

SAP BASIS Introductory
Training Program

Day 3: Agenda

System Configuration and Operation Modes Break SAP Memory and Buffer Management Lunch Break Performance and Workload Analysis Break Performance and Workload Analysis Exercise & Break Out Session



System Configuration & Operation Modes

System Configuration

Report RSPFPAR

This report displays in one single table , all environment variables as well as

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	Parameter Name	User-Defined Value	System Default Value	System Default Value(Unsubstituted Form)
	rdisp/vmcRollOutCheck		off	off
	rdisp/wait_after_deadlock		1000	1000
	rdisp/wall_entry_max_no		0	0
	rdisp/workdir	/usr/sap/IDS/DVEBMGS00/work	/usr/sap/IDS/D00/work	\$(DIR_HOME)
	rdisp/wp_abap_restart		0	0
	rdisp/wp_auto_restart		0	0
	rdisp/wp_ca_blk_no		300	300
	rdisp/wp_no_btc	4	0	0
	rdisp/wp_no_dia	11	2	2
	rdisp/wp_no_enq	1	0	0
	rdisp/wp_no_spo	2	0	0
	rdisp/wp_no_spo_Fro_max		1	1
	rdisp/wp_no_vb	1	0	0
	rdisp/wp_no_vb2	2	0	0
	rdisp/wp_restart_interval		5 m	5 m
	rdisp/wpdbug_max_no		1	1
	rdisp/wppriv_max_no	6	-1	-1
	rec/client		OFF	OFF
	reorg/file	/usr/sap/IDS/DVEBMGS00/data/R++++++	/usr/sap/IDS/D00/data/R++++++	(Default)
	rfc/cp_convert/conversion_char		0023	0023

System Configuration using Profile Parameters

To change the number of work processes, change the values of the parameters indicated below:

Dialog: rdisp/wp_no_dia

Background(Batch): rdisp/wp_no_btc

Enqueue: rdisp/wp_no_enq

Update: rdisp/wp_no_vb

Spool: rdisp/wp_no_spo

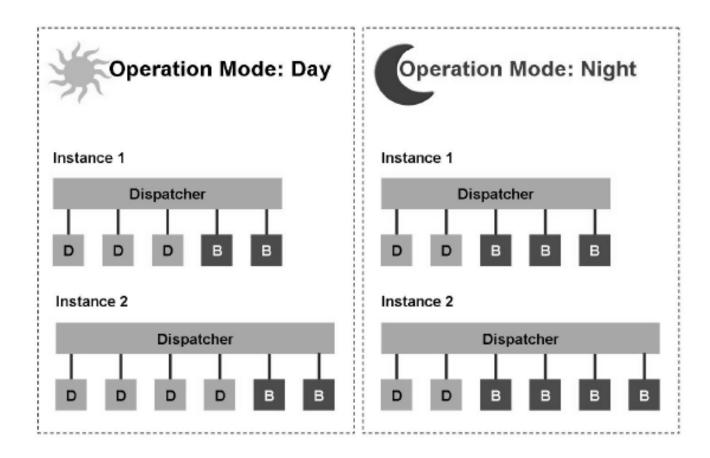
rdisp/max_wprun_time sets the limit on the amount of time a process can run without user intervention. Typically for long running background jobs, one has to take care in setting a cap on the runtime. It may be necessary that a job runs for 8 hours and should not be interrupted in between

Operation Modes

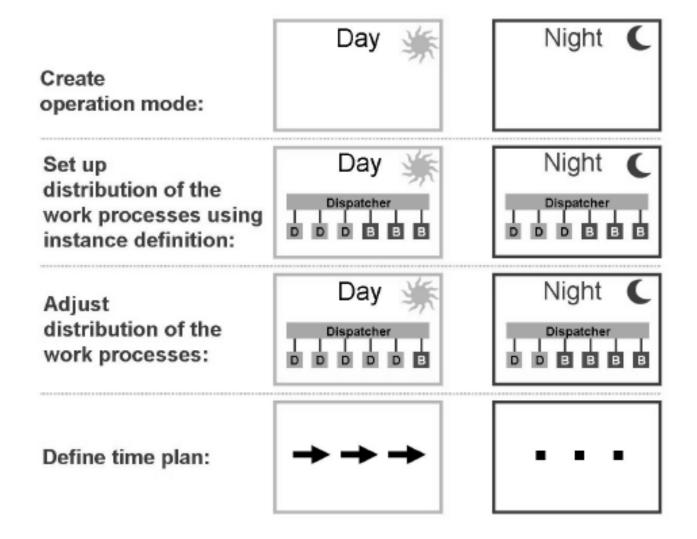
Concept of Operation Modes

The demands of users on the SAP system vary during the course of the day. During the day, a large number of dialog users, who want to be served with high performance by the system, are working. Therefore, a large number of dialog work processes should be available for users during the day. During the night, however, only a small number of these dialog work processes are used, and the system can be used to a larger extent to process background jobs.

Operation Modes Example



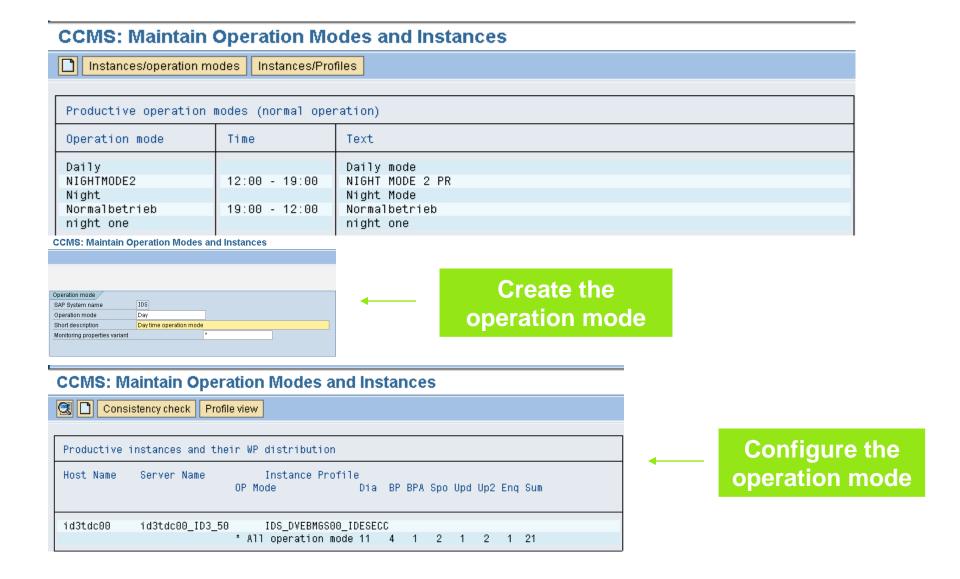
Setting up Operation Modes



Constraints on Operation Modes Settings

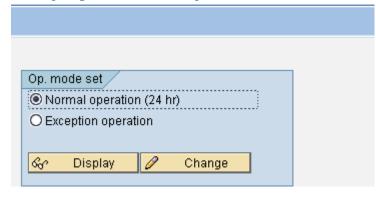
Work Process Type	Type of Changeability (+ = increase number, - = reduce number)
Dialog	only indirectly changeable
Background	+: possible, reduces the number of D-WPs accordingly -: possible, increases the number of D-WPs accordingly
Class A	determines the subset of the B-WPs that are only to process class A background jobs
Update	+: possible, if at least 1 V-WP exists, reduces the number of D-WP accordingly -: possible, if at least 1 V-WP remains, increases the number of D-WPs accordingly
V2 Update	+: possible, if at least 1 V2-WP exists, reduces the number of D-WPs accordingly -: possible, if at least 1 V2-WP remains, increases the number of D-WPs accordingly
Enqueue	+: possible, if at least 1 V2-WP exists, reduces the number of D-WPs accordingly -: possible, if at least 1 E-WP remains, increases the number of D-WPs accordingly You should only increase the number of E-WPs if this procedure is suggested by SAP Support.
Spool	cannot be changed

Operation Modes administration - RZ04



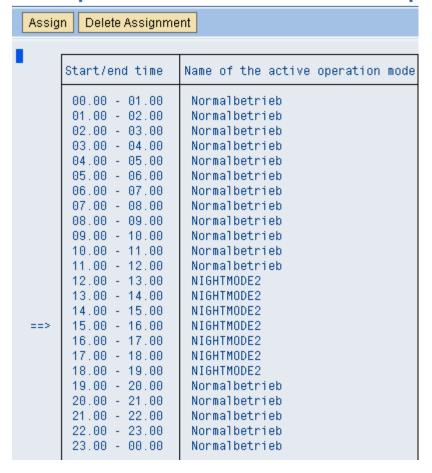
Activating the Operation Mode – SM63

Display/Maintain Operation Mode Set



Using the change button, you can specify which operation mode should be chosen for the specific time slot in a 24 hour cycle

Edit Operation Mode Set for Normal 24h Op



Break





SAP Buffers & Memory Management

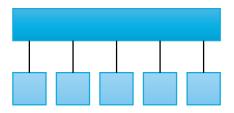
Overview of AS ABAP Operations – Part 2

- SAP Memory Management
- Performance monitoring of SAP systems
- Troubleshooting errors in SAP
- Using CCMS for monitoring
- ITS and ICM Technologies
- RFC Connections
- Communication & Integration Technologies

System Monitoring – Who, What, Why, When

What – Components in SAP

SAP (application servers, buffers, applications, ...)



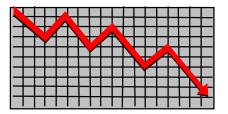
Database: (performance, backup,.)



Operating system: (CPU, file system,.)



Why – Keep the system running Improve performance



Who – Administrators

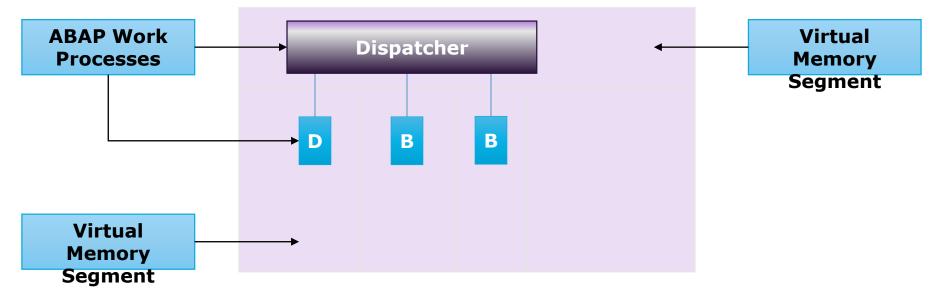


When - Periodically



SAP Memory Management

- To optimize the performance of SAP Systems, it is necessary to understand Memory Management in SAP
- The previous sessions provided explanation on SAP work processes and how they are executed
- For each work process to execute a certain amount of memory is required.
 This memory can be a part of the RAM or part of Paging File also called Swap)

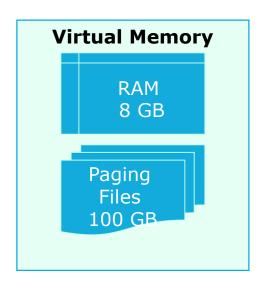


Concepts of Physical and Virtual Memory

- Memory refers to a part of the SAP system which is used a temporary container of data used by processes. This includes Operating system processes, Database processes as well as SAP application processes
- A system consists of physical memory, called RAM
- Physical memory may not be sufficient in most cases, so some part of the file system disk storage can be used to supplement the physical memory
- Using the concept of virtual memory, the Operating system can provide SAP applications with a contiguous memory combining both RAM and Files on the OS. Such files are known as paging files or swap
- This virtual memory available to SAP processes is called "Virtual Addressable Space"
- The virtual memory is further subdivided into a stack area and heap area. A stack is where data related to recursive functions and loops in function calls are stored for the process that needs the data. A heap is where the data elements such as constants and variables are stored during report and function execution

Concepts of SAP Memory Management

- In 32 Bit systems, each SAP work process can only address up to 232-1 bits of memory space, which is around 4 GB
- But most Operating systems will not permit a single process to address 4 GB of space. There are limitations and differences between operating systems, but about 2 GB of virtual memory is available to each SAP work process. This is the maximum addressable limit
- Please see the example below



 Theoretically, the configuration indicates a total of 108 GB of virtual memory, which can support up to 54 SAP processes during peak memory utilization. However the amount of memory to be allocated should be decided on actual performance of the system

Concepts of SAP Memory Management

- The operating system will reserve a part of the virtual memory, known as a segment when the SAP work processes starts to execute. The size of this segment is set in the SAP profile parameters.
- The operating system will reserve local process memory as well as a shared process memory
- The "local process memory" segment can be addressed only by one of the processes, i.e., any one of the DVEBMS processes.
- There are data elements that needs to be shared between say, a dialog process and an update process, and these elements are processed in the "shared memory" segment.

The three types of SAP Memory are shown below:

Virtual Memory

SAP Roll Area

SAP Extended

Memory

Private Memory

Types of Memory

SAP Roll Area

- This is the memory segment made available immediately to a work process
- It has a physical memory part and a paging file part. The paging file specific to roll memory is called a "roll" file
- Work processes switch contexts, meaning that one work process may process data related to a particular user request, and then may switch to perform processing related to another user request. Whenever such a switch happens, the data in the roll area is transferred to the roll file, which is a common memory segment for all work processes
- A roll buffer between the role area and the roll file prevents repeated copying from occurring

SAP Extended Memory

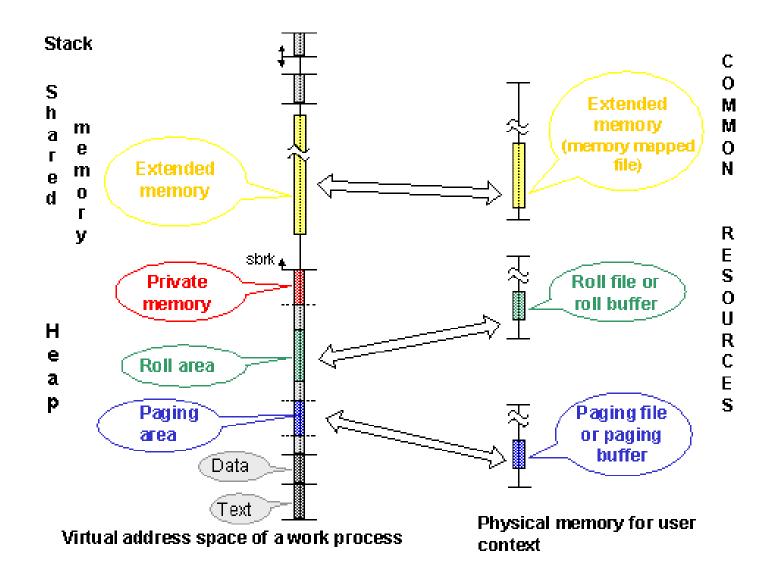
- This is the main memory segment for an SAP application
- Each work process is assigned a segment of the extended memory for further processing of data, once the roll area memory is exhausted

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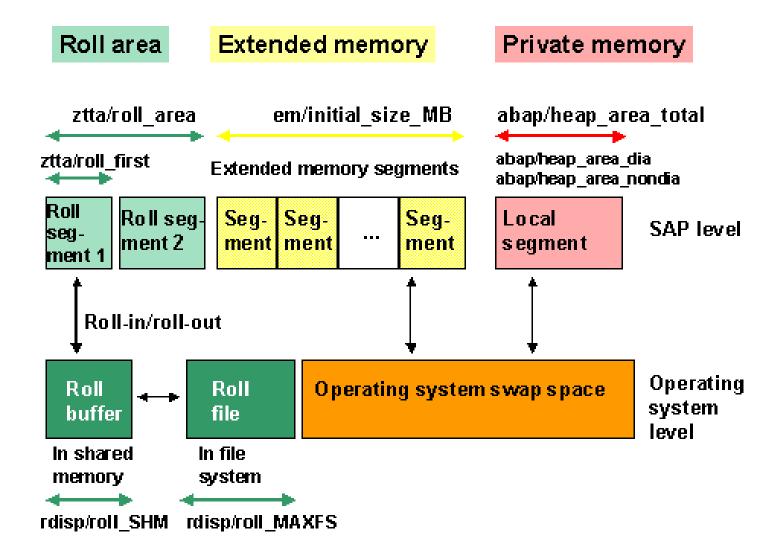
Private Memory

 Work processes such as background, update, enqueue and spool may exhaust all roll area and extended memory. In such a case, the dialog process is unable to execute. To ensure that some amount of memory is ALWAYS available to a dialog process, SAP provides a Private memory for each dialog work process

Virtual Address Space for a Process



Important Profile Parameters



Concept of SAP Buffers

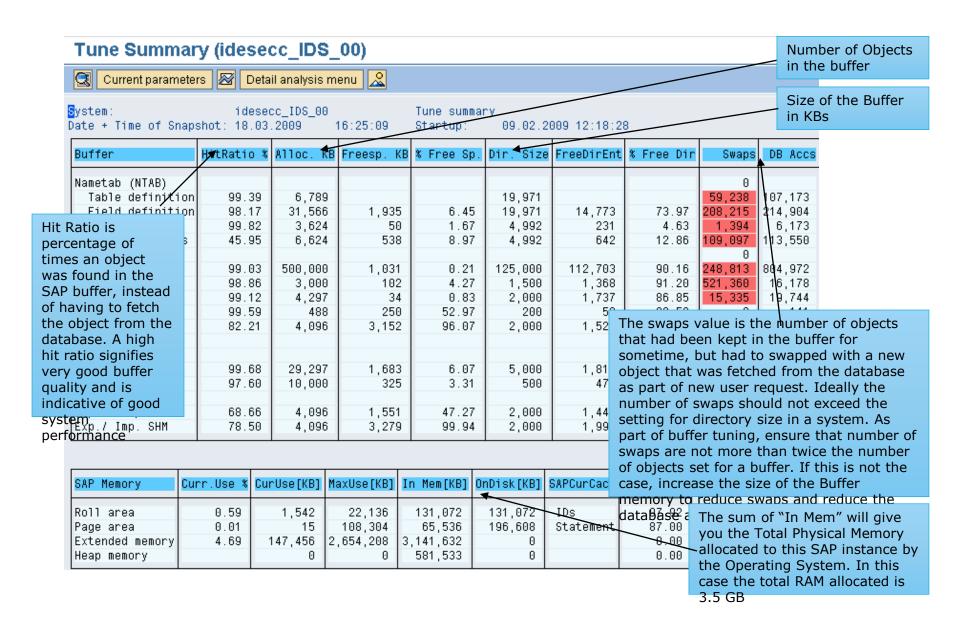
- SAP buffers store frequently-used data, and make this data available to the local application server instance. This helps to reduce the number of database accesses, the load on the database server (it does not need to be accessed repeatedly to obtain the same information), and network traffic. As a result, system performance is considerably improved
- Each SAP instance (application server) has its own buffers. These buffers are also known as client caches because they are implemented on the client, that is, the application server. SAP buffers occupy memory areas that are local to the work process, and in individual shared memory segments that can be accessed by all work processes.
- The roll area discussed earlier is considered to be a type of SAP Buffer
- The data that is buffered includes ABAP programs and screens, ABAP Dictionary data, & company-specific data. Typically these remain unchanged during system operation
- You can change, or tune, the sizes of buffers to optimize performance for a particular hardware configuration. There are several ways to tune buffers. As there are many constraints to consider when change the buffer size, several difficulties may arise.
- You can use table buffering to fine-tune applications, that is, some or all of the contents of infrequently changed tables can be held in local buffers

Types of SAP Buffers

There are 8 groups of SAP Buffers found in the shared memory segment:

Repository (Nametab) Buffer	The name table (nametab) contains the table and field definitions that are activated in the SAP System. An entry is made in the Repository buffer when a mass activator or a user (using SE11) requests to activate a table. The corresponding name table is then generated from the information that is managed in the Repository. There are 4 sub-buffers: Table definition, Field definition, Short Nametab and Initial records.
Table Buffer	 This buffer can store a single record with its field values, or multiple table records. There are two types, Partial Table and Generic Table buffer
Program Buffer	 Compiled version of ABAP programs are stored in this buffer
SAPgui Buffer	 There are two types: Presentation and CUA buffers. The generated screens from SAP transactions are stored in this buffer as well as SAPgui menus, pushbutton definitions etc.
Roll & Paging Buffers & Extended Memory	This buffer stores the input & output data from a user request for processing. The extended memory stores a large portion of the internal tables of a program.
SAP Calendar Buffer	 All defined factory and public holiday calendar objects are stored in this buffer
Import/Export Buffer	 Import/export buffers are used to store data that must be available to several work processes. They are used, for example, for the Available-To-Promise logic (ATP logic) in Logistics
SAP Cursor Cache	 The SAP cursor cache helps to improve system performance by reducing the number of parsing of SQL statements; it is database-dependent

SAP Buffer Management – ST02



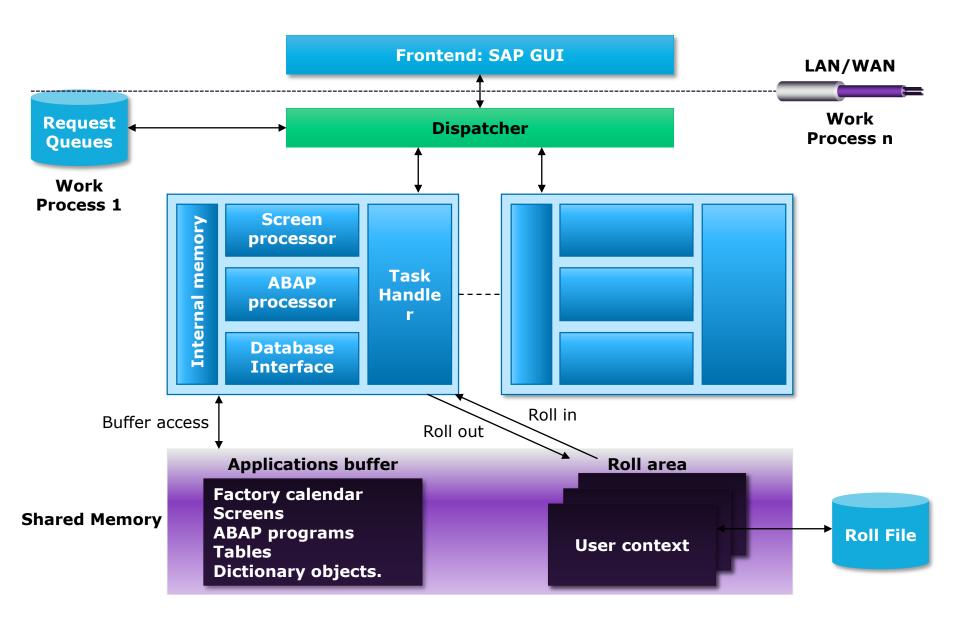
Tuning of SAP Buffers

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abap/buffersize	500000	kB	Size of program buffer
abap/pxa	shared		Program buffer mode
CUA buffer	CUA		
rsdb/cua/buffersize	3000	kB	Size of CUA buffer
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Note

- Using ST02, you can tune the buffer parameter values.
 Typically the program and table buffers are allocated higher values.
- But buffer tuning is a fine art. The SAP system after installation will have some default values. You must observe the system behavior for a couple of months and then see the buffer quality and swaps pattern to take a decision to change the memory limit for a buffer

Summary Graphic for SAP Memory and Buffers



Lunch Break



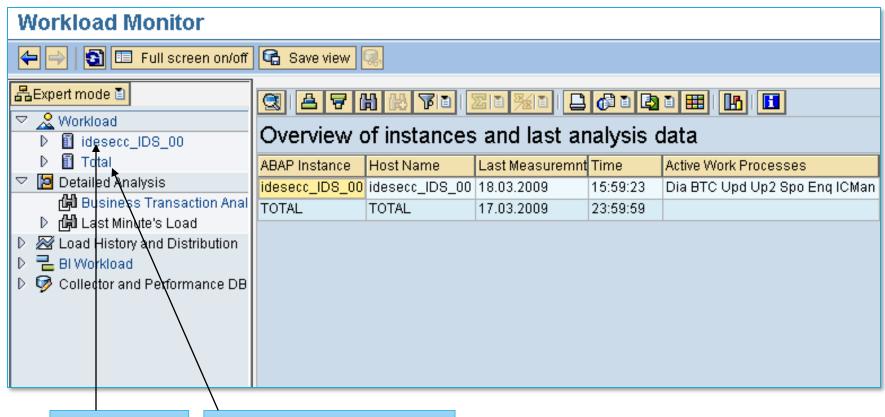


Performance & Workload Analysis

Workload Analysis using ST03N

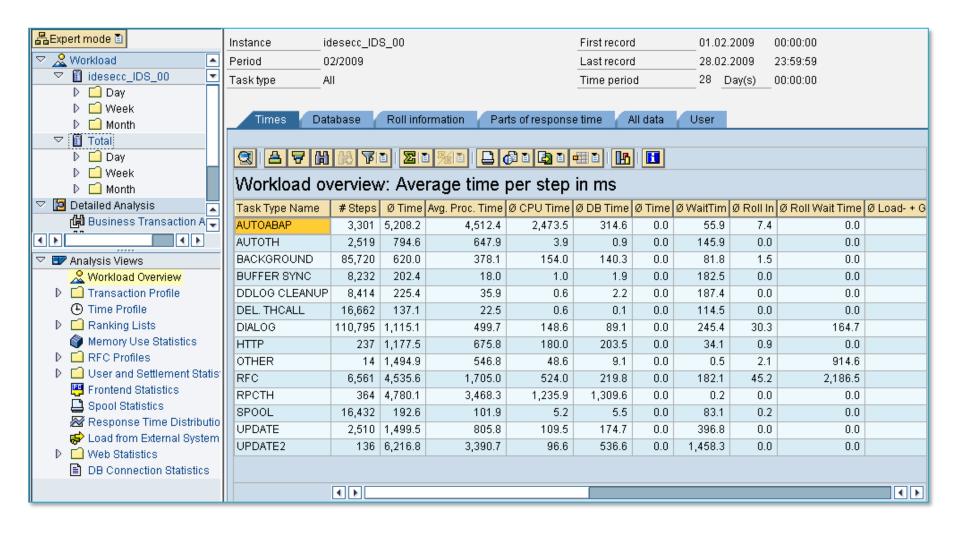
- The transaction ST03N is the most important transaction in SAP for a BASIS consultant
- This transaction provides information on system performance, response times for SAP, Database and frontend, dialog steps information per user, per transaction
- The information is available as a snapshot, as well as aggregated over days, weeks and months
- The transaction provides critical data for troubleshooting SAP performance issues
- There are various profiles for viewing the system performance data, that is, by users, by transactions or by time of the day
- It is possible to look individually at each dialog instance and compare the system performance across instances of the SAP system

Using ST03N

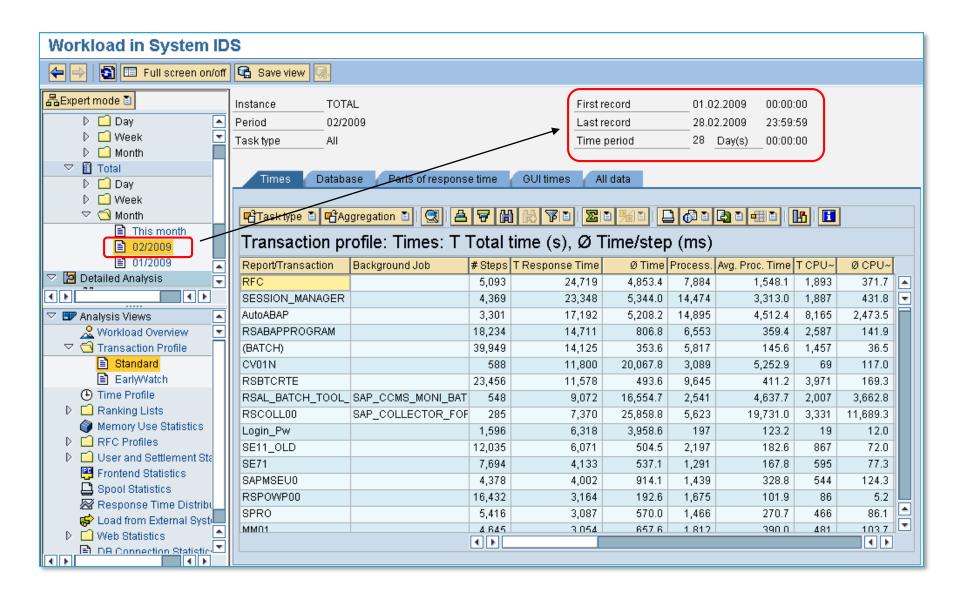


Dialog Instance Aggregated over All Instances

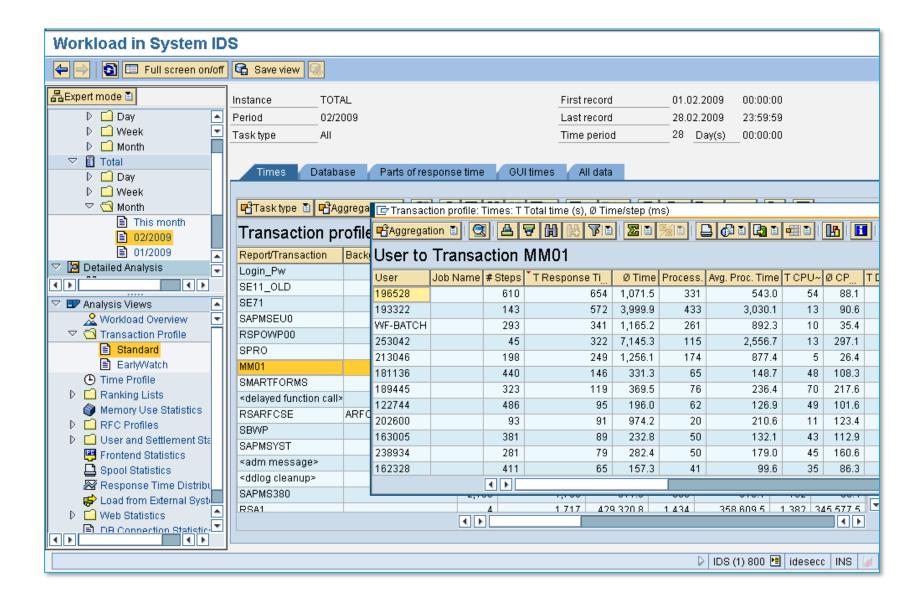
Expert Mode View - ST03N



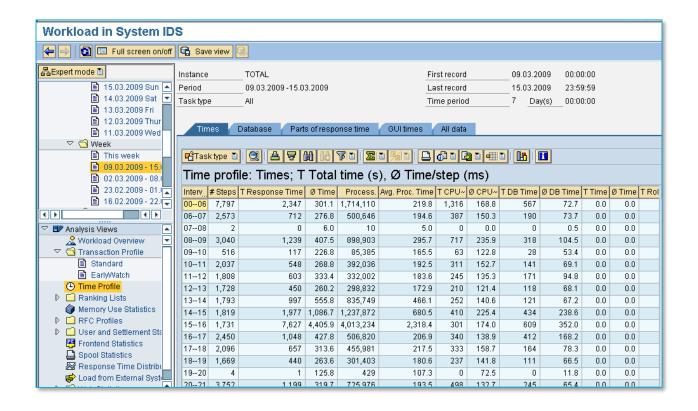
Transaction Profile View for a Month



Linking Transaction Usage to Users

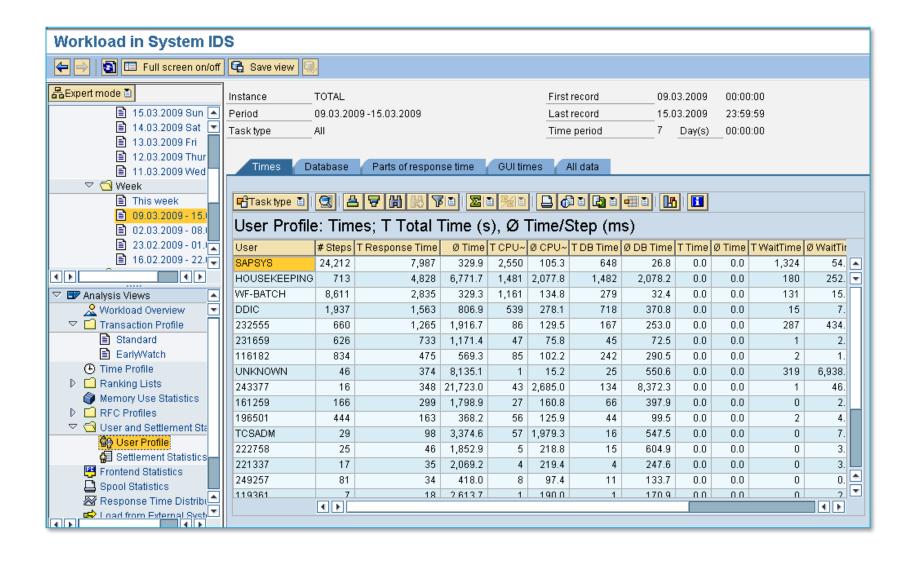


Time Profile



• The time profile information provides clues on the behavioral pattern of the system. You can identify load and activity on the system by looking at the number of steps and the average response time for each step. Comparatively higher response times indicate that the system is under load

User Profile



Performance Analysis using ST06

Apart from ST03N where the performance is measured in terms of dialog steps and response times, SAP provides ST06 for performance measurement of systems by looking at the hardware configuration elements

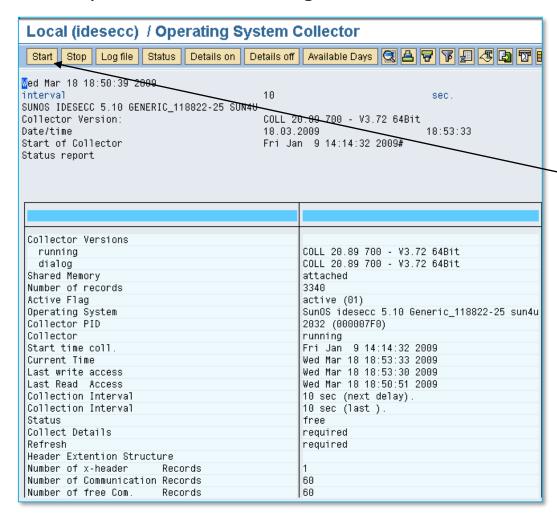
These elements include the CPU's, Memory, Filesystem, Disk and LAN Activity

ST06 uses the SAP OS Collector, which runs as a process in Unix and as a service in Windows OS

The SAP OS Collector must be active in order for the information to be collected

SAP OS Collector from ST06

The saposcol can be managed from the ST06 transaction



Start the SAP OS Collector

SAP OS Collector from Unix Command Line

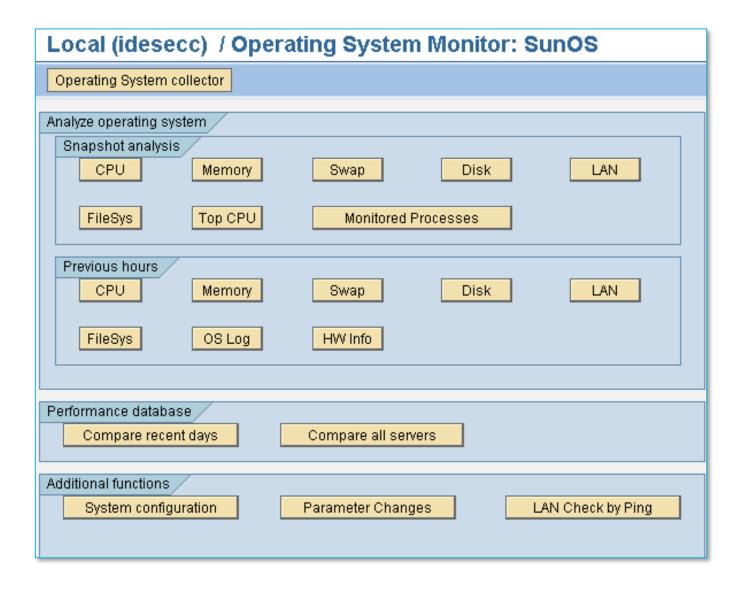
The saposcol can be managed from the ST06 transaction

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idesecc:idsadm 4% saposcol -s
Collector Versions :
 running: COLL 20.89 700 - V3.72 64Bit
 dialog : COLL 20.89 700 - V3.72 64Bit
Shared Memory
                   : attached
Number of records : 3340
Active Flag
                   : active (01)
Operating System : SunOS idesecc 5.10 Generic 118822-25 sun4u
Collector PID
                   : 2032 (000007F0)
Collector
                   : running
Start time coll.
                   : Fri Jan 9 14:14:32 2009
Current Time
                   : Wed Mar 18 19:09:03 2009
Last write access : Wed Mar 18 19:09:00 2009
Last Read Access : Wed Mar 18 19:05:51 2009
Collection Interval: 10 sec (next delay).
Collection Interval : 10 sec (last ).
Status
                   : free
Collect Details
                   : required
Refresh
                   : required
Header Extention Structure
Number of x-header
                       Records : 1
Number of Communication Records: 60
Number of free Com.
Resulting offset to 1.data rec. : 61
Trace level
Collector in IDLE - mode ? : NO
 become idle after 300 sec without read access.
  Length of Idle Interval : 60 sec
  Length of norm. Interval : 10 sec
 desecc:idsadm 5%
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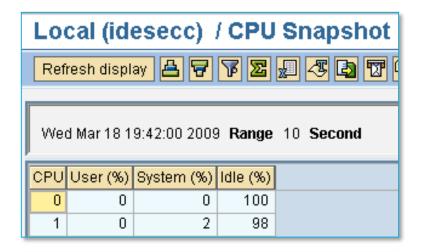
Commands

- Saposcol –s can be used to check the status
- Start Saposcol:
- Saposcol [-l] [pf=complete name of saposcol profile] [-t[level]] [-z]
- Stop saposcol
- Saposcol -k [pf=complete name of Saposcol profile] [-t[level]] [-z]

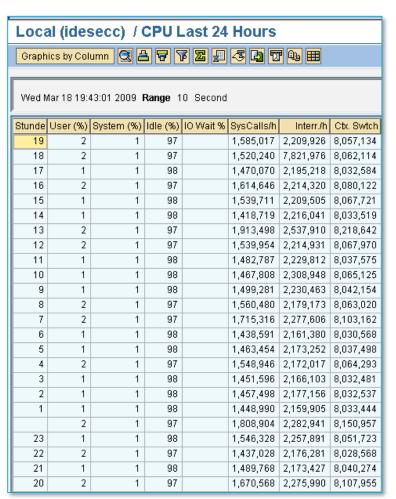
Using Detailed Analysis in ST06



CPU Usage

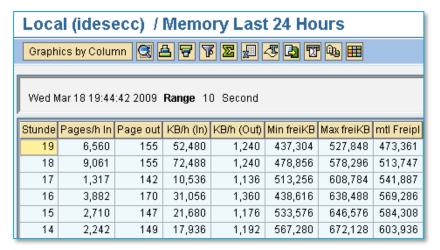


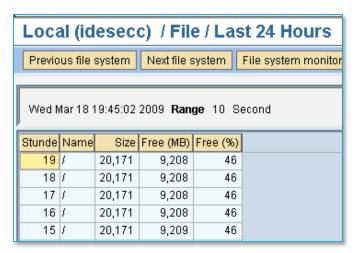
Snapshot: Current real time CPU usage

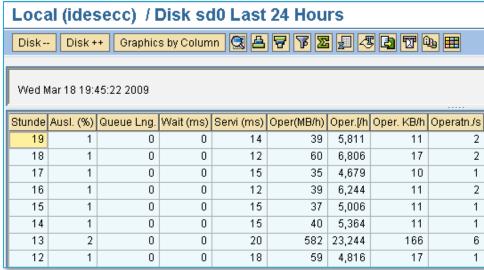


CPU Usage in Last 24 Hours

Memory, Filesystem, Disk Usage







Breakout Session



Exercise 1

Exercise

- Login into the system with the userid/password provided by your instructor
- Study the Performance of the SAP system for a) Last week b) Last Month using ST03N
- Using the data collected from ST03N, compare the number of dialog steps, users and programs that generated the highest response times
- For the set of data chosen from ST03N, compare the system performance using ST06
- Identify peak load on the system and analyze for potential causes
- Use SM21, ST22 and SM37 to determine root cause
- Check the memory parameters in ST02 and check the profile parameters for each of the buffers
- Adjust abap/heap_limit value by 10 MB using RZ10

Exercise 2

Exercise

- Go to transaction SICF
- Check the options available for activating/deactivating the nodes
- Launch the web service mentioned in the course
- Check the structure of the URL and identify the port
- Go to SMICM transaction
- Navigate to Goto → Display Connections, Check the details of the HTTP connections established
- From Administration, Navigate to ICM → Exit(Soft) → Global
- Return to SICF, and try and launch the webservice. Check the error message received
- Return to SMICM, and Start the ICM again