Performance Monitoring (focused on Java SE)

Topics

- What information to monitor
- What tools to use
- What level of the software stack to monitor
  - Operating system level
  - JVM level
  - Application level
- What to monitor is covered per component at a given level
  - Example. At OS level, monitor CPU usage

Tools For Monitoring

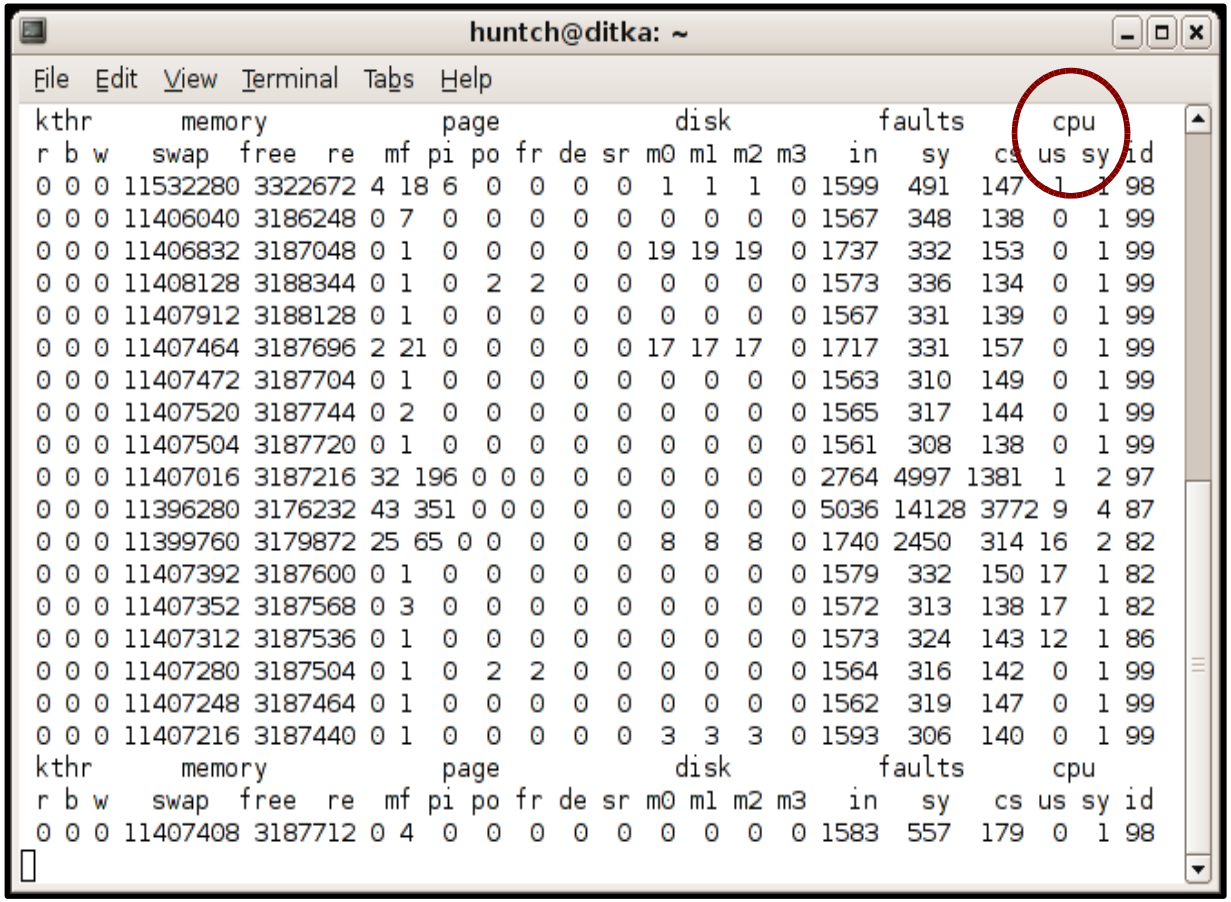
- Definition: An act of *non-intrusively* collecting or observing performance data from an operating or running application.
- What to monitor and where?
  - Operating system: cpu utilization (kernel & user), network i/o, disk i/o, memory, processes and kernel (locks).
  - JVM: garbage collection frequency and duration, heap usage, threads, lock contention, cpu usage
  - Application: throughput, responsiveness

CPU Monitoring Tools at the OS-Level

Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

- cpu
  - vmstat (Solaris & Linux)
  - mpstat (Solaris)
  - prstat (Solaris)
  - top (Linux, prefer prstat on Solaris)
  - Task Manager (Windows)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - xosview (Linux)
  - cpubar (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
  - iobar (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
  - dtrace (Solaris)

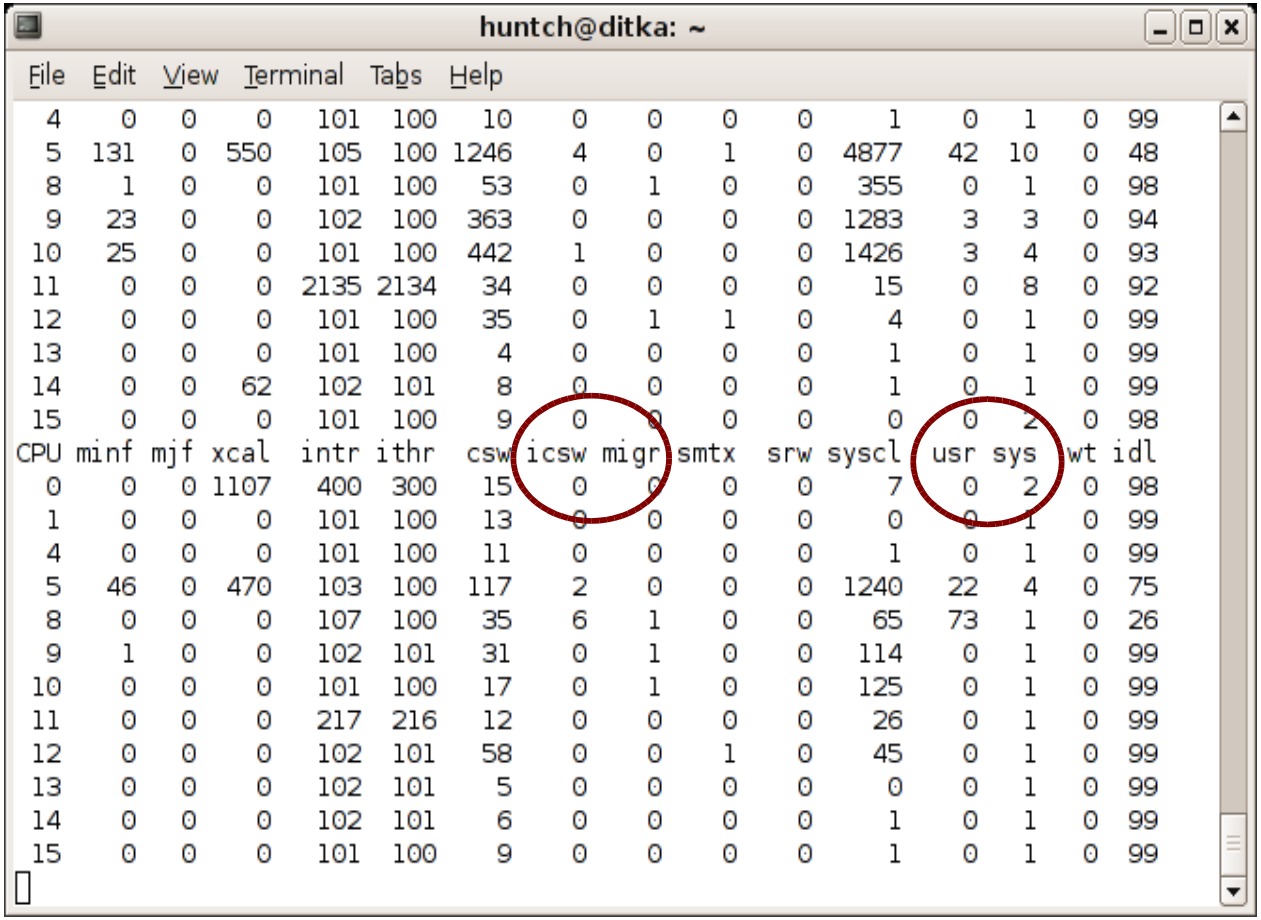
Tools For Monitoring : vmstat



vmstat

- Virtual Memory Statistics
- reports virtual memory statistics of process, virtual memory, disk, trap, and CPU activity.
- cpu (breakdown of percentage usage of CPU time. On multiprocessors this is an a verage across all processors.)
  - us - user time
  - sy - system time
  - id - idle time

Tools For Monitoring : mpstat



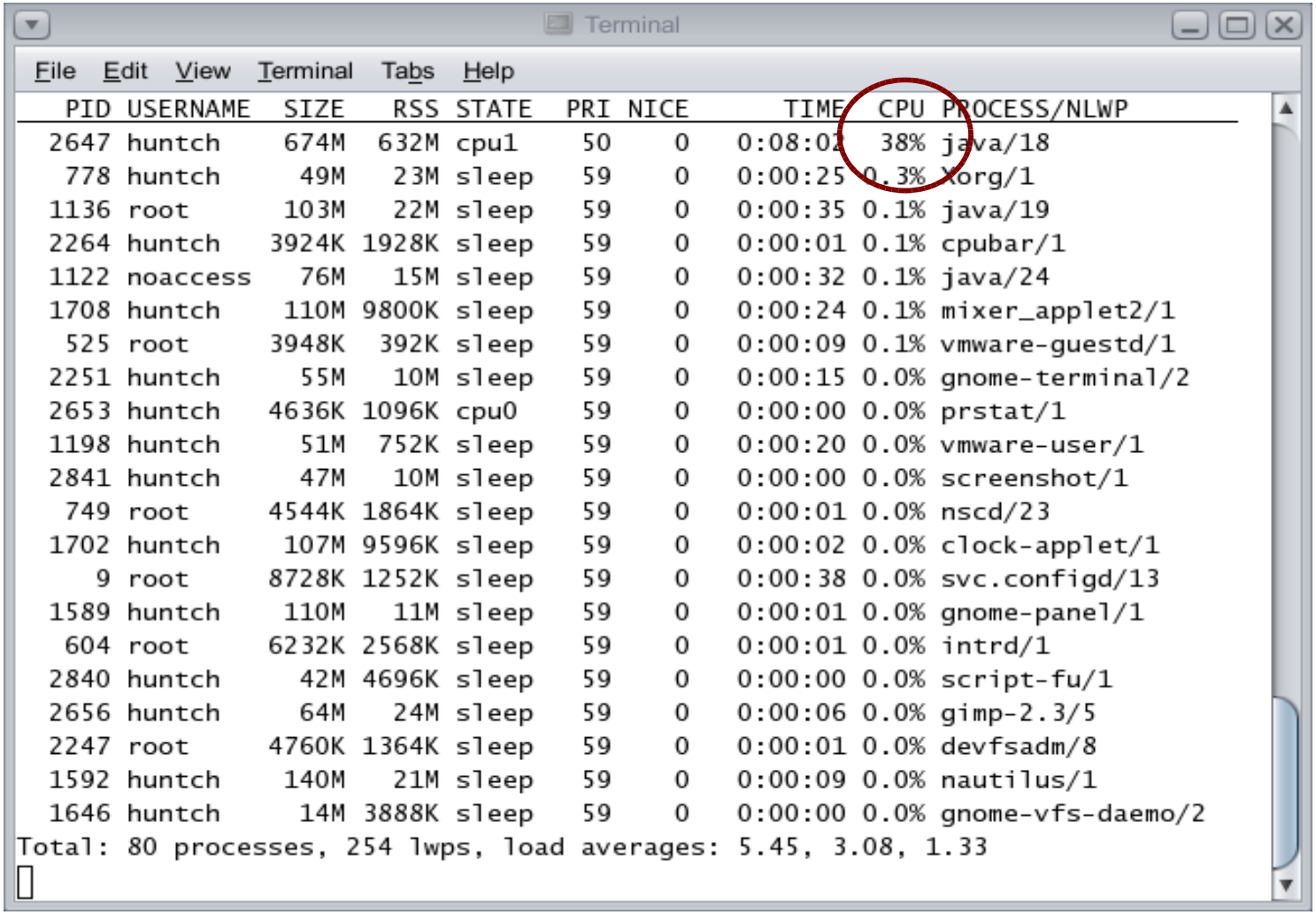
mpstat

- Multi-processor status
- Reveals the individual CPU utilization on multi-processor
- Each row of the table represents the activity of one processor.
- The first table summarizes all activity since boot
- Each subsequent table summarizes activity for the preceding interval.
- All values are rates (events per second) unless otherwise noted.

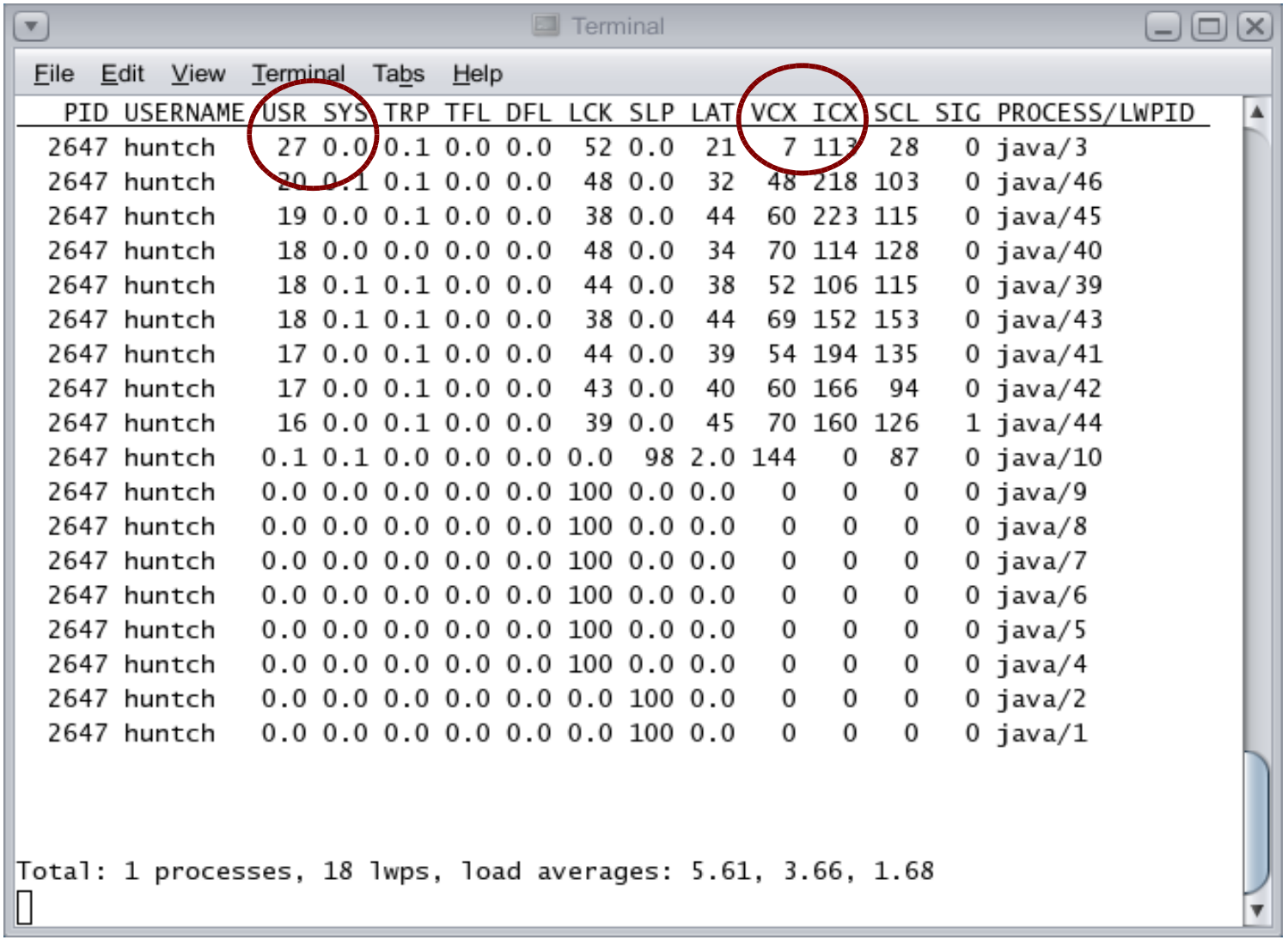
mpstat

- icsw involuntary context switches
- migr thread migrations (to another processor)
- usr percent user time
- sys percent system time

Tools For Monitoring : prstat



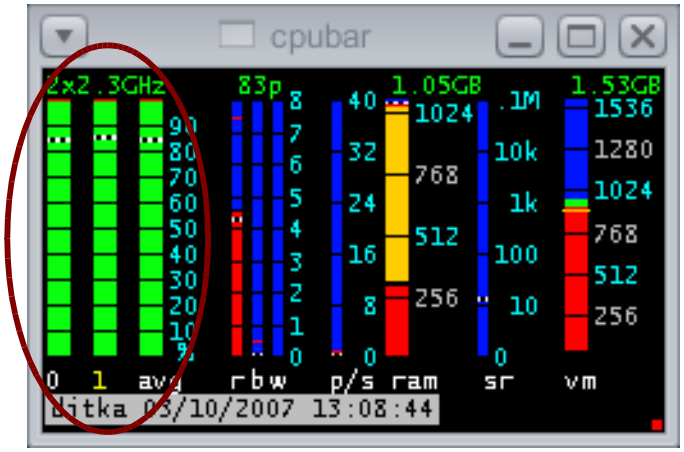
Tools For Monitoring : prstat -Lm



vmstat

- CPU The percentage of recent CPU time used by the process.
- VCX The number of voluntary context switches.
- ICX The number of involuntary context switches.

Tools For Monitoring : cpubar



- Available on Solaris Performance Tools 3.0 CD, or download from:
  http://mediacast.sun.com/share/stefanschneider/PerformanceCD3.0.tar.gz

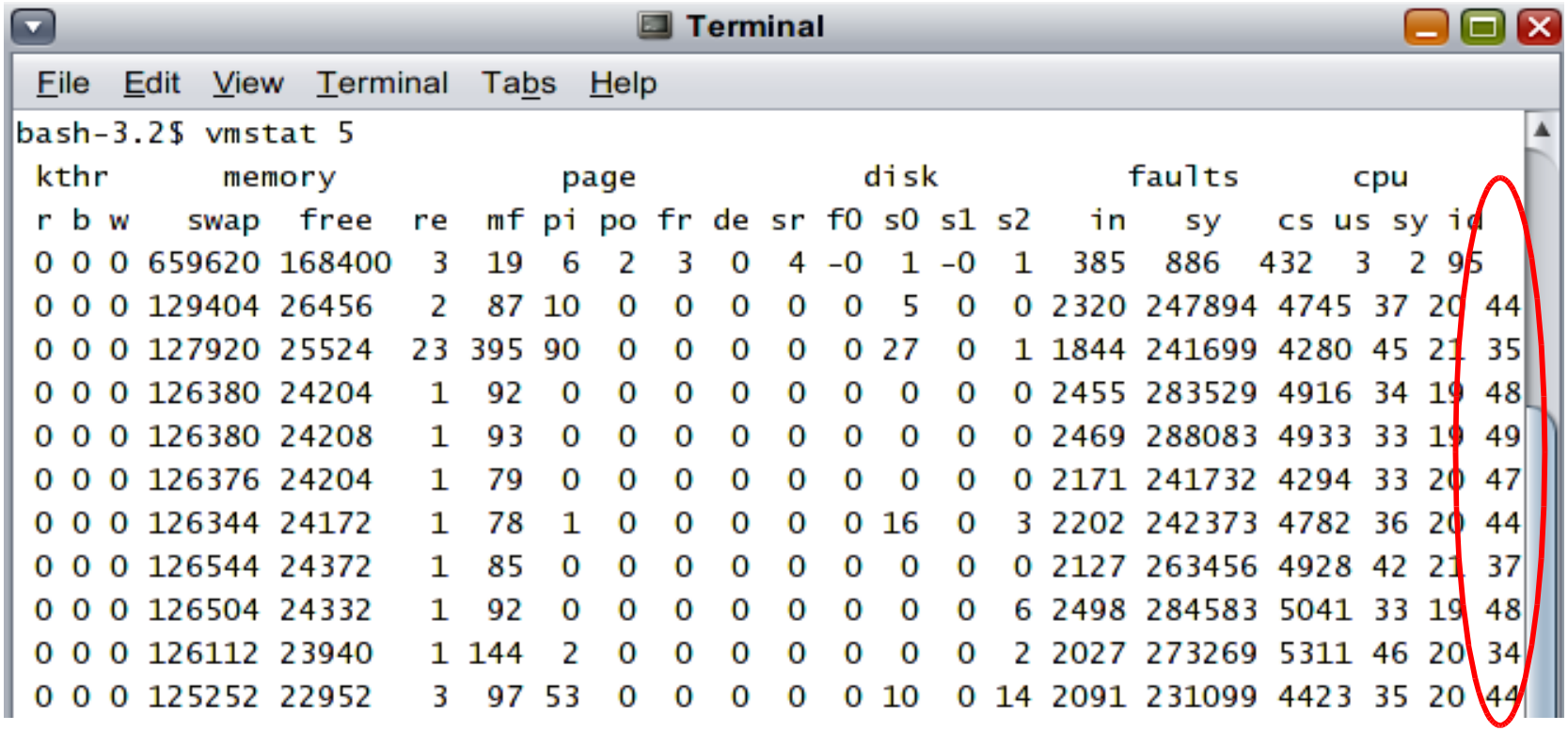
CPU monitoring : What to look for

- Using HotSpot's jps command you can find the process ids of all running Java processes on your machine.
- Using Solaris *prstat -Lm*, or *prstat -Lmp <pid>* to locate the LWP id(s) consuming the most cpu (usr or sys) and using HotSpot's *jstack* you can find the executing threads taking the cpu (usr and sys) time.
  - LWPID is in the far right column of prstat.
  - Look for jstack's corresponding 'tid', reported in hex.

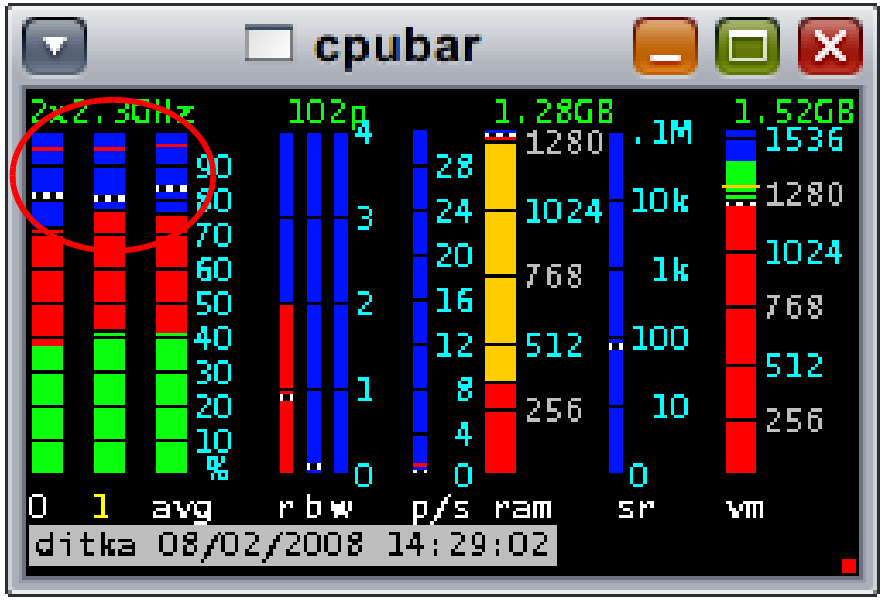
CPU monitoring : What to look for

- Idle cpu
  - On multi-threaded applications and multi-core systems, idle cpu can be an indicator of an application's inability to scale.
  - Combination of high sys or kernel CPU utilization and idle CPU could indicate shared resource contention as the scalability blocker.
  - Applicable to all operating systems, i.e. Windows, Linux and Solaris

CPU monitoring : What to look for



CPU monitoring : What to look for



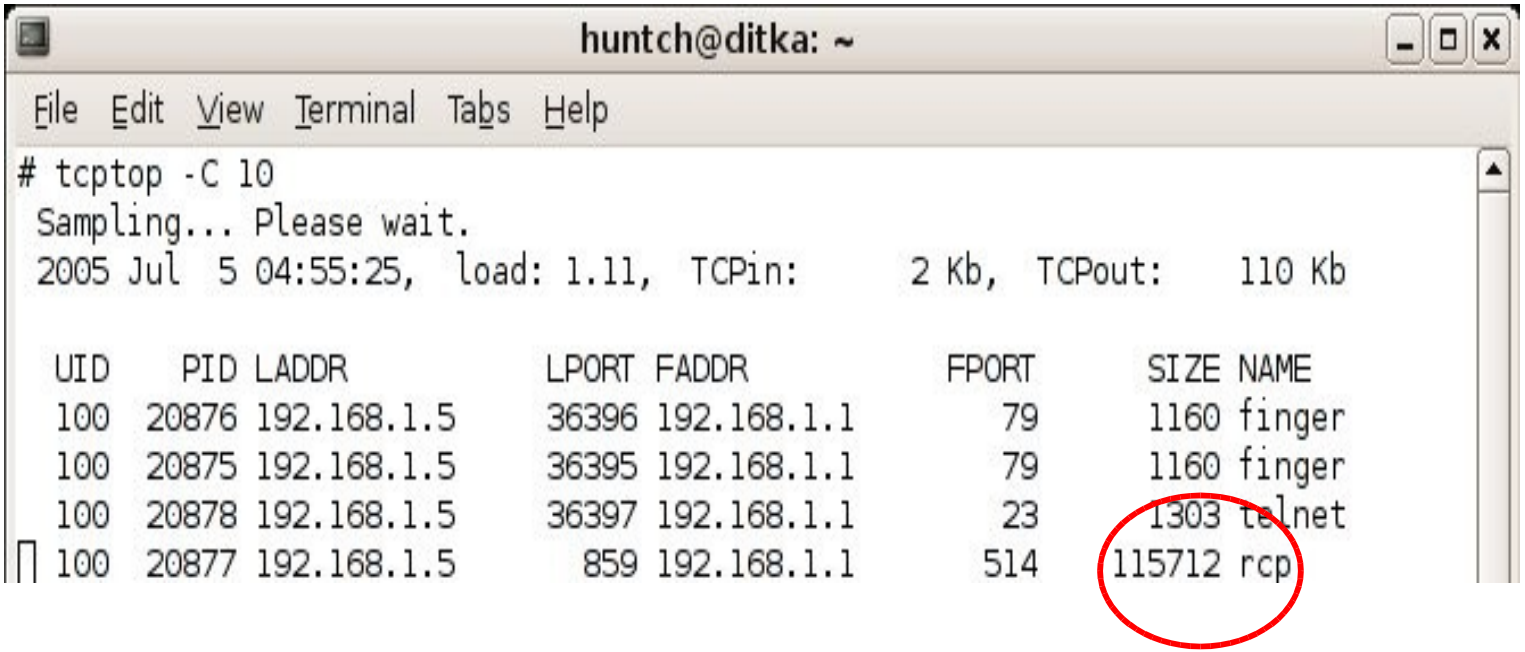
Networking I/O Monitoring at OS Level

Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

- network i/o
  - netstat (Solaris & Linux)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - dtrace (Solaris)
  - nicstat (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
  - tcptop (Dtrace Toolkit)
- Data of interest
  - network utilization, established connections,

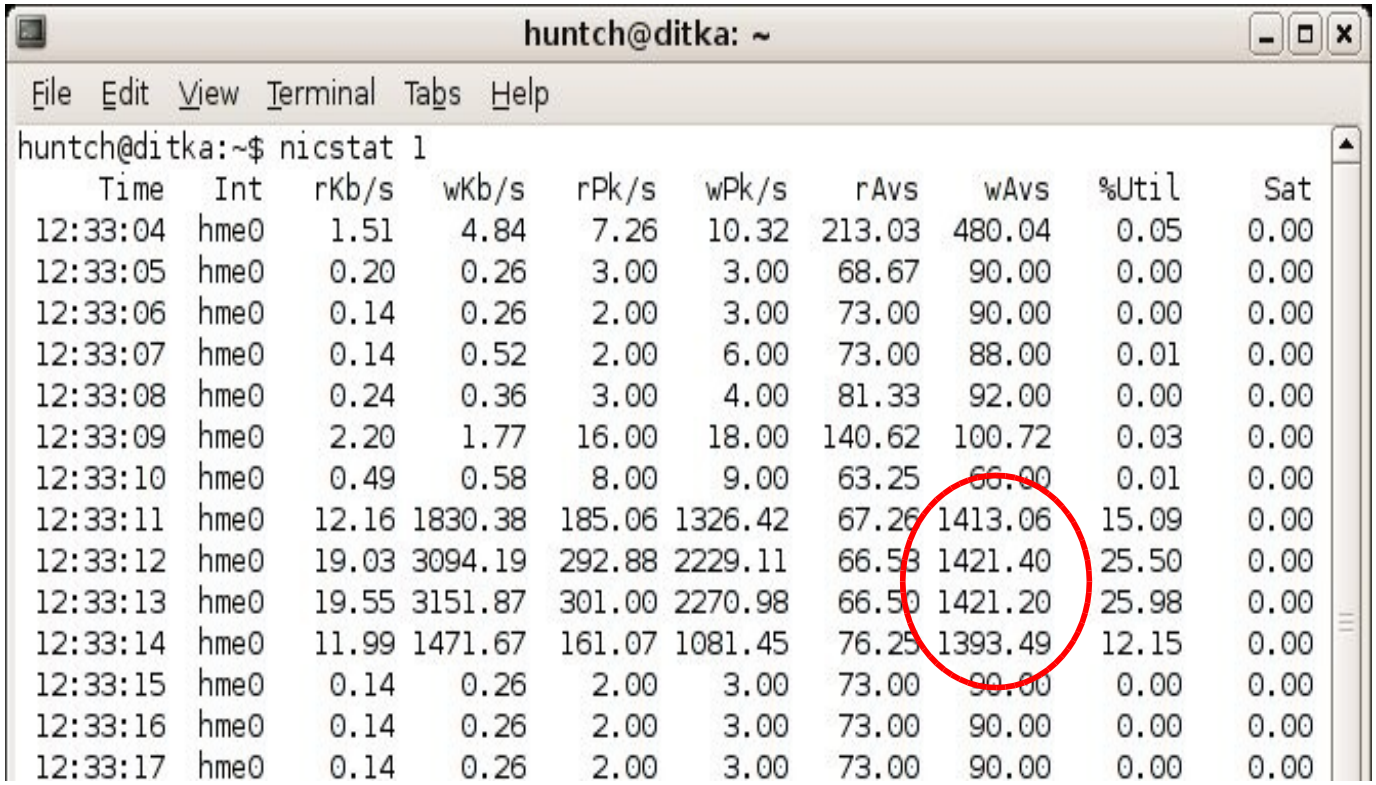
Network i/o : What to look for

- tcptop can show per process tcp stats



- Here we can see 'rcp' is generating about 115 kb of traffic

Tools For Monitoring : nicstat



- Notice wAvs, write average size, during four intervals is about 1420 bytes, the MTU size.

Disk I/O Monitoring at OS Level

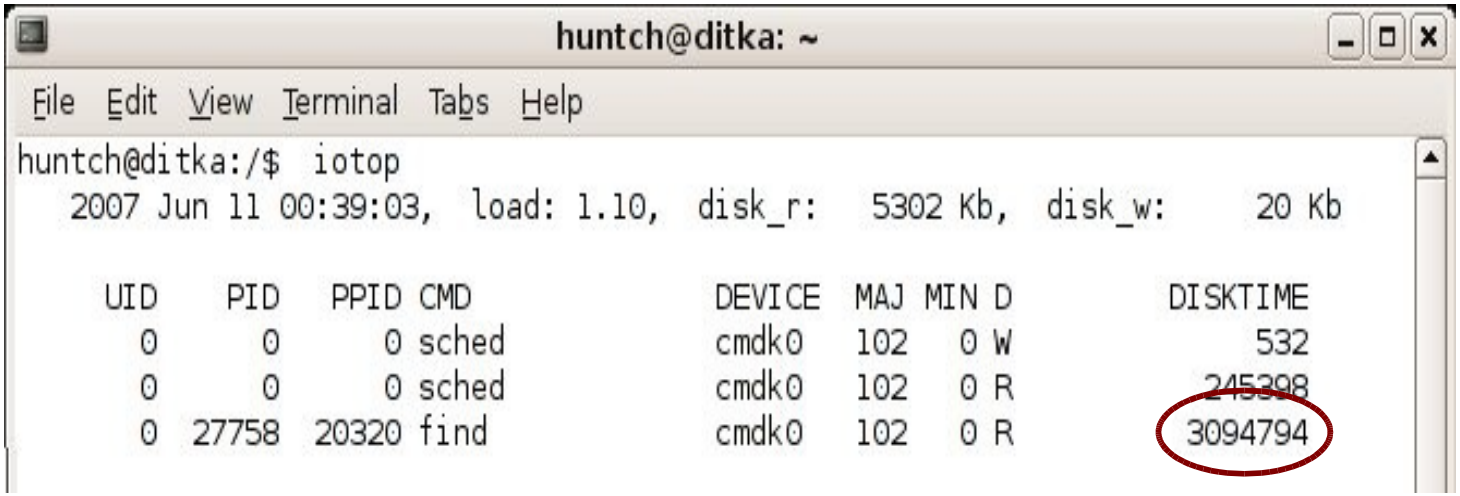
Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

- disk i/o
  - iostat (Solaris & Linux)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - dtrace (Solaris)
  - iobar (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
  - iotop (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
- Data of interest
  - number of disk accesses, latency, average latencies

Tools For Monitoring : iostat, iobar, iotop

- iostat reports per disk, text output
- iobar reports per disk, gui output
- iotop reports per process statistics, text output
- Data of interest
  - number of disk accesses, latency, average latencies

Tools For Monitoring : iotop example



- iotop reporting at a 5 second interval
- DISKTIME reported in microseconds
- CMD find is keeping disk cmdk0 busy almost 60% of time during the 5 second interval

disk i/o : What to look for

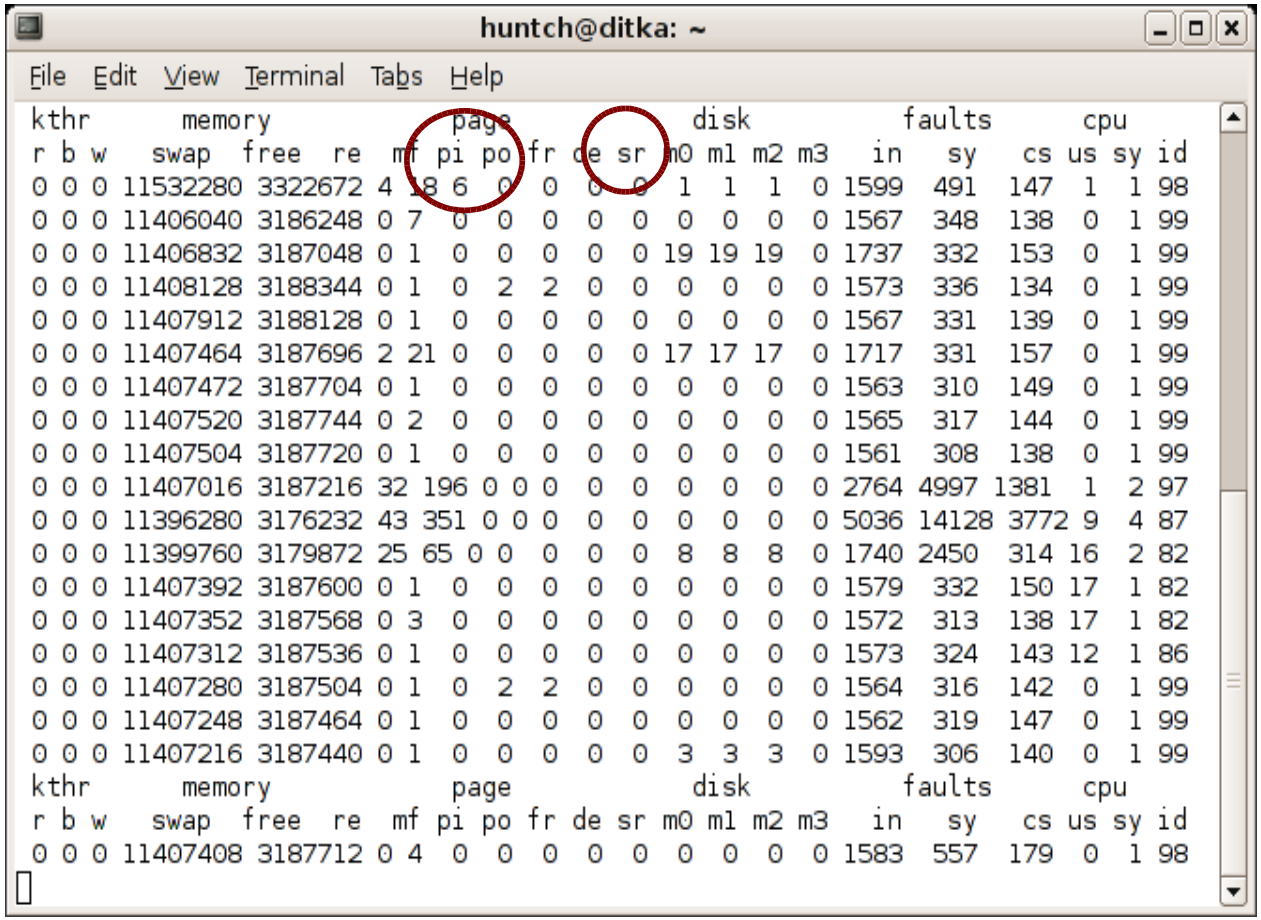
- Disk cache
  - Why not enable disk cache?
  - What's the risk?
  - On Solaris x86, disk cache may be disabled by default. Linux & Windows systems usually have it enabled.
  - Disk cache being disabled depends on the Sun branded model and how recent the model.

Memory Monitoring at OS Level

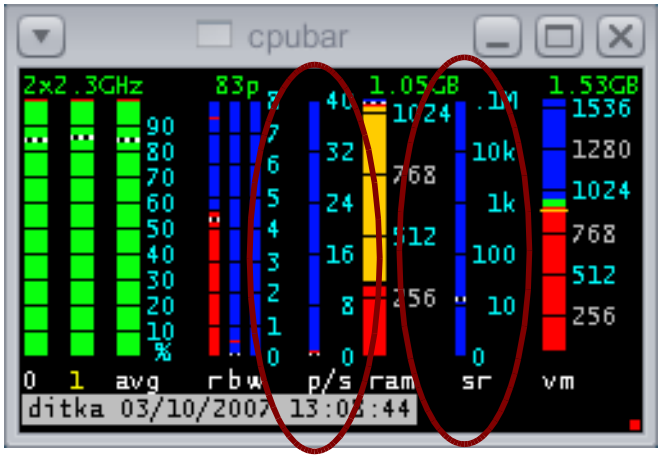
Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

- memory
  - vmstat (Solaris & Linux)
  - prstat (Solaris)
  - top (Linux – prefer prstat on Solaris)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - dtrace (Solaris)
  - cpubar (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
  - meminfo (Solaris – Performance Tools CD)
- Data of interest
  - paging, memory usage

Tools For Monitoring : vmstat

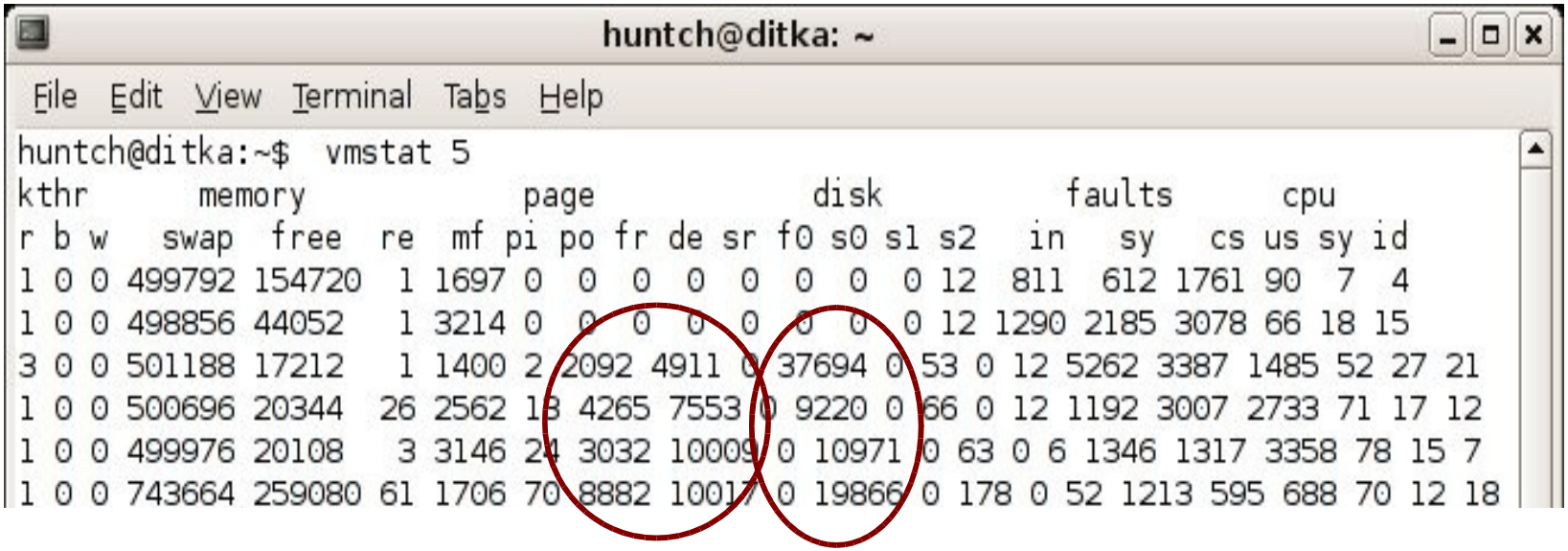


Tools For Monitoring : cpubar



- Data of interest
  - p/s - pages per second, sr - scan rate
  - Watch for high scan rate, or increasing trend. Low scan is ok if they are infrequent.

memory utilization : What to look for



- Why is swapping bad for a Java application?
- Anyone volunteers want to explain?

memory utilization : What to look for

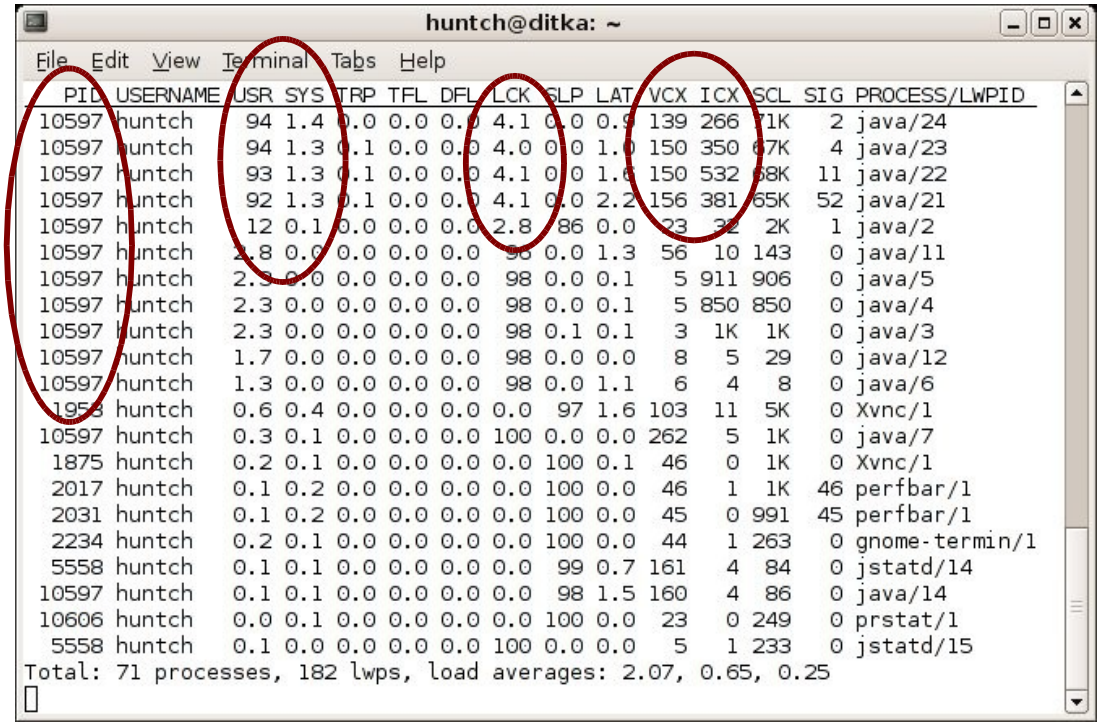
- How do you fix the swapping problem?
  - Smaller Java heap sizes
  - Add physical memory
  - Reduce number of applications running on the machine
  - Any one, or any combination of the above will help

Processes Monitoring at OS Level

Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

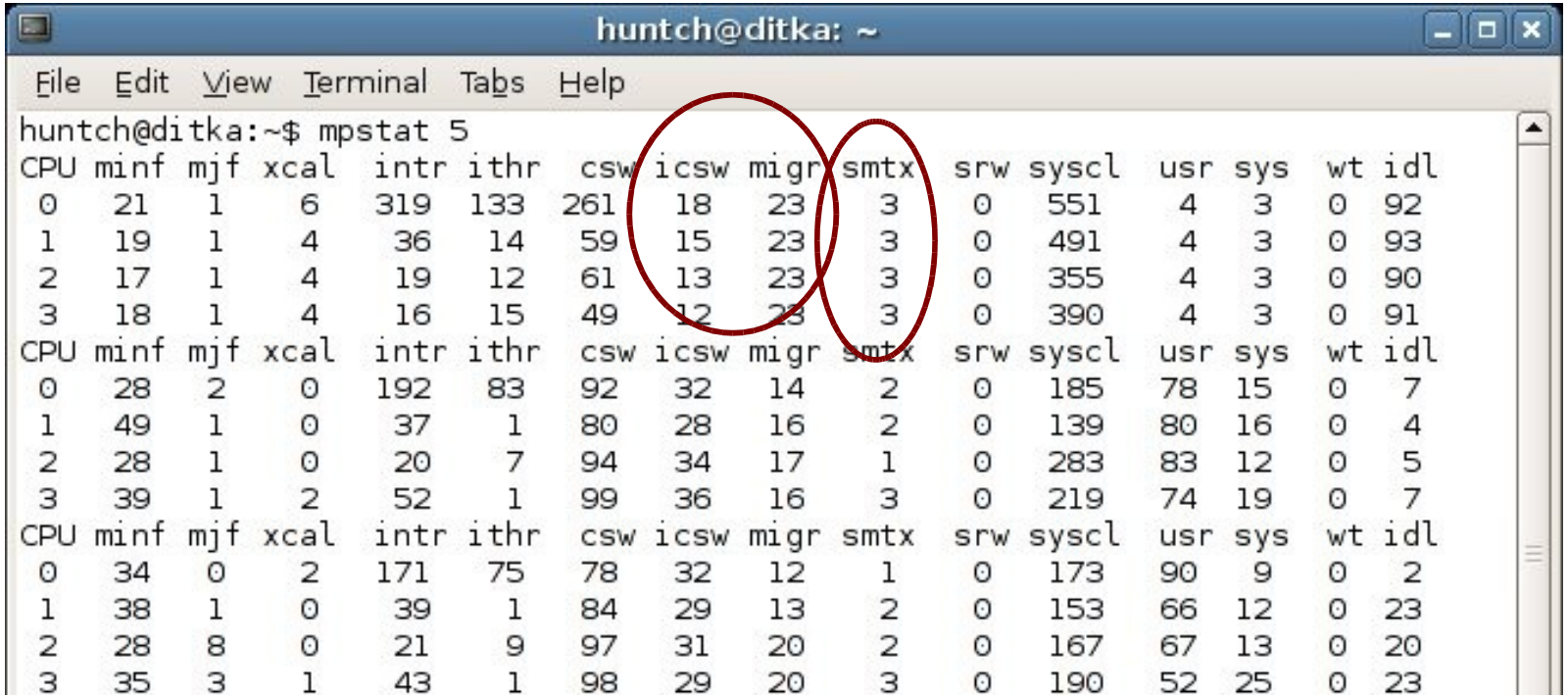
- processes
  - ps (Solaris & Linux)
  - vmstat (Solaris & Linux)
  - mpstat (Solaris)
  - prstat (Solaris)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - top (Linux – prefer prstat on Solaris)
  - dtrace (Solaris)
- Data of interest
  - footprint size, number of threads, thread state, cpu usage, runtime stack, context switches

Tools For Monitoring : prstat -Lm



- Data of interest
  - > number of threads, cpu usage, locks, context switches

Tools For Monitoring : mpstat



- Data of interest
  - > context switches, lock contention

processes : What to look for

- Why footprint size, number of threads, thread state, lock contention and context switching are important to monitor?
- What does lock contention and/or context switching look like on Solaris?
- How can you find the lock or locks causing problems?
- How can you address the thread context switching problem?

Kernel Monitoring at OS Level

Tools For Monitoring : OS Level

- kernel
  - vmstat (Linux & Solaris)
  - mpstat (Solaris)
  - lockstat & plockstat (Solaris)
  - Performance Monitor (Windows)
  - dtrace (Solaris)
  - intrstat (Solaris)
- Data of interest
  - kernel cpu utilization, locks, system calls, interrupts, migrations, run queue depth

Tools For Monitoring : vmstat

Terminal

File Edit View Terminal Tabs Help

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bash-3.2$ vmstat 5
 kthr      memory            page            disk          faults      cpu
 r b w   swap  free  re  mf pi po fr de sr f0 s0 s1 s2   in   sy   cs us sy id
 0 0 0 659620 168400   3  19  6  2  3  0  4 -0  1 -0  1  385  886  432  3  2 95
 0 0 0 129404 26456   2  87 10  0  0  0  0  0  5  0  0 2320 247894 4745 37 20 44
 0 0 0 127920 25524  23 395 90  0  0  0  0  0 27  0  1 1844 241699 4280 45 21 35
 0 0 0 126380 24204   1  92  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 2455 283529 4916 34 19 48
 0 0 0 126380 24208   1  93  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 2469 288083 4933 33 19 49
 0 0 0 126376 24204   1  79  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 2171 241732 4294 33 20 47
 0 0 0 126344 24172   1  78  1  0  0  0  0  0 16  0  3 2202 242373 4782 36 20 44
 0 0 0 126544 24372   1  85  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0 2127 263456 4928 42 21 37
 0 0 0 126504 24332   1  92  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  6 2498 284583 5041 33 19 48
 0 0 0 126112 23940   1 144  2  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  2 2027 273269 5311 46 20 34
 0 0 0 125252 22952   3  97 53  0  0  0  0  0 10  0 14 2091 231099 4423 35 20 44
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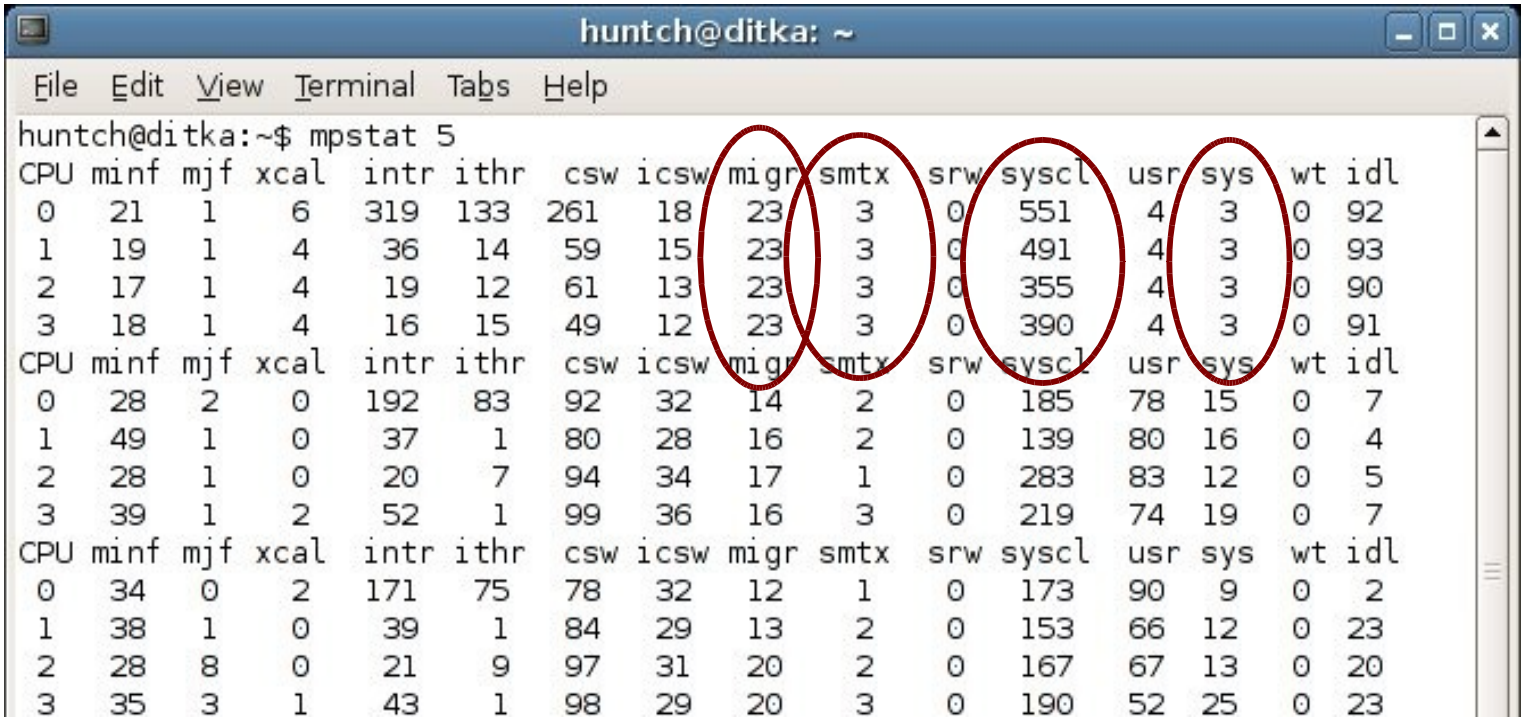
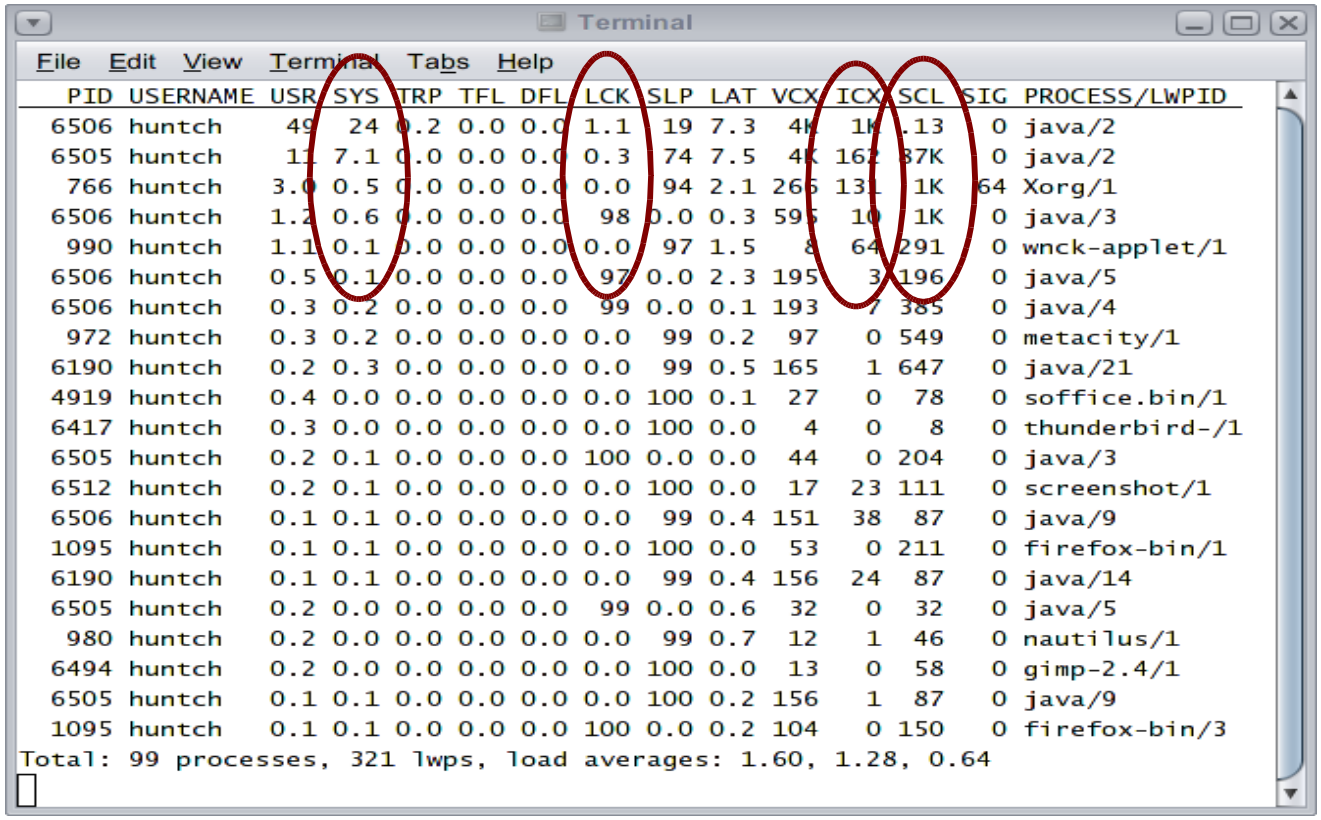
- Data of interest
  - > kernel cpu utilization, run queue depth

Tools For Monitoring : mpstat



- Data of interest
  - > kernel cpu utilization, locks, system calls, interrupts, migrations

Tools For Monitoring : prstat -Lm



- Data of interest
  - > kernel cpu utilization, locks, system calls, involuntary context switches

kernel : What to look for

- Why are high sys / kernel cpu, run queue depth, lock contention, migrations and context switching are important to monitor?
  - Discussion
- What do they indicate when each is observed?
  - Discussion
- How to do you address each of these problems?
  - Discussion

Monitoring Tools at the JVM-Level

Tools For Monitoring: JVM

- Garbage Collection
  - -verbose:gc
  - -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps
  - -XX:+PrintGCDetails
  - -XX:+PrintGCApplicationStoppedTime
  - -XX:+PrintGCApplicationConcurrentTime
  - jstat, jps
  - Jconsole
  - VisualVM
  - VisualGC
  - dtrace (HotSpot JDK 6 contains samples)

Tools For Monitoring: JVM

- Garbage Collection Data of Interest
  - Frequency and duration of collections
  - Java heap usage
  - Number of application threads
  - Lock contention
  - CPU usage

Tools For Monitoring : -verbose:gc

- -verbose:gc
  - [GC 1884K->1299K(5056K), 0.0031820 secs]
- With -XX:+PrintGCTimeStamps
  - 3.791: [GC 1884K->1299K(5056K), 0.0031820 secs]
- Data of interest
  - frequency and duration, heap usage
- Explain what pattern(s) indicate potential problems.
  - Quick demo

Tools For Monitoring : GCDetails

- -XX:+PrintGCDetails
- [GC [DefNew: 490K->64K(960K), 0.0032800 secs] 5470K->5151K(7884K), 0.0033270 secs] [Times: user=0.00 sys=0.00, real=0.00 secs]
- [Full GC (System) [Tenured: 5087K->5151K(6924K), 0.0971070 secs] 6047K->5151K(7884K), [Perm : 11178K->11178K(16384K)], 0.0972120 secs] [Times: user=0.10 sys=0.01, real=0.10 secs]
- Data of interest
  - frequency and duration, heap usage

Tools For Monitoring : pause time

- -XX:+PrintGCApplicationStoppedTime
- -XX:+PrintGCApplicationConcurrentTime
- Helpful when tuning pause time sensitive applications
- Useful for identifying odd pause time issues when combined with gc timestamps and gc duration.

Tools For Monitoring : jps

- jps
  - included in the HotSpot JDK.
  - command line utility to find running java processes.
  - jps [-q] [-mlvV] [<hostid> where <hostid> = <hostname>[:<port>]

Tools For Monitoring : jstat

- jstat
  - included in the HotSpot JDK.
  - command line utility.
  - jstat -<option> [-t] [-h<lines>] <vmid> [<internal> [<count>]]
  - Garbage collection option(s):
    - -gc, -gccapacity, -gccause, -gcnew, -gcnewcapacity, -gcold, -gcoldcapacity, -gcpermcapacity, -gcutil

Tools For Monitoring : jstat

- *Beware*: When using the concurrent collector (CMS), jstat reports two full gc events per CMS cycle, obviously misleading.
- But, young generation stats are accurate with CMS.

Tools For Monitoring : jconsole

- jconsole
  - Monitoring and management GUI console.
  - Included in the HotSpot JDK.
  - Attach local or remote.
  - Monitor internals of a target JVM.
  - Monitor multiple JVMs.
  - Explain what patterns indicate potential problems.

Tools For Monitoring : jconsole

- Endless observability
  - MBean support for
    - JVM memory usage by memory pool / spaces
    - Class loading, JIT compilation, garbage collector, runtime, threading and logging
    - Thread monitor contention
  - Graphical view of heap memory, threads, cpu usage and class loading

Tools For Monitoring : VisualVM

- VisualVM
  - Open source project at https://visualvm.dev.java.net
  - Integrates several existing JDK software tools, lightweight memory and CPU profiling capabilities.
    - JConsole
    - Subset of NetBeans Profiler
  - Includes performance analysis and troubleshooting abilities.
    - Thread deadlock detection
    - Thread monitor contention

Tools For Monitoring : VisualVM

- VisualVM
  - Can be further extended with specific functionality for target application via additional plug-in or extending an existing plug-in.
    - Possibilities include; GlassFish performance monitoring plug-in, JavaDB performance monitoring plug-in and external vendors such as WebSphere performance monitoring plug-in.
  - Plugins, enhancements and updates delivered through VisualVM plug-in center.

Tools For Monitoring : VisualVM

- VisualVM
  - Explain what patterns indicate potential performance issues.

Tools For Monitoring : VisualGC

- VisualGC
  - Standalone GUI or VisualVM plug-in.
  - Not included in HotSpot JDK. Separate download.
  - Visually observe garbage collection behavior. (A picture is worth a thousand words).
  - Also includes classloading and JIT compilation information.

Tools For Monitoring : JVM

- JIT Compilation
  - jstat
  - Jconsole
  - VisualVM
  - VisualGC
  - -XX:+PrintCompilation (can be intrusive)
  - -XX:+LogCompilation (can be intrusive)
  - DTrace (HotSpot JDK 6 contains samples)
- Data of interest
  - frequency, duration, possible opt / de-opt cycles, failed compilations

Tools For Monitoring : JIT

- -XX:+PrintCompilation
- 1 java.util.Properties$LineReader::readLine (452 bytes)
- 2 java.lang.String::hashCode (60 bytes)
- 3 java.lang.String::equals (88 bytes)
- 3 made not entrant (2) java.lang.String::equals (88 bytes)
- 4 java.lang.Object::<init> (1 bytes)
- 5 java.lang.String::indexOf (151 bytes)
- Data of interest
  - > frequency, duration, possible opt / de-opt cycles, (explain the patterns which indicate trouble)

Tools For Monitoring : JIT

- -XX:+LogCompilation
  - Beware, it can be intrusive
- Will probably need someone from JIT compiler team to analyze it.
- Data of interest
  - frequency, duration, possible opt / de-opt cycles

Tools For Monitoring : JIT

- Using .hotspot_compiler file
- When & why to use it?
  - JIT compiler in an endless loop attempting a “heroic” optimization which will not converge
  - JIT compiler in a de-optimization – re-optimization cycle
  - JIT compiler producing 'bad' code resulting in a core dump or other severe problem

Tools For Monitoring : JIT

- Using .hotspot_compiler file, continued ...
- What is the format?
  - exclude A/B/C/D methodName where
  - A.B.C.D is the fully qualified package and class name and methodName is the method name.
  - To exclude java.util.HashMap.clear(), specify:
    - exclude java/util/HashMap clear

Monitoring Tools at the Application-Level

Tools For Monitoring : Application

- Application throughput and / or responsiveness
  - JConsole (application Mbeans)
  - Extend VisualVM with a plug-in to gather Java application data of interest and monitor the application with VisualVM
  - Application log
  - Specialized DTrace scripts
- Data of interest
  - critical application information and instrumentation

Performance Monitoring (focused on Java SE)