

Become More Proactive Through Effective Historical Analysis

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Agenda

- How can you use history to improve your real-time monitoring strategy?
- Are you getting the most from your investment in monitoring and management solutions?
- How can you leverage history to improve your overall performance and availability?
- What are the most effective ways to use history to solve common problems?
- What are the optimal ways to collect historical information?
- How can you use history to become more proactive with real-time monitoring and management?



The Importance Of History Data Why History Can Be Essential To Your Overall Strategy

- Not all problems or events can be seen and analyzed in real time
 - Inevitably some analysis will need to be done after the fact using such functions as Near Term History, snapshot history, or report analysis
- History provides an understanding of what happened in the past
 - History of application performance and response time
 - CICS/IMS response time, DB2 thread activity, z/OS batch activity
 - History of resource utilization and resource issues
 - DASD, memory/paging, CPU, pools
 - History of alerts and issues
 - What alerts fired and how often
- History can be used to help visualize what may happen in the future
 - Analysis of the past to help anticipate potential future issues/bottlenecks
- Use history to make real-time monitoring more effective and meaningful
 - Use historical information to make real time alerts more accurate and relevant
 - Include history in custom real time workspaces



Historical Data Collection Considerations



- Historical data collection varies in cost and quantity
 - CPU, memory, and software process cost of collection
 - Cost of data storage and retention
 - Cost of retrieval and post processing
 - Ease of review and analysis
- Some historical data will be more relevant and useful than other data
 - Consider the context, nature, and meaningfulness of the data

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Types Of Historical Monitoring Data

- Know the nature and characteristics of the history data being collected
- Detail data
 - Data that documents/measures detail of a specific event
 - Often high quantity data and the most detailed for analysis
 - May pose the greatest challenge in terms of cost, retention, post processing
 - Examples DB2 Accounting records in Near Term History, CICS Task History, IMS Near Term History

Summary data

- Data that summarizes underlying detail data
- Either an aggregation or an averaging of underlying detail records
- May be useful for longer term trending and analysis
- Reduces quantity of data and reduces cost of retention, post processing
- Less detail may mean less diagnostic value
- Examples Summary data in Tivoli Data Warehouse, summary DB2 trace data

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Types Of Historical Monitoring Data - continued

Interval data

- History data that includes an encapsulation of one or multiple events within a specified time interval
- The data will include all activity within that given time interval
- Useful for problem analysis and trending analysis
- Examples DB2 statistics records in Near Term History, Epilog IMS or z/OS history

Snapshot data

- Typically a point in time snapshot of activity
- Snapshots are usually based on a specified time interval
- Snapshots may be taken of types of history (detail, summary, or interval)
- Snapshots will show activity at time of the snapshot, but may/may not reflect activity between snapshots
- Useful for problem analysis and trending analysis
- Useful as an aid in setting alert thresholds
- Examples OMEGAMON DB2 PE GUI snapshot history, Tivoli Data Warehouse snapshot history

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OMEGAMON History Collection Options





OMEGAMON History Collection Options - continued





OMEGAMON XE For z/OS History



- OMEGAMON XE on z/OS provides history data in the form of Epilog history
 - Service levels (elapsed times and response times)
 - Resource utilization data
 - Degradation data (bottleneck analysis of z/OS workload)
- Epilog history may be accessed via CUA interface, batch jobs, ISPF command interface
 - Sample batch reporter JCL is in *hilev*.RKANSAMU(KEPPROC)
- OMEGAMON XE on z/OS provides snapshot history data and supports the Tivoli Data Warehouse (TDW)
 - Data is stored in the TEMA/TEMS in the Persistent Data Store (PDS)
 - Data may be optionally sent to the TDW
 - Data may be summarized and pruned using the TDW
- Cost of collection relative to value
 - Epilog low cost



Useful for problem analysis

- Snapshot low cost
- - Useful for trending

The Value Of OMEGAMON z/OS History



OMEGAMON XE For CICS Provides History Options For History Detail, Near Term Detail And Trending



- Task history (also known as Online data viewing) provides detailed CICS transaction level history
 - Detailed transaction-level data stored in an ONDV task history file (wraparound VSAM file – one per CICS region)
 - Easy to access/filter very good detail
- SMF 110 records
 - SMF 110 subtype 1 records CICS task level data
 - CICS Statistics data (SMF 110, subtypes 2, 3, 4, 5)
 - Information collected on an interval basis and/or end of day
 - Note OMEGAMON may optionally add additional detail to SMF 110 records
- OMEGAMON CICS provides snapshot history data and supports the Tivoli Data Warehouse (TDW)
 - Data is stored in the TEMA/TEMS in the PDS and optionally sent to the TDW
 - Data may be summarized and pruned using the TDW
 - Cost of collection relative to value
 - Task history low to moderate
 - SMF 110s typically low
 - Snapshot typically low

- Useful for problems
- Important for reporting
- Useful for trending



OMEGAMON CICS Task History – Valuable For Problem Analysis Access Via 3270 Interface And The TEP

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OMEGAMON DB2 Near Term Thread History Easy Access To History Within OMEGAMON Classic Interface

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OMEGAMON DB2 Snapshot History Scrollable And Easy To Access Via PE GUI

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OMEGAMON XE For DB2 History Collection Summary



- Near Term History
 - Accounting (thread detail) and Statistics stored in a set of VSAM files – primary access via 3270 interface
 - Very detailed useful for problem analysis
- Performance Warehouse
 - DB2 trace data (Accounting, Statistics, Performance) stored in DB2 tables
 - Collection and objects managed by OMEGAMON
 - Detail and quantity of data is variable
- Performance Database
 - DB2 trace data (Accounting, Statistics, Performance) stored in DB2 tables
 - Collection and objects managed by user
 - Detail and quantity of data is variable
- Snapshot history PE GUI
 - Snapshots on a user defined interval
 - Easy to view and navigate via the PE GUI interface
- TDW snapshot history (different from PE GUI)
 - Use PDS and TDW infrastructure as other OMEGAMONs

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OMEGAMON XE For DB2 History Collection Options Considerations And Recommendations

- Near Term History (NTH)
 - Detailed history data that is easily accessible
 - NTH is often the most costly to collect in most shops
 - Cost of collection moderate to high Value usually high
- Performance Warehouse
 - Detail of data and cost of collection varies depending upon user requirements
 - General recommendation use when desired for lower cost/quantity data
- Performance Database
 - For higher quantity/detail requirements
 - Provides more manual control for higher volumes of history data collection
- Snapshot history PE GUI
 - Easy to access and low cost to collect requires the PE GUI
 - A low cost alternative to NTH < limitations of snapshot data collection</p>
- TDW snapshot history
 - Cost of collection low
 - Useful for trending analysis, not as detailed NTH or PE GUI snapshot

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OMEGAMON XE For IMS History



Epilog provides IMS history

- Service levels (response times), resource utilization data, and degradation data (bottleneck analysis of IMS workload)
- Detail is limited interval/group based
- Cost low

- Value moderate
- Near Term History (NTH)
 - Transaction detail history (tran level/call level detail)
 - Easy to access via 3270 Classic interface
 - Data collected to Journal Logging Facility (JLF)
 - Cost moderate Value – moderate to high
- Transaction Reporting Facility (TRF)
 - DB call level detail and summary data written to IMS log
 - Useful for chargeback and some performance analysis
 - Cost high Value limited use/requires batch
- Snapshot history data and the Tivoli Data Warehouse (TDW)
 - Data is stored in the TEMA/TEMS in the PDS and optionally sent to the TDW
 - Data may be summarized and pruned using the TDW
 - Cost of collection is low data is useful for trending analysis



OMEGAMON IMS Historical Data Collection Alternatives



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Near Term History Of IMS Transactions Useful For Problem Analysis

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OMEGAMON XE For Storage History



- OMEGAMON XE For Storage makes extensive use of the Persistent Data Store (PDS) for data collection
- PDS data may be accessed by both the CUA 3270 and Tivoli Enterprise Portal interfaces
- OMEGAMON Storage provides numerous product provided Tivoli Enterprise Portal history workspaces
- Cost of collection
 - Potentially high since many shops may have thousands of devices to gather information about
 - Observe best practices for OMEGAMON Storage monitoring
 - Avoid redundant monitoring of devices
 - Group related devices and use wild cards to set options
 - Consider options carefully when monitoring at the application and data set level
 - When defining history in the TEP and TDW consider quantity of data being collected
 - Number of devices, controllers, data sets, applications
- Value can be high, but so can cost

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OMEGAMON XE For Storage Provides Trending/History Information At Several Levels



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OMEGAMON XE For Messaging History



- OMEGAMON XE For Messaging provides snapshot history data and supports the Tivoli Data Warehouse (TDW)
 - Data is stored in the TEMA/TEMS in the Persistent Data Store (PDS)
 - Data may be optionally sent to the TDW
 - Data may be summarized and pruned using the TDW
- OMEGAMON XE For Messaging provides many history workspaces out of the box
 - Examples of product provided workspaces include
 - Queue statistics, tran/program statistics by queue, Message statistics, Page set statistics, Message manager performance, Log manager performance, Channel performance
- Snapshot data is easy to access within the Tivoli Portal

– Cost of collection is low value is moderate to high

Accessing OMEGAMON Messaging History Data





OMEGAMON XE For Mainframe Networks History



- OMEGAMON XE for Mainframe Networks provides snapshot history data and supports the Tivoli Data Warehouse (TDW)
 - Data is stored in the TEMA/TEMS in the Persistent Data Store (PDS)
 - Data may be optionally sent to the TDW
 - Data may be summarized and pruned using the TDW
- When configuring history in the TEP/TDW
 - Be aware of relative number of rows per snapshot and snapshot frequency when specifying collection
 - Example- application level versus connection level history
- OMEGAMON XE For Mainframe Networks provides trending history log in the CUA 3270 interface
 - Data is logged and viewable in CUA
 - Recommendation the most current information is in the Tivoli Portal, therefore focus history efforts in the TEP
- Cost of collection relative to value
 - CUA log typically low

Limited data – use TEP

- Snapshot typically low <
- Usefu
 - Useful for trending/analysis



OMEGAMON Mainframe Networks Example A Custom Workspace Showing Network Problem Indicators



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Using History To Become More Proactive

A strategy to be more proactive

-Visualize - Control - Automate

- Use history data to improve the visualization of system activity and resource utilization
 - Use history data to identify peaks/valleys/bottlenecks
 - Use trending and visualization to identify potential issues
- Use history to improve control
 - Customize workspaces, views and navigation
 - Identify and isolate issues and take corrective actions
- Use history to improve automation
 - Improve alerts by making situation thresholds more accurate and relevant
 - History data can be used as a reference point to make sure threshold levels in situations reflect real problems



Considerations For Collecting Tivoli Data Warehouse Snapshot History Data

- Avoid the "turn on everything" method
 - Turning on everything will result in a fire-hose of information that will potentially obscure useful information, waste space, increase cost of collection, and slow down data recall
- Project potential volume of history being collected
 - Warehouse projection worksheet provides a means to calculate
 - Here is a link to documentation for the tool:
 - <u>http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/tivihelp/v15r1/index.jsp?topic=/com.ibm.itm.doc_6.2.2fp</u> <u>1/ch2.3warehousecon.htm</u>
- Consider options for history data retention
 - Many deploy TDW with DB2 on a Linux/Unix/Windows type platform to collect and house data
 - You may optionally store your history data on DB2 on z/OS
 - Requires DB2 on z/OS at the V9 level, or above
 - Here is a link to a white paper that goes through the setup of TDW on DB2 on z/OS:
 - http://www-

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Example - Use The TEP To Create A Custom Workspace As A Starting Point For Historical Data Analysis



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Use Arithmetic Functions To Trend History





Use Historical Baseline To Compare Past Trends To Current Trends









Historical Reporting Options

 Tivoli Common Reporting (TCR) provides a consistent reporting solution shared across the Tivoli Portfolio

- TCR included as part of the OMEGAMON suite

- OMEGAMON z/OS provides batch Epilog reporting
- OMEGAMON IMS provides batch Epilog reporting
- OMEGAMON CICS provides some basic reports
- OMEGAMON DB2 provides a detailed/robust best-of-breed historical reporting suite





Improve Your Analysis

Additional Components To Consider For Historical Data Collection And Analysis

Tivoli Decision Support For z/OS

- Generate customized reports to communicate system performance, capacity management, resource availability and cost allocation information
- Collects data, such as SMF, CICS, IMS performance data
- Provides a central data repository (DB2) and integrates with the Tivoli Portal
- Integrates with a variety of Tivoli solutions
- IMS Performance Analyzer
 - Provides robust reporting and information on IMS system performance for monitoring, tuning, managing service levels, analyzing trends, and capacity planning
 - Expands the reporting options beyond what's available with OMEGAMON IMS
- CICS Performance Analyzer
 - Comprehensive performance reporting and analysis for CICS, including use of DB2, WebSphere MQ, IMS, and z/OS System Logger
 - Evaluate CICS system efficiency, eliminate system bottlenecks and proactively tune system performance
 - Expands the reporting options beyond what's available with OMEGAMON CICS



Summary And Conclusions

- Each OMEGAMON monitoring solution offers history along with real time data collection
- Each OMEGAMON has it's own unique considerations specific to history collection and the data that is available
- History data collection is a classic trade-off of cost versus benefit
 - In some scenarios history data collection can be costly
 - Understand the costs versus the benefits
- History is essential to solve problems after the fact
- History is useful to make monitoring more proactive
 - Historical trending to identify peaks/valleys/issues
 - Historical data analysis to optimize alerts and thresholds

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