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Agenda:

- Describe various limits
 - Architected
 - Supported
 - Consumption
 - Latent
- Show which limit-related performance metrics to review
- Discuss limits that may be hit first

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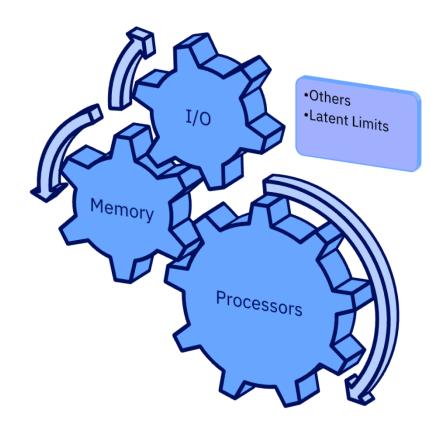
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Limits



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- This presentation looks at individual limits; it is quite possible that you will hit one limit before you hit the next. We do it this way to help illustrate which limits Development will address first, but then to set expectations as to how much greater can one run before hitting that next limit.
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Key Notes for Presentation

- z/VM Continuous Delivery Strategy
- Presentation will show limits affected based on:
- 7.2 z/VM 7.2 GA November 11, 2020 EOS March 31, 2025
- 7.2+ z/VM 7.2 plus service EOS March 31, 2025
- 7.3 z/VM 7.3 became GA September 16, 2022
- 7.3+ z/VM 7.3 plus service
- z/VM 7.4 became GA September 20, 2024
- 7.4+ z/VM 7.4 plus service
- Recent End of Service releases:
 - z/VM 6.4 went End of Service March 31, 2021
 - z/VM 7.1 went End of Service March 31, 2023
- IBM Z references apply to equivalent LinuxONE machines except if noted separately



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Key Notes for Presentation

• Throughout this presentation, limits highlighted in:



RED are PRACTICAL Limits

YELLOW are SUPPORTED limits

GREEN are ARCHITECTED limits

IBM Z - z/VM Hardware Support

- z/VM 7.4 hardware requirements:
 - IBM z15 Models T01 and T02
 - IBM z16 Models A01, A02, AGZ
 - IBM z17 Model ME1
- z/VM 7.3 hardware requirements:
 - IBM z14 Models M01, M02, M03, M04, M05, and ZR1
 - IBM z15 Models T01 and T02
 - IBM z16 Models A01, A02, AGZ
 - IBM z17 Model ME1
- EOS March 31, 2025 z/VM 7.2 hardware requirements:
 - IBM z13, IBM z13s
 - IBM z14 Models M01, M02, M03, M04, M05, and ZR1
 - IBM z15 Models T01 and T02
 - IBM z16 Models A01, A02, AGZ

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IBM LinuxONE - z/VM Hardware Support

- z/VM 7.4 hardware requirements:
 - IBM LinuxONE III LT1, LT2
 - IBM LinuxONE III Express
 - IBM LinuxONE Emperor 4 LA1, LA2
 - IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 AGL
- z/VM 7.3 hardware requirements:
 - IBM LinuxONE Emperor II
 - IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper II
 - IBM LinuxONE III LT1, LT2
 - IBM LinuxONE III Express
 - IBM LinuxONE Emperor 4 LA1, LA2
 - IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper 4 AGL



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Processors (Part 1 of 2)



- Processors hardware architected:
 - Includes all processor types (CP, zIIP, IFL, etc)
- Processors hardware available to customer:
 - z17: **208** (model ME1)
 - z16: **200** (model A01 only; A02 and AGZ support **68** max)
 - z15: **190** (model T01 only)
 - z14: **170** (model M05 only)
 - z13: **141**
 - zEC12: **101**
 - z196: **80**
- PR/SM Logical processors:
 - Logical processors in a z/VM partition supported:
 - is 80 on z14 and newer with z/VM 7.3 and newer
 - Note: with SMT-1 or SMT-2, the limit to number of cores supported is half the logical processors as each possible logical processor would be associated with a thread on an IFL core. So logical 80-way would be a limit of 40 IFL cores even with SMT-1.

Processors (Part 2 of 2)

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- z/VM primary processor (z/VM design): 1
 - Some z/VM work is serialized by running on a "primary" processor
 - Watch for 100%-utilized, rare in Linux workloads
 - z/VM will elect a new primary if the designated primary processor fails or is varied off
 - Primary may be reassigned to keep it as a vertical high processor when running in vertical polarization mode
- Virtual CPUs in a single virtual machine (z/VM design): 64
 - But N_{Virtual} > N_{Logical} is usually not practical
 - Most interrupts presented to just 1 virtual CPU
- Number of logical partitions
 - z196 **60**
 - zEC12 **60**
 - z13 **85**
 - z14 **85**
 - z15 **85**
 - z16 **85**
 - z17 **85**

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Topology and Vertical CPU Management

How much REAL processor is my LOGICAL processor guaranteed?

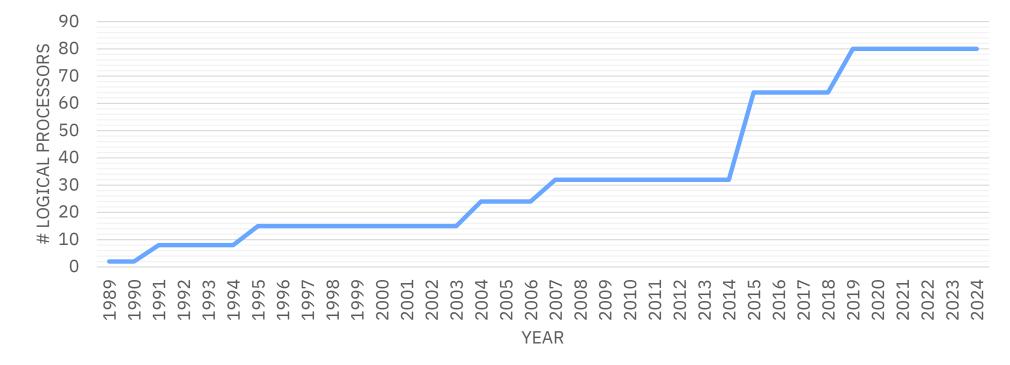
VH – Vertical High CPUs are entitled to 100% of a real CPU VM – Vertical Medium CPUs are entitled to some of a real CPU (50%-100%) VL – Vertical Low CPUs are not entitled to any real CPU

PR/SM tries to map LOGICAL processors to REAL processors as closely as possible and move those mappings as little as possible.

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Number of Supported Logical Processors in z/VM



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- 2. Primary does not seem unduly burdened

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Memory (Part 1 of 6)

Real Memory (Central Storage)

• CPC Total maximum customer memory:

- z17	56 TB
- z16	40 TB*
- z15	40 TB
- z14	3 2 TB
- z13	10 TB
- zEC12	3 TB

- z10 EC **1.5 TB**

• Maximum LPAR size:

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- z17	32 TB
- z16	32 TB
- z15	16 TB
- z14	16 TB
- z13	10 TB
- zEC12	1 TB
- z196	1 TB
- z10 EC	1 TB

• *CPC total maximum customer memory for IBM LinuxONE 4 LA1 increased from 40 to **48 TB**.

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Memory (Part 2 of 6)

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z/VM virtual machine size supported: **1 TB; guidelines for 2 TB guests**

- Practical limit can be gated by performance of:
 - **Dumping** a VM system
 - Live Guest Relocation requirements
 - **Production level performance** requirements
 - More information and limitations: <u>https://www.vm.ibm.com/memman/gt1guest.html</u>
 - z/VM 7.3 APAR VM66673 Large Guest LOGOFF Reset Time Mitigation is strongly recommended

Active, or instantiated, total virtual machines limit imposed by DAT structure limits:

• 64 TB

- 128 PTRM pre-allocated spaces each 2 GB-space can map 512 GB of guest-real memory (host-virtual).

Memory (Part 3 of 6)

- Virtual to real memory ratio (z/VM design): 64 TB : 2 TB = 32:1 ٠ 64 TB : 4 TB = 16:1
- Virtual to real memory ratio (practical): about 2:1 or 3:1
 - Warning: Different people have different definitions for "Virtual to real memory". Here we are using total virtual machine size of started virtual machines to real memory configured to z/VM.
 - **1:1** if you want to eliminate performance impact for production workloads.
 - Consider maximum ratio due to:
 - Workload growth Live Guest Relocation
 - Practical over commitment dependent on: -
 - Active: Idle virtual machines
 - Workload/Service Level Agreement sensitivity to delays •
 - Performance of paging subsystem (e.g. flash, HyperPAV, channels, etc.) •
 - Accuracy of sizing of the virtual machines •
 - Exploitation of memory saving/exploitation capabilities (e.g. CMM, DIM) ٠



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Memory (Part 4 of 6)

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- z/VM design CP Owned volumes: 255
 - Only a subset can be used for paging
 - SSI configurations paging is not shared, but other CP-owned slots are.
- Maximum paging space design limits (if you could use all volumes):
 - ECKD (3390): 202 TB
 - EDEV (SCSI): **15.9 TB**
- Concurrent paging I/Os per paging volume:
 - ECKD without HyperPAV: 1
 - ECKD with HyperPAV: 8
 - EDEV: >1 (Have observed average of 1.6 in heavy workloads)

Memory (Part 5 of 6)

- Rules of thumb:
 - Do not cheat on calculating paging space required! -
 - Do not allow page space to become full (avoid PGT004 abends) -
- Do not mix ECKD and EDEV paging volumes on same system
- Keep volumes dedicated to paging
- In environments with virtual to real ratio of 1, consider turning off early writes and keep slot
 - CP command: SET AGELIST EARLYWRITES NO KEEPSLOT NO
 - In system config file: STORAGE AGELIST EARLYWRITES NO KEEPSLOT NO

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Memory (Part 6 of 6)

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- System Execution Space (SXS) z/VM design limit: 2 GB
 - For practical purposes it is 2GB, but there are structures in the space placed above 2GB
- DCSS

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- Individual Segments up to 2047 MB
 - Segments must end prior to one 4KB page below 512GB
- Minidisk Cache (z/VM design): 8 GB
 - Recommended limit 2 GB
 - Recommend fixing MDC size rather than letting arbiter change it dynamically
- Installing z/VM: minimum of 768 MB
- Minimum memory to install or IPL z/VM second level: **128 MB**

Memory References

Memory over commitment

- http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/tips/memory.html

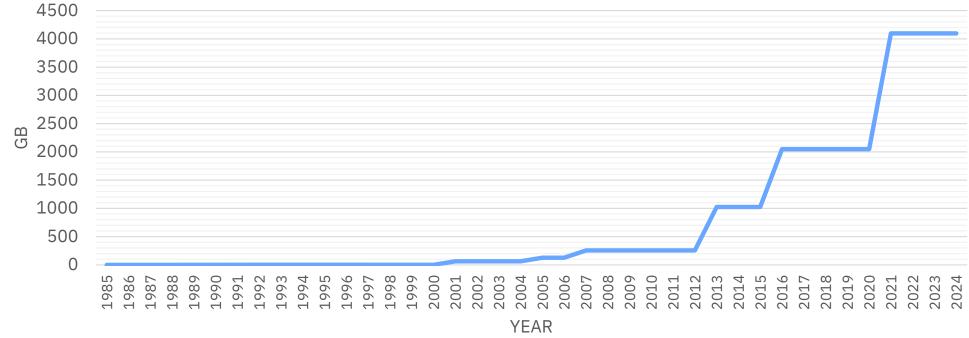
Paging in general

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- http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/tips/prgpage.html

Real Memory Scaling

Real Memory Supported by a z/VM system



VIR2REAL Tool

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- Displays the ratio of total virtual storage to LPAR real storage of your z/VM system.
 - Too high a ratio, and your system my underperform
 - Too low a ratio, you may be able to handle more workload.
- Displays your defined paging space (Indicates if paging or dump space is inadequate)
- Great as a quick check tool.
- Does not indicate HOW your system is paging.

NOTE: VIR2REAL is an aid but it can't tell you everything!

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T-Disk space avail. (MB)	DUMP slots available 23587k	
T-Disk space utilization%	DUMP slot utilization 21%	
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C005 3390-9 ATP033 PAGE 11793420	3 359.1 373.4 732.4 40.4 0 148.9 .9 24.8 18	
CD03 3390-9 ATP213 PAGE 11793420	3 363.3 374.9 738.2 39.3 0 137.5 1.0 16.6 18	
C600 3390-9 ATP112 PAGE 11793420	3 362.1 373.5 735.6 41.3 0 133.1 .8 76.8 18	
C70A 3390-9 ATP136 PAGE 11793420	3 362.2 375.9 738.0 40.6 0 126.6 1.0 33.2 18	3 100 C
C20A 3390-9 ATP066 PAGE 11793420	3 361.1 371.2 732.3 38.9 0 125.5 .8 53.3 18	3 100 C
CA0A 3390-9 ATP178 PAGE 11793420	3 364.4 372.1 736.5 40.7 0 123.8 .9 53.1 18	3 100 C
C80D 3390-9 ATP153 PAGE 11793420	3 364.0 370.3 734.3 39.6 0 122.7 .9 27.7 18	3 100 C
CB0A 3390-9 ATP192 PAGE 11793420	3 364.0 375.8 739.8 40.3 0 122.0 1.1 77.5 18	3 100 C

Report FCX292 UPGUTL

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Userid	Owned	WSS	Inst	Resvd	T_A]]	T<2G	T>2G	L<2G	L>2G	U<2G	U>2G	P<2G	P>2G	A<2G	A>2G	XSTOR	AUX	Size	Users	
>>Mean>>	.0	5284M	6765M	5611	5286M	27M	5259M	1010	232K	6565	2238K	59588	26M	53080	107M	.0	1815M	7108M	73	
User Cla	ss Data	:																		
CMS1_USE	.0	3320ĸ	19м	.0		.0	484K	.0	4096	.0	69632	.0	244K	.0	344K	.0	19м	2047м	1	
LCC_CLIE		364M	485M	.0		11264	365M	.0			325K		2686K		8177ĸ	.0		1024M	-	
LXA_SERV	.0	7974M	10G	.0	7978м	41M	7937м	.0	206к	9984	3327K	90624	39M	80725	161M	.0	2719M	10240M	48	
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DTCVSW1	.0	184K	11M	0	196K	8K	188K	8к	4к	0	4K	0	0	0	168K	0	11M	32м		
DTCVSW2	.0	180K	11M	0	184K	0	184K	0	4к	0	4K	0	0	0	164K	0	10M	32M		
EREP	.0	4912K	4944K	0	4к	0	4K	0	0	0	4K	0	0	0	0	0	4940ĸ	32M		
FTPSERVE	.0		5764K	0	88K	0	88K	0	4к	0	4K	0	0	0	76K	0	5760K	32M		
GCSXA	.0	204K	208K	0	8к	0	8к	0	4K	0	4K	0	0	0	0	0	200K	16M		
LCC00001	.0	364M	488M	0	365M	0	365M	0	204K	0	228K		2884K		8660K	0	192M	1024M		
LCC00002	.0	369M	492M	0	371M	20K	371M	0	204K	0	224K		2312K		7736K	0	159M	1024M		
LCC00003	.0	363M	484M	0	364M	0	364M	0	204K	0	252K		2852K		8372K	0	215M	1024M		
LCC00004	.0	363M	483M	0	363M	16K	363M	0	204K	0	228K	0	2724K	0	8512K	0	185M	1024M		

- Look for the new concepts: Inst IBR UFO PNR AgeList
- Amounts are in bytes, suffixed. Not page counts!
- FCX113 UPAGE is still produced.

Zoom in on FCX292 UPGUTL report new for z/VM 6.3

. ----- Storage ------<----> Resident -----> <----- Invalid But Resident -----> <---- Total ----> <-Locked--> <-- UFO --> <-- PNR --> <-AgeList-> Inst Resvd T_All T<2G T>2G L<2G L>2G U<2G U>2G P<2G P>2G A<2G A>2G XSTOR AUX 6765M 5611 5286M 27M 5259M 1010 232K 6565 2238K 59588 26M 53080 107M .0 1815M 19M .0 484K .0 484K .0 4096 .0 69632 .0 244K .0 344K .0 19M 485M .0 365M 11264 365M .0 208K .0 325K .0 2686K .0 8177K .0 164M .0 206K 9984 3327K 90624 10G .0 7978M 41M 7937M 39M 80725 161M .0 2719M 1

- Look for the concepts: Inst IBR UFO PNR AgeList
- Amounts are in bytes, suffixed. Not page counts!

Report FCX290 UPGACT

rom 2013/04/09 16:02:10 p 2013/04/09 16:13:10 6D85																SYSTEMID CPU 2817-744 S		
660 secs 00:11:00						"This	"This is a performance report for SYSTEM XYZ"									v.6.3.0	SL	
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Userid								PGIN	PGOUT	Reads	Write	MWrit						
>>Mean>>			5142					.0		958K		.0	.0	73				
User Class																		
CMS1_USE	1.0	15515	15801	2377	1632	5145	.0	.0	.0	.0	1980	.0	.0	1				
LCC_CLIE	1.0	658K	20875	488K	486K	60875	.0	.0	.0	54212	22869	.0	.0	8				
LXA_SERV	1.0	108K	1095	1191К	994K	1506K	.0	.0	.0	1447K	1153K	.0	.0	48				
User Data:																		
DISKACNT	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
DTCVSW1	1.0	0			2855	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
DTCVSW2	1.0	0		3004	2780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
EREP	1.0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
FTPSERVE	1.0	0		1434	1434	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
GCSXA	1.0	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
LCC00001	1.0		18686	501K		65139	0	0		49866		0	0					
LCC00002	1.0		24955	487K		54725	0	0		44522		0	0					
LCC00003	1.0		23012	485K		64065	0	0		44783		0	0					
LCC00004	1.0		24104	499K		63178	0	0		48811		0	0					
LCC00005	1.0	717K	25675	500K	499K	65865	0	0	0	66002	28753	0	0					

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Zoom in on Report FCX290 UPGACT

om 2013/04/09 16:02: 2013/04/09 16:13: 085	:10						SYSTEMID CPU 2817-3	744 SN
660 Secs 00:11:		"This	is a perfor	mance report	for SYSTEM X	YZ"	z/VM V.	6.3.0 SL
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User Class			7142	045K	/ 100	JJJK		
CMS1_USE	1.0	15515	15801	2377	1632	5145	.0	
LCC_CLIE	1.0	658K	20875	488K	486K	60875	.0	
LXA_SERV	1.0	108K	1095	1191K	994K	1506K	.0	
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сс00004 1.0 602к	23012 485k 24104 499k 25675 500k	495K 63178	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 48811	24588 0	0 0 0		

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PTRM Space: FCX134 DSPACESH

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Data Space Name	Pgstl	Pgrds	Pgwrt	X-rds	X-wrt	X-mig	Total	Resid	r<2gb	Lock	L<2GB	Count	Lockd	XSTOR	DASD
	.075	.093	.015	.043	.074	.022	147k	1842	93	0	0	0	0	75	2998
FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$1	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	524k	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISFCDATASPACE	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	524k	112	74	100	74	112	100	0	41
PTRM0000	14.79	1.733	.752	14.05	14.43	.039	1049k	596k	30116	0	0	0	0	5879	54074
REAL	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	40м	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SYSTEM	.023	.000	.037	.019	.023	.004	524k	41	1	0	0	41	0	17	6410

1. PTRM space = (596,000 + 5879 + 54,074) = 655,953 = 2.5 GB

Report FCX295 AVLA2GLG

FCX295 Run 2013/04/10 07:38:36	AVLA2GLG
	Available List Data Above 2G, by Time
From 2013/04/09 16:02:10	
то 2013/04/09 16:13:10	
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>>Mean>>	23м	267м	47м	59м	47M	51M	.0	.0	1310	15	15
16:02:40	0	938м	32м	126м	502K	30310	.0	.0	1332	15	15
16:03:10	152K	4556K	50м	89M	49м	59м	.0	.0	1168	15	15

- Times Empty/s should be zero
- FCX254 AVAILLOG is no longer produced in z/VM 6.3

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SXS Space: FCX261 SXSAVAIL

FCX261 Run 2007/09/06 14:00:28	SXSAVAIL	Page 261
	System Execution Space Page Queues Management	
From 2007/09/04 09:07:00		
то 2007/09/04 10:00:00		CPU 2094-700
For 3180 Secs 00:53:00		z/VM V.5.3.0 SLU 0701

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>>Mean>>	26	.513	.509	.513	.000	3	1.798	1.804	1.798	4.114	466946	130.3	130.1	126.2	.000	128	.000	128	
09:08:00	26	.483	.383	.483	.000	0	1.650	1.650	1.650	3.667	467829	128.2	127.3	124.5	.000	128	.000	128	
09:09:00	26	.500	.500	.500	.000	0	.583	.583	.583	3.067	465679	120.8	84.98	117.8	.000	128	.000	128	
09:10:00	27	.517	.533	.517	.000	0	1.183	1.183	1.183	4.000	467657	109.1	142.1	105.1	.000	128	.000	128	
09:11:00	27	.517	.517	.517	.000	0	1.633	1.633	1.633	2.917	467632	137.2	136.8	134.3	.000	128	.000	128	
09:12:00	29	.450	.483	.450	.000	0	2.000	2.000	2.000	3.383	467654	129.9	130.2	126.5	.000	128	.000	128	
09:13:00	27	.517	.483	.517	.000	0	2.483	2.483	2.483	3.550	467698	139.3	140.0	135.7	.000	128	.000	128	
09:14:00	25	.550	.517	.550	.000	0	2.000	2.000	2.000	2.750	465651	119.0	84.92	116.3	.000	128	.000	128	

- 1. How we touch guest pages: (1) 64-bit; (2) AR mode; (3) SXS.
- 2. There are 524,288 pages in the SXS.
- 3. This system has 466,000 SXS pages available on average.

MDC: FCX178 MDCSTOR

	<		Main	Stora	age Fra	umes		>
Interval		<actu< td=""><td>al></td><td>Min</td><td>Мах</td><td>Page</td><td>Steal</td><td></td></actu<>	al>	Min	Мах	Page	Steal	
End Time	Ideal	<2GB	>2GB	Set	Set	Del/s	Invokd/s	Bias
>>Mean>>	5839k	82738	1354k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
09:57:41	5838k	119813	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
09:58:11	5838k	119813	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
09:58:41	5838k	119825	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
09:59:11	5838k	119825	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
09:59:41	5838k	119825	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00
10:00:11	5838k	119837	1932k	0	7864k	0	.000	1.00

• Xstore not used for this configuration so edited out from report.

Add up the pages in Main Storage and you get ~8GB

MDC Spaces: FCX134 DSPACESH (newer one with new PTRM layout)

<-----> <--Resid--> <-Locked--> <-Aliases-> Owning Users Userid Total Resid R<2GB Lock L<2GB Count Lockd XSTOR DASD Data Space Name Permt 1507k >System< _____ FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$1 524k SYSTEM SYSTEM FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$2 524k FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$3 524k SYSTEM SYSTEM FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$4 524k SYSTEM ISFCDATASPACE 524k SYSTEM PTRM0000 1049k 44489 SYSTEM REAL 7864k 524k SYSTEM SYSTEM SYSTEM VIRTUAL \$FREE \$STORAGE 524k

- You'll see the address spaces used for MDC (track cache)
- More than one FULL\$TRACK\$CACHE\$# space should be investigated to see if it the MDC settings are higher than needed.

IBM Z

I/O Devices

- Number of subchannels in a partition (device numbers): 65,536
- Number of devices per virtual machine: **24576 (24K)**
- GDPS environments can have secondary DASD devices defined in an alternate subchannel set with the Multiple Subchannel Set Support
- Concurrency
 - ECKD without PAV or HyperPAV: 1
 - ECKD with PAV or HyperPAV: 8

I/O Disk Sizes

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Туре	CMS	Minidisk	Dedicated	CP Use
ECKD 3390	~45GB 65,520 cylinders (practical 22 GB) ³	~812 GB ⁵ 1,182,006 cylinders	~812 GB 1,182,006 cylinders	~812 GB ⁵ 1,182,006 cylinders ~45 GB non- paging
SCSI EDEV	381 GB (practical 22 GB ³)	1023 GB ²	1023 GB ²	64 GB ⁴
SCSI Dedicated	n/a	n/a	?????	n/a

¹ – Sizes listed above are in powers of 2

² – Exact value is 1024 GB minus 4 KB

³ – Due to file system structure under 16MB, unless there are very few files

⁴ – CP can use, but PAGE, SPOL, DRCT must be below 64 GB on the volume

 5 – Requires z/VM 7.2 or higher

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I/O – Other Limits

IBM Z



- Virtual Disk in Storage (VDISK) size z/VM design: 2 GB (minus eight 512-byte blocks)
- Total VDISK z/VM design: **1** TB
 - "Infinite" = 2,147,483,648 512-byte blocks

Single Virtual Switch OSAs: 8

Real HiperSockets VLAN IDs: 4096

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DASD I/O: FCX108 DEVICE

FCX108 Run 2007/09/06 14:00:28	DEVICE	Page	110
	General I/O Device Load and Performance		
From 2007/09/04 09:07:00			
то 2007/09/04 10:00:00	СРИ 2094-700	SN	
For 3181 Secs 00:53:01	z/VM V.5.3	.0 SLU	0701

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Addr Type La	abel/ID Links	ths I/C	Avoid	Pend	Disc	Conn	Serv	Resp	CUWt	Qued	Busy	READ	Cyls	SSCH	Set/s	Dly/s
>> All DASD <<	<	. 5	.4	.2	.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	.0	.0	0	17	1173	0		.0
F024 3390 VS	52426 1	4 12.9	147.0	.2	.7	.4	1.3	1.3	.0	.0	2	91	193	0		
0С20 СТСА		1 12.6		.3	.2	.6	1.1	1.1	.0	.0	1			0		
F685 3390 VS	52w01 290	4 11.8	.3	.2	.0	.3	.5	.5	.0	.0	1	84	89	0		
F411 3390 VS	52613 1	4 10.6	.5	.2	.3	.4	.9	.9	.0	.0	1	1	1303	0		
				-												

Other Limits – Spool and CMS Files

- Number of spool files (z/VM design):
 - Limit 9999 per virtual machine
 - If using a 4-member SSI: **2499**
 - If using an 8-member SSI: 1249 (8-member SSI requires z/VM 7.3 or higher)
 - Limit **1.6 million** spool files per system
- 1024 files per warm start block * (180 blocks * 9 cylinders)
- Number of logged-on virtual machines (design point): about 100,000
- CMS Files
 - Maximum Records: 2,147,483,647 (2³¹ 1) records, each of which consist of from one to 2³¹ -1 bytes of data (a record in a file with variable-length records is further restricted to 65,535 bytes of data).

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Other Limits

IBM Z

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- 255 CP-owned slots ٠
- 16 ISFC links between a pair of systems No limit on total number of ISFC links ٠
 - -
- 1 GB Distributed IUCV maximum message size ٠
- 8 Alternate Operators ٠
- Password length: 8 characters, 100 characters with RACF ٠
- ٠
 - 1000 System Environment Variables Minus those defined as CP New Function environment variables.
 - Up to 63 character named
 - Up to 255 character values
- HyperPAV aliases:
 - 254 per pool
 - 160,000 pools per system

No Hard Limits, but Potential Soft Limits

Virtual Switch

- Users into hundreds, broadcast group limited to 1000
- Better performance when users spread over multiple virtual switches

• ISFC

- Network topology important if network is large
- Propagation effects in large, sparse network
- Internal structure stresses in large, dense network
- Guest levels
 - **7th level** z/VM system is impractically slow
 - Diagnose x'00' returns up to **5 levels** of information

LOCKACT report example

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111.59

113.27

108.51

110.84

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.304

.316

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.551

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1FCX326 Run 2019/06/13 09:30:42 LOCKACT Spin Lock Activity	Page 58
From 2019/06/13 03:51:22 To 2019/06/13 04:01:52	A10Z6040 CPU 3906-M05 SN 146E7 z/VM V.7.1.0 SLU 0000
<pre></pre>	
LockName CCol/s CAvSpn C%Busy CCAD/s ECol/s EAvSpn E%Busy ECAD/s SCol/s SAvSpn S%Busy SCAD/s	
>>Total> 3805.5 .923 .351 .000 2151.7 .602 .129 .000 1653.8 1.340 .222 .000	
SRMSLOCK 1952.1 1.211 .236 .000 298.29 .498 .015 .000 1653.8 1.340 .222 .000	
HCPPGDAL 105.08 4.315 .045 .000 105.08 4.315 .045 .000 .000000 .000	
FSDVMLK 151.01 1.198 .018 .000 151.01 1.198 .018 .000 .000000 .000	
HCPPGDPL 27.429 1.570 .004 .000 27.429 1.570 .004 .000 .000000 .000	
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Changes in Limits with Single System Image Clusters

- Horizontal scaling through eight z/VM members (systems) in a cluster.
- Balance that with whitespace that might be required for Live Guest Relocation (LGR)
- If n-way or scaling effects for one very large z/VM system have negative impact, splitting into multiple smaller z/VM systems in an SSI Cluster could be beneficial.

SSI Cluster Effect on Processor Limits



• Real processors:

- 80 x 8 = 640 processors (if all members running z15 or newer)
- Consider white space
- Low processor requirements for cross-member communication assuming system resource (device) access is stable
- Greater efficiency in cases with smaller n-way
- In a sense, gives 8 primary processors
- Virtual processors:
 - If splitting z/VM system into smaller systems, remember to ensure no virtual machine has more virtual CPUs than the z/VM member (logical partition) has logical processors.

SSI Effect on Memory Limits

- Real Memory:
 - 4 TB x 8 = 32 TB
 - Consider white space, cannot share like processors
 - Low memory costs to duplicate z/VM kernel and most control structures
- Virtual Memory:
 - No change for individual virtual machine
 - 64 TB x 8 = **512 TB** (aggregate)
- Paging Space:
 - Some CP-owned slots lost due to sharing across members
 - But can reuse paging slots on each member, so it scales well



Other SSI Cluster Effects on Limits

- Distance limit on DASD and FICON CTC in the Cluster is 100km with repeater technology
- Distance limit on Network on SSI cluster from OSA to switches is 10km with repeater technology.
- For virtual machines using Virtual Switch and being relocated, those virtual switches need to be in the same LAN segment (or segments).

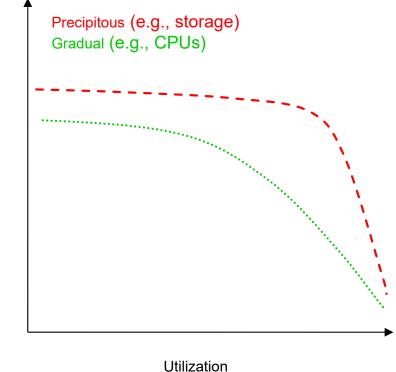
Latent Limits

- Sometimes it's not an architected limit
- Sometimes it's just "your workload won't scale past here, because..."
 - Contention for certain locks
 - Search algorithms with scaling issues
- Because of the above, we often publish supported limits that are less than the designed or architected limits.

Other Notes on z/VM Limits

Limits we've tested, tend to have two distinct shapes

- Performance drops off slowly
- Performance drops off rapidly when a wall is hit.



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Keeping Tabs on Consumption Limits (update)

• Processor

- CPU utilization: FCX100 CPU, FCX114 USTAT
- Memory & Paging
 - Page slots in use: FCX146 AUXLOG
 - DASD I/O: FCX109 DEVICE CPOWNED
 - V:R Memory ratio: FCX113 UPAGE
 - PTRM space consumed: FCX134 DSPACESH
 - Storage in use for segment tables: FCX113 UPAGE
 - Consumption of SXS space: FCX261 SXSAVAIL
 - MDC: FCX178 MDCSTOR, FCX134 DSPACESH
 - Consumption of real memory: FCX103 STORAGE, FCX254 AVAILLOG
 - Consumption of expanded storage: FCX103 STORAGE
- I/O
 - DASD I/O: FCX108 DEVICE
 - Concurrency on FICON chpids: FCX131 DEVCONF, FCX215 INTERIM FCHANNEL, FCX168 DEVLOG

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What Consumption Limits Will We Hit First?

- Depends on workload
 - -Memory-intensive:
 - 1:1 overcommit gated by real storage limit (4TB on z/VM 7.2 with VM66173)
 - Larger overcommit ratios gated by your paging subsystem
 - Mitigation by application tuning or by using CMM
 - -CPU-intensive:
 - FCX100 CPU and FCX 114 USTAT will reveal CPU limitations
 - Mitigation by application tuning
 - -I/O-intensive:
 - Device queueing: consider whether PAV or HyperPAV might offer leverage
 - Chpid utilization: add more chpids per storage controller
 - -Ultimately partitions can be split, but we would prefer you not have to do this (too complicated)
- Without trend data (repeated samples) for *your* workloads it is difficult to predict which of these limits *you* will hit first

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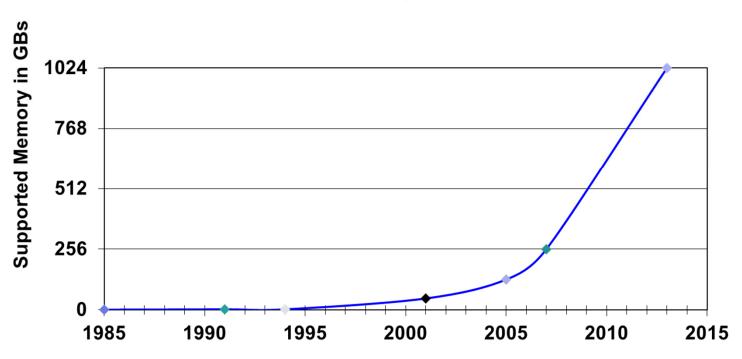
Summary

- Knowing Limits:
 - -Real resource consumption
 - -Limits to managing the virtualization of real resources
- Measuring Limits:
 - -Knowing where to watch for these limits
 - -Including these in capacity planning
- Managing Limits
 - -Tuning and configuring
 - –Planning for growth

APPENDIX

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Memory Scaling



Effective Real Memory Use Limits

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Older Limits from non-supported releases / hardware

Maximum LPAR size z9: 512 GB minus your HAS

Maximum LPAR size z10: 1 TB

Total maximum memory z900: 256 GB

Total maximum memory z990: 256 GB

Total maximum memory z9: 1 TB

Total maximum memory z10: 8 TB

Expanded storage architected limit: 16 TB

Expanded storage z/VM limit supported: 128 GB

Expanded storage z/VM design unsupported: ~660 GB dependent on other factors

z/VM 6.3 and older RoT: Keep paging space under 50% allocated for best performance.

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V:R Ratio: FCX113 UPAGE (move to appendix)

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DATAMOVA	.0	.0	.0	.0	.5	.5	.0	147	0	0	0	0	220	368	32м
DATAMOVB	.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.6	.0	192	0	0	0	0	220	366	32м
DATAMOVC	.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.6	.0	191	0	0	0	0	220	369	32м
DATAMOVD	.0	.0	.0	.0	.6	.6	.0	189	0	0	0	0	220	362	32м

- 1. Resident Guest Pages = (2347 + 106962) * 212 = 88.3 GB
- V:R = (1310 MB * 212) / 91 GB = 2.98
- For z/VM 6.2 and older

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Real Memory: FCX254 AVAILLOG

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- 1. Pct ES = 88% generally this system is tight on storage
- 2. Scan fail >0 generally this system is tight on storage
- 3. Times Empty = 0 this indicates it isn't critical yet (you do not need to wait for things to be critical).
- 4. Meant for z/VM 6.2 and older.

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