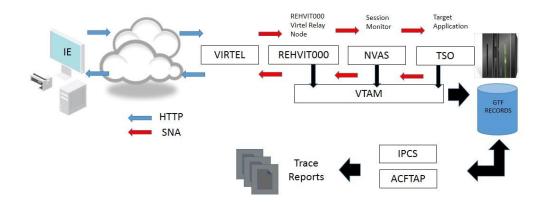
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Taking a VTAM trace

This newsletters provides details on how to take a VTAM buffer trace and print the details. In this scenario we are taking a trace between VIRTEL and TSO via the IBM network session monitor Netview Access (NVAS). In my example the VIRTEL prefix for the relay is REH. Yours will be different.



VTAM traces

Types of traces.

There are two types of traces that are of interest, The VTAM buffer trace and the VTAM internal trace. Both will write GTF USR records to a GTF trace data set. Trace records can be identified as:-

Type FE1 VTAM INTERNAL TRACE
Type FEF VTAM BUFFER TRACE

Security

To see the user data in the buffer contents of a trace record, set CONFTXT=YES in the TSOKEY00 member of SYS1.PARMLIB before starting TSO/VTAM.

Start GTF

First we need to start GTF. Use the following z/OS start command.

S GTF.GTF

By default all USR records will be traced. This is specified in the GTFPARM member of USER.PARMLIB. This member has the following statement:-

TRACE=USR

GTF will issue a WTO. Here, further trace options can be specified. Reply "U" to message AHL125A to activate the GTF trace. Here is an example from the console log of starting up GTF:-

```
S GTF.GTF
$HASP100 GTF ON STCINRDR
IEF695I START GTF WITH JOBNAME GTF IS ASSIGNED TO USER START2
 , GROUP SYS1
                STARTED
$HASP373 GTF
IEF403I GTF - STARTED - TIME=11.05.36
AHL121I TRACE OPTION INPUT INDICATED FROM MEMBER GTFPARM OF PDS
USER.PARMLIB
TRACE=USR
AHL103I TRACE OPTIONS SELECTED --USR
81 AHL125A RESPECIFY TRACE OPTIONS OR REPLY U
R 81,U
IEE6001 REPLY TO 81 IS;U
AHL906I THE OUTPUT BLOCK SIZE OF 4096 WILL BE USED FOR OUTPUT 541
        DATA SETS:
          SYS1.TRACE
AHL080I GTF STORAGE USED FOR GTF DATA: 542
        GTFBLOCK STORAGE
PRIVATE STORAGE
        GTFBLOCK STORAGE 40K BYTES (BLOK=
                              1024K BYTES (SIZE=
                                                     1024K)
        SADMP HISTORY 40K BYTES (SADMP=
SDUMP HISTORY 40K BYTES (SDUMP=
ABEND DUMP DATA 0K BYTES (ABDUMP=
                                                       40K)
                                                         0K)
AHL031I GTF INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
```

Starting the traces

Now that GTF is running the VTAM LU tracing can be established. In this instance we are only interested in the VTAM Buffer trace against particular LUs. The following VTAM commands should be issued to start tracing against those relevant VTAM logical units.

```
F VTAM,TRACE,TYPE=BUF,AMOUNT=FULL,ID=TSO TSO
F VTAM,TRACE,TYPE=BUF,AMOUNT=FULL,ID=EMSYAS01 NVAS
```

Next, we need to enable VTAM to write all trace records to GTF. Issue the following command:-

F VTAM,TRACE,MODE=EXT,TYPE=VTAM,OPTION=ALL

Note: We haven't issues a buffer trace against the Virtel Relay node because we haven't yet established a session between VIRTEL and NVAS. Virtel wouldn't have issued a OPNDST macro against the model VTAM definition REHVIT??? so no real LU exists. Once we connect to NVAS using Virtel the LU REHVIT000 will be created and the trace command can be issued.

Connect Virtel to NVAS and then issue the following command to buffer trace the Virtel Relay Session.

F VTAM,TRACE,TYPE=BUF,AMOUNT=FULL,ID=REHVT000 Virtel

Stopping GTF and VTAM traces

Once the diagnostic work has been completed GTF and the traces need to be terminated. Issue the following commands:-

P GTF F VTAM,NOTRACE,TYPE=BUF,ID=x F VTAM,NOTRACE,TYPE=VTAM Stop GTF Stop VTAM buffer trace Stop VTAM tracing

Printing the trace records

Using IPCS

The are two possibilities that can be considered when printing VTAM trace records. The first is to use IPCS to print the records. This assumes that you are set up with the necessary IPCS directory file. The following JCL will print the VTAM trace records that have been collected in the SYS1.TRACE GTF file.

```
//SPTHOLTD JOB ACCT#,
                                                                           JOB05832
                               **JOB STATEMENT GENERATED BY SUBMIT**
//
               SPTHOTAT.
//
               NOTIFY=SPTHOLT, CLASS=A,
//
              MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
//* TRACE TYPES
//* FE1 VTAM INTERNAL
//* FEF VTAM BUFFER
//IPCSBAT EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01, DYNAMNBR=20, REGION=0M
//IPCSDDIR DD DSN=SPTHOLT.DDIR,DISP=SHR
//IPCSPRNT DD SYSOUT=
          DD DSN=SYS1.TRACE, DISP=SHR
//TRACE
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD *
IPCS NOPARM
DROPDUMP DDNAME (TRACE)
SETDEF DDNAME(TRACE) NOCONFIRM
GTFTRACE DDNAME(TRACE), USR(FEF), TERMINAL, NOPRINT
```

Example IPCS Output

```
USRFD FEF ASCB 00FB2480
                  SPNET.EMSYAS01
                                                        TRC (000,000)
                                   /SPNET.VTAM
                                                                        OUTBOUND
                  *.REHVT000.....*
                                          08D9C5C8 E5E3F0F0 F0000000 000E01C0 6D000000
                                                                                       *....DUMMYPLU....
                                          00000000 00C4E4D4 D4E8D7D3 E4000000 00000000
                                          F7F0F240 40404040 40404015 00010900 01010102 01030104 01050106 01070100 00151400 00000B00
                                                                                        AD000000 0B0966E2 D7D5C5E3 4040400E 0FF3E2D7
D5C5E34B C5D4E2E8 C1E2F0F1 0E0FF3E2 D7D5C5E3
4BD9C5C8 E5E3F0F0 F0160E04 D5E5C1E2 08D9C5C8
                                                                                        *.REHVT000...NVAS.REH*
                                          E5E3F0F0 F02C0A01 08404040 40404040 402D0908
E2D5E7F3 F2F7F0F2 6017CA7B 8B529B42 118B0EE2
                                                                                       *PNET.ZAM1SSCP..a...*
                                          D7D5C5E3 4BE9C1D4 F1E2E2C3 D7640C81 060402C0 A85C2F82 02C1892F 03038040 3F0180
                                                                                        *y*.b.Ai....
              GMT-04/08/2014 07:02:10.919391 LOC-04/08/2014 09:02:10.919391
USRFD FEF ASCB 00FB2480
                                  JOBN VTAM
                SPNBT.VTAM /SPNBT.EMSYAS01 LRC(000,000) INBOUND COMPL TH=40000000 00000000 0000000B 10000001 00AD061C 0006 RH=8B8000
           BUFF
                                                                                    COMPLETE SEGMENT
                                          810601
              GMT-04/08/2014 07:02:10.923040 LOC-04/08/2014 09:02:10.923040
USRFD FEF ASCB 00FB8D00
                                  JOBN NVAS
                SPNET.REHVT000
          BUFF
                                   /SPNET.NVAS
                                                        LRC(000,000)
                                                                        OUTBOUND
                                                                                    COMPLETE SEGMENT
                  D7D5C5E3 4BE9C1D4 F1E2E2C3 D70E0FF3 E2D7D5C5
                                                                                      *PNET.ZAM1SSCP..3SPNE*
                                          E34BC5D4 E2E8C1E2 F0F12C0A 01084040 40404040 *T.EMSYAS01.
40402D09 08E2D5E7 F3F2F7F0 F2 * ...SNX327
                                                                                          ...SNX32702
              GMT-04/08/2014 07:02:10.923780 LOC-04/08/2014 09:02:10.923780
USRFD FEF ASCB 00FB8D00
                                 JOBN NVAS
                  SPNET.NVAS /SPNET.REHVT000 LRC(000,000) INBOUND COMPLE
TH=40000000 00000000 0000000B 0000000B 1D0000AD 0966DC9B 003B RH=EB8000
                                                                                      OMPLETE SEGMENT
```

Using ACFTAP

ACFTAP is a program distributed by IBM and can be found in SYS1.MIGLIB. It is used to process VTAM USR records in a GTF file. The following is an example of the JCL used to run the ACFTAP program. This can be found in SYS1.SAMPLIB.

ACFTAP JCL Example

```
//SPTHOLTA JOB 1, ASMSCEN, MSGCLASS=X, CLASS=A, NOTIFY=&SYSUID
//ACFTAP PROC
//ACFTAP EXEC PGM=ACFTAP, REGION=1M
//STEPLIB DD DSN=SYS1.MIGLIB, DISP=SHR
//SORTLIB DD DSN=SYS1.SORTLIB, DISP=SHR
//SORTIN DD DSN=&&SORTI,UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(CYL, (10,5)), DISP=(NEW, DELETE),
// DCB=(RECFM=F, LRECL=364, BLKSIZE=364)
//SORTOUT DD DSN=&&SORTO,UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(CYL, (10,5)), DISP=(NEW, DELETE),
// DCB=(RECFM=F, LRECL=364, BLKSIZE=364)
//SORTWK01 DD DSN=&&TEMPD5,UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(CYL, (10,5),, CONTIG),
// DISP=(NEW, DELETE)
//SYSTEMP1 DD DSN=&&SORT1,UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(CYL, (10,5)), DISP=(NEW, DELETE),
// DCB=(RECFM=F, LRECL=284, BLKSIZE=284)
//SYSTEMP2 DD DSN=&&SORT2,UNIT=3390,
// SPACE=(CYL, (10,5)), DISP=(NEW, DELETE),
// DCB=(RECFM=F, LRECL=284, BLKSIZE=284)
//SYSLDPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSLSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSGSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSSDPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSSSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSNEPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSDTPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSVTPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSLUPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSIXPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSNTPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSNPPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSCSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSCAPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSFRPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTRACE DD DSN=SYS1.TRACE, DISP=SHR
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=*
// PEND
//STEP1 EXEC ACFTAP
//SYSIN DD DSN=USER.PARMLIB(ACFTAP),DISP=SHR
```

ACFTAP Reports

ACFTAP has several different reports. It is best to set up a PARMLIB member and read the ACFTAP control statements from there. This way you have control over what reports to print.

Member ACFTAP in USER.PARMLIB

SSPRT=YES
NEPRT=NO
SUMMARY=NO
LSPRT=NO
RRSUP=NO
GSPRT=NO
CSPRT=NO
CAPRT=NO
PRINT=NO
DTPRT=NO
SDPRT=NO
VTPRT=NO
LONGPIU=YES
GO
QUIT

Some examples of reports that can be produced by ACFTAP follow:-

Example of SDPRT report.

```
ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION
                                                              TRACE ANALYSIS PROGRAM
           DATE: 04:08:2014
                                                 SYSTEMS NETWORK ARCHITECTURE DETAIL (SDPRT)
                                                                                                                         PAGE: 00047
RECORD/
            GROUP
MESSAGE SUMMARY
                                                    DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS
SUMMARY
0171858
 TH 00-02
                                                                                                                  IERN: 00 ERN: 00 *
          TH 03-04
TH 04-06
                                                                                                      TG SEQUENCE NUMBER: 000 *
VR SEQUENCE NUMBER: 000 *
         TH 0-
TH 06-
-25
                                                                                                      SNF SEQUENCE NUMBER:
                                                                                                                               000A *
                                                                                                     * CHAIN: ONLY ELEMENT
          RH 00-02
                       RU TYPE: FM DATA FLOW +RESPONSE* RESPONSE/REQUEST: DR1
RU FORMAT: FORMATTED * PACING INDICATOR: OFF
                                 LOGICAL SSCP SERVICES: 06 - SESSION SERVICES COMMAND: 01 - CONTROL INITIATE
         RU 00-
0171859
                       0000108 DATA FLOW
                      C1 D4 F1 E2 E2 C4
40 40 40 2D 09 08 C4 F4 C3 F3 F2 E7 E/F3

TIMESTAMP: 13.31.56.944916

FORMAT ID (FID): 4 * TG SWEP:OFF MIG:OFF PCI:OFF * NET PRI:OFF

VR NUMBER (VRN): 0 * VRCWI: INC TG REORDR REQD: 0 * TP PRI: 0 TG SEQUENCE NUMBER: 000 *

VRCWRI: R VRRWI: 0 * NON-SEQENCD NON-SUPRVSRY DATA * VR SEQUENCE NUMBER: 000 *

VR PACING: NONE * ORIGIN: 00000000 0803 * SNF SEQUENCE NUMBER: 0ED0 *

SEGMENT(MPF):ONLY * DESTINATION: 00000000 020E * FLOW: EXPEDITED

RU TYPE: SESSION CONTROL REQUEST * RESPONSE/REQUEST: DR1 * CHAIN: ONLY ELEMENT *

RU FORMAT: FORMATTED * PACING INDICATOR: OFF * CODE SEL:EBCDIC *

BRACKET: * CHANGE DIRECTION INDICATOR: OFF * CODE SEL:EBCDIC *
          TH
              03-04
          TH
             06-
                -25
          тн
          RH 00-02
         RU 00-
 0000108 USER DATA *....b.gg8g.......APPLHOLT..."...SCOTCP02-..#.....SPNET.ZAM1SSCP..3SPNET.APPLHOLT....*
                                ...D4C32XX3
                       0000109 DATA FLOW
                                                        ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTION
                                                              TRACE ANALYSIS PROGRAM
           DATE: 04:08:2014
                                               SYSTEMS NETWORK ARCHITECTURE DETAIL (SDPRT)
                                                                                                                          PAGE: 00048
RECORD/
ENTRY
 MESSAGE SUMMARY
                                                    DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS
SUMMARY
```

Example of SSPRT report

TRACE ANALYSIS PROGRAM
DATE: 04:08:2014 SYSTEMS NETWORK ARCHITECTURE SUMMARY (SSPRT) PAGE: 00005

		WORK ARCHITECTURE SUMM	MARY (SSPRT)	PAGE: 00005
HEADER***********	IIIIIIIIII	JON HENDER	1/10/201	01
SDLC ADDRESS	FORMAT IDENTIFIER	R (FID) . E)SEGMENT **FID3**	REQUEST(Q) / RESPONSE(S) SC/DFC/NC/(=FMDATA)RU	PACING INDICATOR
INDICATOR DIRECTION POLL/FINAL			FORMATTED	
INDICATOR RECEIVE	1.1.1	LSID	F/M/L(=ONLY)CHAIN	CHANGE
DIRECTION IND TYPE SEND	1.1.1	FROM/TO SSCP		ALT CODE
*************	E NEIWORK	PROM/TO FO .		
MESSAGE CMN SENSE				
NUMBER V V VVVV V V V V				V V V V V
0000103 В І	0000000B 0112			INIT-OTHER
0000104 B I 0842FFFF	4 0000000B 0112	2 20C0 00010 -s	G F DR1 EXCEPTION	CINIT
0000105 В І	0000000B 0001 4 0000000B 0112	2 20C2 00006 +s	G F DR1	NOTIFY
0000106 в О	0000000B 0001 4 0000000B 0001	. 000A 00346	Q F DR1	CINIT
0000107 в I		3 000A 00006 +S	S F DR1	CINIT
0000108 в О		B DED0 00120 Ç		BIND
PCID(CA7B8B529B4213B5)	0000000B 020B	PLU (APPLHOLT) SLU(SCOTCP02)
0000109 B I	4 E 0000000B 020B	E DEDO 00059 +S	S S F DR1	BIND
0000110 в о		3 000B 00051 Ç) F	SESSST
0000111 в о		3 DED1 00004 Ç	OSF DR1	SDT
0000112 B I		E DED1 00004 +S	S S F DR1	SDT
0000113 в О		3 0001 00004 Ç	Q D F DR1	P BID
0000114 B I		: 0001 00006 +s	3	P IPR/IPM
0000115 В І		0001 00004 +S	D F DR1	BID
0000116 в О		3 0002 00009 Ç	DR1 EXCEPTION	P B S
0000117 в I		0002 00006 +s	3	P IPR/IPM
0000118 B I		0001 00195 Ç	DR1 EXCEPTION	P S
0000119 в О		3 0001 00006 +S	3	P IPR/IPM
0000120 B O		3 0003 00806	DR1 EXCEPTION	E S
F1=HELP F2=SPLIT F3=END F4	=RETURN F5=IFIND	F6=BOOK F7=UP F8=D	OOWN F9=SWAP F10=LEFT	F11=RIGHT F12=RETRIEVE

Example of DTPRT report

	VTAM	ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTI TRACE ANALYSIS PROGRAM					ис		
RECORD/ ENTRY	DATE: 04: GROUP	08:2014			NETWORK	DATA TRAFF	'IC (DTPRT)		PAGE: 00008
MESSAGE SUMMARY /0171857	SUMMARY				MES	SAGE	DATA		
	USER DATA	*084E0000	00000000	33010303	B1903080	000787F8	87000280	00000000	*.+*
01.11		*00000000 *7F030910 *00000000 *D3E40000 *00000000 *40404040	F308E2C3 0340FF00 00000000 00000000	F0E3C3D7 00000000	F0F20000 00000000 00000000	00000E01 00000000 00000000	C06D0000 0000C4E4 00000000	00800000 D4D4E8D7 00000000	*DUMMYSLU.APPLHOLT* *"3.SCOTCP02* *
	USER DATA	*010303B1	90308200	8787F887	00028000	00000000	00000003	000008C1	*b.gg8gA*
BIND		*D7D7D3C8 *529B4213 *4BC1D7D7 *F2E7E7F3	B50EE2D7	D5C5E34B		C3F0E3C3 E2E2C3D7 40404040	0E0FF3E2	D7D5C5E3	*PPLHOLT"SCOTCP02#.* *SPNET.ZAM1SSCP3SPNET* *.APPLHOLTD4C3* *2XX3 *
/0171860 0000109 BIND	USER DATA	*01000000	00000200	8087F880	00000000	00000000	00000000	00000000	**
/0171861		*00006017	CA7B8B52	9B4213B5	0EE2D7D5	C5E34BE9	C1D4F1E2	E2C3D7	*#SPNET.ZAM1SSCP *
	USER DATA	*01150C00	00000B08	03000000	0B020E1E	03000000	6017CA7B	8B529B42	**
/0171865		*13B50EE2	D7D5C5E3	4BE9C1D4	F1E2E2C3	D7			*SPNET.ZAM1SSCP *
	USER DATA	*000007							*
	USER DATA	*F3000501	FF02						*3
	USER DATA	*000007							* *
	USER DATA	*88001781 *00000B01 *F4F5F5F6 *06819900 *03C30136 *000025FF *6F676765	00005000 F6F7F700 00001B81 003F818F 02060000	18008400 0D818704 85820007 0000E3C3 C0D59D50	00D30320 34001681 00F0F1F1 0C000000 D7F3F2F7 00000000	86000800 F2F2F4F4 00070000 F040E5C9	F4F1F1F2 00078188 0002B904 E2E3C140	F2F3F3F4 00010200 170100F1 40400401	*h.aa.d.Law* *&daf41122334* *4556677.ag.0112244.ah* *.araeb1* *.CaTCP3270 VISTA *N.&+? ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **

Example of VTAM Internal Trace report

DATE: 0	4:08:2014	VTA	M INTERNAL TRACE REPORT (VTPRT)		PAGE: 03479
		1DFAF3E0 C9D5C6E	1 9EA62110 0000000B 020E0000 000B0001	*	CCO
3.INF1.w					
	C3C3F254 81068010		3 F3F2E7E7 F3F308E2 C3F0E3C3 00000000	*	
			E 9EB99996 1F40A470 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFro. u.SPNET
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F000000) E2C3F0E3 C3D7F0E	2 9EB254B6 1F465270 40404040 40404040	*	SRTFSCOTCP02
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F000000) C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E	3 9EB254E0 1F3F33B0 40404040 40404040	*	SRTFAPPLHOLT
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C1 1F000001	CA7B8B52 9B4213E	5 9EB13C14 1F403FF0 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTA#OSPNET
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F006014	4 E9C1D4F1 E2E2C3I	7 9EB14C42 1F2C6D90 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFZAM1SSCP <spnet< td=""></spnet<>
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F000000) E2C3F0E3 C3D7F0E	2 9EBAE6B8 1F465270 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFSCOTCP02WSPNET
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F000000) C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E	3 9EBA2322 1F3F33B0 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFSPNET
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F04000E	C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E	3 9EB19C32 00000000 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFSPNET
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F000000) C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E	3 9EBAE734 1F3F33B0 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFAPPLHOLTXSPNET
13.31.56.968767	C3C9F100 1F540000) 1EE2A9E0 E2E2E9E	4 9EBF312C 0000000B 020E0000 000B0001	*	
CI1Sz.SSZU		*			
	C3C9F254 81068010		3 F3F2E7E7 F3F308E2 C3F0E3C3 00000000	*	
13.31.56.968767	C3C9F300 1F2AF310	CA7B8B52 9B4213E	5 C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E3 E2C3F0E3 C3D7F0F2	*	
	APPLHOLTSC0TCP02				
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F00000E	E E5C9D9E3 C5D3C50	8 9EB19C32 1F404330 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFVIRTELEHSPNET
	C7D5C1D4 1F000104		8 9EBA4C52 02000000 00000005 1DFAF010	*	
	C7D5C1F2 00000000		5 E2D7D5C5 E3404040 C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E3	*	GNA2#SPNET
APPLHOLT *					
			8 9EBA4D3C 02000000 00000000 1DFAF010	*	
13.31.56.968767 APPLHOLT *	C7D5C1F2 00000001	. CA7B8B52 9B4213E	5 E2D7D5C5 E3404040 C1D7D7D3 C8D6D3E3	*	GNA2#SPNET
	D9C3C5C6 1F001201	1DF9004C 0000000	0 9EB1B460 008C5750 1EA340B0 00000000	*	RCEF9.<&.t
*					
13.31.56.968767	E2D9E3C6 1F00010F	A 00000000 000B020	E 9EB8CA34 1F40A470 E2D7D5C5 E3404040	*	SRTFu.SPNET
13.31.56.968767	D9C3C5C6 1F001201	1DF9004C 0000000	0 9EB1B460 008C5750 1EA340B0 00000000	*	RCEF9.<&.t
*					