Basic z/OS Tuning Using the Workload Manager

Duration: 5 Days    Course Code: ES54G

Overview:
Do you need to know how to establish a practical performance management program for your z/OS system? This course is designed for new performance analysts to learn to work with the Workload Manager (WLM) in goal mode. Learn concepts of WLM and performance management in the z/OS system using the WLM. Learn how to analyze Resource Monitoring Facility (RMF) reports and implement service definitions using the WLM Interactive System Productivity Facility (ISPF) application. The course uses z/OS hands-on lab exercises to reinforce the concepts and techniques discussed in lecture.

Hands-on labs
This course includes hands-on lab exercises. Each student team, working on their own z/OS system, will configure RMF, analyze RMF reports to find bottlenecks, and utilize the WLM dialogs to create goals and classification rules in a service definition that manages a supplied z/OS workload.

Target Audience:
This is an intermediate course for z/OS system programmers, z/OS performance analysts, and z/OS performance administrators new to performance management for their z/OS system.

Objectives:
- Describe a performance and tuning methodology
- Identify the major WLM services for z/OS, including enclaves and application environments, and how they are used by DB2, WebSphere, and CICSS
- Analyze CPU performance when running in a shared LPAR environment
- Utilize and monitor zIIP and zAAP specialty engines
- Measure and tune z/OS DASD, processor storage, and coupling facility configurations
- Explain the functions and facilities of RMF and SMF
- Analyze performance bottlenecks using RMF
- Use Workload License Charges (WLC), defined capacity and soft capping to manage software costs
- Describe advanced z/OS environments that utilize Intelligent Resource Director (IRD), HiperDispatch, z/OSMF Workload Management, and I/O Priority Manager

Prerequisites:
You should:
- Understand basic MVS and z/OS operation, such as job flow through JES, job scheduling paging, swapping, dispatching controls, and I/O scheduling
- Have a basic knowledge of the purpose of the Workload Manager’s function in managing system workloads
- Be familiar with using TSO and ISPF to manage data sets and run batch jobs
Content:

Day 1
- Welcome
- Unit 1 - Tuning methodology
- Unit 2 - Using SMF and RMF to monitor performance
- Lab 1 - Introduction to your system
- Lab 2 - Using RMF Monitor I and Monitor II

Day 2
- Unit 3 - Performance impacts when running in a shared LPAR environment
- Unit 4 - Basic system workload management (part 1)
- Lab 3 - Implementing a WLM environment on z/OS (part 1)

Day 3
- Unit 4 - Basic system workload management (part 2)
- Lab 3 - Implementing a WLM environment on z/OS (part 2)

Day 4
- Unit 5 - WLM commands, internals, and service
- Lab 4 - Using RMF Monitor III to solve performance problems

Day 5
- Unit 6 - z/OS DASD performance topics
- Unit 7 - Tuning processor storage
- Unit 8 - Miscellaneous performance topics

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