

IBM i Performance Tools for Application Developers

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- “it depends ...”
- Performance information and recommendations in this presentation are based on measurements, analysis, and projections in a controlled environment for specific performance workloads.
- Your results may vary significantly and are dependent on the application and configuration.
- This information is provided along with general recommendations for you to better understand system performance.
- Information is provided *AS IS* without warranty of any kind.

Definitions

- **Interactive work** – Generally 5250 online transaction processing (OLTP)
- **Batch work** – non-interactive workloads
- **Commercial Processing Workload (CPW)** – Workloads which have a relatively large amount of I/O compared to computation
- **Disk arms** – generally one disk arm per disk drive. More disk arms generally results in improved I/O performance
- **Disk capacity** – the amount of disk storage space
- **Memory paging and faulting** – the movement of data in and out of memory
- **Wait Accounting** – the ability to determine what a job is doing when it is not running

Definitions...

- **Measurement** - The collection of performance metrics
- **Transaction** - A basic unit of work
- **Workload** - An application that can drive load on a system
- **Benchmark** - A specific workload with specific environment settings
- **Metric** - a value that is measured to gain insight into performance
- **Response Time** - The average observed time to complete a transaction
- **Utilization** - The percent of time that a resource is busy
- **Throughput** - The rate at which transactions are completed
- **Capacity** - The maximum throughput of a system

Agenda

- Brief Overview
- Introduction to IBM i Wait Accounting
- Performance Data Collectors
 - Collection Services
 - Job Watcher
 - Performance Explorer
- Performance Data Visualization and Diagnostics
 - Performance Data Investigator
 - iDoctor
- Examples

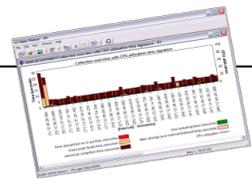
Keep Current on PTFs



It's always good practice to keep current on the latest fixes from IBM

- PTFs address defects
- PTFs introduce new capabilities
 - IBM i Technology Refresh Updates
 - IBM i Group PTFs
 - Database
 - Performance tools
 - Java
 - HTTP Server
 - HTTP Server Group PTF for latest Navigator for i functionality
 - PTFs for performance data collectors
 - Collection Services, Job Watcher, Disk Watcher, Performance Explorer

IBM i Performance Tools



- iDoctor Suite**
- Job Watcher
 - PEX Analyzer
 - Heap Analyzer
 - VIOS Investigator



- Green Screen**
- Performance Tools Reports
 - System commands
 - Performance Explorer



- System i Navigator**
- Perf Tools GUI
 - DB/SQL Monitor
 - Active Jobs
 - System Status
 - Graph History



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Collection Services

PM for Power Systems



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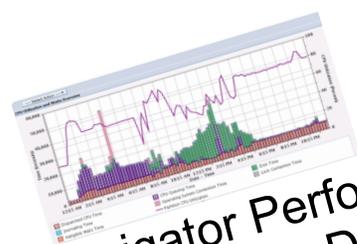
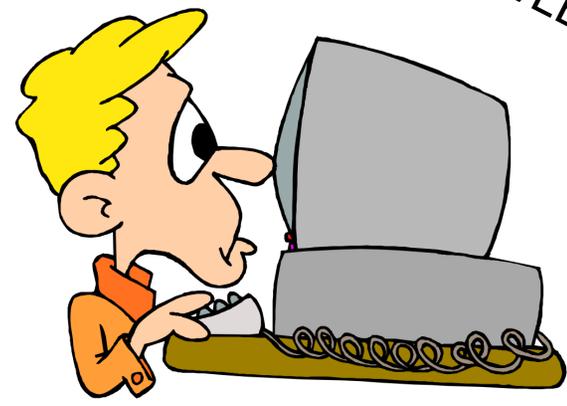
Management Central



Third Party Tools

Job Watcher

Disk Watcher



- Navigator Performance Investigate Data (PDI)**
- Batch Model
 - System Monitors



Web Performance Advisor
Web Performance Monitor

Performance Explorer



Navigator for i

Performance Instrumentation and Data Collection

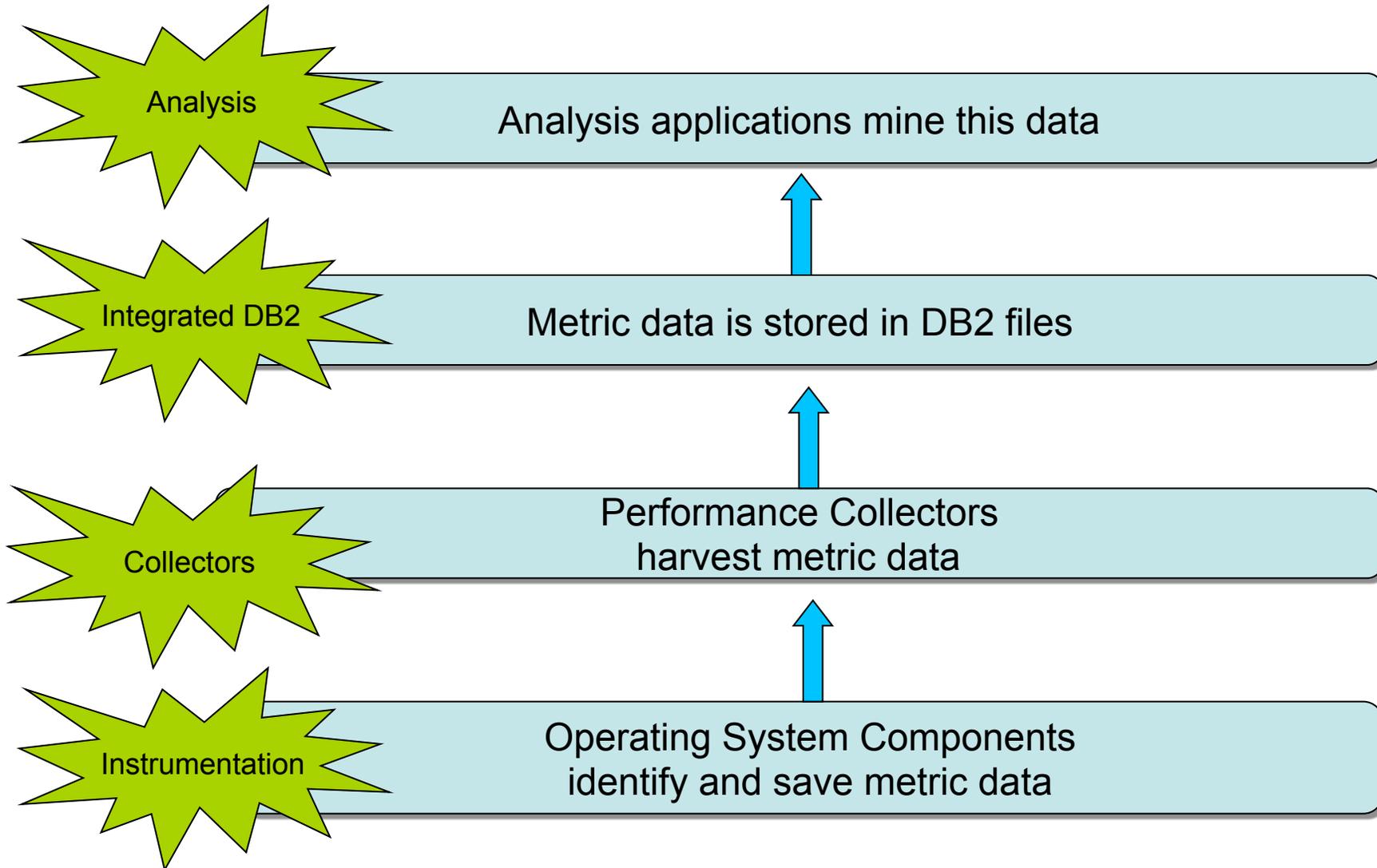
The Advantage



- IBM **develops the software stack**, top to bottom
 - Instruments the software with performance metrics
 - Performance metrics are component-specific
- IBM develops the **performance data collectors** that harvest those performance metrics
- IBM i has an **integrated database** – DB2
 - This is a BIG DEAL
 - Performance data is stored in the database automatically
 - No “add on” application is necessary – it’s all in the Operating System
 - Applications mine the performance data in the DB2 files using SQL

IBM i has the best performance instrumentation and data collection capabilities in the industry!

Performance Instrumentation and Data Collection



Introduction to Wait Accounting

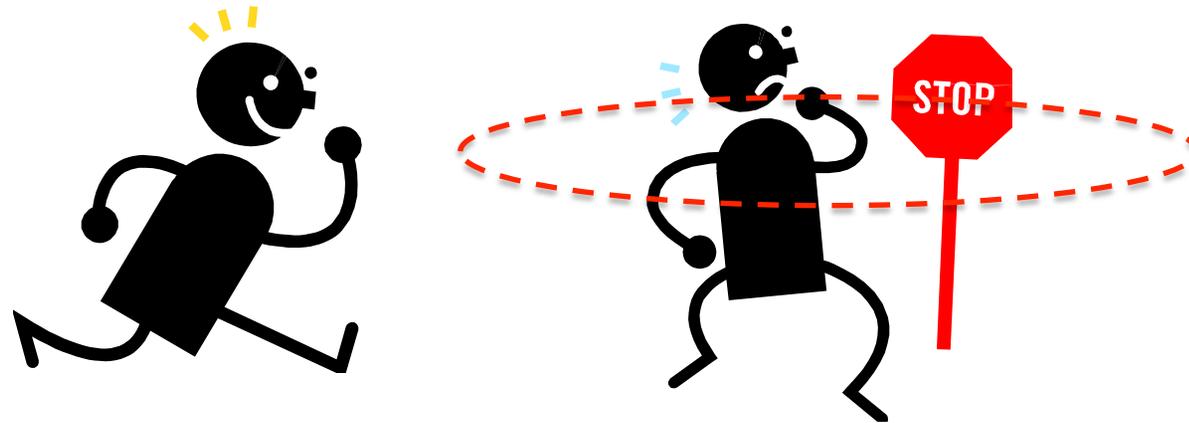
Performance Fact:

“All computers wait at the same speed”



What is Wait Accounting?

Wait Accounting = the ability to determine what a job is doing when it is not running



i Exclusive!! Patented technology built into IBM i.

Wait Accounting Overview

When a job is not running (using CPU), it is waiting

- *But what is it waiting for?*

Waits may be normal, some waits are not normal

- Wait Accounting helps to determine what the wait is and if it is a problem

IBM i has instrumented most of the key wait conditions

- Wait information is automatically collected by **Collection Services** and **Job Watcher**



Wait States

Wait information is tracked for each job, thread and task on system

A job/thread/task is in one of three states:

Using CPU

- “Dispatched CPU”
Assigned to a virtual processor so it can begin execution of instructions

Waiting for CPU

- “CPU Queuing”
Ready to use processor, but waiting for it to become available

Waiting for something else...

- Idle waits
- **Blocked waits**

These waits are typically the most interesting waits to focus on

Wait Accounting - Buckets

Wait Buckets = “Wait condition groups” instrumented in the operating system.

- Buckets can then be **analyzed** to determine where a job is spending it’s time (running or waiting)
- Categorized into **32** buckets
- Buckets found in both **Collection Services** and **Job Watcher** data
- Waits can be viewed at a **system-level** or at an **individual job/thread/task level**
 - Can also be grouped by generic job name, subsystem, user profile, pool ID, etc.



32 Wait Buckets (6.1 and beyond)

1. Time dispatched on a CPU
2. CPU queuing
3. Reserved
4. Other waits
5. Disk page faults
6. Disk non-fault reads
7. Disk space usage contention
8. Disk operation start contention
9. Disk writes
10. Disk other
11. Journaling
12. Semaphore contention
13. Mutex contention
14. Machine level gate serialization
15. Seize contention
16. Database record lock contention
17. Object lock contention
18. Ineligible waits
19. Main storage pool contention
20. Classic Java™ user including locks (to 6.1)
 - (7.2) Journal save while active
21. Classic Java JVM (up to 6.1)
22. Classic Java other (up to 6.1)
23. Reserved
24. Socket transmits
25. Socket receives
26. Socket other
27. IFS
28. PASE
29. Data queue receives
30. Idle/waiting for work
31. Synchronization Token contention
32. Abnormal contention

<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/library/i-ibmi-wait-accounting/>

http://public.dhe.ibm.com/services/us/igsc/idoctor/Job_Waits_White_Paper_61_71.pdf

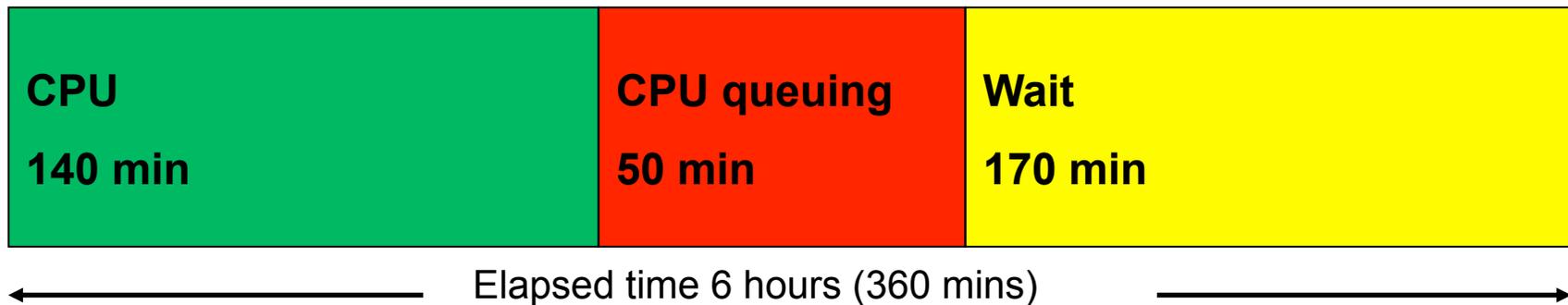
Wait Accounting – “Run-wait” signature

Applying the concepts of wait accounting, we are now able to identify the amount of time the thread/task was running and the time the thread/task was waiting.

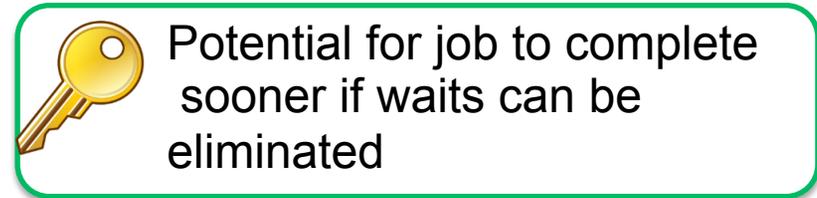
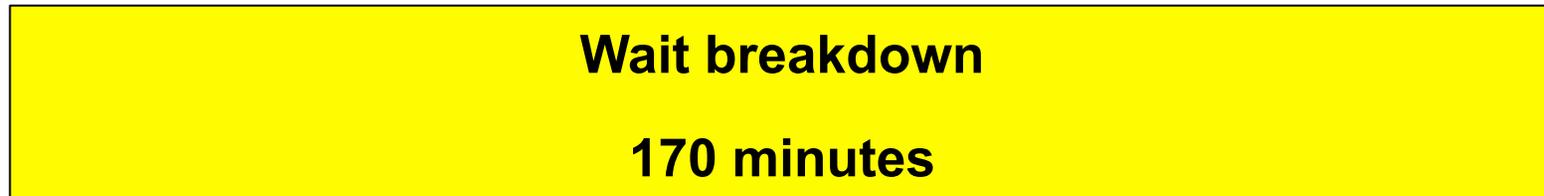
Consider the following:

Batch job with total run time of 6 hours

Run-wait signature



Wait Accounting – “Run-wait” signature



 Potential for job to complete sooner if waits can be eliminated



Now you can start asking questions such as:

- Are my pool sizes appropriate? What objects is the faulting occurring on?
- Is the write cache being overrun? Is the application forcing writes out synchronously?
- Are all the journals optimally configured? Are unnecessary objects being journaled?
- Am I locking records or objects unnecessarily?



Metrics related to components of wait time

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total count | Disk reads 3,523 | Disk writes 17,772 | Record Locks 355 | Journal 5,741 |
| Total time | 42 sec | 73 sec | 45 sec | 44 sec |
| Avg time per wait | 0.012 sec | 0.004 sec | 0.126 sec | 0.007 sec |

- Tools capture this level detail
- Useful to know both counts and time

| Disk Page Faults Counts | Disk Page Faults Time (Seconds) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 20498 | 26.37 |
| 7969 | 10.83 |
| 9080 | 15.86 |
| 1738 | 2.55 |
| 3124 | 1.22 |
| 1071 | 0.65 |
| 2013 | 0.94 |
| 3133 | 1.19 |
| 2939 | 1.36 |
| 1056 | 0.55 |

Why Developers should leverage Wait Accounting!!



- Helps you understand application characteristics
 - Is it CPU bound? I/O bound?
- Helps you to understand where to focus your effort and investment
 - Is there a bottleneck on CPU, Memory, I/O, Contention time?
 - Invest resources where greatest benefit will be
- Can offer insight into potential performance issues before end-users are affected
 - Can leverage aspects of wait accounting in test environment
 - Eliminate surprises
 - Identify bottlenecks that prevent scaling
- Provides valuable clues to help analyze performance issues as they arise
- Instrumentation part of base IBM i operating system, IBM tools available to help you analyze

Common Waits that Applications use

- Disk Waits
- Semaphores, Mutexes, Synchronization Tokens
- Journaling
- Database record locks
- Object locks
- Sockets



A few other things to know about waits...

- Some waits are “expected” and others “unexpected”
- If waits can be reduced or eliminated, CPU can be used more efficiently
- One wait may be reduced/eliminated, only to have another wait surface
- Likely won't be able to remove all wait times
- When is a wait “bad”?
 - Is there a business impact? Are users complaining?
 - **“It depends”** but waits more than 25% of run time may need additional analysis

Tools for analyzing Wait Accounting information



Wait Accounting - IBM i Collectors

▪ **Collection Services**

- Collects data automatically 24 X 7 at specified intervals (typically 5 or 15 minutes)
- System and job level data
- Starting point!



▪ **Job Watcher**

- Needs to be started/stopped (typically 5 or 10 second intervals)
- Additional detailed data such as call stacks, object waited on, holder
- Frequently needed to solve performance issues

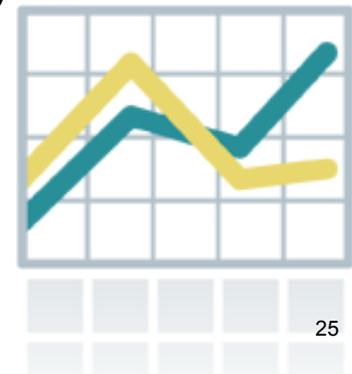


Performance Data *Collection vs Visualization*



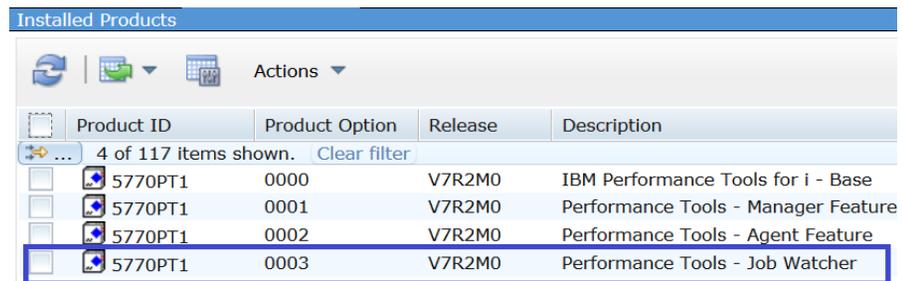
- The performance data **collection** capability is built into the operating system
 - **Everyone** can collect all types of IBM i performance data

- The **visualization** of the data may require additional products
 - Visualization is the display of charts or tables of performance data
 - The Performance Data Investigator is part of the operating system
 - **Everyone** can visualize Collection Services data



Two Graphical Analysis Tools

- Performance Data Investigator – Job Watcher
 - Requires 57xx-PT1 – Job Watcher feature
 - Geared to *average* user



| Product ID | Product Option | Release | Description |
|------------|----------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 5770PT1 | 0000 | V7R2M0 | IBM Performance Tools for i - Base |
| 5770PT1 | 0001 | V7R2M0 | Performance Tools - Manager Feature |
| 5770PT1 | 0002 | V7R2M0 | Performance Tools - Agent Feature |
| 5770PT1 | 0003 | V7R2M0 | Performance Tools - Job Watcher |

- iDoctor – Job Watcher
 - IBM i Service offering, yearly license by serial number
 - Geared to *advanced* user

Wait Accounting IBM i Graphical Analysis Tools

- Two powerful graphical tools to help make your analysis more efficient and productive:

Performance Data Investigator (PDI)

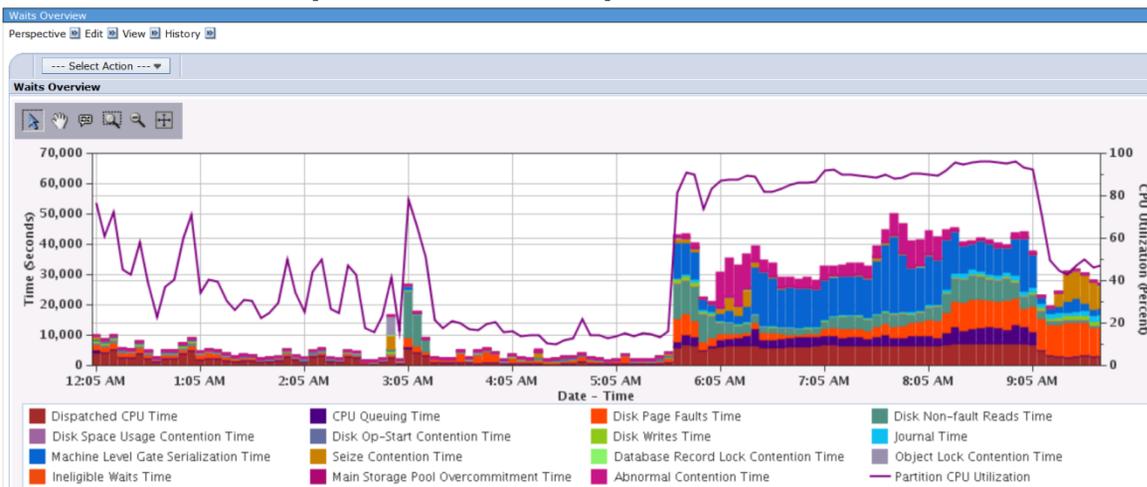
- Component in IBM Navigator for i (browser-based)
- Nothing to install, can view Collection Services for “free”
- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/ibmi/library/i-pdi/index.html>

IBM iDoctor for IBM i

- Microsoft Windows based client
- Requires Job Watcher yearly license to see Collection Services data (IBM Service offering)
- https://www-912.ibm.com/i_dir/idoctor.nsf

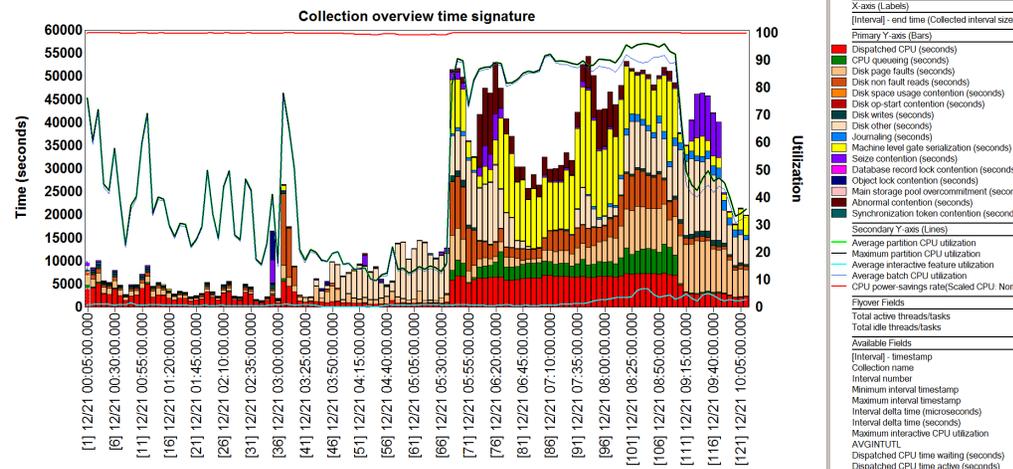
Wait Accounting IBM i Graphical Analysis Tools

- Both GUI tools sit on top of same rich IBM i instrumentation, but not equivalent in presentation and function



← PDI

iDoctor ->



Wait Accounting Analysis Strategy

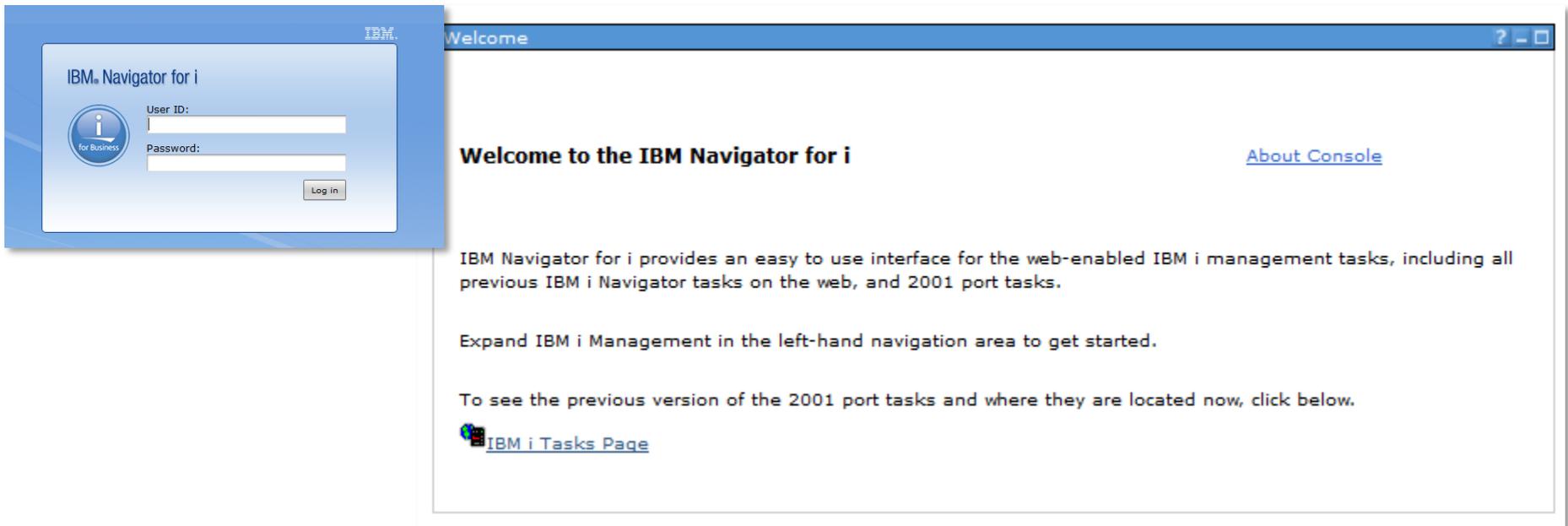
- Understand the “big picture” first
 - Understand overall partition characteristics first and where system bottlenecks may be that affecting your application
 - Typically done using **Collection Services** data
 - Drill down to job level
 - Waits can be analyzed in various useful ways:

- Continue detailed analysis at a Job Level using **Job Watcher**
 - Narrow focus to interesting timeframes / jobs
 - Many more job level details available

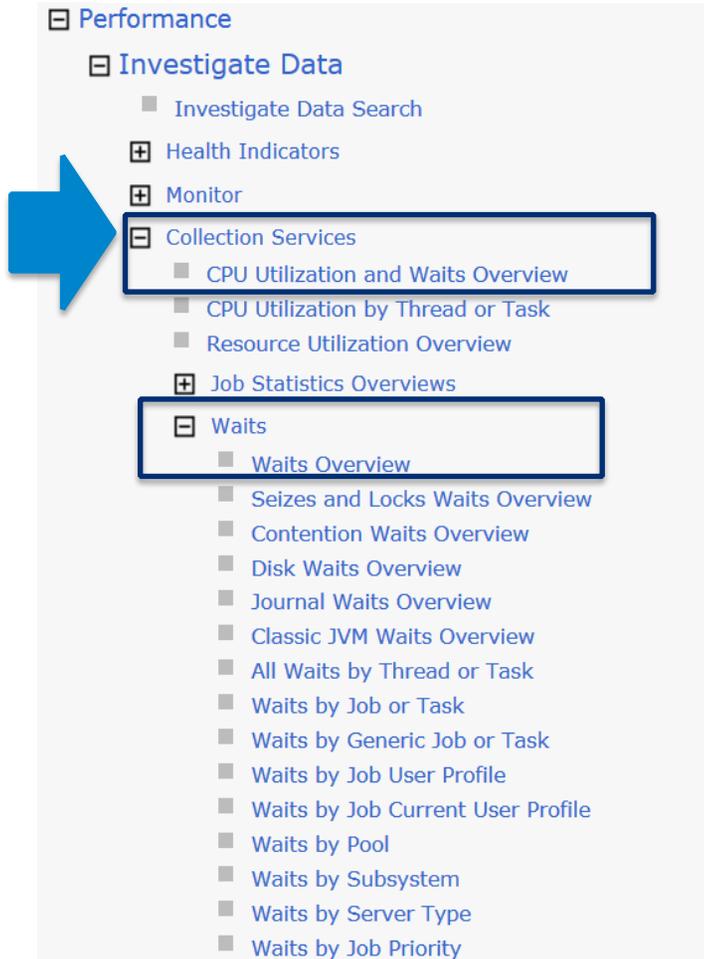
- Waits by Job or Task
- Waits by Generic Job or Task
- Waits by Job User Profile
- Waits by Job Current User Profile
- Waits by Pool
- Waits by Subsystem
- Waits by Server Type
- Waits by Job Priority

Using Performance Data Investigator (PDI)

- IBM Navigator for i is the Web console for managing IBM i
 - Has much of the function as System i Navigator
 - but with a browser user interface
 - Simply point your browser to <http://systemname:2001>



PDI Wait Accounting Perspectives - Where to start



- [-] Performance
 - [-] Investigate Data
 - [-] Investigate Data Search
 - [-] Health Indicators
 - [-] Monitor
 - [-] **Collection Services**
 - [-] CPU Utilization and Waits Overview
 - [-] CPU Utilization by Thread or Task
 - [-] Resource Utilization Overview
 - [-] Job Statistics Overviews
 - [-] **Waits**
 - [-] Waits Overview
 - [-] Seizes and Locks Waits Overview
 - [-] Contention Waits Overview
 - [-] Disk Waits Overview
 - [-] Journal Waits Overview
 - [-] Classic JVM Waits Overview
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Performance -> Investigate Data -> Collection Services:

Option 1: **CPU Utilization and Waits Overview**

– Combines related waits into higher level buckets

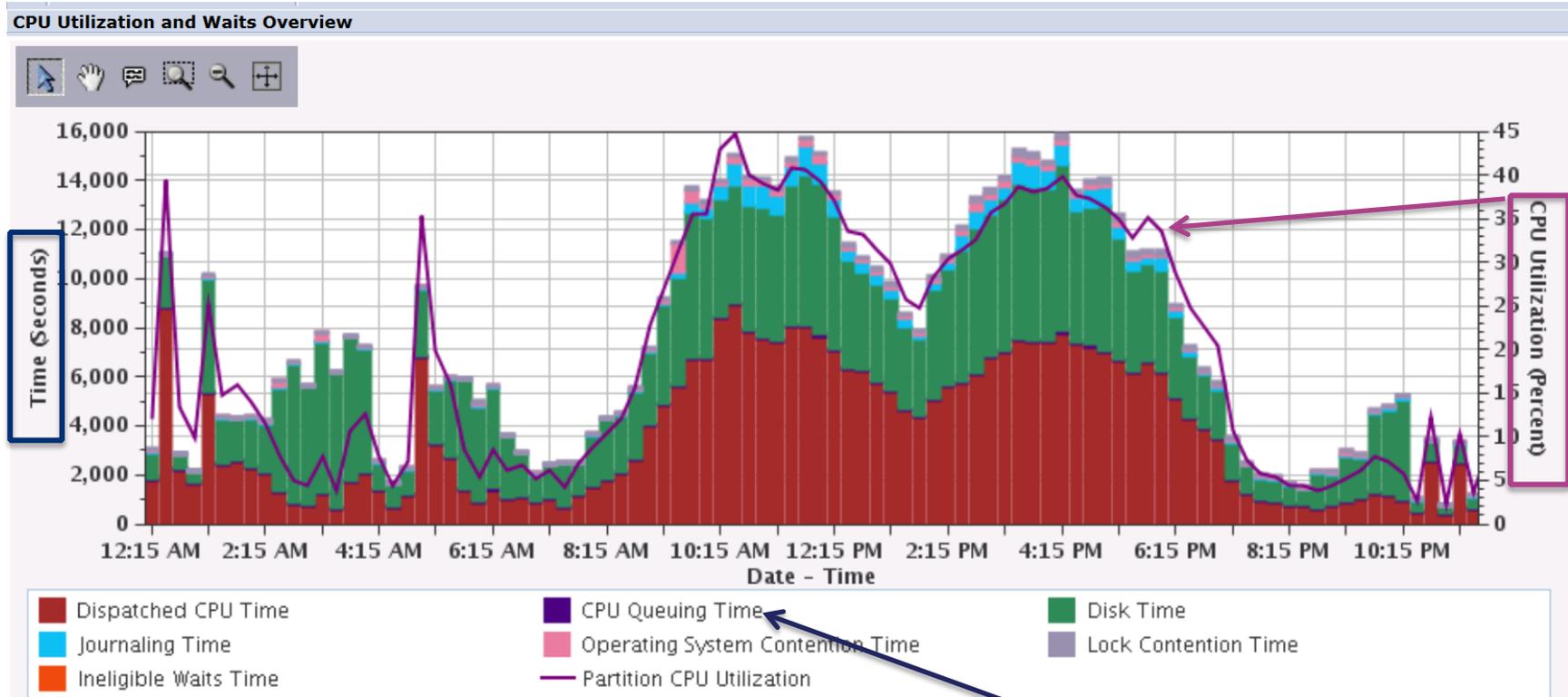
Option 2: **Waits Overview**

– All individual “blocked” wait buckets shown

Collection

| Collection Library | Collection Name |
|--------------------|---|
| QPFRRDATA | Q201000002 (*CSFILE) - Jul 20, 2015 12:00:02 AM |

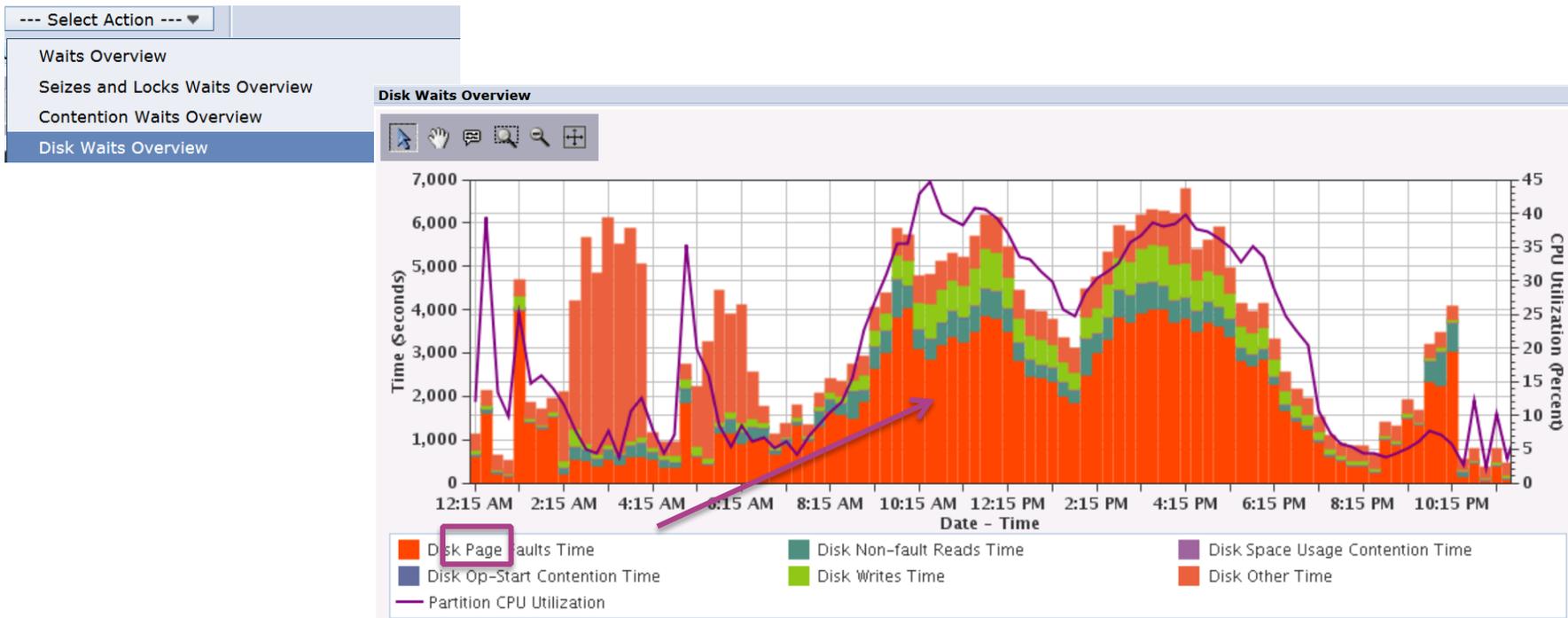
System “run-wait” signature -> CPU Utilization and Waits Overview



- A chart that combines CPU utilization as well as the wait buckets can be very beneficial in assessing the health of your partition
- In this chart, we can see that the majority of the time, the jobs were spending time in CPU as well as in Disk. Minor amounts of Journal wait time and operating system contention time are also present.

CPU Utilization and Waits Overview – drilldown analysis

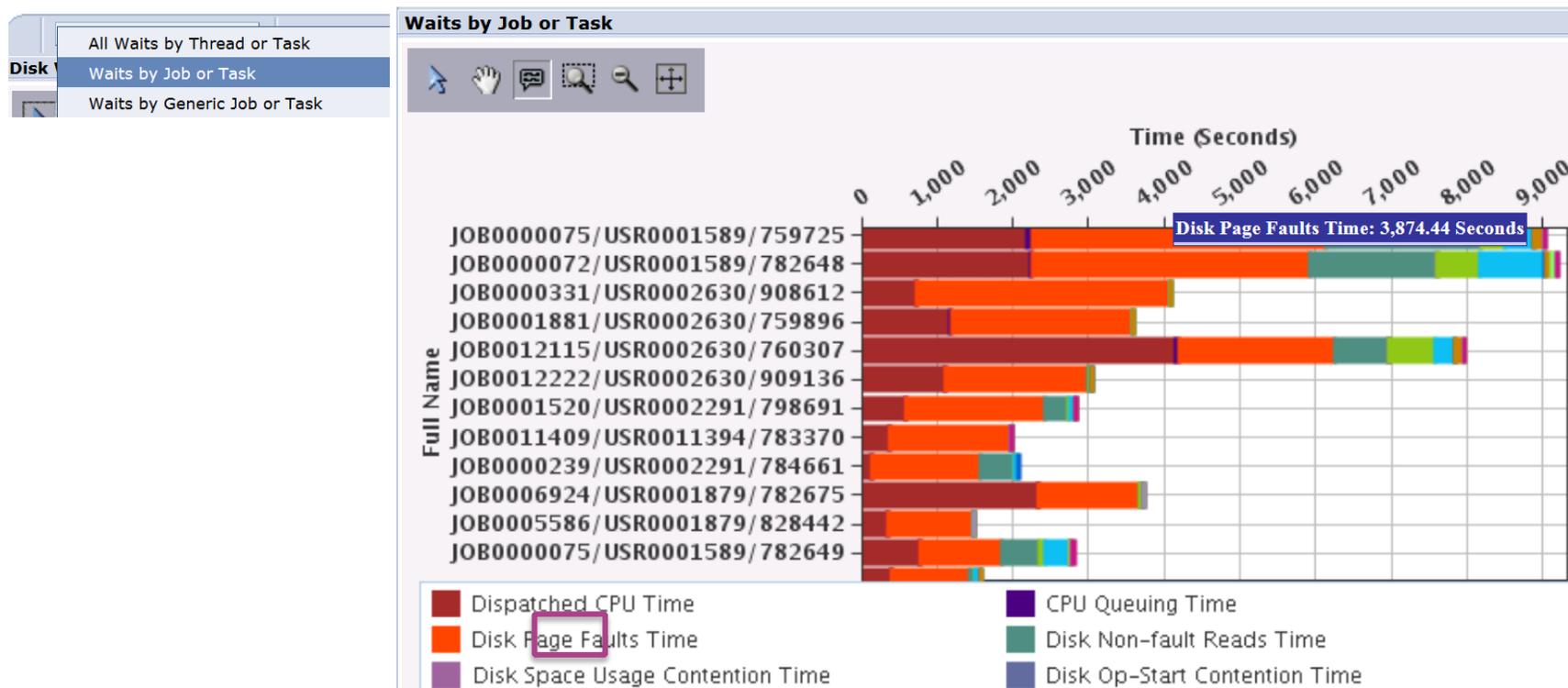
Because Disk wait time was fairly significant, drilldown to Disk Waits Overview to further examine the detailed waits contributing to this time:



- Can now see that Disk Page Fault time is the biggest contributor to Disk Time. (A job needed something in memory, it wasn't there, had to do an I/O to bring it into memory before job could continue running).

Waits by Job or Task

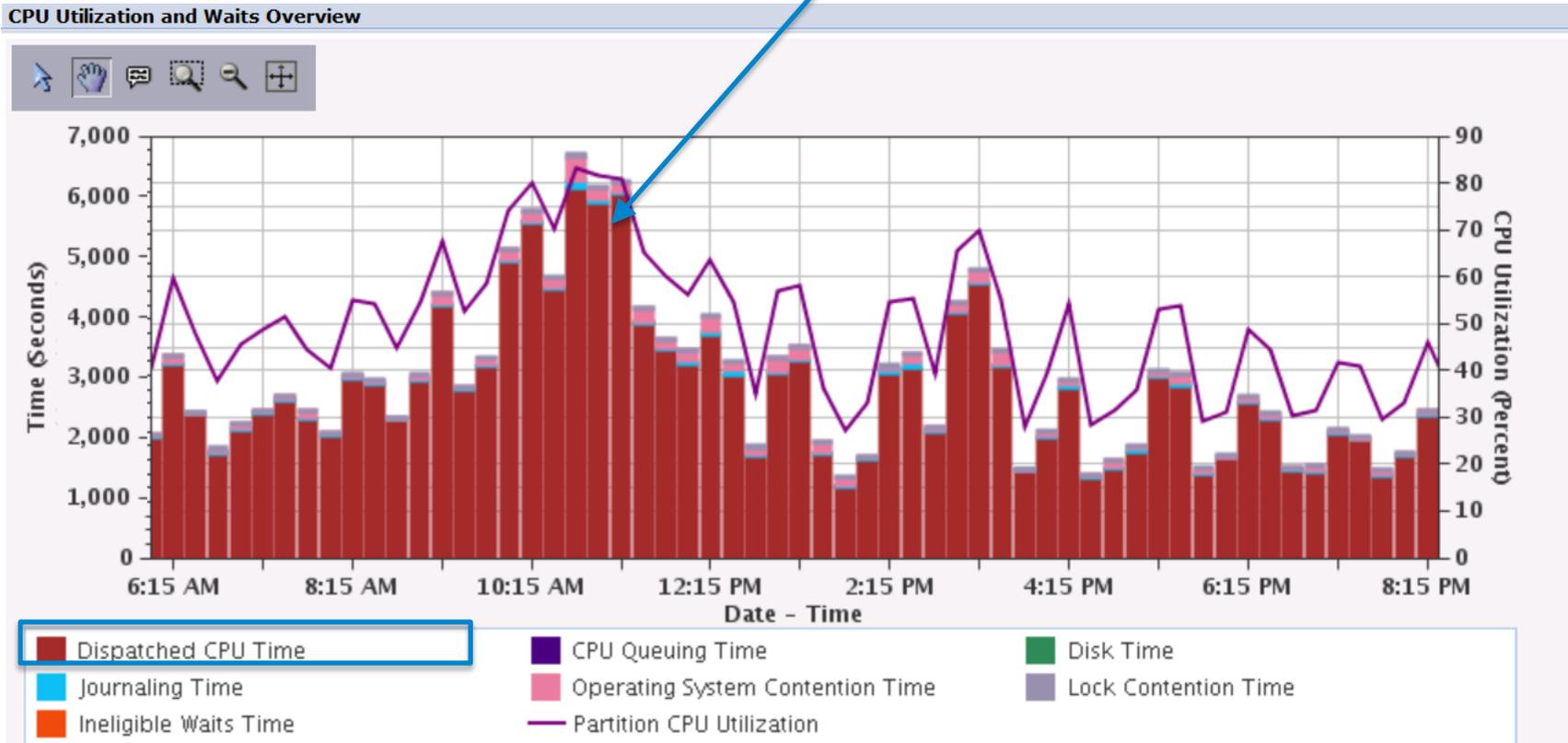
The next question likely would be which job(s) are incurring this wait time. Drilling down further, we can see the list of jobs incurring this wait time:



- This type of chart can also be used to understand a job(s) “run-wait” signature.

Efficient System with Little Waiting

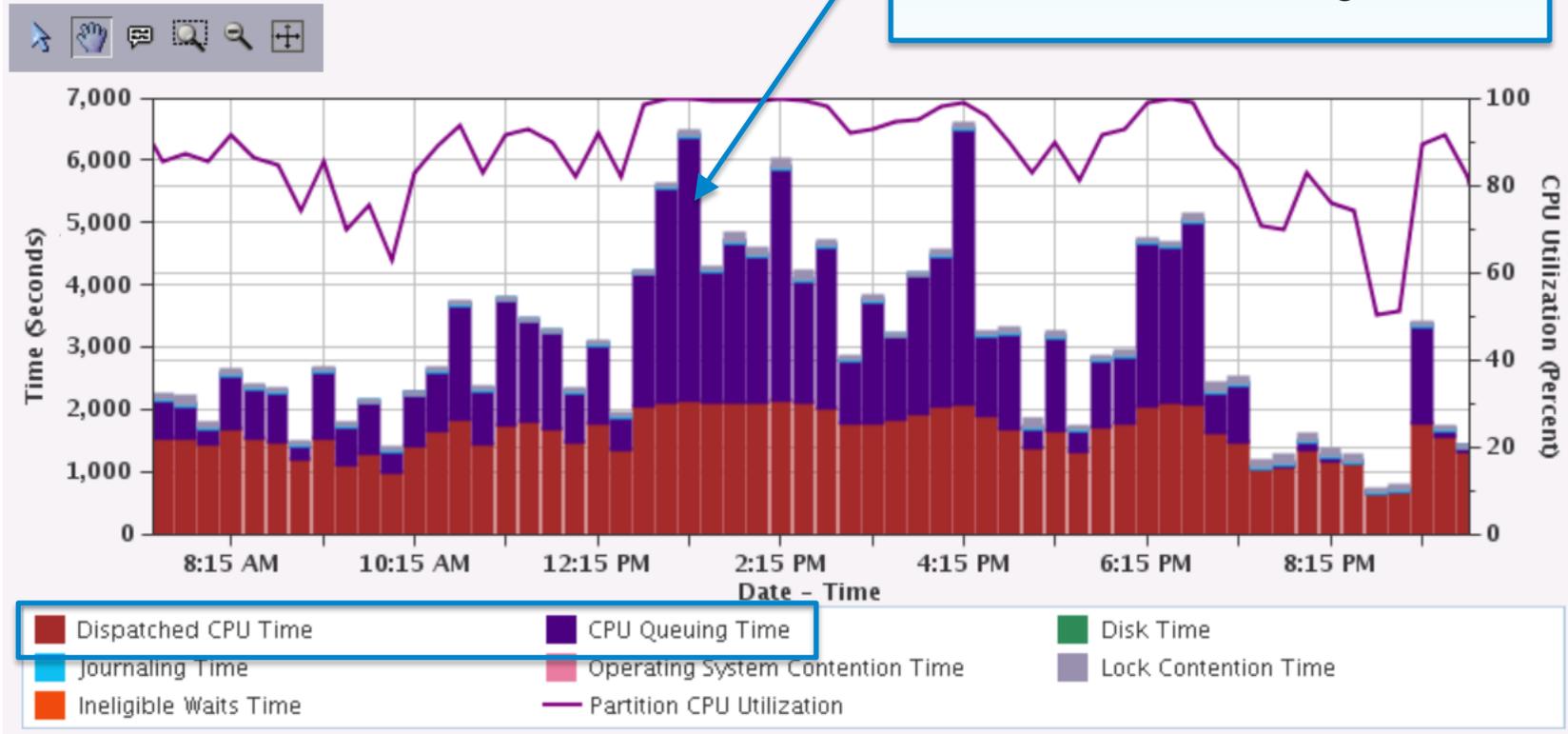
Primarily Dispatched CPU Time



Processor Bound System

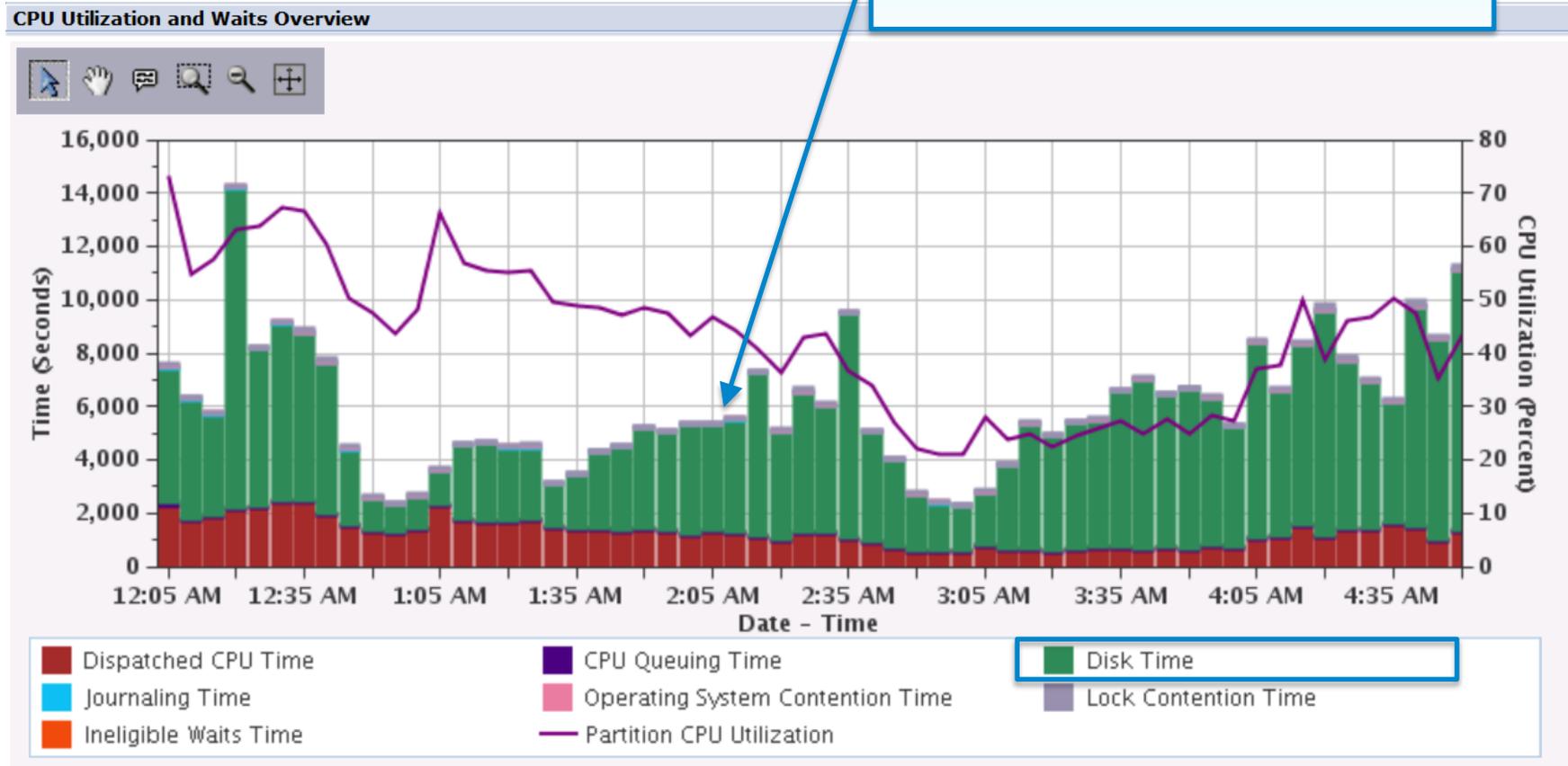
Dispatched CPU
+
CPU Queuing

CPU Utilization and Waits Overview



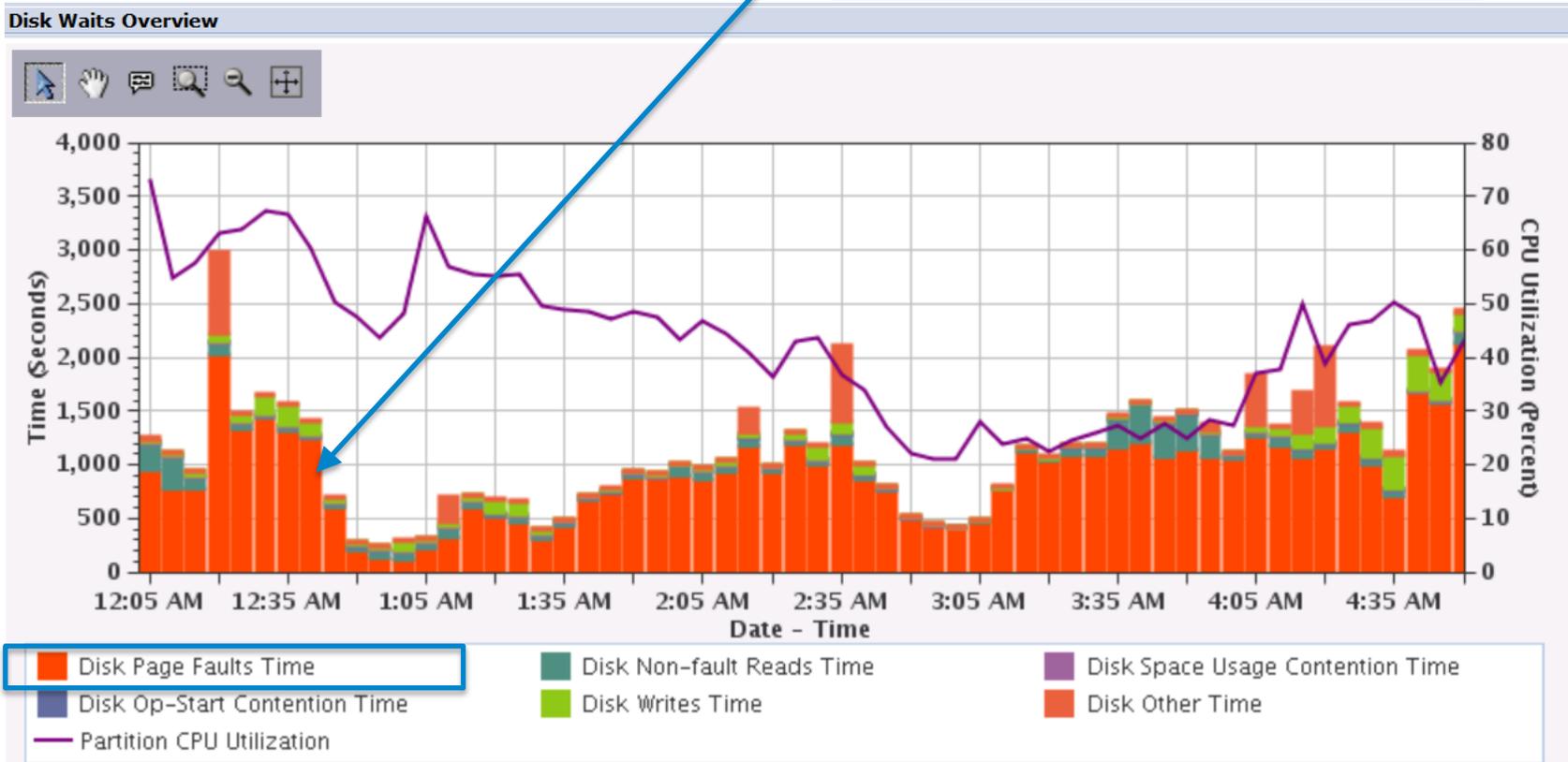
I/O Bound System

Disk Time



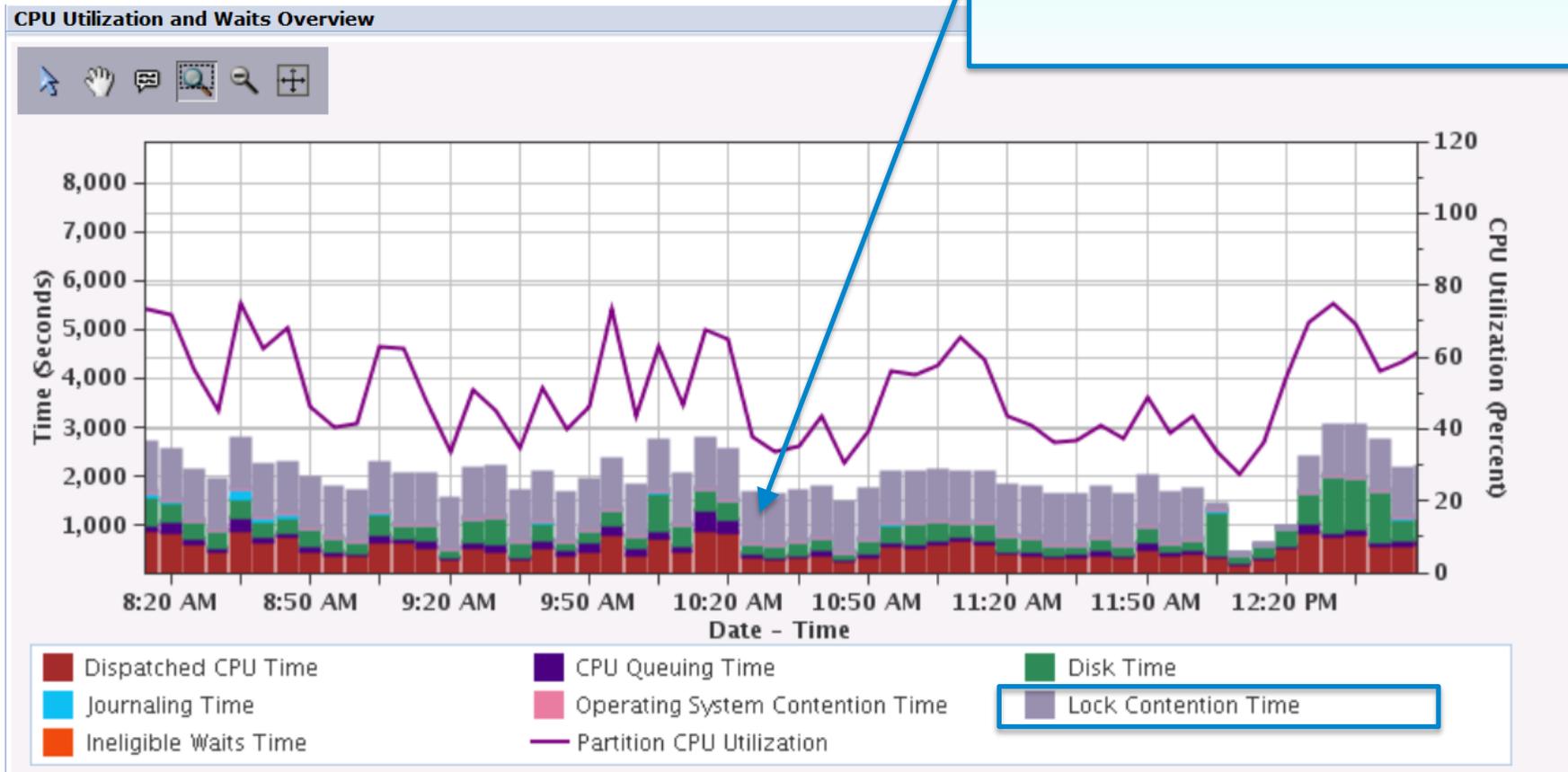
I/O – Further Investigation

Disk Page Faults Wait Time



Lock Contention Time Bottleneck

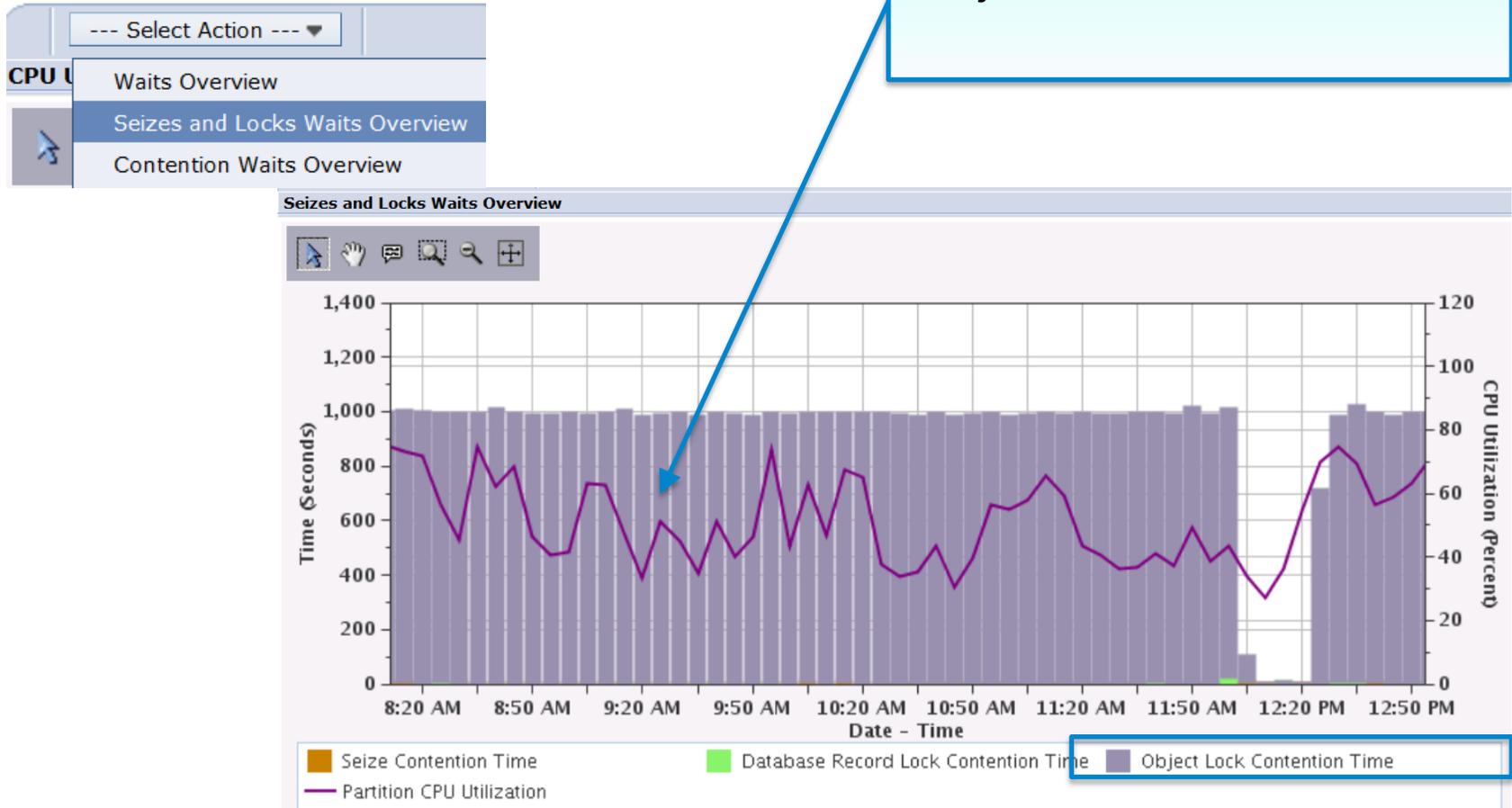
Lock Contention wait time



Job Watcher data is typically needed to solve lock related issues.

Lock – Further Investigation

Object Lock Contention time

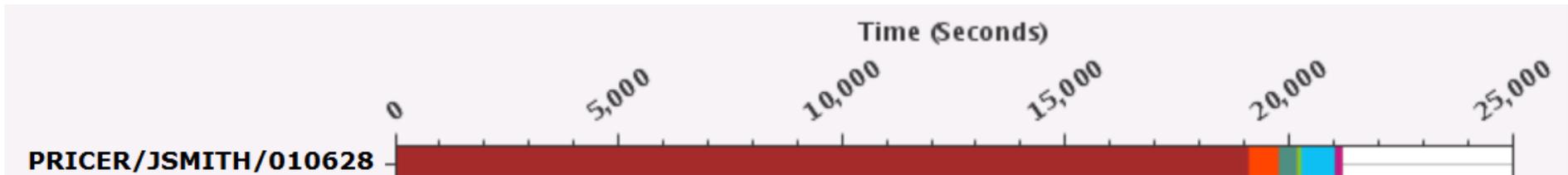


Job Watcher data will show object waited on, the holder, and call stacks for both the waiter and the holder (example shown later on...)

Wait Accounting at a Job Level



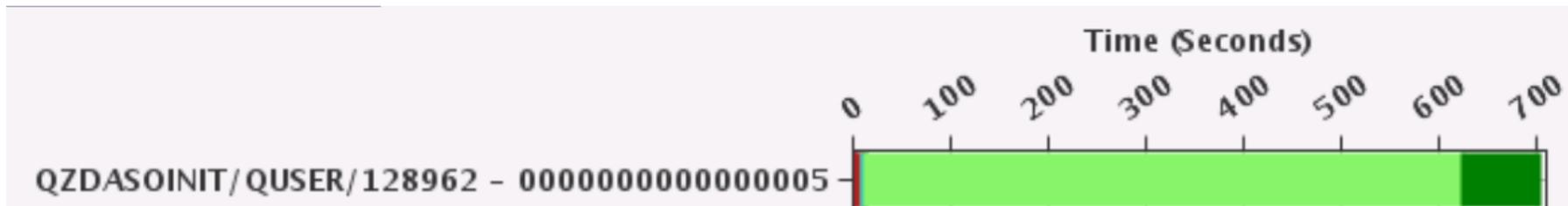
Would this job benefit from additional memory?



Wait Accounting at a Job Level



Would this job benefit from additional memory? CPU? Disk?



| | | |
|---|---|---|
|  Dispatched CPU Time |  CPU Queuing Time |  Disk Page Faults Time |
|  Disk Non-fault Reads Time |  Disk Space Usage Contention Time |  Disk Op-Start Contention Time |
|  Disk Writes Time |  Journal Time |  Machine Level Gate Serialization Time |
|  Seize Contention Time |  Database Record Lock Contention Time |  Object Lock Contention Time |
|  Socket Receives Time |  Main Storage Pool Overcommitment Time |  Abnormal Contention Time |

Wait Accounting at a Job Level



Would this job benefit from an improved I/O subsystem?



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Job Watcher - Additional Benefits

- Collects **more detailed** performance data than Collection Services
 - Call Stacks
 - SQL Statements
 - Additional wait accounting information:
 - Objects being waited on
 - Holder of object

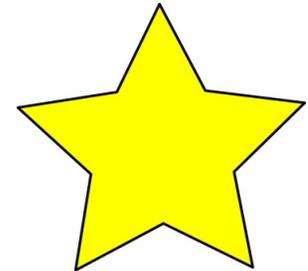
- More **frequent intervals** (seconds)

- Need to start/stop Job Watcher
 - Navigator for i, iDoctor, green screen commands

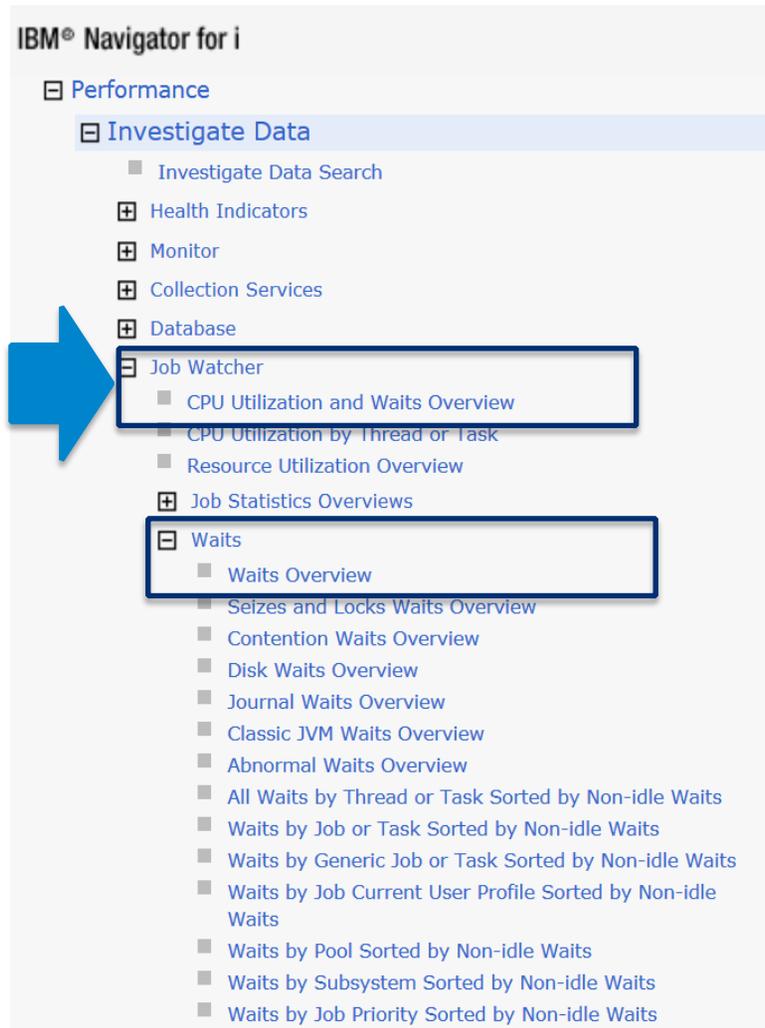
- To see charts in PDI, need Performance Tools LPP Job Watcher option (chargeable) or iDoctor Job Watcher license for viewing in iDoctor

Job Watcher - Holders versus Waiters

- IBM i keeps track of who is holding a resource, and if applicable, who is waiting to access that resource
 - A **Holder** is the job/thread/task that is holding the serialized resource
 - A **Waiter** is the job/thread/task that wants to access the serialized resource
- IBM i also maintains call stacks for every job/thread/task
- The combination of
 - **Who** - holders and waiters ... *who has it? who wants it?*
 - **What** – object being waited on
 - **How** - call stacksprovides a very powerful solution for analyzing wait conditions



Job Watcher – Where to Start



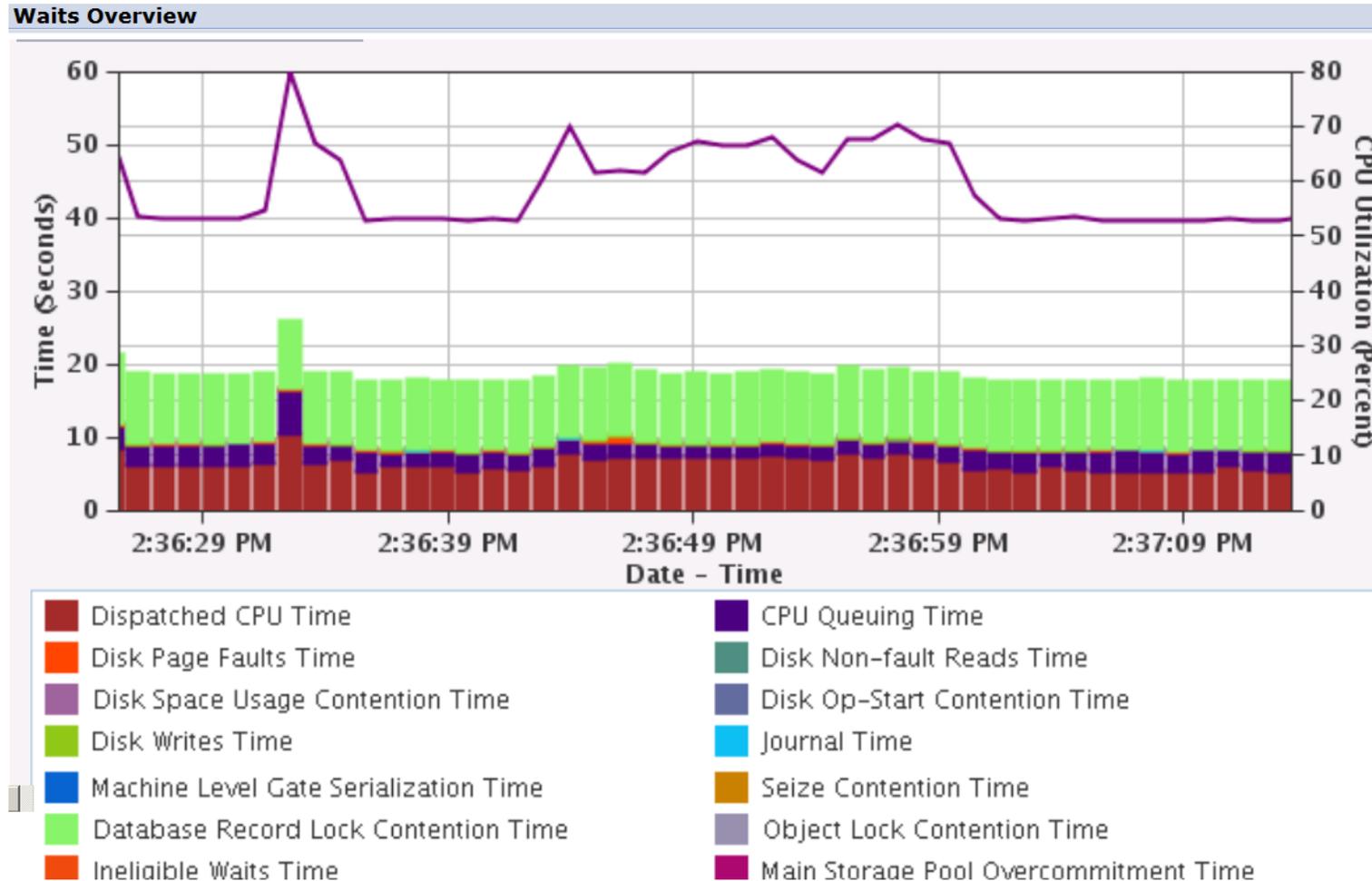
Performance -> Investigate Data -> Job Watcher:

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Option 2: **Waits Overview**
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Notice similar perspectives available as Collection Services

Job Watcher – Waits Overview



Notice same wait buckets, but more granular intervals

Job Watcher – Additional Interval Details

Thread or Task Details

Job information: QZDASOINIT/QUSER/128962 - 0000000000000005

Priority: 20

Current user profile: LISAW

Pool: 2

Object waited on: INVENTORY INVENTORY

Type description: PHYSICAL FILE MBR - DATA PART

Wait duration: 581 milliseconds

Segment type description: DB PHYSICAL FILE MEMBER RECORDS

Current or last wait: DB record lock: update

Wait object library: None detected this interval

Holding job or task: QZDASOINIT/QUSER/128890

Interval timestamp: Jan 3, 2014 2:36:28 PM

SQL client job: None detected this interval

Interval (1 to 684):



Call Stack

| Call Level | Program | Module | Procedure |
|------------|---------|--------|---|
| 1 | | | qutde_block_tra |
| 2 | | | longWaitReceive__9QuCounterFR12RmprReceiverP |
| 3 | | | DBLockConflict__15RmsIDBHashClassFR11RmsIPIm |
| 4 | | | rmsIDBHLock__FR11RmsIPImpLad |
| 5 | | | getLockWithWait__18DbpmUpdateResource |
| 6 | | | getLock__18DbpmUpdateResource |
| 7 | | | getRowLock__18DbpmUpdateResourceFCUIRC9Dbp |
| 8 | | | execute__18DbpmUpdateLockNodeFR13DbpmQuer |
| 9 | | | vPositionNextAndExecute__18DbpmUpdateLockNod |
| 10 | | | positionNextEntryAndFetchOutline__17DbpmReadO |

SQL Statement

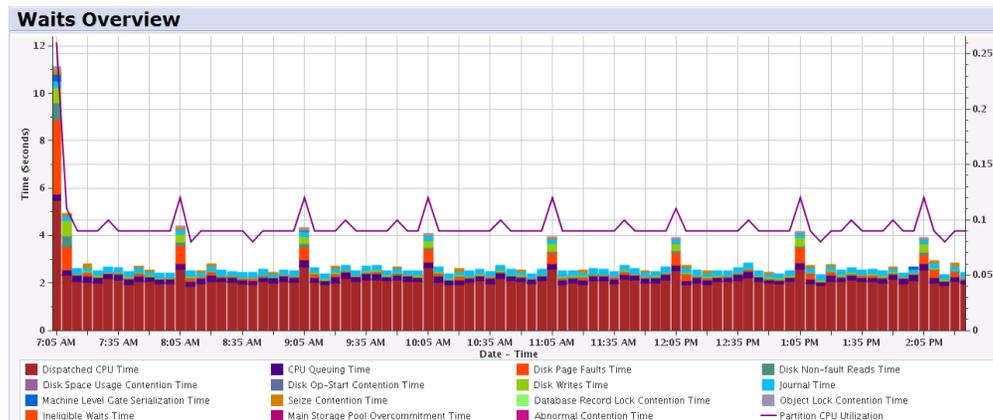
Include Host Variables

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SELECT QUANTITY FROM WAREHSE42.INVENTORY WHERE ID=*DATA FORMAT ERROR
TITY FROM WAREHSE42.INVENTORY WHERE ID=? FOR UPDATE
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Wait Accounting - Recommendations: Be proactive!

- Use the rich IBM i wait accounting instrumentation found in
 - Collection Services & Job Watcher
 - Use PDI or iDoctor to view/analyze

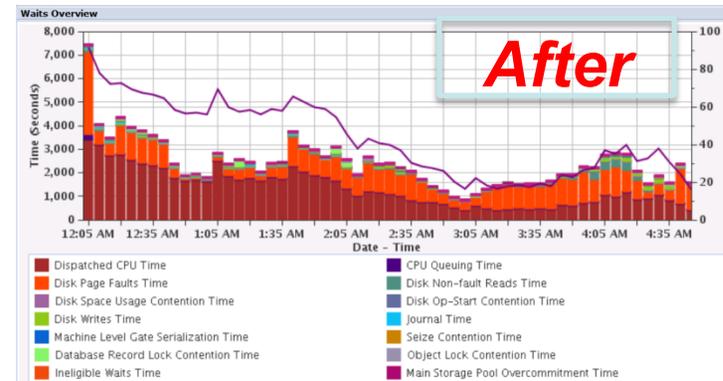
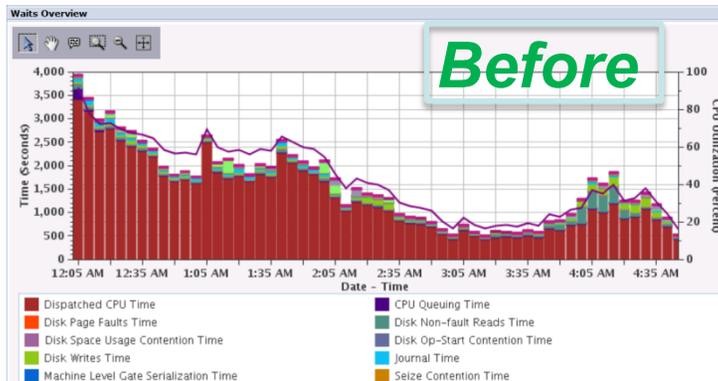
- Understand your partition's “run-wait” signature and normal patterns



- Identify bottlenecks

Recommendations: Be proactive!

- Keep a **baseline**
 - Collection Services (Job Watcher data is also nice to have)
 - Weekly, end-of-month, end-of-year
 - Prior to any hardware, software, configuration related change
- A baseline provides a **reference point**
 - It is the expected performance characteristics over a defined period of time
 - Having one makes it easier to recognize changes and its effect

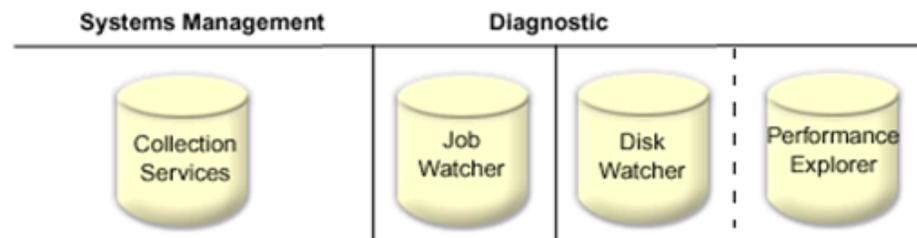
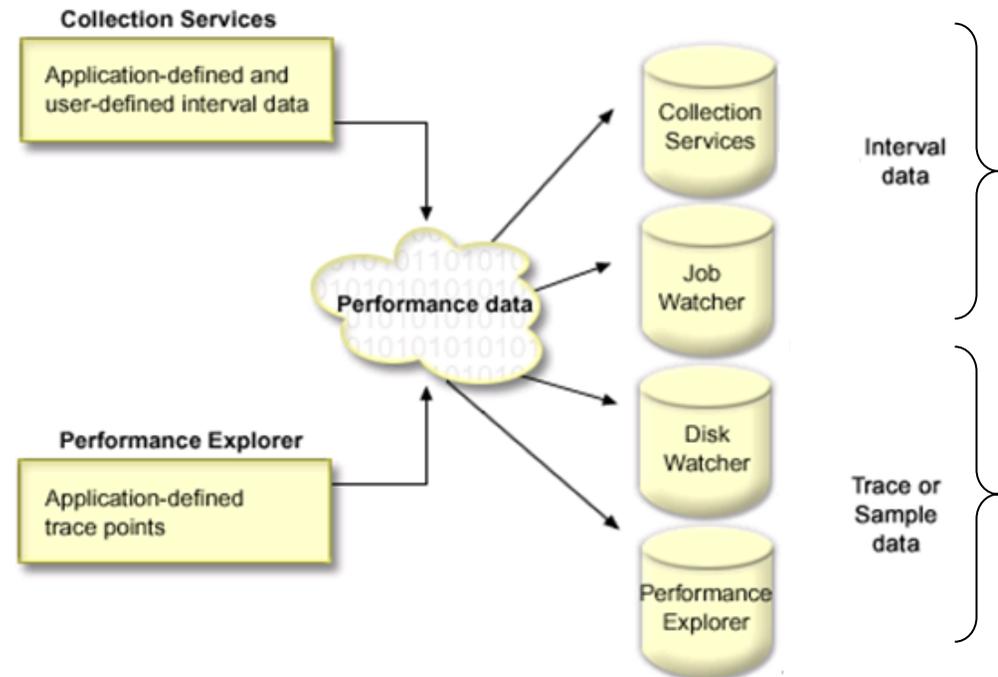


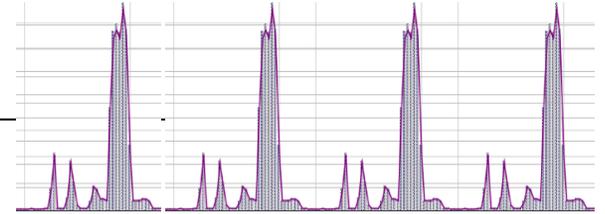
- **Wait bucket information can make it easier to determine what has changed!**
Both at a partition level as well as an [individual job level](#)

IBM i Performance Data Collectors

Performance Data Collection Architecture

- Collection Services
- Job Watcher
- Disk Watcher
- Performance Explorer





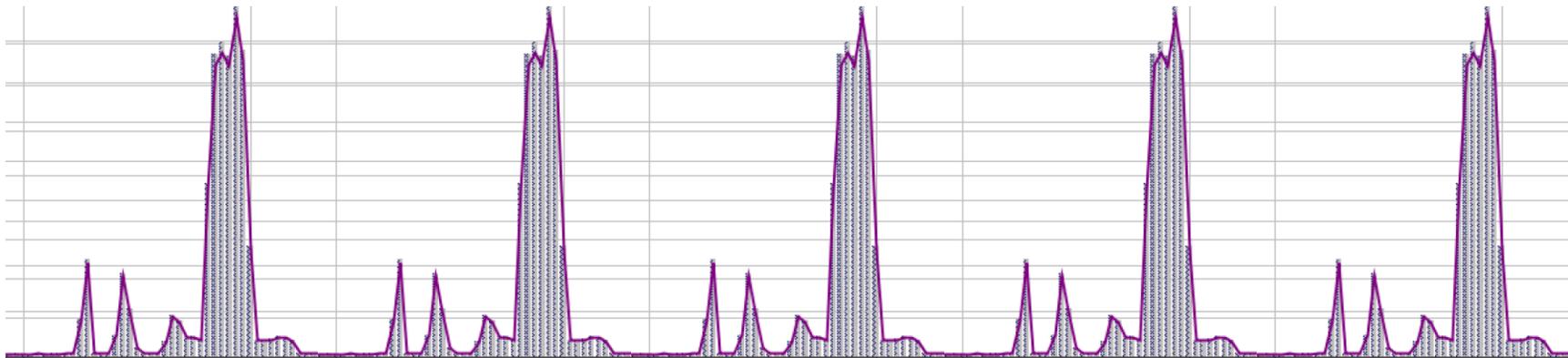
Collect System-wide Performance Data

Collect Performance Data 24/7



- If something goes wrong, you have data that will help **analyze** the problem, **fix** it, and **prevent** it from happening in the future
- If you can't solve the problem, you have information that makes it easier for IBM Support to **solve the problem faster**
- To provide a **reliable baseline** so you can **understand the impact** that a software, network, or environmental **change** had on the performance of your system
- To provide historical information that enables you to **plan for future growth** based on real trends, not guesses.

Patterns in Performance Data



- Performance data typically has patterns
 - Daily, weekly, monthly, yearly

 – Understand your typical patterns

- Recognize change

Job Watcher

- Job Watcher returns real-time information about a selected set of jobs, threads, or LIC tasks

- Job Watcher collects additional types of data that Collection Services does not, as well as more frequent intervals
 - Job Watcher has more overhead than Collection Services

- Data collected by Job Watcher includes
 - Wait times
 - CPU
 - I/O activity
 - Call Stacks
 - SQL statements
 - Communications statistics
 - Activation Group statistics



Run Job Watcher when you need detailed performance data for diagnostic purposes.

There are clients that run Job Watcher 24x7 to always have diagnostic data available.

Need to manage the data carefully.

Job Watcher

- Job Watcher collects **more detailed** performance data than Collection Services and at **more frequent intervals**
 - CPU and I/O (like Collection Services)
 - **Call Stacks**
 - SQL Statements
 - Detailed Wait information:
 - **Objects being waited on**, even records number of files
 - **Holder of object**
- Job Watcher **does not collect everything** that Collection Services collects.
 - It does not always collect information about every thread
 - Thread must use CPU during interval
 - Thread must exist for entire interval
 - It does not collect memory pool or detailed I/O statistics
- Data is written to DB2 files

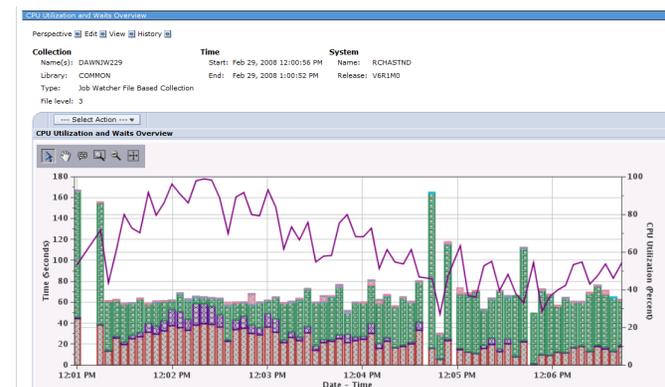
Job Watcher Usage Tips

- Use Job Watcher when you need detailed performance data to **resolve a problem**
 - Typically problem has been scoped first by Collection Services

- For problem determination Job Watcher can be run on **specific jobs**
 - **Caution:** When using Job Watcher on specific job(s), you may not get detailed Holder information

- Multiple collections can be run at the same time

- Need to manage the amount of data collected



Basic Job Watcher Data Collection Steps

1. Create the Job Watcher definition
 - Or use one of the IBM-supplied definitions
2. Start the Job Watcher collection
3. Let it run until the problem has occurred
4. Stop the Job Watcher collection
5. Analyze the data

There are times when you may want to run Job Watcher continuously

How Do I Run Job Watcher with the Commands?

■ CL Commands

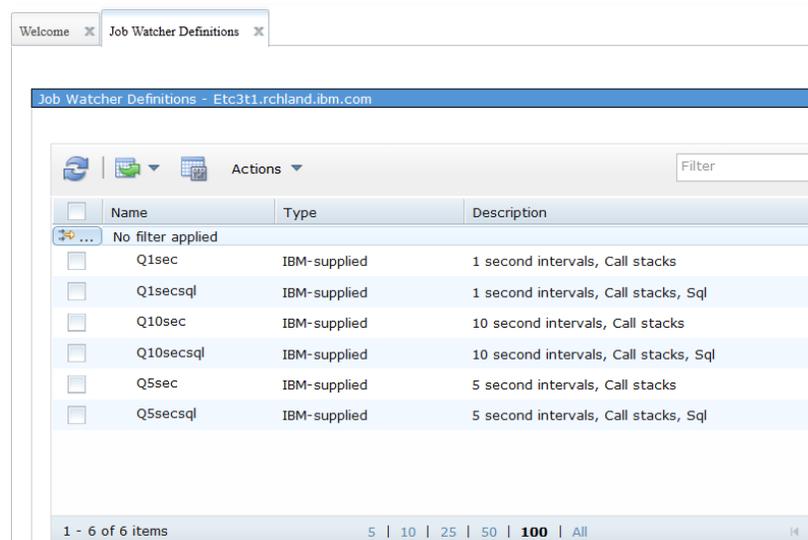
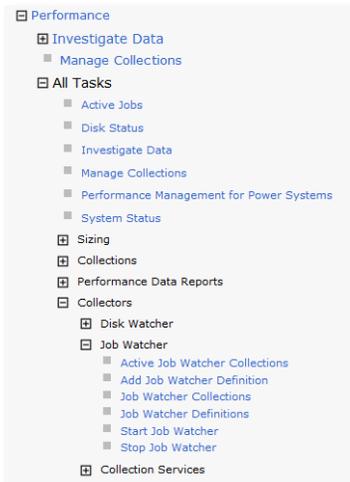
- Add Job Watcher Definition (ADDJWDFN) to define the collection
 - Identifies the performance data that is to be collected

- Remove Job Watcher Definition (RMVJWDFN) to remove a definition
(Note: Job Watcher Definitions can only be displayed through the GUI)

- Start Job Watcher (STRJW) to start the collection
- End Job Watcher (ENDJW) to end the collection (optionally)

IBM-Supplied Job Watcher Definitions

- Several pre-defined Job Watcher definitions are available
 - The main difference is the sample intervals
 - Q1SEC* – 1 second intervals with call stacks, another to include SQL
 - Q10SEC* – 10 second intervals with call stacks, another to include SQL
 - Q5SEC* – 5 second intervals with call stacks, another to include SQL
- Recommendations:
 - Collect with Call Stacks and SQL
 - Use 10 second intervals for general analysis (Q10secsql)
 - Use 5 second intervals for complex or intermittent issues, or for contention related problems (Q5secsql)



Job Watcher Authority Requirements

■ Commands:

1. You must have service (*SERVICE) special authority
 - Change User Profile to add ***SERVICE** authority to create Job Watcher Definitions or to Start Job Watcher
2. **-OR-** Be authorized to the Job Watcher function of the operating system
 - *Change Function Usage (CHGFCNUSG) command, with a function ID of QIBM_SERVICE_JOB_WATCHER can be used to change the list of users that are allowed to use this command.*

```
CHGFCNUSG FCNID(QIBM_SERVICE_JOB_WATCHER) USER(<usrprofile>) USAGE(*ALLOWED)
```

■ Definitions:

- Additional authority is needed to see the definitions for each as they are shipped *PUBLIC *EXCLUDE. To see the definitions shipped in Job Watcher, users will need authority to the QAPYJWDFN file in QUSRSYS

<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/IBM%20i%20Technology%20Updates/page/Authority>

Performance Explorer

- Performance Explorer helps identify the causes of performance problems that cannot be resolved using one of the other performance data collectors
 - Collects more detailed information about a specific application, program, or resource
- Performance Explorer is typically used for two main reasons:
 - Detailed performance trace data is needed to identify the performance problem
 - Analyzing the performance of applications
- Performance Data Investigator supports **profile** collections only
- iDoctor is required for advanced PEX Analysis



– Analyzing the performance of applications

Performance Explorer

- Performance Explorer is the most sophisticated IBM i performance tool
 - Can collect the details of every I/O operation, every task switch
 - Hundreds of events collected
 - Thus, most complex to use
 - More overhead

- Typically, problem has been scoped by other tools first

- Generally used by IBM performance analysis experts

Except.....

Performance Explorer – “TPROF” usage

- “Trace-profile” is a fairly easy, and fairly “light-weight” PEX collection that can be useful to application developers, especially when trying to diagnose high CPU issues
 - Provides CPU usage at a program/module/procedure level
 - Make sure you have latest PEX PTFs applied
<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=nas8N1012020>
 - Can be run over subset of jobs

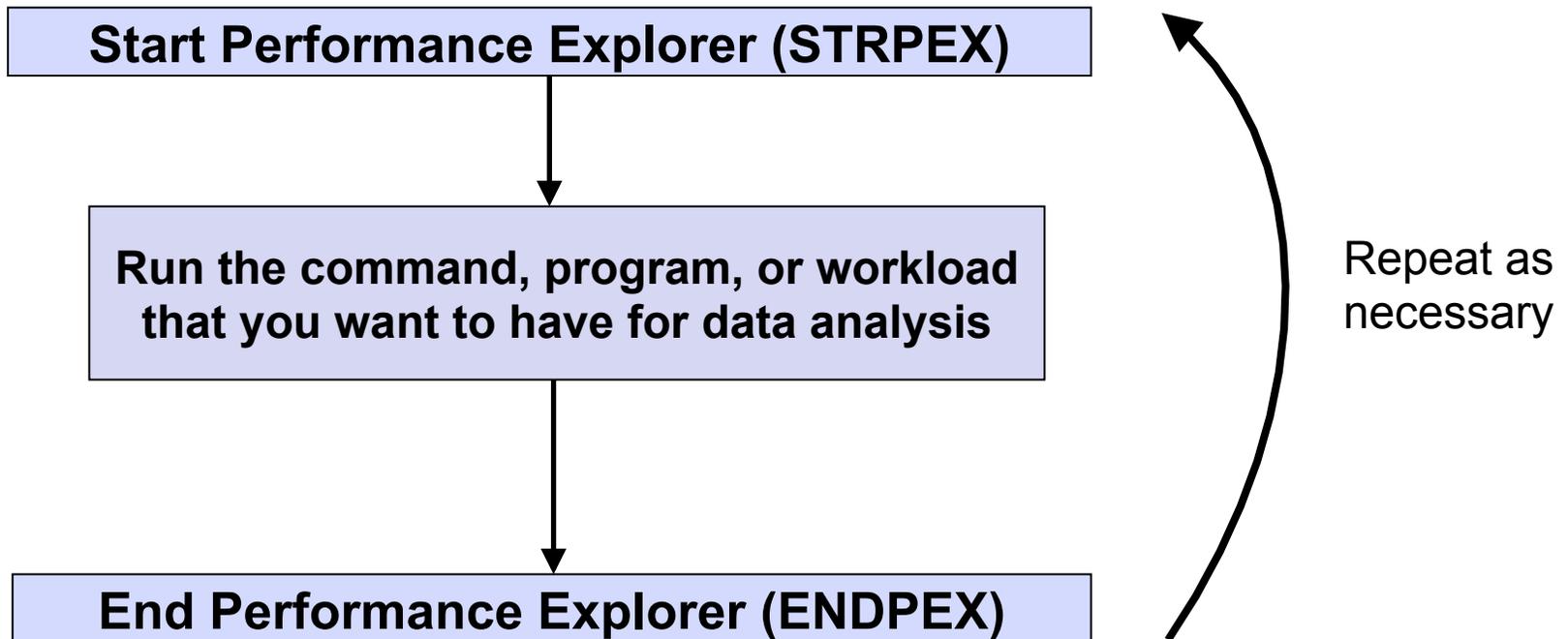
Steps:

1. Add a PEX definition:

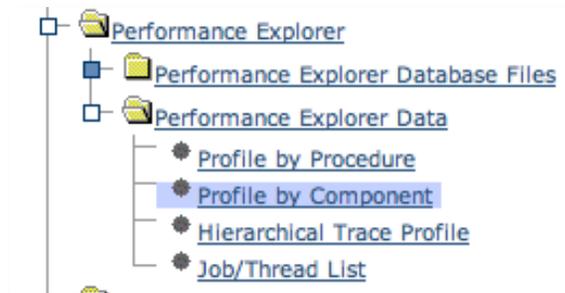
```
ADDPEXDFN DFN(TPROF)
  TYPE(*TRACE)
  JOB>(*ALL *ALL)
  TASK(*ALL)
  MAXSTG(4000000)
  INTERVAL(1)
  TRCTYPE(*SLTEVT)
  SLTEVT(*YES)
  MCHINST(*NONE)
  BASEVT((*PMCO *NONE *FORMAT2))
```

Performance Explorer – “TPROF” usage

2. Collect data



3. Analyze data



Performance Explorer TPROF reports – PDI

Profile by Procedure

Perspective Edit View History

--- Select Action ---

| Program Name | Module Name | Procedure Name | Component | Hit Count |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| CFTSMPI | | #cftsmpi | SLIC Common Functions | 332(48.61%) |
| STRHU | | do_copyMemoryLarge | SLIC String Functions | 94(13.76%) |
| DBRSQMN | | #dbrsqmn | SLIC Database | 85(12.45%) |
| CUSTOMER CUSTOMER | | #DBXFMP2 | MI Other | 45(6.59%) |
| READER | READER | READER | MI Other | 27(3.95%) |
| DBPM2010 | | sExecute__42VariableLen | SLIC Database | 6(0.88%) |
| SMMUTLH | | trimRangeForRead__14Sn | SLIC Storage Management | 6(0.88%) |
| HvString | | HvString | SLIC Hypervisor | 4(0.59%) |
| SMMSSUBH | | findStealablePage__20Sm | SLIC Storage Management | 4(0.59%) |
| QDBGETM | QDBGETM | QDBGETM | XPF Database Other | 4(0.59%) |

Profile by Component

--- Select Action ---

| Select | Total | Component | Procedure Name | Hit Count |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Total | | | 683(100%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | SLIC Common Functions | | 335 (49.05%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | SLIC Database | | 118 (17.28%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | #dbrsqmn.#dbrsqmn | 85(12.45%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | sExecute__42VariableLen | 6(0.88%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | sExecute__14HashOperatic | 3(0.44%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | sExecute__17PackedDivide | 2(0.29%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | sSad__19VariableLengthFie | 2(0.29%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | | | vPositionNextAndExecute__ | 2(0.29%) |

Job/Thread List

--- Select Action ---

| Select | Name | Task/Thread Name | Cumulative CPU Time in Seconds | Active Time in Seconds | Hit Count |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Total | | 143.50993 | 221051.77 | 509401459333(100%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | QDFTJOB | | 68.429 | 123.51712 | 443134332927(86.99%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | WEBADM | | 68.429 | 123.51712 | 443134332927(86.99%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | QDFTJOB/WEBADM/012 | | 68.429 | 123.51712 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 0000000000000004 | MITHREAD | 68.429 | 123.51712 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | QZDASOINIT | | 8.869434 | 1354.2184 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | QPADEV0005 | | 0.462739 | 123.545746 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADMIN1 | | 0.10104 | 5105.88 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADMIN2 | | 0.101269 | 9519.301 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | QLWISVR | | 0.101269 | 9519.301 | |

Hierarchical Trace Profile

--- Select Action ---

| Select | Name | Hit Count |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Total | 683(100%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | LIC | 606(88.73%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DB Code Burst | 45(6.59%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CUSTOMER CUSTOMER | 45(6.59%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | #DBXFMP2 | 45(6.59%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Amount of elements that did not match the filter: 1 | 0(0%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MI ILE | 27(3.95%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MI OP | 4(0.59%) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Unknown | 1(0.15%) |

Watches

- Watches provide a programmatic interface to be notified when the following occur:
 - Message
 - Licensed Internal Code Log (LIC Log)
 - Problem Activity Log Entry (PAL entry)

- Start Watch (STRWCH) command or API (QSCSWCH)
- End Watch (ENDWCH) command or API (QSCEWCH)

- When the condition being watched occurs, your program gets control and you can take any action you want

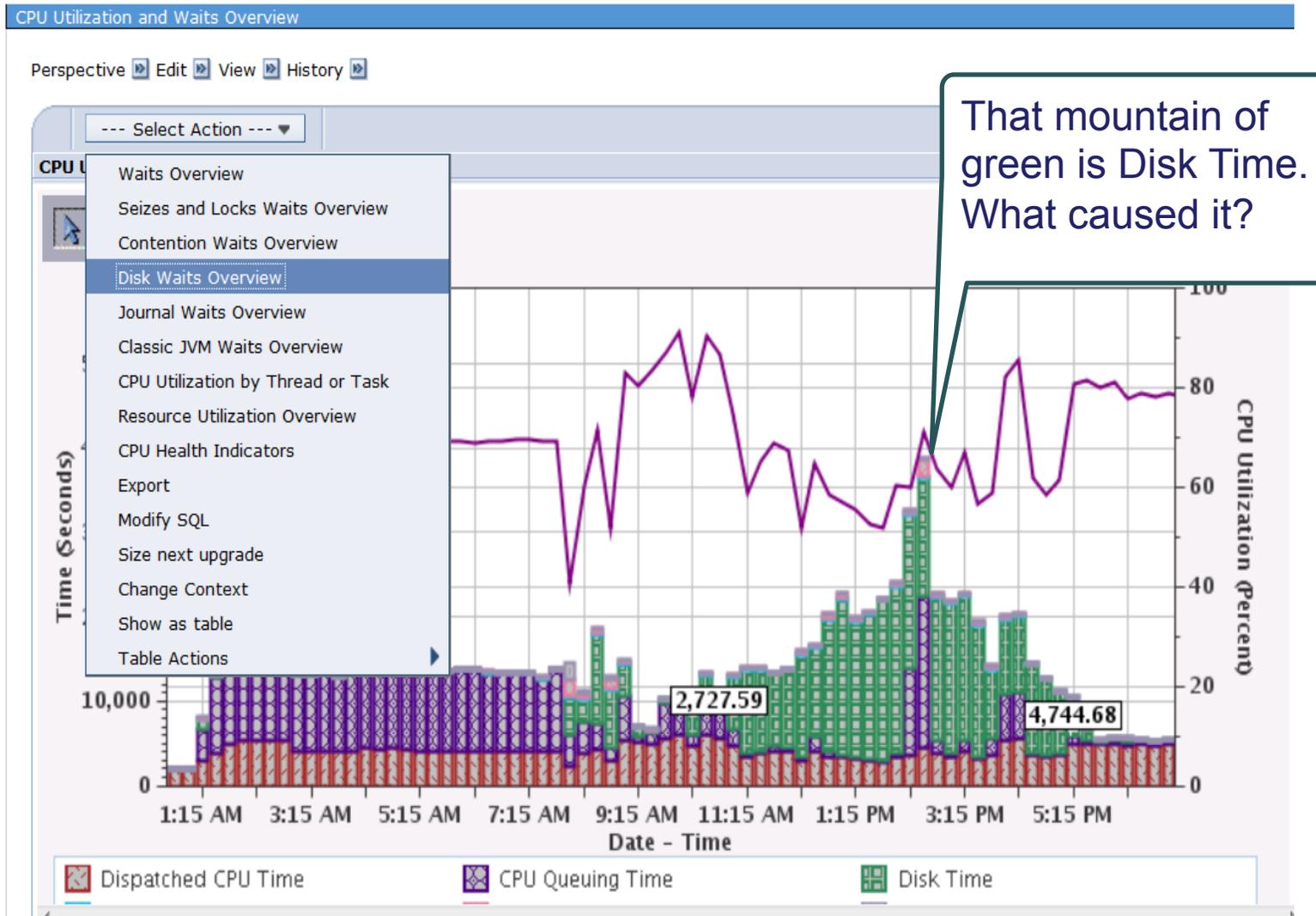


<http://www.ibmssystemsmag.com/Blogs/i-Can/Archive/i-can-automate-monitoring-with-watches/>

Examples

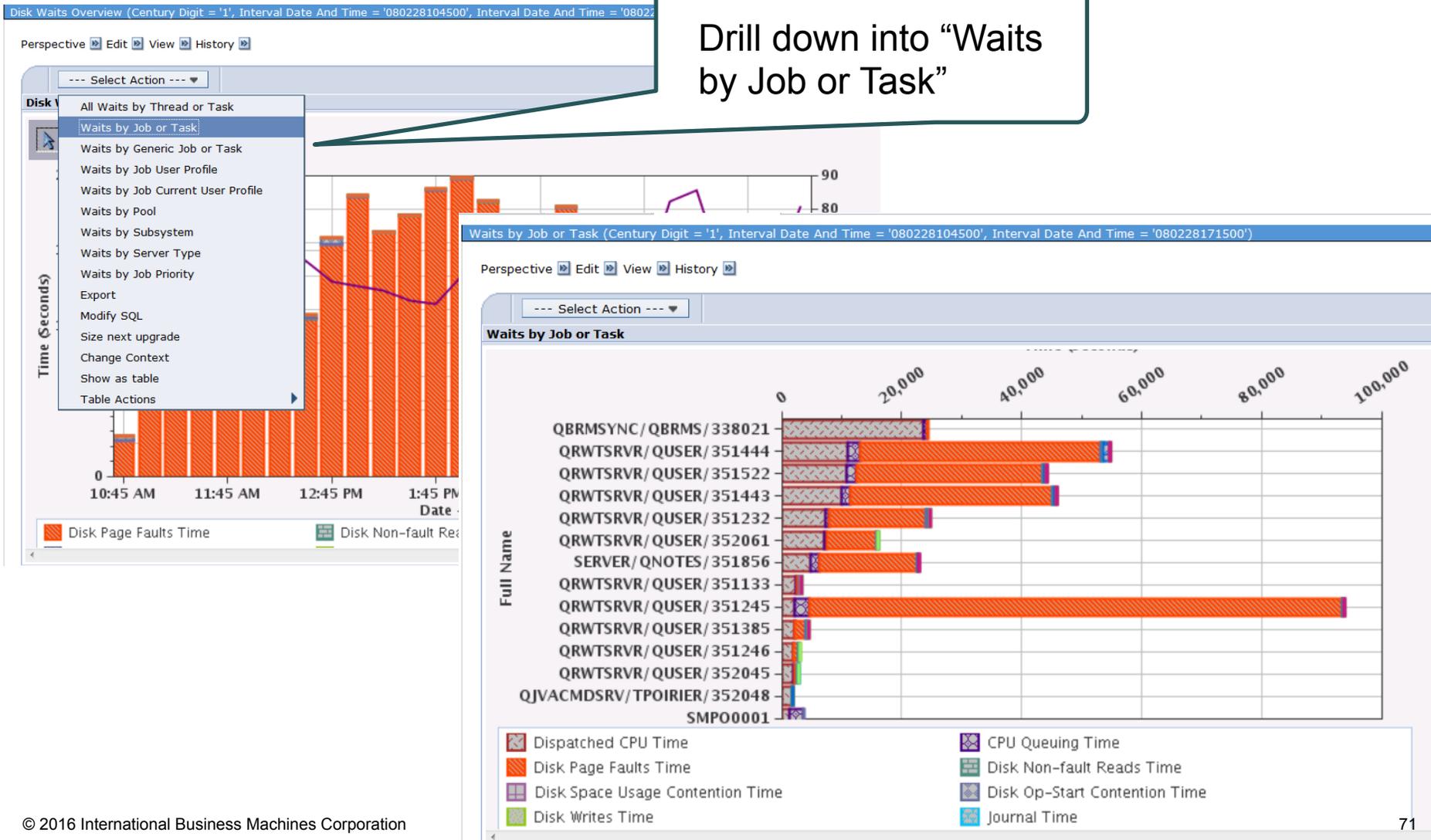
What is causing disk wait time?

Let's Look at the Disk Waits



We see it's faulting.... let's find out who did it

Drill down into "Waits by Job or Task"



Let's find out who the user is

We now have several clues:

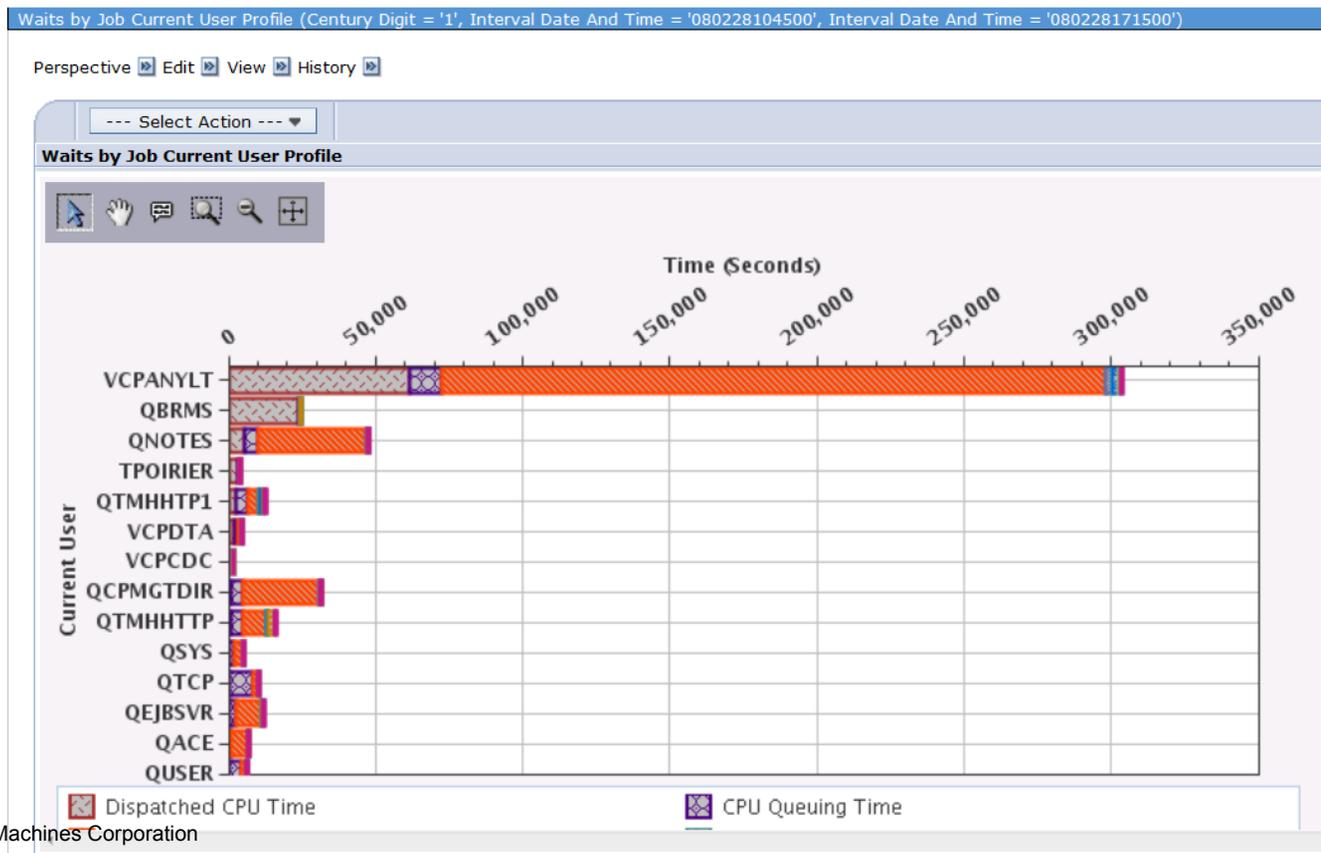
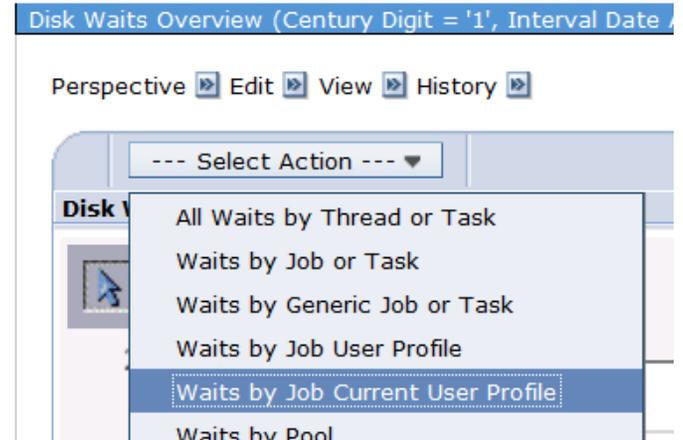
We know the jobs - QRWTSRVR - **DDM/DRDA server jobs**

We know the time - early afternoon

We know the user profile - **QUSER**

But QUSER isn't helpful. We need the job's **current user profile**

Waits by Job Current User Profile shows us **VCPANYLT** is the guilty party

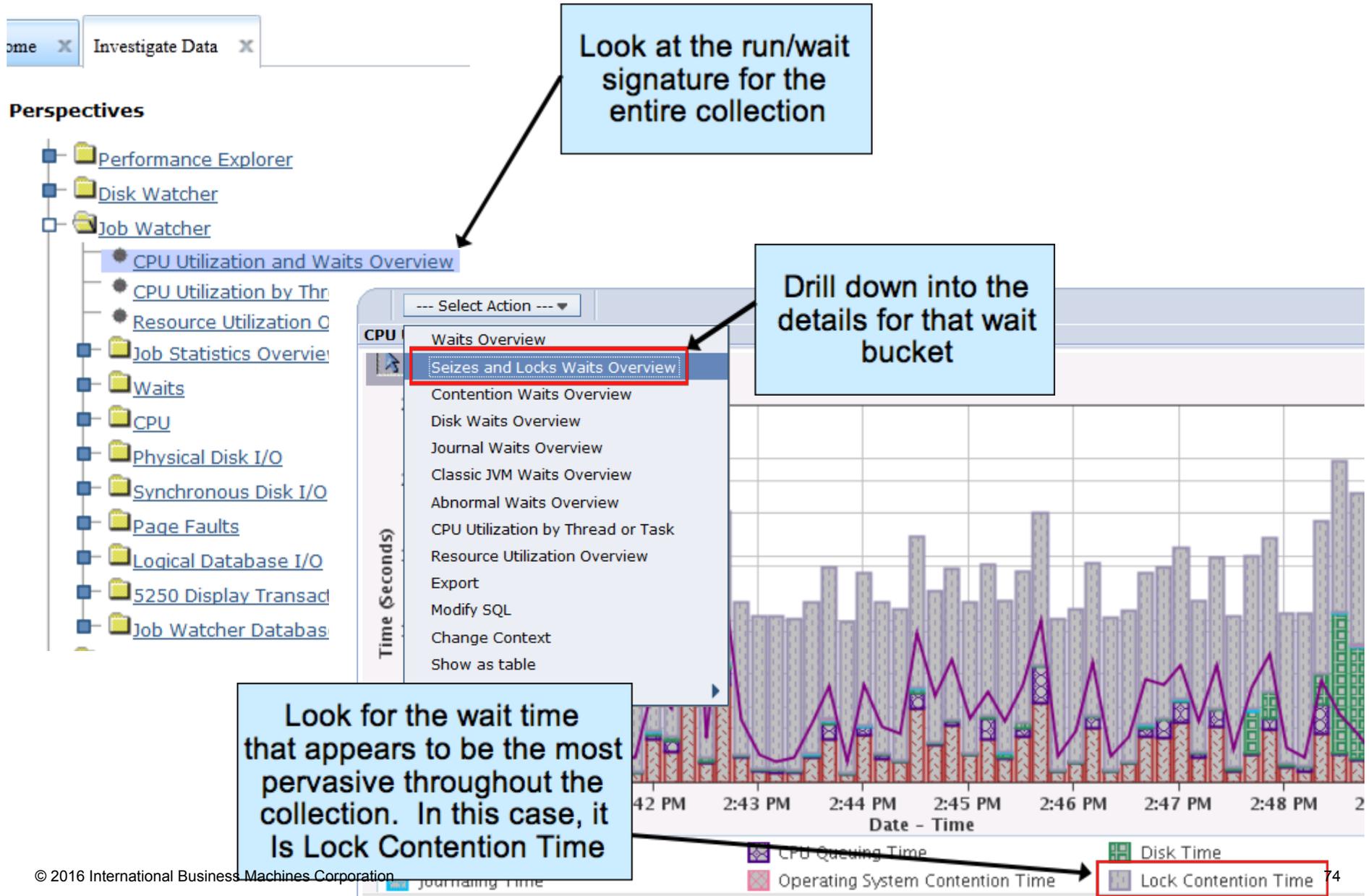


Viewing Waits with Job Watcher

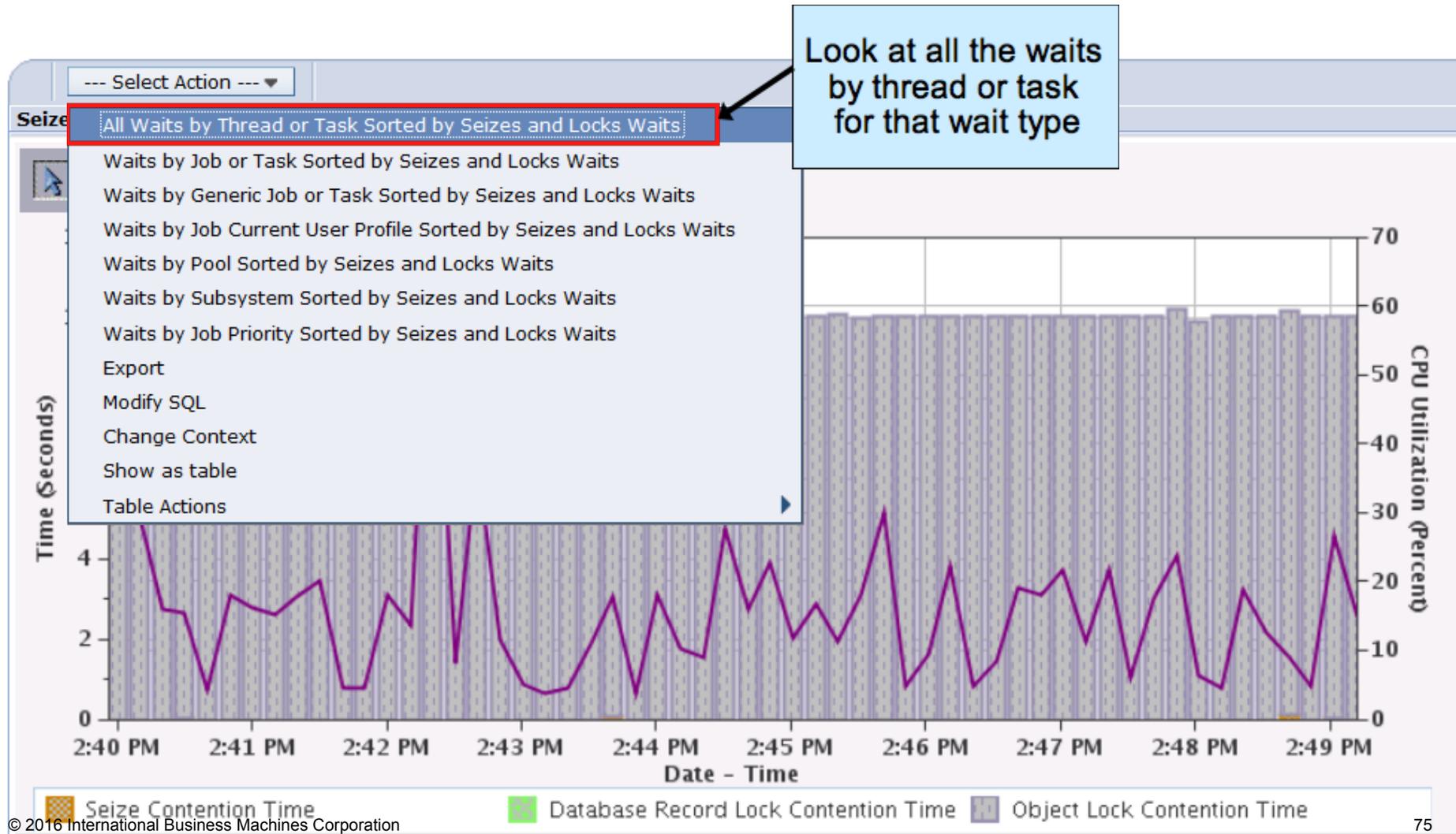
Example of Object Lock Contention



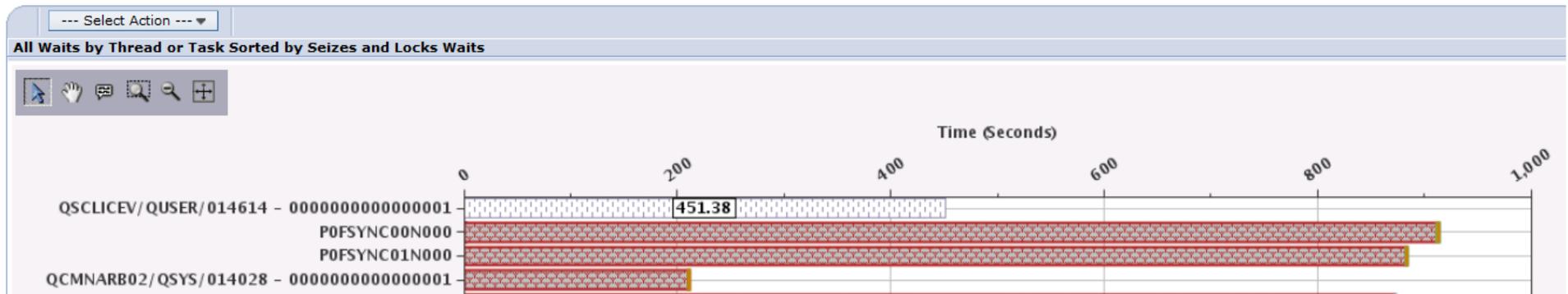
Job Watcher: CPU Utilization and Waits Overview



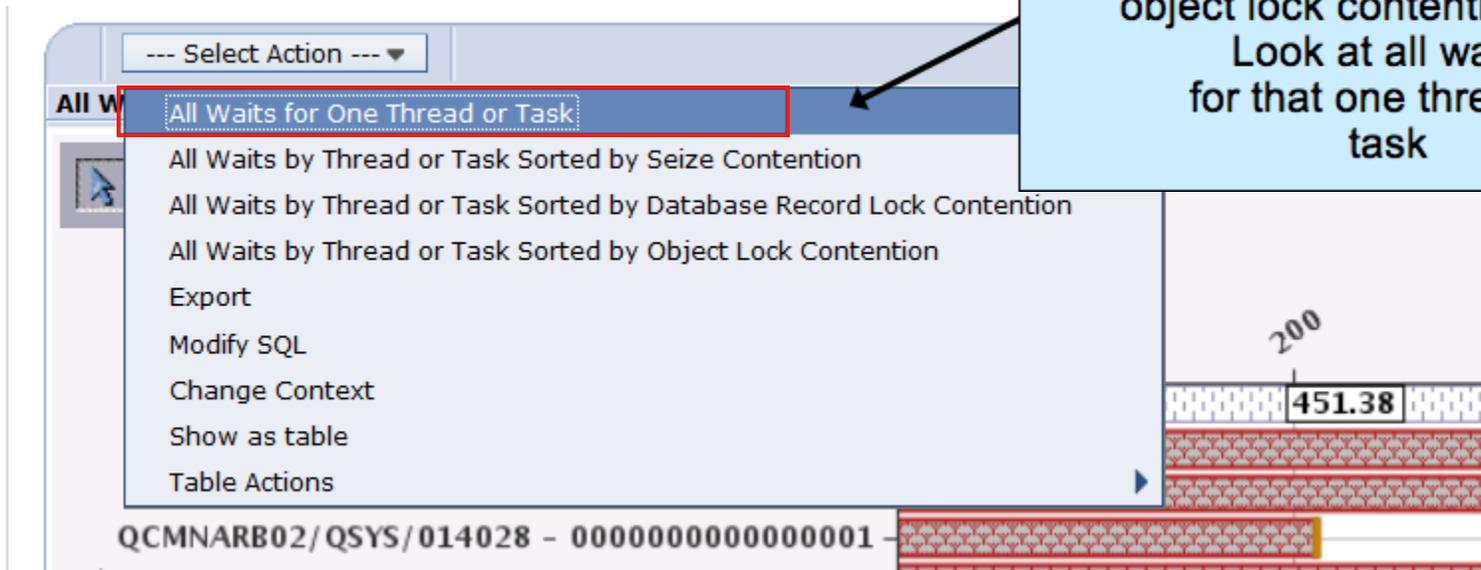
Seizes and Lock Waits Overview → All Waits by Thread or Task...



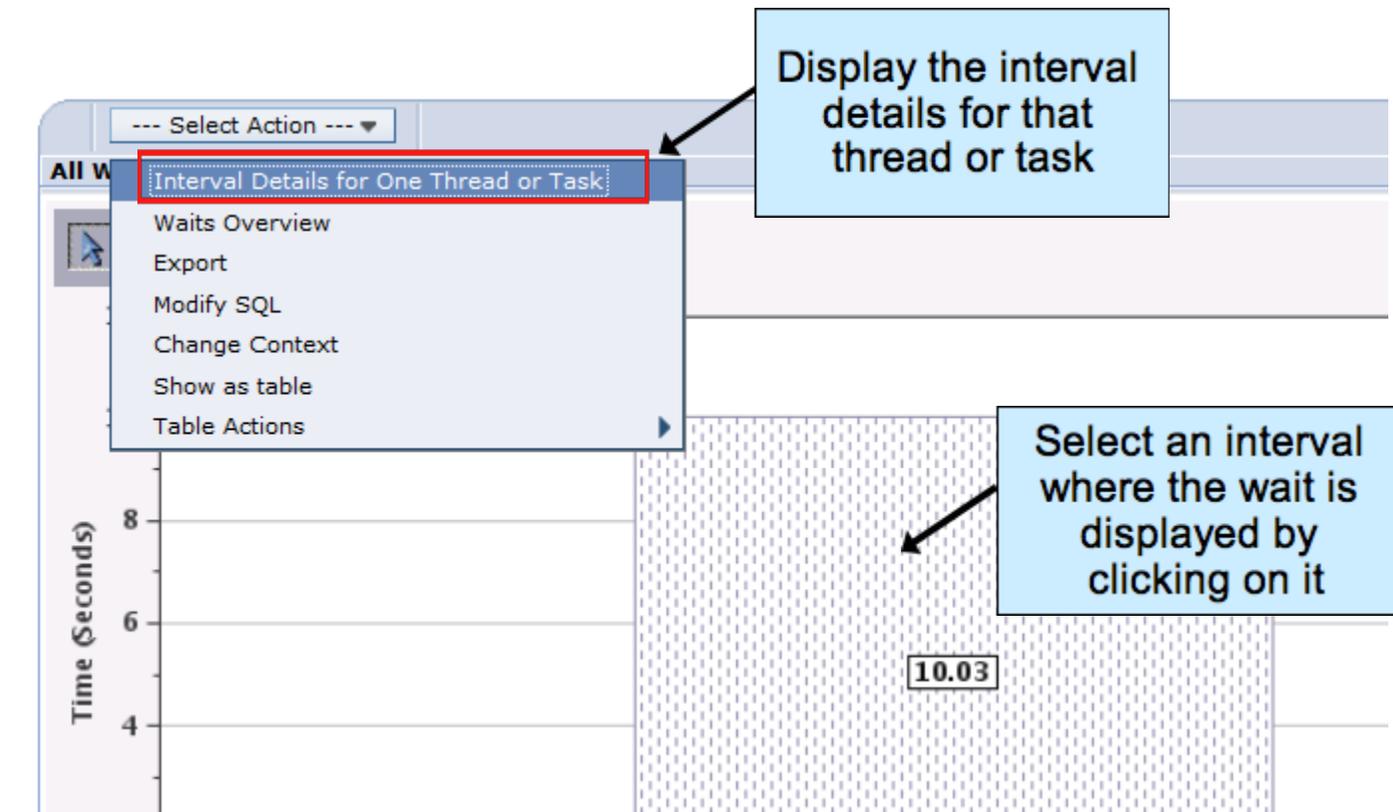
All Waits by Thread or Task → All Waits for One Thread or Task



Select the job with the object lock contention time. Look at all waits for that one thread or task



All Waits by Thread or Task → Interval Details



Interval Details

Interval Details for One Thread or Task (Interval Number = '47', Initial Thread Task Count = '2545')

Perspective Edit View History

Collection

Name(s): JWOBLOCKC
 Library: COMMON2
 Type: Job Watcher File Based Collection
 File level: 3

Time

Start: Dec 13, 2007 2:40:08 PM
 End: Dec 13, 2007 2:55:21 PM

System

Name: ISZ1LP13
 Release:

Thread or Task Details

Job information: QSCLICENSE/QUSER/014614 - 0000000000000001
 Current user profile: QSYS
 Object waited on: **WATCHEVENTSPACE**
 Holding job or task: QZRCRSRVS/QUSER/014097

Interval:
 Priority:
 Pool:
 Interval timestamp:

The information about the object waited on and who is holding the lock to that object can be found here. The call stack is below. The call stack can give an idea of where to look to find the root cause of the problem. Very powerful!!

Show Holder

Call Stack

| Call Level | Program | Module | Procedure |
|------------|---------|--------|--|
| 1 | | | qutde_block_trace |
| 2 | | | longWaitReceive__9QuCounterFR12RmprReceiverPvQ2_8TDQSEnum4EnumUICPv |
| 3 | | | lockConflict__17RmslHHTEntryBlockFP11RmslPlmpLKIP12RmslLKIEEntryPvP6TDTaskR14RmslRcvrHolderQ2_8TDQSEn |
| 4 | | | obtainHold__17RmslHoldHashTableFR11RmslPlmpLKIR12RmslLKIEEntryP6TDTaskR19RmslBlockDescriptorR14RmslRcv |
| 5 | | | rmslHLock__FR11RmslPlmpLKI |
| 6 | | | rmsllockspace FR8SpacePtrXT17GenericMiTemplate R11ci |

7.2 ...More Information!

Interval Details for One Thread or Task (Interval = '97', Initial Thread Task Count = '3959433')

Perspective  Edit  View 

| Collection | Time | System |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Name(s): DAWNJW2 | Start: Mar 12, 2008 8:42:26 AM | Name: RCHASTND |
| Library: COMMON72 | End: Mar 12, 2008 9:42:33 AM | Release: V6R1M0 |
| Type: Job Watcher File Based Collection | | |
| File level: 8 | | |

Thread or Task Details

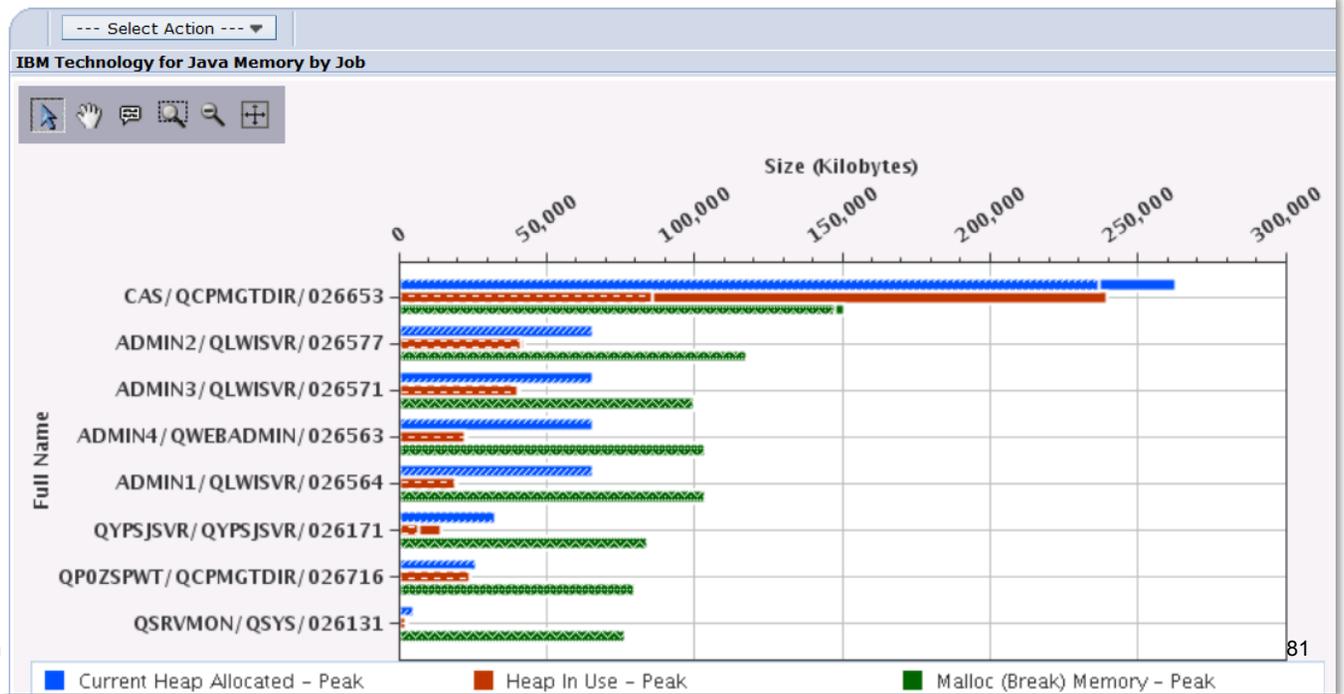
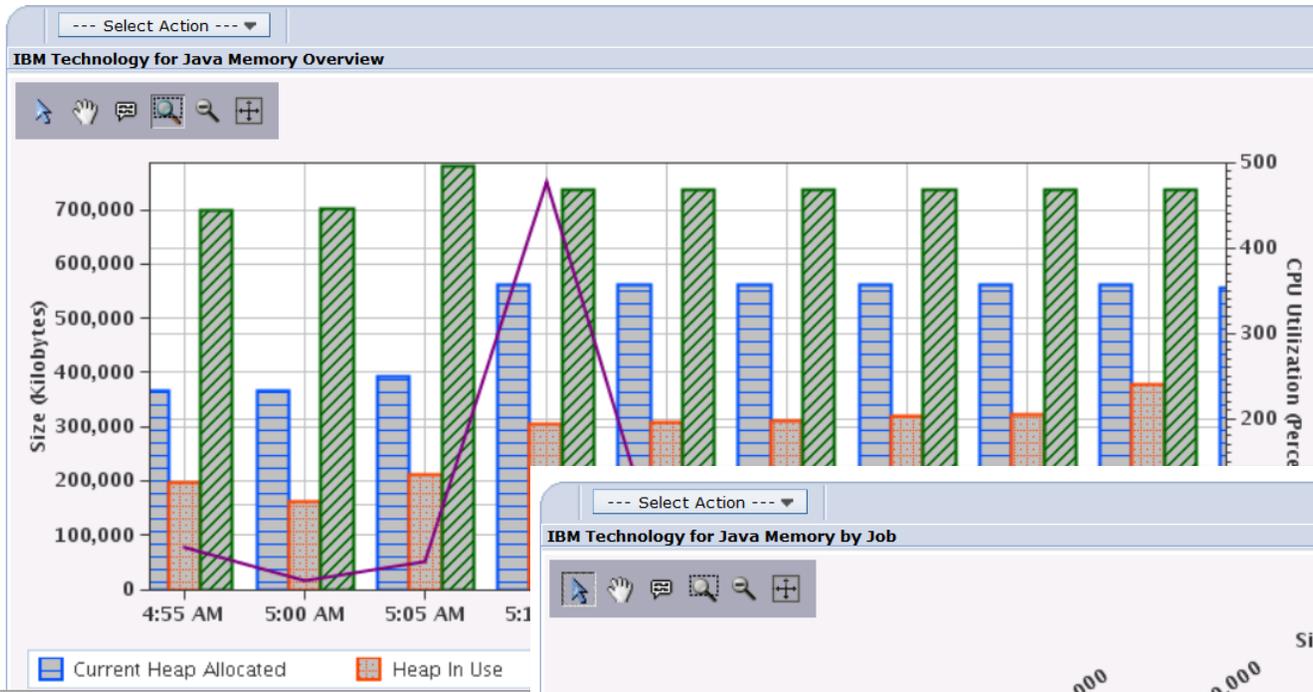
| | | |
|--|---------------------------|---|
| Job information: QSQSRVR/QUSER/437123 - 0000000000000013 | Priority | 50 |
| Current user profile: VCPANYLT | Pool: | 2 |
| Object waited on: JUDGE JUDGE | Type description: | DB2 ACCESS PATH |
| Wait duration: 10 milliseconds | Segment type description: | MACHINE INDEX RADIX4 SECONDARY |
| Current or last wait: 161/SFt | Wait object library: | None detected this interval |
| Holding job or task: None detected this interval | Interval timestamp: | Mar 12, 2008 8:51:05 AM |
| SQL client job: None detected this interval | Interval (1 to 710): | <input type="button" value="<"/> <input type="text" value="97"/> <input type="button" value=">"/> |

More "Thread or Task Details" details

Easily navigate from one interval to the next

More PDI Examples

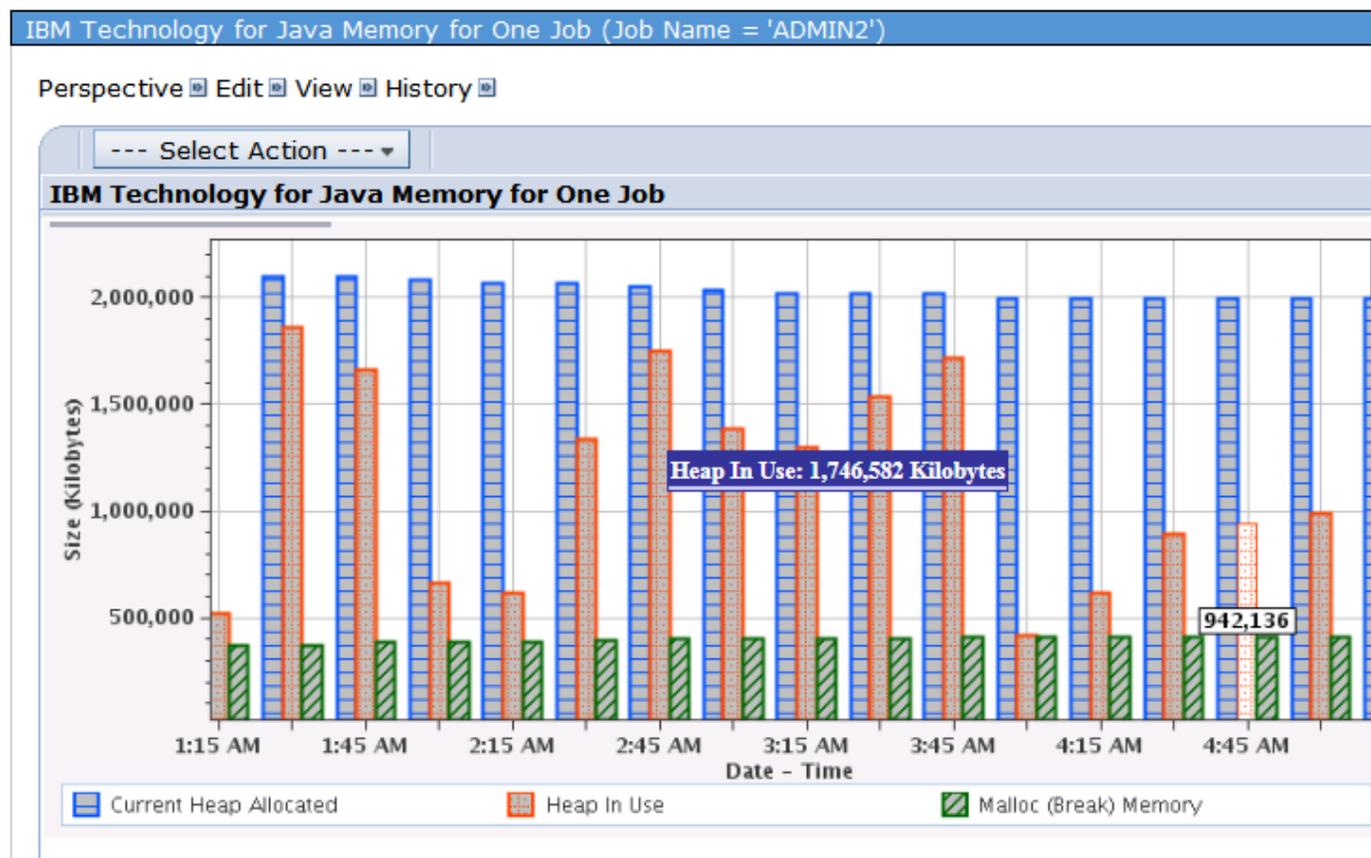
Java Perspectives in Collection Services



Find that job using a lot of heap...

Java Perspectives

Drilldown for one job -
 Look at the heap and memory usage over time for one selected job.

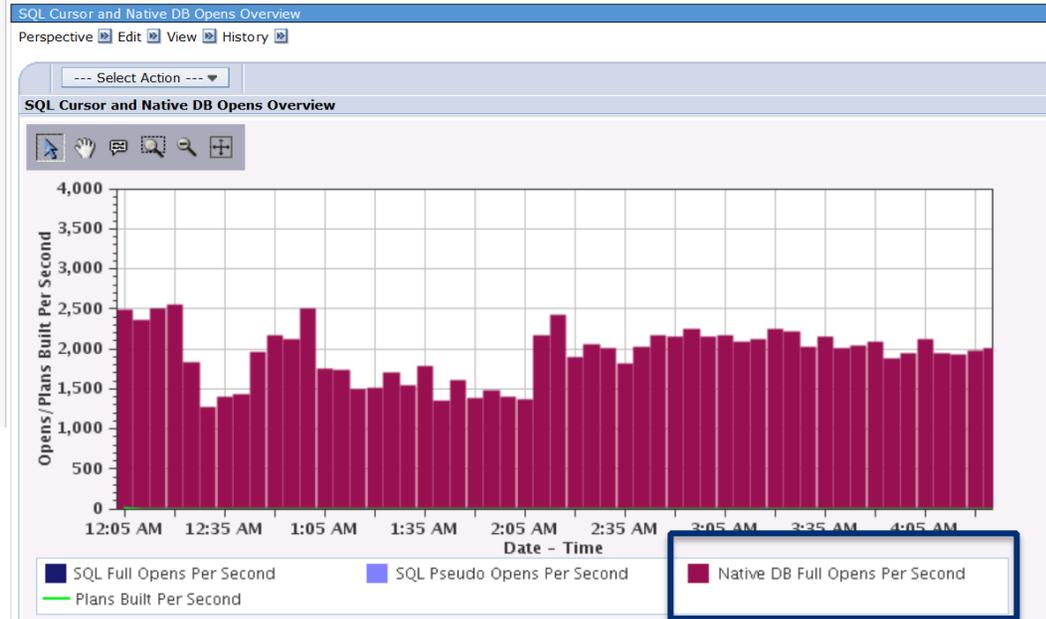


IBM Technology for Java Memory for One Job

Database Full Opens

Full Opens are expensive resource-wise

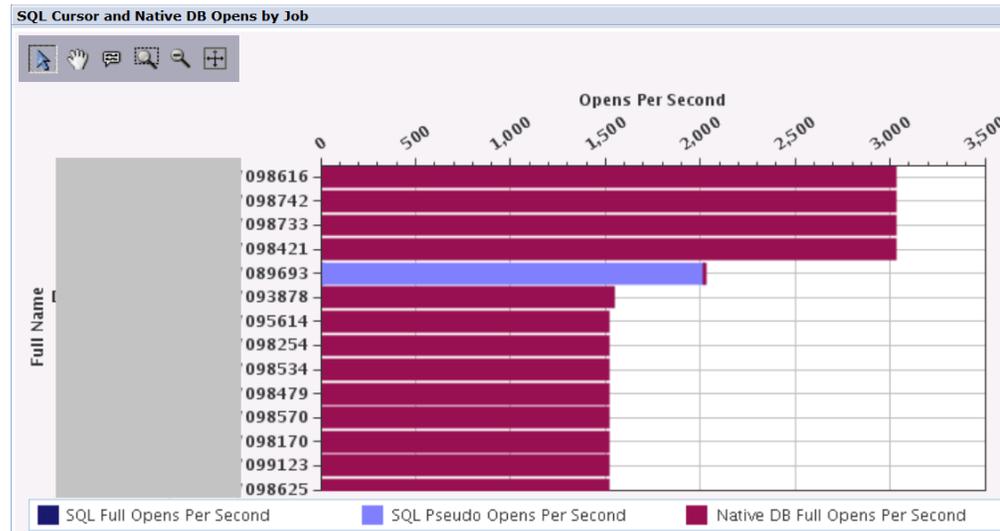
- + Collection Services Database Files
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 - SQL CPU Utilization by Job or Task
 - Database Locks Overview
 - + Database I/O
 - [-] SQL Cursor and Native DB Opens
 - SQL Cursor and Native DB Opens Overview
 - SQL Cursor and Native DB Opens by Job
 - SQL Cursor and Native DB Opens by Generic Job
 - SQL Cursor and Native DB Opens by Job Current User Profile
 - + SQL Performance Data



General recommendation is to keep Native Full Opens per second < 1000

Next, find jobs doing full opens...

Database Full Opens



In an RPG program, full opens are caused by the use of SETON *LR instead of RETRN. Avoid LR if possible. Not setting on LR (in OPM programs) will keep the program in memory, keeps file open and pointers set, retains variable values, etc. Also, avoid *NEW for the ACTGRP

Shared file opens are far less expensive than full file opens. They consume less CPU, less storage and are faster than full opens. There are some implications of changing full file opens to shared file opens, but implementation of shared opens is typically easier to manage and implement than changing SETON LR to RETRN in RPG programs. The following links provide explanation, usage and considerations of using shared ODPs:

Sharing database files in the same job or activation group <http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/iseres/v7r1m0/topic/dbp/rbafosfile.htm?resultof=%22%4f%44%50%22%20%22%6f%64%70%22%20>

Open considerations for files shared in a job or an activation group

<http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/iseres/v7r1m0/topic/dbp/rbafoopenc.htm>

Input/output considerations for files shared in a job or an activation group

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Close considerations for files shared in a job or an activation group

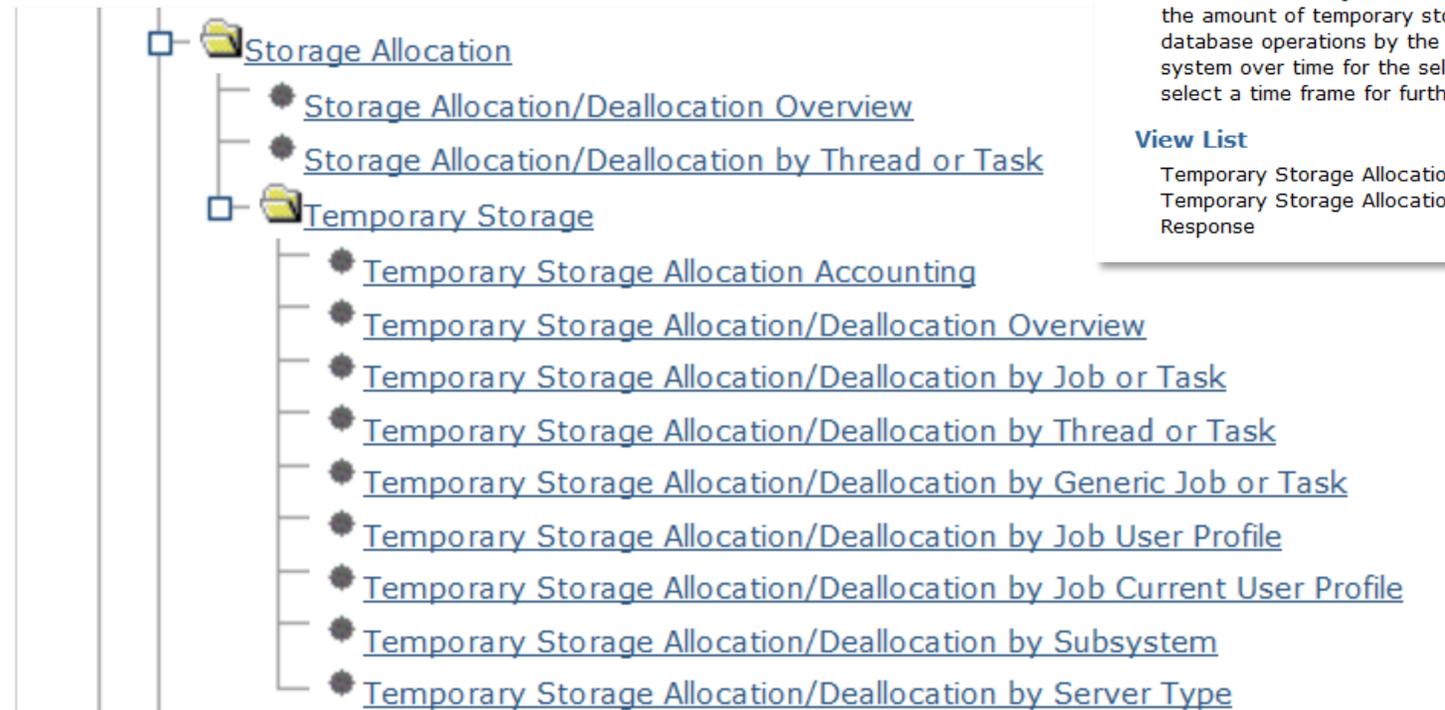
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Temporary Storage Allocation/Deallocation perspectives

Storage Allocation Perspectives

Where is my temporary storage going?

Expand Collection Services



Selection

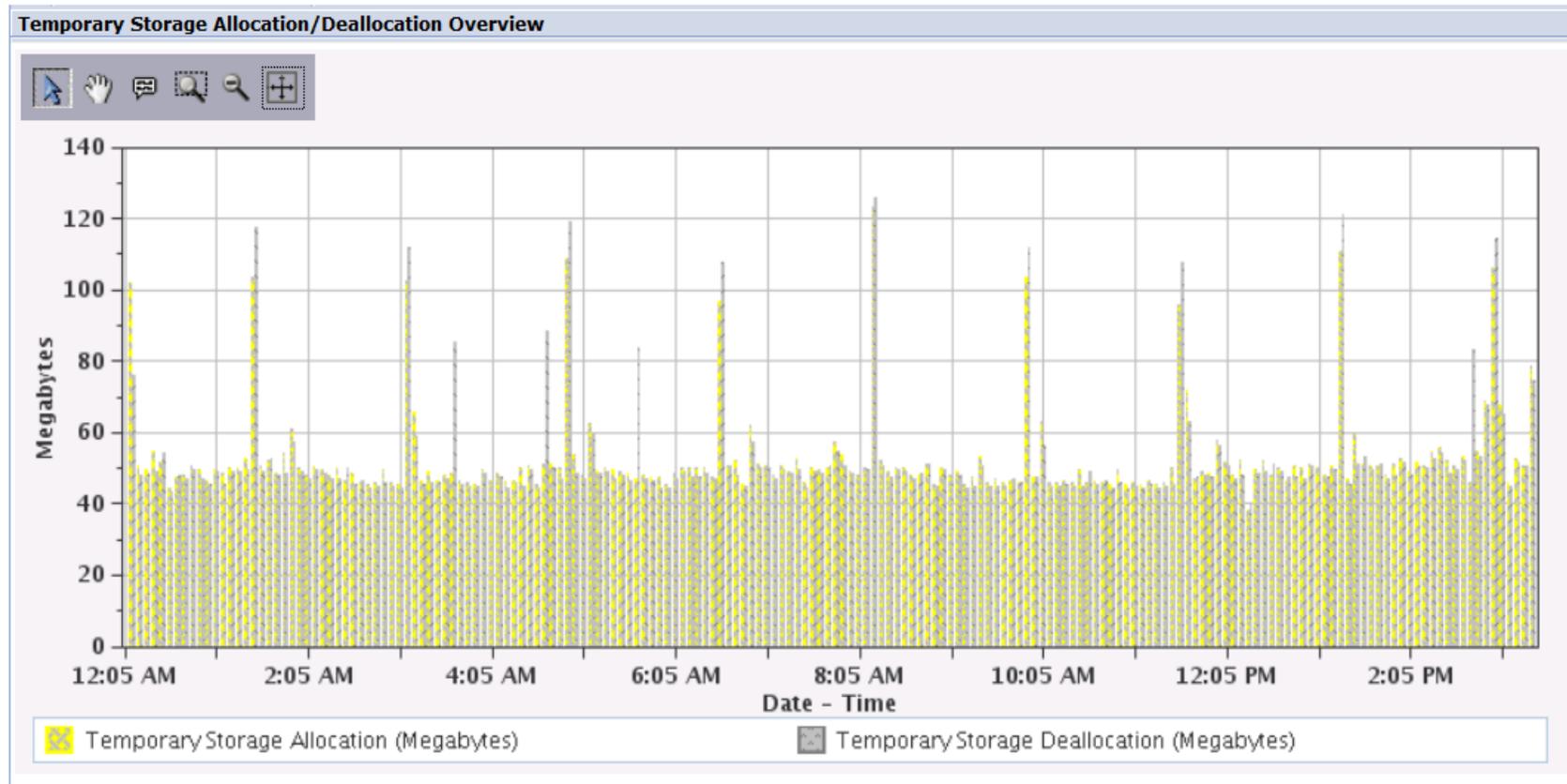
Name
Temporary Storage Allocation Accounting

Description
This chart shows the amount of temporary storage charged to active and ended jobs, the amount of user temporary storage, and the amount of temporary storage used for database and non database operations by the IBM i operating system across the system over time for the selected collections. Use this chart to select a time frame for further detailed investigation.

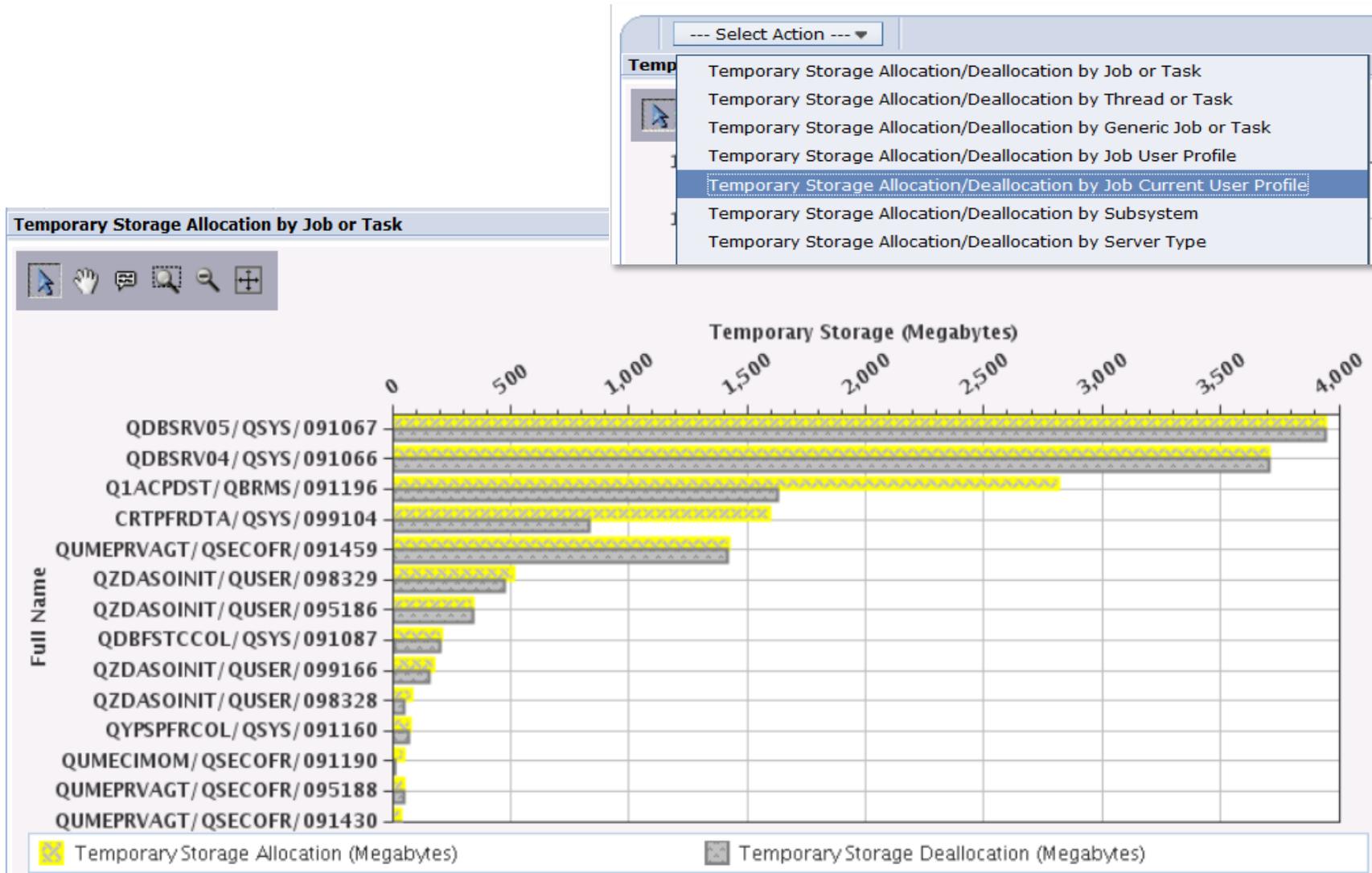
View List
Temporary Storage Allocation Accounting and SQL Statements
Temporary Storage Allocation Accounting and Disk Average Response

Temporary Storage Allocation / Deallocation Overview

Generally, allocations and deallocations following a similar pattern



From an overview perspective, drill down to more detail

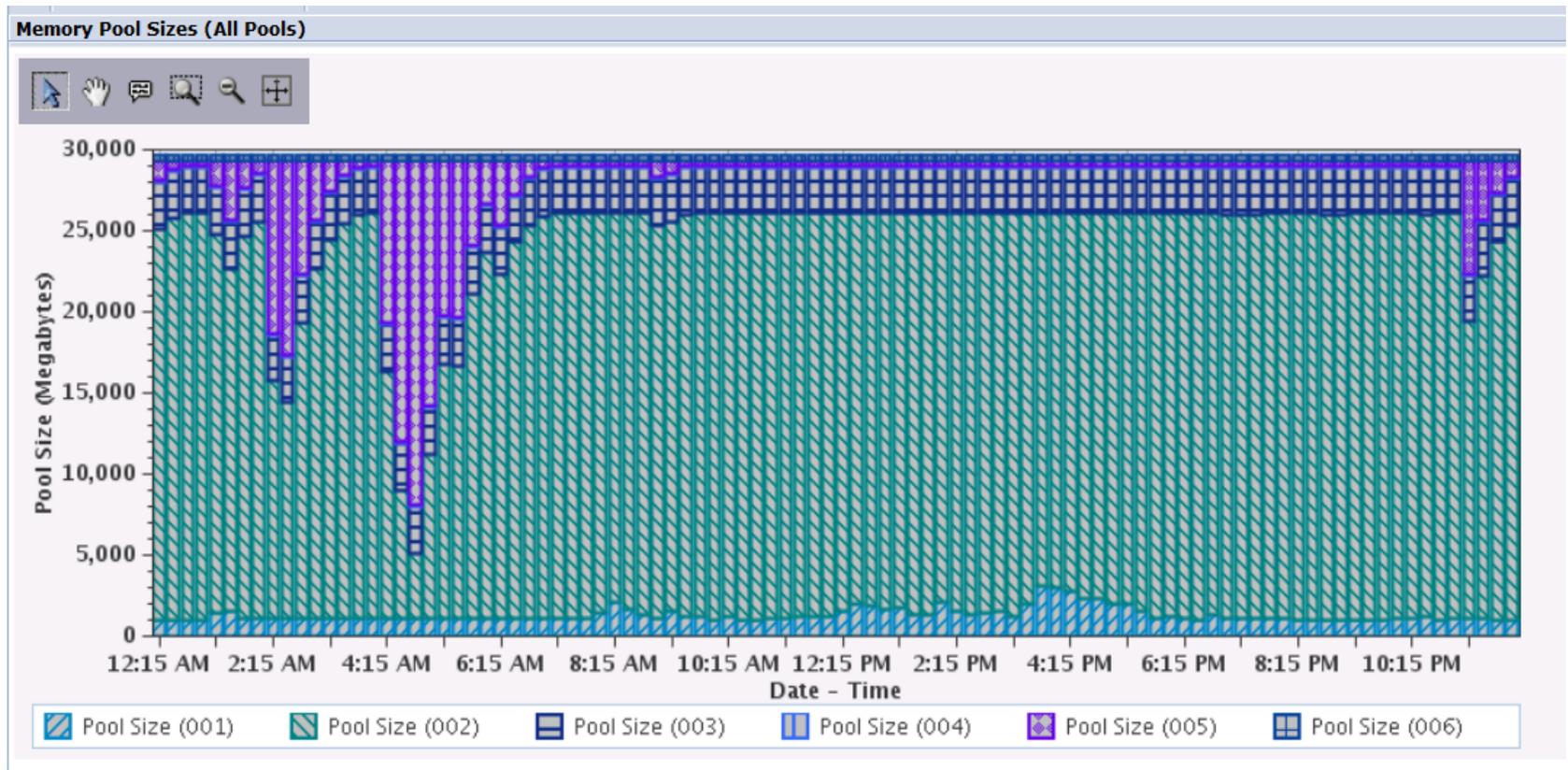


What has the performance adjuster been doing to my pools?

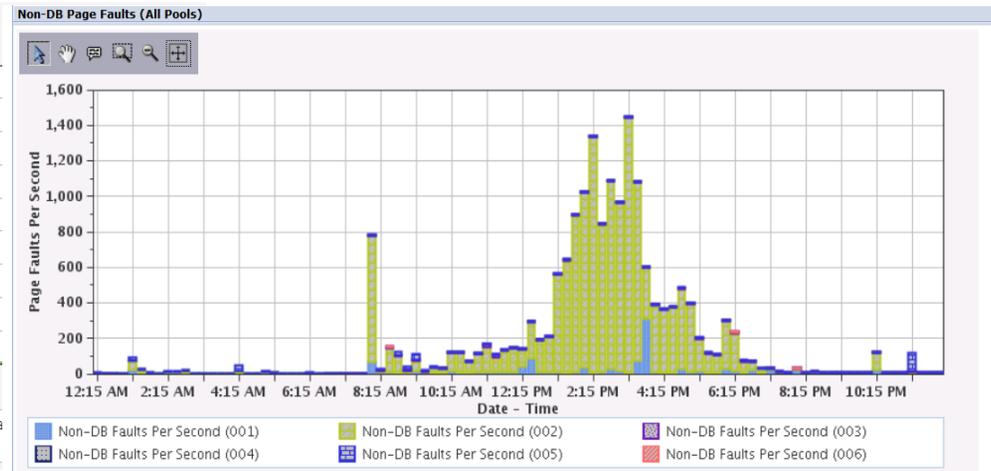
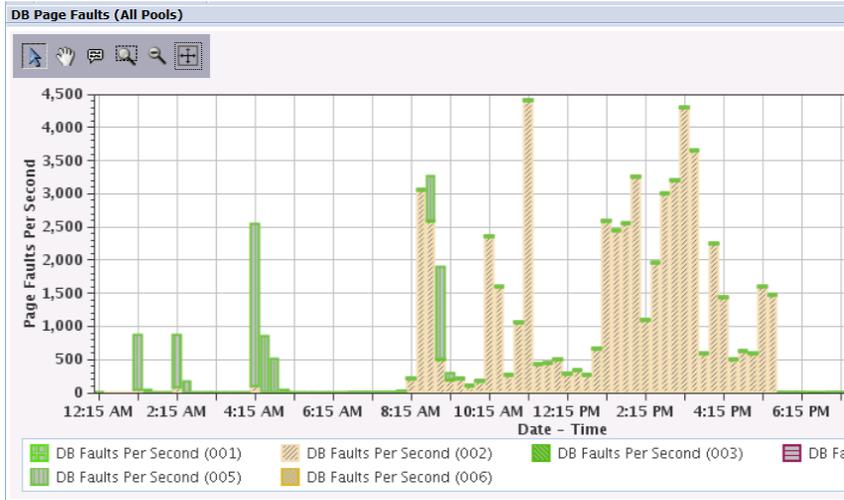
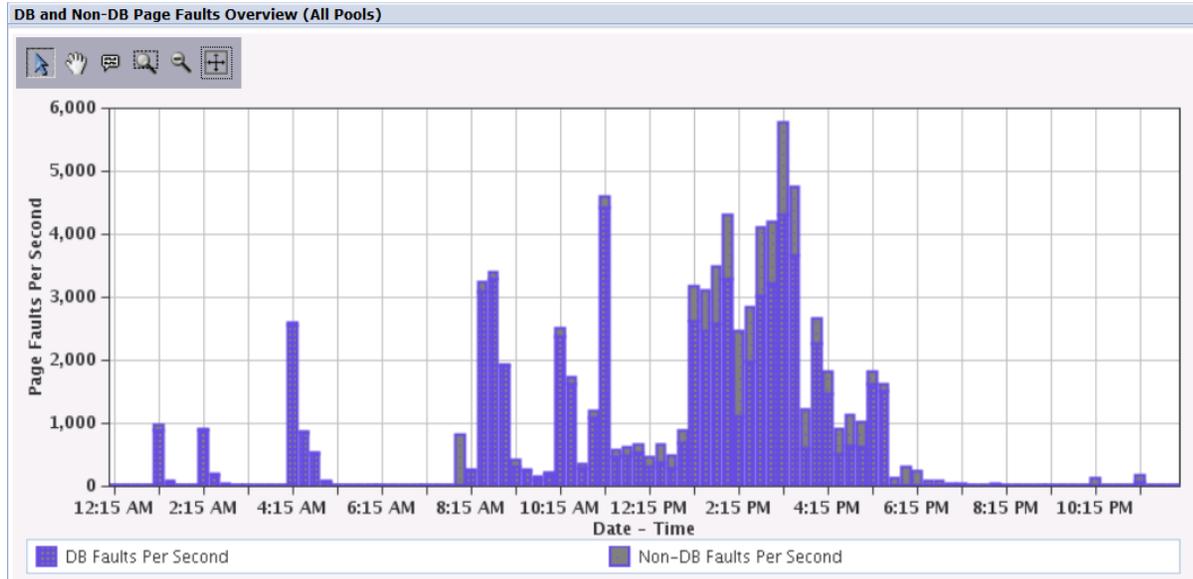
- Collection Services allows you to look *backward in time*



QPFRAJ System Value: 2

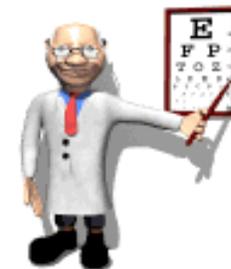


What does the faulting look like when I was testing?

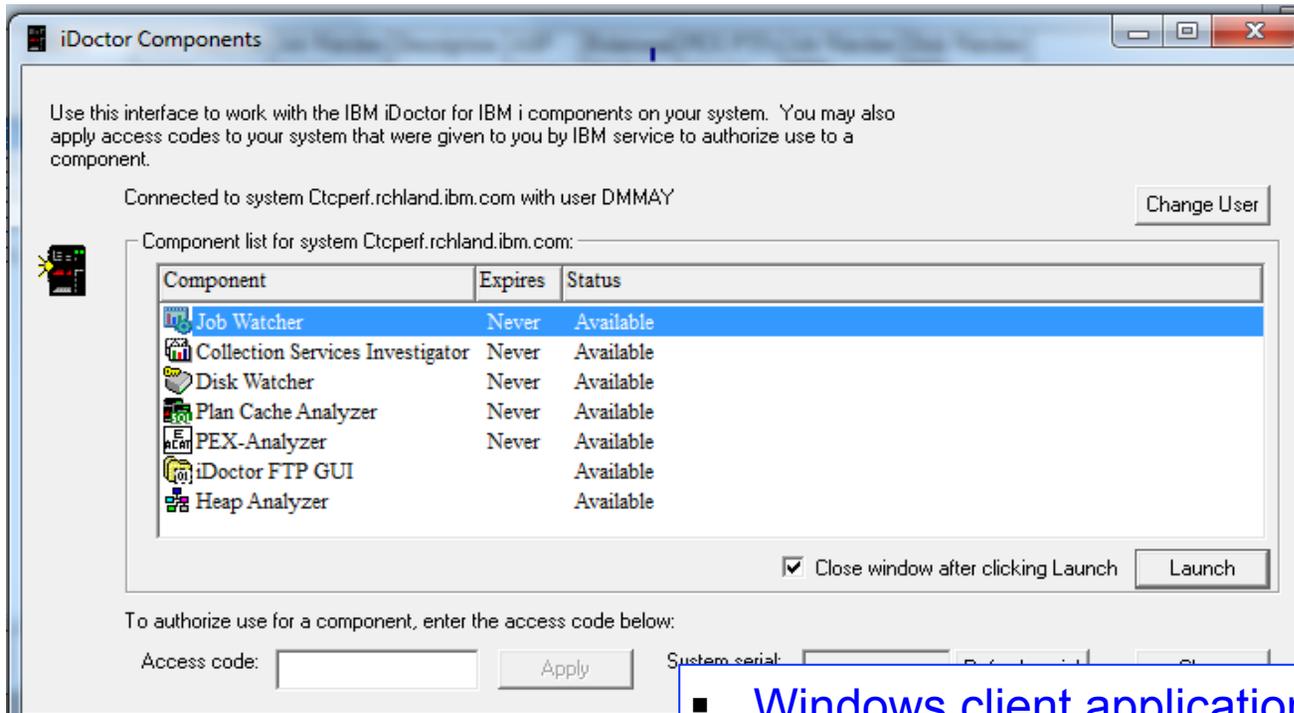


IBM iDoctor for i

- Product developed by the IBM Rochester Support Center for deep, detailed performance analysis
- Major components
 - Job Watcher
 - Job Watcher
 - Collection Services Investigator
 - Disk Watcher
 - Plan Cache Analyzer - graphical analysis of the system's SQL Plan Cache
 - PEX Analyzer
 - ~~Heap Analyzer – Classic JVM heap analysis~~
 - VIOS Investigator
- http://www-912.ibm.com/i_dir/idoctor.nsf



IBM iDoctor for i



- Windows client application
https://www-912.ibm.com/i_dir/idoctor.nsf
- Detailed performance analysis and diagnostics

iDoctor versus Performance Data Investigator

- You have two graphical interfaces for performance data analysis...
 - Which should you use? It depends....

| Feature | iDoctor | PDI |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Interface | Windows client | Browser |
| Wait Analysis | Yes | Yes |
| Collection Services | Yes | Yes |
| Job Watcher | Yes | Yes |
| Disk Watcher | Yes | Yes |
| Performance Explorer | Yes | Profile collections only |
| Database | Yes | Yes |
| Job Watcher Monitors | Yes | No |
| Customizable | Yes | Yes |
| User Defined graphs and queries | Yes | Yes |
| Update Frequency | Monthly | Twice Yearly |
| Support | Defect only | Standard SWMA |
| Chargeable | Yearly license | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection Services at no additional charge with i Disk Watcher, Database, and Performance Explorer included with base PT1 product Job Watcher is an additional option of PT1 and has an additional charge |
| Experimental Features | Yes (e.g., VIOS Investigator) | No |
| Multilingual Language support | No | Yes |



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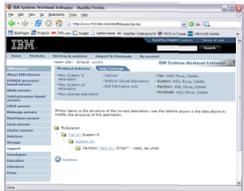


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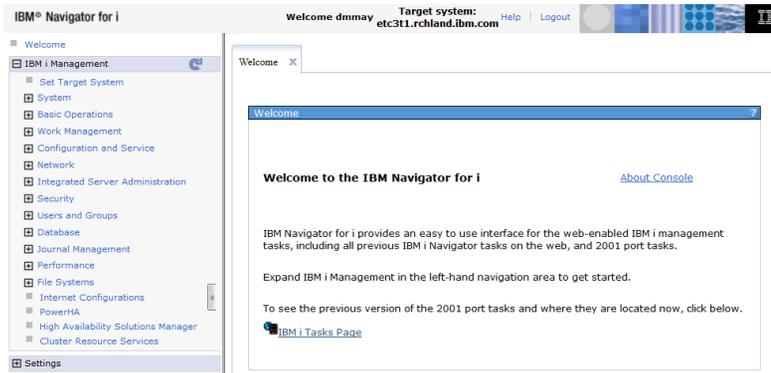
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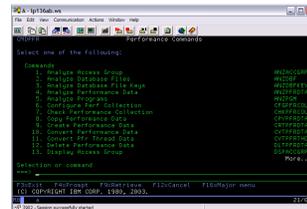
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Performance education resources

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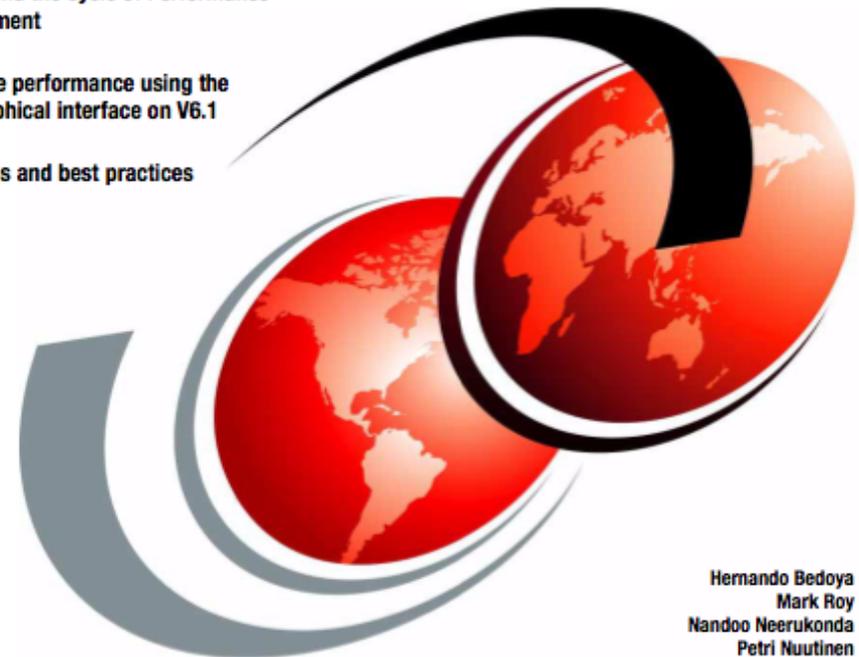
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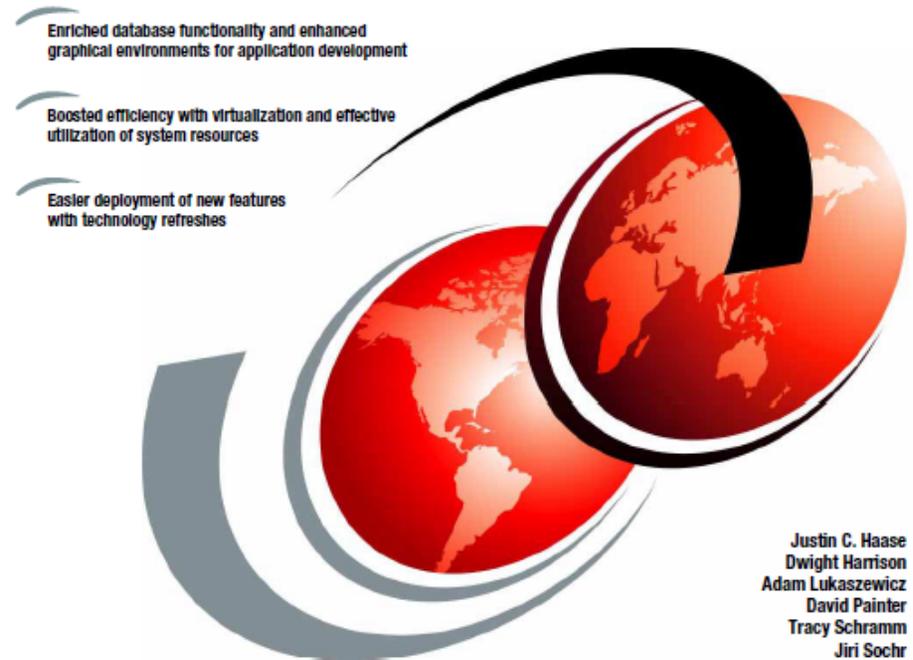
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Articles on Disk Performance

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