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Every month we will invite Newsletter readers to send us the solution to a simple logic test. The editorial staff will collect the results and at the end of the year we will send a symbolic prize to the participant with the highest number of correct answers. In case of a tie the winner will be chosen by drawing.

The real prize is that he will also 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 solution of May 2016 quiz is : D



A 90 degrees angle must be divided into four parts.
Each part must be the double of the previous one.

Which is the amplitude of the smallest angle?

A.6 B.8 C.4 D.11,25

Tech-papers

WLM and Mobile Workload Pricing

On May 6th 2014 IBM announced Mobile Workload Pricing for z/OS (MWP): a new pricing model designed “to mitigate the impact of mobile workloads on sub-capacity license charges and provide a more cost-competitive software”.

After more than 2 years our impression is that MWP has not been very successful. This looks a bit strange in years when the “cut z/OS costs” mantra sounds everywhere.

Some of the reasons are related to contractual issues and some to the high level of discretion IBM has in accepting or not the process put in place by users, in order to identify mobile workloads.

However there are also technical issues to be addressed.

The most relevant of them is that mobile workload has to be processed by a Mobile Workload Pricing Defining Programs; they are: CICS, IMS, DB2, WebSphere and MQ. To distinguish between mobile and not mobile workloads detailed transaction data, which are normally a very big number of SMF and eventually IMS log records, have to be processed.

Another technical issue, in charge to users, is that CSV files aggregating the consumptions of mobile workloads have to be prepared, in the required format, and provided as input to SCRT/MWRT every month.

Both these technical issues can now be easily addressed by exploiting the new WLM support for mobile workloads. We will discuss it in this paper.

More general considerations about Mobile Workload Pricing and detailed information about the transaction data, which could be still used to identify mobile workloads, are provided in the “IBM Mobile Workload Pricing Opportunity or Problem?” white paper.

If you want to receive the paper you can reply to this e-mail writing “ *WLM and Mobile Workload Pricing*” in the subject

Tech-news

XIV EPV User Group

The XIV EPV User Group will be held in Rome on 29th September 2016 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.

Here is the first draft of the agenda.

EPV User Group 2016			
09:15	Introduction	Danilo Gipponi	EPV Technologies
09:30	What's New in EPV for z/OS V14	Giuseppe Giacomodonato	EPV Technologies PP
10:00	Migrating from TDS to EPV	to be confirmed	to be confirmed UE
10:30	The new EPV Graph technology	Dana Cohen Austrowiek	EPV Technologies PP
11:00	EPV for z/OS User Experience	to be confirmed	to be confirmed UE
11:30	coffee break		
12:00	EPV for MQ V13	Mario Rossi	EPV Technologies PP
12:30	Exploiting MyEPV	Mike Moersch - Yann Riou	BCEE UE
13:00	What's New in MyEPV V14	Mark Cohen Austrowiek	EPV Technologies PP
13:30	Lunch		
14:30	A user application to manage the EPV HTML pages	Danilo Gipponi	EPV Technologies UE
15:00	EPV Focal Point update	Matteo Bottazzi	EPV Technologies PP
15:30	WLM Hot Topics	Fabio Massimo Ottaviani	EPV Technologies MT
16:30	End		

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.

Tech-notes

The Successful EPV User Conference in DACH

On June 2, 2016 the second EPV User Conference in DACH has been held at the Silver Tower in downtown Frankfurt. It was hosted this year by DB Systel GmbH . The conference was attended by 23 participants. Eleven different lectures about using EPV to analyze system performance were presented.

The most important part of the meeting were the real life experiences of some participants. Three customers presented how they used EPV to analyze and solve different issues animating the discussion and providing useful hints very appreciated by all the participants.

In addition two lectures about "SMF113 and z13" and "SMT in practice" were presented by EPV addressing the issue of "sizing" a z13 machine and using zIIP multi-threading.

EPV also presented some advanced functionalities already available in current EPV versions such as:

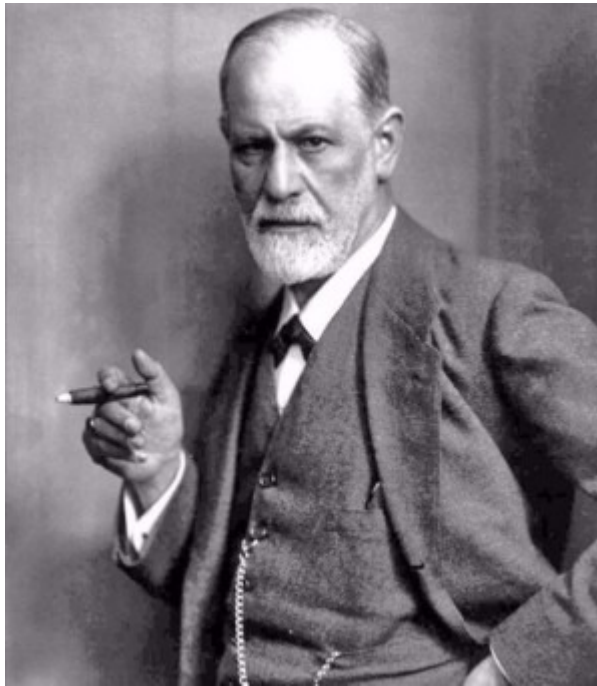
- the "nearline" reports provided by EPV for z/OS Refresh Mode;
- the possibility to create one or more EPV sites each showing only selected systems, in just few minutes;
- business oriented web sites created with MyEPV.

The new technology that will be used by the new version of EPV Graph for z/OS and EPV Graph for DB2 products has also been presented.

All these presentations were well received and appreciated.

To be sure you will not miss the next year event stay tuned on www.tps-data.eu and www.epvtech.com

Quote of the month



The Madman is a dreamer awake
Sigmund Freud



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