

# AIX - A Beginner's Look

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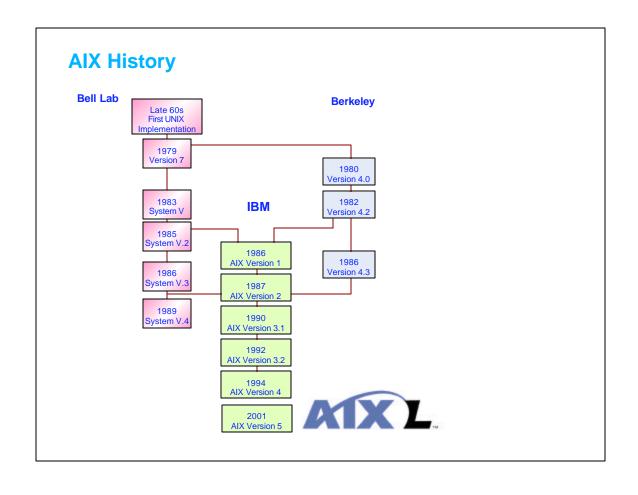
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# **AGENDA**

- AIX RoadMap Release Summary & Overview
- Overview of Differences
- Managing AIX
  - ▲ Tools & Workload Manager
  - ▲ Logical Volume Manager (LVM)
  - Installation & Maintenance
  - Devices
  - ▲ Backup and Restore
  - ▲ SYS V & Linux Affinity
  - Performance

# **AIX Roadmap**

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# What makes up AIX?

- Virtual Memory Management by VMM
- Journaled File system (JFS) & JFS2
- Default Shell KORN
- Persistent data managed by Object Data Manager ODM
- Desktop Interface easily controlled (X,CDE,Gnome, KDE, other)
- System Resource Manager Interface SRC
- SYSV R4 Affinity / Linux Affinity in base product
- System management SMIT / Web-SM in base product
- Performance Utilities in base product

• Workload Manager - in base product



- Logical Volume Manager in base product
- Device Configuration through Configuration Manager
- Diagnostics, FFDC, System Management Services SMS

# What makes up AIX (cont)?



- Kernel Debugger kdb
- Virtual Memory Management vmtune
- Network Options 'no -a' NFS Options 'nfso -a'
- Performance Tools
  - -topas
  - -filemon
  - netpmon
  - -lvmstat
  - -profiling tprof, pprof, gprof
  - perfpmr
- Networking
  - -Dead Gateway Detection
  - -ViPA
  - -Multipath Routing w/ Cost Attribution







- TCP/IP:
  - ▲ Dead Gateway Detection
  - ▲ Mutipath Routing with Cost Attribution
  - ▲ ViPA support (virtual addressing)
- WLM:
  - ▲ I/O subsystem's managed in addition to memory and CPU
- SYS V value-add:
  - SYS V Packaging
  - ▲ SYS V Print Subsystem
  - **▲** TRUSS
  - ▲ /proc filesets



- TOOLS:
  - ▲ WLM improvements
  - ▲ Resource Monitoring
  - ▲ Kernel Debugger
- Performance:
  - ▲ Tools added pprof, topas, lvmstat, wlmstat, lpstat
  - ▲ Tools enhanced iostat, vmstat, profiling, wlm etc.
- e-Liza focus
  - ▲ Self-Optimizing
  - ▲ Self-Healing
  - ▲ Self-Managing

High-level Comparison: AIX, HP, and SUN

Tools to manage:

AX HP

Administration

**Distributed Distribution** 

Workload

**Backup** 

Cloning/ Online Backup

SMITTY SMIT WSM Command line	SAM Command line	admintool Command line Sun Management Center (SMC)
Network Installation Manager (NIM)	Ignite Server	Jumpstart Server
Workload	Workload	Solaris
Manager	Manager	Resource
(WLM)	(WLM)	Manager (SRM)
mksysb	dumpfs	ufsdump
savevg/restvg	backup /	backup
	fbackup	
alternate disk	copyutil	
installation/	/make_recovery	/ dd
cloning/		
online jfs	/ vxdump	/ vxdump
backup		

#### SYSV BSD VS

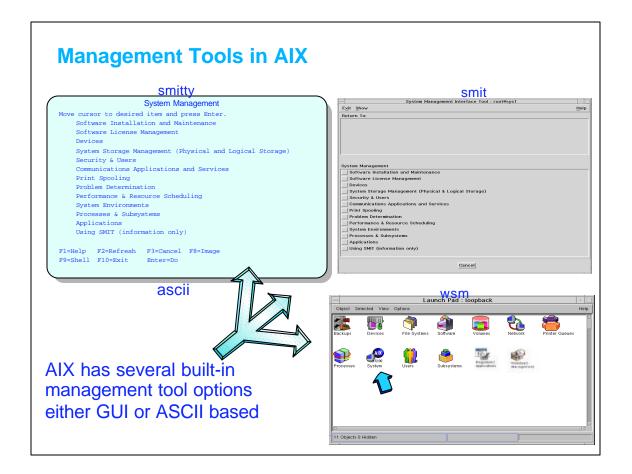
- System Resource Controller (SRC)
- /etc/rc.d
- rc.tcpip rc.inetd rc.nfs
- start/kill scripts
- alog & errpt /var/adm/ras
- syslogd
- Logical Volume Mgr
- More traditional fixed partitions

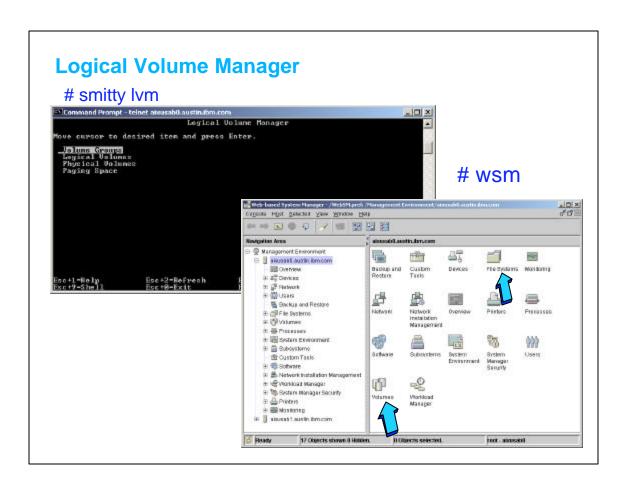
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User Management	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Ţ ,	
Users	Isuser	mkuser	chuser	rmuser
Groups	Isgroup	mkgroup	chgroup	rmgroup
Roles	Isrole	mkrole	chrole	rmrole
Configuration				
Configuration data	Iscfg -cvp			
Devices	Isdev -CH			
System data	Isconf			
SysResource Controller	Issrc -a			
Paging	Isps			
Microcode	Ismcode			
Logical Volume Manager				
Physical Volumes	Ispv		chpv	
Logical Volumes	Islv	mklv	chlv	rmlv
File Systems	Isfs	mkfs	chfs	rmfs
Volume Groups	Isvg	mkvg		
Logical Volume Copies	mklvcopy	chlvcopy	rmlvcopy (split)	
Backup				
System Backup(rootvg)		mksysb		
Other Volume Group	savevg / restvg			

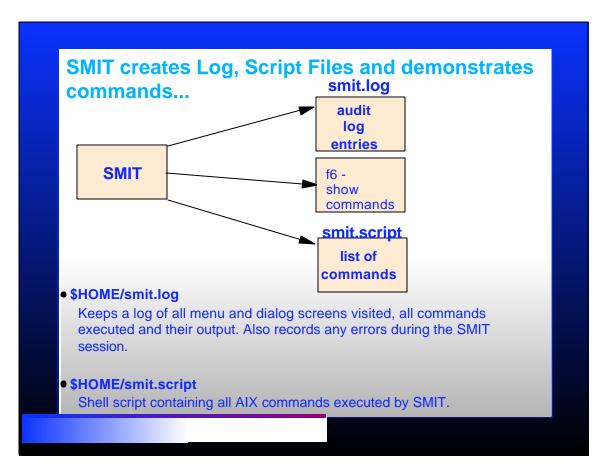
# AIX TOOLS

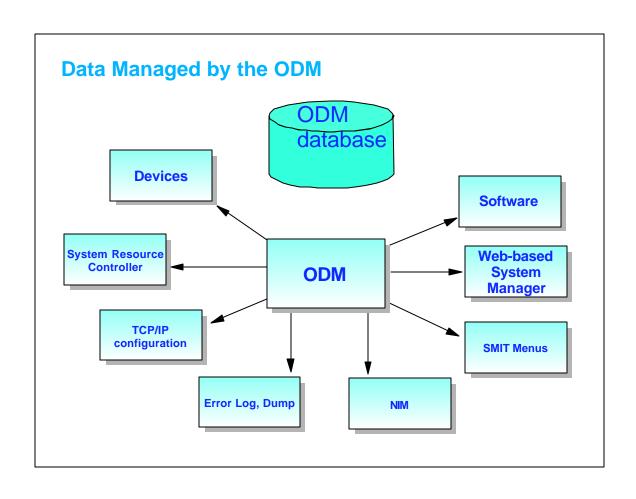
# **AIX Tools Discussed**

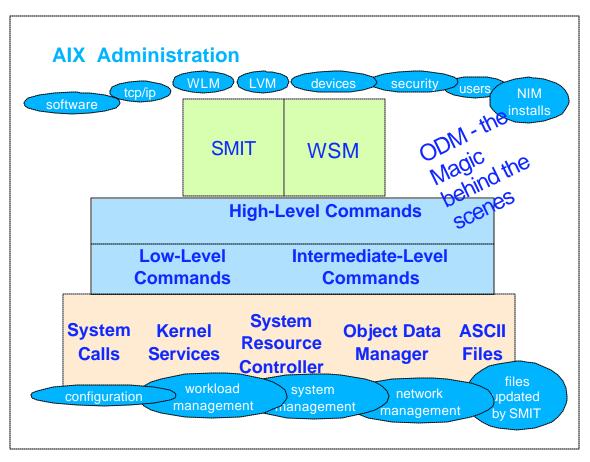
- Systems Management Tool and Web-Based SM
- Object Data Manager (ODM)
- Logical Volume Manager (LVM)
- Network Installation Manager (NIM)
- Installation Tools
- Performance Tools

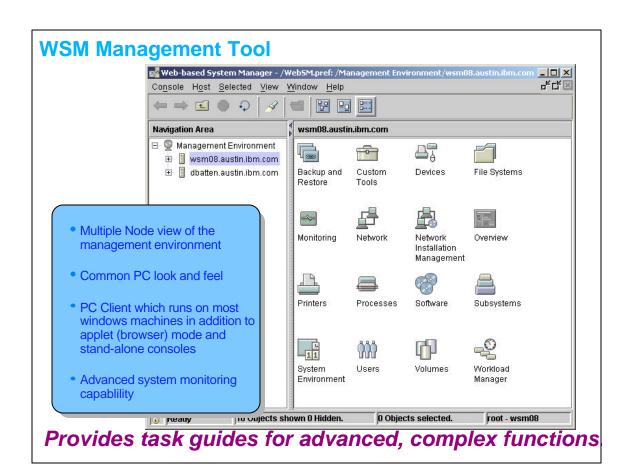


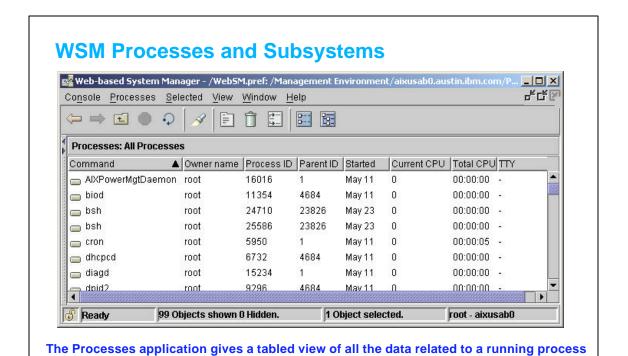






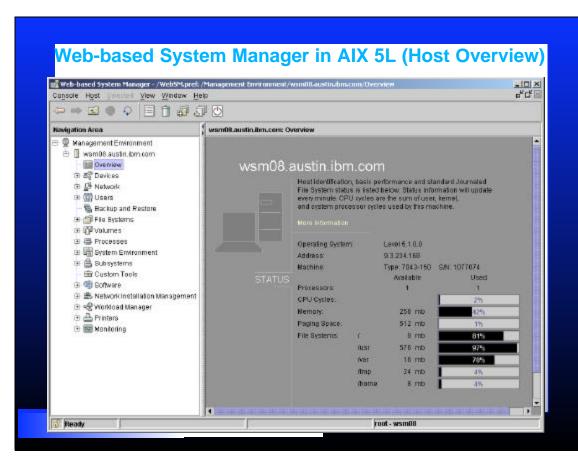


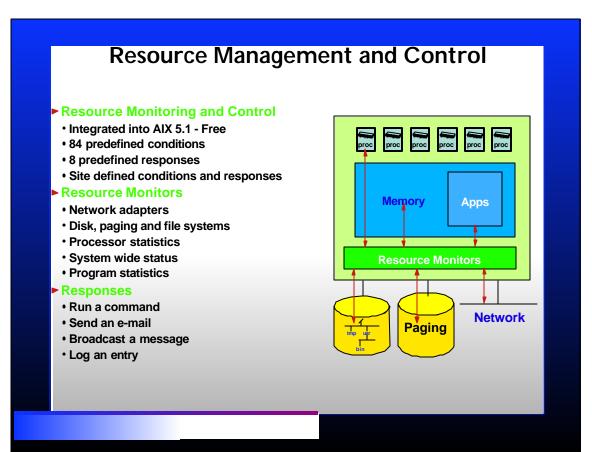




such as Owner name, Process ID, Parent ID, Date started, Current CPU usage and Total CPU usage. More detailed information such as segment number of process stack, size of kernal stack, number of page ins caused by page faults can be found on the properties

page for each individual process.





# **Resource Management and Control**

#### ► Host Resource:

- Paging space
- Virtual memory
- Real memory
- Disk I/O
- CPU

#### ►JFS File System Resource

- Percent space used
  - Percent of i-nodes used
  - Mounted|unmounted state
- **►**Network device Resources
- ►Xmit, Receive rates, errors

- ► Paging Device Resource
- Offline alert
- % free

#### **▶** Physical Volume Resource

- Data rate
- % busy

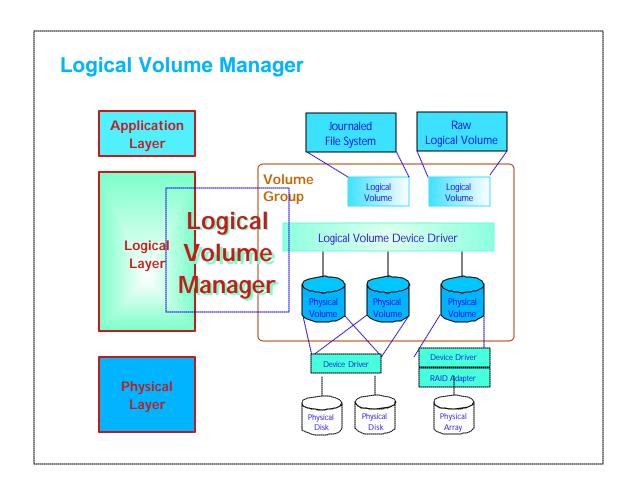
#### **▶** Processor Resource

• % Kernel, wait, user, idle

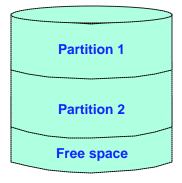
#### **▶** Program Resource

Process end alert

## **Resource Monitoring and Control** Journaled File System Resource Class: PercentTotUsed Details.. Use Defaults Monitored Property Event Expression: An event will be generated when more than 90% of the tot directory is in use. Event Description: Rearm Expression: An event will be rearmed when more than 90% of the total space in the /tmp directory is in use. Rearm Description: Informational Severity: Responses to the Cancel





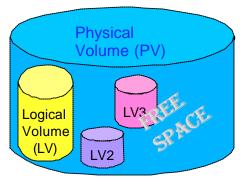


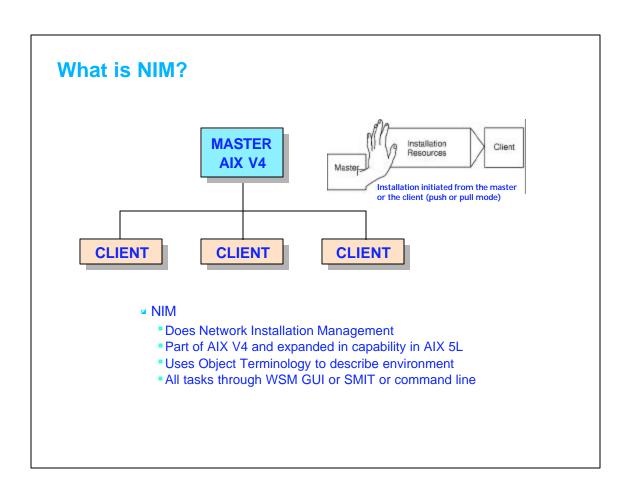
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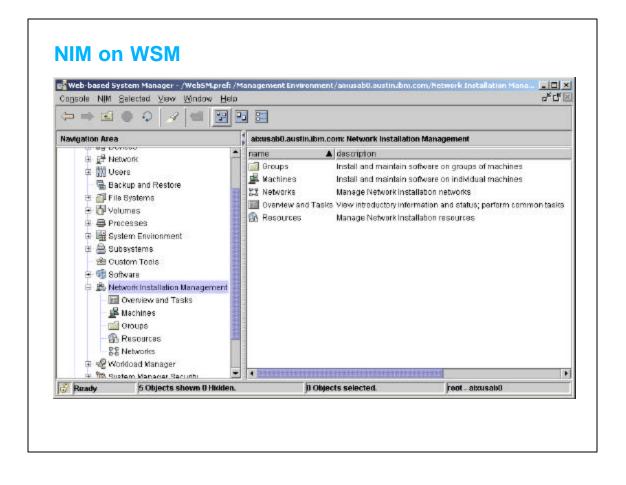
- Fixed partitions
- Expanding size of the partition
- Limits size of file system and files
- Contiguous data requirement
- Advance Planning arduous

#### **LVM SOLUTIONS:**

- Solve noncontiguous space problems
- Logical volumes(LV) can span disks
- LVs can be dynamically increased
- Logical volumes can be mirrored
- Hard disks easily added to a system
- Logical volumes can be relocated

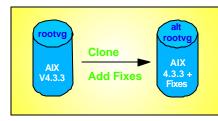


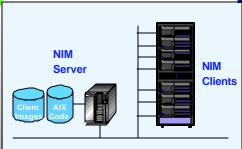


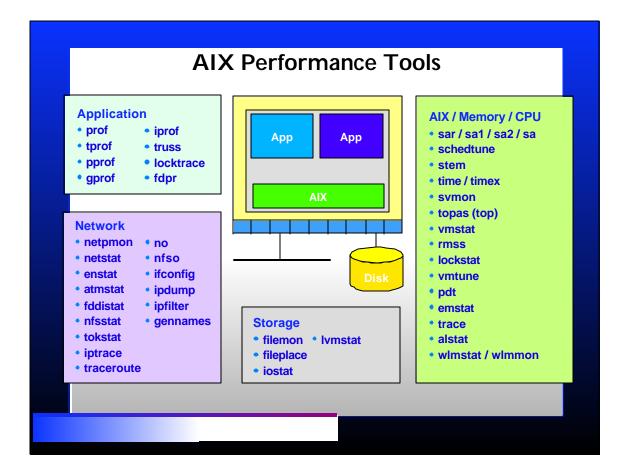


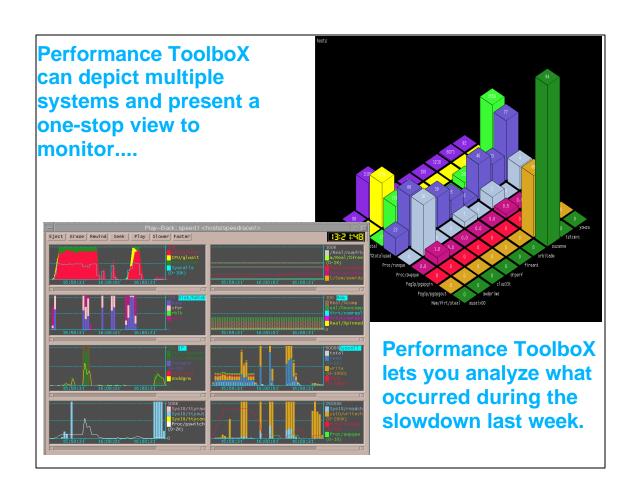


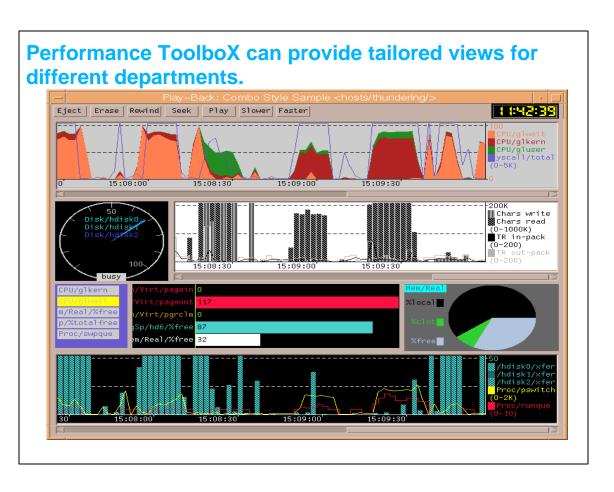
- ► Alternate AIX Install Disk
  - Install AIX clone & fixes
  - Reboot to new level when convenient
- Reboot to old level without restore
- Reduces maintenance window
- ► Bootable OS backup (mksysb)
  - Integrated into AIX Free
- Create customized system backup for easy restore
- ► Network Installation Manager (NIM)
  - Centrally install and update AIX
  - Eliminate media maintenance
  - Multiple AIX levels are supported
  - Enforce OS consistency



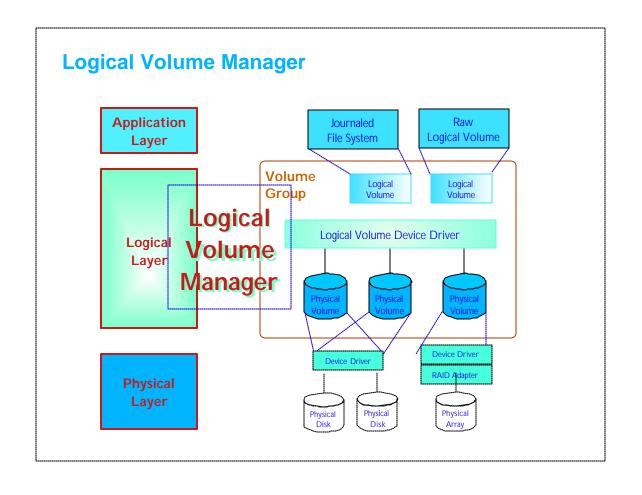




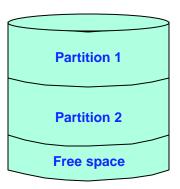




# AIX -Logical Volume Manager (LVM)



#### Traditional UNIX Storage vs. Logical Volume Manager (LVM)

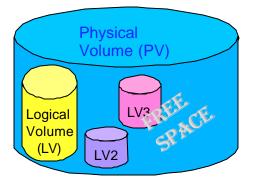


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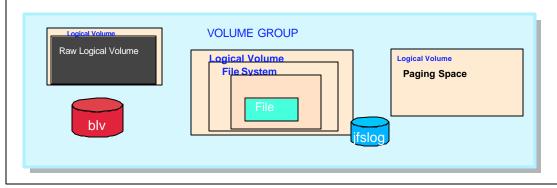
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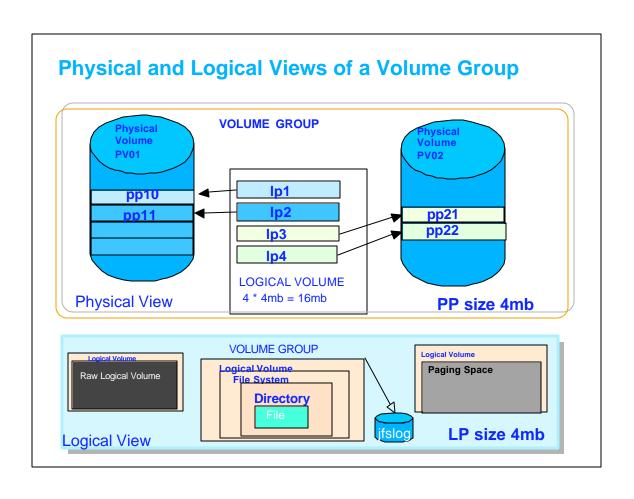
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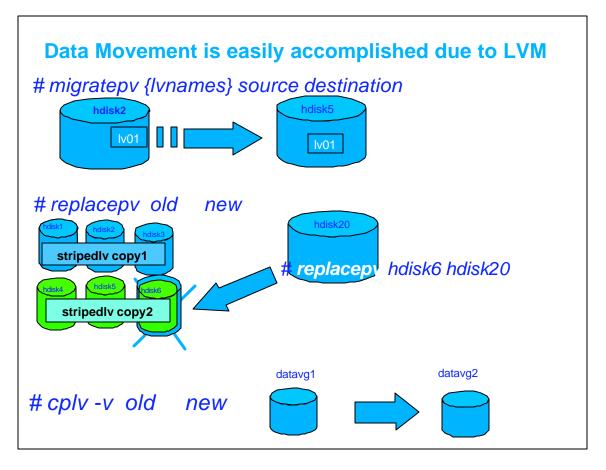


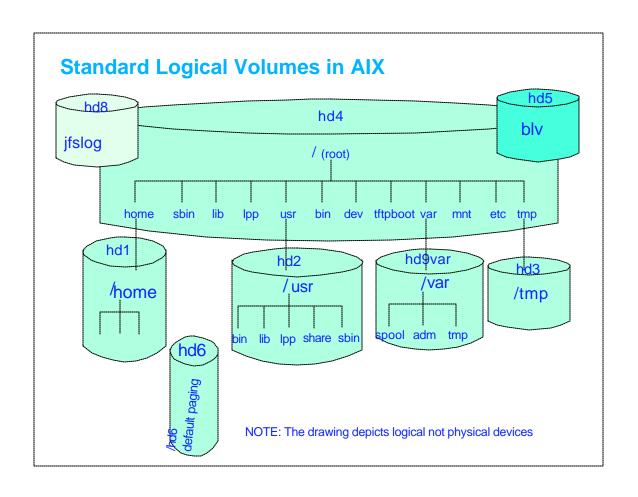
#### **Logical Volumes**

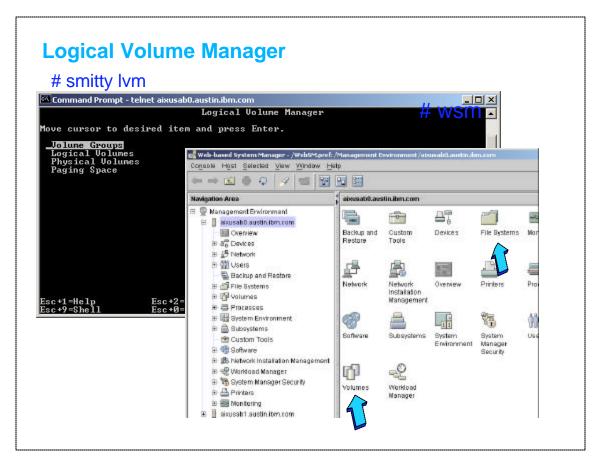
- A logical volume may contain:
  - ▲ Journaled file system (for example: dev/hd4)
  - ▲ Paging space (/hev/hd6)
  - ▲ Journal log (/dev/hd8)
  - ▲ Boot Logical Volume (/dev/hd5)
  - ▲ Nothing (raw device)











#### **SMIT Volume Groups Menu**

#### # smitty vg

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Command Prompt - telnet aixusab0.austin.ibm.com

Volume Groups

Move cursor to desired item and press Enter.

List All Volume Groups
Add a Volume Groups
Set Characteristics of a Volume Group
List Contents of a Volume Group
Remove a Volume Group
Beactivate a Volume Group
Deactivate a Volume Group
Import a Volume Group
Export a Volume Group
Mirror a Volume Group
Synchronize LVM Mirrors
Back Up a Volume Group
List Files in a Volume Group
Bestore Files in a Volume Group Backup
Restore Files in a Volume Group Backup

Esc+1=Help
Esc+2=Refresh
Esc+3=Cancel
Esc+8=Im
Esc+9=Shell
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Esc+9=Exit
Enter=Do
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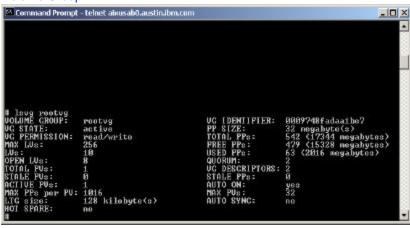
#### **Listing Volume Group Information**

• List All Volume Groups

# Isvg
rootvg
payrollvg
# Isvg -o
rootvg

List Contents of a Volume Group

# Isvg rootvg



# **SMIT Logical Volumes Menu**

# smitty Iv

#### **Logical Volumes**

Move cursor to desired item and press Enter.

List all Logical Volumes by Volume Group Add a Logical Volume

Set Characteristics of a Logical Volume

Show Characteristics of a Logical Volume

Remove a Logical Volume

Copy a Logical Volume

F1=Help F2=Refresh F3=Cancel F8=Image

F9=Shell F10=Exit Enter=Do

# Logical Volume File System Directory File

### JFS and JFS2 Support

# **Journal File System Specifications**

Functions	JFS2	JFS
Fragments/Block Size	512-4096 Block sizes	512-4096 Fragments
Architectural Maximum File Size	4 Petabytes	64 GBytes
Maximum File Size Tested	1 Terabyte	64 GBytes
Architectural Maximum File System Size	4 Petabytes	1 Terabyte
Maximum File System Size Tested	1 Tetabytes	1 Terabyte
Number of Inodes	Dynamic, limited	Fixed, set at file
	by disk space	system creation
Directory Organization	B-tree	Linear
Online Defragmentation	Yes	Yes
Compression	No	Yes
Default Ownership at Creation	root.system	sys.sys
Location of Logs	Internal/External	External
Integrated into AIX 5L at no Charge	Yes	Yes

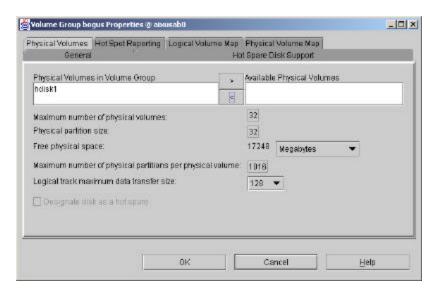
- A pv belongs to at most 1 vg
- A pv must belong to a vg to be recognized
- ► There is one pp and lp size per vg.
- > PP & LP sizes are equal within a vg.

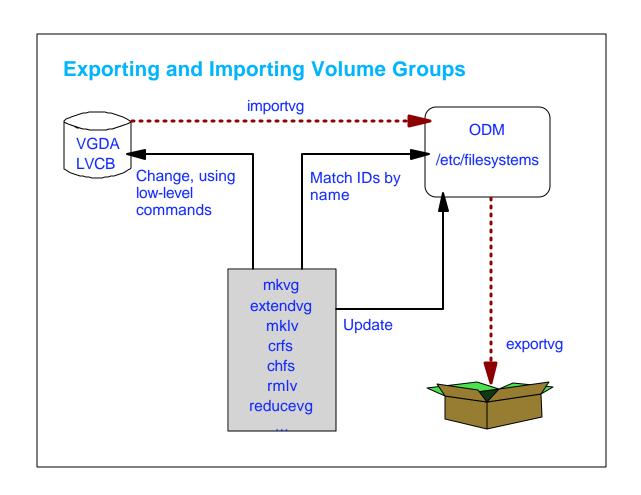
➤ VGDA & VGSA are equal within a vg.

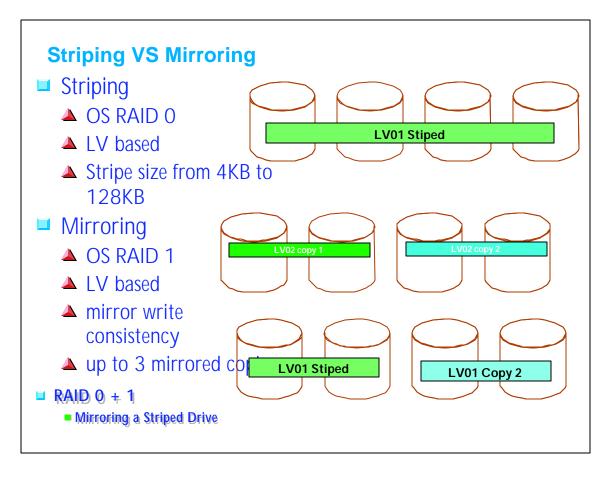
Note: JFS Maximum File Size can be affected by nbpi & fragmenting

### **Hot Spare Policy**

Hot Spare policies for a Volume Group, in Web-based System Manager can be defined at Volume Group Creation time or after the Volume Group has been created. Once a Volume Group has been created, you can add a hot spare by adding additional physical disks to the volume group and selecting the option 'Designate disk as a hot spare'.







# FileSystem Support Open interface called VFS (Virtual FileSystem)

- Journaled FileSystem
  - ▲ Online JFS Backup
- CDRom FileSystem
  - ▲ Recordable CD capability for generating AIX system backups
- Andrew FileSystem
- Distributed FileSystem



- ▲ DCE/DFS integration for AIX Fast Connect.
- Network FileSystem
- General Parallel FileSystem
  - ▲ SP Product....Needs to sit on an SP but can be accessed from anywhere

AIX Installation &
Maintenance

### **AIX Expansion Pack - Bonus Pack**

- Complement the AIX product offering.
  - no additional charge
  - Can be ordered or updated separately
  - ▲ Available at current level at no additional charge
- Updated versions are published with new releases
  - Pack announcements not tied to AIX.
- Content can vary by country or geography.

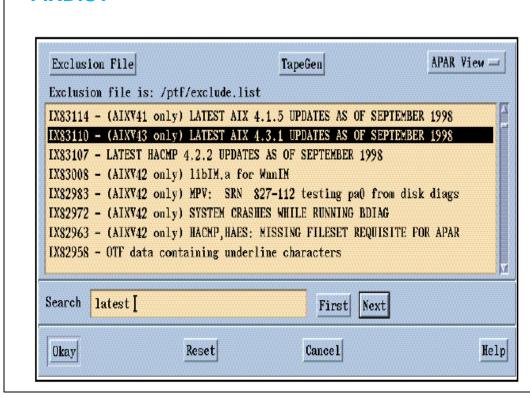
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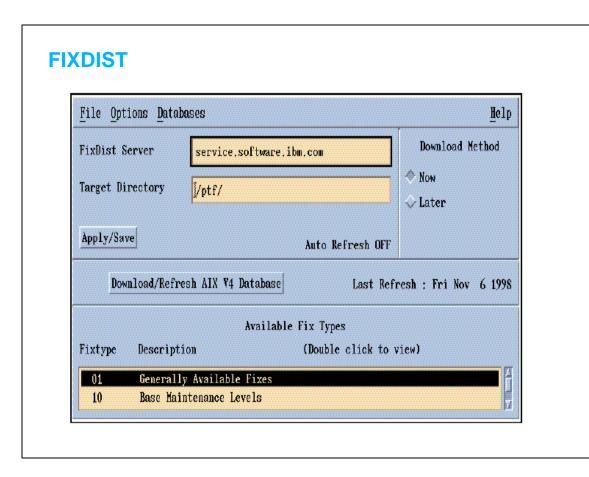
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- > Browsers
- > Java and Internet application development
- ➤ Evaluation software
- ➤ Network management utilities
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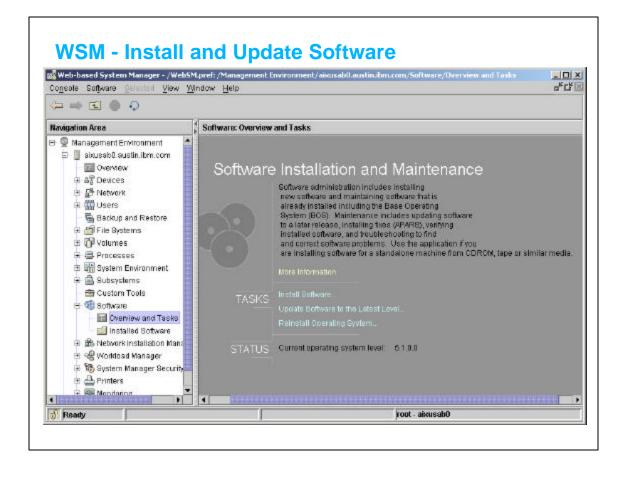


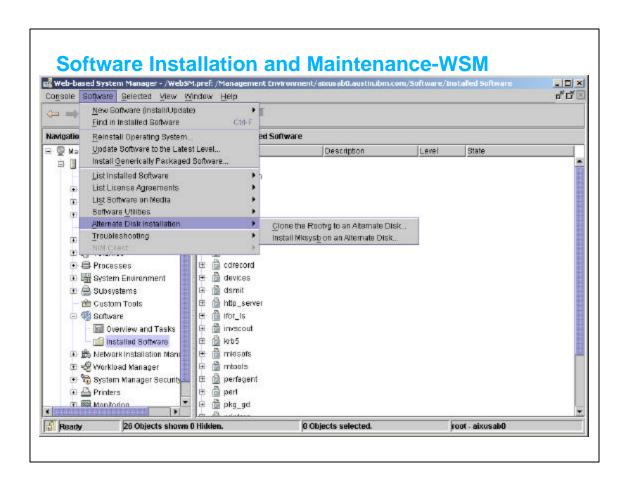
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#### **FIXDIST**

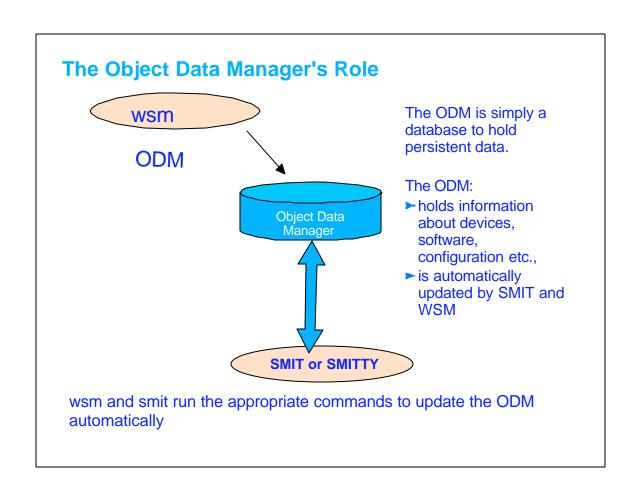


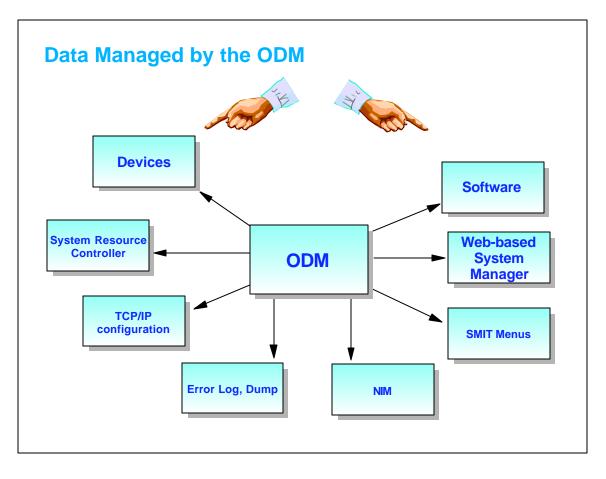




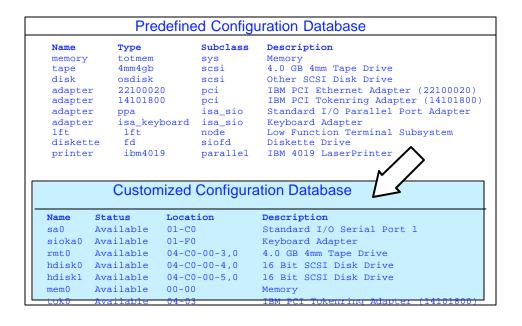


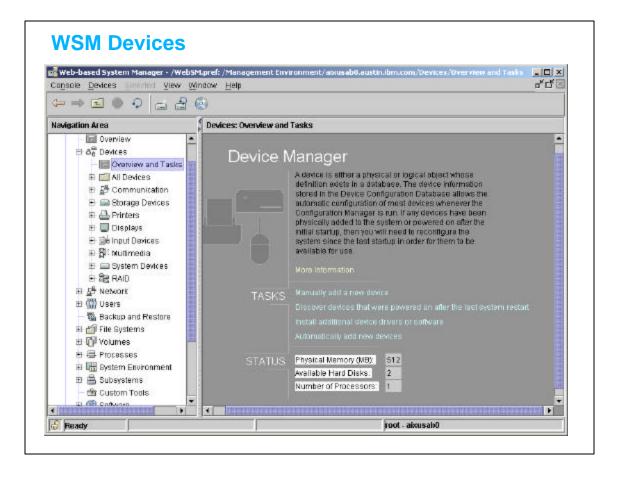




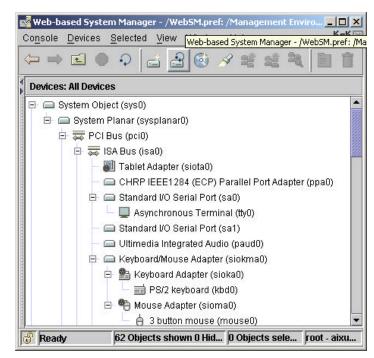


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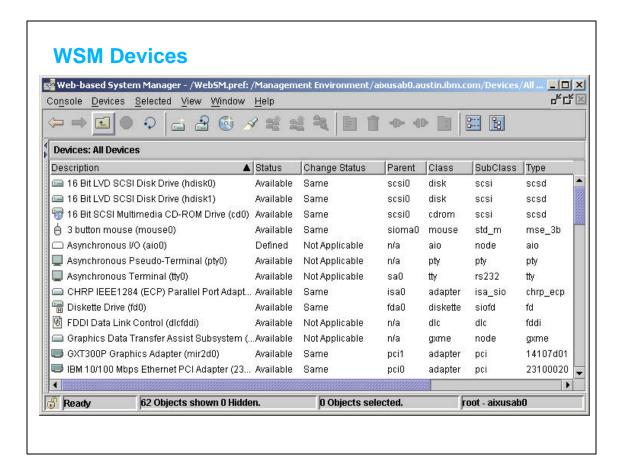




# **WSM Devices Application**



WSM can display the installed devices in a hierarchical tree view showing the logical and physical connections along with their ODM names.



# **Self-Configuring Devices**

- Configuration manager (cfgmgr) automatically configures detectable devices in the system during system boot or run time
- Self-configurable devices store a unique identifying code in ROM chips
- cfgmgr (which runs at IPL) reads the identifying number and searches in the ODM in the Predefined Database for the necessary programs to configure the device
- External devices must be powered on before **cfgmgr** runs

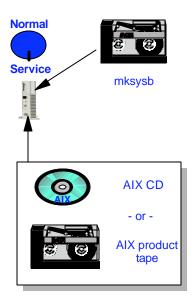
cfgmgr -i will install new drivers when provided

AIX - Backup & Restore

#### Creating a System Backup: mksysb # smitty mksysb Back Up the System Type or select values in entry fields. Press Enter AFTER making all desired changes. [Entry Fields] WARNING: Execution of the mksysb command will result in the loss of all material previously stored on the selected output medium. This command backs up only rootvg volume group. Backup DEVICE or FILE [] Create MAP files? no **EXCLUDE files?** no List files as they are backed up? no Generate new /image.data file? yes EXPAND /tmp if needed? no Disable software packing of backup? no Number of BLOCKS to write in a single output [](Leave blank to use a system default)

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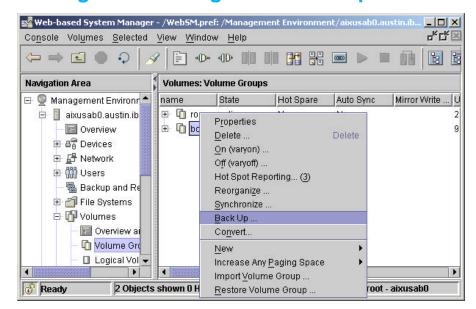
- Insert the mksysb tape and the AIX CD (same AIX level!)
- 2. Boot from the AIX CD (\*)
- 3. "Install from a System Backup":

Missing device support is installed from the AIX CD

(\*): If no AIX CD available, use an AIX product tape, but check bosinst.data:

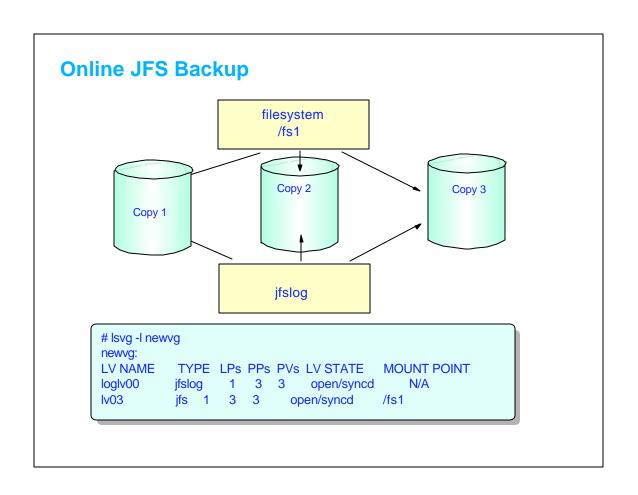
bosinst.data: SWITCH\_TO\_PRODUCT\_TAPE=yes

#### Saving a non-rootvg Volume Group - WSM



To save a non root volume group in WSM, select the volume group, right

click and select the backup option



# AIX -SYSV & Linux Affinity

# SYSV Affinity Features

- New SVR4 based commands
  - Examples: rmtcpip, prtconf, truss
- New SVR4 based subsystems
  - Examples: /proc, SVR4 print, /etc/rc.d/rc startup scripts
- Documentation and guides
  - AIX to Solaris Quickstart task guide
  - Veritas to AIX LVM and Filesystem whitepapers
  - Solaris commands man pages mapped to AIX command man pages
- Enable use of Open Source tools 300+ tool in *Linux Toolbox for AIX* 
  - Examples: Isof, gzip
- Education and Training
  - AIX for UNIX Administrators
  - AIX 5L Porting: Solaris to AIX Hands-on Workshop
  - AIX Version 5L Basics

# SYSV Affinity Features

- /proc
  - ▲ Contains state information about processes and threads in the system
- truss
  - ▲ Traces process' system calls and signals
- run level script
  - /etc/rc.d/rc
  - ▲ /etc/rc.d/rc<runlevel#>.d
  - /etc/inittab
  - ▲ Default run level is 2 (Solaris is 3 and Linux is 5)
- prtconf / Isconf
  - ▲ Displays system configuration information
- rmtcpip /sysunconfig
  - ▲ Removes network configuration information

#### Linux Toolbox for AIX

- > 300 Open source tools pre-built and delivered via CD & Web
  - Application Development
    - ▲ gcc, g++, gdb, rpm, cvs, automake, autoconf, libtool, bison, flex, gettext
  - Desktop Environments
    - ▲ Gnome and KDE-2
  - GNU base utilities
    - agawk, m4, indent, sed, tar, diffutils, fileutils, findutils, textutils, grep, sh-utils
  - Programming Languages
    - ▲ guile, python, tcl/tk, rep-gtk
  - System Utilities
    - a emacs, vim, bzip2, gzip, git, elm, ncftp, rsync, wget, lsof, less, samba, zip, unzip, zoo
  - Graphics Applications
    - ▲ ImageMagick, transfig, xfig, xpdf, ghostscript, gv, mpage,Gimp
  - Libraries
    - ▲ ncurses, readline, libtiff, libpng, libjpeg, slang, fnlib, db, gtk+, qt
  - System Shells
    - ▲ bash2, tcsh, zsh
  - Window Managers
    - enlightenment, sawfish

http://www-1.ibm.com/servers/aix/products/aixos/linux/index.html

# AIX - Performance

# Performance Tools to manage AIX:

#### Standard UNIX tools

iostat, vmstat, sar, netstat, /proc, truss downloaded tools: netperf, top, monitor,

Added Tools trace utilities. filemon, topas, bf, fdpr, svmon, vmtune, no, nfso

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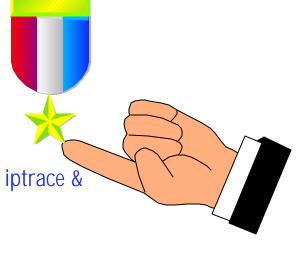
AIX has incorporated most of its popular performance toolbox tools into the core product.

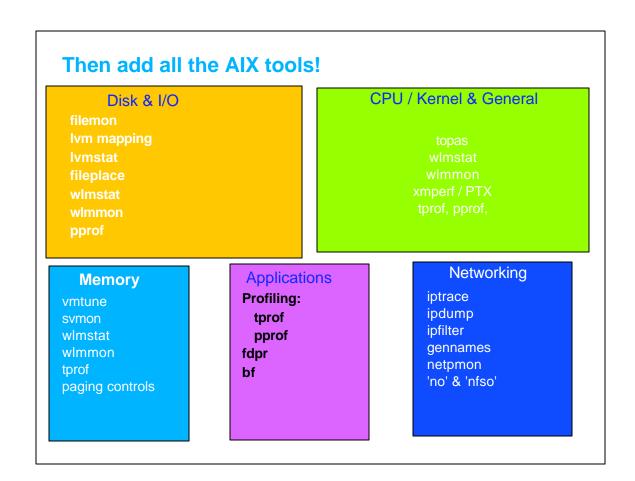
Functionality discussed

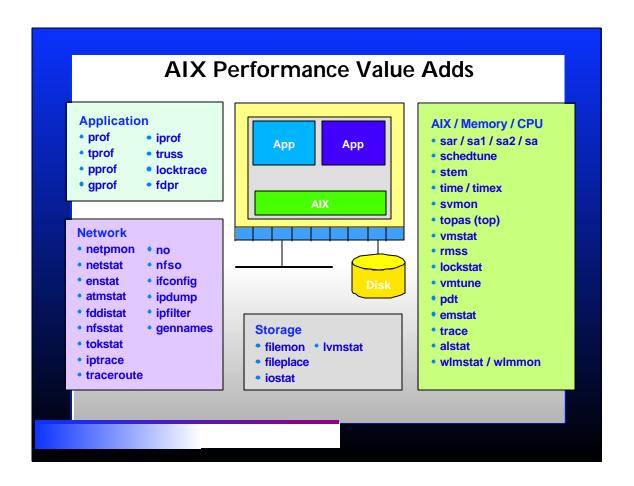
Due to a dynamic rebuild of the kernel, most AIX tuning functions can be effected without a reboot.

# Utilize the standard UNIX tools available sar -d & -P all

- truss
- /proc
- netstat/nfsstat
- vmstat
- iostat
- tcp tools (traceroute, iptrace & ipdump, ndd etc)
- ps





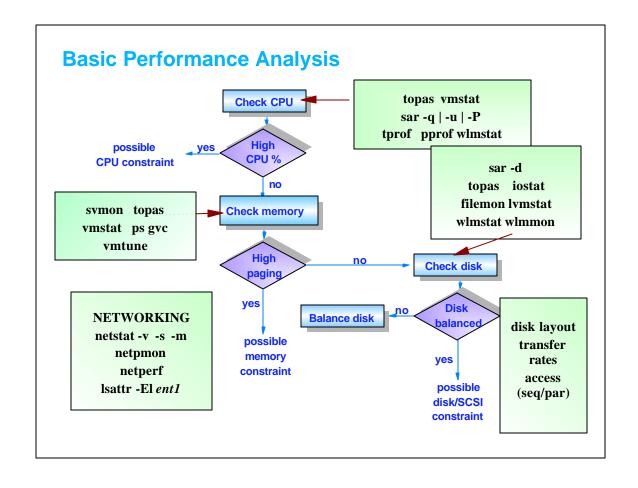


## **Monitoring & Tuning by System resources**

Monitoring

PTX

CPU	Memory Subsystem	I/O Subsystem	Network Subsystem
vmstat, iostat	vmstat	vmstat, iostat	netstat, nfsstat
ps, pstat topas	ps, Isps	Isps	Isattr
sar	<u>svmon</u>	<u>Ispv, Islv, Isvg</u>	ifconfig
<u>crash, kdb</u>	wlmstat, wlmmon	<u>filemon</u>	<u>iptrace</u>
wlmstat, wlmmon	topas	lvextend, reorgvg	<u>netpmon</u>
lockstat, syscalls		<u>fileplace</u>	ipfilter
gprof, prof, tprof		Isattr, Isdev	netperf *
time, timex		lvmstat	topas
uptime, rup		topas	
PTX	PTX	PTX	PTX
trace, trcrpt	trace, trcrpt	trace, trcrpt	trace, trcrpt
<u>schedtune</u>	vmtune, schedtune	<u>vmtune</u>	<u>no, nfso</u>
chdev	chdev, mkps	chdev	chdev
nice, renice	chps, mkps	migratepv	ifconfig
<u>bindprocessor</u>	<u>rmss</u>	<u>chlv, chvg</u>	
<u>fdpr</u>	<u>fdpr</u>	reorgvg	
pstat			

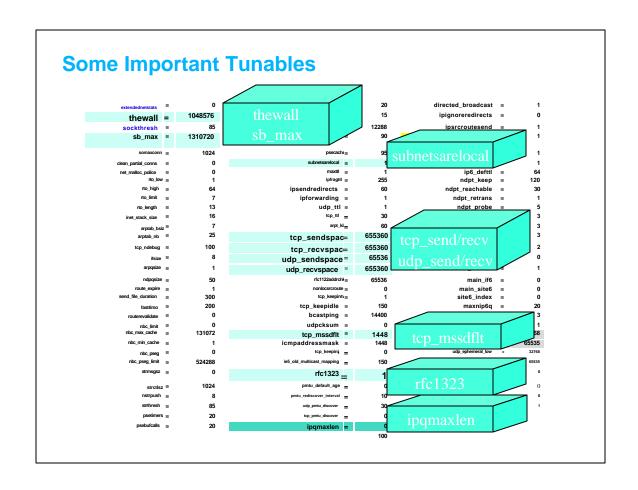


#### **Network Options**

Network options are set by executing the command:

no -a

These options are dynamic, therefore should be placed where they will be re-executed on boot. e.g., an /etc/rc.tune file or /etc/rc.local



#### **Tuning the Virtual Memory Manager**

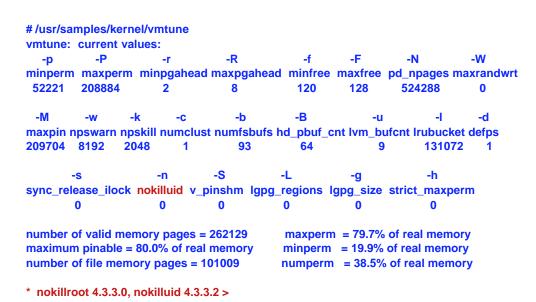
VMM is tuned using the following command:

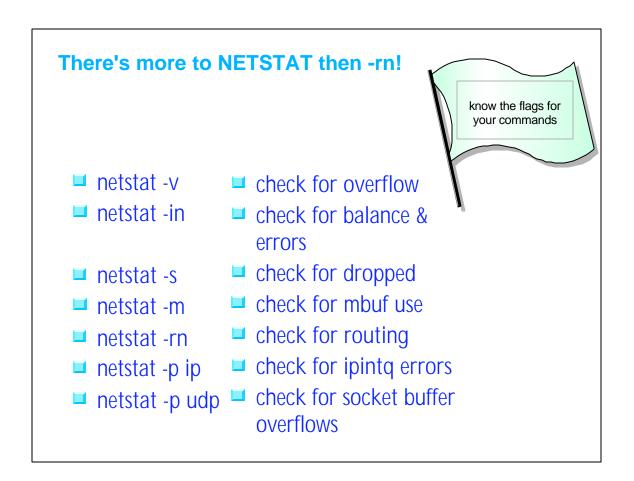
#### /usr/sample/kernel/vmtune

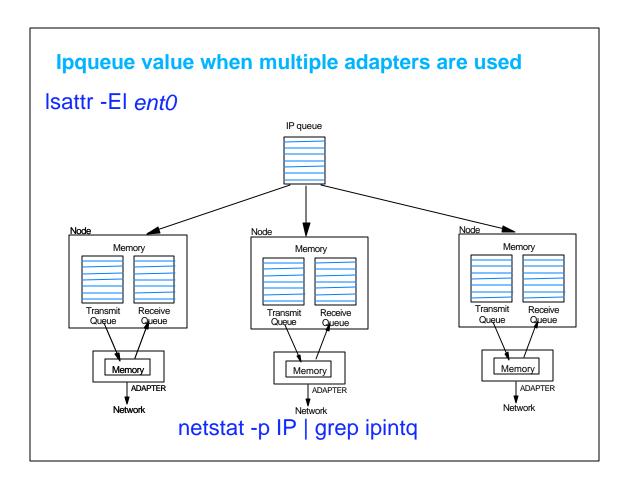
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Virtual Memory Manager can be utilized to tune sequential read ahead/write behind/memory utilization and more

#### **VMTUNE**





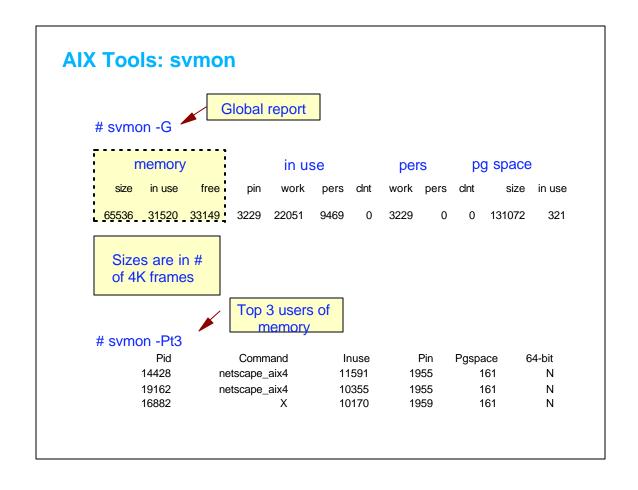


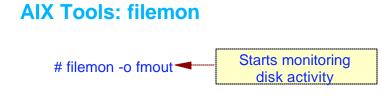
## **AIX Tools: tprof**



Process	PID	TID	Total	Kernel	User	Shared	Other
wait	516	517	6855	6855	0	0	0
netscape_aix4	23494	40015	201	27	29	145	0
lslpp	17566	43613	11	5	4	2	0
Process	FREQ	Total	Kernel	User	Shared	Other	
wait	1	6855	6855	0	0	0	- 1
netscape_aix4	5	961	122	139	700	0	
ksh	46	77	64	7	6	0	

## **Transaction Profiling**





# trcstop Stops monitoring and creates report

Most Active Lo	gical Volume	es				
util	#rblk	#wblk	KB/s	volume	description	
0.03	3368	888	26.5	/dev/hd2	/usr	
0.02	0	1584	9.9	/dev/hd8	jfslog	
0.02	56	928	6.1	/dev/hd4	/	
Most Active Physical Volumes						
util	#rblk	#wblk	KB/s	volume	description	
0.10	24611	12506	231.4	/dev/hdisk0	N/A	
0.02	56	8418	52.8	/dev/hdisk1	N/A	

### **Example nfso -a listing**

portcheck = 0

nfs\_socketsize = 262144

udpchecksum = 1

nfs\_tcp\_socketsize = 262144

nfs\_setattr\_error = 0

nfs\_gather\_threshold = 4096

nfs\_repeat\_messages = 0

nfs\_udp\_duplicate\_cache\_size = 0

nfs\_tcp\_duplicate\_cache\_size = 0

nfs\_server\_base\_priority = 0

nfs\_dynamic\_retrans = 1

nfs\_iopace\_pages = 0

nfs\_max\_connections = 0

 $nfs_max_threads = 8$ 

nfs\_use\_reserved\_ports = 0

nfs\_device\_specific\_bufs = 1

nfs\_server\_clread = 1

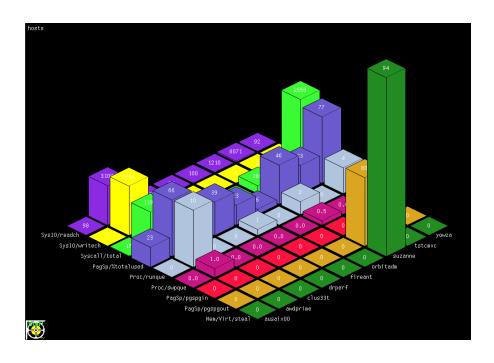
 $nfs_rfc1323 = 1$ 

 $nfs_max_write_size = 0$ 

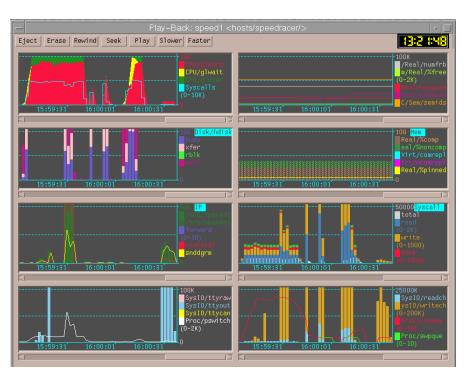
nfs\_max\_read\_size = 0

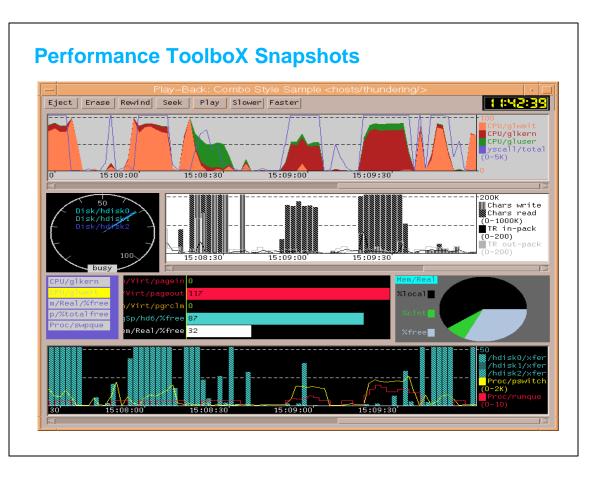
nfs\_allow\_all\_signals = 0

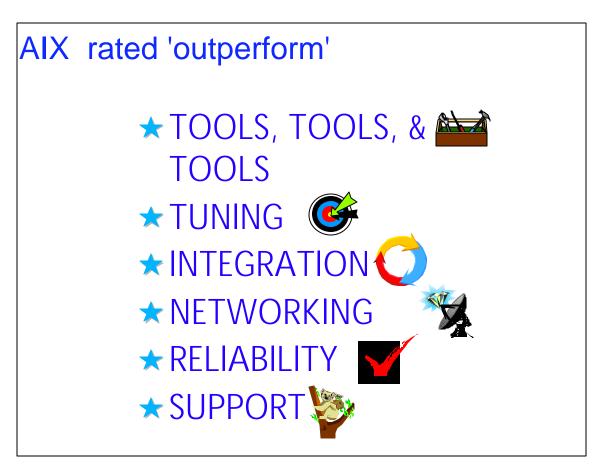
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