error is a challenge
- •Many times finding the *component* in error is a challenge
- •Volume of data is not humanly consumable, *especially* when seconds count
- Need information and insight





## IBM System z Advanced Workload Analysis Reporter Smarter Computing Needs Smarter Monitoring

- New technology based on machine learning developed by IBM Research
- Cutting edge pattern recognition techniques look at the health of a system to pinpoint deviations from the 'norm'
- High speed analytics facilitates the ability to consume large quantities of message logs
- Improves problem diagnosis across a set of System z servers
- Speeds up the time to decide on appropriate corrective actions on problems before they get bigger
- Allow establishment of procedures to prevent reoccurrence

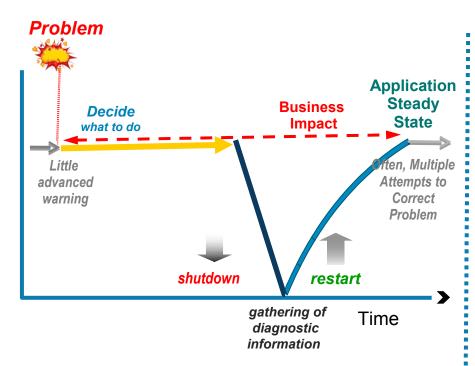


zAware's capacity as a 'watch dog' can help to detect unusual behavior in near real time



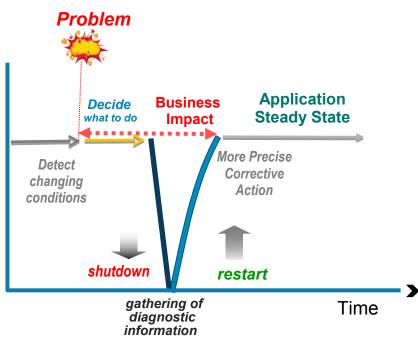
## IBM zAware can reduce time to repair to improve availability

#### Without IBM zAware



Ineffective time spent in problem determination and trial and error. Incorrect problem identification may result in the wrong fixes being applied.

#### With IBM zAware



More precise and early diagnosis can shorten impact time and help you to avoid a similar problem. Gain an edge in your ability to respond to events.

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## IBM zAware – System Analytics for Availability



- Identifies unusual system behavior of z/OS workloads
- Runs in a special purpose firmware partition (isolated from production)
   on zEC12 or zBC12
- Monitors zEC12 or other System z servers running z/OS v1.13 +PTFs or later
- Requires OPERLOG



## Inside IBM zAware Analytics

- OPERLOG is processed per-system
- zAware recognizes any well-formed message IDs,
  - -including IBM and non-IBM products and customer applications
- zAware summarizes the common message text and records the occurrences
- zAware builds a model of normal behavior based on the last 90 days
  - Called "Training"
  - Automatically trains every 30 days
  - -Can be forced manually
  - -Customizable
  - -Unusual days can be excluded from future models
- z/OS utility is used to load historical logs into zAware



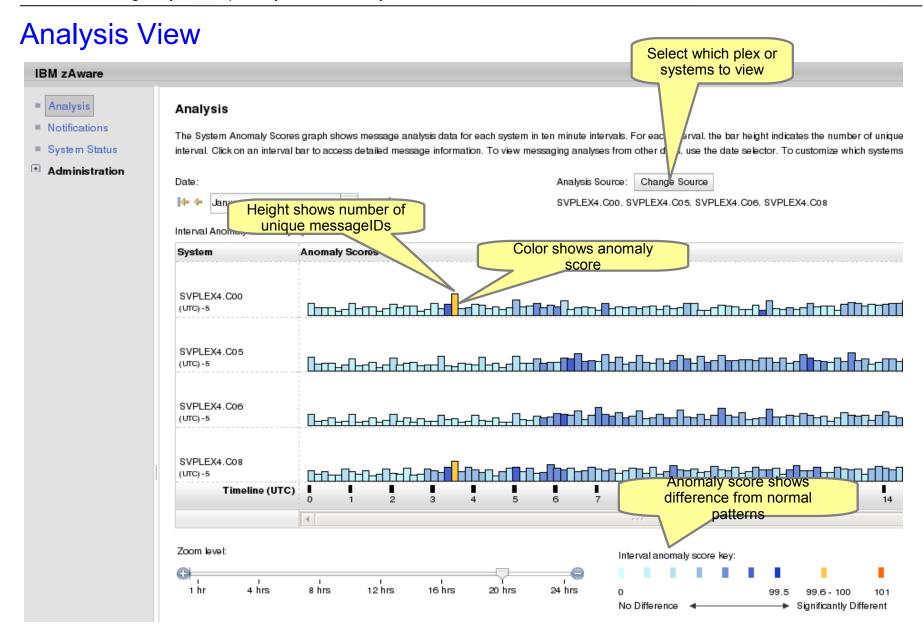
## Inside IBM zAware Analytics

- Real-time OPERLOG data is compared to the model
- Assigns a message anomaly score to indicate deviation from the model
  - H Rare messages
  - H Out of context from normal patterns
  - High counts
- Uses z/OS-specific knowledge to influence the scores
- Generates an interval anomaly score per 10 minute interval
  - H Current interval is updated every 2 minutes
  - H GUI shows number of unique message IDs (bar height)
  - H GUI shows interval anomaly score (bar color)
- Drill down on interval shows the message scores
- XML output available via HTTP APIs to drive alerting

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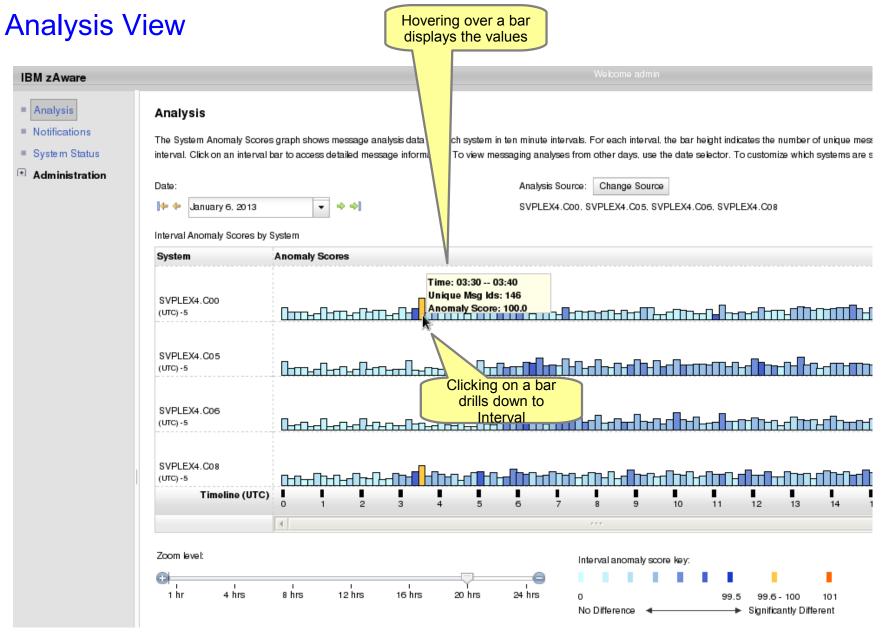
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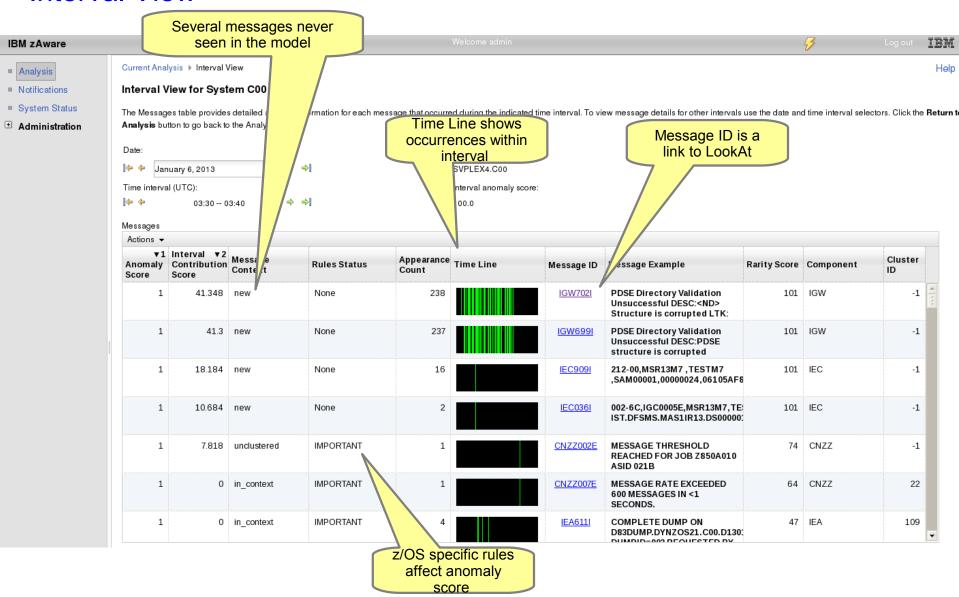
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### **Interval View**





## Identify unusual behavior quickly

### Which z/OS image is having unusual message patterns?

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

### Which subsystem or component is abnormal?

Examine high-scoring messages

#### When did the behavior start?

- Current 10 minute interval or earlier?
- Which messages are unusual?
- How often did the message occur?
- When did the messages start to occur?

## Were similar messages issued previously

Easily examine prior intervals or dates

### Is the unusual behavior after some maintenance or upgrade?

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



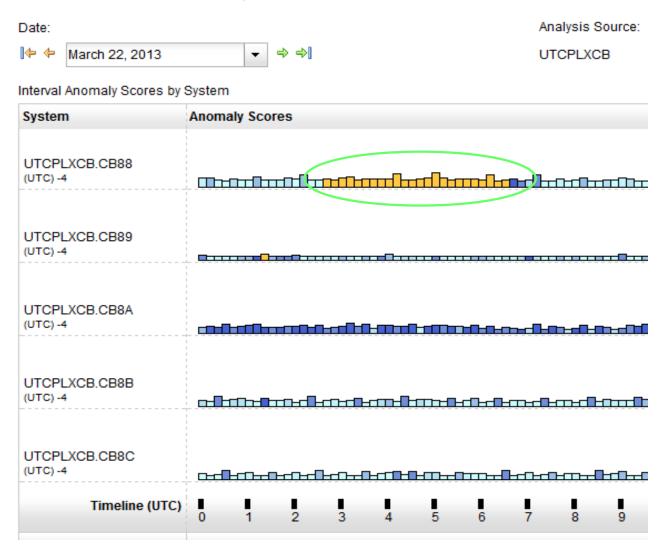
## Identify unusual behavior quickly

Which z/OS image is having unusual message patterns?

 Yellow and dark blue on CB88

When did the behavior start?

Around 2:30





## Identify unusual behavior quickly - Configuration Error

#### Interval View for System CB88

48.115 unclustered

The Messages table provides detailed analysis information for each message that occurred during the indicated time interval. To view message details for other intervals use the date and time interval selectors. Click the Re Date: Analysis Source: March 22, 2013 UTCPLXCB.CB88 Time interval (UTC): Interval anomaly score: 02:40 -- 02:50 99.8 Messages ▼1 Interval ▼2 **Appearance** Cluster Anomaly Contribution Message Context **Rules Status** Time Line Message ID Message Example Rarity Score Component Count IRRC131 0.999 196.275 unclustered None 898 (<) RACF ENCOUNTERED AN 73 IRRC

IRRC144I

R\_PROXYSERV ERROR WHILE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE AN

IRRC

<) RACF ENCOUNTERED AN

R\_PROXYSERV ERROR: SAF RETURN CODE=X'00000008'

#### What component is having the problem?

None

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

#### **Impact**

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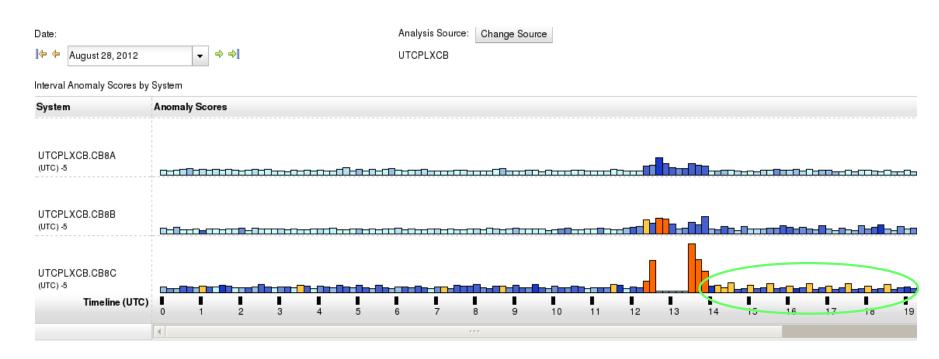
 Unnecessary messages blocking ability to see anything else. Impacts ability to look at the console.

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## Identify unusual behavior quickly



#### Which z/OS image is having unusual message patterns?

Recurring yellow and dark blue on CB8C

#### When did the behavior start?

After an IPL at 13:30



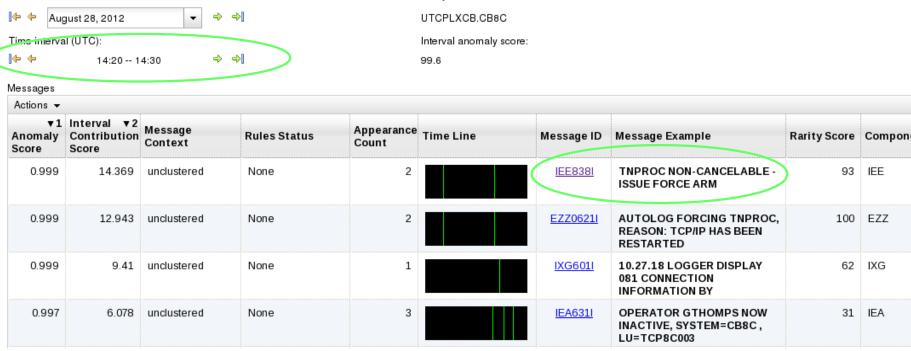
## Identify unusual behavior quickly - Configuration Error

Interval View for System CB8C

Date:

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

Analysis Source:



#### Which subsystem or component is abnormal?

Examine high-scoring messages

#### When did the behavior start?

When did the messages start to occur?

#### Were similar messages issued previously?

· Easily examine prior intervals or dates

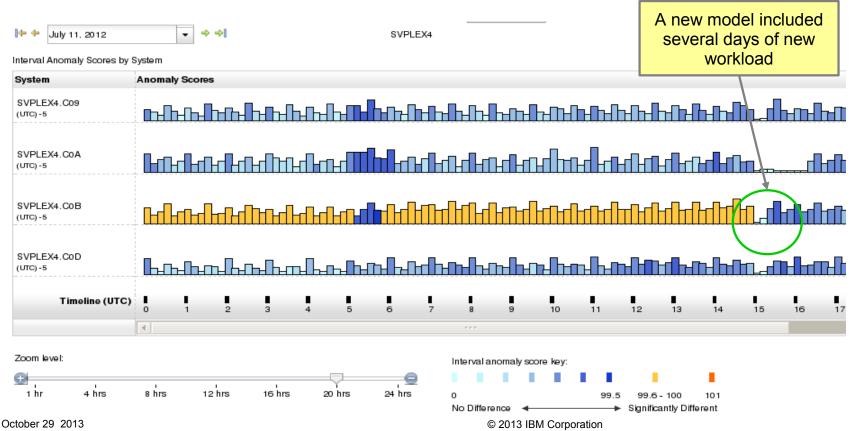
Moving left and right by interval shows messages due to TNPROC being cancelled by TCP/IP



## Identify behavior after a change

## Are unusual messages being issued after a change?

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





## New function available Sept 20 2013



### Customer added domain knowledge – Ignore messages

When a new workload is added to a system monitored by zAware

- Software upgrade, workload movement
- Generates messages that are not in the zAware model
- New messages are flagged as anomalous
  - Orange/yellow bars on zAware Analysis
  - High anomaly scores on the Interval View

Review of these messages is needed to improve the scoring

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## Ignore messages continued High scoring message review

- A) If a **real** problem is indicated,
  - Fix the problem on the monitored system
  - Check subsequent zAware Analysis to confirm the resolution
  - Do not mark these messages as ignored
- B) If the messages are normal messages from the new workload,
  - Mark these as Ignore until next training
  - At the next training for this system, these messages will be built into the model, and removed from the system's ignored list
- **C**) If the messages are always **ok** (normal, but infrequent)
  - Mark these as Ignore until manually restored
  - In subsequent analysis, the ignored messages will not contribute to the anomaly scores
  - This setting will persist after trainings
  - This reduces false positives, based on user input, so real problems are not masked

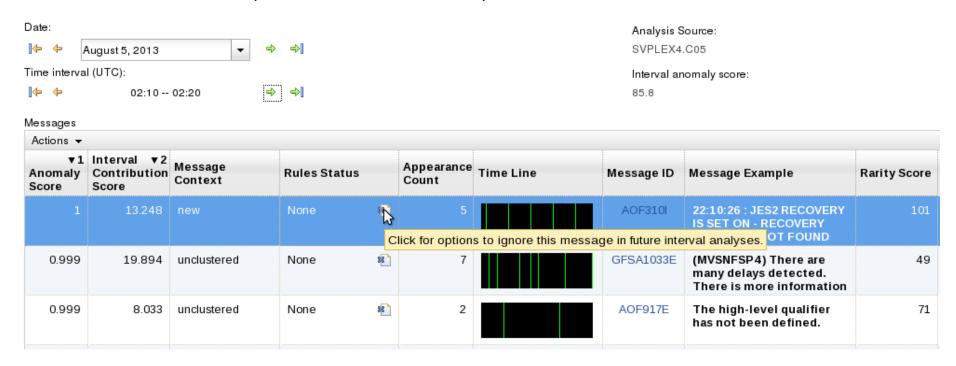
This gives the user input into the IBM zAware rules.



## Ignore messages continued GUI selection



- From the Interval View
- When logged in as Admin
- When no IBM Rule (Rules Status is None)



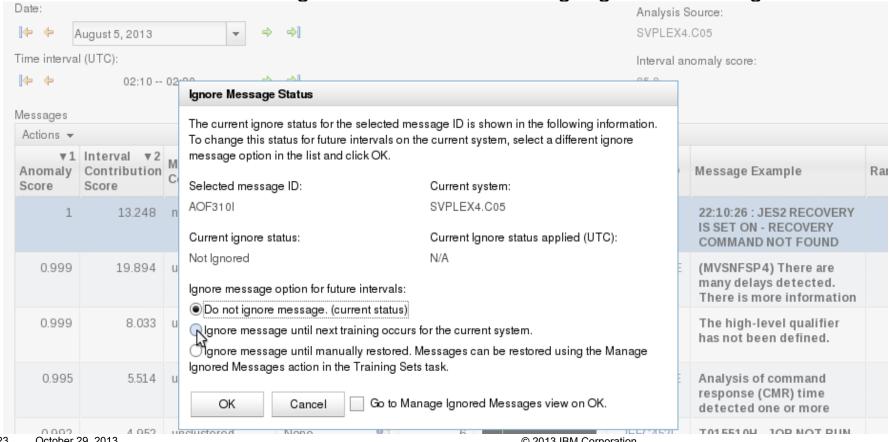
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## Ignore messages continued **GUI** selection

- Choose duration specific to this message, on this monitored system
- Takes effect on next analysis interval. Shows in Rules Status

Lists available from Training Sets > Actions > Manage Ignored Messages





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## Operating Requirements



## Operating Requirements – IBM zAware Server



- Logical partition on a zEC12 or zBC12 server
  - Runs on IFLs or general purpose CPs may be dedicated or shared
  - Runs its own self-contained firmware stack
  - Recommended 2 partial engines
    - ► Initial priming and training: 25-80% of 1 **zEC12** IFL (30-95% of 1 **zBC12** IFL)
    - ➤ Analysis: 20-40% of 1 IFL (zEC12 or zBC12)
- Memory and DASD resources are dependent on the number of monitored clients, amount of message traffic, length of time data retained
  - Minimum Memory is 4 GB for 6 clients with light message traffic (500 msgs/sec)
     For > 6 clients + 256 MB per client required
  - Estimated DASD storage is 500 GB (ECKD) + 5GB per client
- Network resources
  - HiperSockets or shareable OSA ports or IEDN
  - IP address for partition
- Browsers
  - Internet Explorer 9
  - Firefox ESR 17



## Operating Requirements – z/OS Monitored Clients

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  - IBM zEnterprise<sup>™</sup> 196 (z196) or z114,
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  - Running z/OS 1.13 + PTFs or z/OS 2.1
    - APAR OA38747
    - APAR OA38613
    - APAR OA39256
    - APAR OA42095
  - System needs to be configured as a monoplex, system in a multisystem sysplex, or a member of a parallel sysplex
  - Using operations log (OPERLOG) as the hardcopy medium
  - Sysplex name + system name must uniquely identify system
  - Requires an OSA or IEDN or HiperSocket for IP network connection
  - z/OS zAware monitored client MIPs usage ~ 1%



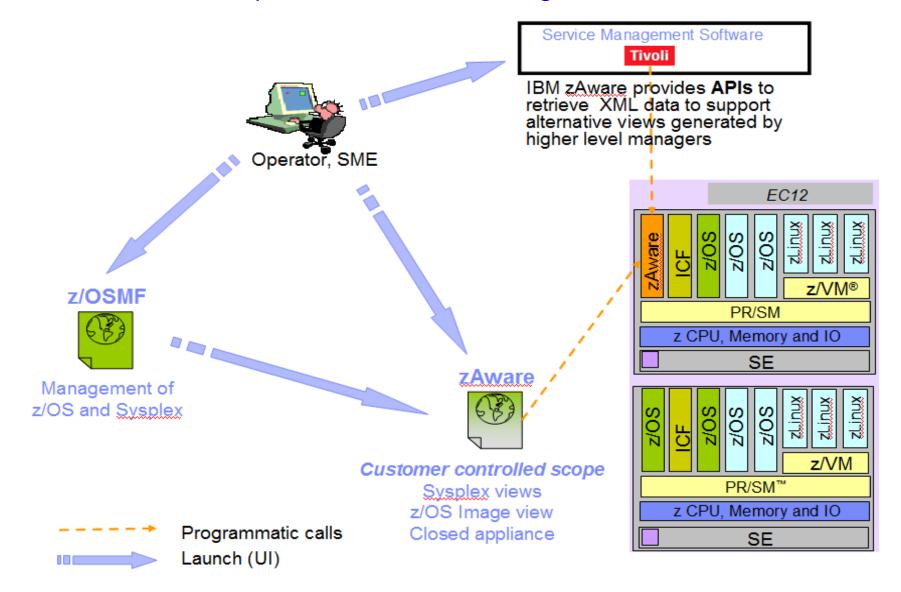
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# Integration with other management products

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## IBM zAware Complements Your Existing Environment



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## Integration with z/OSMF

- Using the z/OSMF GUI
  - Configure a new external link
    - to access IBM zAware from z/OSMF
  - Administration > Links > Actions > New
    - Provide link name, SAF suffix, zAware GUI URL
    - Category recommend Problem Determination
    - Define authority required to use the link

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## Integration with other System Management products

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



## Integration with other System Management products

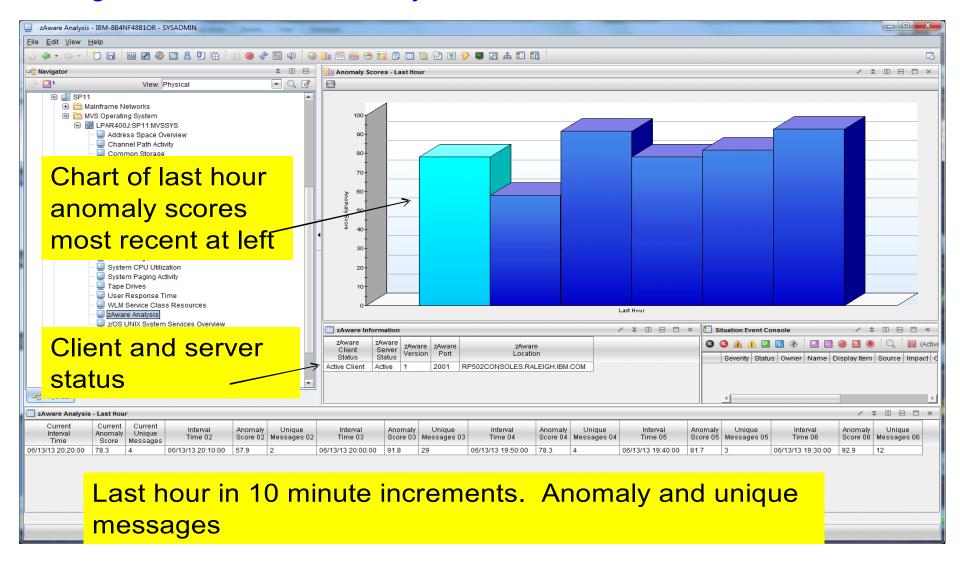
- IBM Tivoli NetView for z/OS
  - Use the APIs to pull the IBM zAware results
  - Sample programs are available from

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/wikis/home/wiki/Tivoli%20System%20z%20Monitoring%20and%20Application

- Described in detail in the Redbook:
  - Extending z/OS System Management Functions with IBM zAware
- The samples can be tailored to drive NetView message automation for high anomaly scores:
  - Generate a message
  - Generate an event
- CANZLOG Browse consolidated logs for PD
- Announced July 2013, Tivoli Integrated Service Management products use of IBM zAware results.
  - Omegamon XE on z/OS (including predefined situations)
- Other products can exploit the XML format results



## Omegamon XE on z/OS – July 2013

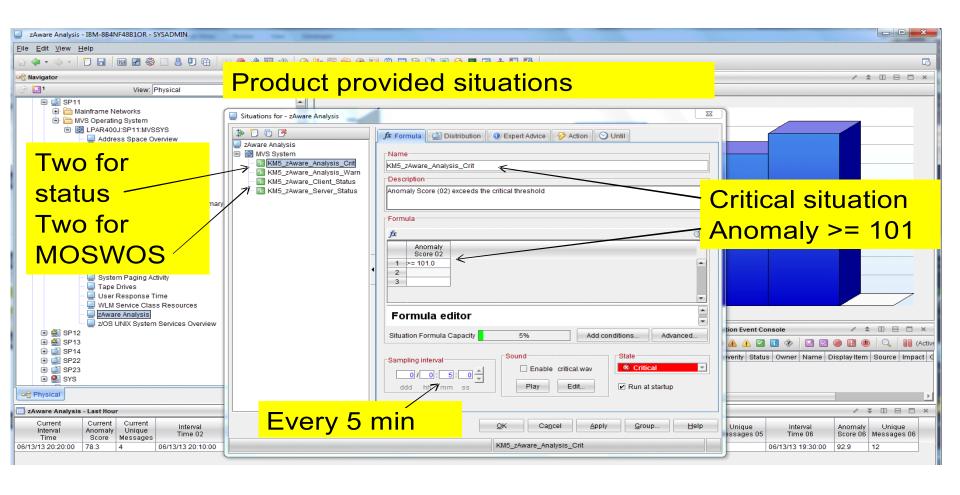


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## Omegamon XE on z/OS – July 2013



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## Setting up IBM zAware

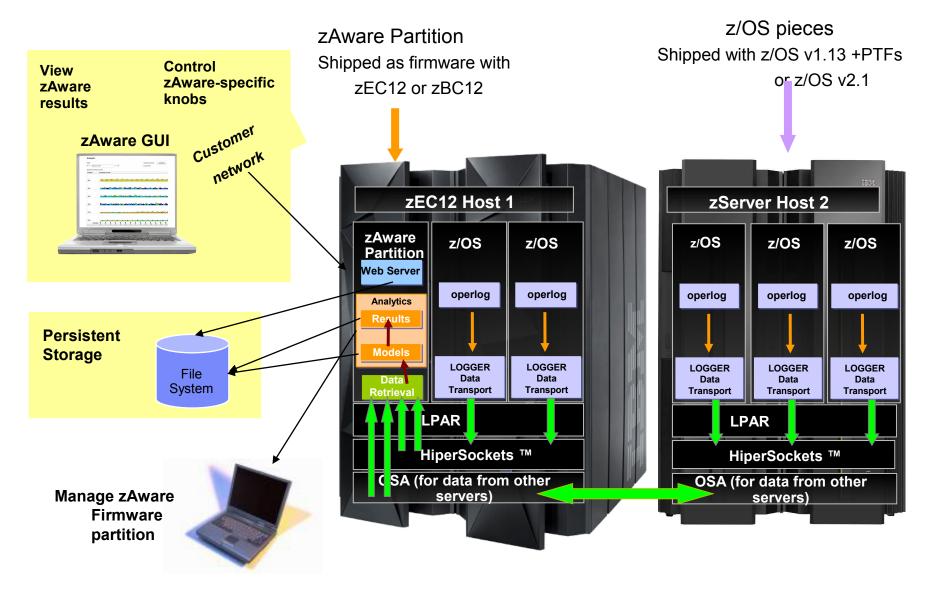


## Setting up IBM zAware in a nutshell

- Define the zAware partition
- zAware GUI Configuration
  - H Assign DASD Storage
  - H Security set up
- Setup on z/OS for monitored systems
- Prime the zAware partition with existing data
  - H z/OS Bulk load
  - H zAware GUI assignment
  - H Train a model



### Inside IBM zAware



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## zAware Partition Background & IOCDS Definition

- IBM zAware Partition, including I/O, is defined like any other partition.
  - Use Hardware Configuration Definition (HCD) / Hardware Configuration Management (HCM) or equivalent.
- Similar in many ways to Coupling Facility type partitions
- zAware application loaded from Support Element (SE)
- zAware application is firmware
  - Separate EC stream
  - Updated like all other firmware
    - Part of Support Element (SE) version 2.12.0 (2.12.1 required for zBC12)
    - Hardware Management Console (HMC) support starting with HMC version 2.12.0
    - Concurrent Driver Upgrade (CDU)
    - EC Upgrade
    - MCFs/MCLs
- Prerequisites to defining a zAware partition: Purchase and install the zAware Feature Codes (FC)



#### Define the zAware Partition with the HMC

- Create the Image Profile
  - Partition mode zAware
  - Assign processors, storage (memory)
  - Master userID / password for initial login (and as a back up)
  - IP address or DNS entry
- Activate the partition using the Activate task
- Dynamic changes to the zAware partition can be made by using the Firmware tab



## zAware Initial GUI login

- URL is https://addr/zAware
  - where addr is IP address from the image profile or hostname from the DNS entry
- If browser warns of the default SSL\_certificate, add a security exception

Use master userID and password

## Data Storage assignment

- ECKD DASD is required
- Add storage devices defined in the I/O configuration
- Devices must be exclusively for use by IBM zAware
  - Recommend use of Channel Path definition lists or Explicit Device Candidate List in HCD to restrict specific devices to the zAware partition

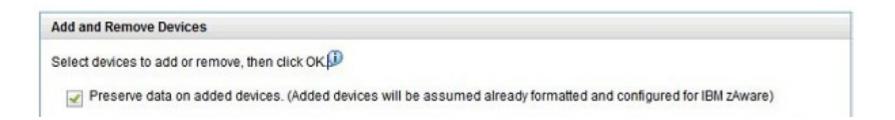




## New function available Sept 20 2013 Alternate Data Storage Set



- Add DASD volumes without formatting
- Allow a backup copy of zAware data to be added after a failure.
  - DASD CU failure Restore backup to zAware
  - Partition failure Switchover to an alternate zAware with backed up copy of data
- Replication is not handled by zAware (Use IBM FlashCopy, DFSMS XRC, PPRC, ...)
- Manage the primary devices and the backup devices as separate, but equivalent sets
  - Same number of devices, same sizes



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## Security set up

#### SSL

- To secure browser communication, request an SSL cert from a CA, and import it
- zAware has function to Generate Certificate Signing Request and import a certificate

#### **LDAP**

- User authentication via existing LDAP repository
- Alternatively, use a local file-based repository

## Role mapping

- Search
- Add users or groups to Admin or User role



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  - Using operations log (OPERLOG) as the hardcopy medium
  - Sysplex name + system name must uniquely identify system
  - Requires an OSA or IEDN or HiperSocket for IP network connection with zAware



## z/OS monitored system set up

- Configure network connection to zAware
  - -TCP/IP profile, DNS, Resolver, firewall settings
- Configure z/OS logger to send data to zAware
  - Give IXGLOGR a z/OS UNIX segment for TCP/IP connectivity
    - ADDUSER IXGLOGR OMVS(UID(xxxx) HOME('/'))
  - From a user with SAF update access to IXGZAWARE\_CLIENT resource in the FACILITY class
    - Create IXGCNFxx parmlib member for logger
      - Sample in SYS1.SAMPLIB(IXGCNFXX)
      - The ZAI statement contains parameters for IBM zAware
      - SERVER(host\_name | IP\_address)
      - PORT(number) Port must be 2001
      - Log stream buffer settings
    - Add IXGCNF=xx to IEASYSxx parmlib member



## z/OS monitored system - logger config

- Update the OPERLOG log stream to add:
  - ZAI(YES)
  - ZAIDATA('OPERLOG')
- SET IXGCNF=xx to dynamically pick up the logger settings
- DISPLAY LOGGER, STATUS, ZAI, VERIFY to verify the config

```
ZAI LOGSTREAM CLIENTS: AVAILABLE
BUFFERS IN USE: 00 GB 0000 MB
ZAI VERIFY INITIATED, CHECK FOR MESSAGES IXG37X, IXG38X
...
IXG380I ZAI LOGSTREAM CLIENT ESTABLISHED
FOR DISPLAY ZAI.VERIFY
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Start sending to zAware Also, defines the plex.system to zAware

#### SETLOGR FORCE, ZAICONNECT, LSNAME = SYSPLEX. OPERLOG

IXG651I SETLOGR FORCE ZAICONNECT COMMAND ACCEPTED FOR LOGSTREAM=SYSPLEX.OPERLOG

IXG386I ZAI LOGSTREAM CLIENT CONNECT ATTEMPT IN PROGRESS FOR LOGSTREAM SYSPLEX.OPERLOG

STATUS: ATTEMPTING SOCKET CREATE

. . .

IXG380I ZAI LOGSTREAM CLIENT ESTABLISHED FOR LOGSTREAM SYSPLEX.OPERLOG



## Priming zAware – Bulk Load from z/OS

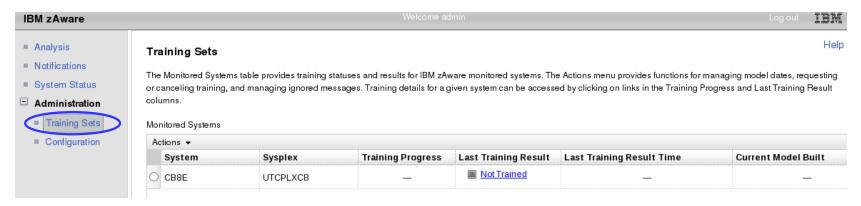
- Prior SYSLOG data may be sent to IBM zAware
- Reduces the time to build a model, and begin analysis
- Data sets should not exceed 90 days earlier than today
- Bulk load may be run from any z/OS system configured for IBM zAware
- Copy SYS1.SAMPLIB(AIZBLK) JCL to your JCL and modify
  - -See instructions in the file
- Copy SYS1.SAMPLIB(AIZBLKE) REXX to your SYSEXEC
- Run bulk load for a small set of data to verify config
- Run bulk load for one plex at time



## Priming zAware – zAware GUI

- Recommended to bulk load all logs before assigning to the appropriate sysplex
  - -Connections are terminated during assignment

## Training a model



- Actions > Request Training
  - Queued and processed asynchronously
- Once a model is built, a connected system will generate Analysis results



#### **Notifications**

- zAware messages for asynchronous events
  - Storage, Training, Bulk load, ...
  - -Viewable by all users
  - -Persistent, until removed by an admin, or partition is re-activated.
  - New ones indicated by



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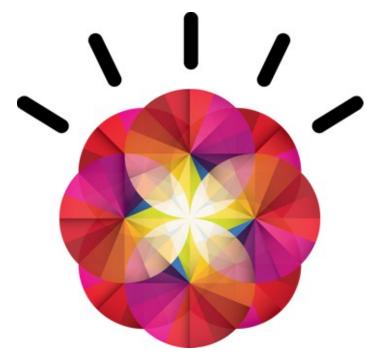
## **Summary**

## IBM zAware – Smarter Computing Needs Smart Monitoring

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

#### **Benefits**

- Helps diagnose problems quickly and more accurately to improve service recovery time
- Reduces risk by identifying "what changed" after maintenance.
- Helpful when problems involve multiple teams
- Easy-to-use graphical interface
- Integrates with existing alerting environment





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