

Update #2

ThruPut Manager[®] Automation Edition rolled out to production

ThruPut Manager Automation Edition became GA (Generally Available) in November, 2007. Since then our Early Availability customers have added workload as time and change windows have allowed. MVS Solutions has made enhancements in PTF TMT6119 based on user feedback.

In addition to our early users, there are several more customers who are either installed or in various stages of implementing a quickstart for ThruPut Manager Automation Edition.

Production workloads

Each datacenter is starting with a simulated workload, proceeding to their ad hoc or daytime batch workload and finally their production workload. Some of the reasons they are particularly anxious to get their production workload running under TM/SLM are to take advantage of:

- preferential treatment in advancing in the queue, fetching

external resources, contending for datasets, selecting the next job for execution, drive utilization, and service class assignment

- automatic escalation when things are tight
- dynamic initiators to manage execution and, as a by-product, distribute the load
- enhanced job summary report, detailing more than 15 reasons why a job may have been delayed.

AE User Community

After the success of our EAP meeting last fall, we have convened a virtual AE user group. The first web meeting was on May 9, with 10 people from eight companies. They introduced themselves, had a short tutorial on common monitoring questions, and decided to meet again monthly, with a specific focus for each meeting. |

Questions and Answers from our Customers

Q. If I code `JBS BIND FROM_SAC` in my JAL more than once, can the JAL compiler pick this up and issue a warning message?

A. No. The `BIND FROM_SAC` may be invalidated by a `BIND RESET` statement and then made active again by a subsequent desired `BIND FROM_SAC`.

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MVS Solutions Calendar

○ ThruPut Manager Orientation Series

Operational View
Tuesday, August 19, 2008

Conceptual View
Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Operational View
Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Conceptual View
Tuesday, October 21, 2008

○ SHARE 2008 San Jose, CA August 11-14, 2008

USER EXPERIENCE SESSION:
ThruPut Manager Batch Service Level Management using TM/SLM

○ AFCOM October 6-8, 2008 Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center Orlando Florida

○ IBM z/Expo October 13-15, 2008 Rio All Suites Hotel and Casino Las Vegas NV

LAS VEGAS USER GROUP
October 12, 2008

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Murray Martin and Al Lindstrom at the IBM z/Expo Europe, in Dresden Germany.

Trade Show Excitement

Both Al Lindstrom and Murray Martin have been to many tradeshows over the years, mostly in North America. They've had luggage go missing, been snowed in, and had booth mix-ups. But IBM z/EXPO in Dresden Germany was a whole new level of mishaps.

They arrived to find the MVS Solutions booth set up with its back to the traffic flow, though the view out the window was lovely. However that was soon eclipsed by the conference center being evacuated due to a WWII bomb discovered by the landscapers 10 feet from the building! You might recall from your history classes that Dresden was heavily bombed by the Allies in February 1945. Apparently bombs are still found from time to time. In any case the conference was delayed by a day, and the booth never did get shifted.

After the conference, Al and Murray decided to drive to Prague, some 150 kilometers from Dresden. While

CALENDAR: The Orientation Series has been very popular and is being repeated for people new to ThruPut Manager Automation Edition or who need to refresh their ThruPut Manager understanding. The 2008 User Groups have been enthusiastically received in several cities and we have one more in Las Vegas in October. Look for ThruPut Manager sessions at the trade shows we attend. ■

stopping for directions, their car window was smashed and Al's laptop and Murray's camera bag were stolen, including his wallet, passport, credit cards and 500 Euros. Upsetting and highly inconvenient! The police were called and insisted Al and Murray go to the police station "to be interrogated", which the interpreter corrected "to be interviewed". Apparently the décor of the police station hasn't changed much from the police state era and it was a highly unnerving experience.

Happily the embassy provided another passport by the next day and the rest of the trip was relatively uneventful. ■

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Q. How does Automation Edition co-exist with WLM-controlled initiators?

A. All TM/SLM-controlled work is directed to a single queue. Once in that queue ThruPut Manager dynamically starts and stops JES initiators for that workload. Meanwhile the WLM initiators and the (non ThruPut Manager-controlled) JES initiators would be processing workload in any other queues. So they co-exist just fine.

However, while this is a perfectly acceptable interim situation, it is not optimal. ThruPut Manager is designed to give preference to more important workload. When it can't control large portions of the workload, the benefits will be reduced. Secondly, WLM's selection criteria are quite different from those used by TM/SLM and may result in too much competition to the detriment of both. ■

TM/Service Level Manager™, the heart of ThruPut Manager Automation Edition, is controlled by service-oriented policies to provide unprecedented batch automation and optimization in the z/OS JES2 environment.

**ThruPut
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