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### 1) Tech Papers

#### Controlling z/OS Applications - Part 2

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Applications are the reason that IT infrastructure exists, so their performance is business critical. Applications are also the area in tuning which can give the best results in terms of resource (and financial) savings.

For these reasons a large part of EPV for z/OS is designed to allow customers to control application performance and resource consumption and to help them to quickly identify tuning opportunities and abnormal behaviours.

In this paper the most important features provided in EPV for z/OS to control applications will be discussed.

Base and advanced thresholds are discussed in this part.

*If you want to receive the paper you can reply to this e-mail writing " **Controlling z/OS Applications** " in the subject*

### 2) Tech News

#### 10 Ways to Save Money on the Mainframe

In the current financial climate companies need to save both software and hardware costs where they can. With IBM Q4 results bucking the recession, then customers can assume that so far there have been few concessions on pricing from Big Blue. You may already be looking at saving money by delaying machine upgrades, and hoping to make the best use of machine resources you have available. We thought you may like to be sure you have covered all the bases.

So we are holding this seminar to give you some advice on how to keep costs as low as possible and get the maximum efficiency and performance for the money that you do spend on the mainframe.

The following editions of the seminar are planned in March 2009:

- 3 March – Frankfurt, Germany – in cooperation with GSE and CECMG

details at: <http://www.tps-data-de.com/workshop-am-03032009,86.html>

- 18 March – Milan, Italy – in cooperation with CMG-Italia  
details at: <http://www.cmgitalia.it>

- 25 March – Manchester, UK – supported by the UKCMG  
details at: <http://www.inspired-solutions.co.uk/news.htm>

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| 3) Tech Notes  | <b>IBM announced cost increase for some z/OS products</b> |
| <p>On December 31 2008, IBM announced increases in monthly license charges for some z/OS products. Prices will increase up to 3% for z/OS and the current versions of many products such as CICS, IMS, DB2, etc. Old versions prices will increase up to 5%.</p> <p>Increased monthly charges will be effective with the billing period that starts on or after April 1, 2009.</p> <p>More details at:<br/><a href="http://www-01.ibm.com/common/ssi/index.wss">http://www-01.ibm.com/common/ssi/index.wss</a></p> |   |
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