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EPV Technologies Newsletter

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Every month we will invite Newsletter readers to send us the solution to a riddle. The editorial staff will collect the results and at the end of the year will choose the participant with the highest number of correct answers.

In case of a tie the winner will be chosen by drawing and he will decide the NGO EPV Technologies will donate 1.000,00 Euro to, choosing from: MSF (www.medicisenzafrontiere.it), TDH (www.terredeshommes.it) and WWF (www.wwf.it).

When logic matters



The director of an IT project knows that, to perform the work of which he is responsible, it takes 10 days using all programmers that are currently available .

If he could have 3 other programmers , the work would be done in 8 days. However, his software company, instead of providing 3 more programmers, moves all the resources to another, leaving only one programmer.

How many days will take that programmer to implement the project in the hypothesis that all the programmers have the same work rate?

- 56
- 120
- 72
- 87
- 135

Tech-papers

Lost in the SMT World - Part 1

Are you confused by the many different terms now used to indicate the good old CPU?
Are you trying to understand what is the maximum capacity factor and how it is used?
Are you wandering what is the meaning of new metrics such as MT-1 equivalent time, thread density and core productivity?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions you are lost in the SMT world.

In this paper, after a short overview of SMT terminology and implementation in z/OS, we will discuss the most important new metrics you should use in capacity management activities when SMT is active.

If you want to receive the paper you can reply to this e-mail writing "Lost in the SMT World - Part 1" in the subject

GSE UK conference

The GSE Working Groups' Conference 2015 will take place at the Whittlebury Hall Hotel on November 3rd and 4th 2015.

EPV Technologies will present: "Memory Really Matters in 2015", on 3rd November at 15:15 in Woodcote room

More details at: <http://conferences.gse.org.uk/2015>

Tech-notes

EPV User Group 2015 report

On October 8th we held our XIII User Group in Rome.

This year the participants were 56 from 25 different Companies.

The day started with the delivery of the EPV pin to two new Contributors:

- Salvatore Covelli - Poste Italiane
- Luca Trazzi - MPS

Thanks to Salvatore and Luca for their advice and help.

The agenda included 3 user presentations:

- EPV for z/OS User Experience, Yves Lamey, UBS
- Getting the Whole Datacenter Picture with MyEPV, Paolo Rivolta, Groupama
- EPV and near line CICS applications control, Andrea Ponzio, LUTECH

All of them stimulated lots of questions and discussions.

The agenda included also the following EPV presentations:

- EPV Focal Point in V13
- What's New in EPV for z/OS V13
- "Near line" Analysis of SMF data
- EPV for DB2 V13 Preview
- What's New in EPV for DS
- What's New in MyEPV V13

All these new EPV products and features were well perceived producing very positive feedback with a special note for the possibility of getting "Near-line" reports by exploiting the free Refresh Mode feature of EPV for z/OS.

The day ended with the "Lost in the SMT World" presentation discussing the impacts of SMT in z/OS Performance Analysis and Capacity Planning

Tech-support

IBM Red Alert - Potential z/OS System Outages with z13 RSM Support Installed

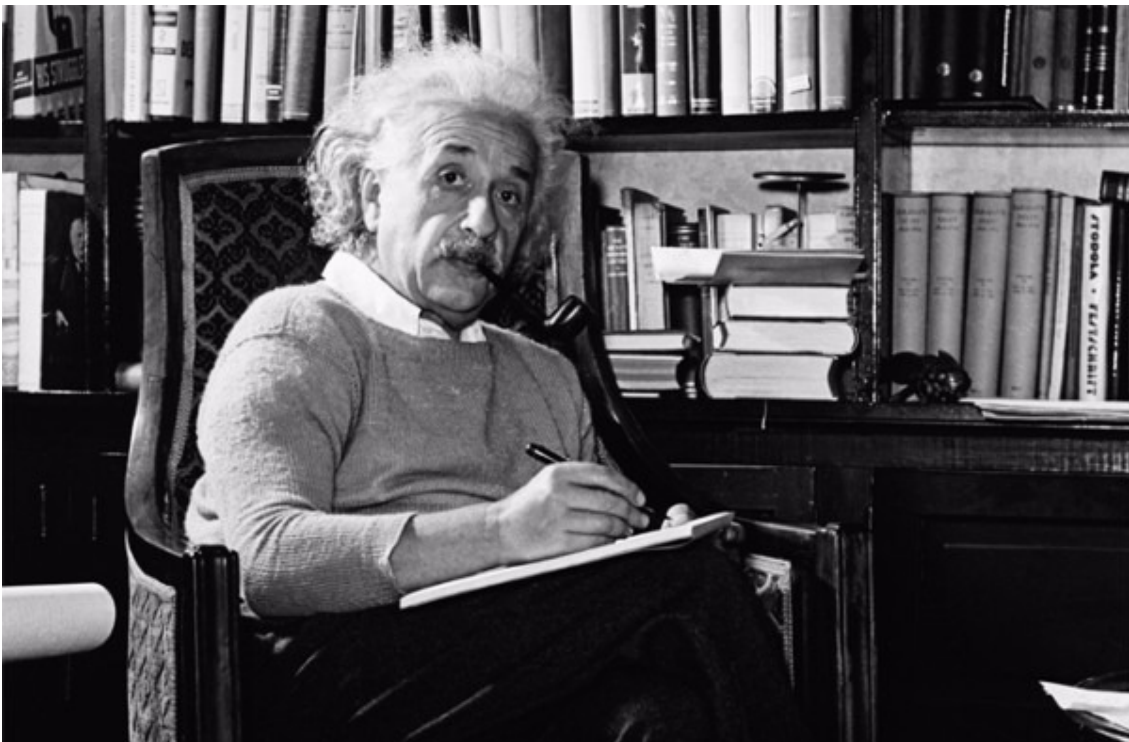
Errors found in z/OS Real Storage Manager (RSM) z13 Support on z/OS 1.13, z/OS 2.1 and z/OS 2.2

that provide performance enhancement for z13 may result in overlays and z/OS system outage on z13.

More details at:

<http://www14.software.ibm.com/support/customer/sas/f/redAlerts/20151022.html>

Quote of the month



"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Albert Einstein



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