



Introducing VIOS Investigator

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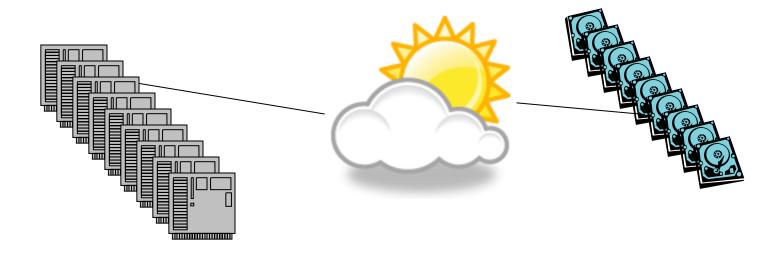


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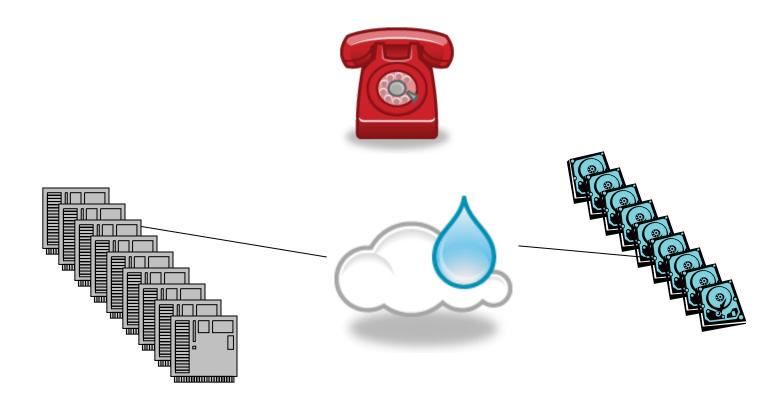


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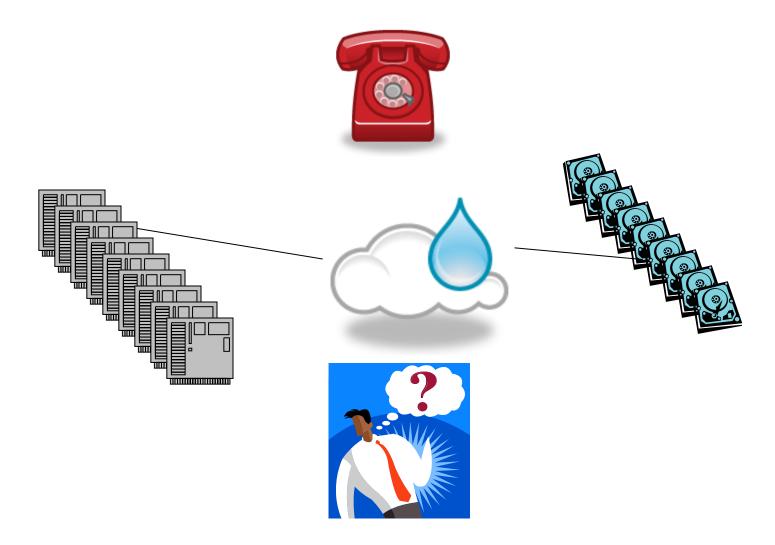
Now a problem occurs







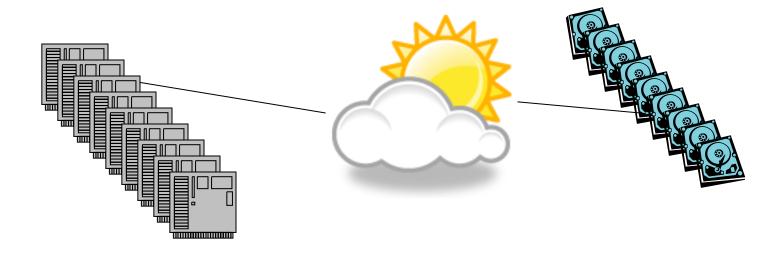
Complexity leaves us wondering Where is the problem? Which drive is which? What is going on?





What we heard from LUG We Want a Solution

Doctor VIOS Investigator







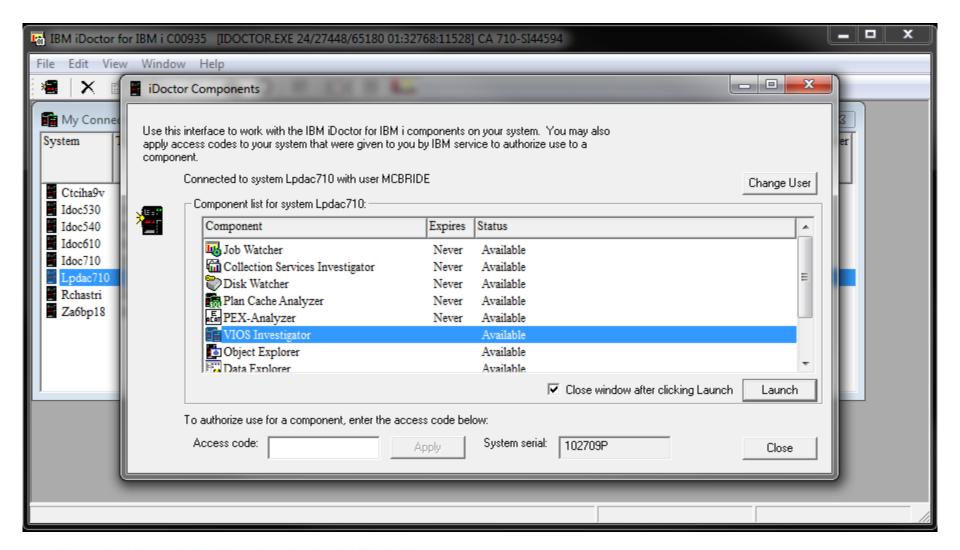
Pieces of VIOS Investigator

- Disk Mappings (Tom)
 - Provides mappings from IBM i disks to VIOS disks
- topas_nmon data (Ron)
 - Provides statistical data collection of VIOS disks
- Analysis (Ron)
 - Provides graphic analysis of statistical data mapped back to IBM i disks.





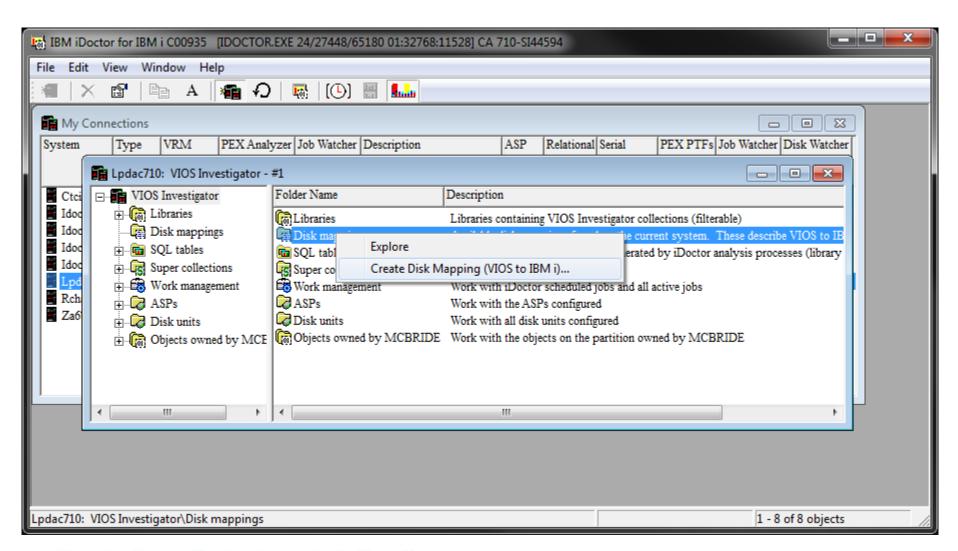
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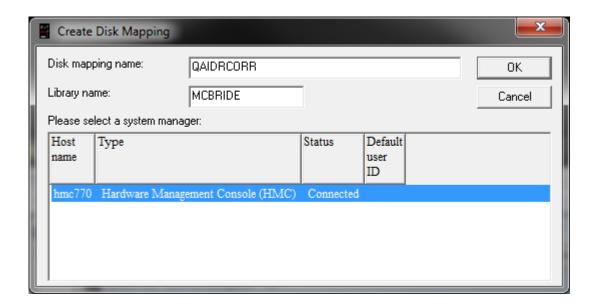
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Where to store?



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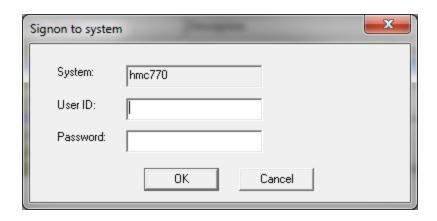


Which HMC to use?





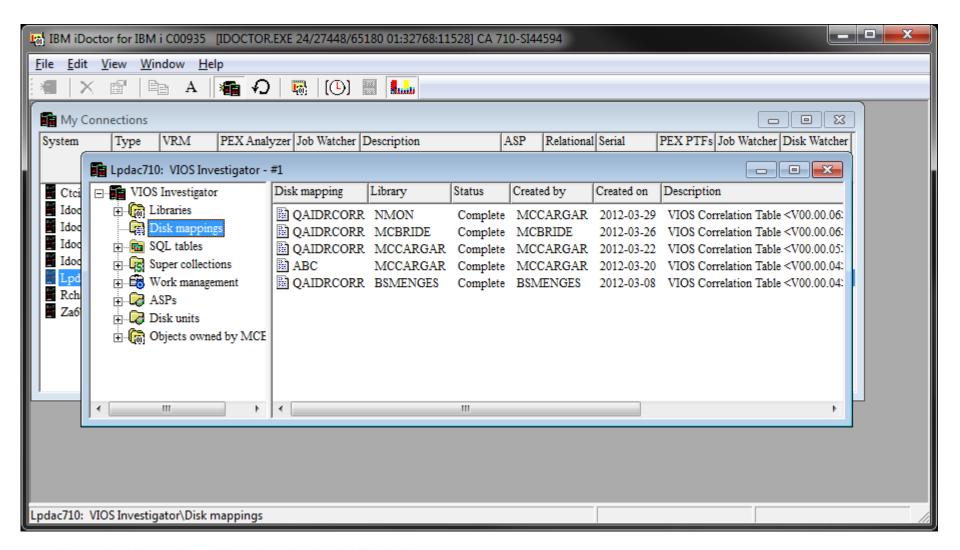
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Credentials for HMC?



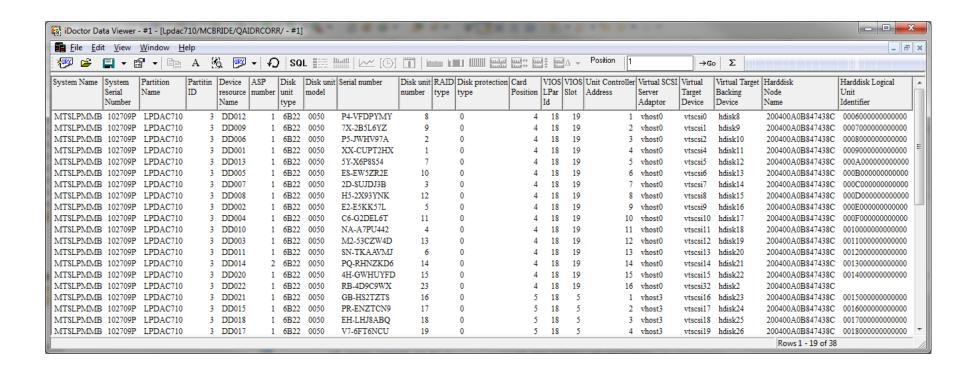
VIOS Investigator: Disk Mappings Explore







VIOS Investigator: Disk Mappings Results







VIOS Investigator GUI Overview

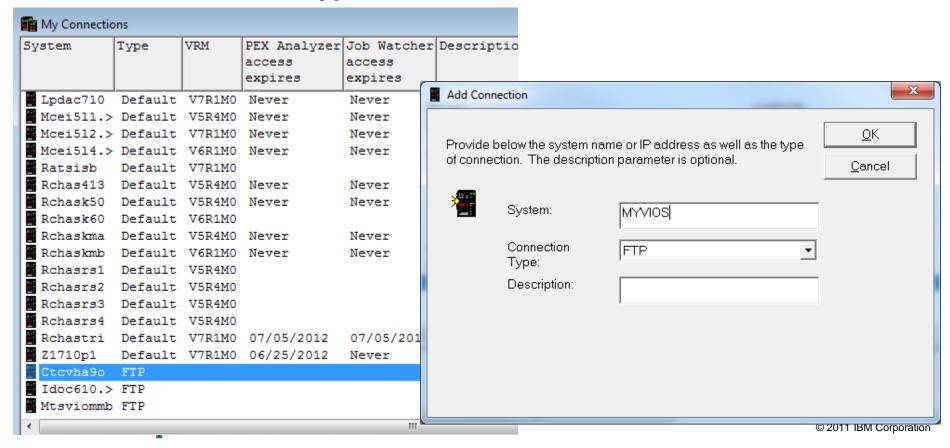
- Collect data (NMON)
- Import data into DB2/IBM i
- Analyze





Collect Data – Step 1 – Add VIOS Connection

- Add your VIOS to iDoctor's Connection List
- Right-click Add Connection...
- Set the Connection Type to FTP

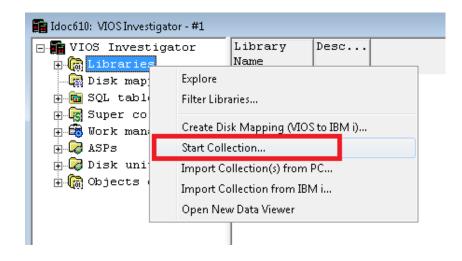


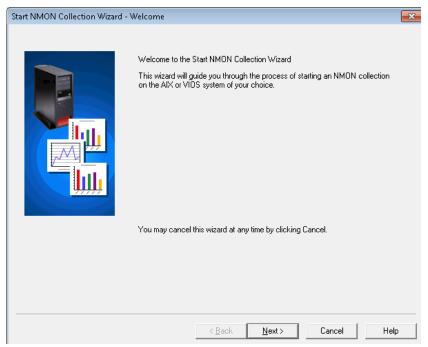




Collect Data - Step 2 - Start Collection menu in GUI

- Use this to start an NMON collection via iDoctor GUI
- SSH 2.0+ must be installed on the VIOS.
- The user id must be authorized to run topas_nmon



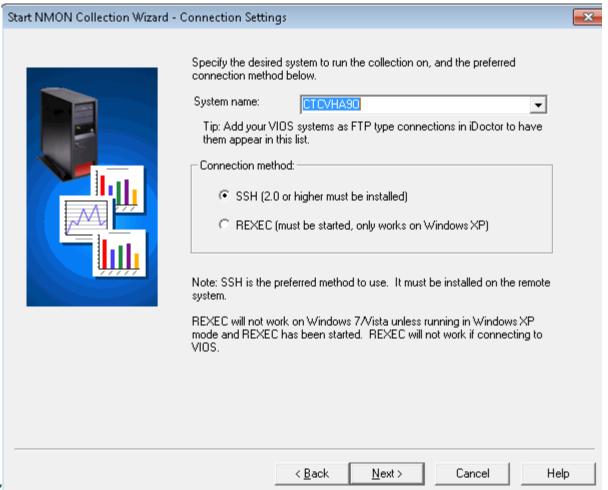






Collect Data – Step 3 – Select the VIOS

 List of VIOS/AIX systems is the FTP type connections defined in iDoctor's connection list.

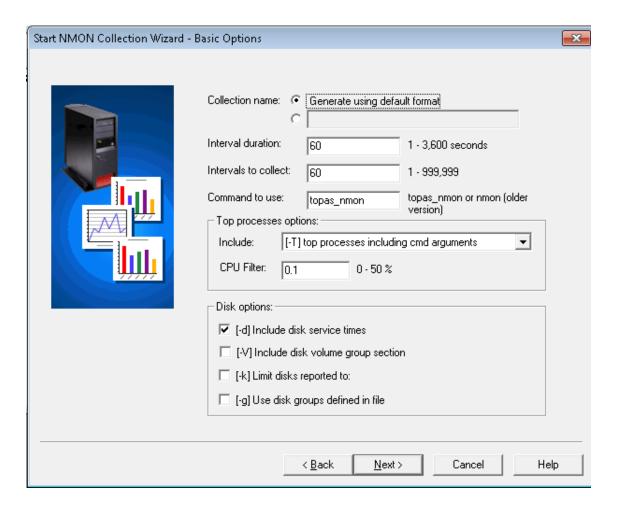






Collect Data – Step 4 – Configure collection options

Controls the key parameters on the command

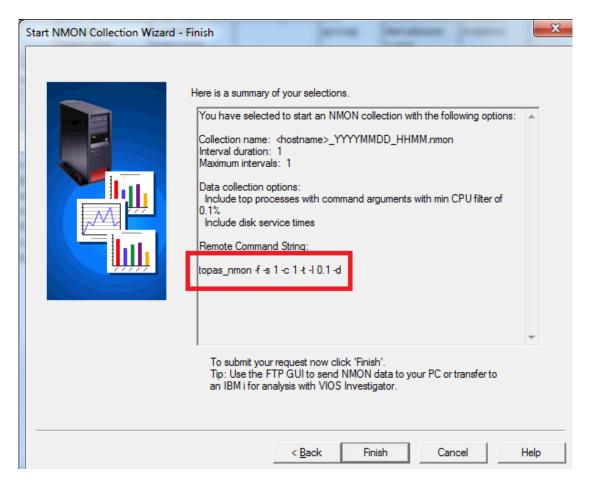






Collect Data – Step 5 – Submit the command

The final screen summarizes the parameters used and shows the command that will be executed on the VIOS.



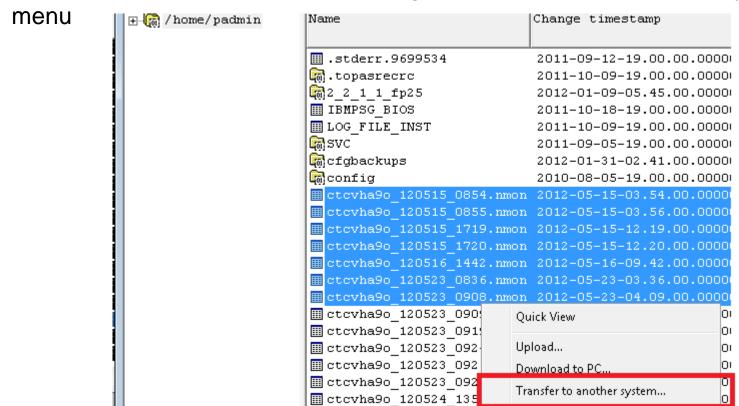




Import Data – Step 1 – Select the NMON files

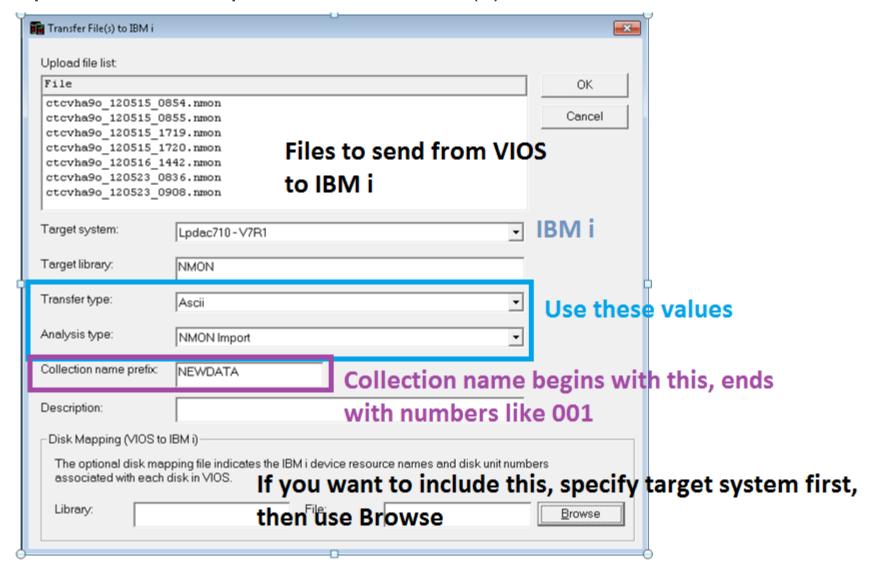
- Start by creating a FTP type connection to the VIOS
- From My Connections (right-click Add Connection)
- Double-click the new connection to connect to VIOS using FTP

Find and select desired .nmon files, right-click "Transfer to another system"





Import Data – Step 2 – Transfer File(s) to IBM i window

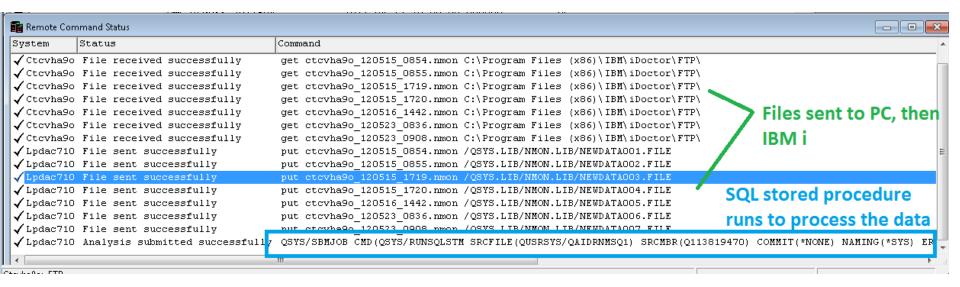






Import Data – Step 3 – Wait for analysis to complete

- Next the data is sent to the IBM i (via the PC)
- An SQL script is created and submitted to a batch job QIDRNMSUM that will run a stored procedure against each file to import the data.
 - Source file is QUSRSYS/QAIDRNMSQ1

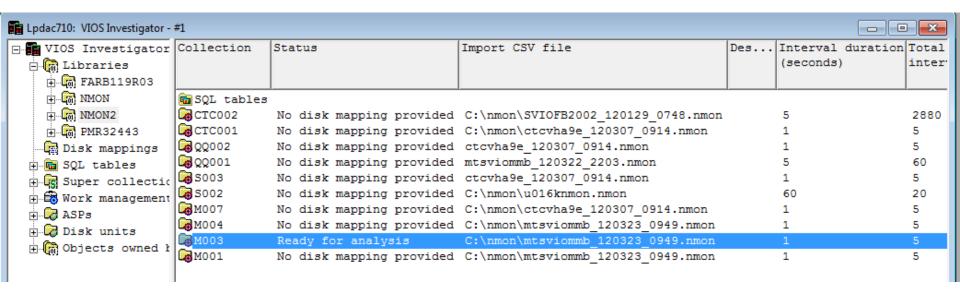






Analysis – Listing Collections in a Library

- Open VIOS Investigator on the IBM i to work with the data under the Libraries folder.
- Note: A status of "invalid disk mapping" or "No disk mapping provided" is normal if a disk mapping was not specified on the transfer/import window.

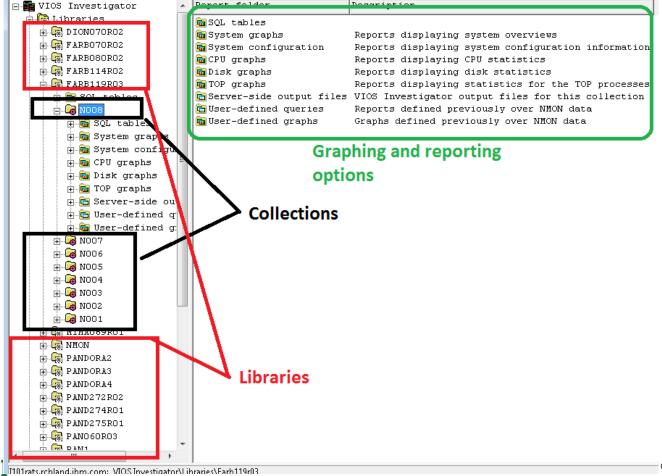






Analysis Options Overview

- Graphs and reports are available under the Libraries folder in VIOS Investigator
- Expand the desired library/collection to work with them



Collection





Analysis Options – Collection information

- This information is displayed in the library about each collection
- Right-click a collection -> Record Quick View to see in a vertical list



necold Quick view		
Description	Record 1	
System serial number	1026D2P	
AIX	6.1.8.0	
NMON command	/usr/bin/topas_nmon -F /tmp/nmon.nmon -s 60 -c 20 -t -I 0.1 -d -youtput_dir=/tmp/nmon.nmon -ystart_time=15:13:56	
NMON build	AIX	
User name	padmin	
Node name	farbauti	
Host name	farbauti	
Start time	28-APR-2012 15:13:57	
Import time	2012-04-30-07.11.13.560189	
NMON version	TOPAS-NMON	
Total intervals	20	
Interval duration (seconds)	60	
Description		
Import CSV file	W:\virtual_DAS\2012_04_28_11_21_MIMA119R03_4x5913_R0_48HDD_2xVIOS_i_mirror_40-96K_9600WHS_write_cache_on\u096k\nm	
Status	Invalid disk mapping	

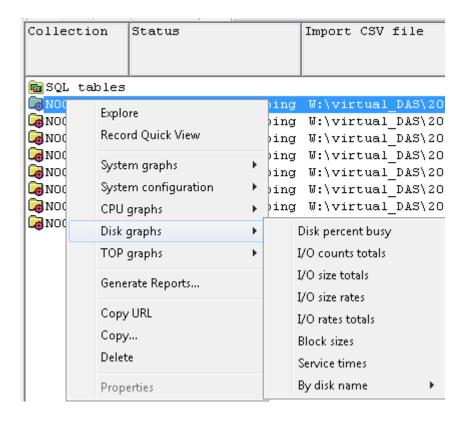
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Analysis Options - Open graph from collection menu

You can also right-click a collection to launch graphs from the menu.

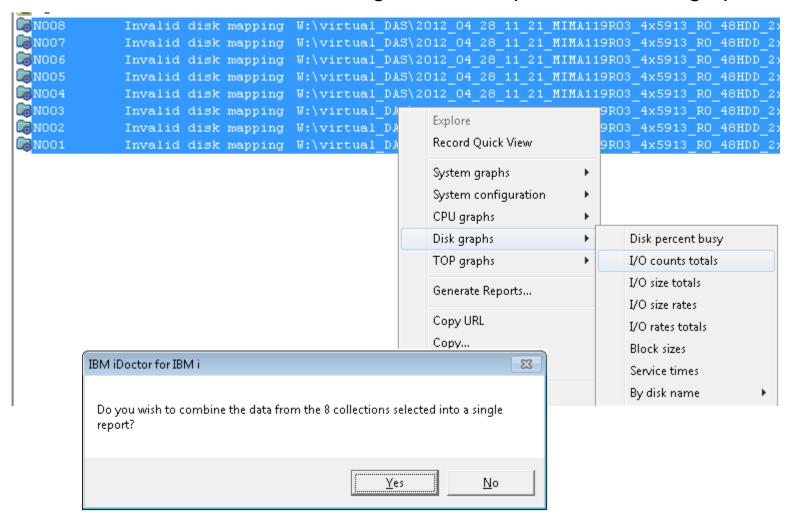






Analysis Options – Graphing multiple collections

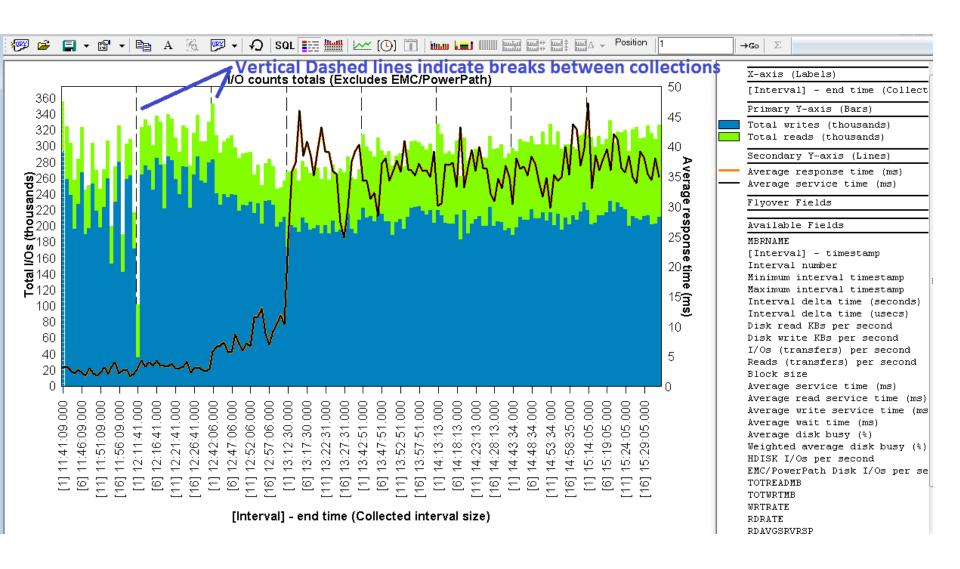
Select all desired collections, right-click and pick the desired graph







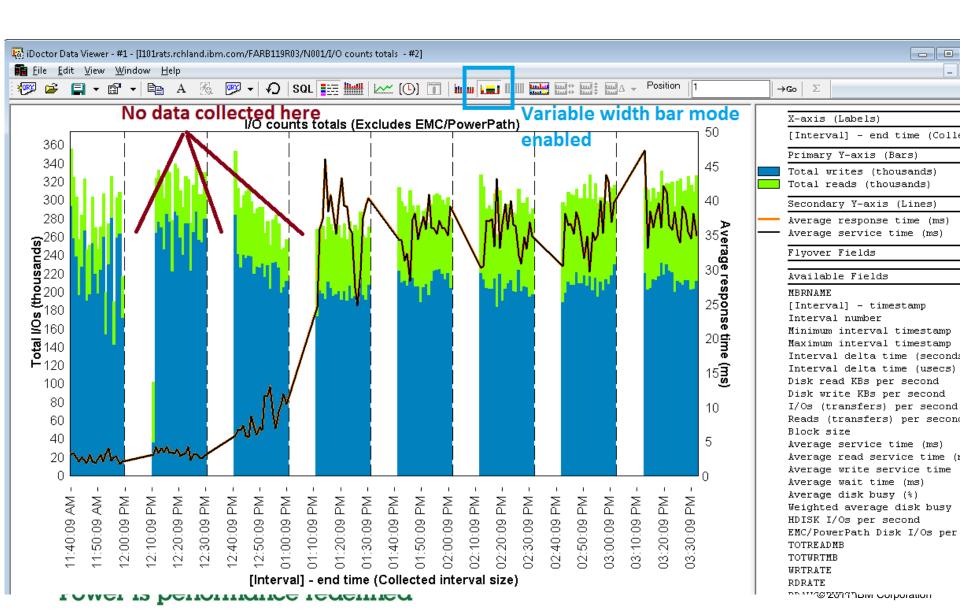
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Analysis Options – Same graph shown differently







Analysis Options – Disk statistics provided by iDoctor

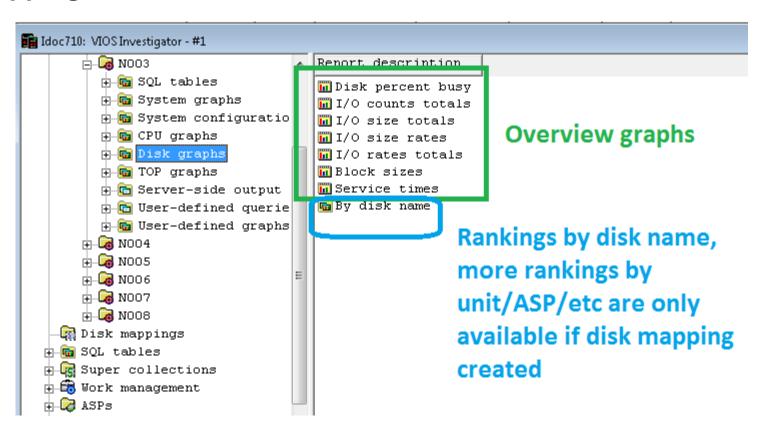
- Under server-side output files -> QAIDRNMDISK_COLNAME
- The descriptions used where possible match the terms used in Collection Services Investigator's Disk graphs

Field	Description	Record 4
INTERVAL	Interval number	1
DISKID	iDoctor disk ID	4
DISKNAME	Disk name	hdisk4
DISKBUSY	Percent busy	61.5000
DISKREAD	Read KBs per second	266.0100
DISKWRITE	Write KBs per second	1438.5000
DISKXFER	I/Os (transfers) per second	270.1300
DISKRXFER	Reads (transfers) per second	52.3400
DISKBSIZE	Block size	6.3300
DISKRIO	Reads per second	52.3000
DISKWIO	Writes per second	217.8000
DISKAVGRIO	DISKAVGRIO	3.6000
DISKAVGWIO	DISKAVGWIO	6.3800
DISKSERV	Average service time (ms)	1.5775
DISKREADSERV	Average read service time (ms)	1.9000
DISKWRITESERV	Average write service time (ms)	1.5000
DISKWAIT	Average wait time (ms)	0
INTENDSTR	Interval start time	2012-04-28-11.41.09.000000



Analysis Options – Disk graphs available without a disk mapping

- Under the collection, expand the Disk Graphs folder
- The rankings graphs will include more options if a valid disk mapping has been used

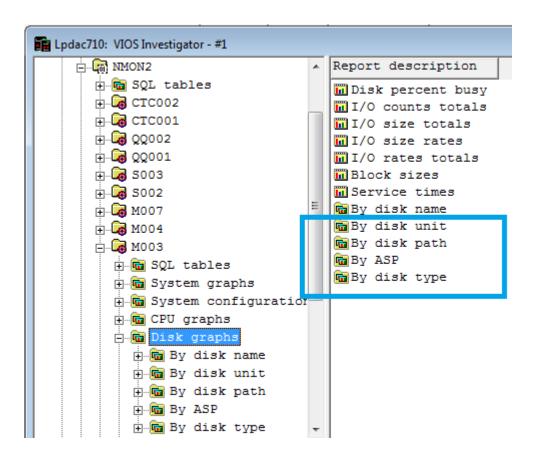






Analysis Options – Disk graphs available WITH a disk mapping

Under the collection, expand the Disk Graphs folder

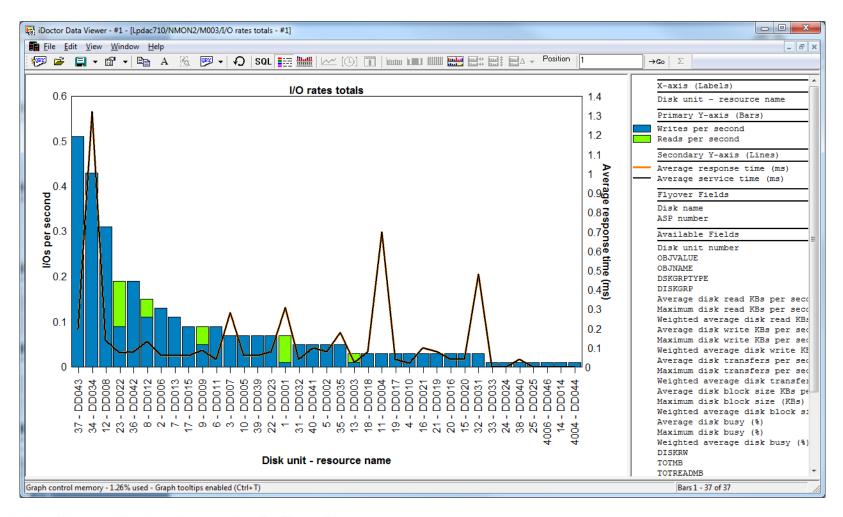






Analysis Options – Disk path rankings graph (requires a Disk Mapping)

Example showing I/O rates per IBM i unit/resource name.

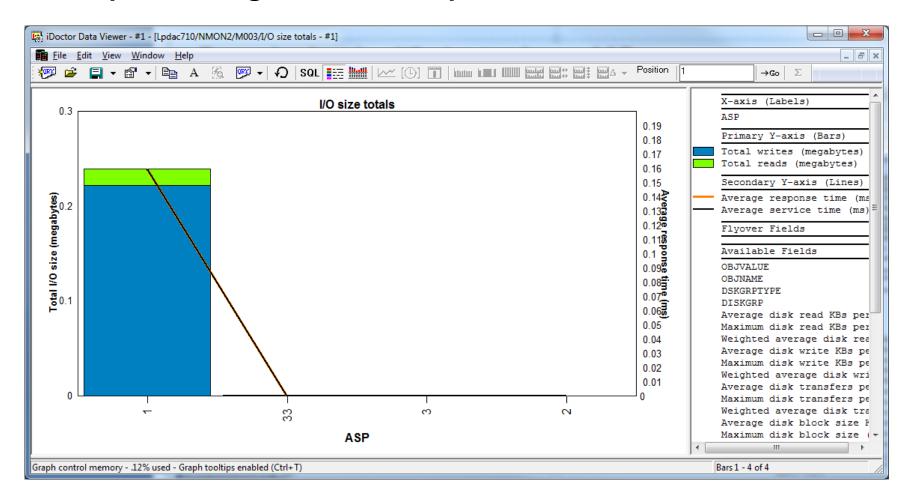




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Analysis Options – ASP rankings graph (requires a Disk Mapping)

Example showing I/O size totals per ASP

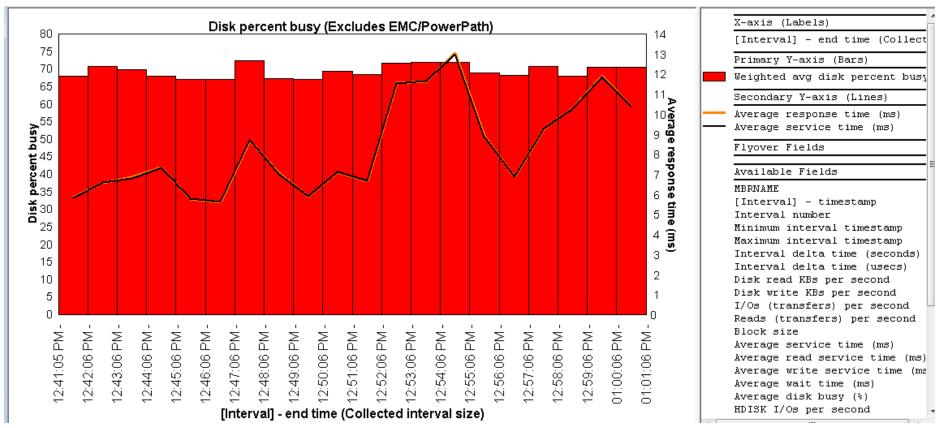






Analysis Options – Disk percent busy (overview)

 This example graph shows "weighted average disk percent busy" and response times over 20 minutes (using 1 minute intervals.)

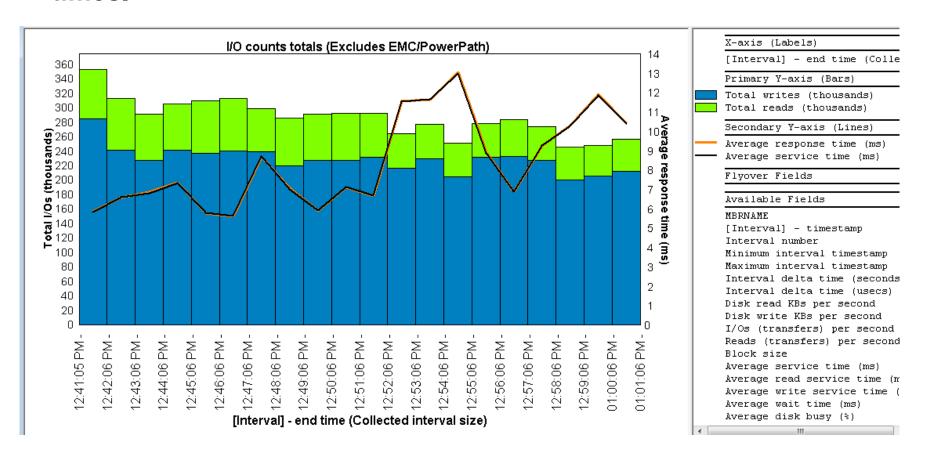






Analysis Options – I/O counts totals (overview)

This example graph shows total reads and writes with response times.

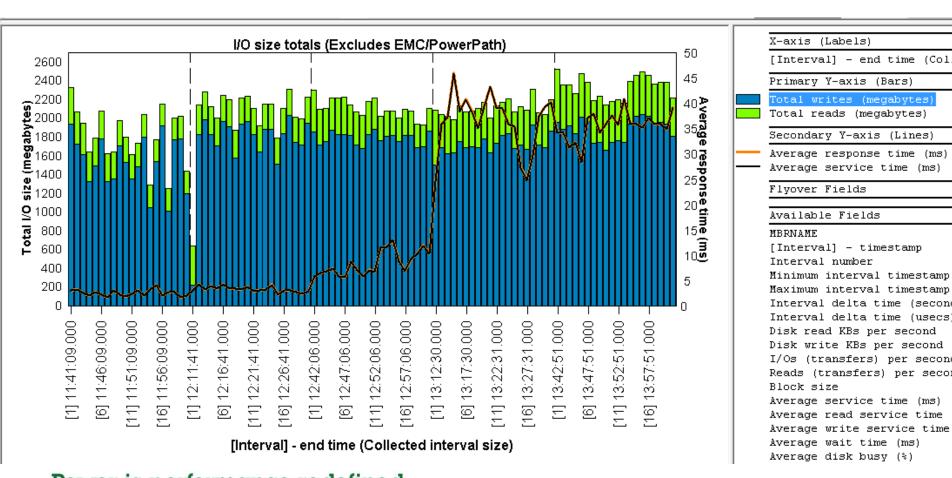






Analysis Options – I/O size totals (overview)

 This example graph shows total I/O sizes for reads and writes with response times (this one shows 5, 20 minute collections)

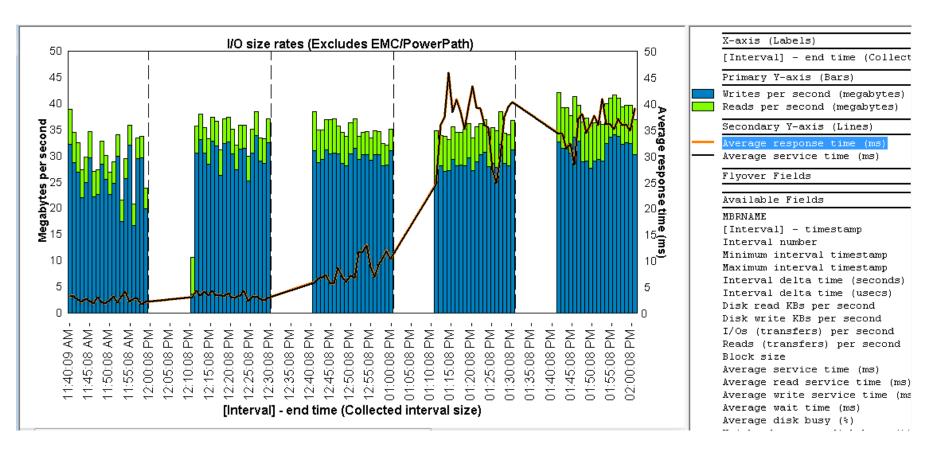






Analysis Options – I/O size rates (overview)

 This example graph shows I/O size rates (in megabytes per second) and response times.

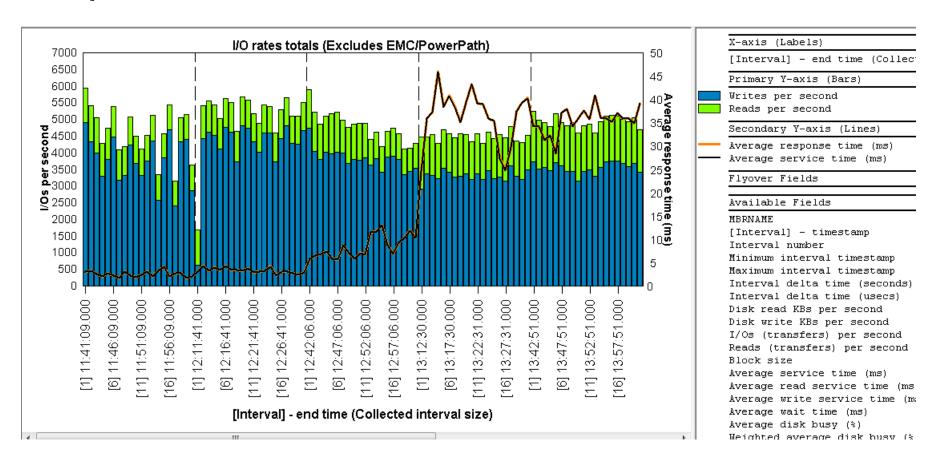






Analysis Options – I/O rates totals (overview)

The graph shows total reads and writes per second with average response times.

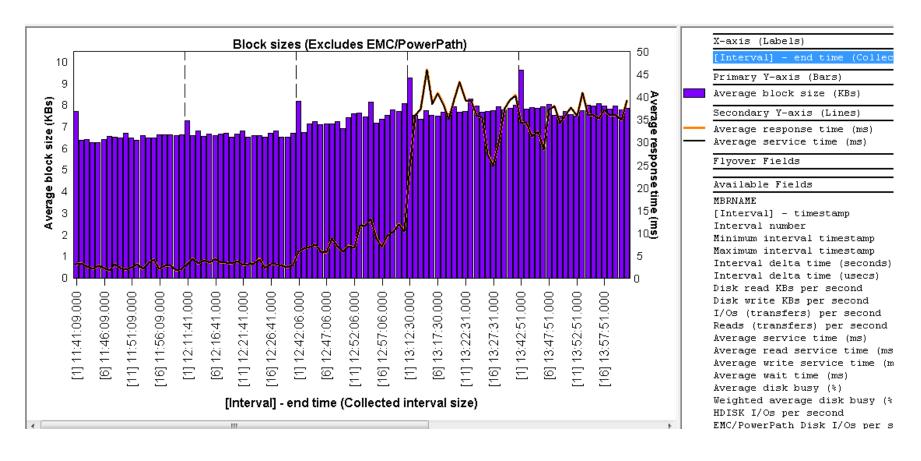






Analysis Options – Block sizes (overview)

This graph shows the average block size over time.

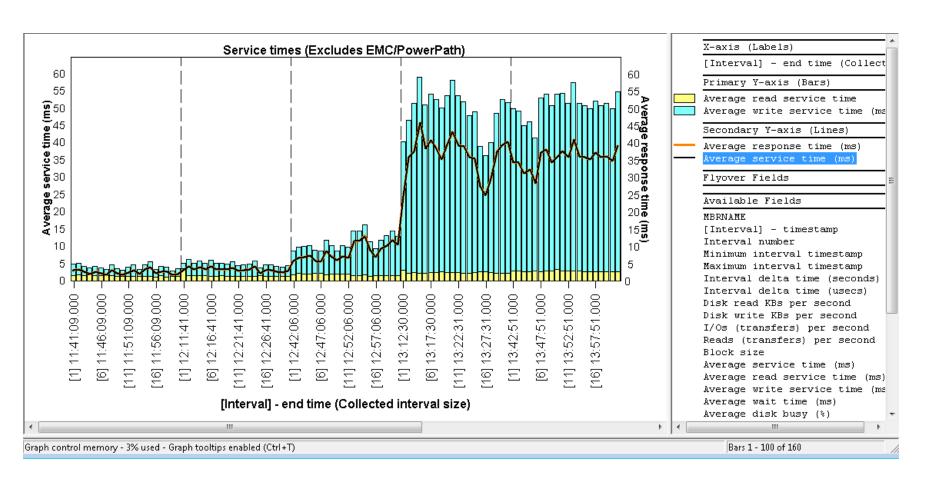






Analysis Options – Service times (overview)

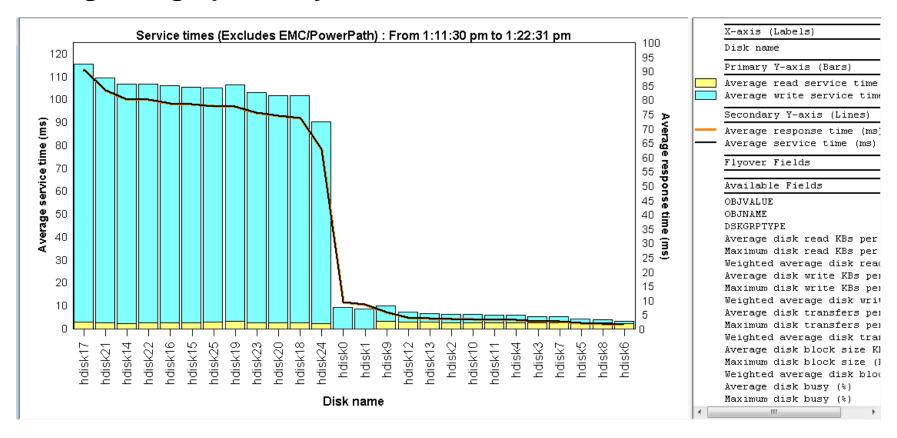
This graph shows the average read and write service times





Analysis Options – Drilling down into rankings (from overview charts)

 From the overview, select a time period, right-click and drill down using Disk graphs -> by disk name menu

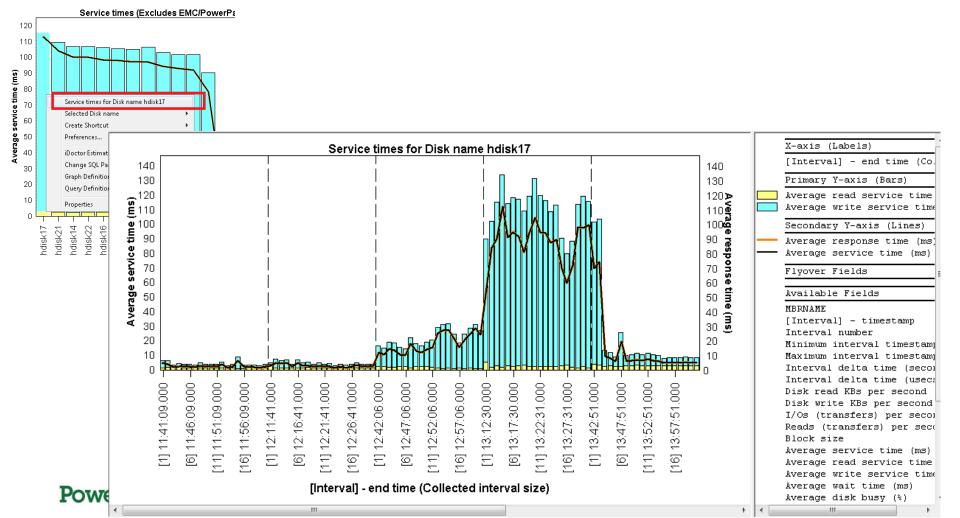






Analysis Options – Drilling down into rankings

 Next if you wish to see a single disk over time, right-click it and drill down again.

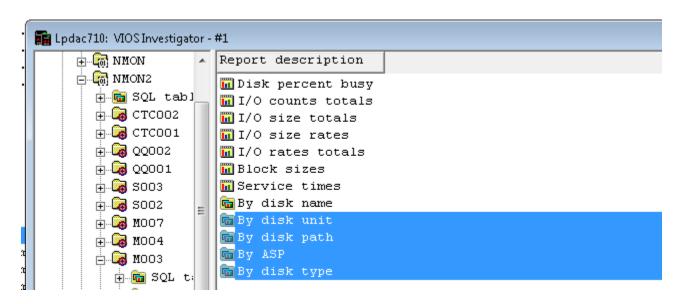






Analysis Options - Disk mappings benefits

- But what device resource name / disk unit on IBM i is "hdisk17"?
 - We can't tell from this data alone. This is why we need the disk mapping discussed previously.
 - We also get these additional disk rankings graphs to group the data in additional ways (disk unit, path, ASP, disk type)

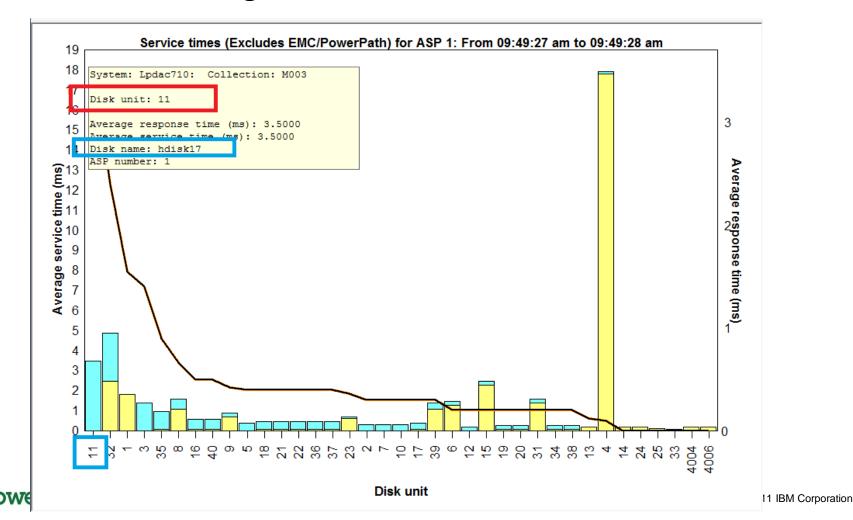






Analysis Options - Disk mappings benefits - using the flyover

 If disk mapping is included, you can use the flyover to tell the disk correlated with the logical disk unit number on IBM i.

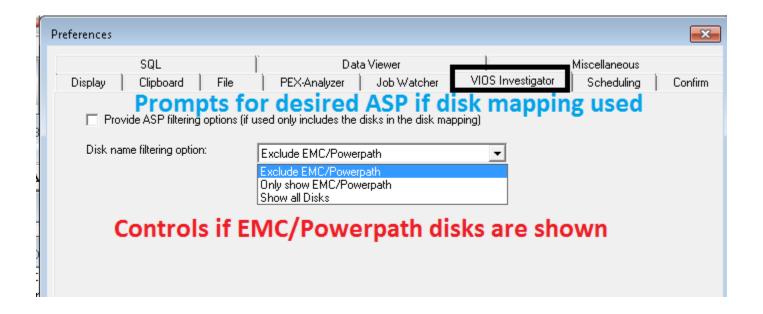






Analysis Options – VIOS Investigator Preferences

Under Preferences -> VIOS Investigator tab

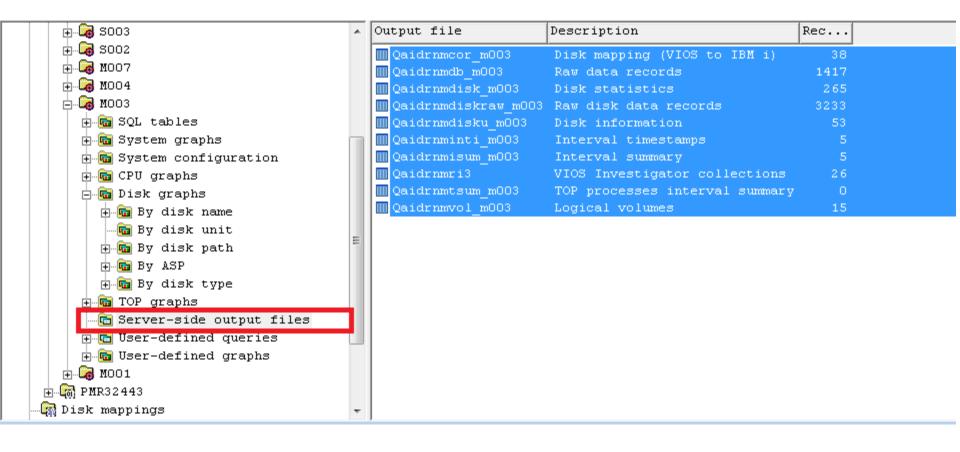






Analysis Options – Server-side output files

This contains the iDoctor generated SQL tables from the .NMON file.

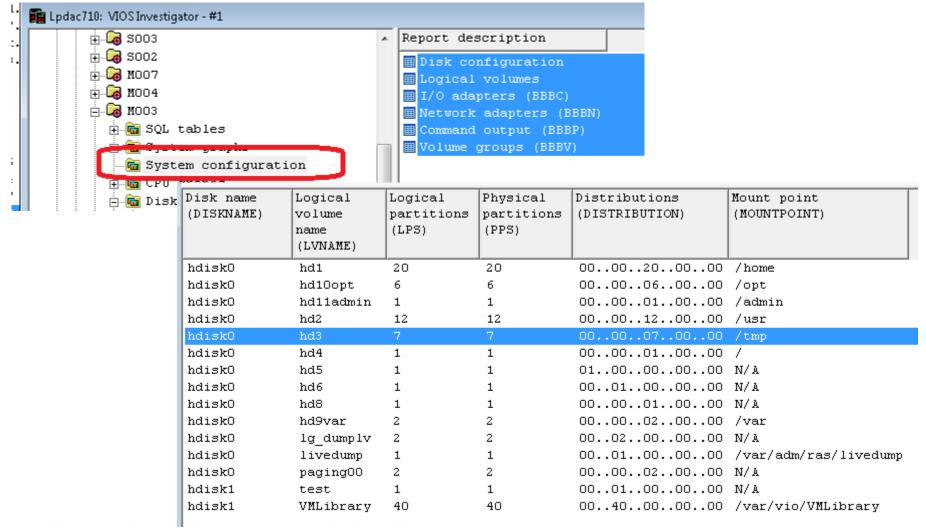






Analysis Options – System configuration folder

This contains reports over the NMON BBB* records

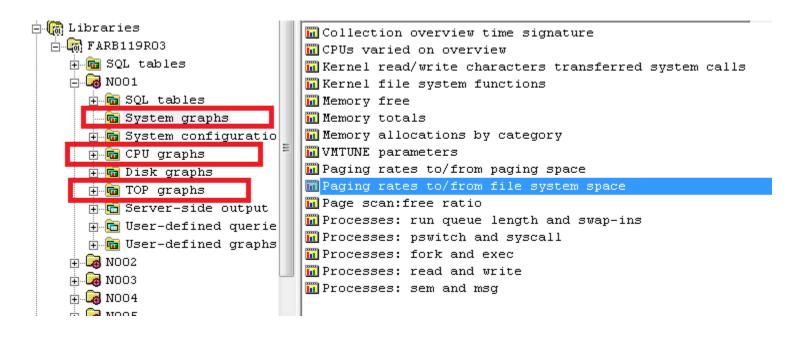






Analysis Options – More graphs available

- Lots more graphs under System graphs, TOP graphs, CPU graphs
- Keep in mind you can use this tool for analyzing any system that can run NMON (AIX/Linux/VIOS)







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For the past 10 years, through sustained investment in the Power Systems platform, IBM has gone head-to-head with our competitors in the UNIX market segment, and we won. Today, according to IDC, IBM commands a 47 percent share of the worldwide UNIX market segment. The next 10 years, however, will be about helping our clients implement smarter computing. And for the Power Systems platform, that battle will center on our alternative value proposition to Linux and Microsoft Windows technology on x86 servers. To do that, we need to move beyond talking about pure system performance and industry benchmarks to placing a sharper focus on the performance of our clients' businesses and the business benefits of the IBM Power Systems platform.



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^{1 –} IDC, "UNIX Server Rolling Four Quarter Average Revenue Share," Worldwide Quarterly Server Tracker, 2Q2011.





Smarter Computing – The Next Era of IT

- But this radical change is placing enormous pressure on businesses of practically every size, in just about every industry. The barriers of entry for competitors are lower. Companies can be blindsided by competitors that appear seemingly out of nowhere and seize market share by the handful. The need to be proactive, which requires an agile, flexible human and IT infrastructure, is critical. New ways of working, such as social media and mobile technologies, must be embraced ahead of the curve. Even customers are changing. Newly empowered by information, their expectations and the number of influencers that must be marketed to are rising. External forces such as compliance, regulations, privacy and security threats have to be addressed to survive. Ubiquitous mobile devices and instrumented, intelligent objects are creating unimaginable amounts of data volumes every day—data that must be analyzed to reveal systemic patterns, trends and insights that in turn inform the decisions businesses must make to stay competitive. And to deal with these changes, IT architectures must move from heterogeneous silos to flexible, workload optimized infrastructures. All of these forces must be dealt with in an era of tighter budgets and the directive to do more with less.
- But smarter companies are thinking differently about computing and how to deal with data that is growing exponentially and can become stagnant and unexploited simply because of its sheer volume. These smarter companies are breaking the vicious cycle of untrustworthy data, inflexibility and sprawl. They are reversing the always-guessing, reactive, costly IT conundrum by embracing what we call smarter computing. What smarter computing entails is the creation of an IT infrastructure that is designed for data and that harnesses enterprise information to unlock insights and make better, more informed choices. Organizations embracing smarter computing are creating IT infrastructures that are tuned to the task of the business, helping reduce costs by driving greater efficiency and performance for virtually every workload. And smarter computing is managed with cloud technologies, speeding delivery of services and creating an IT environment that has practically no boundaries, enabling the reinvention of processes and driving innovation.
- But to be clear, smarter computing isn't just a catch phrase or a lofty idea. It's not a metaphor, intro paragraph or headline. It's what the IBM Power Systems platform enables our clients to do. And this is the basis for our new brand identity *Power is performance redefined*. It's about how we believe clients measure IT performance focusing less on processor performance and more on business performance. It's about our clients' ability to react more quickly to change, to innovate faster, and to seize new opportunities as they arise. It's about their ability to handle rapid growth and combat emerging competitors while responding to demands to meet increasingly higher service levels. And it's about doing more with less and delivering services within constrained IT budgets. We believe that with a new focus on business performance, we will enable our clients to deliver services faster, with higher quality and superior economics. Our message to clients is that, with Power Systems solutions, we can help them achieve these goals as they deploy smarter computing projects.





Power is Performance Redefined





- In this new smarter computing era for business and IT, forward-thinking companies consider more than server performance, existing skills and ease of management when choosing a platform for new application workloads. They also evaluate how well the platform will help them achieve three core business objectives: delivering services faster, with higher quality and superior economics.
- By implementing smarter computing projects on an IBM Power Systems platform, businesses can outpace their competitors by delivering services faster. They can differentiate their offerings from the competition by delivering higher quality services. And they can turn operational cost into investment opportunity by delivering services with superior economics.











Power is Performance Redefined

Deliver services faster

- A key measure of performance for IT today is around agility and the ability of IT to help the business gain a competitive edge and capitalize on emerging opportunities. Businesses need to simplify and integrate their IT infrastructure to deliver services faster.
- The IBM Power Systems platform features deep integration and optimization across operating systems, databases and middleware for simpler, and more flexible, service delivery. Optimized with PowerVM virtualization for rapid cloud provisioning, clients can speed the delivery and deployment of new applications and processes to support their strategic business initiatives.

Deliver services with higher quality

- Today's IT departments are also measured on their ability to provide an infrastructure that can address demands for increased application service levels while at the same time balancing rapid change with managing business risk.
 Businesses need an integrated approach to managing security, resiliency and business risk to deliver higher quality services.
- The IBM Power Systems platform, storage and software provide a highly secure and resilient infrastructure foundation for smarter computing. In addition to the built-in reliability, availability and serviceability (RAS) characteristics of Power Systems servers and blades, our IBM System Storage®DS8000® and IBM Storwize®V7000 Unified storage systems, and IBM PowerHA SystemMirror clustering software is tightly integrated with our operating systems to provide a system-wide solution for business resilience.

Deliver services with superior economics

- IT performance today is also measured on its ability to maintain existing services and deliver services within tight budget constraints. In order to do more with less, businesses need to deliver services with superior economics.
- The Power Systems platform with PowerVM virtualization is central to our differentiation when compared to x86 servers. PowerVM technology is designed to offer more secure and scalable virtualization than VMware on x86, enabling costeffective control of server and virtual image sprawl. PowerVM technology also is designed to help Power Systems servers deliver higher server utilization rates than VMware on x86. We believe that the superior economic model for workload consolidation on POWER7 servers with PowerVM software has been the key driver behind migrations from Oracle Sun and HP to Power Systems technology.













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TPC http://www.tpc.org
SPEC http://www.spec.org

LINPACK http://www.netlib.org/benchmark/performance.pdf

Pro/E http://www.proe.com
GPC http://www.spec.org/gpc
VolanoMark http://www.volano.com

STREAM http://www.cs.virginia.edu/stream/
SAP http://www.sap.com/benchmark/

Oracle, Siebel, PeopleSoft http://www.oracle.com/apps_benchmark/

Baan http://www.ssaglobal.com

Fluent http://www.fluent.com/software/fluent/index.htm

TOP500 Supercomputers http://www.top500.org/

Ideas International http://www.ideasinternational.com/benchmark/bench.html

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SPEC http://www.spec.org

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STREAM http://www.cs.virginia.edu/stream/

Fluent http://www.fluent.com/software/fluent/index.htm

TOP500 Supercomputers http://www.top500.org/
AMBER http://amber.scripps.edu/

FLUENT http://www.fluent.com/software/fluent/fl5bench/index.htm

GAMESS http://www.msg.chem.iastate.edu/gamess

GAUSSIAN http://www.gaussian.com

ANSYS http://www.ansys.com/services/hardware-support-db.htm

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ABAQUS http://www.simulia.com/support/v68/v68_performance.php

ECLIPSE http://www.sis.slb.com/content/software/simulation/index.asp?seg=geoquest&

MM5 http://www.mmm.ucar.edu/mm5/

MSC.NASTRAN http://www.mscsoftware.com/support/prod%5Fsupport/nastran/performance/v04_sngl.cfm

STAR-CD www.cd-adapco.com/products/STAR-CD/performance/320/index/html

NAMD http://www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/namd

HMMER http://hmmer.janelia.org/ Revised December 2, 2010

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