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# EPV Graph for Db2

FAQ

## Question

## Answer

**Q1** Why do we need EPV Graph for Db2 when we already have monitors for Db2 subsystems?

EPV Graph for Db2 is a post-processing graphical solution. It's not an alternative to online monitors but the perfect complement to them.

**Q2** Why aren't online monitors sufficient?

Real-time monitors allow you to react immediately when facing critical conditions. A post-processor allows you to understand why the critical situation happened in the first place, then detect and avoid potential problems in the future.

**Q3** We already have other graphical tools. Why do we need EPV Graph for Db2?

EPV Graph for Db2 provides about 90 graph types out-of-the-box. All the graphs are produced automatically without any human intervention. EPV Graph for Db2 saves up to 90% of the time required to produce graphs to be included in reports and documents.

**Q4** Does EPV Graph for Db2 require SAS?

No. EPV Graph for Db2 has two versions: one requiring SAS and the other with no prerequisites. The first has a SAS component extracting input data from the SAS database used by EPV for Db2; the second has a perl component extracting input data from the SQL database used by EPV for Db2 Plus. Both use a perl component to produce exactly the same information and graphs.

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- Q5** What is the difference between EPV Graph for Db2 and EPV Graph for Db2 (SAS based)?
- EPV Graph for Db2 is the same product as EPV Graph for Db2 (SAS based). It is developed in perl and exploits the EPV for Db2 SQL database as input instead of the SAS database used by EPV for Db2 (SAS based).
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- Q6** Which DMBS can EPV Graph for Db2 run on?
- EPV Graph for Db2 doesn't need a database; it takes input from the EPV for Db2 database.
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- Q7** Where does EPV Graph for Db2 get its input?
- EPV Graph for Db2 takes input from the SQL database used by EPV for Db2. EPV Graph for Db2 (SAS based) takes input from the SAS database used by EPV for Db2 (SAS based).
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- Q8** Does EPV Graph for Db2 need to run on DB2?
- No. EPV Graph for Db2 can run on any platform where perl is supported. EPV Graph for Db2 (SAS based) can run on any platform where SAS runs.
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- Q9** Are there technical prerequisites on z/OS or Db2 (such as APF libraries, exit modifications, etc.), to run the EPV Graph for Db2 solution?
- No. There are no prerequisites on z/OS and Db2.
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- Q10** Is EPV Graph for Db2 a stand-alone product?
- No. EPV for Db2 is a pre-requisite of EPV Graph for Db2. EPV for Db2 (SAS based) is a pre-requisite of EPV Graph for Db2 (SAS based).
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- Q11** Is it possible to do a trial? How many days will it take to install EPV Graph for Db2?
- We can take a sample of your SMF data (8 hours, 24 hours, etc.) to produce a meaningful demo or manage a complete trial installation, which generally only requires a couple of days even if you have to install EPV for Db2.

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**Q12** We don't have the time to study another product. What is the effort needed to use EPV Graph for Db2?

EPV Graph for Db2 is straightforward to install and immediately useful. All the reports provided have help screens describing the metrics and the meaning of the various graphs.

**Q13** Why should my organization adopt the EPV Graph for Db2 solution; what are the short-term & long-term benefits?

EPV Graph for Db2 provides a global and easy view of Db2 environment of any size and complexity.

EPV Graph for Db2 greatly increases technical managers' control over hardware resources utilization due to Db2 subsystems and applications. It will allow them to delay upgrades or acquisitions by easily identifying tunable components, loops and application anomalies.

**Q14** What is the typical customer profile for the EPV Graph for Db2 solution?

We have small, medium and large users. The typical clients are very professional people who understand the value of the product and others who have a more basic knowledge.

We believe that every company with a Db2 subsystem should use EPV Graph for Db2. The results provided are very useful to both technicians and technical managers.

**Q15** What pricing models are available for the EPV Graph for Db2 solution?

EPV pricing is based on the number of Db2 subsystems regardless of configuration. There are no price increases for MIPS upgrades. Different pricing models can be tailored to fit the customer's circumstances.

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