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# Agenda

## ■ Objectives

## ■ Tools

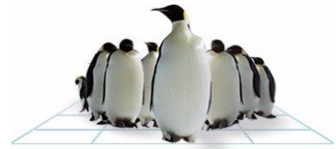
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- ▶ .. somewhen
- ▶ .. now

## ■ Summary

# Objectives



- **There are really many tools available on Linux to monitor the system!**
- **Describe tools available on Linux on System z, which are**
  - ▶ available via the Distribution (SUSE, RedHat)
  - ▶ specific for Linux on System z (the most are of general use)
  - ▶ in use and proven by the Linux Performance team for Linux on System z
- **Help to decide depending on what should be monitored**
  - ▶ which is the right tool
  - ▶ how should it be used
- **If you are aware of other tools giving more/better information, let me know!**

# How and when to use the tools



## ■ Basic considerations

- ▶ Monitoring could impact the system
- ▶ Each data gathering averages over a certain period of time  
==> this flattens peaks
- ▶ Start with defining the problem!
  - which parameter(s) from the application indicates the problem (mostly response or execution times)
  - which range is considered as bad, what is considered as good
  - monitor the good case and save the results for comparison when a problem occurs
- ▶ Use meaningful names for the output files (e.g. tool\_test\_case\_date\_and\_time)

## ■ The next slides describe the tools we use

## ■ We need a strategy how to use the tools

- ▶ When we have a problem somewhen
- ▶ To analyze a problem occurring now

## ■ Disclaimer:

- ▶ The following advices are no guarantee that each problem can be identified in all cases!



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# vmstat

- **Characteristics:** Easy to use, high-level information
- **Objective:** First and fast impression of the current state
- **Usage:** vmstat [interval in sec]

- **Output sample:**

```
vmstat 1
```

```
procs -----memory----- ---swap-- ----io---- -system-- -----cpu-----
 r  b   swpd   free   buff  cache   si   so    bi    bo    in   cs  us  sy  id  wa  st
 2  2     0 4415152 64068 554100    0    0    4 63144 350   55 29 64  0  3  4
 3  0     0 4417632 64832 551272    0    0    0   988 125   60 32 67  0  0  1
 3  1     0 4415524 68100 550068    0    0    0  5484 212   66 31 64  0  4  1
 3  0     0 4412672 68856 552408    0    0    0    40 109   48 32 68  0  0  0
 3  0     0 4414408 69656 549544    0    0    0    0 103   36 32 68  0  0  0
 3  0     0 4411184 70500 552312    0    0    0    0 104   37 33 67  0  0  0
 3  0     0 4411804 72188 549592    0    0    0  8984 230   42 32 67  0  0  1
 3  0     0 4405232 72896 555592    0    0    0    16 105   52 32 68  0  0  0
```

- **Shows**

- ▶ Data per time interval
- ▶ CPU utilization
- ▶ Disk I/O
- ▶ Memory usage/Swapping

- **Hints**

- ▶ Shared memory usage is listed under 'cache'



# sadc/sar

- **Characteristics:** Very comprehensive, statistics data on device level
- **Objective:** Suitable for permanent system monitoring and detailed analysis
- **Usage (recommended):**
  - ▶ monitor `/usr/lib64/sa/sadc -d [interval in sec] [outfile]`
  - ▶ view `sar -A -f [outfile]`
- **Shows**
  - ▶ CPU utilization
  - ▶ Disk I/O overview and on device level
  - ▶ Network I/O and errors on device level
  - ▶ Memory usage/Swapping
  - ▶ ... and much more
  - ▶ Reports statistics data over time and creates average values for each item
- **Hints**
  - ▶ Specify `-d` parameter to `sadc` to include disk device statistics (increase size of outfile)
  - ▶ Shared memory is listed under 'cache'
  - ▶ [outfile] is a binary file, which contains all values. It is formatted using `sar`
    - enables the creation of item specific reports, e.g. network only
    - enables the specification of a start and end time → averages are created for the time of interest





## sadc/sar (cont.)

### ■ Some output samples:

#### ▶ CPU load

```

14:19:29      CPU      %user      %nice      %system      %iowait      %steal      %idle
14:20:29    all         2.61        0.00         0.24         0.26         0.09        96.80
14:20:29      0        13.09        0.00         0.88         0.62         0.45        84.96
14:20:29      1         0.63        0.00         0.12         0.03         0.02        99.20
...
Average:     all         88.13        0.00         1.75         0.05         1.29         8.78
Average:      0        85.61        0.00         5.20         0.03         3.19         5.97
Average:      1        88.98        0.00         1.08         0.04         0.93         8.97

```

#### ▶ Network load

```

14:19:29      IFACE      rxpck/s      txpck/s      rxkB/s      txkB/s      rxcmp/s      txcmp/s      rxmcast/s
...
Average:      lo           0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00
Average:     sit0           0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.00
Average:     eth3    3587.47    3604.13    2002.09    5381.80         0.00         0.00         0.00
Average:     eth1         0.04         0.00         0.01         0.00         0.00         0.00         0.04

```

#### ▶ Memory usage

```

14:19:29      kbmemfree kbmemused  %memused  kbbuffers  kbcached  kbswpfree  kbswpused  %swpused  kbswpcad
...
Average:      46312    8176012    99.44     13142     1906865    319172    729764    69.57    387029

```



## sadc/sar (cont.)

### ■ Some output samples:

#### ▶ Disk I/O – paging statistics

Time	pgpgin/s	pgpgout/s	fault/s	majflt/s	pgfree/s	pgscank/s	pgscand/s	pgsteal/s	%vmeff
14:19:29									
14:20:29	493.62	117.47	1039.55	0.00	413.26	253.97	0.00	246.28	96.97
14:21:29	1148.91	148.14	3757.45	0.00	734.55	553.94	0.00	536.69	96.89
14:22:29	357.95	183.74	7039.62	0.00	508.28	338.69	0.00	328.42	96.97
14:23:29	286.27	552.20	8352.07	0.00	499.92	327.25	0.00	317.33	96.97
14:24:29	255.05	276.37	9260.43	0.02	486.67	323.29	0.00	313.50	96.97
...									
Average:	117.22	503.81	3647.43	0.03	312.71	385.32	67.19	127.55	28.19

#### ▶ Disk I/O – device level

Time	DEV	tps	rd_sec/s	wr_sec/s	avgrq-sz	avgqu-sz	await	svctm	%util
04:46:59									
04:47:29	dev94-0	0.83	0.00	80.83	96.96	0.00	1.20	0.80	0.07
04:47:29	dev94-4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### ▶ Identify the devices via `cat /proc/partitions`

major	minor	#blocks	name
94	0	7212240	dasda
94	1	7212144	dasda1
94	4	7212240	dasdb
94	5	96	dasdb1
94	6	7212048	dasdb2



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### ▶ System

- vmstat
- sadc/sar

### ▶ Disk

- **iostat**
- **DASD statistics**
- **SCSI statistics**

### ▶ Network

- netstat

### ▶ Processes

- top
- ps

## ■ Assuming we have a problem ...

- ▶ .. somewhen
- ▶ .. now

## ■ Summary



# iostat

- **Characteristics:** Easy to use, information on disk device level
- **Objective:** Detailed input/output disk statistics
- **Usage:** `iostat -xtdk [interval in sec]`
  
- **Shows**
  - ▶ Throughput
  - ▶ Request merging
  - ▶ Device queue information
  - ▶ Service times
  
- **Hints**
  - ▶ Most critical parameter is *await*
    - average time (in milliseconds) for I/O requests issued to the device to be served.
    - includes the time spent by the requests in queue and the time spent servicing them.
  - ▶ Also suitable for network file systems

# iostat



## ■ Output sample:

Time: 10:56:35 AM

Device:	rrqm/s	wrqm/s	r/s	w/s	rkB/s	wkB/s	avgrq-sz	avgqu-sz	await	svctm	%util
dasda	0.19	1.45	1.23	0.74	64.43	9.29	74.88	0.01	2.65	0.80	0.16
dasdb	0.02	232.93	0.03	9.83	0.18	975.17	197.84	0.98	99.80	1.34	1.33

Time: 10:56:36 AM

Device:	rrqm/s	wrqm/s	r/s	w/s	rkB/s	wkB/s	avgrq-sz	avgqu-sz	await	svctm	%util
dasda	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
dasdb	0.00	1981.55	0.00	339.81	0.00	9495.15	55.89	0.91	2.69	1.14	38.83

Time: 10:56:37 AM

Device:	rrqm/s	wrqm/s	r/s	w/s	rkB/s	wkB/s	avgrq-sz	avgqu-sz	await	svctm	%util
dasda	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
dasdb	0.00	2055.00	0.00	344.00	0.00	9628.00	55.98	1.01	2.88	1.19	41.00

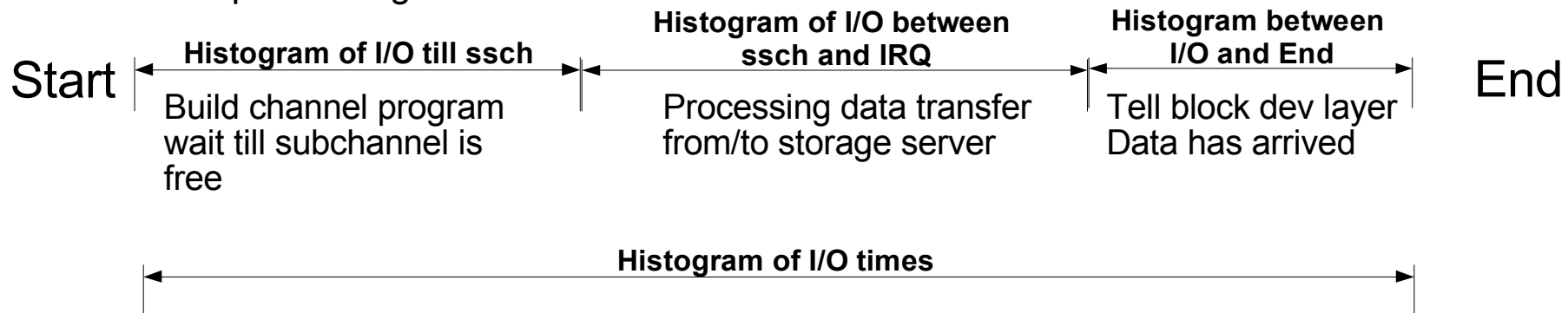


# DASD statistics

- **Characteristics:** Easy to use, very detailed
- **Objective:** Collects statistics of I/O operations on DASD devices
- **Usage:**
  - ▶ enable: echo on > /proc/dasd/statistics
  - ▶ show:
    - overall cat /proc/dasd/statistics
    - for individual DASDs tunedasd -P /dev/dasda

- **Shows:**

- ▶ various processing times:





# DASD statistics - report

## ■ Sample:

4KB <= request size < 8 KB

1ms <= response time < 2 ms

29432 dasd I/O requests  
with 6227424 sectors(512B each)

<4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512	1k	2k	4k	8k	16k	32k	64k	128k
_256	_512	_1M	_2M	_4M	_8M	_16M	_32M	_64M	_128M	_256M	_512M	_1G	_2G	_4G	_>4G
Histogram of sizes (512B secs)															
0	0	9925	3605	1866	4050	4102	933	2700	2251	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Histogram of I/O times (microseconds)															
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1283	1249	6351	7496	3658	8583	805	7	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Histogram of I/O time till ssch															
2314	283	98	34	13	5	16	275	497	8917	5567	4232	7117	60	4	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Histogram of I/O time between ssch and irq															
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14018	7189	2402	1031	4758	27	4	3	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Histogram of I/O time between irq and end															
2733	6	5702	9376	5781	940	1113	3781	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of req in chang at enqueueing (1..32)															
0	2740	628	1711	1328	23024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## ■ Hints

- ▶ Also shows data per sector

# FCP statistics



- **Characteristics:** Detailed latency information (SLES9 and SLES10)
- **Objective:** Collects statistics of I/O operations on FCP devices on request base, separate for read/write
  
- **Usage:**
  - ▶ enable
    - CONFIG\_STATISTICS=y must be set in the kernel config file
    - debugfs is mounted at /sys/kernel/debug/
    - For a certain LUN in directory  
/sys/kernel/debug/statistics/zfcp-<device-bus-id>-<WWPN>-<LUN>
      - issue echo on=1 > definition (turn off with on=0, reset with data=reset)
  - ▶ view
    - cat /sys/kernel/debug/statistics/zfcp-<device-bus-id>-<WWPN>-<LUN>/data
  
- **Hint**
  - ▶ FCP and DASD statistics are not directly comparable, because in the FCP case many I/O requests can be sent to the same LUN before the first response is given. There is a queue at FCP driver entry and in the storage server

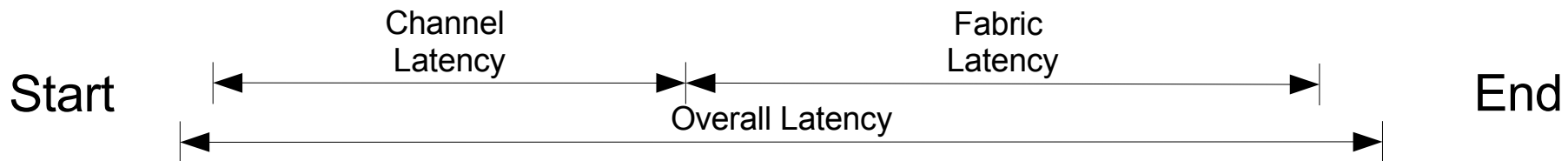


# FCP statistics



## ■ Shows:

- ▶ Request sizes                    in bytes (hexadecimal)
  - ▶ Channel latency                Time spent in the FCP channel in nanoseconds
  - ▶ Fabric latency                 processing data transfer from/to storage server incl. SAN in nanoseconds
  - ▶ (Overall) latencies            whole time spent in the FCP layer in milliseconds
- 
- ▶ Calculate the pass through time for the FCP layer as  
`pass through time = overall latency - (channel latency + fabric latency)`  
→ Time spent between the Linux device driver and FCP channel adapter inclusive in Hypervisor





# FCP statistics example

```
cat /sys/kernel/debug/statistics/zfcp-0.0.1700-0x5005076303010482-0x4014400500000000/data
```

```
...
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x1000 1163
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x80000 805
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x54000 47
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x2d000 44
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x2a000 26
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x57000 25
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x1e000 25
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x63000 24
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x6f000 19
request_sizes_scsi_read 0x12000 19
```

← request size 4KB, 1163 occurrences

```
...
latencies_scsi_read <=1 1076
latencies_scsi_read <=2 205
latencies_scsi_read <=4 575
latencies_scsi_read <=8 368
latencies_scsi_read <=16 0
```

← response time <= 1ms

```
...
channel_latency_read <=16000 0
channel_latency_read <=32000 983
channel_latency_read <=64000 99
channel_latency_read <=128000 115
channel_latency_read <=256000 753
channel_latency_read <=512000 106
channel_latency_read <=1024000 141
channel_latency_read <=2048000 27
channel_latency_read <=4096000 0
```

← response time <= 32μs

```
...
fabric_latency_read <=1000000 1238
fabric_latency_read <=2000000 328
fabric_latency_read <=4000000 522
fabric_latency_read <=8000000 136
fabric_latency_read <=16000000 0
```

← response time <= 1ms

```
...
```



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# netstat -s

- **Characteristics:**           **Easy to use, very detailed information**
- **Objective:**               **Display summary statistics for each protocol**
- **Usage:**                    **netstat -s**
  
- **Shows**
  - ▶ Information to each protocol
  - ▶ Amount of incoming and outgoing packages
  - ▶ Various error states, for example TCP segments retransmitted!
  
- **Hints**
  - ▶ Shows accumulated values since system start, therefore mostly the differences between two snapshots are needed
  - ▶ There is always a low amount of packets in error or resets
  - ▶ Retransmits occurring only when the system is sending data  
When the system is not able to receive, then the sender shows retransmits
  - ▶ Use sadc/sar to identify the device



# netstat -s

## ■ Output sample:

Tcp:

```
15813 active connections openings
35547 passive connection openings
305 failed connection attempts
0 connection resets received
6117 connections established
81606342 segments received
127803327 segments send out
288729 segments retransmitted
0 bad segments received.
6 resets sent
```



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# top

- **Characteristics:**            **Easy to use**
- **Objective:**                **Shows resource usage on process level**
- **Usage:**                    `top -b -d [interval in sec] > [outfile]`
  
- **Shows**
  - ▶ CPU utilization
  - ▶ Detailed memory usage
  
- **Hints**
  - ▶ Parameter -b enables to write the output for each interval into a file
  - ▶ Use -p [pid1, pid2,...] to reduce the output to the processes of interest
  - ▶ Configure displayed columns using 'f' key on the running top program
  - ▶ Use the 'W' key to write current configuration to ~/.toprc  
→ becomes the default



## top (cont.)

- See ~/.toprc file in backup

- Output sample:

```
top - 11:12:52 up 1:11, 3 users, load average: 1.21, 1.61, 2.03
Tasks: 53 total, 5 running, 48 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 3.0%us, 5.9%sy, 0.0%ni, 79.2%id, 9.9%wa, 0.0%hi, 1.0%si, 1.0%st
Mem: 5138052k total, 801100k used, 4336952k free, 447868k buffers
Swap: 88k total, 0k used, 88k free, 271436k cached
```

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	P	SWAP	DATA	WCHAN	COMMAND
3224	root	18	0	1820	604	444	R	2.0	0.0	0:00.56	0	1216	252	-	dbench
3226	root	18	0	1820	604	444	R	2.0	0.0	0:00.56	0	1216	252	-	dbench
2737	root	16	0	9512	3228	2540	R	1.0	0.1	0:00.46	0	6284	868	-	sshd
3225	root	18	0	1820	604	444	R	1.0	0.0	0:00.56	0	1216	252	-	dbench
3230	root	16	0	2652	1264	980	R	1.0	0.0	0:00.01	0	1388	344	-	top
1	root	16	0	848	304	256	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.54	0	544	232	select	init
2	root	RT	0	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	0	0	0	migration	migration/0
3	root	34	19	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	0	0	0	ksoftirqd	ksoftirqd/0
4	root	10	-5	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.13	0	0	0	worker_th	events/0
5	root	20	-5	0	0	0	S	0.0	0.0	0:00.00	0	0	0	worker_th	khelper

- Hints

- ▶ virtual memory:  $VIRT = SWAP + RES$  unit KB
- ▶ physical memory used:  $RES = CODE + DATA$  unit KB
- ▶ shared memory  $SHR$  unit KB





# Linux ps command

- **Characteristics:** very comprehensive, statistics data on process level
- **Objective:** reports a snapshot of the current processes
- **Usage (recommended):**  
**ps -eo pid,tid,nlwp,policy,user,tname,ni,pri,psr,sgi\_p,stat,wchan:12,start\_time,time,pcpu,pmem,vsize,size,rss,share,command**

```

PID    TID NLWP POL USER      TTY          NI PRI PSR P  STAT WCHAN          START    TIME %CPU %MEM  VSZ   SZ   RSS - COMMAND
...
 871    871     1 TS  root       ?            -5 29  0 * S<  kauditd_thre 10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0    0    0    0 - [kauditd]
2319   2319     1 TS  root       ?             0 23  0 * Ss  poll          10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  2332  264   756 - /sbin/syslog-ng
2322   2322     1 TS  root       ?             0 23  0 * Ss  syslog        10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  1940  376   588 - /sbin/klogd -c 7 -x -x
2324   2324     1 TS  daemon    ?             0 23  0 * Ss  poll          10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  4524  288  1168 - /usr/sbin/slpd
2350   2350     2 TS  root       ?            -3 26  0 * S<sl select        10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0 10188 8452   696 - /sbin/auditd -n
2352   2352     1 TS  nobody    ?             0 23  0 * Ss  poll          10:01 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  1856  244   572 - /sbin/portmap
2675   2675     1 TS  root       ?             0 23  0 * Ss  select        10:02 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  5772  520  1532 - /usr/sbin/sshd -o PidFile=/var/
run/sshd.init.pid
2680   2680     1 TS  root       ttyS0         0 21  0 * Ss+  read_chan     10:02 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  2008  244   656 - /sbin/mingetty --noclear
/dev/ttyS0 dumb
2737   2737     1 TS  root       ?             0 24  0 * Ss  select        10:30 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  9512  868  3228 - sshd: root@pts/0
2739   2739     1 TS  root       pts/0         0 24  0 * Ss  wait4         10:30 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  5140  824  2668 - -bash
2766   2766     1 TS  root       ?             0 23  0 * Ss  select        10:35 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  9364  720  3136 - sshd: root@pts/1
2768   2768     1 TS  root       pts/1         0 23  0 * Ss  wait4         10:35 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  5140  824  2680 - -bash
2833   2833     1 TS  root       ?             0 23  0 * Ss  select        10:38 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  9512  868  3152 - sshd: root@pts/2
2835   2835     1 TS  root       pts/2         0 23  0 * Ss+  read_chan     10:38 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  5140  824  2644 - -bash
3437   3437     1 TS  root       pts/1         0 23  0 * S+  wait4         11:39 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  1816  248   644 - dbench 3
3438   3438     1 TS  root       pts/1         0 20  0 0 R+  -             11:39 00:00:24 33.1  0.0  1820  252   604 - dbench 3
3439   3439     1 TS  root       pts/1         0 20  0 0 R+  -             11:39 00:00:23 32.8  0.0  1820  252   604 - dbench 3
3440   3440     1 TS  root       pts/1         0 20  0 0 R+  -             11:39 00:00:23 31.8  0.0  1820  252   604 - dbench 3
3461   3461     1 TS  root       pts/0         0 22  0 0 R+  -             11:40 00:00:00  0.0  0.0  2688  588   976 - ps -eo
pid,tid,nlwp,policy,user,tname,ni,pri,psr,sgi_p,stat,wchan:12,start_time,time,pcpu,pmem,vsize,size,rss,share,command

```

## ■ Hints

- ▶ Do not specify blanks inside the -o format string
- ▶ Many more options available



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# We have the problem somewhen - Strategy

## ■ Requires permanent monitoring

- ▶ Use `sadc` with a suitable interval, e.g. 1 – 5 minutes
- ▶ Because of the flattening effects of averaging, limits for critical ranges are much lower!
- ▶ Try to identify time patterns
  - use the `'at'` command and
  - the `'counts'` parameter from the monitoring tool (`sadc`, `iostat`) limits the amount of samples gathered, reduces the impact and the amount of data
- ▶ Allows to gather data with a much higher granularity during a certain period
- ▶ Follow the advices on page 'We have the problem now'



# We have the problem now - Analysis

## ■ Check CPU utilization

- ▶ Start with `vmstat 1` for a fast view or `sadc/sar` for a comprehensive data gathering (especially if the problem is only temporary)
  
- ▶ `user + system + nice >95%`
  - Is the system doing the right things? Continue with `top`
    - Do the right processes use the CPU?
  - Is `kswapd` using significant amount of CPU? Continue with `top` or `ps`
    - memory is constrained
  - Does the system use Hipersockets? Continue with `netstat -s` on sender and receiver (or `sadc/sar`)
    - Hipersockets are CPU-driven
  - Add CPUs! Or analyze the application used.
  
- ▶ High steal times?
  - Under z/VM:
    - monitor z/VM using the z/VM performance tool kit
    - high steal times on one CPU might be caused by VM activity for virtual interfaces from the guest, e.g. VSWITCH
  - In LPAR: monitor LPAR activity with the SE



# We have the problem now - Analysis

## ■ Check CPU utilization (cont)

- ▶ I/O wait times
  - counts as idle!
  - indicates disk I/O contention. Continue with 'check disk utilization'
- ▶ Significant idle times?
  - system is waiting. Continue with 'system is waiting'

## ■ Check disk utilization

- ▶ sadc/sar or iostat → identify concerned disks
- ▶ Contention on DASD devices → continue with DASD statistics
- ▶ Contention on FCP devices → continue with FCP statistics

## ■ System is waiting

- ▶ If no contention on disk devices,
- ▶ Check for errors/retransmits using netstat -s or sadc/sar
- ▶ Analyze application for locking scenarios



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- **I showed various tools providing performance data for**
  - ▶ The overall system
  - ▶ Disk I/O
  - ▶ Network I/O
  - ▶ Processes
  
- **The recommended tool for general purpose is sadc/sar!**
  - ▶ Suitable for permanent system monitoring.
  - ▶ The other tools are for a detailed analysis of specific problems
  
- **Stay current with updates on your preferred monitoring tool.**
  - ▶ Might provide more accurate values or more information.

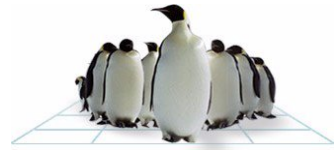


## Related Topics at 2009 System z Expo

- **Problem Determination with Linux on System z**  
zLG05            Thursday            1:00 PM
- **Performance Tuning and Monitoring: DB2 for Linux, Unix and Windows (LUW) for Linux**  
zLA08            Monday            4:10 PM  
zLA08            Wednesday        4:10 PM



# Visit us !



- **Linux on System z: Tuning Hints & Tips**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/perf/>
  
- **Linux-VM Performance Website:**
  - <http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/tips/linuxper.html>
  
- **IBM Redbooks**
  - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/>
  
- **IBM Techdocs**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atmastr.nsf/Web/Techdocs>

# Questions



# Backup





# top (config file)

## ■ Sample .toprc

- ▶ used for the output on the next slide

```
RCfile for "top with windows"           # shameless braggin'  
Id:a, Mode_altscr=0, Mode_irixps=1, Delay_time=1.000, Curwin=0  
Def   fieldscur=AEHIOQTWKNMbcdfgJPlrSuvYzX  
      winflags=64825, sortindx=10, maxtasks=0  
      summclr=1, msgscclr=1, headclr=3, taskclr=1  
Job   fieldscur=ABcefgjlrstuvwxyzMKNHIWOPQDX  
      winflags=62777, sortindx=0, maxtasks=0  
      summclr=6, msgscclr=6, headclr=7, taskclr=6  
Mem   fieldscur=ANOPQRSTUVWXYZbcdefgjlmzyWHIKX  
      winflags=62777, sortindx=13, maxtasks=0  
      summclr=5, msgscclr=5, headclr=4, taskclr=5  
Usr   fieldscur=ABDECGfhijlopqrstuvwxyzMKNWX  
      winflags=62777, sortindx=4, maxtasks=0  
      summclr=3, msgscclr=3, headclr=2, taskclr=3
```



# sysstat tools

- **provides a bunch of tools:**

- ▶ `/usr/bin/iostat`
- ▶ `/usr/bin/mpstat`
- ▶ `/usr/bin/pidstat`
- ▶ `/usr/bin/sadf`
- ▶ `/usr/bin/sar`
- ▶ `/usr/lib64/sa`
- ▶ `/usr/lib64/sa/sa1`
- ▶ `/usr/lib64/sa/sa2`
- ▶ `/usr/lib64/sa/sadc`
- ▶ `/usr/sbin/rcsysstat`