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### S48 – Best Practices for IBM i Memory Tuning for Performance

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## Agenda

- Memory Concepts and page faulting
- IBM i memory tuning features
- Tools used to identify memory issues
- Best practices for memory tuning



### **Importance of Memory**



- The CPU(s) can't do anything if the required data is not in memory
- Having to go to disk is slow, in relative terms

How to improve performance:

- Tuning can help your system use its memory better
- IBM i has technology built in to help manage memory automatically
- IBM i has excellent performance tools for analyzing memory performance
- Adding hardware such as more memory or SSDs can reduce I/O wait times
- Application changes can greatly reduce how often your jobs wait on disk I/O

### **Bringing data into memory**



- Implicit memory transfers "page fault reads"
  - Page faults Synchronous memory transfer where jobs wait until I/O completes
  - I/O Pending faults waiting on your/or someone else's I/O request to complete
  - Collection Services & Job Watcher have a "wait bucket" to track this time
- Explicit memory transfers- "non-fault reads"
  - Asynchronous memory transfer where OS pre-fetches data before application needs it (jobs don't have to wait)
    - DB2 "read-ahead" or "asynchronous brings"
  - SETOBJACC command puts an object into a memory pool
  - Read part of CRTDUPOBJ and CPYF operations
  - Collection Services & Job Watcher have a "wait bucket" to track this time

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## **Types of I/O Requests for Reads and Writes**

- Synchronous I/Os
  - Processing waits until I/O completes
  - Contributes to response/runtime
  - Examples (reads): SETOBJACC, CRTDUPOBJ, CPYF, <u>Faults</u>, …
- Asynchronous I/Os
  - Processing concurrent with I/O
  - Can turn synchronous
  - Examples (reads):
    - DB2 asynchronous brings

### **Page Fault basics**



The primary focus for memory analysis is to reduce the amount of time waiting on disk faults.

- Page Faults are normal and expected
  - It is the mechanism used to bring most things into memory
  - Some things need to be brought into memory to be cleaned up / deleted
- A single page fault can bring multiple pages into memory
  - Faults per second < pages per second</li>
  - We don't typically care about pages per second
- Requested pages are placed into the memory pool the job is running in
  - Pages can be shared between jobs
  - A job can access a page in a different pool

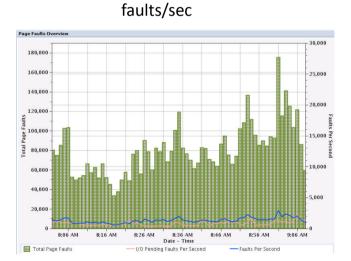
## Why do we care if page fault wait times are high

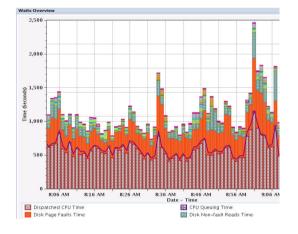


- High page fault wait times indicates pool tuning issues, unnecessary memory usage, and/or lack of memory that will affect performance
  - Longer interactive response times for I/O intensive transactions
  - Longer batch run times
  - Poor disk response times
  - Less efficient query implementation methods

### Page Faults – Faults Per Second vs. Wait Time - PDI

- Focus on time being spent waiting on faults, not the rate of faults
  - Large memory pools can have a high number of faults, but little impact to wait times
- However, rates can be useful for monitoring and when you can't get wait time easily
  - Dashboard, System Monitors, WRKSYSSTS, etc.
  - Also can indicate new workload has started up
- Which chart below is more helpful in determining if faulting might be a problem?





wait time



### Page Faults Wait Time at a Job Level

- Collection Services (and Job Watcher) collect disk page fault wait time both at a system level, as well as an individual job/thread/task level
- ??? Is it more interesting to know that JOBX did 120 faults per second, or that it waited 370 seconds (out of 5 minutes) on disk page faults

/aits	by Job or Task								
					Time	(Seconds)			
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2	Ineligible Waits Time		🛅 Ma	ain Storage Pool Ov	ercommitment Time	题	Journal Save While	Active Time	



### IBM tasks associated with removing data from memory



#### **System Controlled**

- There are two tasks that are responsible for writing changed pages of memory out to disk to make room for data being paged into memory.
  - SMPOL001: low priority page out task
  - **SMPO0001**: high priority page out task
    - becomes active if the low priority task cannot keep up with demand
- High activity in these tasks, especially the high priority task, can indicate a need for additional memory.

#### **User Program Controlled**

Changed pages are written out when a job ends

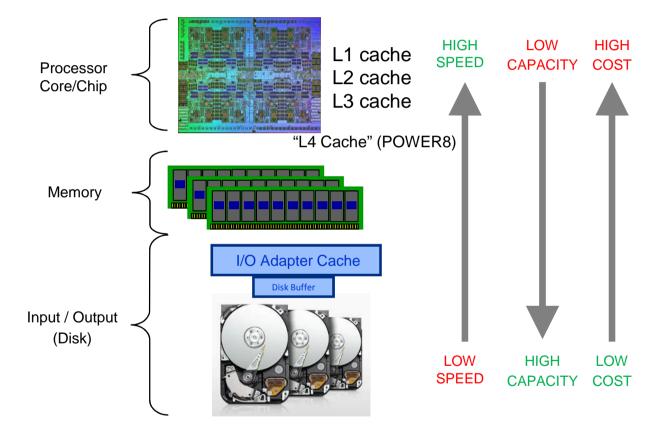
## Single-level Storage



- Unique to IBM i
- Main memory, traditional spinning disks, and solid-state drives all appear as one address space
- Objects automatically managed by the OS, moving between memory and disk
- One copy of file/data can be shared by many users, jobs, programs
- Objects spread across drives for parallelism
- No need to create "table spaces", "buffer pools", etc. required by other platforms
- Think of memory as a giant cache for disk



### **IBM i Memory / Storage Hierarchy**





### **POWER Memory / Storage Hierarchy**

	Size	Speed / cycles
POWER8 L1 cache	32K instr + 64K data per core	~3 cycles
POWER8 L2 cache	512 KB per core	~10 cycles
POWER8 L3 cache	96 MB shared per chip	~30 cycles
POWER8 "L4 cache"	16 MB per memory chip*	~200 cycles
Internal Memory	10s of GB per core	~300-800 cycles (~100ns)
Solid State Drives	100s of GB per drive	<1 ms
Hard Disk Drives	Can be TBs per drive	1-5 ms

Range due to "distance" of access.

1 ms = 1000 µs = 1,000,000 ns 400 cycles is about 0.1 µs if 4.0 GHz

### Memory Configuration – Verify there's enough memory first



- A general rule of thumb for memory (minimum requirements) based off internal benchmarks
  - 32 GB/core for POWER8
  - 24 GB/core for POWER7/7+
  - 16 GB/core for POWER6
- Partitioning considerations
  - If dynamically adding cores, also typically want to add memory (DLPAR)
  - Uncapping can lead to an imbalance between CPU and memory
- Can utilize SSDs/Flash technology to improve page fault wait times

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### **Memory Pools**

- Memory pools are logical subdivisions of physical memory
- Used with subsystems to isolate memory usage by different applications
- Two types shared and private

	Shared	Private
Subsystems	single or multiple	single
QPFRADJ	yes	no
Expert Cache	yes	no

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## Memory Pools

Machine Pool
User Pools
*INTERACT
*SPOOL
*SHRPOOL1-n
*BASE
(residual)

### **Pool Maximum Activity Level**

- The maximum number of <u>threads</u> in the pool that can use the CPU(s) concurrently
  - Threads without an activity level are <u>ineligible</u> to run
- Does not apply to the machine pool
  - No jobs run in the machine pool
- Can be adjusted + or by the Performance Adjustor
  - Adjuster conservative on decreasing
- Considerations
  - Generally want high enough to avoid transitions to ineligible
    - There is an "Ineligible Waits time" bucket in CS and JW
  - Setting too low can lead to severe performance problems
  - Setting too high can lead to more faulting



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### **IBM i memory tuning features**

- Expert Cache
- Automatic performance adjust system value (QPFRADJ)
- SETOBJACC command
- DB2 keep in memory

### **Expert Cache (\*CALC)**

- Paging parameter for shared storage pools
  - \*FIXED
  - \*CALC enables expert cache
- What it does:
  - Monitors the I/O reference pattern for database files
  - Reduces I/O operations by adjusting the size and type of I/Os
- Cannot be used by:
  - Private pools (can be used by running an API QWCCHGTN)
  - Machine pool
- Activity you may see:
  - SMXCSPRVSR (Expert Cache supervisor) task
  - SMXCAGERnn tasks (1 per \*CALC pool, 01 => pool 2)
- Expert Cache almost always provides benefit and should be enabled





### **Expert Cache Enablement**

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3	Interactive	Used for interactive work	x	Active	13,107.19	13,107.19	2847		Calculated
4	Spool	Used for printing	x	Active	1,310.72	1,310.72	5		Calculated
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0	Shared 2		x	Inactive	0.00	0.00	0	Subsystems	Fixed
0	Shared 3		x	Inactive	0.00	0.00	0	Deallocate	Fixed
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*BASE	28677.61	300	28677.61	2	*CALC	*CALC	
*INTERACT	1638.39	57	1638.39	6	*CALC	*CALC	
*SPOOL	327.67	5	327.67	4	*CALC	*CALC	
*SHRPOOL1	163.83	41	163.83	3	*CALC	*CALC	
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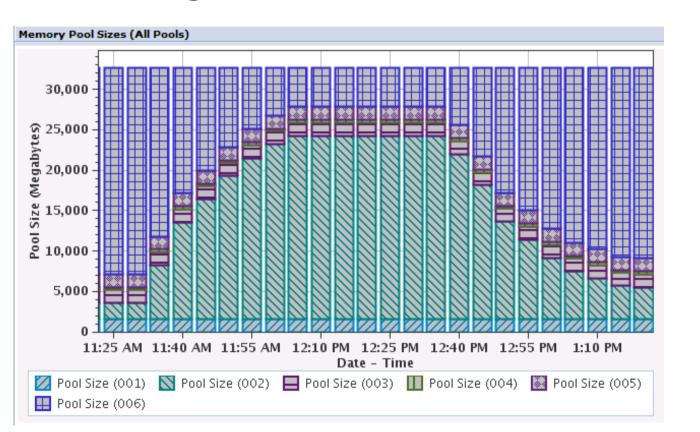
### **The Performance Adjuster**



- Enabled using the QPFRADJ system value.
- Will manage the size of the <u>shared</u> memory pools for you.
  - Will also adjust the maximum activity level.
- Uses complex algorithms to ensure your pools are operating at peak efficiency.
- Refer to *The Performance Adjuster (QPFRADJ)* experience report on the IBM i Information Center.

http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/iseries/v7r1m0/index.jsp?topic=%2Fexperience%2Fwork3abstract.htm

### **Automatic Changes in Pool Sizes - PDI**





## **Turning QPFRADJ On or Off**

The Performance Adjuster is controlled by the System Value QPFRADJ

- 0=No adjustment ← User managed!
- 1=At IPL only based on static information
- 2=At IPL and automatic (default) Recommended 3=Automatic only Category IBM i Management ⇒... No filter applied Configuration and Service Performance System Values Properties Power Control Welcome X System Values Display System Value System value Description QPFRADJ Performance adjustment . . . . . . . nance System Values - Localhos Performance adjustment . . . : 3 0-No adjustment 1-Adjustment at IPL 2-Adjustment at IPL and automatic adjustment 3=Automatic adjustment Automatically adjust memory pools and activity levels: General At system restart \*Memory Pools Periodically after restart Communications Press Enter to continue. E3=Exit E12=Cancel



## **Tuning QPFRADJ (WRKSHRPOOL)**







## **Tuning QPFRADJ**

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Tuning	Tuning values Priority (1-14):	1 - 14
	Size: Minimum: 10.00	96
	Maximum: 100.00	%
	Page faults per second:	
	Minimum:	12.00
	Additional minimum per thread:	1.00
	Maximum:	200.00
	Reset to De	faults

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#### WRKSHRPOOL:

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*BASE	1	4.99	100	12.00	1.00	200							
*INTERACT	1	10.00	100	12.00	1.00	200							
*SPOOL	2	1.00	100	5.00	1.00	100							
*SHRPOOL1	2	1.00	100	10.00	2.00	100							
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### Tuning shared pools when QPFRADJ is ON



- Use WRKSHRPOOL command to tune shared memory pools
- Determine min/max size for critical pools
  - Monitor max active settings
- Set a range of pool priorities.
- Java/WebSphere pools minimum size should always be enough to contain all JVMs in the pool
- Set max on memory intensive pools to limit impact to other jobs on the system
- Large changes to the size of the memory pool can cause the query optimizer to rebuild access plans which can contribute to poor performance
- If see pools sitting at min size a lot, consider decreasing its min size
- If see pools hitting max size, consider increasing max size.
- Keep total of minimum sizes < 70% of memory to allow QPFRADJ some flexibility</p>
- When adding memory, may need to adjust min/max
  - When memory is for a particular workload, rather than a general upgrade
  - Values are percentages of total

Refer to *The Performance Adjuster (QPFRADJ)* experience report on the IBM i Information Center. <u>http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/iseries/v7r1m0/index.jsp?topic=%2Fexperience%2Fwork3abstract.htm</u>

### **SETOBJACC to 'pin' objects in memory**

- Allows selected objects (database file, index or program) to be "pinned" in memory to reduce I/O
  - Typically, define a private pool where no jobs run
  - Can use a shared pool. Set Min/Max to keep QPFRADJ from shrinking
- May increase memory requirements
- Protects objects from "demand paging" activity
- Objects loaded into memory very quickly by a single thread
- Typically used to improve performance of batch jobs
- Run a CLRPOOL command before loading objects in pool
- Re-run SETOBJACC periodically to pin changed pages (updates/inserts)
- Can load and purge objects programmatically during batch processing

SETOBJACC/CLRPOOL Command Technote:

http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=nas1dc0a2297bdaefddb86256d6c0069907f

### **DB2 KEEPINMEM to 'pin' objects in memory**

- New in IBM i 7.1
- Can be used with tables and indexes
- Objects are brought into memory when first accessed by SQE queries
- Brought in asynchronously and using parallel I/O (vs. SETOBJACC which uses 1 thread and synch IO)
- Usage:
  - CHGPF FILE(library/table) KEEPINMEM(\*YES)
  - CHGLF FILE(library/index) KEEPINMEM(\*YES)
- The MEMORY\_POOL\_PREFERENCE parameter in the QAQQINI file determines which pool the objects will be held in unless the object is already in memory
- In IBM i 7.2. the KEEP IN MEMORY memory-preference support has been extended to the DDL statements: ALTER TABLE, CREATE INDEX, CREATE TABLE and DECLARE GLOBAL TEMPORARY TABLE



### **Memory Pool and Subsystem Creation Recommendations**

- Minimize user work in \*BASE (in general)
- Put disparate workloads into separate pools
- Often want to run SQL in its own pool
- Heavy memory use when not critical
  - Often see software replication jobs in own pool with lots of faulting, but still keeping up
- Java / WebSphere should run in its own memory pool
  - These environments cannot tolerate faulting
- Controlling potentially inefficient work
  - QZDA jobs in own pool by IP for controlling ad-hoc queries
- Max active settings
  - If not using QPFRADJ set max active high enough to avoid transitions to ineligible
  - If running 6.1 don't set too high for pools running SQL
- Settings related to QPFRADJ (min/max size, etc.)
- If see high priority page out task (SMPO0001), pool needs more memory.

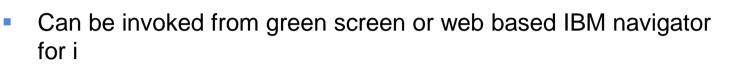


### **Tools Used for Memory Analysis**



- Real Time Tools
  - Green screen commands / IBM Navigator for i
    - WRKSYSSTS, WRKACTJOB
  - IBM Navigator for i Dashboard
  - IBM Navigator for i Monitors (New in IBM i 7.2)
- Collector based
  - Collection Services System and Job level memory related wait times, fault rates, and pool sizes
  - Job Watcher Object waited on, Call Stacks, and SQL statement
- GUI Tools
  - Performance Data Investigator ("PDI" Web based, part of IBM Navigator for i) Collection Services, Job Watcher, Disk Watcher, limited PEX
  - **IBM iDoctor for i** (Windows based) Collection Services, Job Watcher, Disk Watcher, PEX Analyzer
  - System i Navigator

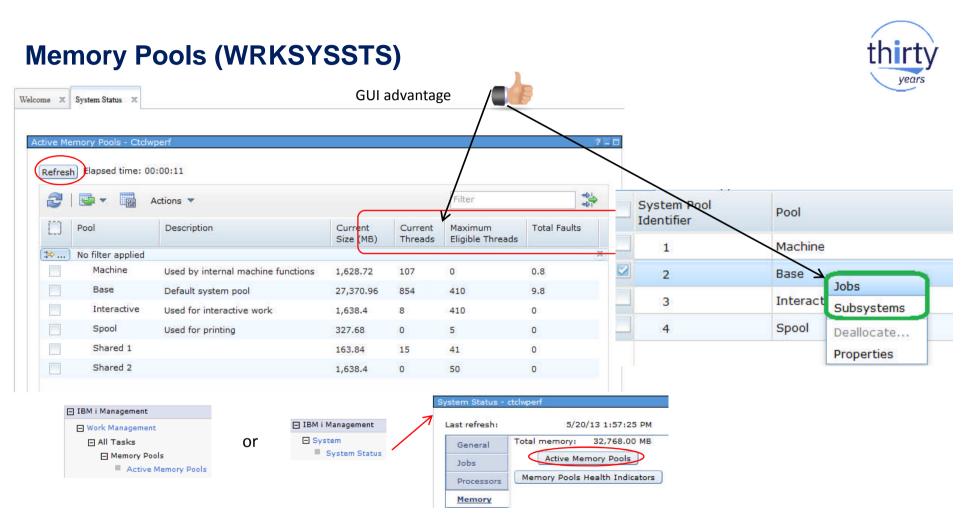
### WRKSYSSTS – Faulting by Memory pool



- Faults per second column doesn't show real fault wait times
- Monitor the max active and ineligibles

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4	12288		0	150	.0	.0	.0	.0	. 0	.0	.0
5	163840		<1	1200	116.2	2120	174.8	602.0	5330	.0	.0
6	16384		<1	90	68.9	441.3	3.7	3.7	510.3	. 0	.0
7	40960		26	3000	.0	.0	3.7	17.0	+++++	. 0	.0
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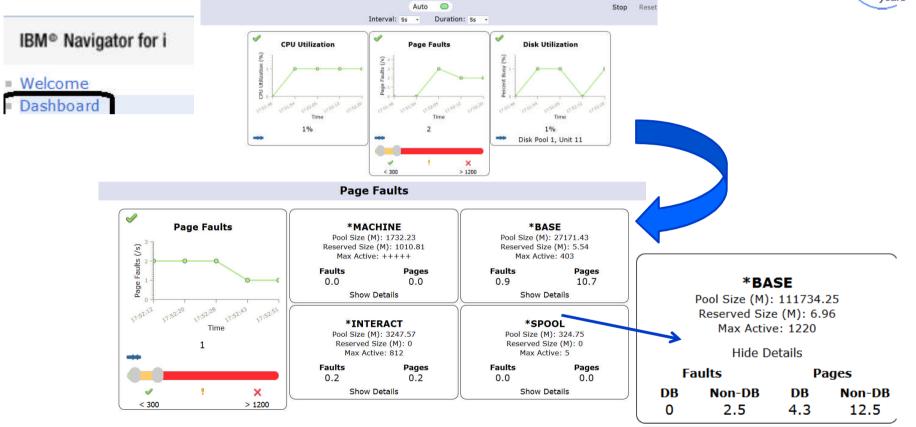
### WRKACTJOB – Page faulting by job

The Page fault rate column is available of the IBM Navigator for i interface

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#### **Navigator Dashboard**



Also available in iAccess Mobile: http://system.name:2001/iamobile

### **Navigator for i System Monitors (7.2)**

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### **IBM Graphical Analysis Tools**

IBM provides two powerful tools to aid in making your analysis **more efficient and productive:** 

- Performance Data Investigator
- IBM iDoctor for IBM i

Both solutions support data analysis (varying degrees) for the 4 collectors:

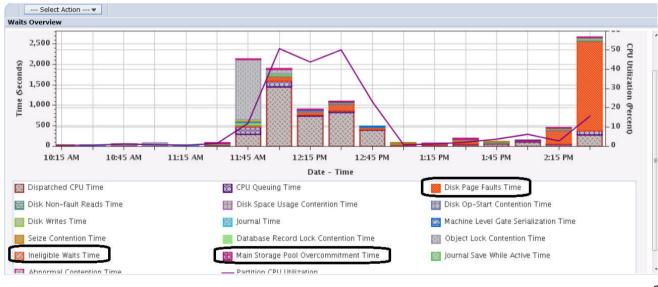
- Collection Services
- Job Watcher
- Disk Watcher
- Performance Explorer (PEX)

#### **Performance Data Investigator (PDI)**



- Browser (web) based solution
- Integrated as part of IBM i OS
- Included in IBM Navigator for i

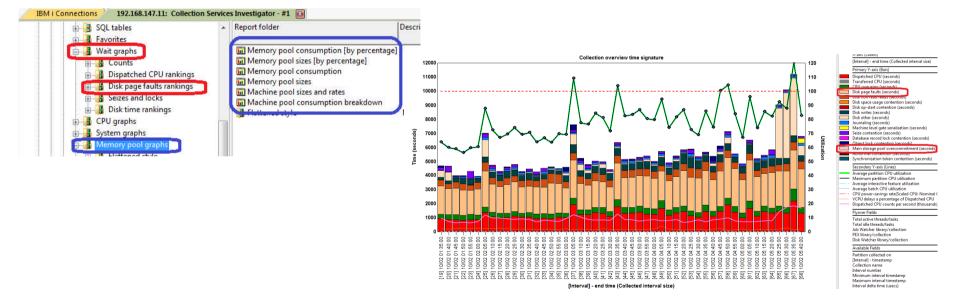




#### **IBM iDoctor for IBM i**

- Microsoft Windows based client
- Service/Support offering
- Deep Job Watcher and PEX analysis capability





# **Graphical Analysis Tools**You have two graphical interfaces for performance data analysis...

- Which is right for you?

Feature	iDoctor	PDI					
Interface	Windows client	Browser					
Wait Analysis	Yes	Yes					
Collection Services	Yes	Yes					
Job Watcher	Yes (In-depth)	Yes					
Disk Watcher	Yes	Yes					
Performance Explorer	Yes (In-depth)	Profile collections only					
Level of analysis provided	Deep	Basic to Medium					
Job Watcher Monitors (Builtin)	Yes	No					
User Defined graphs and queries	Yes	Yes					
Update Frequency	Quarterly	Twice Yearly					
Support	Email idoctor@us.ibm.com	Standard SWMA					
Chargeable	Yearly license for each component (by serial number) Job Watcher Includes Job Watcher, Collection Services Investigator, and Disk Watcher PEX Analyzer	<ul> <li>Collection Services &amp; Health Indicators at no additional charge with i</li> <li>Disk Watcher, Database, and Performance Explorer included with base P (Performance Tools LPP) product – Option 1 Manager feature</li> <li>Job Watcher is an additional option of PT1 and has an additional charge Option 3 Job Watcher</li> </ul>					
DS8K graphs & VIOS Investigator	Yes	No					
Multinational language support	No	Yes					



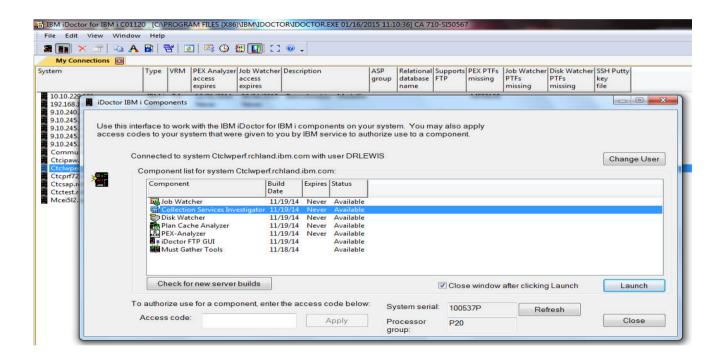
#### **Collection Services - Memory Related Data**

- What will be analyzed using CS?
  - Page fault wait time for system, job, thread, memory pool etc.
    - At a job level, can be useful to know if the wait time occurred primarily during start-up time, or consistently while active
  - Rate of faulting in each memory pool
  - Memory pool size/config of the jobs with high page faults

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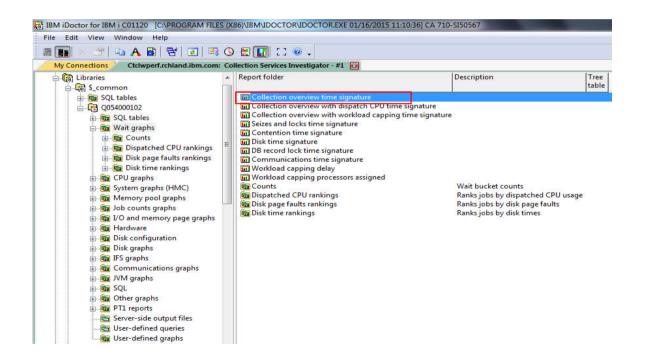
#### Memory Analysis - CSI

• The first step is to identify page fault wait times in a collection services member

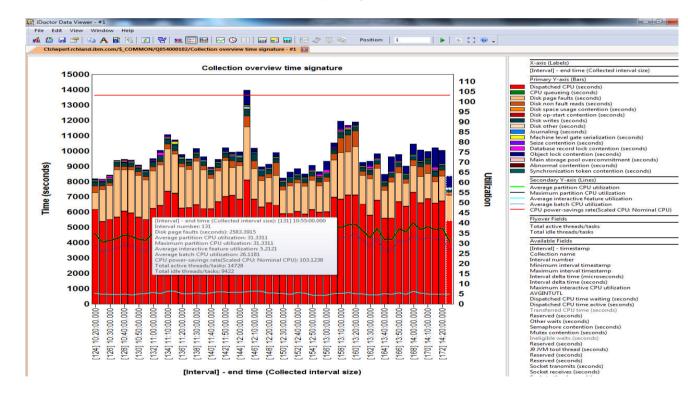




- A good place to start is the Collection overview time signature.
- We want to see the relative amount of time being spent waiting on disk faults.



- Identify intervals with high page fault wait times (tan)
- Wait times could be skewed some by large collection services intervals

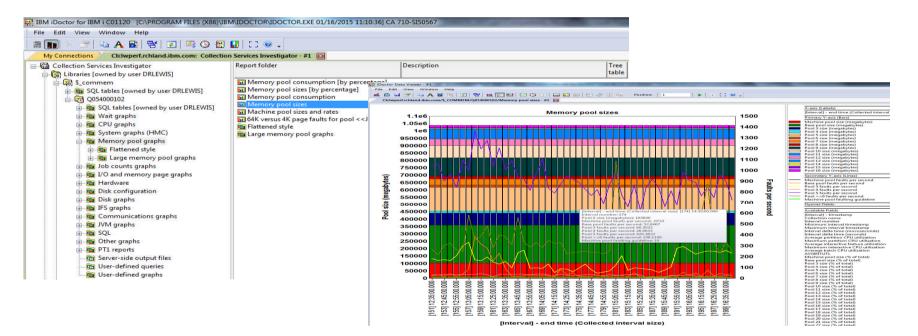




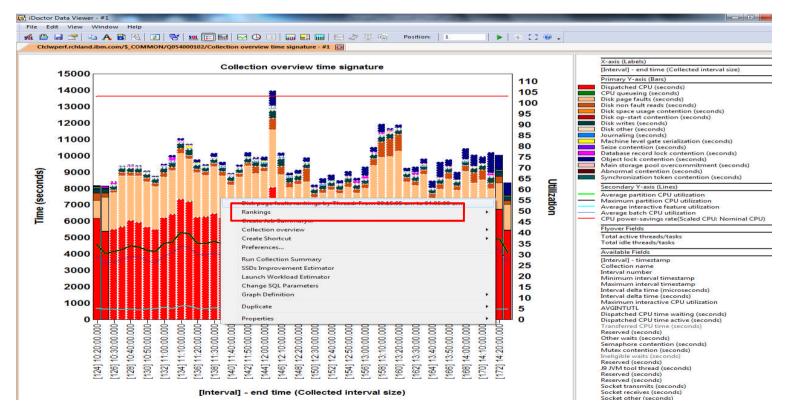
#### Memory Analysis – Memory Pool Graphs in CSI



 No change in pool size indicates that performance adjuster system value (QPFRADJ) was not on during this collection



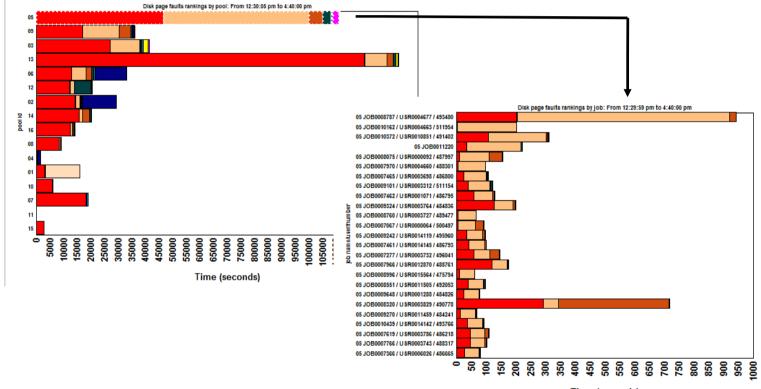
Highlight intervals with high page fault waits and right click to rank by memory pool





#### Identify top jobs in the pool with most page faults



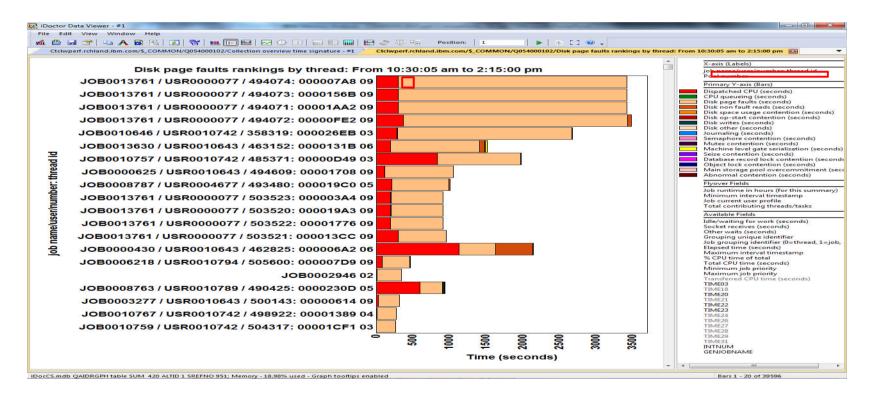


Time (seconds)

#### Worst page faulting jobs for all pools

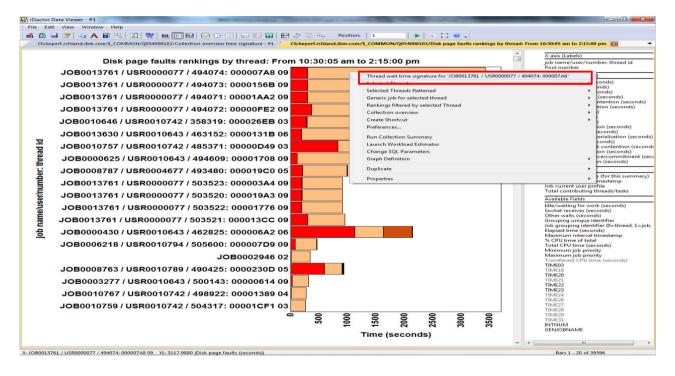


- The following chart shows worst offending jobs and the pools they run in
- We added the Pool No. to the X-Axis label.



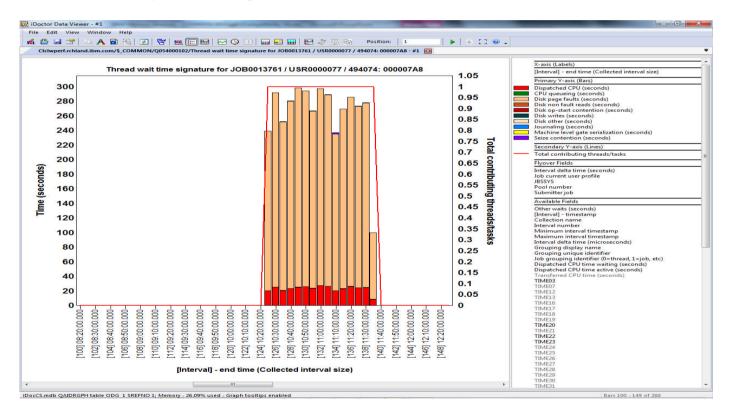


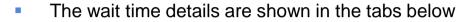
- Right click on jobs of interest to get wait time signature
- It is often useful to group threads in different ways such as by generic name, current user id etc.

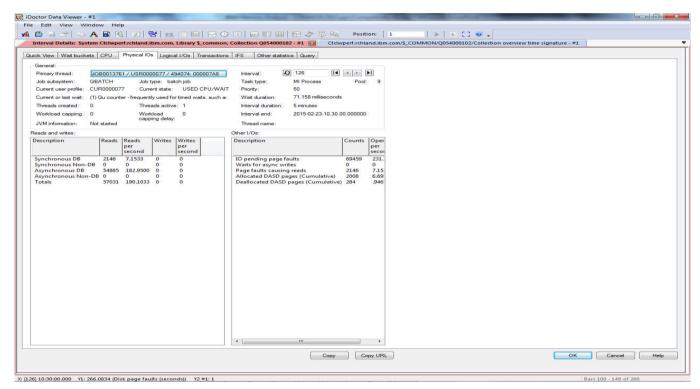




Click on any interval to get the specific wait statistics









#### **Collection Services Memory analysis summary**

- We can tell how much faulting is happening at a system level
  - And at a job or thread or task level
- We can tell what pools have the most faulting
- We can see if memory pools are changing in size
- We can't tell what the jobs are doing that is causing faulting
  - Or what they are faulting on
- For additional details....
  - Job Watcher data can provide answers to many questions.



#### **Job Watcher Memory Related Data**

- Job Watcher has similar information as Collections Services. <u>Key</u> <u>differences</u> are:
  - Intervals typically much shorter (5-10 seconds vs. 5-15 minutes)
  - Additional data is collected
    - Call stacks are collected
    - Objects being waited on are collected
    - SQL being run is collected
- Things are different once we start looking at interval details





#### Launching Job Watcher

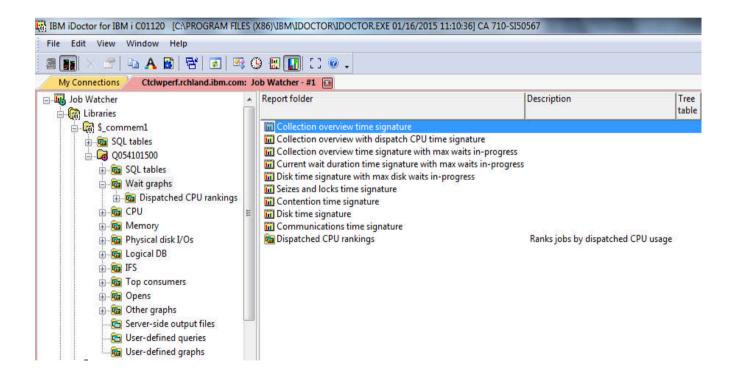
• Select Job Watcher and Click Launch

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#### **Memory Analysis - Job Watcher**



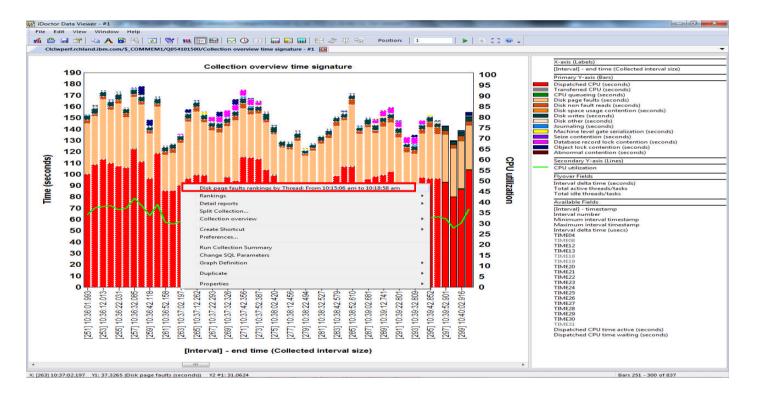
Entry Point is the same as CSI – Collection Overview time Signature, but the chart will show shorter intervals
for a more obvious impact of all wait times



#### Job Watcher drill down for memory analysis



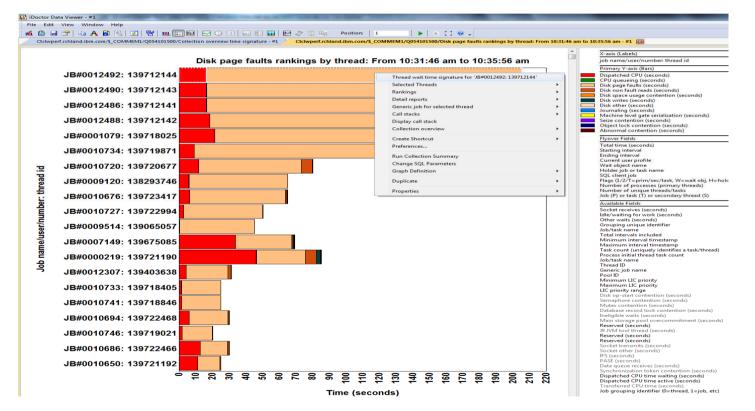
The same drill down process can be used here as it was in CSI



#### Analyzing job-threads with high page faulting



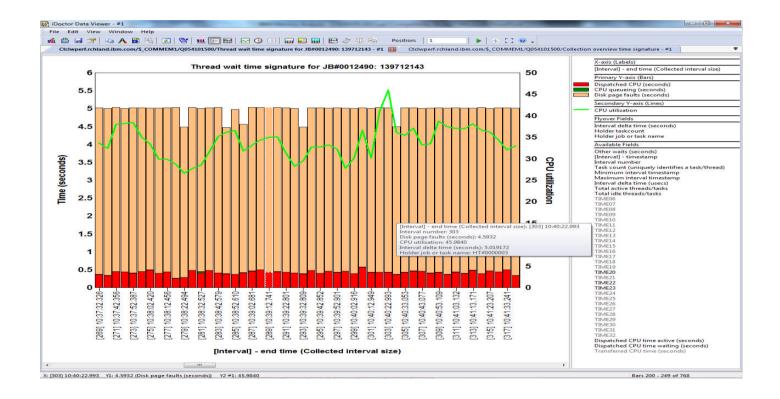
Threads ranked by longest page fault wait times



#### Investigating wait signature over time



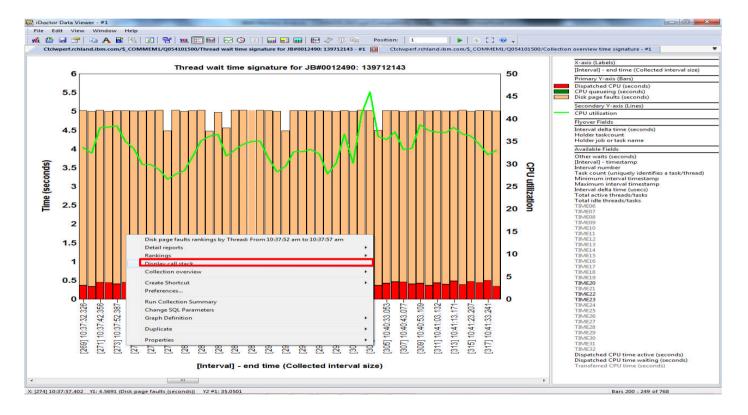
Use your mouse to fly over the intervals to see the CPU Utilization and page fault wait times in seconds



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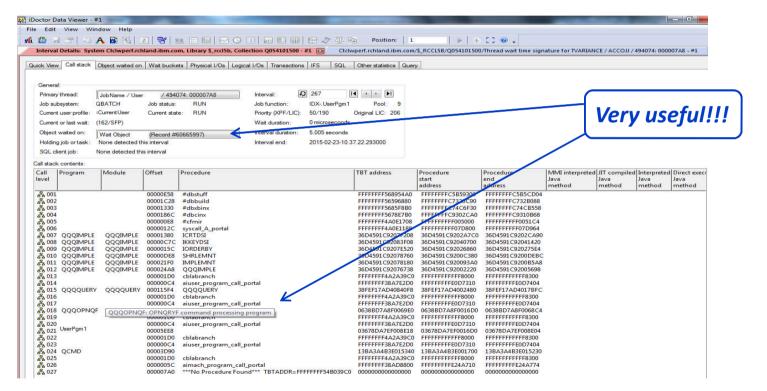
#### **Reviewing Call stacks**

Right click on the intervals of interest and click on "Display call stack"



#### **Call Stack information**

• The call stack will show the object faulted on, pool, and program driving it

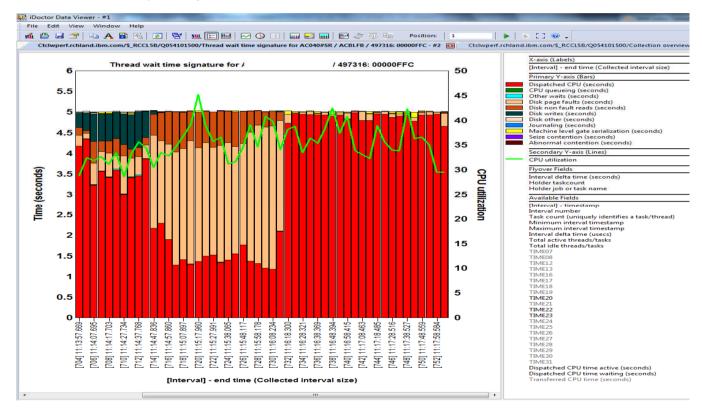




#### **Example: Finding cause for intermittent page faults in a job**



In this example, a job shows intermittent faults



#### **Identify program causing page faults**



 The user program here is calling an SQL statement that then calls the QDBGETMQO (table or index scan) M program

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#### Identify the SQL statement causing high page faults

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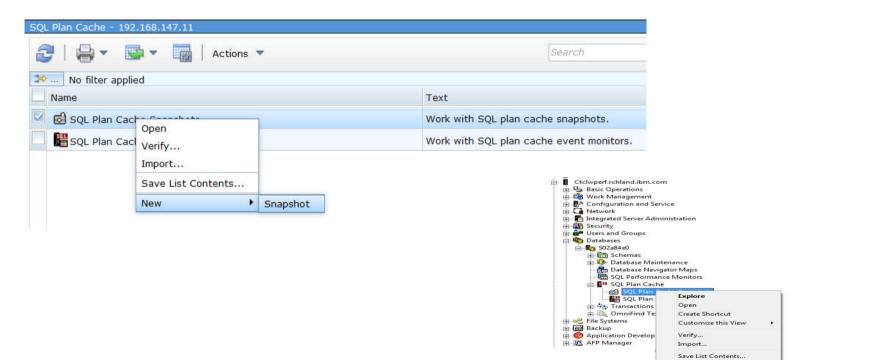
#### **Job Watcher Memory Analysis Summary**

- We can tell with more granularity what CS data showed us:
  - The job waiting the most on disk faults
  - The type of faults (DB vs. non-DB)
  - The average wait time on faults
  - The pool the job is running in
  - Etc.
- Additionally, we now know:
  - The object being faulted on
  - The program running
  - The OS operation causing the faulting
  - May also get SQL statement and host variables if running SQL



#### Navigator SQL Plan Cache Snapshot Analysis

Run a plan cache snapshot against the tables being faulted in the most



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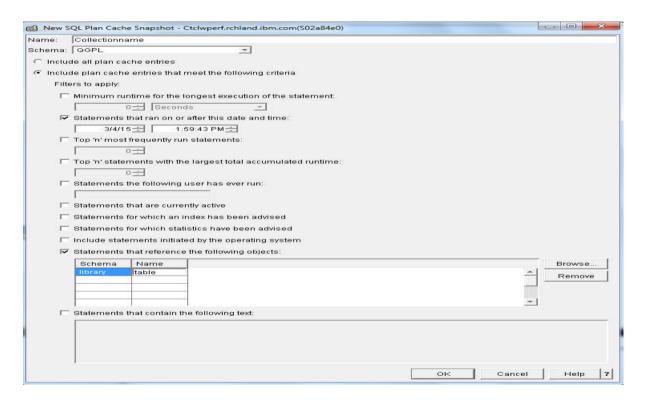
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#### Plan Cache Snapshot Analysis

• Filter the plan cache snapshot by objects





#### **Data Management Best Practices for Memory**

- Reduce file sizes
- Implement an index strategy
- Review index page size
- Remove deleted records (RGZPFM command)
- Purge historical data
- Consider adding SSD arms for those objects that have to be faulted in
- Avoid making any pool with activity too small the faulting caused additional I/O, which in turn can affect response times for other jobs



#### **IBM i Memory Tuning Best Practices - Summary**

- Verify the memory configuration
  - Memory per processor
  - Processor affinity score
  - Reduce IO time by removing I/O bottlenecks
- Verify the pools are tuned correctly
  - Min/max pool size set up
  - Jobs running in the right pool
  - IBM i performance features are being used
- Tune application data access
- Optimize SQL queries
- Verify files size are right for an OLTP environment
  - Remove deleted records
  - Purge historical data





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Section 8.6.7 – Job level SQL stats in **Collection Services** 



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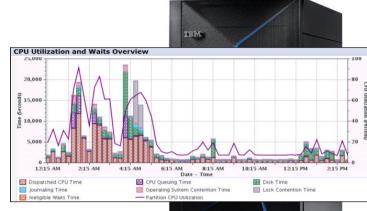
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