



Insights You Can Gain from Integrated Visibility Across Types of SMF Data

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Integrated Visibility

Challenges to Deriving Value from SMF Data

- Primarily used in reactive manner
- **Siloed tooling across disciplines**
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- Focusing analysis when dealing with massive data volumes
- Declining expertise with retirements of tenured staff

Db2 Team ** Needs to Know **

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- 70.1 – CPU at system level
- **71 – Paging, large frames**
- 72.3 – CPU by SC; WLM PI
- 74.2 – XCF activity
- **74.4 – Coupling Facility**
- 110.1 – CICS transactions

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Integrated Visibility Examples

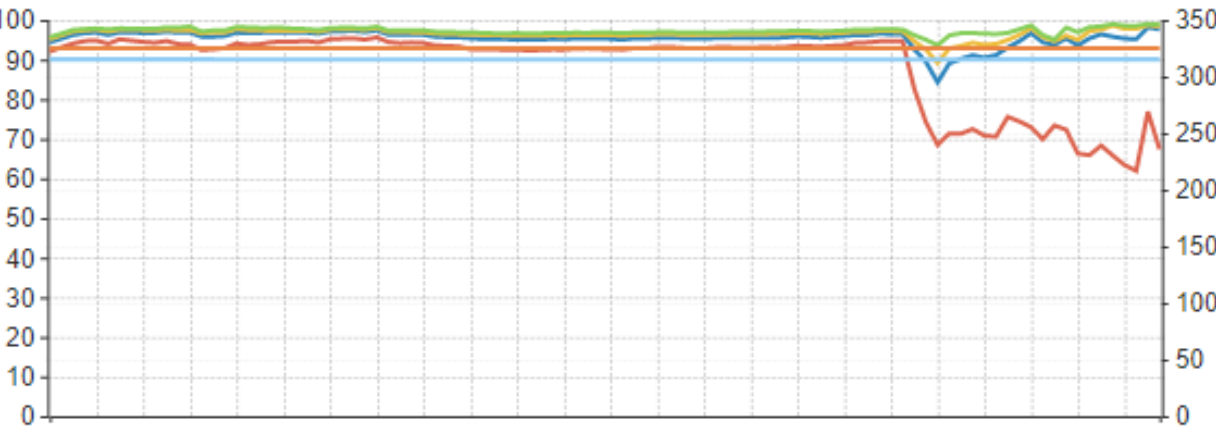
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- XCF activity (74.2) & "almost everyone"
- MQ accounting (116) & CICS trans (110.1)
- Coupling facility (74.4) & Db2 (& others)
- Large frames (71) & Db2 buffer pools (100)



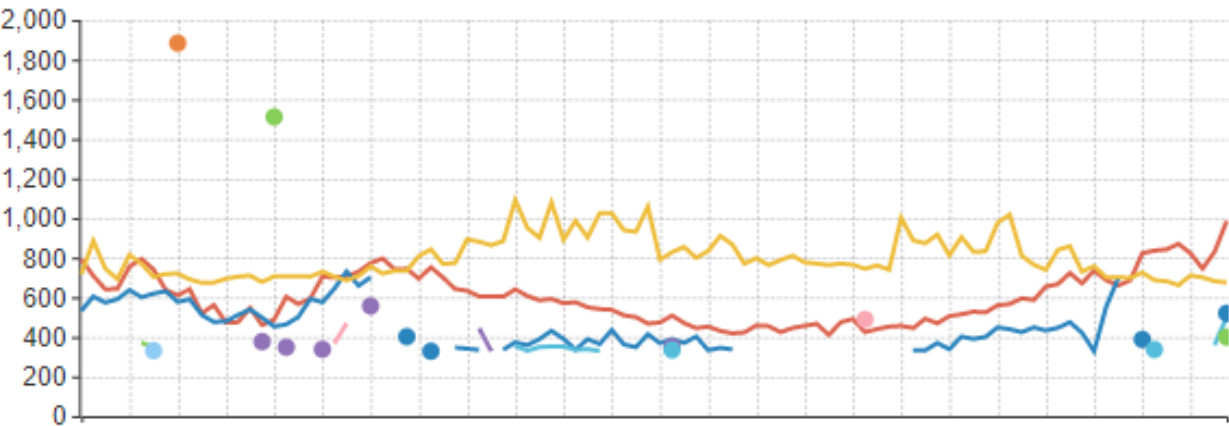
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WLM Service Class Goals (72.3) & CICS Transactions (110.1)

Single day 7/2/2021
Interest group IGT, All sysplexes, All shifts, Interval Measurement



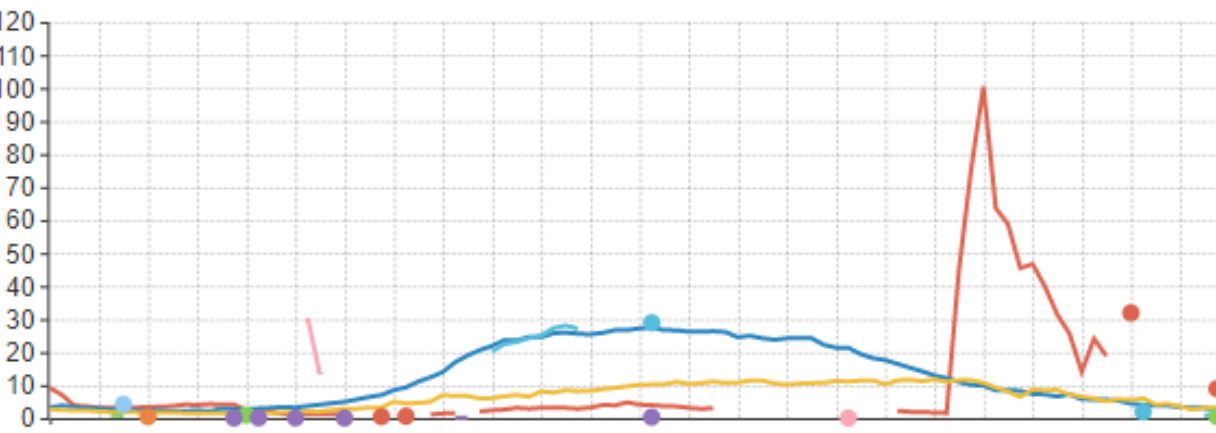
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CICS TRANSACTION VOLUMES

for all CICS Transactions by CICS Transaction ID with filter on Trans... Full report

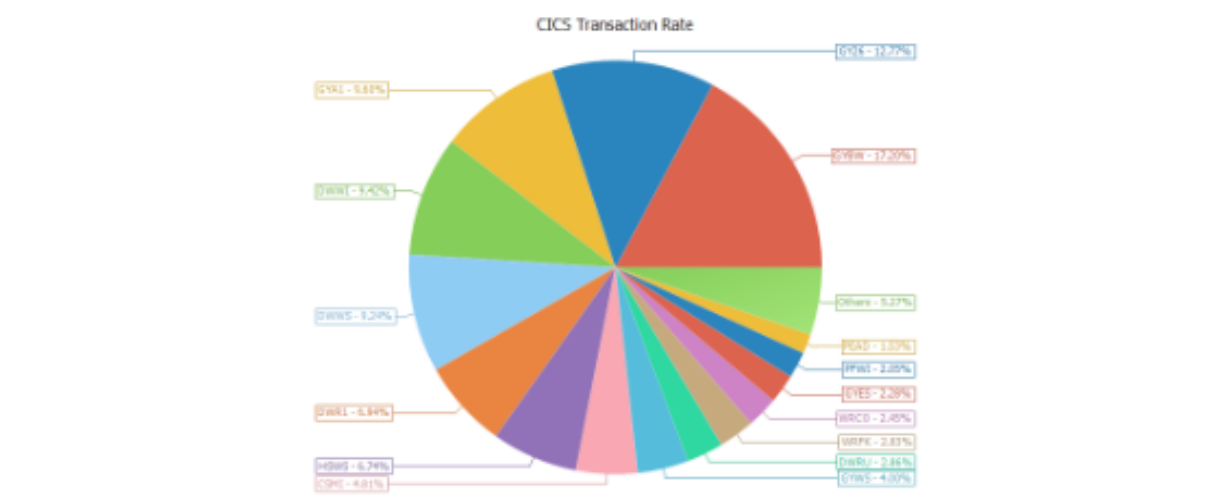
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CICS TRANSACTIONS (TOP 20)

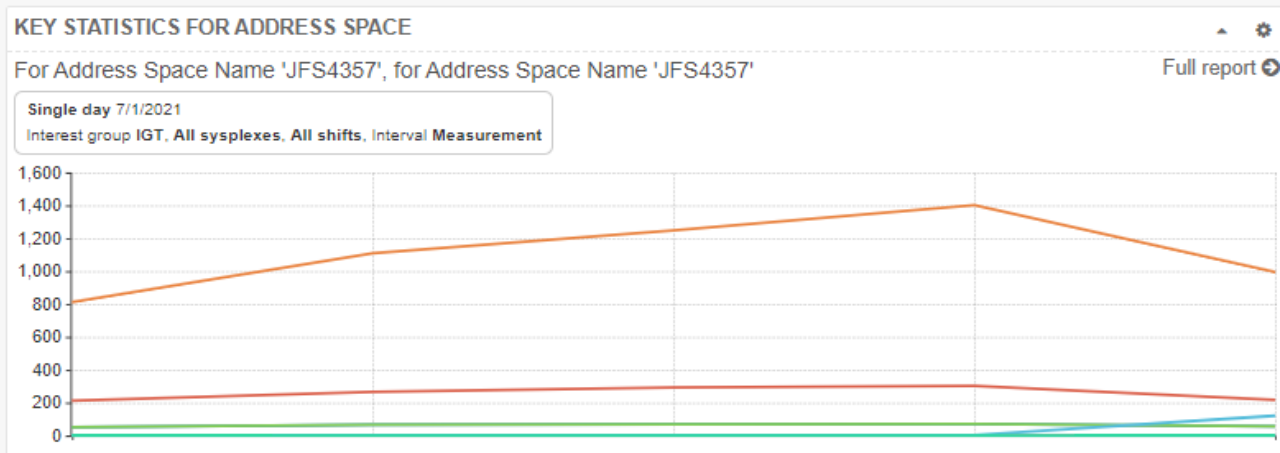
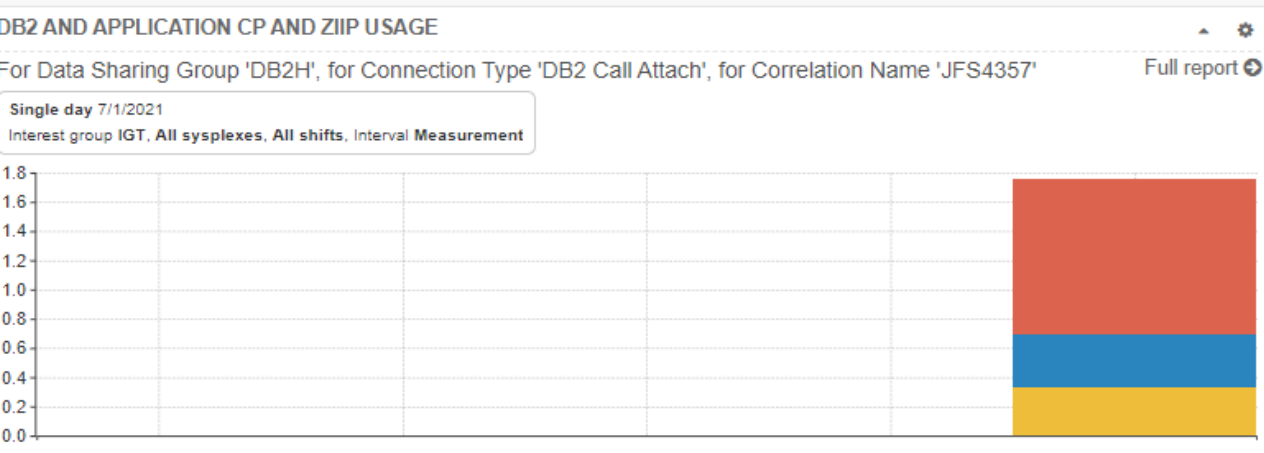
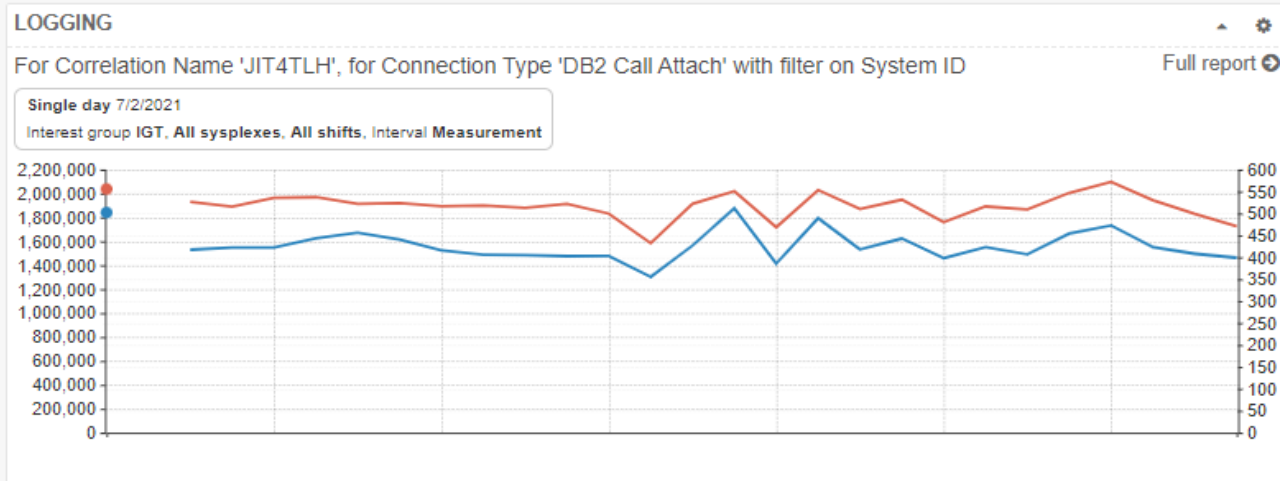
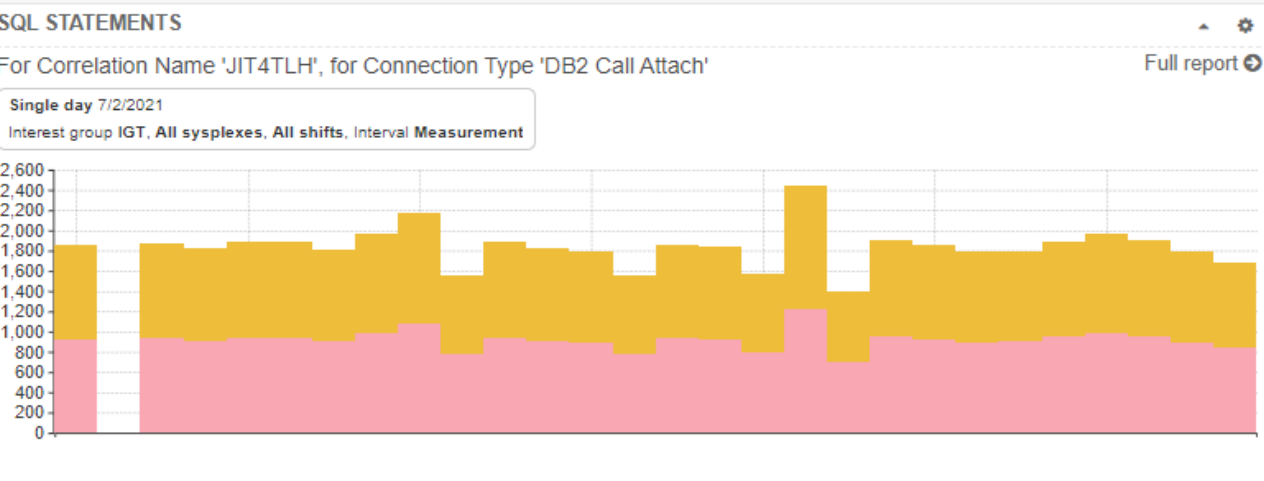
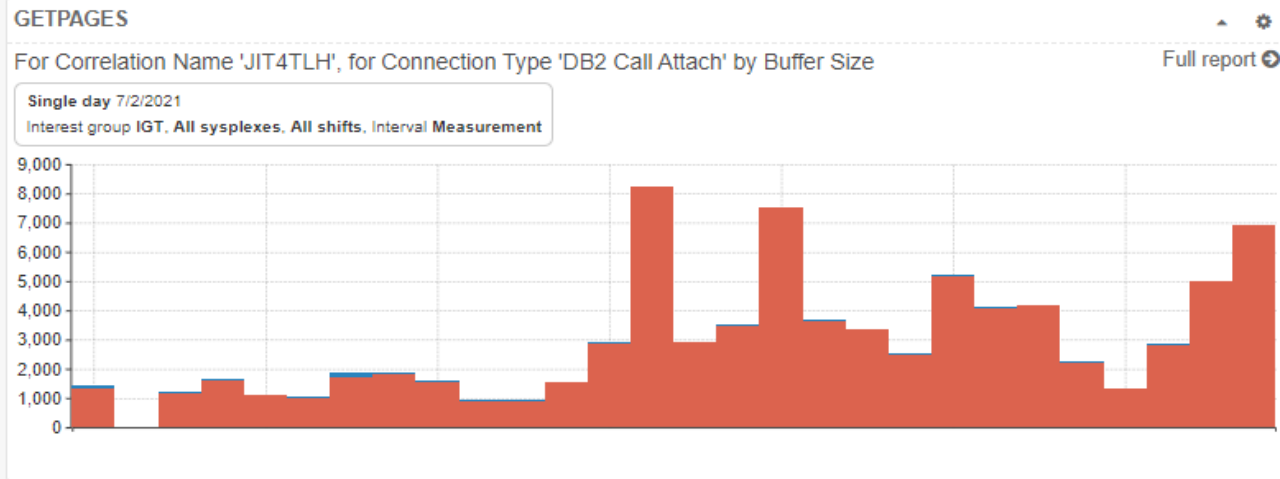
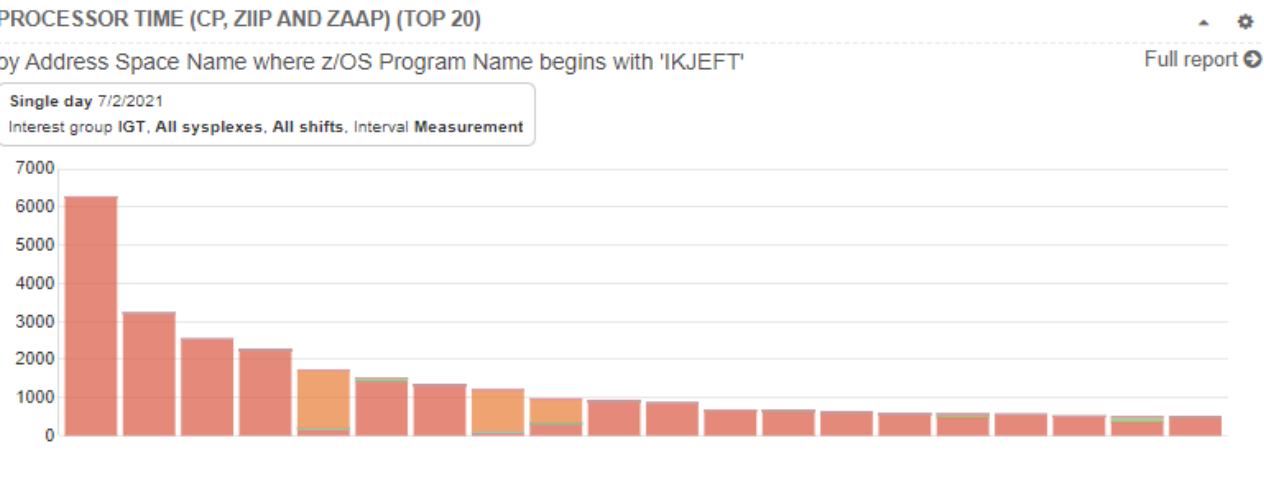
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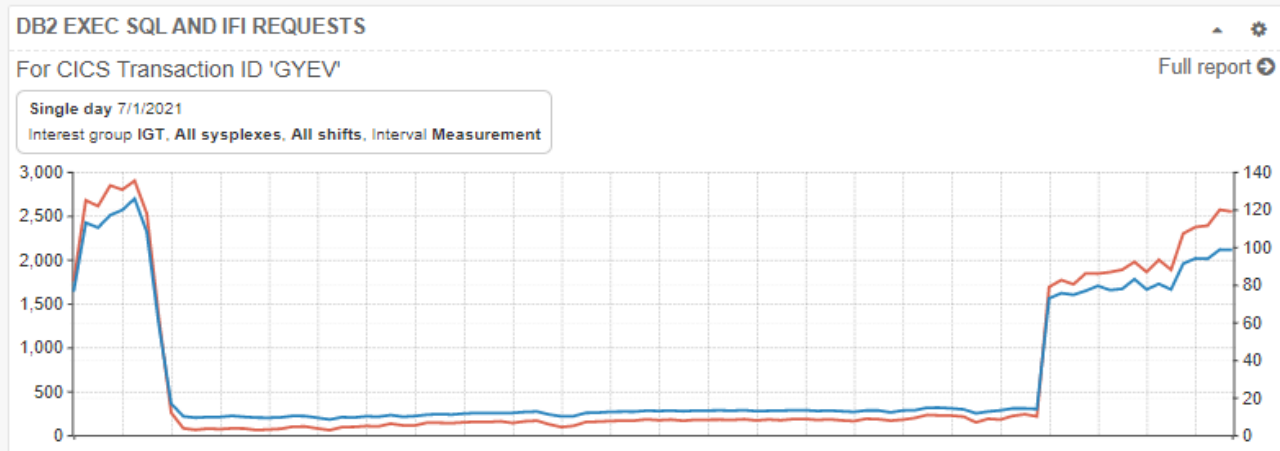
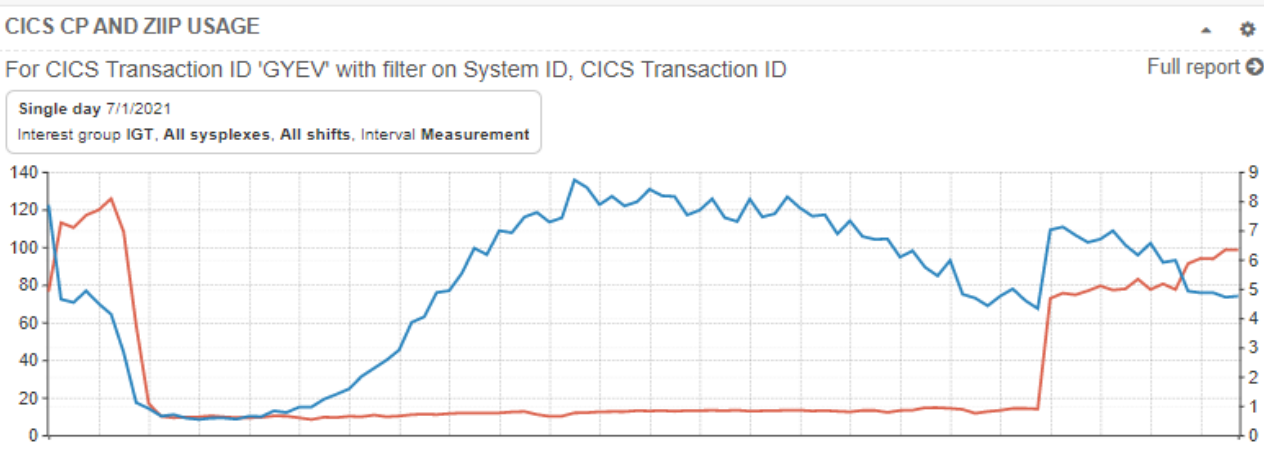
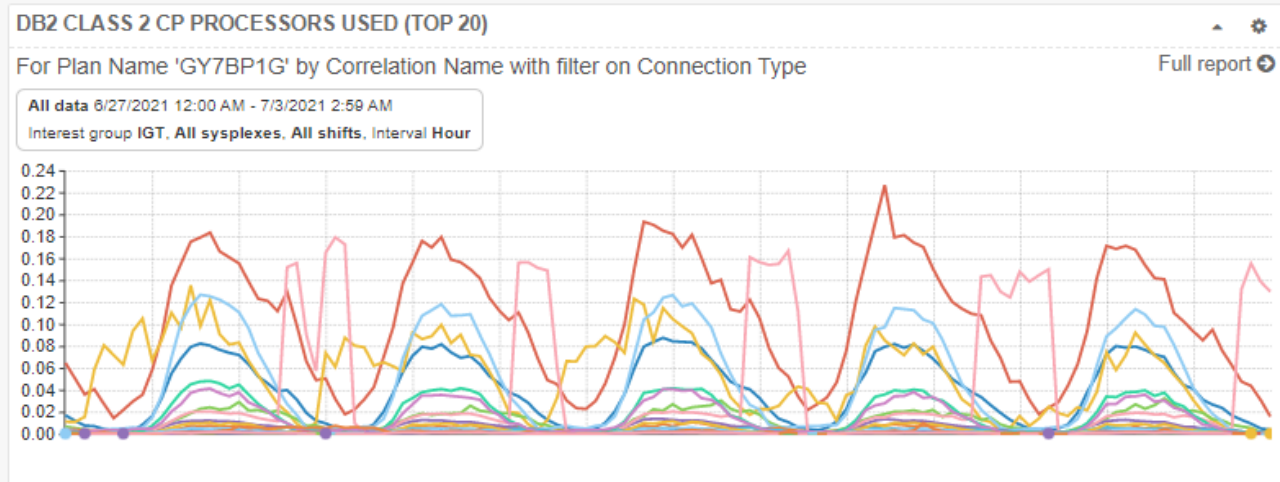
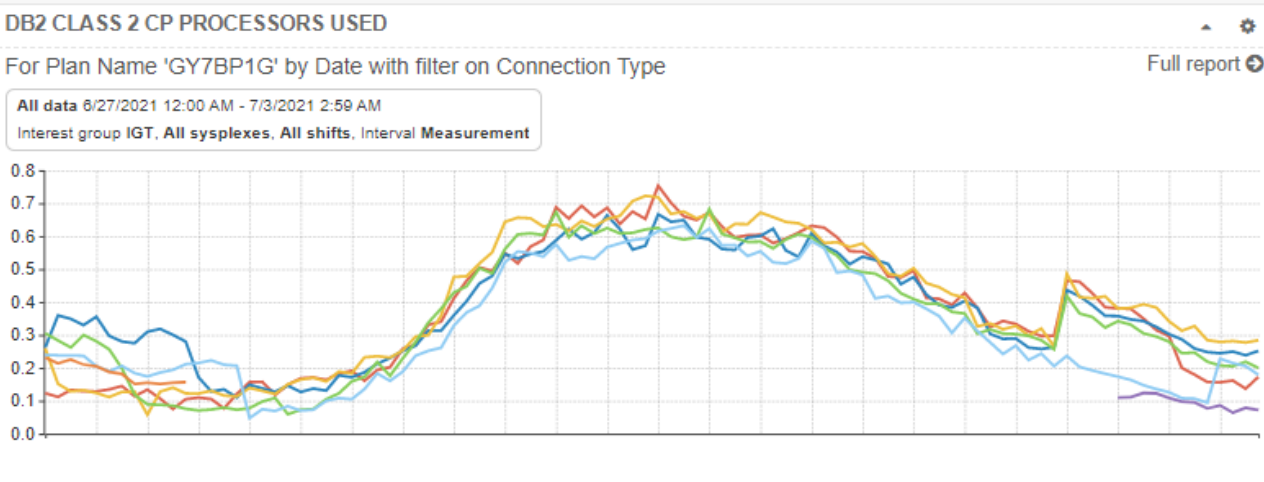
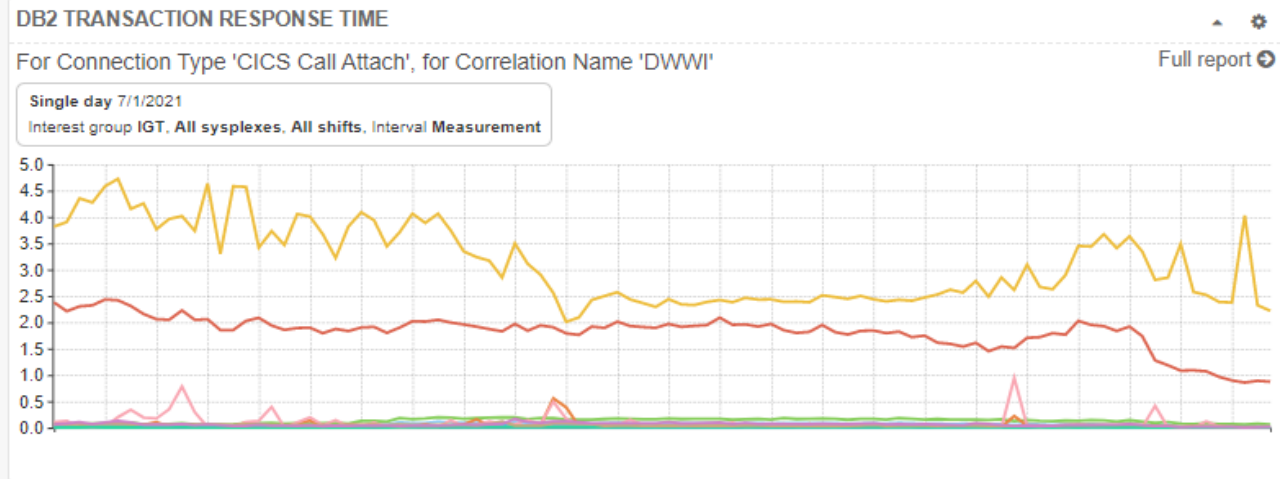
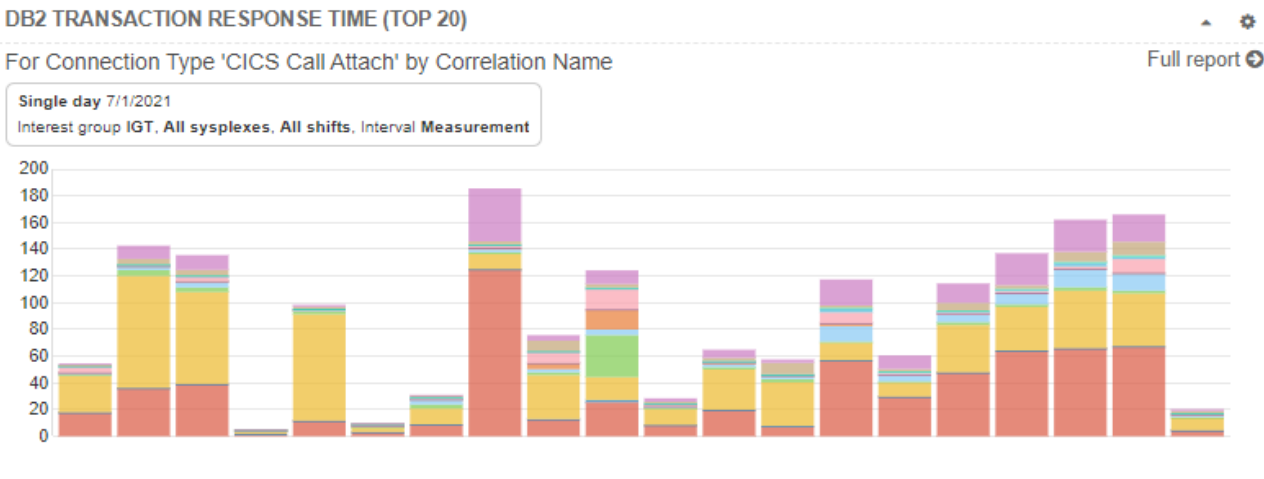
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Address Space (30) and Db2 Accounting (101)



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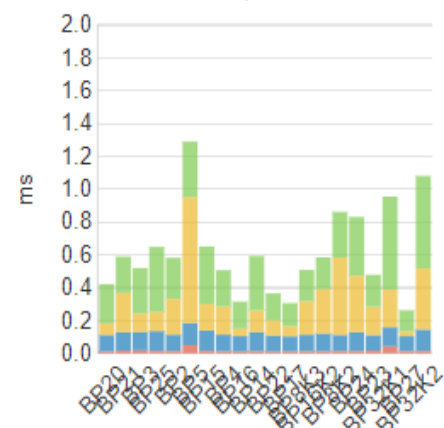


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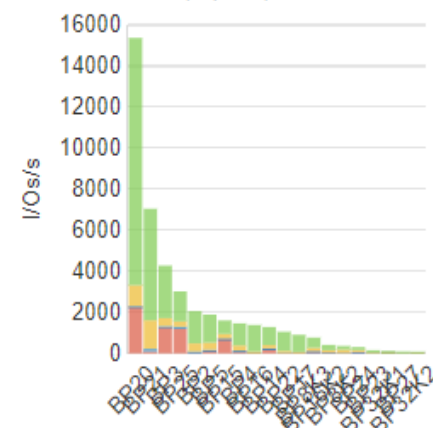
Dataset Performance (42.6) and Db2 Buffer Pools & Databases (102)

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Reporting interval Measurement

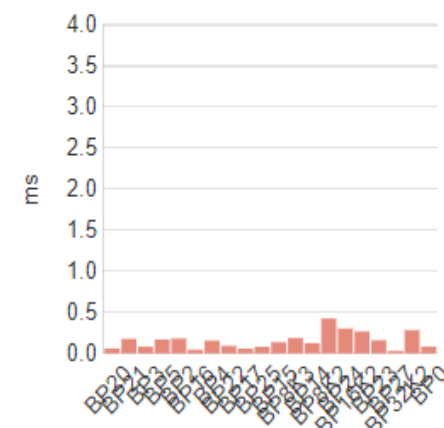
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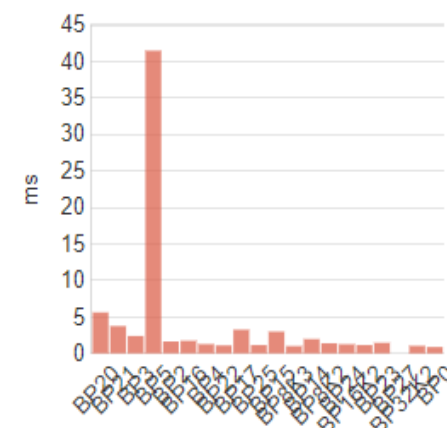
Synchronous Disk Cache Hit and Miss (top 20)



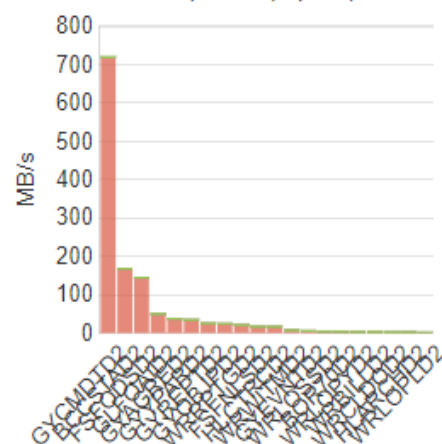
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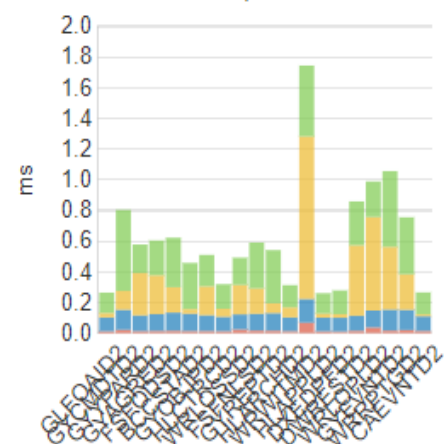
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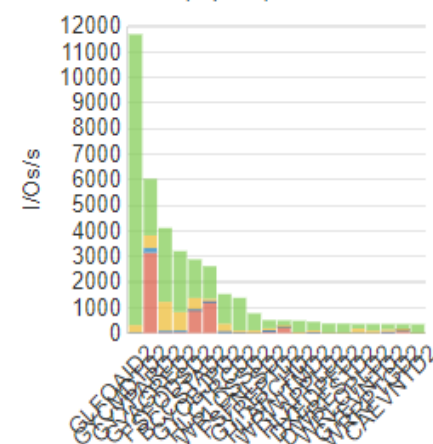
Use of DFSMS Encryption for Tablespaces (top 20)



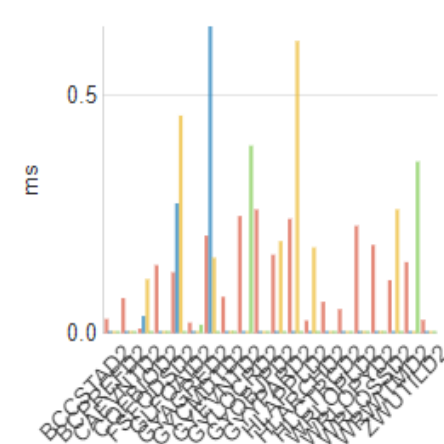
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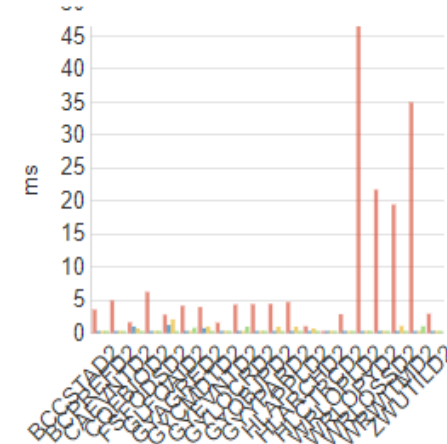
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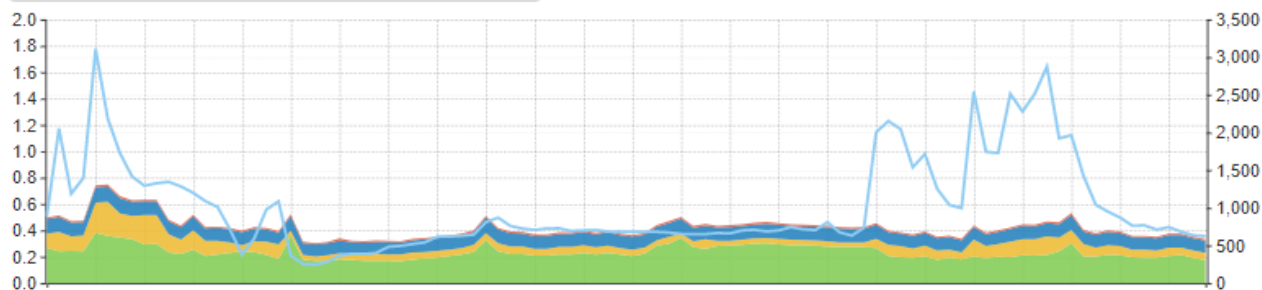


DISK RESPONSE TIME COMPONENTS

For DB2 Buffer Pool 'BP20'

Full report

Single day 7/1/2021
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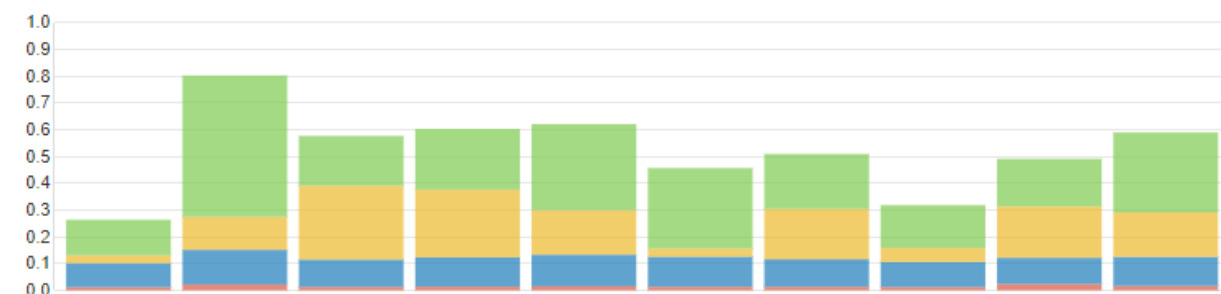


DISK RESPONSE TIME COMPONENTS (TOP 10)

for all Buffer Pools by Database Name

Full report

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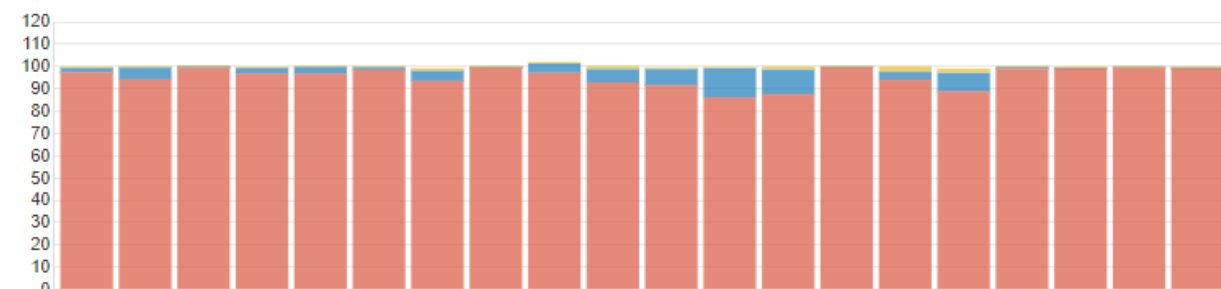


GETPAGES AND SYNCHRONOUS I/O (TOP 20)

For Data Sharing Group 'DB2H', for Buffer Size '4K' by DB2 Buffer Pool

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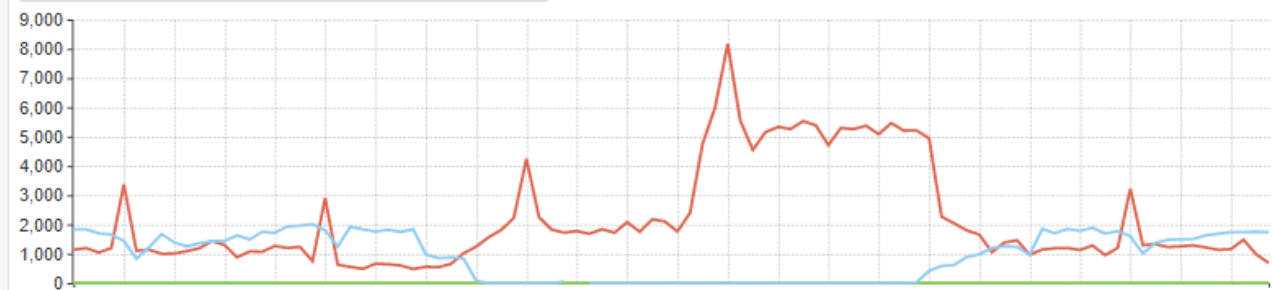


SEQUENTIAL I/Os (TOP 5)

For Database Name 'GYCMTD2' by Page Set

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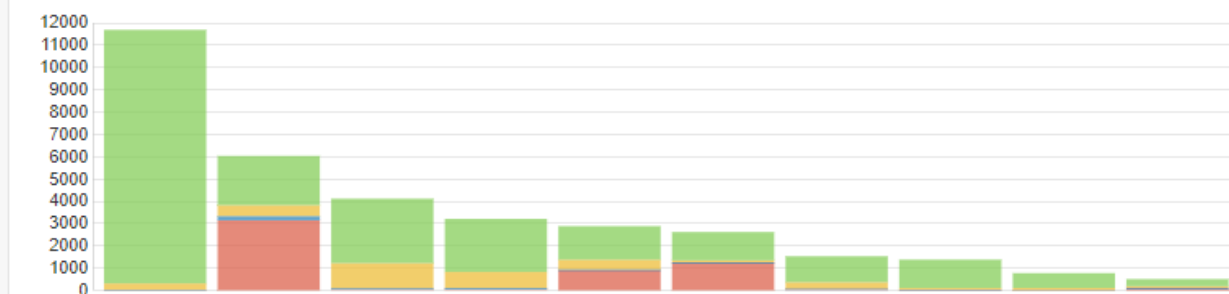


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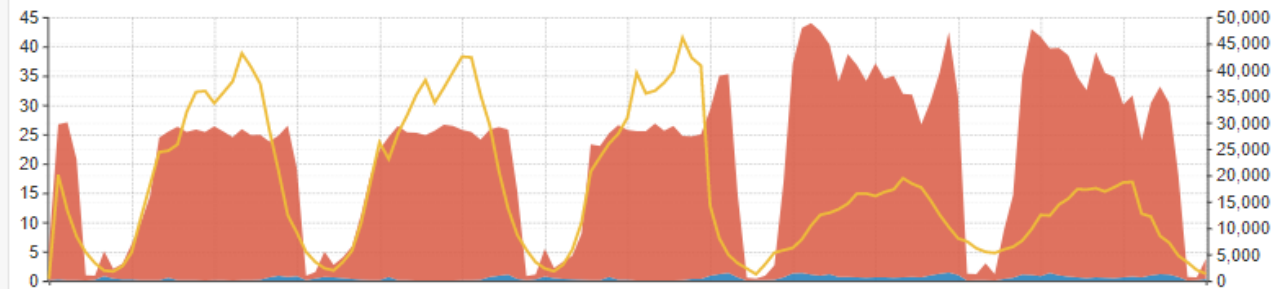


BUFFER EFFICIENCY AND I/O RATE

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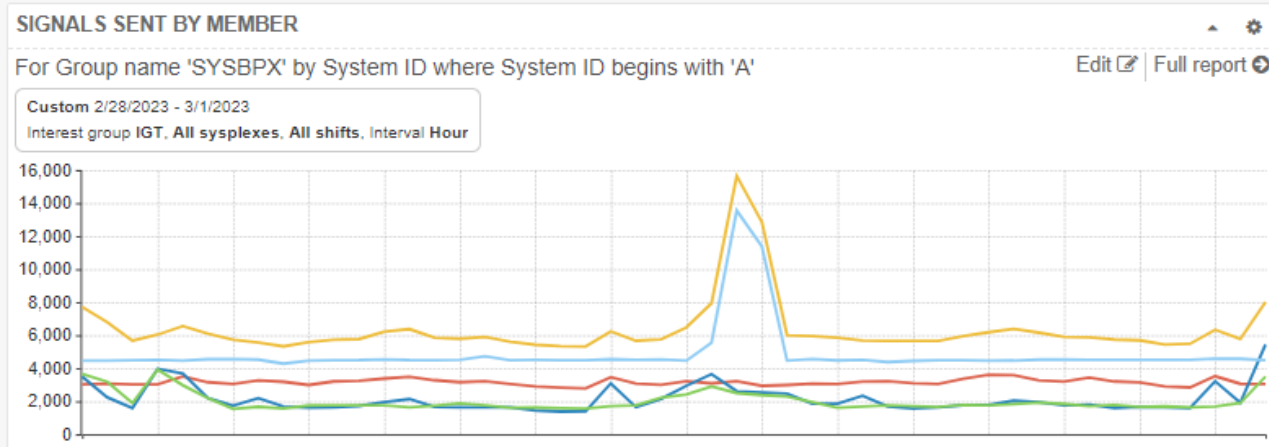
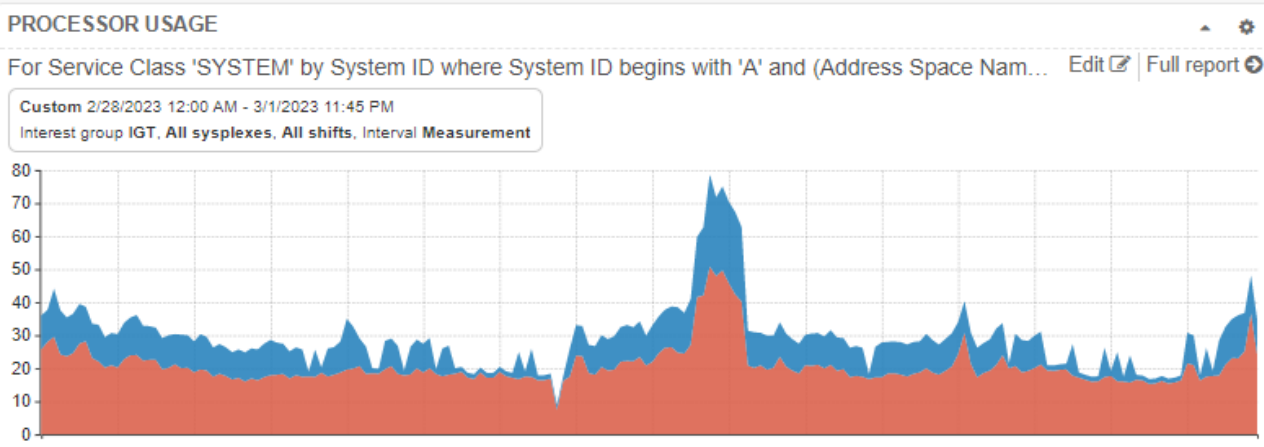
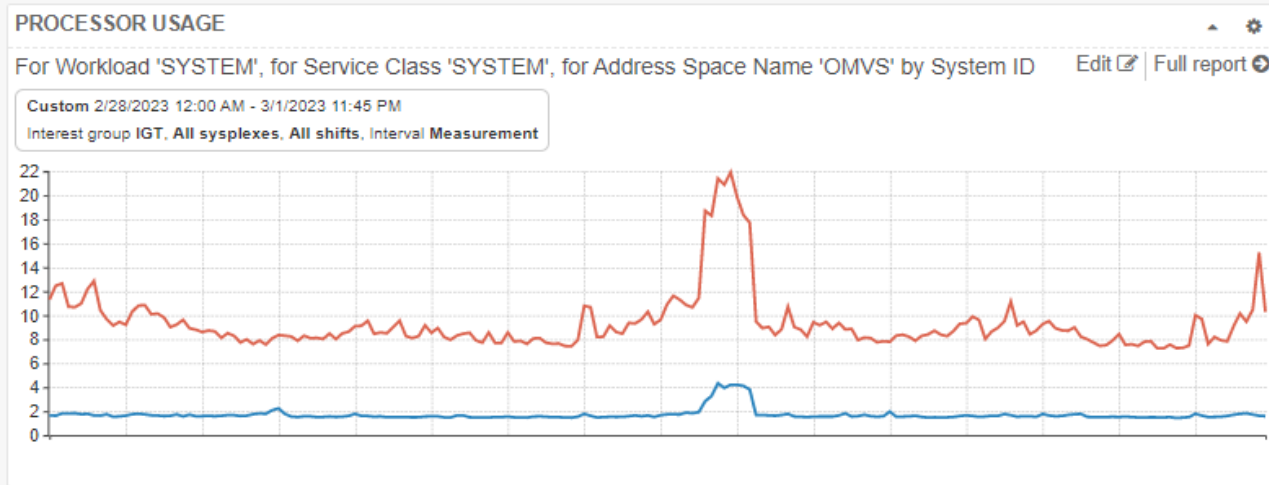
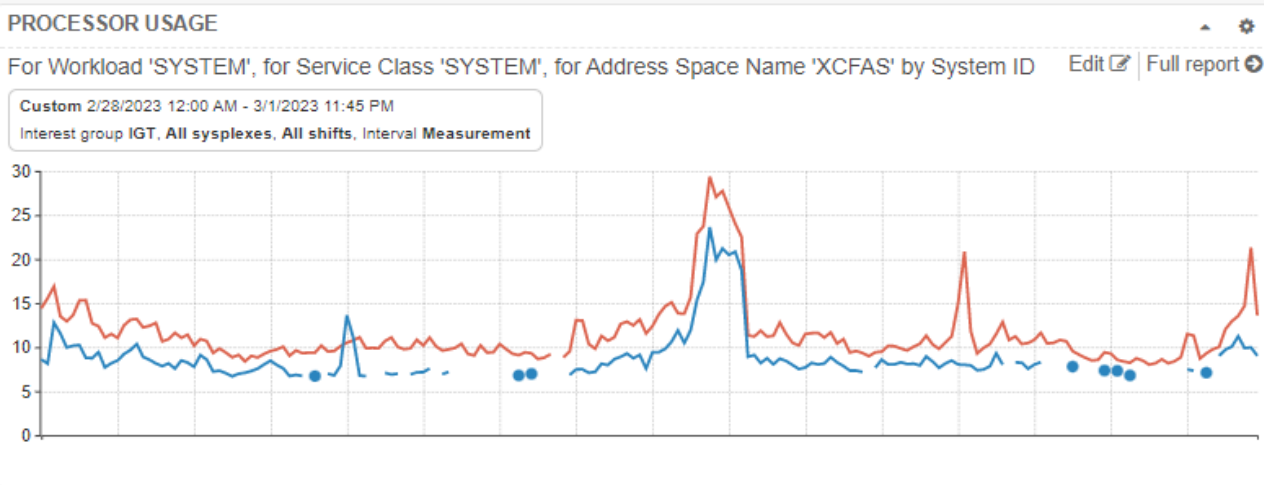
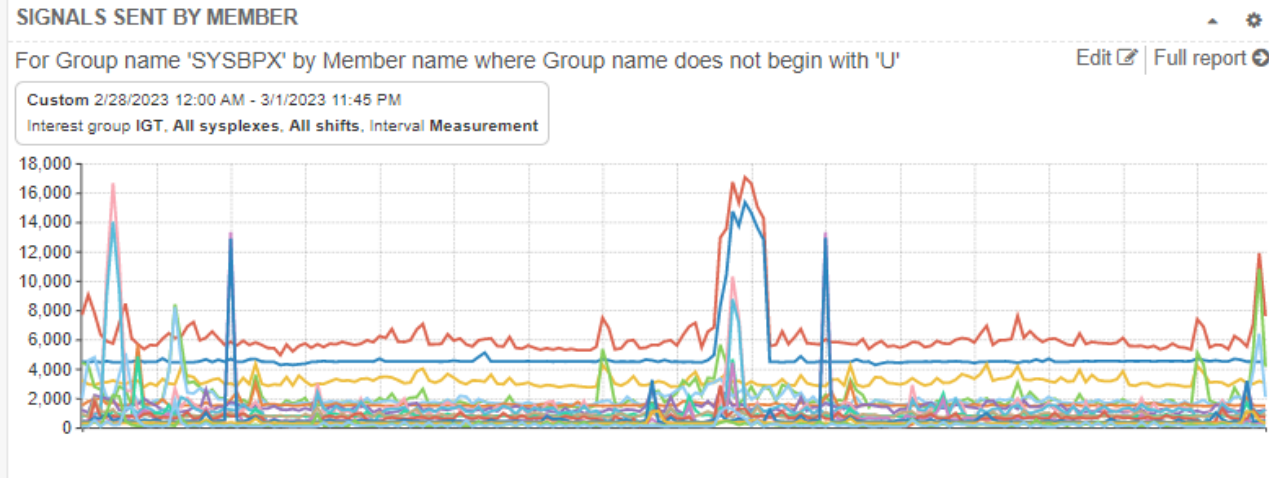
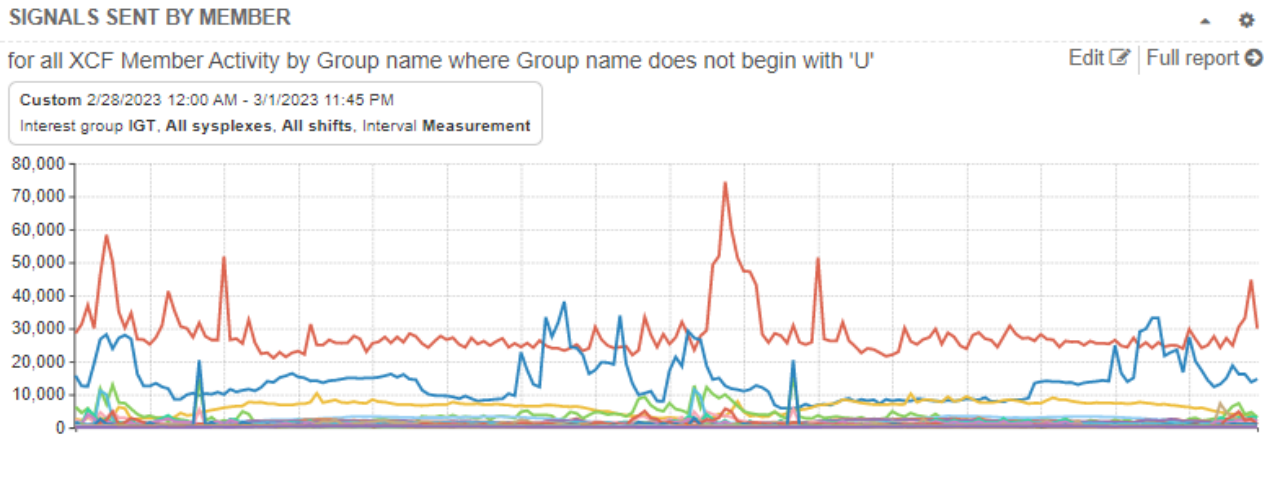
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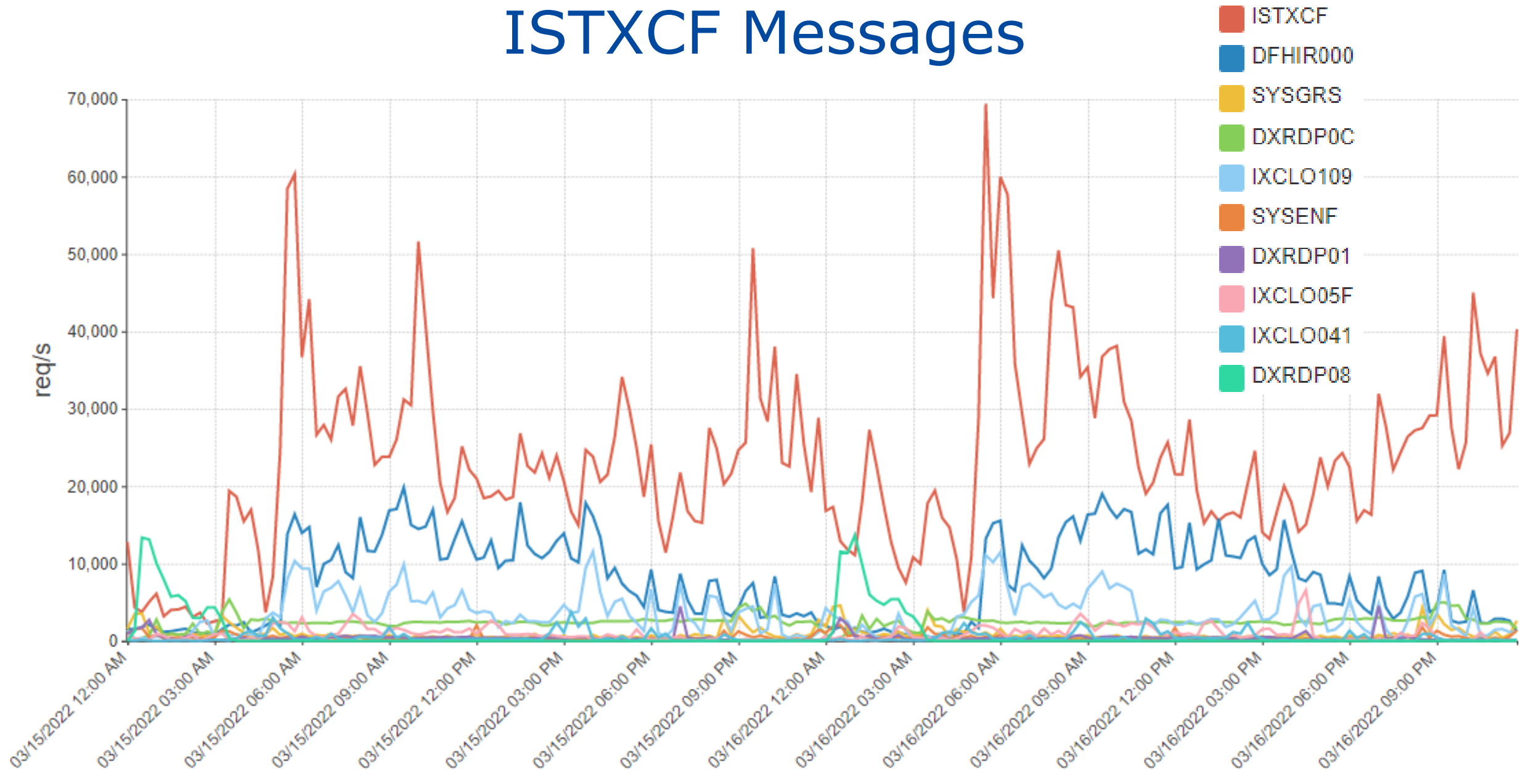


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XCF Activity (74.2) & “Almost Everyone”



ISTXCF Messages



TCP/IP Uses of XCF

TCP/IP takes advantage of the communication capabilities of the XCF in a sysplex in three different ways:

1. It maintains awareness of the status (health) of a TCP/IP instance within the sysplex.
2. It determines workload levels within each LPAR in the sysplex through Workload Manager (WLM).
3. It can send IP traffic among the LPARs.

www.ibm.com/docs/en/zos-basic-skills?topic=sysplex-cross-system-coupling-facility-xcf

SHARE Presentation – Gus Kassimis, IBM

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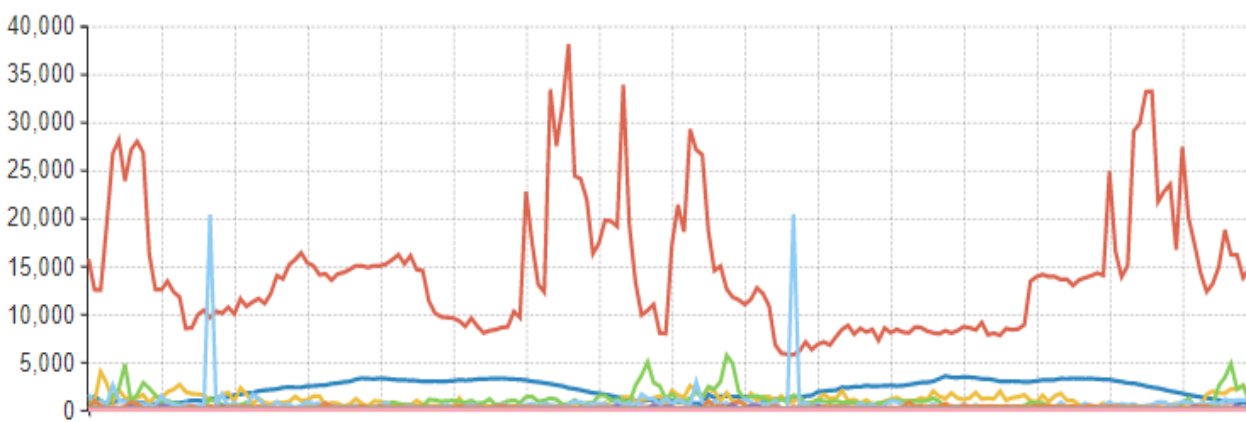
Use case:
600 MIPS
savings in
XCFAS &
TCP/IP AS

Cheryl
Watson's
Tuning
Letter
2015 #1,
pp 32-34

SIGNALS SENT BY MEMBER (TOP 20)

for all XCF Member Activity by Group name where Group name begins with ... Edit | Full report

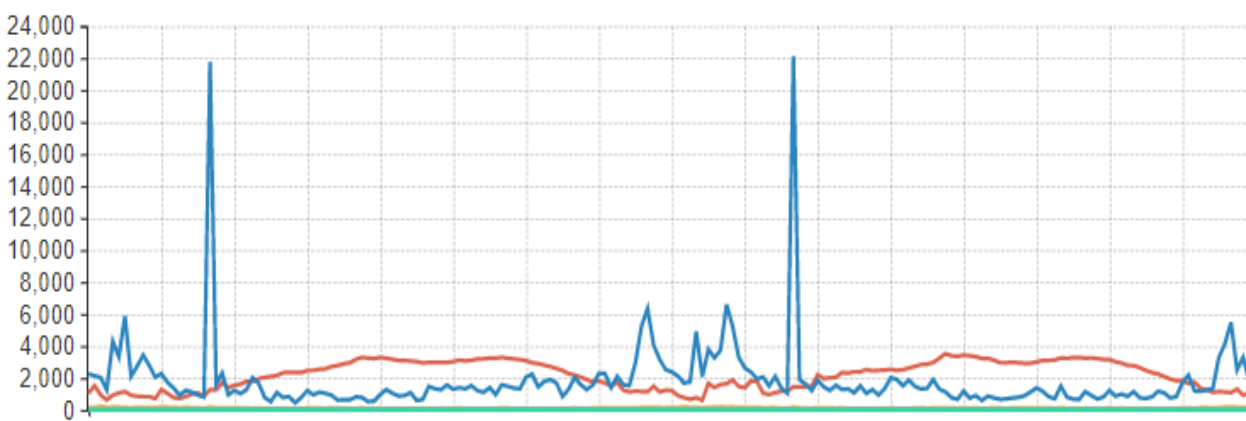
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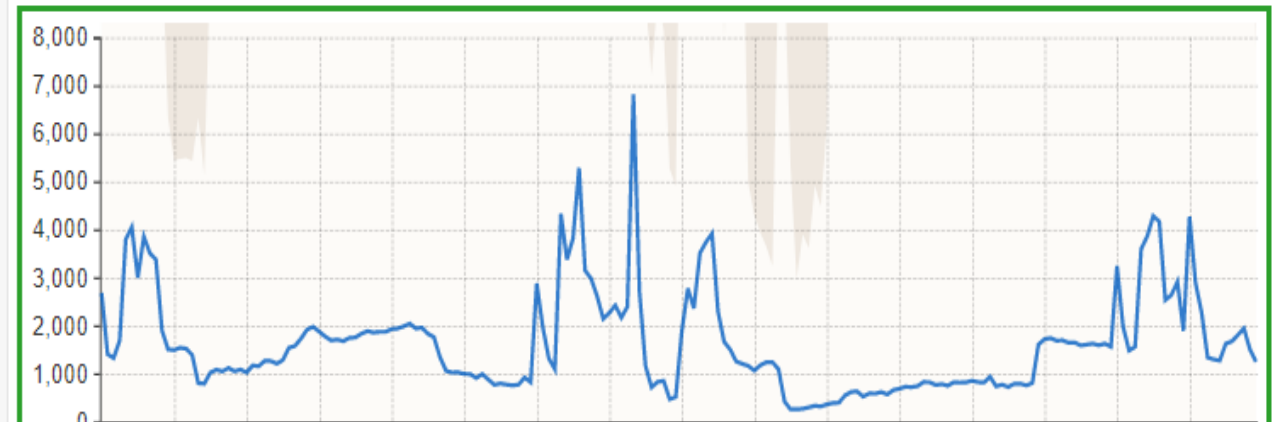
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NUMBER OF TIMES ANY REQUEST ENCOUNTERED LOCK CONTENTION [RATING: 0.00]

for all Coupling Facility Structures by Coupling Facility Structure Name wher... Edit | Full report

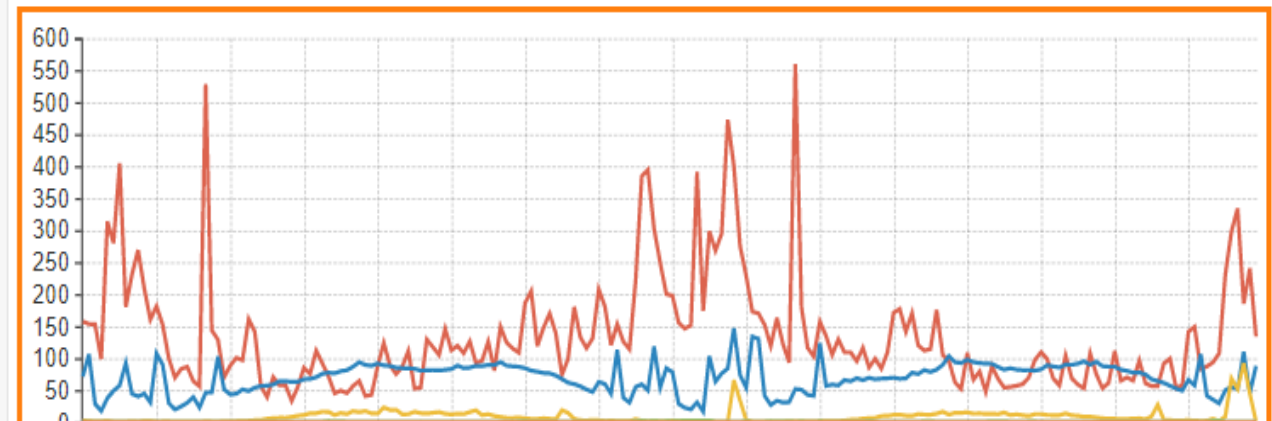
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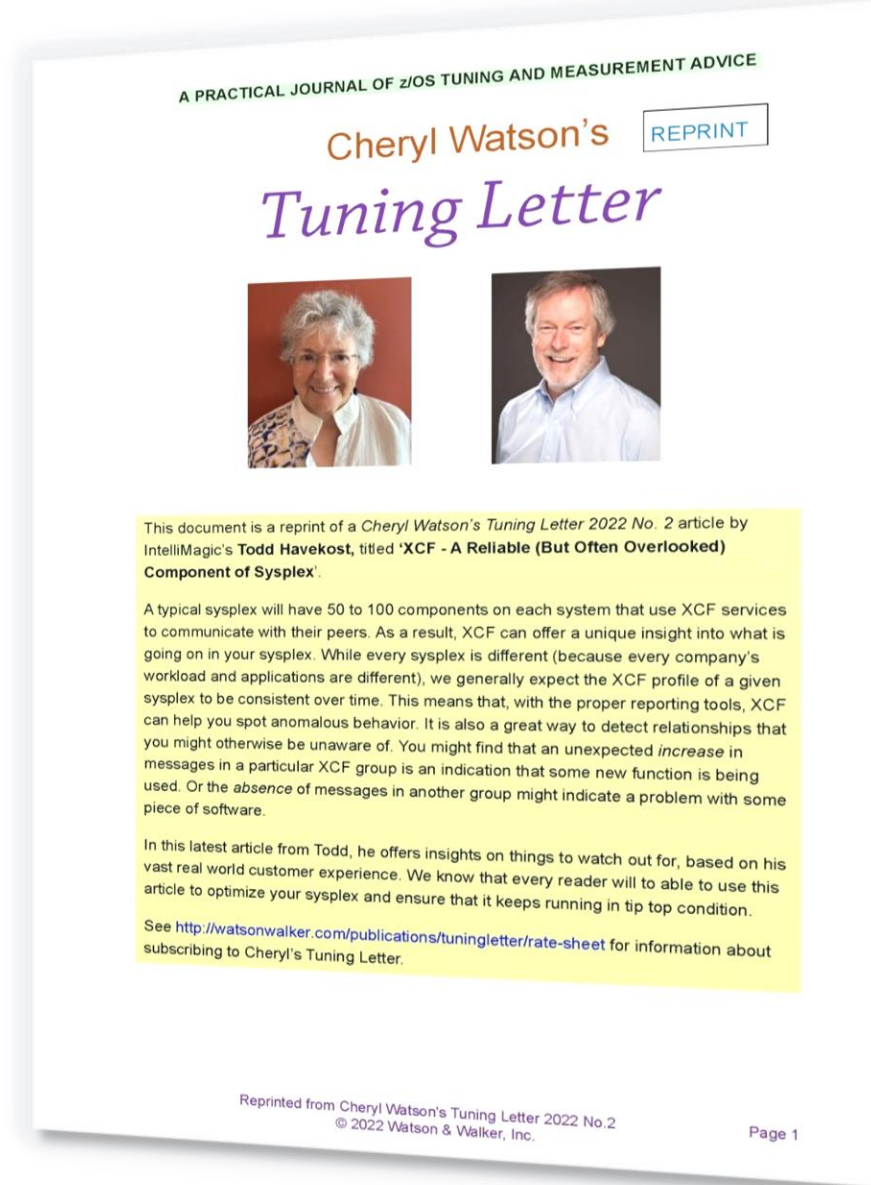
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Cheryl Watson's Tuning Letter – XCF Article Series

- Transport Class Simplification – Tuning Letter 2020 No. 2
- XCF: A Reliable (But Often Overlooked) Component of Sysplex – TL 2022 No. 2
- Using New XCF Metrics to Optimize XCF Buffer Use (Part 1) – TL 2022 No. 3
- Using New XCF Metrics to Optimize XCF Buffer Use (Part 2) – TL 2022 No. 4
- To receive reprints of IntelliMagic written articles in the Tuning Letter contact sales@intellimagic.com



Deriving More Value from SMF Data

- Primarily used in reactive manner
 - Automatically assess key metrics to proactively identify potential risks to availability and performance
- Siloed tooling across disciplines
 - Common interface into data types across platform promotes collaboration
 - Shared customized dynamic dashboards provide common views across teams

Deriving More Value from SMF Data

- Need to anticipate desired views in generated static reports
 - Dynamic navigation explores alternative analytical paths based on current view
- Focusing analysis when dealing with massive data volumes
 - Context sensitive drill downs to quickly focus on desired subset of data
- Declining expertise with retirements of tenured staff
 - Intuitive visibility expedites bringing newer staff up to speed
 - Interactive dialogs enable customized reports without coding

Benefits of Integrated Visibility – Webinar



Insights You Can Gain from Integrated Visibility
Across Types of SMF Data

<https://www.intellimagic.com/resources/zos/webinar/zacademy-insights-you-can-gain-from-integrated-visibility-across-types-of-smf-data/>

Upcoming zAcademy Webinars



July 27 | 2 PM ET

MQ: How to Extract Insights and Optimize Performance Using SMF Data – Todd Havekost



August 24 | 2 PM ET

Metro Global Mirror (MGM) Monitoring in GDPS Sites – Joe Hyde



September 28 | 2 PM ET

Unraveling the z16: Understanding the Virtual Cache Architecture and Real-World Performance – John Baker & Todd Havekost



Questions?

Thank you for attending