



Linux on System z Performance Update

Part 1: z10 CPU, Compiler, Java, Linux Kernel

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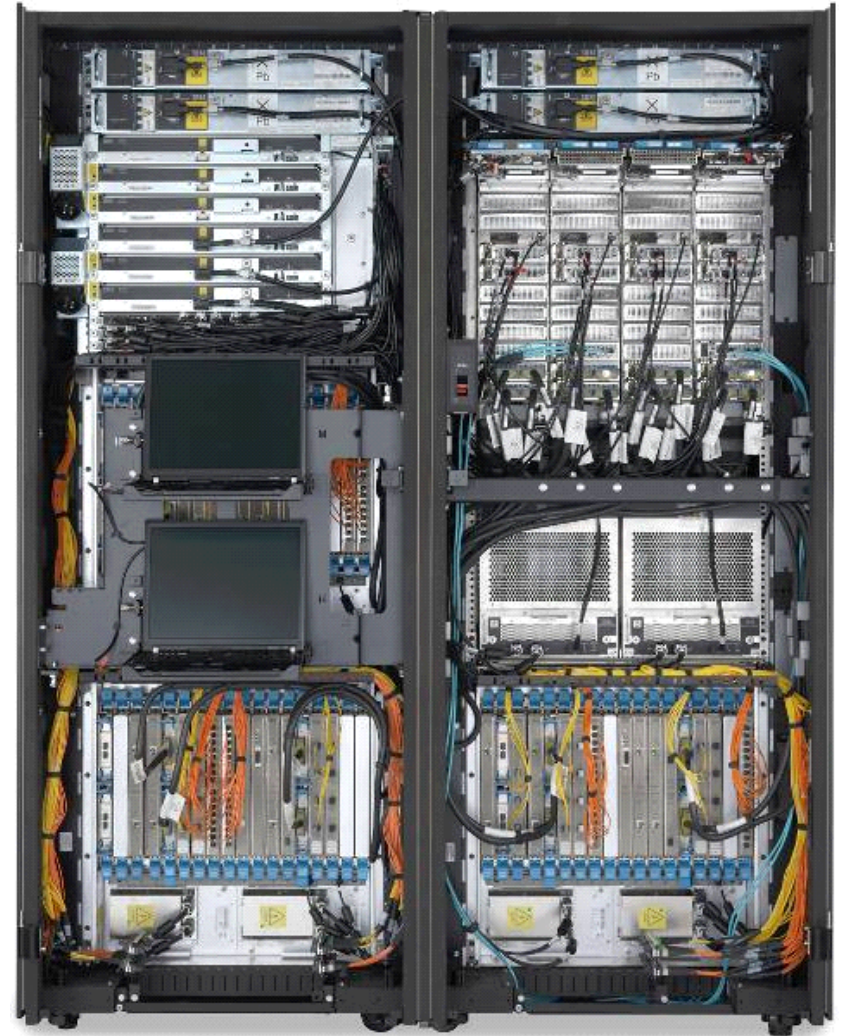
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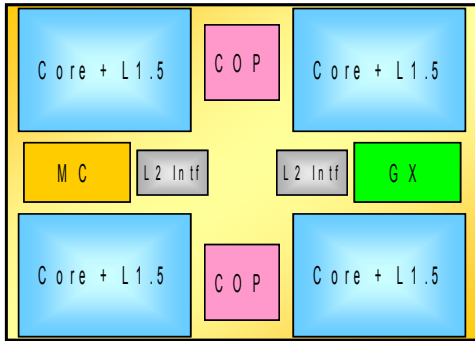
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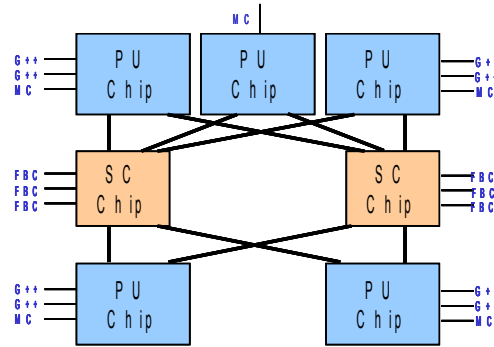


z10 Technology

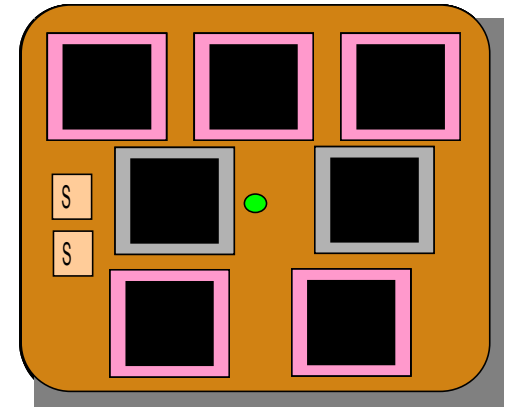
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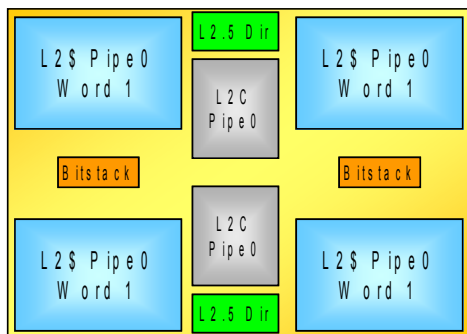
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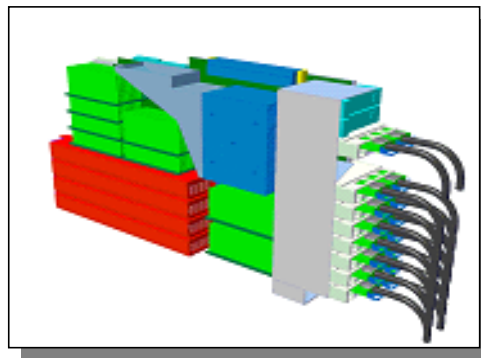
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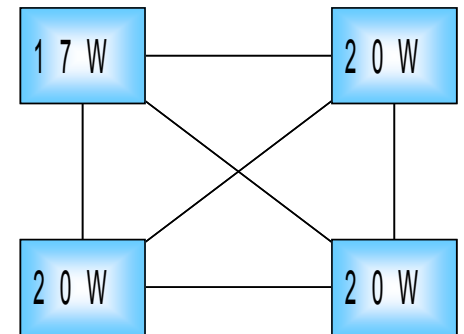
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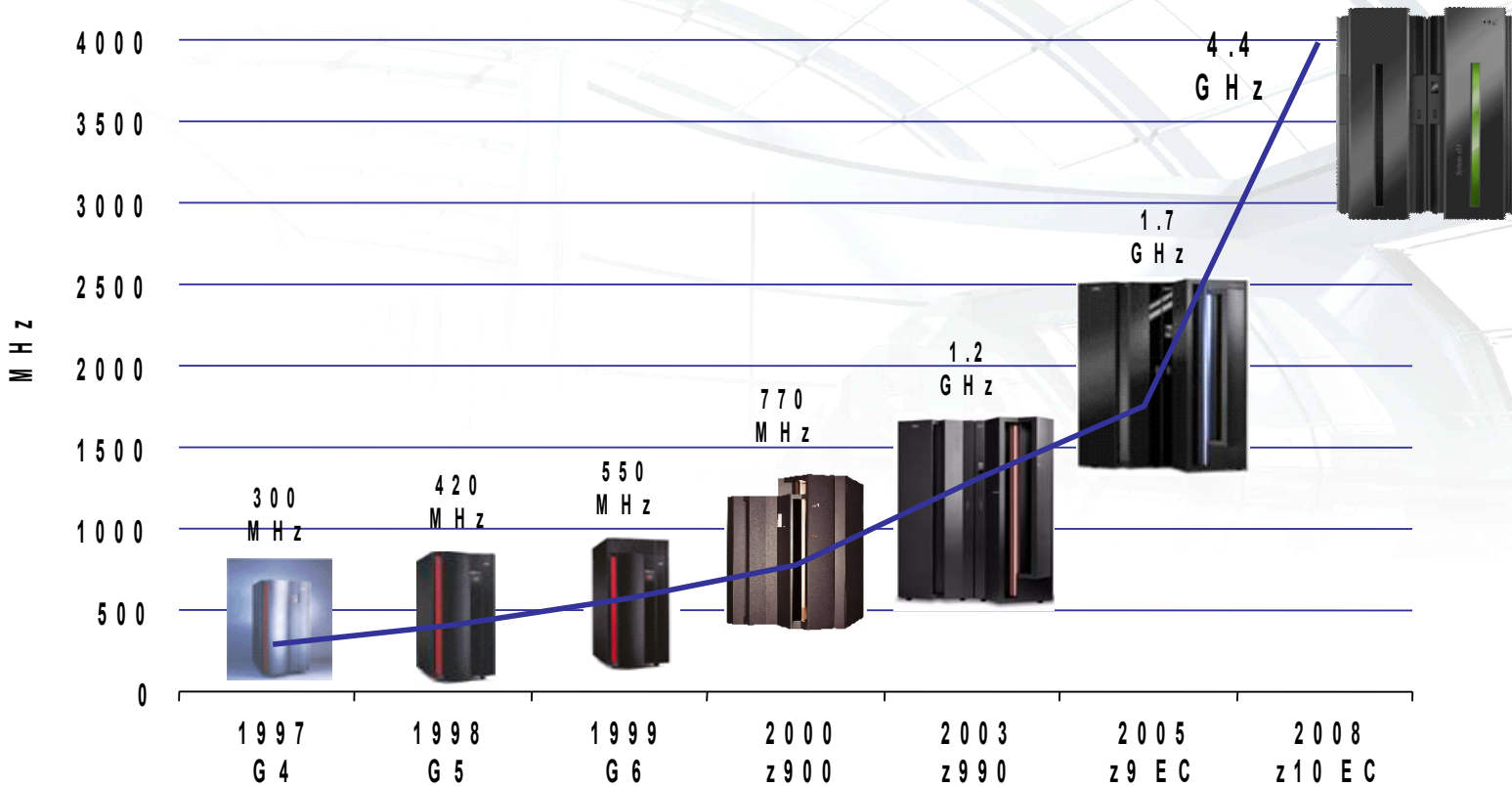
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IBM z10 EC Continues the CMOS Mainframe Heritage



- G 4 - 1st full-custom CMOS S/390®
- G 5 - IEEE-standard BFP; branch target prediction
- G 6 - Cu BEOL

- IBM eServer zSeries 900 (z900) - Full 64-bit z/Architecture®
- IBM eServer zSeries 990 (z990) - Superscalar CISC pipeline
- z9 EC - System level scaling

- z10 EC - Architectural extensions

IBM System z – system design comparison

System I/O Bandwidth

288 GB/sec

**Balanced System
CPU, nWay,
Memory,
I/O Bandwidth***

Memory

1.5 TBs

ITRs for
1-way

~900

512 GB

256 GB

64 GB

24 GB/sec

172.8 GB/sec

96 GB/sec

16-way

32-way

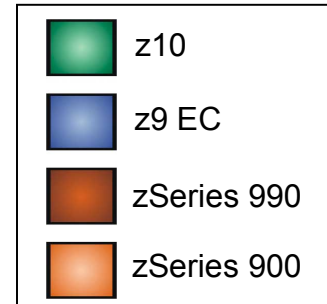
54-way

64-way
CPUs

300

450

~600



*Servers exploit a subset of its designed I/O capability

LSPR Mixed Workload for System z10 EC

z10 EC to z9 EC
Ratios

LSPR Mixed workload average, multi-image for z/OS 1.8 with HiperDispatch active on z10 EC!

Uni-processor

1.62

16-way z10 EC to 16-way z9 EC

1.49

32-way z10 EC to 32-way z9 EC

1.49

56-way z10 EC to 54-way z9 EC

1.54

64-way z10 EC to 54-way z9 EC

1.70

IBM Large System Performance Reference (LSPR)

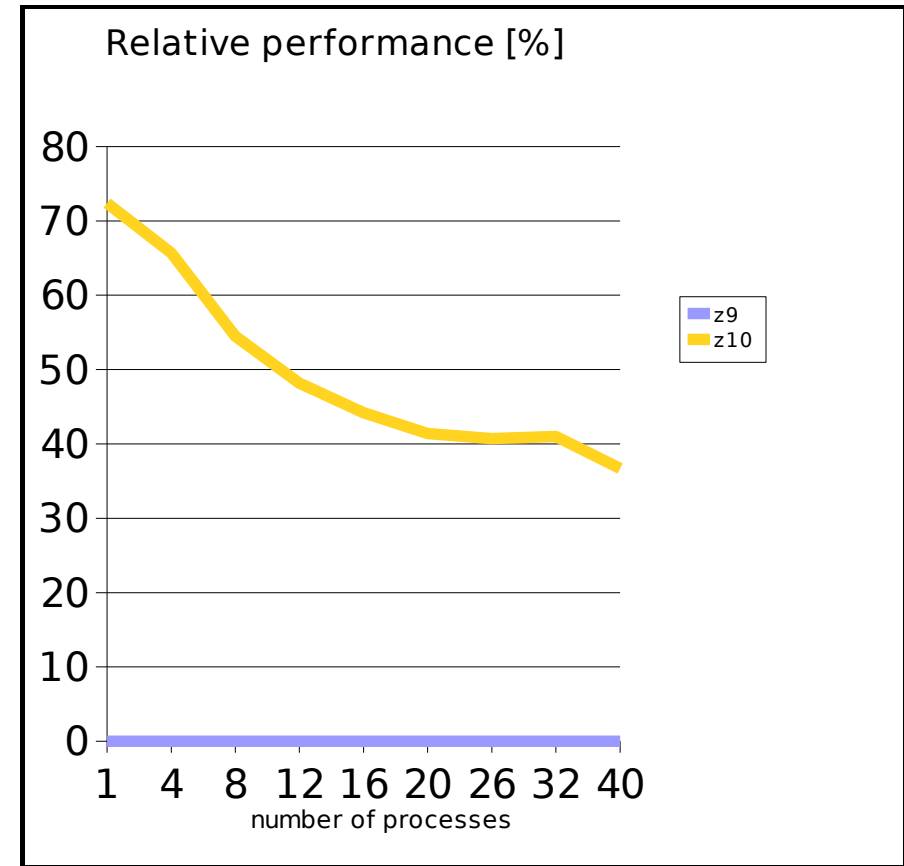
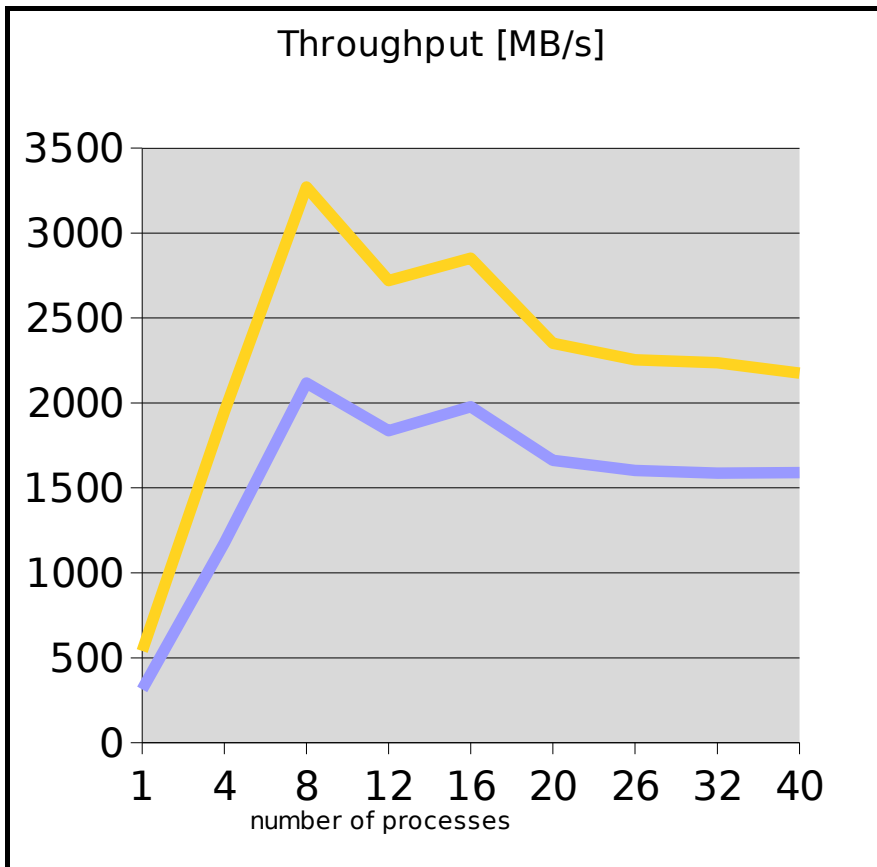
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File server benchmark description

- dbench 3
 - Emulation of Netbench benchmark, rates windows file servers
 - Mainly memory operations (large page cache)
 - Mixed file operations workload for each process: create, write, read, append, delete
 - 8 CPUs and 1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 26, 32, 40 processes
 - 2 GB memory

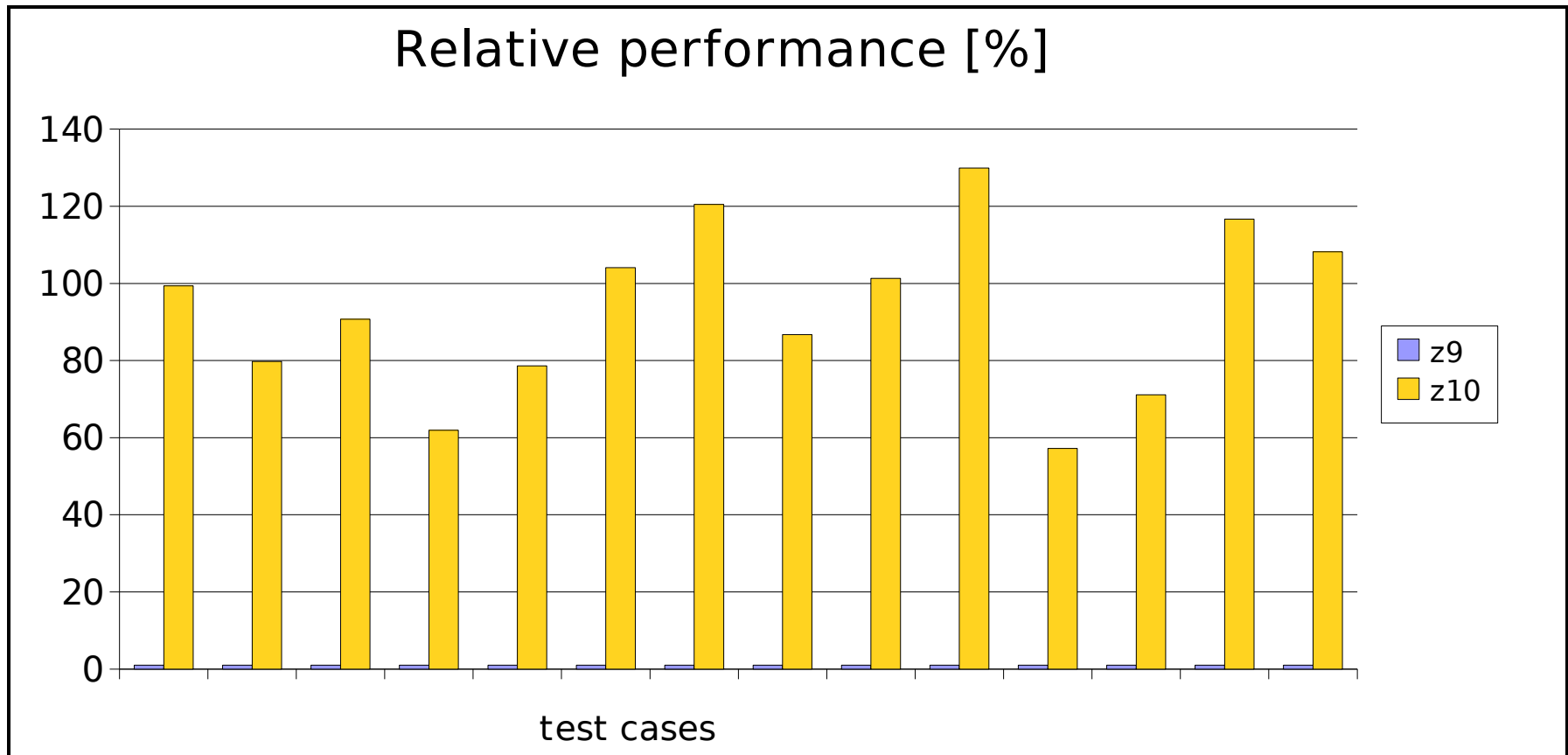
z10 Performance: dbench 3

- Improvement z10 versus z9:
 - Measured with 8 CPUs: average improvement is 50%



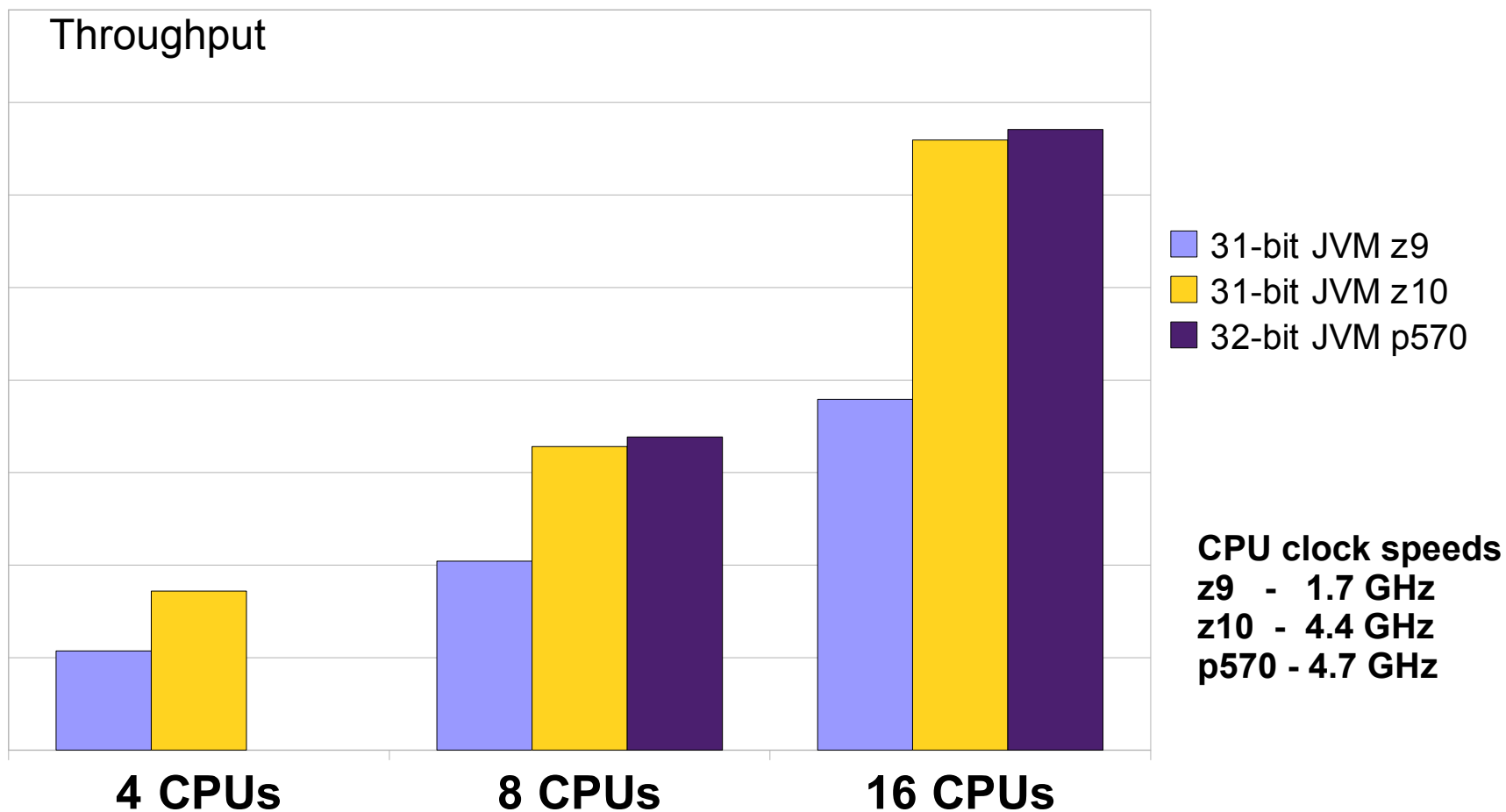
z10 Performance: CPU intensive workloads

- Overall improvement with z10 versus z9: 1.9x
- GCC-4.3 compiler can use `-march=z10` option



z10 Performance: Java workload

- System z versus System p

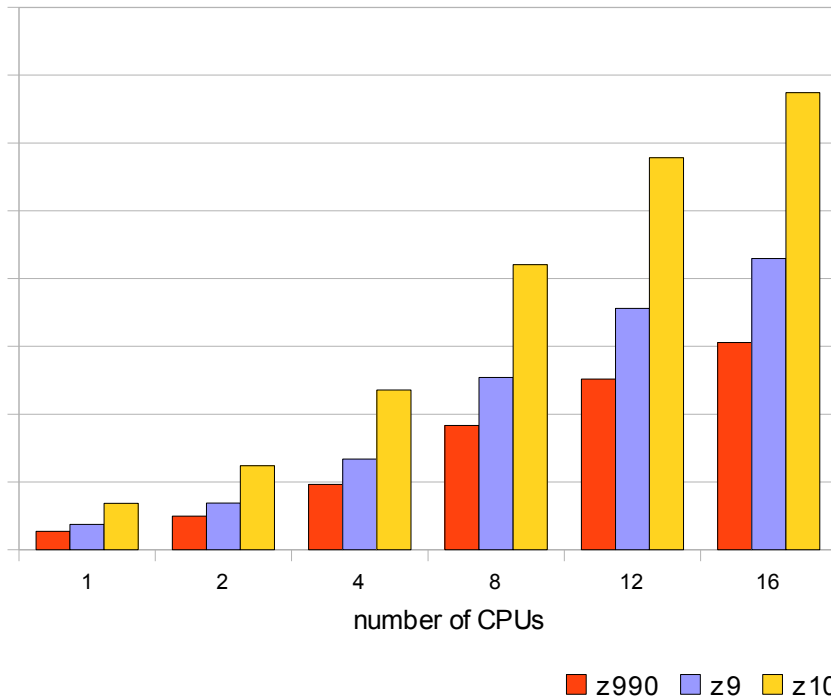


z10 with Informix IDS 11 OLTP workload

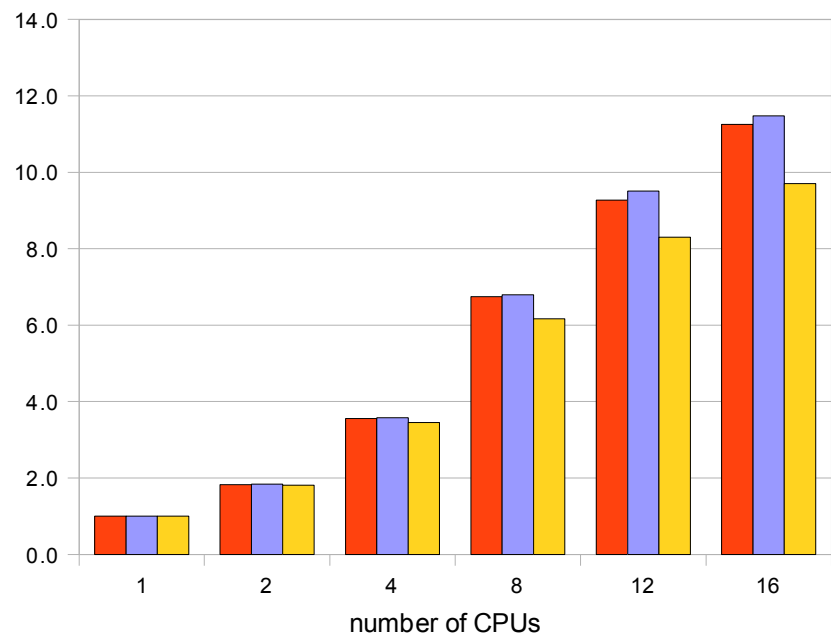
Throughput improvements

- z9 to z10: 65% - 82%
- x numbers of z10 CPUs can do the same work as 2x z9 CPUs

Transactions



scaling factor



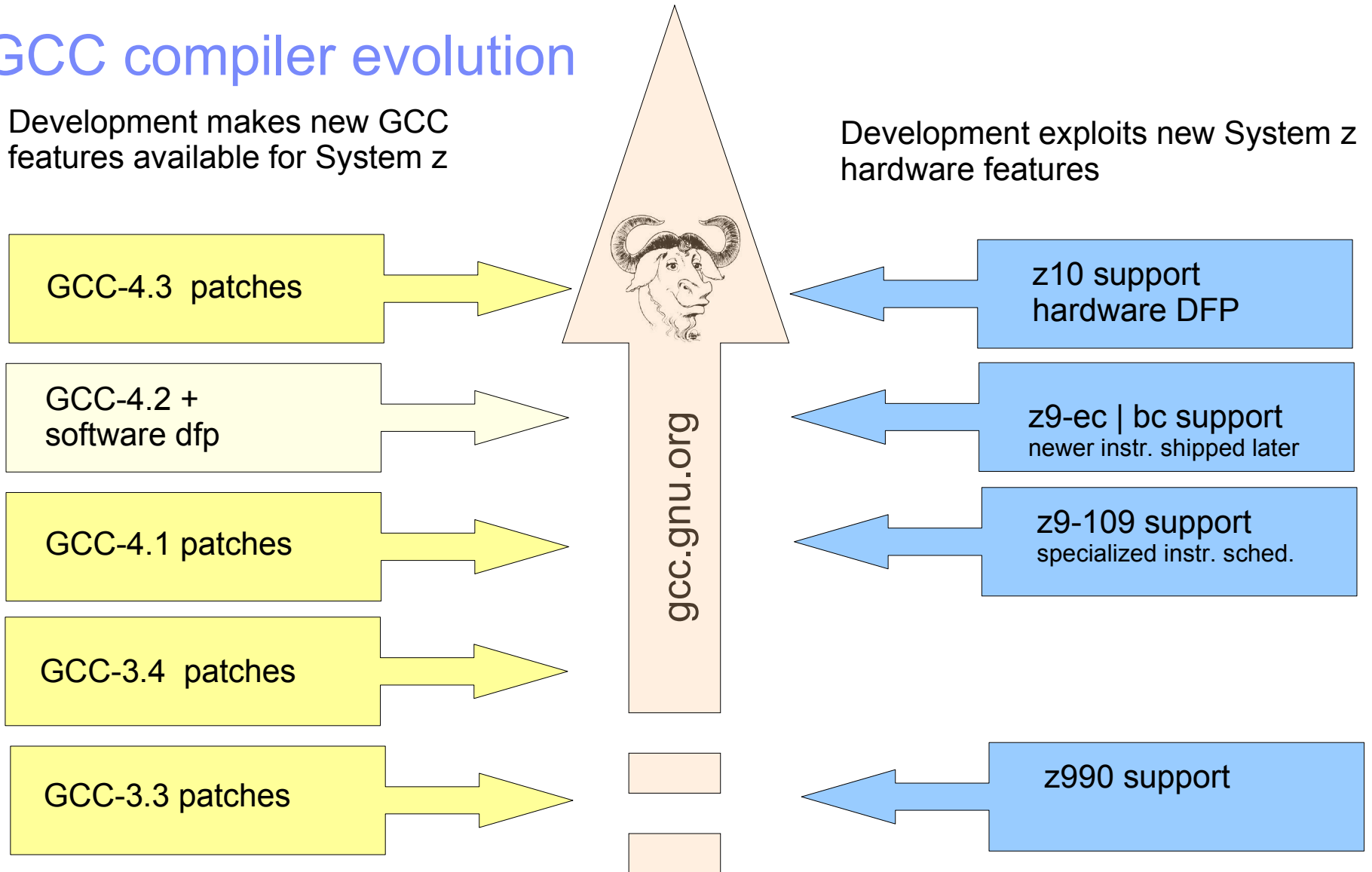
z10 Performance summary

- System z evolution continues
- Performance boost from z9 to z10
- Balanced System
- LSPR expectations met
- Excellent on compute intensive and Java workloads
- GCC 4.3 available with SLES11

GCC compiler evolution

Development makes new GCC features available for System z

Development exploits new System z hardware features



GCC versions supported on System z

GCC version	Used in SUSE distribution	Used in Red Hat distribution
GCC-3.3	SLES9	
GCC-3.4		RHEL4
GCC-4.0		
GCC-4.1	SLES10	RHEL5
GCC-4.2		
GCC-4.3	SLES11	
GCC-4.4		

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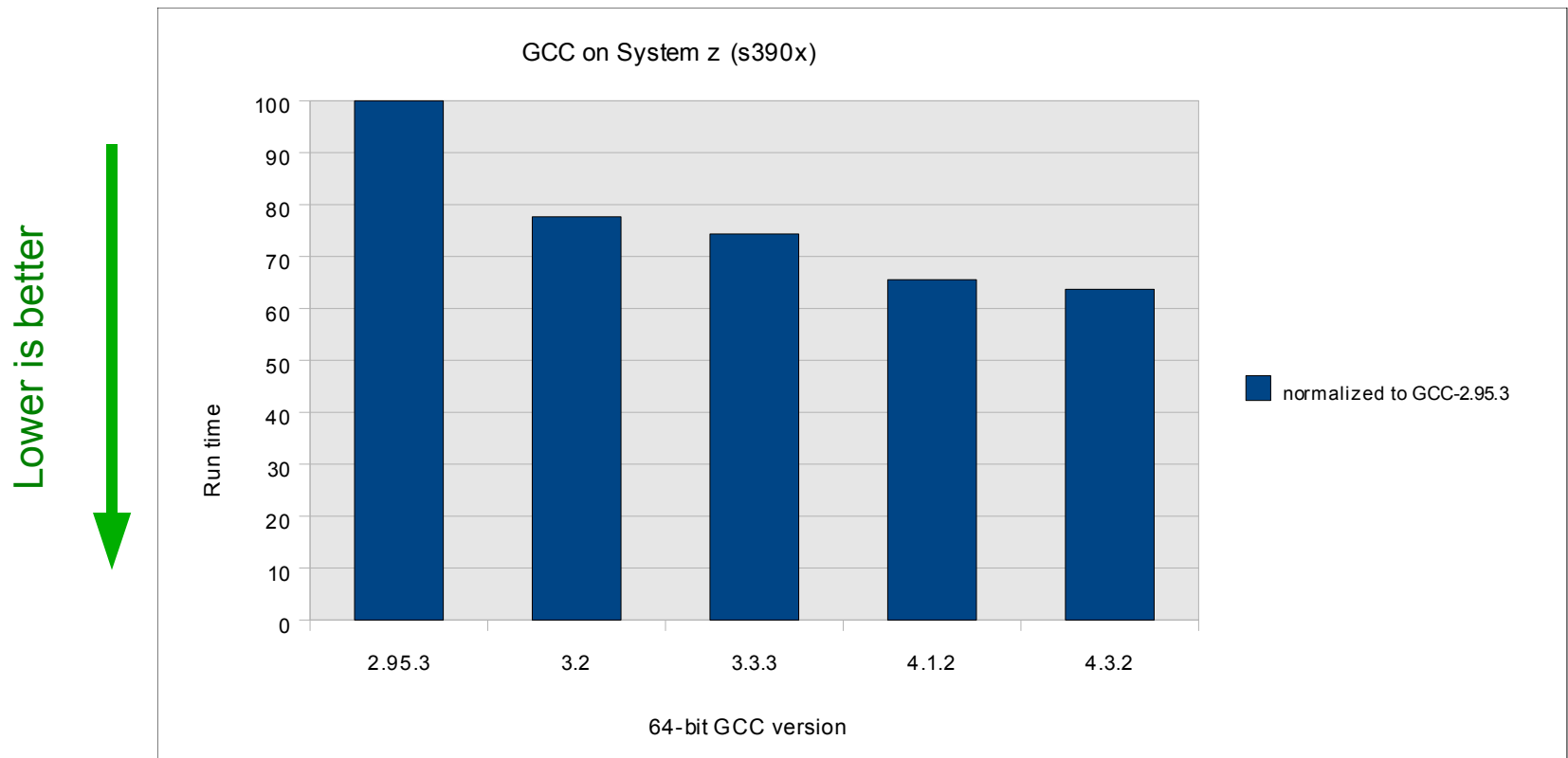
Optimizing C/C++ code

- Produce optimized code
 - Options -O3 or -O2 (often found in delivered Makefiles) are a good starting points
 - Optimize GCC instruction scheduling with the performance critical target machine in mind
 - -mtune=values <z900,z990>, <z9-109 with GCC-4.1>, <z9-ec | bc with GCC-4.2 and GCC-4.3>, <z10 with SLES11 GCC-4.3>
 - If you know the target machine exploit improved machine instruction set
 - -march=values <z900,z990>, <z9-109 with GCC-4.1>, <z9-ec | bc with GCC-4.2 and GCC-4.3>, <z10 with SLES11 GCC-4.3>
 - -march build binaries are only upward compatible!

- Fine Tuning: additional general options on a file by file basis
 - Use inline assembler for performance critical functions may have advantages
 - Avoid -fPIC for executables (gen. position independent code)
 - -funroll-loops often has advantages
 - -ffast-math speeds up calculations (if not exact implementation of IEEE or ISO rules/specifications for math functions is needed)
 - Don't use debugging options in the final executable

GCC performance evolution on System z

- Run time of industry standard benchmark applications with newer GCC versions is much shorter



DFP – Decimal Floating Point

Limitations of binary numbers in economy

- Trading goods and amounts of money cannot be calculated or represented exactly by binary floating point numbers
 - Many numbers cannot be represented properly (1/5, 1/10)
 - People who are used to decimal numbers expect results and calculations to be available with full precision
 - The traditional binary representation is not suitable for usual calculations
 - $\$ 0.70 \times 1.05 = \$$
0.734999999999999998667732370449812151491641998291015625
 - Rounding to two digital places gives \$ 0.73
 - Expected is $\$ 0.70 \times 1.05 = \$ 0.735 \Rightarrow$ rounded to \$ 0.74
- If you rely on correctly calculated results without DFP you have to add many lines of code to your program
 - Example: troublesome binary floating point rounding mechanisms
 - Sometimes more than 50 times the number of lines than in an DFP implementation
 - Additional code is error-prone
 - Depending on the amount of calculations a performance degradation is to expect
 - TCO is higher due to service, maintenance, run time

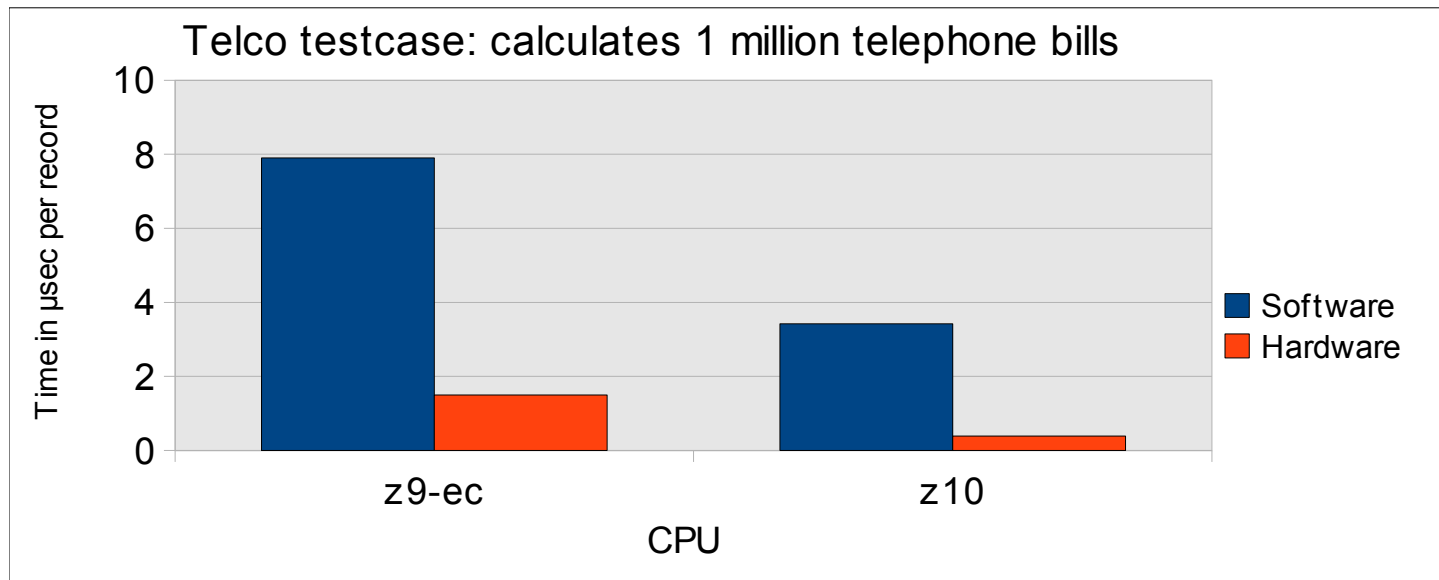
DFP - support added in GCC

- Front end support (C, C++, Fortran, Java):
 - Support for the 3 new data types: `_Decimal{32|64|128}`
 - Support for DFP constants written with DF suffix
- Middle end support:
 - Complete DFP arithmetic layer for constant folding
 - Support for integer or IEEE floating point conversion routines
- GCC - versions
 - Software DFP support in GCC-4.2 added
 - Hardware DFP support in GCC-4.3 added (usable with z9-EC, z10)
- GCC-4.3.2 is available in SLES11
 - offers DFP in a supported environment on Linux on System z
 - The usage of DFP arithmetics in applications requires the explicit use of DFP data types
 - If GCC is used with `-march=z9-ec` and `-march=z10` the HW DFP support is used by default (`-mhard-dfp/-mno-hard-dfp` options)

DFP - decimal floating point performance

- Telco benchmark models a telephone company's billing system
 - Billing of one million telephone calls including tax using DFP arithmetics
- Big advantage if DFP hardware support is exploited
 - z9-EC DFP hardware support in millicode
 - z10 DFP hardware support by real hardware -> much faster

Lower is better



Java on servers: Workload

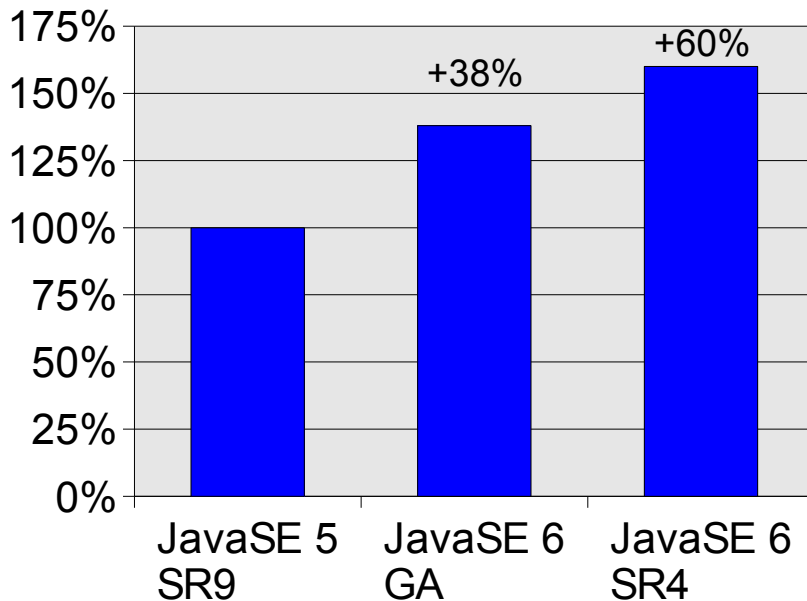
- evaluates server side Java
 - emulates 3-tier system
 - random input from user
 - middle tier business logic implemented in Java
 - no explicit database --> emulated by Java objects

- stressed components
 - Java
 - Virtual Machine (VM)
 - Just-In-Time compiler (JIT)
 - Garbage Collection (GC)
 - Linux operating system
 - Threads
 - CPUs
 - Caches and Memory

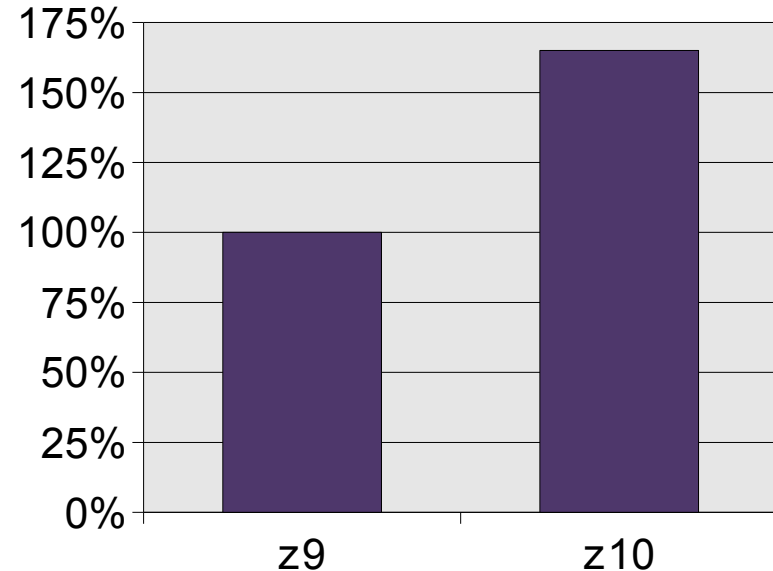
Java on servers: Performance Improvements

- better virtual machines (VMs) and just-in-time (JIT) compilers
- better garbage collection (GC) technologies
- improvements through new hardware

History of Java versions



System z with Java SE 6 GA



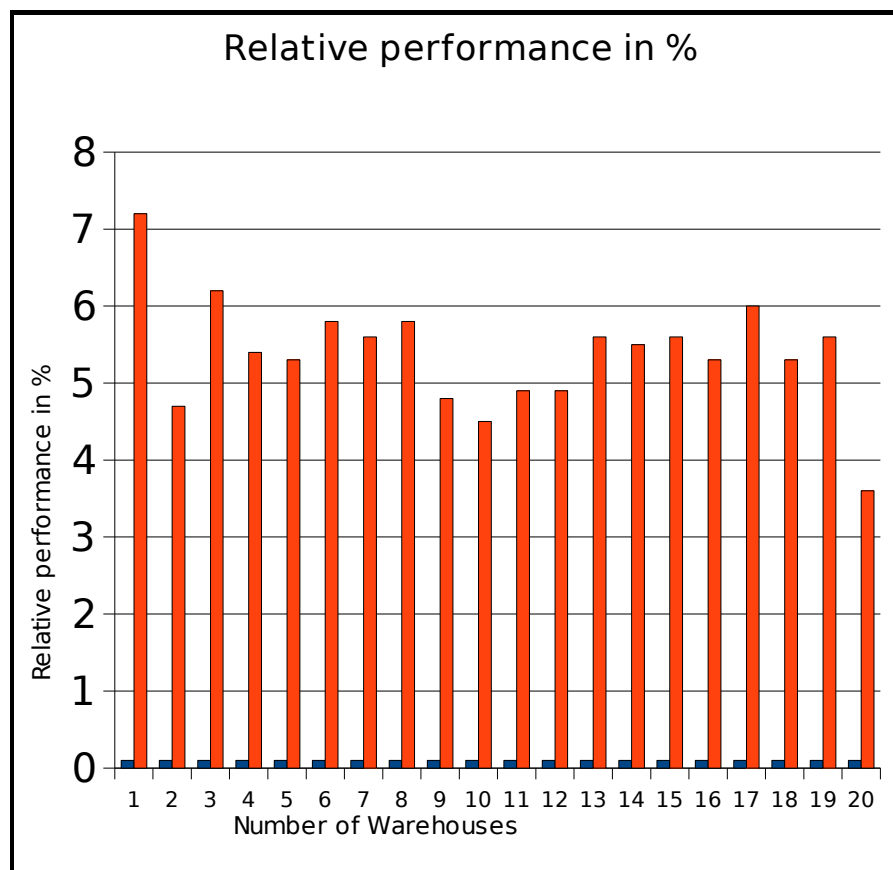
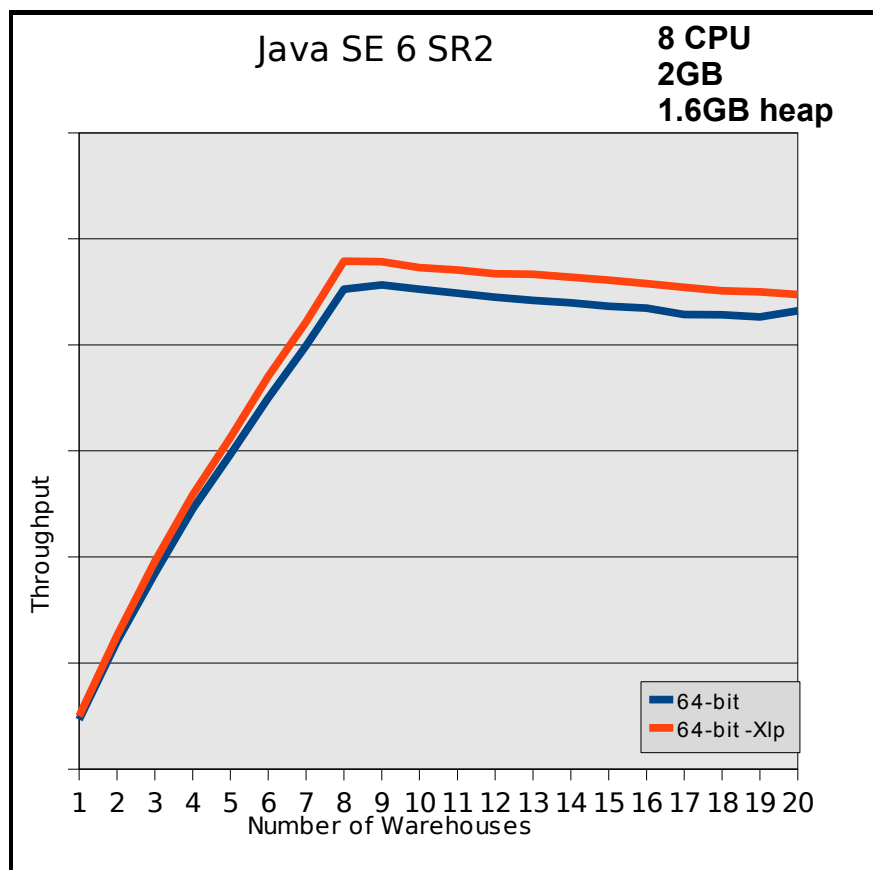
Java on servers: Heap size

- Heap size needs to be sized adequately
 - maximum heap size \leq available memory
 - avoids paging in Linux and z/VM
 - Heap too small: frequent garbage collection and OutOfMemoryErrors
 - Heap too big: infrequent garbage collection; Linux starts swapping
 - 31-bit Java kits: larger heap sizes up to 1.6 GB (modify memory layout)
 - also true for 31-bit Java kits in a 64-bit Linux environment

- useful Java interpreter parameters for fine tuning – workload dependent
 - setting a fixed heap size: **-Xms** (initial), **-Xmx** (maximum), when initial==maximum
 - monitor garbage collection (GC): **-verbose:gc**
 - **-Xlp** tries to allocate large pages for the heap
 - prereq: Linux kernel needs to be setup for large pages (vm.nr_hugepages)
 - control GC behavior: **-Xgcpolicy:[optthruput, optavgpause, gencon]**
 - 64-bit: smaller size of heap objects: **-Xcompressedrefs**

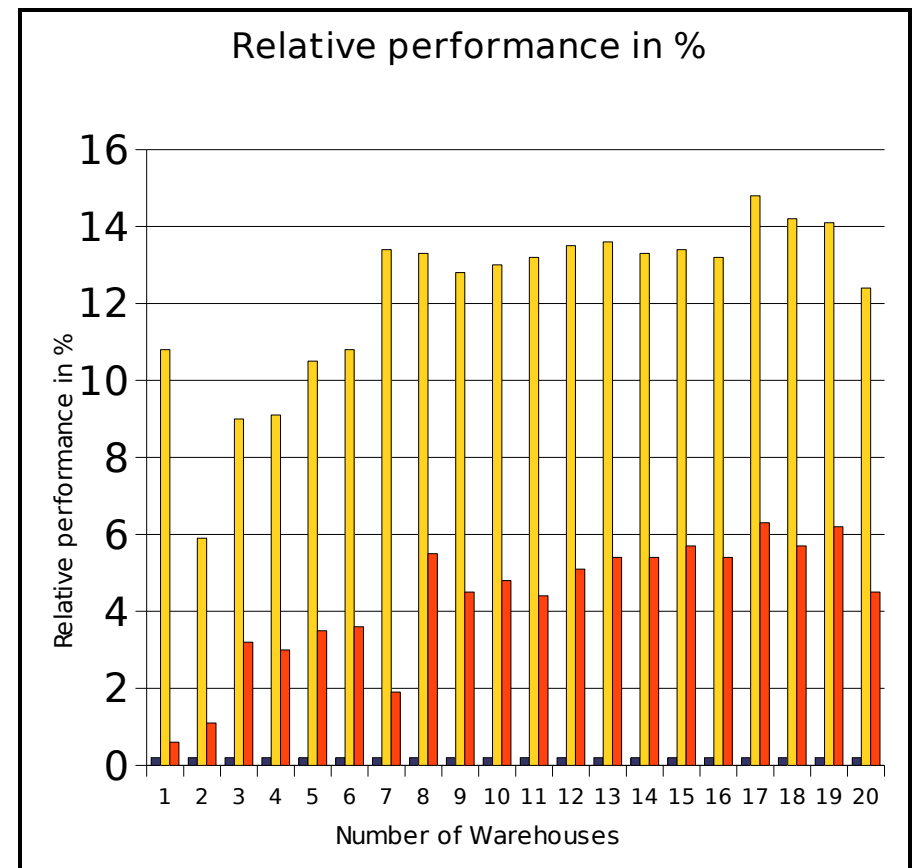
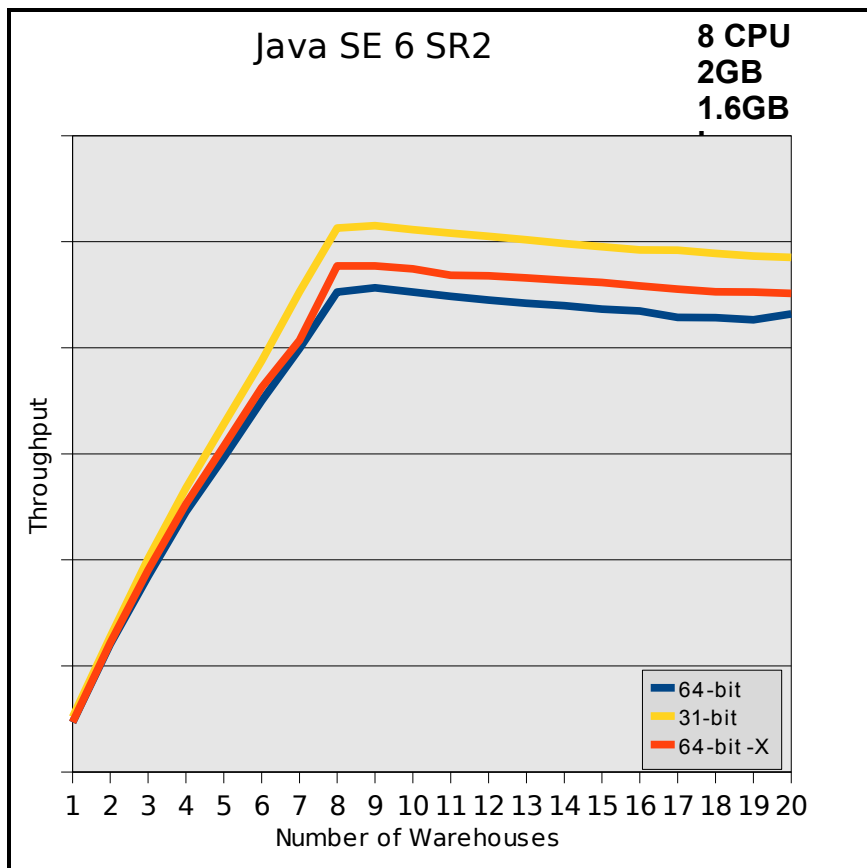
Java on servers: Large page support (z10 feature)

- use of **-Xlp** improves throughput
- large page size was 2 MB (default for SLES10 and RHEL5)



Java on servers: 31-bit vs. 64-bit

- use of **-Xcompressedrefs** provides relief for 64-bit (new in Java SE 6 SR2)
- smaller size of 64-bit heap objects



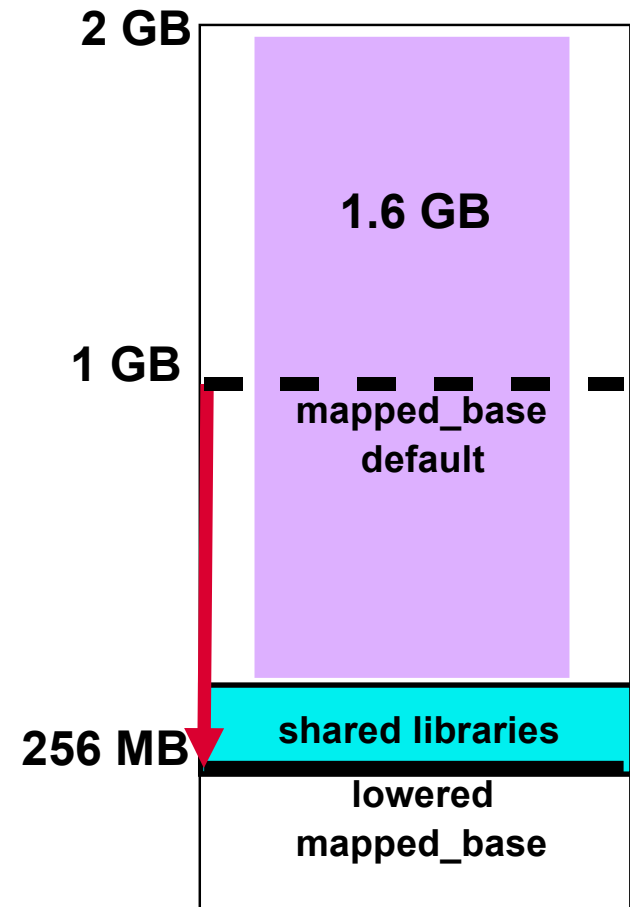
Java on servers: larger heaps for 31-bit Java kits (1)

- modify Linux memory layout
 - reorder mapped base for shared libraries
- 31-bit emulation mode for Novell SLES 9,10

HOWTO:

- PID is the process ID of the process you want to change the layout (usually the bash shell)
 - \$\$ gives the current shell **PID**, /proc/self/... works as well
- display memory map of any PID by
 - cat /proc/<PID>/maps
- check the mapped base value by
 - cat /proc/<PID>/mapped_base
- lower the value to e.g. 256 MB by
 - echo 268435456 >/proc/<PID>/mapped_base

==> retry to allocate a larger heap size



Java on servers: larger heaps for 31-bit Java kits (2)

- modify Linux memory layout
 - RHEL includes flex-mmap patch; turn off Linux prelinking
- applies RHEL 4,5 distributions (31-bit emulation mode)

HOWTO:

- show state of flex-mmap patch
 - `cat /proc/sys/vm/legacy_va_layout`
 - 0 means flex-mmap is enabled; 1 means old memory layout
- enable flex-mmap if disabled
 - `echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/legacy_va_layout`
- disable Linux prelinking
 - in `/etc/sysconfig/prelink` set `PRELINKING=no`
- apply setting by running the daily cron prelink job immediately
 - `# /etc/cron.daily/prelink <ENTER>`

==> retry to allocate a larger heap size

Java on servers: Summary & Hints

- try to use the latest **Java version**
 - up to 60% release to release improvements
 - up to 15% with newer service releases (SR) for a release
 - middleware applications often bring their own Java Kit
- make sure that you've got **JIT enabled**
 - command 'java -version' says “JIT enabled/disabled”
- lots of java interpreter **-X...** parameters for fine tuning
 - to get an idea type 'java -X'
- provide an optimal **heap size** to your application
- don't use the java interpreter in batch mode – call x-times 'java Myprog'
 - try to put the loop logic into your Java application

CPU hotplug function

- Changes the number of used processors on the fly, depending on the current overall utilization and load
- available with SLES10 SP2
- Expectation:
 - **Increases the performance of single threaded applications within a z/VM or LPAR environment with multiple CPUs**
- Enables or disables CPUs based on a set of rules
- Is enabled in the kernel configuration by setting

```
Base setup ---->
```

```
--- Processor type and features ---
```

```
...
```

```
Symmetric multi-processing support (CONFIG_SMP)
```

```
└─ Support for hot-pluggable CPUs (CONFIG_HOTPLUG_CPU)
```

CPU hotplug parameters

- The configuration information is stored at `/etc/sysconfig/cpuplugd`
- Minimum number of CPUs is set with `cpu_min=<number>`
- Maximum number of CPUs is set with `cpu_max=<number>`
 - 0 means number of detected CPUs
- The update interval is set with `update=<value in seconds>`
 - Default is 10 seconds
- Consider the effect of kernel “cpu” parameters:
 - `maxcpus=<n>` sets the number of processors which will be active after system boot
 - `possible_cpus=<n>` is the upper limit for hotpluggable CPUs
 - If `possible_cpus` is not specified but `maxcpus` is, then `maxcpus` is the upper limit for hotpluggable CPUs

CPU hotplug rules

- The default rule for increasing the number of CPUs is
`HOTPLUG="(loadavg > onumcpus + 0.75) & (idle < 10.0)"`
 - An additional CPU is enabled, if the loadaverage is greater than the number of active (online) CPUs plus 0.75 and the current idle percentage is less than 10 percent.
- The default rule for decreasing the number of CPUs is
`HOTUNPLUG="(loadavg < onumcpus - 0.25) | (idle > 50)"`
 - A CPU is disabled, either if the current load is below the number of active CPUs minus 0.25 or if the idle percentage is greater than 50%.
- The formulas for these rules can be modified. See “Device Drivers, Features and Commands” for valid expressions.
- Note:
 - `loadavg` is a value that changes slowly
 - `idle` changes fast
 - Increments and decrements of active CPUs are done in steps of 1 every time when the rules are checked.

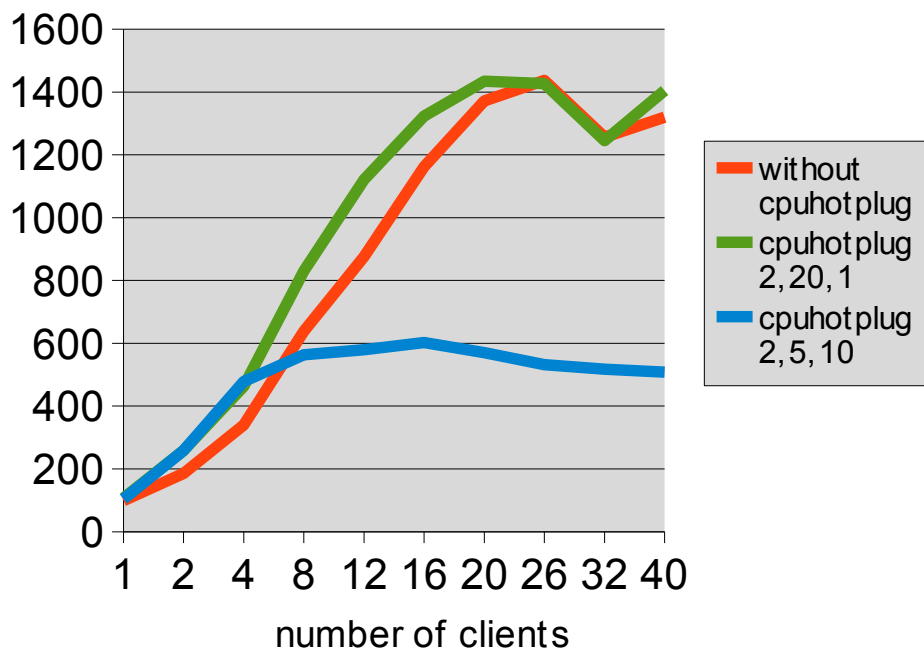
CPU hotplug test workload

- **dbench 3**
 - Emulation of Netbench benchmark, rates windows file servers
 - Mainly memory operations (large page cache)
 - Mixed file operations workload for each process: create, write, read, append, delete
 - Scaling with 1,2,4,8,16 CPUs and 1,4,8,12,16,20,26,32 and 40 clients
 - 20 CPUs available, 2 GB memory
- **Modification to the standard code:**
 - Purpose:
 - Need more interaction between clients
 - Create two processes per client and communicate with POSIX message queues
 - First process:
 - Read the I/O commands from the control file
 - Pass this information to the second process
 - Second process:
 - Performs the execution of this command
 - Reports the end of the operation back to the first process

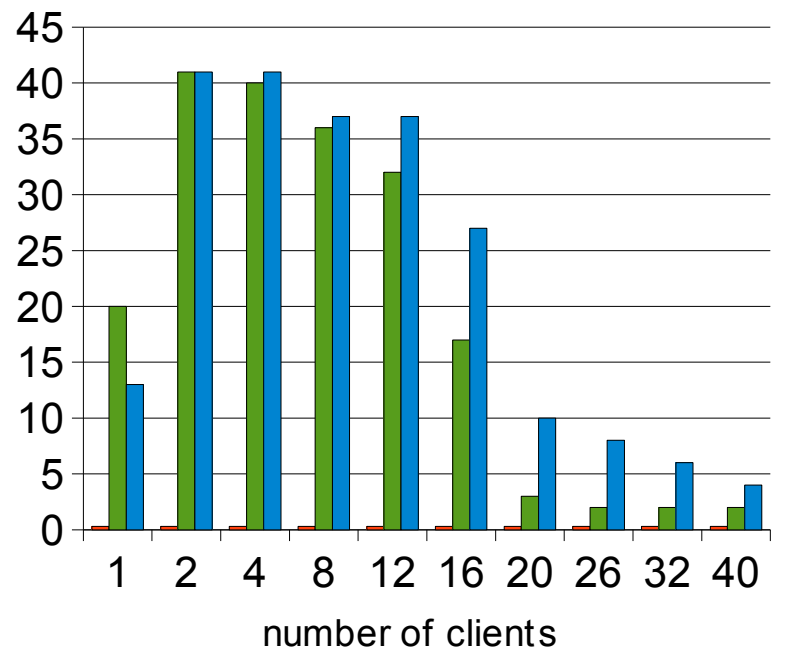
CPU hotplug performance results

- Improvements in case where the default (high) number of CPUs is not needed
- Up to 40% more throughput, up to 40% CPU cost savings

Throughput by dbench [MB/s]



Relative CPU consumption savings based on the test run without cpu hotplug [%]

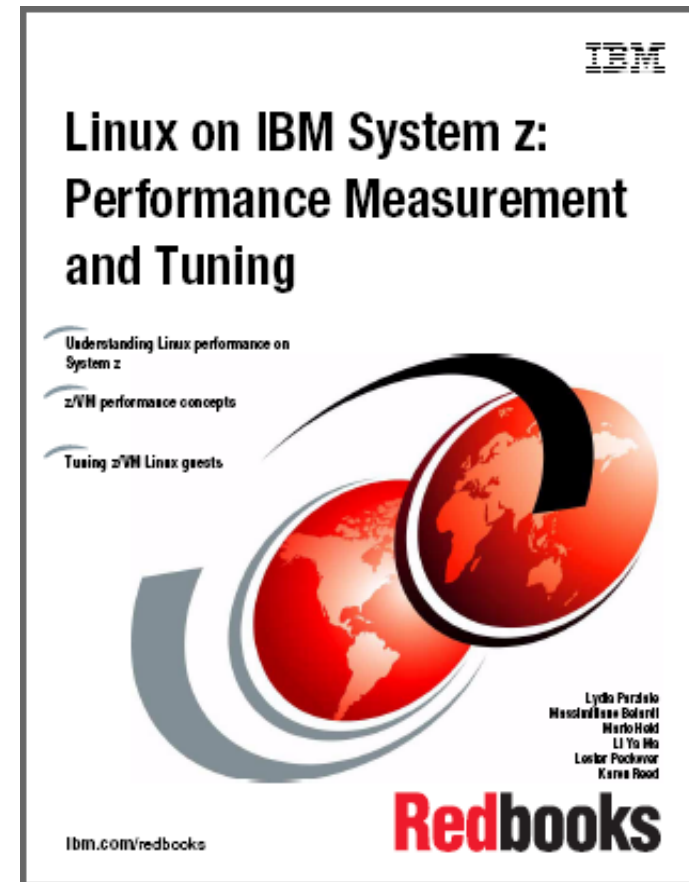


CPU hotplug summary

- This feature improves the performance by
 - sizing the correct amount of processors for a Linux system depending on its current load
 - avoiding the Linux scheduler queue balancing in partial load situations
- Set the minimum and maximum number of CPUs to values which apply to the real workload:
 - Setting `cpu_min` to 2 may be too high
 - `cpu_max` should be set so that it really covers the peaks
- Linux guests under z/VM: use z/VM 5.4
 - Guarantees that stopped processors are no longer included in virtual processor prioritization calculations
 - Ensures share redistribution

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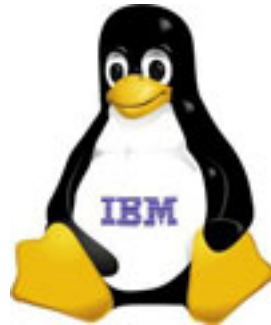
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Questions



BACKUP



oprofile – the Open Source sampling tool

- oprofile offers profiling of all running code on Linux systems, providing a variety of statistics
 - By default, kernel mode and user mode information is gathered for configurable events
- System z hardware currently does not have support for hardware performance counters, instead timer interrupt is used
 - Enable the hz_timer(!)
- The timer is set to whatever the jiffy rate is and is not user-settable
- Novell / SUSE: OProfile is on the SDK CDs
- More info at:
 - <http://oprofile.sourceforge.net/docs/>
 - <http://www.redhat.com/docs/manuals/enterprise/RHEL-4-Manual/sysadmin-guide>

oprofile – short HowTo

```
sysctl -w kernel.hz_timer=1
```

```
gunzip /boot/vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default.gz
```

– specify the kernel level of `uname -r`

```
opcontrol --vmlinux=/boot/vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default
```

```
opcontrol --start
```

<DO TEST>

```
opcontrol --shutdown
```

```
opreport
```

any next test to run? If yes

```
opcontrol --reset
```


opreport

```
>opreport
CPU: CPU with timer interrupt, speed 0 MHz (estimated)
Profiling through timer interrupt
```

samples	TIMER:0	%	
140642	94.0617		vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default
3071	2.0539		libc-2.4.so
1925	1.2874		dbench
1922	1.2854		ext3
1442	0.9644		jbd
349	0.2334		dasd_mod
152	0.1017		apparmor
6	0.0040		oprofiled
5	0.0033		bash
5	0.0033		ld-2.4.so
1	6.7e-04		dasd_eckd_mod
1	6.7e-04		oprofile

◀	Kernel
◀	glibc
◀	application
◀	file system
◀	journaling
◀	dasd driver
◀	security
	...

opreport -l

```

>opreport -l
warning: /apparmor could not be found.
warning: /dasd_eckd_mod could not be found.
warning: /dasd_mod could not be found.
warning: /ext3 could not be found.
warning: /jbd could not be found.
warning: /oprofile could not be found.
CPU: CPU with timer interrupt, speed 0 MHz (estimated)
Profiling through timer interrupt
samples %      app name                symbol name
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1922    1.2854  ext3                    (no symbols)
1442    0.9644  jbd                      (no symbols)
734     0.4909  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default memcpy
662     0.4427  libc-2.4.so             strchr
619     0.4140  dbench                  next_token
567     0.3792  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default do_gettimeofday
536     0.3585  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default __link_path_walk
525     0.3511  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default copy_to_user_std
435     0.2909  libc-2.4.so             strstr
413     0.2762  dbench                  child_run
349     0.2334  dasd_mod                (no symbols)
347     0.2321  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default _spin_lock
328     0.2194  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default sysc_do_svc
285     0.1906  dbench                  all_string_sub
283     0.1893  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default __d_lookup
251     0.1679  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default __find_get_block
231     0.1545  libc-2.4.so             ____strtol_l_internal
216     0.1445  dbench                  vsnprintf
209     0.1398  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default filldir64
205     0.1371  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default memset
196     0.1311  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default _atomic_dec_and_lock
166     0.1110  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default strchr
155     0.1037  libc-2.4.so             memmove
152     0.1017  apparmor                (no symbols)
148     0.0990  libc-2.4.so             readdir
147     0.0983  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default __brelse
146     0.0976  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default generic_file_buffered_write
144     0.0963  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default generic_permission
140     0.0936  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default __getblk
140     0.0936  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default kmem_cache_free

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almost idle
unresolved symbols

opreport -l --image-path=...

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>opreport -l --image-path=/lib/modules/2.6.16.46-0.4-default/kernel/fs/ext3//lib/modules/2.6.16.46-0.4-
default/kernel/fs/jbd//lib/modules/2.6.16.46-0.4-default/kernel/drivers/s390/block//lib/modules/2.6.16.46-
0.4-default/kernel/security/apparmor//lib/modules/2.6.16.46-0.4-default/kernel/arch/s390/oprofile
CPU: CPU with timer interrupt, speed 0 MHz (estimated)
Profiling through timer interrupt
samples %      image name          app name          symbol name
130852  87.5141  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  cpu_idle
734      0.4909  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  memcpy
662      0.4427  libc-2.4.so                  libc-2.4.so                    strchr
619      0.4140  dbench                       dbench                          next_token
567      0.3792  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  do_gettimeofday
536      0.3585  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  __link_path_walk
525      0.3511  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  copy_to_user_std
435      0.2909  libc-2.4.so                  libc-2.4.so                    strstr
413      0.2762  dbench                       dbench                          child_run
361      0.2414  ext3.ko                      ext3                            ext3_get_block_handle
347      0.2321  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  _spin_lock
328      0.2194  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  sysc_do_svc
285      0.1906  dbench                       dbench                          all_string_sub
283      0.1893  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  __d_lookup
251      0.1679  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  __find_get_block
231      0.1545  libc-2.4.so                  libc-2.4.so                    ____strtol_l_internal
226      0.1511  ext3.ko                      ext3                            ext3_try_to_allocate
223      0.1491  dasd_mod.ko                  dasd_mod                       dasd_smallloc_request
216      0.1445  dbench                       dbench                          vsnprintf
209      0.1398  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  filldir64
205      0.1371  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  memset
196      0.1311  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  _atomic_dec_and_lock
188      0.1257  ext3.ko                      ext3                            ext3_new_inode
166      0.1110  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  strchr
157      0.1050  jbd.ko                        jbd                             journal_init_dev
155      0.1037  libc-2.4.so                  libc-2.4.so                    memmove
148      0.0990  libc-2.4.so                  libc-2.4.so                    readdir
147      0.0983  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  __brelse
146      0.0976  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  generic_file_buffered_write
144      0.0963  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  generic_permission
140      0.0936  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  __getblk
140      0.0936  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  vmlinux-2.6.16.46-0.4-default  kmem_cache_free

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