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### 1) **Tech Papers** - From SMF to Excel: graphs and reports in one click - Part 3

z/OS performance analysts love numbers, the more they have the better it is. The reason is that numbers allow us to clearly understand an issue in all its detail.

Managers, on the other hand, are ardent supporters of Napoleon's quote: "Un bon croquis vaut mieux qu'un long discours" (A good sketch is better than a long speech). Like Napoleon, they love graphs; they leave the tactics (the detailed analysis) to their generals.

How to reconcile these different attitudes?

As my ancestors used to say: "Ubi maior minor cessat"; so performance analysts have to spend part of their time transforming their much loved numbers into graphs when they have to discuss or report something to their managers.

Preparing graphs on z/OS is possible but it requires specific tools which are normally expensive, not easy to use and produce low quality results. This is the reason why most of z/OS sites produce their graphs and reports using MS-Excel.

However producing MS-Excel graphs starting from z/OS data is not really straightforward; it requires a process which is mostly manual and time intensive.

In this paper we show how to save a lot of time and effort by exploiting EPV HTML pages and DBs to produce MS-Excel graphs and reports in a single mouse click.

*If you want to receive the paper you can reply to this e-mail writing " From SMF to Excel: graphs and reports in one click - Part 3" in the subject*



## 2) Tech News - EPV User Group 2013: Preliminary Agenda

The XI EPV User Group will be held in Rome on 10th October 2013 at Residenza di Ripetta in Via di Ripetta, 231 - Roma.

The EPV User Group is a "not to miss" event for all Performance Analysts; it will give you the opportunity to share ideas with qualified experts and to listen to some of the EPV customers experiences.

The most interesting features provided by the latest versions of all EPV products will also be presented.

The EPV User Group is free of charge and reserved to EPV customers. If you are not a customer yet but you are interested in participating, please answer to this e-mail asking for an invitation.

Mark the date in your agenda to avoid missing this event.

Preliminary Agenda				
09:00	Registration			
09:45	Welcome and introduction	Danilo Gipponi	EPV Technologies	
10:00	EPV for z/OS in FIBI (provisional title)	Zvi Bruckner	First International Bank of Israel	UE
10:30	EPV for z/OS V12 preview	Giuseppe Giacomodonato	EPV Technologies	PP
11:00	CPU capping update	Fabio Massimo Ottaviani	EPV Technologies	MT
11:30	Coffee break			
12:00	EPV in INAIL (provisional title)	Andrea Amadio, Stefano De Martino	INAIL	UE
12:30	What's new in EPV for DB2 V7	Massimo Orlando	EPV Technologies	PP
13:00	Lunch			
14:30	Using EPV SMF2XL	Mark Cohen Austrowiek	EPV Technologies	PP
15:00	Measuring WMQ	Fabio Massimo Ottaviani	EPV Technologies	MT
15:30	EPV for WMQ V2	Fabio Massimo Ottaviani	EPV Technologies	PP
16:00	End of day			

Legenda:

UE, User Experience; PP, Product Presentation; MT, Methodology

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### 3) Tech Support - New EPV MIPS tables including zBC12 machines

The following updated tables, based on z/OS 1.13 benchmarks and including the new IBM zBC12 machines, are available on request to EPV customers:

- MIPSAR13 (AVG RNI),
- MIPSLR13 (Low RNI),
- MIPSHR13 (High RNI),
- MIPSRR13 (PCI).

Please note that a patch is required in order to support zBC12 machines in the current EPV products version.

Please contact EPV support if you are planning to install zBC12 machines.

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### 4) Tech Notes - zBC12 announcement

On 23rd of July IBM announced the new zBC12 machines.

All details at: <http://www-01.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?subtype=ca&infotype=an&appname=iSource&supplier=877&letternum=ENUSZG13-0195>

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