

# Performance Tools Guide and Reference



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## **About This Book**

The Performance Tools Guide and Reference provides experienced system administrators, application programmers, service representatives, system engineers, end users, and system programmers with complete, detailed information about the various performance tools that are available for monitoring and tuning AIX® systems and applications running on those systems. This publication is also available on the documentation CD that is shipped with the operating system.

The information contained in this book pertains to systems running AIX 6.1 or later. Any content that is applicable to earlier releases will be noted as such.

## **Highlighting**

The following highlighting conventions are used in this book:

Bold Identifies commands, subroutines, keywords, files, structures, directories, and other items

whose names are predefined by the system. Also identifies graphical objects such as buttons,

labels, and icons that the user selects.

Italics Identifies parameters whose actual names or values are to be supplied by the user.

Monospace Identifies examples of specific data values, examples of text similar to what you might:

Identifies examples of specific data values, examples of text similar to what you might see displayed, examples of portions of program code similar to what you might write as a

programmer, messages from the system, or information you should actually type.

## **Case-Sensitivity in AIX**

Everything in the AIX operating system is case-sensitive, which means that it distinguishes between uppercase and lowercase letters. For example, you can use the **Is** command to list files. If you type LS, the system responds that the command is "not found." Likewise, **FILEA**, **FiLea**, and **filea** are three distinct file names, even if they reside in the same directory. To avoid causing undesirable actions to be performed, always ensure that you use the correct case.

#### **ISO 9000**

ISO 9000 registered quality systems were used in the development and manufacturing of this product.

#### **Related Publications**

The following books contain information about or related to performance monitoring:

Performance management

Performance Toolbox Version 2 and 3 for AIX: Guide and Reference

# Chapter 1. Introduction to Performance Tools and Application Program Interfaces (APIs)

The performance of a computer system is based on human expectations and the ability of the computer system to fulfill these expectations. The objective for performance tuning is to make those expectations and their fulfillment match. The path to achieving this objective is a balance between appropriate expectations and optimizing the available system resources. The performance-tuning process demands great skill, knowledge, and experience, and cannot be performed by only analyzing statistics, graphs, and figures. If results are to be achieved, the human aspect of perceived performance must not be neglected. Performance tuning also takes into consideration problem-determination aspects as well as pure performance issues.

Expectations can often be classified as either of the following:

Throughput expectations A measure of the amount of work performed over a period of time

Response time expectations The elapsed time between when a request is submitted and when the

response from that request is returned

The performance-tuning process can be initiated for a number of reasons:

- · To achieve optimal performance in a newly installed system
- · To resolve performance problems resulting from the design (sizing) phase
- · To resolve performance problems occurring in the run-time (production) phase

Performance tuning on a newly installed system usually involves setting some base parameters for the operating system and applications. Throughout this book, there are sections that describe the characteristics of different system resources and provide guidelines regarding their base tuning parameters, if applicable.

Limitations originating from the sizing phase will either limit the possibility of tuning, or incur greater cost to overcome them. The system might not meet the original performance expectations because of unrealistic expectations, physical problems in the computer environment, or human error in the design or implementation of the system. In the worst case, adding or replacing hardware might be necessary. Be particularly careful when sizing a system to permit enough capacity for unexpected system loads. In other words, do not design the system to be 100 percent busy from the start of the project.

When a system in a productive environment still meets the performance expectations for which it was initially designed, but the demands and needs of the utilizing organization have outgrown the system's basic capacity, performance tuning is performed to delay or even to avoid the cost of adding or replacing hardware.

Many performance-related issues can be traced back to operations performed by a person with limited experience and knowledge who unintentionally restricted some vital logical or physical resource of the system.

## **Chapter 2. CPU Utilization Reporting Tool (curt)**

The CPU Utilization Reporting Tool (**curt**) command converts an AIX trace file into a number of statistics related to CPU utilization and either process, thread or pthread activity. These statistics ease the tracking of specific application activity. The **curt** command works with both uniprocessor and multiprocessor AIX Version 4 and AIX Version 5 traces.

## Syntax for the curt Command

The syntax for the **curt** command is as follows:

curt -i inputfile [-o outputfile] [-n gensymsfile] [-m trcnmfile] [-a pidnamefile] [-f timestamp] [-l timestamp] [-r
PURR][-ehpstP]

## **Flags**

-n gensymsfile Specifies a names file produced by gensyms.
 -m trcnmfile Specifies a names file produced by trcnm.

-a pidnamefile Specifies a PID-to-process name mapping file.
 -f timestamp Starts processing trace at timestamp seconds.
 -I timestamp Stops processing trace at timestamp seconds.
 -r PURR Uses the PURR register to calculate CPU times.

**-e** Outputs elapsed time information for system calls.

-h Displays usage text (this information).-p Outputs detailed process information.

**-s** Outputs information about errors returned by system calls.

-t Outputs detailed thread information.-P Outputs detailed pthread information.

## **Parameters**

gensymsfileThe names file as produced by the gensyms command.inputfileThe AIX trace file to be processed by the curt command.outputfileThe name of the output file created by the curt command.

the **-a** flag to specify a PID to process name mapping file. This is a file with lines consisting of a process ID (in decimal) followed by a space, then an ASCII string to use as the name for

that process.

**timestamp** The time in seconds at which to start and stop the trace file processing.

**trcnmfile** The names file as produced by the **trcnm**command.

**PURR** The name of the register that is used to calculate CPU times.

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## **Measurement and Sampling**

A raw, or unformatted, system trace is read by the curt command to produce CPU utilization summaries. The summary information is useful for determining which application, system call, Network File System (NFS) operation, hypervisor call, pthread call, or interrupt handler is using most of the CPU time and is a candidate for optimization to improve system performance.

The following table lists the minimum trace hooks required for the curt command. Using only these trace hooks will limit the size of the trace file. However, other events on the system might not be captured in this case. This is significant if you intend to analyze the trace in more detail.

Hook ID	Event Name	Event Explanation
100	HKWD_KERN_FLIH	Occurrence of a first level interrupt, such as an I/O interrupt, a data access page fault, or a timer interrupt (scheduler).
101	HKWD_KERN_SVC	A thread has issued a system call.
102	HKWD_KERN_SLIH	Occurrence of a second level interrupt, that is, first level I/O interrupts are being passed on to the second level interrupt handler which then is working directly with the device driver.
103	HKWD_KERN_SLIHRET	Return from a second level interrupt to the caller (usually a first level interrupt handler).
104	HKWD_KERN_SYSCRET	Return from a system call to the caller (usually a thread).
106	HKWD_KERN_DISPATCH	A thread has been dispatched from the run queue to a CPU.
10C	HKWD_KERN_IDLE	The idle process has been dispatched.
119	HKWD_KERN_PIDSIG	A signal has been sent to a process.
134	HKWD_SYSC_EXECVE	An exec supervisor call (SVC) has been issued by a (forked) process.
135	HKWD_SYSCEXIT	An exit supervisor call (SVC) has been issued by a process.
139	HKWD_SYSC_FORK	A fork SVC has been issued by a process.
200	HKWD_KERN_RESUME	A dispatched thread is being resumed on the CPU.
210	HKWD_KERN_INITP	A kernel process has been created.
215	HKWD_NFS_DISPATCH	An entry or exit NFS V2 and V3 operation has been issued by a process.
38F	HKWD_DR	A processor has been added/removed.
419	HKWD_CPU_PREEMPT	A processor has been preempted.
465	HKWD_SYSC_CRTHREAD	A thread_create SVC has been issued by a process.
47F	HKWD_KERN_PHANTOM_EXTINT	A phantom interrupt has occurred.
488	HKWD_RFS4_VOPS	An entry or exit NFS V4 client operation (VOPS) has been issued by a process.
489	HKWD_RFS4_VFSOPS	An entry or exit NFS V4 client operation (VFSOPS) has been issued by a process.
48A	HKWD_RFS4_MISCOPS	An entry or exit NFS V4 client operation (MISCOPS) has been issued by a process.
48D	HKWD_RFS4	An entry or exit NFS V4 server operation has been issued by a process.
492	HKWD_KERN_HCALL	A hypervisor call has been issued by the kernel.
605	HKWD_PTHREAD_VPSLEEP	A pthread vp_sleep operation has been done by a pthread.
609	HKWD_PTHREAD_GENERAL	A general pthread operation has been done by a pthread.

Trace hooks 119 and 135 are used to report on the time spent in the **exit** system call. Trace hooks 134, 139, 210, and 465 are used to keep track of TIDs, PIDs and process names.

Trace hook 492 is used to report on the time spent in the hypervisor.

Trace hooks 605 and 609 are used to report on the time spent in the pthreads library.

To get the PTHREAD hooks in the trace, you must execute your pthread application using the instrumented **libpthreads.a** library.

## **Examples of the curt command**

Preparing the curt command input is a three-stage process.

Trace and name files are generated using the following process:

#### 1. Build the raw trace.

On a 4-way machine, this will create files as listed in the example code below. One raw trace file per CPU is produced. The files are named **trace.raw-0**, **trace.raw-1**, and so forth for each CPU. An additional file named **trace.raw** is also generated. This is a master file that has information that ties together the other CPU-specific traces.

**Note:** If you want pthread information in the **curt** report, you must add the instrumented **libpthreads** directory to the library path, LIBPATH, when you build the trace. Otherwise, the export LIBPATH statement in the example below is unnecessary.

#### 2. Merge the trace files.

To merge the individual CPU raw trace files to form one trace file, run the **trcrpt** command. If you are tracing a uniprocessor machine, this step is not necessary.

3. Create the supporting gensymsfile and trcnmfile files by running the gensyms and trcnm commands.

Neither the **gensymsfile** nor the **trcnmfile** file are necessary for the **curt** command to run. However, if you provide one or both of these files, or if you use the **trace** command with the **-n** option, the **curt** command outputs names for system calls and interrupt handlers instead of just addresses. The **gensyms** command output includes more information than the **trcnm** command output, and so, while the **trcnmfile** file will contain most of the important address to name mapping data, a **gensymsfile** file will enable the **curt** command to output more names, and is the preferred address to name mapping data collection command.

The following is an example of how to generate input files for the **curt** command:

```
# HOOKS="100,101,102,103,104,106,10C,119,134,135,139,200,210,215,38F,419,465,47F,488,489,48A,48D,492,605,609"
# SIZE="1000000"
# export HOOKS SIZE
# trace -n -C all -d -j $HOOKS -L $SIZE -T $SIZE -afo trace.raw
# export LIBPATH=/usr/ccs/lib/perf:$LIBPATH
# trcon; pthread.app; trcstop
# unset HOOKS SIZE
# ls trace.raw*
trace.raw*
trace.raw*
trace.raw trace.raw-0 trace.raw-1 trace.raw-2 trace.raw-3
# trcpt -C all -r trace.raw > trace.raw
# strace.raw*
# gensyms > gensyms.out
# trcnm > trace.nm
```

## Overview of Information Generated by the curt Command

The following is an overview of the content of the report that the **curt** command generates:

A report header, including the trace file name, the trace size, and the date and time the trace was taken.
 The header also includes the command that was used when the trace was run. If the PURR register was used to calculate CPU times, this information is also included in the report header.

- For each CPU (and a summary of all the CPUs), processing time expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage (idle and non-idle percentages are included) for various CPU usage categories.
- For each CPU (and a summary of all the CPUs), processing time expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage for CPU usage in application mode for various application usage categories.
- · Average thread affinity across all CPUs and for each individual CPU.
- For each CPU (and for all the CPUs), the Physical CPU time spent and the percentage of total time this represents.
- · Average physical CPU affinity across all CPUs and for each individual CPU.
- The physical CPU dispatch histogram of each CPU.
- The number of preemptions, and the number of **H CEDE** and **H CONFER** hypervisor calls for each individual CPU.
- The total number of idle and non-idle process dispatches for each individual CPU.
- · Average pthread affinity across all CPUs and for each individual CPU.
- The total number of idle and non-idle pthread dispatches for each individual CPU.
- Information on the amount of CPU time spent in application and system call (syscall) mode expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage by thread, process, and process type. Also included are the number of threads per process and per process type.
- Information on the amount of CPU time spent executing each kernel process, including the idle process, expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage of the total CPU time.
- · Information on the amount of CPU time spent executing calls to libpthread, expressed in milliseconds and as percentages of the total time and the total application time.
- · Information on completed system calls that includes the name and address of the system call, the number of times the system call was executed, and the total CPU time expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage with average, minimum, and maximum time the system call was running.
- · Information on pending system calls, that is, system calls for which the system call return has not occurred at the end of the trace. The information includes the name and address of the system call, the thread or process which made the system call, and the accumulated CPU time the system call was running expressed in milliseconds.
- · Information on completed hypervisor calls that includes the name and address of the hypervisor call, the number of times the hypervisor call was executed, and the total CPU time expressed in milliseconds and as a percentage with average, minimum, and maximum time the hypervisor call was running.
- · Information on pending hypervisor calls, which are hypervisor calls that were not completed by the end of the trace. The information includes the name and address of the hypervisor call, the thread or process which made the hypervisor call, and the accumulated CPU time the hypervisor call was running, expressed in milliseconds.
- Information on completed pthread calls that includes the name of the pthread call routine, the number of times the pthread call was executed, and the total CPU time expressed in milliseconds and the average, minimum, and maximum time the pthread call was running.
- · Information on pending pthread calls, that is, pthread calls for which the pthread call return has not occurred at the end of the trace. The information includes the name of the pthread call, the process, the thread and the pthread which made the pthread call, and the accumulated CPU time the pthread call was running expressed in milliseconds.
- Information on completed NFS operations that includes the name of the NFS operation, the number of times the NFS operation was executed, and the total CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, and as a percentage with average, minimum, and maximum time the NFS operation call was running.
- Information on pending NFS operations, where the NFS operations did not complete before the end of the trace. The information includes the sequence number for NFS V2/V3, or opcode for NFS V4, the thread or process which made the NFS operation, and the accumulated CPU time that the NFS operation was running, expressed in milliseconds.
- · Information on the first level interrupt handlers (FLIHs) that includes the type of interrupt, the number of times the interrupt occurred, and the total CPU time spent handling the interrupt with average, minimum,

- and maximum time. This information is given for all CPUs and for each individual CPU. If there are any pending FLIHs (FLIHs for which the resume has not occurred at the end of the trace), for each CPU the accumulated time and the pending FLIH type is reported.
- Information on the second level interrupt handlers (SLIHs), which includes the interrupt handler name and address, the number of times the interrupt handler was called, and the total CPU time spent handling the interrupt with average, minimum, and maximum time. This information is given for all CPUs and for each individual CPU. If there are any pending SLIHs (SLIHs for which the return has not occurred at the end of the trace), the accumulated time and the pending SLIH name and address is reported for each CPU.

To create additional, specialized reports, run the **curt** command using the following flags:

- -6 Produces reports containing statistics and additional information on the System Calls Summary Report, Pending System Calls Summary Report, Hypervisor Calls Summary Report, Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary Report, System NFS Calls Summary Report, Pending NFS Calls Summary, Pthread Calls Summary, and the Pending Pthread Calls Summary. The additional information pertains to the total, average, maximum, and minimum elapsed times that a system call was running.
- Produces a report containing a list of errors returned by system calls. -s
- -t Produces a report containing a detailed report on thread status that includes the amount of CPU time the thread was in application and system call mode, what system calls the thread made, processor affinity, the number of times the thread was dispatched, and to which CPU(s) it was dispatched. The report also includes dispatch wait time and details of interrupts.
- Produces a report containing a detailed report on process status that includes the amount of CPU time the -p process was in application and system call mode, application time details, threads that were in the process, pthreads that were in the process, pthread calls that the process made and system calls that the process
- -P Produces a report containing a detailed report on pthread status that includes the amount of CPU time the pthread was in application and system call mode, system calls made by the pthread, pthread calls made by the pthread, processor affinity, the number of times the pthread was dispatched and to which CPU(s) it was dispatched, thread affinity, and the number of times the pthread was dispatched and to which kernel thread(s) it was dispatched. The report also includes dispatch wait time and details of interrupts.

## **Default Report Generated by the curt Command**

This section explains the default report created by the curt command, as follows:

# curt -i trace.r -n gensyms.out -o curt.out

The **curt** command output always includes this default report in its output, even if one of the flags described in the previous section is used.

The report is divided into the following sections:

- · General Information
- System Summary
- System Application Summary
- Processor Summary
- Processor Application Summary
- Application Summary by TID
- · Application Summary by PID
- Application Summary by Process Type
- Kproc Summary
- Application Pthread Summary by PID
- System Calls Summary

- · Pending System Calls Summary
- Hypervisor Calls Summary
- Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary
- · System NFS Calls Summary
- · Pending NFS System Calls Summary
- Pthread Calls Summary
- · Pending Pthread Calls Summary
- FLIH Summary
- SLIH Summary

#### **General Information**

The General Information section begins with the time and date when the report was generated. It is followed by the syntax of the **curt** command line that was used to produce the report.

This section also contains some information about the AIX **trace** file that was processed by the **curt** command. This information consists of the **trace** file's name, size, and its creation date. The command used to invoke the AIX trace facility and gather the trace file is displayed at the end of the report.

The following is a sample of the general information section:

```
Run on Wed Apr 26 10:51:33 2XXX

Command line was:
curt -i trace.raw -n gensyms.out -o curt.out
----

AIX trace file name = trace.raw
AIX trace file size = 787848

Wed Apr 26 10:50:11 2XXX

System: AIX 5.3 Node: bu Machine: 00CFEDAD4C00

AIX trace file created = Wed Apr 26 10:50:11 2XXX

Command used to gather AIX trace was:
    trace -n -C all -d -j 100,101,102,103,104,106,10C,134,139,200,215,419,465,47F,488,489,48A,48D,492,605,609
-L 10000000 -T 1000000 -afo trace.raw
```

## System Summary

The next section of the default report is the System Summary produced by the **curt** command. The following is a sample of the System Summary:

```
System Summary
              -----
processing
                percent
                               percent
total time total time busy time
   (msec) (incl. idle) (excl. idle) processing category
4998.65 45.94 75.21 APPLICATION
                             75.21 APPLICATION
8.90 SYSCALL
1.66 HCALL
0.73 KPROC (excluding IDLE and NFS)
5.30 NFS
7.32 FLIH
0.74 SLIH
0.13 DISPATCH (all procs. incl. IDLE)
0.02 IDLE DISPATCH (only IDLE proc.)
              45.94
5.44
1.02
0.44
3.24
4.47
0.45
0.08
0.01
    591.59
     110.40
     48.33
    352.23
     486.19
     49.10
      8.83
      1.04
             -----
                              -----
-----
               61.08
                           100.00 CPU(s) busy time
   6646.36
                   38.92
   4234.76
                                         IDLE
  10881.12
                                         TOTAL
Avg. Thread Affinity =
                              0.99
Total Physical CPU time (msec) = 20417.45
Physical CPU percentage = 100.00%
```

This portion of the report describes the time spent by the whole system (all CPUs) in various execution modes.

The System Summary has the following fields:

processing total time Total time in milliseconds for the corresponding processing category.

percent total time Time from the first column as a percentage of the sum of total trace elapsed time for

all processors. This includes whatever amount of time each processor spent running

the IDLE process.

percent busy time Time from the first column as a percentage of the sum of total trace elapsed time for

all processors without including the time each processor spent executing the IDLE

process.

Avg. Thread Affinity Probability that a thread was dispatched to the same processor on which it last

executed.

**Total Physical CPU time**The real time that the virtual processor was running and not preempted.

**Physical CPU percentage** Gives the Physical CPU Time as a percentage of total time.

The possible execution modes or processing categories are interpreted as follows:

**APPLICATION** The sum of times spent by all processors in User (that is, non-privileged) mode.

SYSCALL The sum of times spent by all processors doing System Calls. This is the portion of time

that a processor spends executing in the kernel code providing services directly requested

by a user process.

HCALL The sum of times spent by all processors doing Hypervisor Calls. This is the portion of

time that a processor spends executing in the hypervisor code providing services directly

requested by the kernel.

KPROC The sum of times spent by all processors executing kernel processes other than IDLE and

NFS processes. This is the portion of time that a processor spends executing specially

created dispatchable processes that only execute kernel code.

NFS The sum of times spent by all processors executing NFS operations. This is the portion of

time that a processor spends executing in the kernel code providing NFS services directly

requested by a kernel process.

FLIH The sum of times spent by all processors executing FLIHs.

SLIH The sum of times spent by all processors executing SLIHs.

**DISPATCH** The sum of times spent by all processors executing the AIX dispatch code. This sum

includes the time spent dispatching all threads (that is, it includes dispatches of the IDLE

process).

IDLE DISPATCH The sum of times spent by all processors executing the AIX dispatch code where the

process being dispatched was the IDLE process. Because the DISPATCH category includes the IDLE DISPATCH category's time, the IDLE DISPATCH category's time is not

separately added to calculate either CPU(s) busy time or TOTAL (see below).

CPU(s) busy time

The sum of times spent by all processors executing in APPLICATION, SYSCALL, KPROC,

FLIH, SLIH, and DISPATCH modes.

**IDLE**The sum of times spent by all processors executing the IDLE process.

**TOTAL** The sum of CPU(s) busy time and IDLE.

The System Summary example indicates that the CPU is spending most of its time in application mode. There is still 4234.76 ms of IDLE time so there is enough CPU to run applications. If there is insufficient CPU power, do not expect to see any IDLE time. The Avg. Thread Affinity value is 0.99 showing good processor affinity; that is, threads returning to the same processor when they are ready to be run again.

## System Application Summary

The next part of the default report is the System Application Summary produced by the curt command. The following is a sample of the System Application Summary:

System Application Summary	System	Application	Summary
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<pre>processing total time      (msec)</pre>		percent application time	processing category
========	========	========	=======================================
3.95 4.69 0.13 5356.99	0.42 0.49 0.01 563.18	0.07 0.09 0.00 99.84	PTHREAD PDISPATCH PIDLE OTHER
5365.77	564.11	100.00	APPLICATION

0.84 Avg. Pthread Affinity =

This portion of the report describes the time spent by the system as a whole (all CPUs) in various execution modes. The System Application Summary has the following fields:

processing total time Total time in milliseconds for the corresponding processing category.

percent total time Time from the first column as a percentage of the sum of total trace elapsed time for all

processors. This includes whatever amount of time each processor spent running the

IDLE process.

percent application time Time from the first column as a percentage of the sum of total trace elapsed application

time for all processors

Avg. Pthread Affinity Probability that a pthread was dispatched on the same kernel thread on which it last

executed.

The possible execution modes or processing categories are interpreted as follows:

**PTHREAD** The sum of times spent by all pthreads on all processors in traced pthread library

**PDISPATCH** The sum of times spent by all pthreads on all processors executing the libpthreads

dispatch code.

**PIDLE** The sum of times spent by all kernel threads on all processors executing the

libpthreads vp\_sleep code.

**OTHER** The sum of times spent by all pthreads on all processors in non-traced user mode. **APPLICATION** The sum of times spent by all processors in User (that is, non-privileged) mode.

## **Processor Summary and Processor Application Summary**

This part of the curt command output follows the System Summary and System Application Summary and is essentially the same information but presented on a processor-by-processor basis. The same description that was given for the System Summary and System Application Summary applies here, except that this report covers each processor rather than the whole system.

Below is a sample of this output:

	Processor Sum	mary processor	r number 0
processing	percent	percent	
total time	total time	busy time	
(msec)	(incl. idle)	(excl. idle)	processing category
========	========	========	=======================================
45.07	0.88	5.16	APPLICATION
591.39	11.58	67.71	SYSCALL

```
0.00 0.00 HCALL
0.94 5.48 KPROC (excluding IDLE and NFS)
0.00 0.00 NFS
3.40 19.90 FLIH
0.18 1.06 SLIH
0.12 0.70 DISPATCH (all procs. incl. IDLE)
0.02 0.12 IDLE DISPATCH (only IDLE proc.)
         0.00
       47.83
         0.00
      173.78
         9.27
         6.07
        1.04
-----
                   -----
                                         -----
                                     100.00 CPU(s) busy time
                     17.10
     873.42
                        82.90
    4232.92
                                                        IDLE
   5106.34
                                                        T0TAL
```

Avg. Thread Affinity = 0.98

Total number of process dispatches = 1620 Total number of idle dispatches = 782

Total Physical CPU time (msec) = 3246.25 Physical CPU percentage = 63.57% Physical processor affinity = 0.50

Dispatch Histogram for processor (PHYSICAL CPUid: times dispatched).

PROC 0:15 PROC 24: 15

Total number of preemptions = 30

with preeemption = 3 Total number of H\_CEDE = 6 Total number of H CONFER = 3 with preeemption = 2

## Processor Application Summary processor 0

processing total time (msec)	percent total time (incl. idle)	percent application time	processing category
========	========	========	==============
1.66	0.04	0.06	PTHREAD
2.61	0.05	0.10	PDISPATCH
0.00	0.00	0.00	PIDLE
2685.12	56.67	99.84	OTHER
2689.39	56.76	100.00	APPLICATION

Avg. Pthread Affinity = 0.78

Total number of pthread dispatches = 104 Total number of pthread idle dispatches = 0

#### Processor Summary processor number 1

----processing percent percent total time total time busy time (msec) (incl. idle) (excl. idle) processing category
4985.81 97.70 97.70 APPLICATION
0.09 0.00 0.00 SYSCALL 0.00 SYSCALL 0.00 HCALL 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 KPROC (excluding IDLE and NFS) 0.00 0.00 NFS 0.00 2.04 2.04 FLIH
0.25 0.25 SLIH
0.02 0.02 DISPATCH (all procs. incl. IDLE)
0.00 0.00 IDLE DISPATCH (only IDLE proc.)

-----100.00 CPU(s) busy time 103.86 12.54 0.97 0.00 100.00 5103.26 0.00

```
5103.26
                                                 TOTAL
Avg. Thread Affinity = 0.99
Total number of process dispatches = 516
Total number of idle dispatches = 0
Total Physical CPU time (msec) = 5103.26
Physical CPU percentage = 100.00%
Physical processor affinity = 1.00
Dispatch Histogram for processor (PHYSICAL CPUid: times dispatched).
Total number of preemptions = 0
Total number of H\_CEDE = 0 with preeemption = 0
Total number of H\_CONFER = 0 with preeemption = 0
                Processor Application Summary processor 1
                 -----
processing percent percent
total time total time application
(msec) (incl. idle) time processing category
2.29 0.05 0.09 PTHREAD
2.09 0.04 0.08 PDISPATCH
0.13 0.00 0.00 PIDLE
2671.86 56.40 99.83 OTHER

2676.38 56.49 100.00 APPLICATION
Avg. Pthread Affinity =
                                   0.83
Total number of pthread dispatches = 91
Total number of pthread idle dispatches = 5
```

The following terms are referred to in the example above:

#### Total number of process dispatches

The number of times AIX dispatched any non-IDLE process on the processor.

#### Total number of idle dispatches

The number of IDLE process dispatches.

#### Total number of pthread dispatches

The number of times the libpthreads dispatcher was executed on the processor.

#### Total number of pthread idle dispatches

The number of vp\_sleep calls.

#### Application Summary by Thread ID (Tid)

The Application Summary, by Tid, shows an output of all the threads that were running on the system during the time of trace collection and their CPU consumption. The thread that consumed the most CPU time during the time of the trace collection is at the top of the list.

```
Application Summary (by Tid)
    -----
-- processing total (msec) -- -- percent of total processing time --
combined application syscall combined application syscall name (Pid Tid)
```

63.6399 2.5 63.5906 2.2 62.1134 3.3	3351 67.2672 6032 61.1368 2187 61.3719 3125 58.8009	0.3419 0.3117 0.3115 0.3042	0.0124 0.0123 0.0109 0.0162	0.2994 0.3006 0.2880	disp+work(19916 disp+work(17580 disp+work(20154 disp+work(21424 disp+work(21992	30199) 34321) 31493)
60.0789 2.0	590 58.0199	0.2943	0.0101	0.2842	disp+work(21992	32539)

...(lines omitted)...

The output is divided into two main sections:

- The total processing time of the thread in milliseconds (processing total (msec))
- The CPU time that the thread has consumed, expressed as a percentage of the total CPU time (percent of total processing time)

The Application Summary (by Tid) has the following fields:

name (Pid Tid) The name of the process associated with the thread, its process id, and its thread id.

#### processing total (msec)

combined The total amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread was running in either

application mode or system call mode.

The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in application mode. application

syscall The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in system call

mode.

#### percent of total processing time

The amount of CPU time that the thread was running, expressed as percentage of the total combined

processing time.

The amount of CPU time that the thread the thread spent in application mode, expressed as application

percentage of the total processing time.

The amount of CPU time that the thread spent in system call mode, expressed as percentage syscall

of the total processing time.

In the example above, we can investigate why the system is spending so much time in application mode by looking at the Application Summary (by Tid), where we can see the top three processes of the report are named cpu, a test program that uses a great deal of CPU time. The report shows again that the CPU spent most of its time in application mode running the cpu process. Therefore the cpu process is a candidate to be optimized to improve system performance.

## Application Summary by Process ID (Pid)

The Application Summary, by Pid, has the same content as the Application Summary, by Tid, except that the threads that belong to each process are consolidated and the process that consumed the most CPU time during the monitoring period is at the beginning of the list.

The name (PID) (Thread Count) column shows the process name, its process ID, and the number of threads that belong to this process and that have been accumulated for this line of data.

				, ,		
proce	ssing total (	msec)	perce	nt of total p	rocessing	time
combined	application	syscall	combined	application	syscall	name (Pid)(Thread Count)
=======	========	======	=======	========	======	=======================================
4986.2355	4986.2355	0.0000	24.4214	24.4214	0.0000	cpu(18418)(1)
4985.8051	4985.8051	0.0000	24.4193	24.4193	0.0000	cpu(19128)(1)
4982.0331	4982.0331	0.0000	24.4009	24.4009	0.0000	cpu(18894)(1)

Application Summary (by Pid)

83.8436	2.5062	81.3374	0.4106	0.0123	0.3984	disp+work(20390)(1)
72.5809	2.7269	69.8540	0.3555	0.0134	0.3421	disp+work(18584)(1)
69.8023	2.5351	67.2672	0.3419	0.0124	0.3295	disp+work(19916)(1)
63.6399	2.5032	61.1368	0.3117	0.0123	0.2994	disp+work(17580)(1)
63.5906	2.2187	61.3719	0.3115	0.0109	0.3006	disp+work(20154)(1)
62.1134	3.3125	58.8009	0.3042	0.0162	0.2880	disp+work(21424)(1)
60.0789	2.0590	58.0199	0.2943	0.0101	0.2842	disp+work(21992)(1)

...(lines omitted)...

## Application Summary (by process type)

The Application Summary (by process type) consolidates all processes of the same name and sorts them in descending order of combined processing time.

The name (thread count) column shows the name of the process, and the number of threads that belong to this process name (type) and were running on the system during the monitoring period.

App1	ication	Summary	(by p	rocess	type)	
total	(msec) -		perce	nt of	total p	rocessir
ication	sysca	all comb	oined	appli	cation	syscall

processing total (msec)			perce	ni oi totai p	rocessing	tille	
	combined	application	syscall	combined	application	syscall	name (thread count)
	======	========	======	======	========	======	=======================================
	14954.0738	14954.0738	0.0000	73.2416	73.2416	0.0000	cpu(3)
	573.9466	21.2609	552.6857	2.8111	0.1041	2.7069	disp+work(9)
	20.9568	5.5820	15.3748	0.1026	0.0273	0.0753	trcstop(1)
	10.6151	2.4241	8.1909	0.0520	0.0119	0.0401	i4llmd(1)
	8.7146	5.3062	3.4084	0.0427	0.0260	0.0167	dtgreet(1)
	7.6063	1.4893	6.1171	0.0373	0.0073	0.0300	sleep(1)

...(lines omitted)...

## **Kproc Summary by Thread ID (Tid)**

The Kproc Summary, by Tid, shows an output of all the kernel process threads that were running on the system during the time of trace collection and their CPU consumption. The thread that consumed the most CPU time during the time of the trace collection is at the beginning of the list.

	Kproc	Summary (by	Tid)			
process	ing total (m	isec)	percent	of total	time	
combined	kernel	operation	combined	kernel	opera	tion
1020 0210	1020 0210	0.0000	12 (525	12 (505	======	-===
1930.9312	1930.9312	0.0000	13.6525	13.6525	(·)	0000

combined	kernel	operation	combined	kernel	operation	name (Pid Tid Type)		
======	=====	========	======	=====	========	=======================================		
1930.9312	1930.9312	0.0000	13.6525	13.6525	0.0000	wait(8196 8197 W)		
2.1674	2.1674	0.0000	0.0153	0.0153	0.0000	.WSMRefreshServe(0 3 -)		
1.9034	1.9034	1.8020	0.0135	0.0135	0.0128	nfsd(36882 49177 N)		
0.6609	0.5789	0.0820	0.0002	0.0002	0.0000	kbiod(8050 86295 N)		
(lines omitted)								

Kproc Types Type Function Operation 0 W idle thread N NFS daemon NFS Remote Procedure Calls

The Kproc Summary has the following fields:

name (Pid Tid Type)

The name of the kernel process associated with the thread, its process ID, its thread ID, and its type. The **kproc** type is defined in the Kproc Types listing following the Kproc Summary.

#### processing total (msec)

**combined**The total amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread was running

in either operation or kernel mode.

kernel The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in

unidentified kernel mode.

**operation** The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in traced

operations.

#### percent of total time

combined The amount of CPU time that the thread was running, expressed as percentage of the

total processing time.

**kernel** The amount of CPU time that the thread spent in unidentified kernel mode, expressed as

percentage of the total processing time.

**operation** The amount of CPU time that the thread spent in traced operations, expressed as

percentage of the total processing time.

#### **Kproc Types**

**Type** A single letter to be used as an index into this listing.

**Function** A description of the nominal function of this type of kernel process. **Operation** A description of the traced operations for this type of kernel process.

## **Application Pthread Summary by process ID (Pid)**

The Application Pthread Summary, by PID, shows an output of all the multi-threaded processes that were running on the system during trace collection and their CPU consumption, and that have spent time making pthread calls. The process that consumed the most CPU time during the trace collection is at the beginning of the list.

## Application Pthread Summary (by Pid)

proces	sing total (	msec)	percent of total application time				
application	other	pthread	application	other	pthread	name (Pid)(Pthread Count)	
========	========	========	========	========	========	=======================================	
1277.6602 802.6445	1274.9354 801.4162	2.7249 1.2283	23.8113 14.9586	23.7605 14.9357		./pth(245964)(52) ./pth32(245962)(12)	
002.0443	001.4102	1.2203	14.9300	14.9337	0.0229	·/ptil32(243902)(12)	

...(lines omitted)...

The output is divided into two main sections:

- The total processing time of the process in milliseconds (processing total (msec))
- · The CPU time that the process has consumed, expressed as a percentage of the total application time

The Application Pthread Summary has the following fields:

the number of pthreads of this process.

#### processing total (msec)

application The total amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process was

running in user mode.

pthread The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in traced

call to the pthreads library.

other The amount of CPU time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in non

traced user mode.

#### percent of total application time

application The amount of CPU time that the process was running in user mode, expressed as percentage

of the total application time.

pthread The amount of CPU time that the process spent in calls to the pthreads library, expressed as

percentage of the total application time.

other The amount of CPU time that the process spent in non traced user mode, expressed as

percentage of the total application time.

## System Calls Summary

The System Calls Summary provides a list of all the system calls that have completed execution on the system during the monitoring period. The list is sorted by the total CPU time in milliseconds consumed by each type of system call.

System Calls Summary									
Count	Total Time (msec)	% sys time	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	SVC (Address)			
605	255 4475	1 7/10.	0 5075	0.0402	4 5626				
605	355.4475	1.74%	0.5875	0.0482	4.5626	kwrite(4259c4)			
733	196.3752	0.96%	0.2679	0.0042	2.9948	kread(4259e8)			
3	9.2217	0.05%	3.0739	2.8888	3.3418	execve(1c95d8)			
38	7.6013	0.04%	0.2000	0.0051	1.6137	loadx(1c9608)			
1244	4.4574	0.02%	0.0036	0.0010	0.0143	1seek(425a60)			
45	4.3917	0.02%	0.0976	0.0248	0.1810	access (507860)			
63	3.3929	0.02%	0.0539	0.0294	0.0719	select(4e0ee4)			
2	2.6761	0.01%	1.3380	1.3338	1.3423	kfork(1c95c8)			
207	2.3958	0.01%	0.0116	0.0030	0.1135	_poll(4e0ecc)			
228	1.1583	0.01%	0.0051	0.0011	0.2436	kioctl(4e07ac)			
9	0.8136	0.00%	0.0904	0.0842	0.0988	.smtcheckinit(1b245a8)			
5	0.5437	0.00%	0.1087	0.0696	0.1777	open (4e08d8)			
15	0.3553	0.00%	0.0237	0.0120	0.0322	<pre>.smtcheckinit(1b245cc)</pre>			
2	0.2692	0.00%	0.1346	0.1339	0.1353	statx(4e0950)			
33	0.2350	0.00%	0.0071	0.0009	0.0210	_sigaction(1cada4)			
1	0.1999	0.00%	0.1999	0.1999	0.1999	kwaitpid(1cab64)			
102	0.1954	0.00%	0.0019	0.0013	0.0178	klseek(425a48)			

...(lines omitted)...

The System Calls Summary has the following fields:

Count The number of times that a system call of a certain type (see SVC (Address)) has been

called during the monitoring period.

Total Time (msec) The total CPU time that the system spent processing these system calls, expressed in

milliseconds.

% sys time The total CPU time that the system spent processing these system calls, expressed as a

percentage of the total processing time.

Avg Time (msec) The average CPU time that the system spent processing one system call of this type,

expressed in milliseconds.

Min Time (msec) The minimum CPU time that the system needed to process one system call of this type,

expressed in milliseconds.

Max Time (msec) The maximum CPU time that the system needed to process one system call of this type,

expressed in milliseconds.

**SVC (Address)** The name of the system call and its kernel address.

## **Pending System Calls Summary**

The Pending System Calls Summary provides a list of all the system calls that have been executed on the system during the monitoring period but have not completed. The list is sorted by Tid.

Pending System Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	SVC (Address)	Procname (Pid Tid)
========	=======================================	=======================================
0.0656	_select(4e0ee4)	sendmail(7844 5001)
0.0452	_select(4e0ee4)	syslogd(7514 8591)
0.0712	_select(4e0ee4)	snmpd(5426 9293)
0.0156	kioctl(4e07ac)	trcstop(47210 18379)
0.0274	kwaitpid(1cab64)	ksh(20276 44359)
0.0567	kread4259e8)	ksh(23342 50873)

The Pending System Calls Summary has the following fields:

Accumulated Time The accumulated CPU time that the system spent processing the pending system call,

(msec) expressed in milliseconds.

**SVC (Address)** The name of the system call and its kernel address.

Procname (Pid Tid) The name of the process associated with the thread that made the system call, its process

ID, and the thread ID.

## **Hypervisor Calls Summary**

...(lines omitted)...

The Hypervisor Calls Summary provides a list of all the hypervisor calls that have completed execution on the system during the monitoring period. The list is sorted by the total CPU time, in milliseconds, consumed by each type of hypervisor call.

Hypervisor Calls Summary

Count	Total Time (msec)		5		Max Time (msec)	HCALL (Address)
======		=====	=======	======	=======	=======================================
4	0.0077	0.00%	0.0019	0.0014	0.0025	H_XIRR(3ada19c)
4	0.0070	0.00%	0.0017	0.0015	0.0021	H_E0I(3ad6564)

The Hypervisor Calls Summary has the following fields:

Count	The number of times that a hypervisor call of a certain type has been called during the monitoring period.
Total Time (msec)	The total CPU time that the system spent processing hypervisor calls of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
% sys Time	The total CPU time that the system spent processing the hypervisor calls of this type, expressed as a percentage of the total processing time.
Avg Time (msec)	The average CPU time that the system spent processing one hypervisor call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Min Time (msec)	The minimum CPU time that the system needed to process one hypervisor call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Max Time (msec)	The maximum CPU time that the system needed to process one hypervisor call of this type, expressed in milliseconds

## **Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary**

The Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary provides a list of all the hypervisor calls that have been executed on the system during the monitoring period but have not completed. The list is sorted by Tid.

	Pending Hypervisor	Calls Summary
Accumulated Time (msec)	HCALL (Address)	Procname (Pid Tid)
	=======================================	=======================================
0.0066	H XIRR(3ada19c)	syncd(3916 5981)

The Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary has the following fields:

Accumulated Time (msec)	The accumulated CPU time that the system spent processing the pending hypervisor call, expressed in milliseconds.
HCALL (address)	The name of the hypervisor call and the kernel address of its caller.
Procname (Pid Tid)	The name of the process associated with the thread that made the hypervisor call, its process ID, and the thread ID.

## **System NFS Calls Summary**

The System NFS Calls Summary provides a list of all the system NFS calls that have completed execution on the system during the monitoring period. The list is divided by NFS versions, and each list is sorted by the total CPU time, in milliseconds, consumed by each type of system NFS call.

System	NFS	Calls	Summary
3 y s telli	ML2	Calls	Sullillary

Count	Total Time (msec)	(msec)	(msec)		Time	% Tot Count	Opcode
253	48.4115	0.1913	0.0952	1.0097	98.91	98.83	RFS2 READLINK
2	0.3959	0.1980	0.1750	0.2209			RFS2_LOOKUP
1	0.1373	0.1373	0.1373	0.1373	0.28	0.39	RFS2_NULL
256	48.9448	0.1912					NFS V2 TOTAL
3015	4086.9121	1.3555	0.1035	31.6976	40.45	17.12	RFS3_READ
145	2296.3158	15.8367	1.1177	42.9125	22.73	0.82	RFS3_WRITE
10525	2263.3336	0.2150	0.0547	2.9737	22.40	59.77	RFS3_L00KUP
373	777.2854	2.0839	0.2839	17.5724	7.69	2.12	RFS3_READDIRPLUS
2058	385.9510	0.1875	0.0875	1.1993	3.82	11.69	RFS3_GETATTR
942	178.6442	0.1896	0.0554	1.2320	1.77	5.35	RFS3_ACCESS
	97.0297	0.1884	0.0659	0.9774	0.96	2.92	RFS3_READLINK
25	11.3046	0.4522	0.2364	0.9712	0.11	0.14	RFS3_READDIR
3	2.8648	0.9549	0.8939	0.9936	0.03	0.02	RFS3_CREATE
3	2.8590	0.9530	0.5831	1.4095	0.03	0.02	RFS3_COMMIT
2	1.1824	0.5912	0.2796	0.9028	0.01	0.01	RFS3_FSSTAT
1	0.2773	0.2773	0.2773	0.2773	0.00	0.01	RFS3_SETATTR
1	0.2366	0.2366	0.2366	0.2366	0.00	0.01	RFS3_PATHCONF
1	0.1804	0.1804	0.1804	0.1804	0.00	0.01	RFS3_NULL
17609	10104.3769	0.5738					NFS V3 TOTAL
105	2296.3158	15.8367	1.1177	42.9125	22.73	0.82	CLOSE
3025	2263.3336	0.2150	0.0547	2.9737	22.40	59.77	COMMIT
373	777.2854	2.0839	0.2839	17.5724	7.69	2.12	CREATE
2058	385.9510	0.1875	0.0875	1.1993	3.82	11.69	DELEGPURGE
942	178.6442	0.1896	0.0554	1.2320	1.77	5.35	DELEGRETURN
515	97.0297	0.1884	0.0659	0.9774	0.96	2.92	GETATTR
25	11.3046	0.4522		0.9712	0.11	0.14	GETFH
3	2.8648	0.9549	0.8939	0.9936	0.03	0.02	LINK
3	2.8590	0.9530	0.5831	1.4095	0.03	0.02	LOCK

2 1 1 1 1	1.1824 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	0.5912 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	0.2796 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	0.9028 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	LOCKT LOCKU OOKUP LOOKUPP NVERIFY
17609	10104.3769	0.5738					NFS V4 SERVER TOTAL
3 2 1 1 1	2.8590 1.1824 0.2773 0.2366 0.0000 0.1704	0.9530 0.5912 0.2773 0.2366 0.0000 0.1704	0.5831 0.2796 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	1.4095 0.9028 0.2773 0.2366 0.1804 0.1704	0.03 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00	0.02 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01	NFS4_ACCESS NFS\$_VALIDATE_CACHES NFS4_GETATTR NFS4_CHECK_ACCESS NFS4_HOLD NFS4_RELE
17609	10104.3769	0.5738					NFS V4 CLIENT TOTAL

The System NFS Calls Summary has the following fields:

Count	The number of times that a certain type of system NFS call (see <b>Opcode</b> ) has been called during the monitoring period.
Total Time (msec)	The total CPU time that the system spent processing system NFS calls of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Avg Time (msec)	The average CPU time that the system spent processing one system NFS call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Min Time (msec)	The minimum CPU time that the system needed to process one system NFS call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Max Time (msec)	The maximum CPU time that the system needed to process one system NFS call of this type, expressed in milliseconds
% Tot Time	The total CPU time that the system spent processing the system NFS calls of this type, expressed as a percentage of the total processing time.
% Tot Count	The number of times that a system NFS call of a certain type was made, expressed as a percentage of the total count.
Opcode	The name of the system NFS call.

## **Pending NFS Calls Summary**

The Pending NFS Calls Summary provides a list of all the system NFS calls that have executed on the system during the monitoring period but have not completed. The list is sorted by the Tid.

Pending NFS Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Sequence Number Opcode	Procname (Pid	Tid)			
========	=========	==========				
0.0831	1038711932	nfsd(1007854				
0.0833	1038897247	nfsd(1007854	352459)			
0.0317	1038788652	nfsd(1007854	413931)			
0.0029	NFS4 ATTRCACHE	kbiod(100098	678934)			
(lines omitted)						

The Pending System NFS Calls Summary has the following fields:

#### Accumulated Time (msec)

The accumulated CPU time that the system spent processing the pending system NFS call, expressed in milliseconds.

Sequence Number	The sequence number represents the transaction identifier (XID) of an NFS operation. It is used to uniquely identify an operation and is used in the RPC call/reply messages. This number is provided instead of the operation name because the name of the operation is unknown until it completes.		
Opcode	The name of pending operation NFS V4.		
Procname (Pid Tid)	The name of the process associated with the thread that made the system NFS call, its process ID, and the thread ID.		

## **Pthread Calls Summary**

The Pthread Calls Summary provides a list of all the pthread calls that have completed execution on the system during the monitoring period. The list is sorted by the total CPU time, in milliseconds, consumed by each type of pthread call.

#### Pthread Calls Summary

Count	Total Time (msec)	% sys time	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	Pthread Routine
======	========	=====	======	======	======	==========
62	3.6226	0.04%	0.0584	0.0318	0.1833	pthread create
10	0.1798	0.00%	0.0180	0.0119		pthread cancel
8	0.0725	0.00%	0.0091	0.0064	0.0205	pthread join
1	0.0553	0.00%	0.0553	0.0553		pthread detach
1	0.0229	0.00%	0.0229	0.0229	0.0229	pthread kill

The Pthread Calls Summary report has the following fields:

Count	The number of times that a pthread call of a certain type has been called during the monitoring period.
Total Time (msec)	The total CPU time that the system spent processing all pthread calls of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
% sys time	The total CPU time that the system spent processing all calls of this type, expressed as a percentage of the total processing time.
Avg Time (msec)	The average CPU time that the system spent processing one pthread call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Min Time (msec)	The minimum CPU time the system used to process one pthread call of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Pthread routine	The name of the routine in the pthread library.

## **Pending Pthread Calls Summary**

The Pending Pthread Calls Summary provides a list of all the pthread calls that have been executed on the system during the monitoring period but have not completed. The list is sorted by Pid-Ptid.

Р	IIs Summary		
Accumulated Time (msec)	Pthread Routine	Procname (Pid Tid Ptid)	
========	==========	=======================================	=
1990.9400	pthread join	./pth32(245962 1007759 1)	

The Pending Pthread System Calls Summary has the following fields:

Accumulated Time (msec)	The accumulated CPU time that the system spent processing the pending pthread call, expressed in milliseconds.
Pthread Routine	The name of the pthread routine of the libpthreads library.

Procname (Pid Tid Ptid)

The name of the process associated with the thread and the pthread which made the pthread call, its process ID, the thread ID and the pthread ID.

## **FLIH Summary**

The FLIH (First Level Interrupt Handler) Summary lists all first level interrupt handlers that were called during the monitoring period.

The Global FLIH Summary lists the total of first level interrupts on the system, while the Per CPU FLIH Summary lists the first level interrupts per CPU.

Global Flih Summary						
	Total Time (msec)	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	(msec)	Flih Type	
2183 946 12	203.5524 102.4195 1.6720 183.6655	0.0932 0.1083	0.0041 0.0063 0.0828	0.4576 0.6590 0.3366	31(DECR_INTR) 3(DATA ACC PG FLT)	
		Per CPU	Flih Summary	У		
CPU Number 0: Count	Total Time (msec)	Avg Time (msec)	(msec)	(msec)		
9	39.8413 101.4960 1.3946 33.4247	0.0627 0.1084 0.1550	0.0063	0.4576 0.6590 0.3366	31(DECR_INTR) 3(DATA_ACC_PG_FLT) 32(QUEUED_INTR) 5(IO_INTR)	
	Total Time (msec)	Avg Time (msec)	(msec)	(msec)	Flih Type	
258 515	0.2405	0.0601 0.1907 0.1075	0.0517 0.0060 0.0080	0.0735 0.5076	3(DATA_ACC_PG_FLT) 5(IO_INTR) 31(DECR_INTR)	
	Pending Flih Summary					
Accumulated Time (msec) Flih Type 0.0123 5(IO_INTR)						

The FLIH Summary report has the following fields:

...(lines omitted)...

Count	The number of times that a first level interrupt of a certain type (see Flih Type) occurred during the monitoring period.
Total Time (msec)	The total CPU time that the system spent processing these first level interrupts, expressed in milliseconds.
Avg Time (msec)	The average CPU time that the system spent processing one first level interrupt of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Min Time (msec)	The minimum CPU time that the system needed to process one first level interrupt of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Max Time (msec)	The maximum CPU time that the system needed to process one first level interrupt of this type, expressed in milliseconds.
Flih Type	The number and name of the first level interrupt.

**Accumulated Time** (msec)

The accumulated CPU time that the system spent processing the pending first level interrupt, expressed in milliseconds.

## FLIH types in the example

The following are FLIH types that were depicted in the above example:

DATA\_ACC\_PG\_FLT Data access page fault QUEUED\_INTR Queued interrupt **DECR\_INTR** Decrementer interrupt

IO\_INTR I/O interrupt

## **SLIH Summary**

The Second level interrupt handler (SLIH) Summary lists all second level interrupt handlers that were called during the monitoring period.

The Global Slih Summary lists the total of second level interrupts on the system, while the Per CPU Slih Summary lists the second level interrupts per CPU.

Global Slih Summary						
	Count		•	Min Time (msec)		Slih Name(Address)
	43 1015	7.0434 42.0601		0.0284 0.0096		s_scsiddpin(1a99104) ssapin(1990490)
			Per CPU	Slih Summary	/ -	
CPU	Number 0:					
	Count	Total Time (msec)		Min Time (msec)		Slih Name(Address)
	=====	1 2500	0.1600	0.0000	0 2007	: : - (1 - 00104)
	8 258	7.9232		0.0289 0.0096		s_scsiddpin(1a99104) ssapin(1990490)
CPII	Number 1:		0.0307	0.0090	0.0755	33apin(1990490)
0.0			•	Min Time (msec)		Slih Name(Address)
	======					
	10 248	1.2685 11.2759	0.1268 0.0455	0.0579 0.0138		s_scsiddpin(1a99104) ssapin(1990490)
,	(lines emitted)					

<sup>...(</sup>lines omitted)...

The SLIH Summary report has the following fields:

Count	The number of times that each second level interrupt handler was called during the
	monitoring period.

Total Time (msec) The total CPU time that the system spent processing these second level interrupts, expressed in milliseconds.

Avg Time (msec) The average CPU time that the system spent processing one second level interrupt of this

type, expressed in milliseconds.

The minimum CPU time that the system needed to process one second level interrupt of this Min Time (msec)

type, expressed in milliseconds.

Max Time (msec) The maximum CPU time that the system needed to process one second level interrupt of this

type, expressed in milliseconds.

The module name and kernel address of the second level interrupt. Slih Name (Address)

## Reports Generated with the -e Flag

The report generated with the **-e** flag includes the data shown in the default report, and also includes additional information in the System Calls Summary, the Pending System Calls Summary, the Hypervisor Calls Summary, the Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary, the System NFS Calls Summary, the Pending NFS Calls Summary, the Pthread Calls Summary and the Pending Pthread Calls Summary.

The additional information in the System Calls Summary, Hypervisor Calls Summary, System NFS Calls Summary, and the Pthread Calls Summary includes the total, average, maximum, and minimum elapsed time that a call was running. The additional information in the Pending System Calls Summary, Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary, Pending NFS Calls Summary, and the Pending Pthread Calls Summary is the accumulated elapsed time for the pending calls. This additional information is present in all the system call, hypervisor call, NFS call, and pthread call reports: globally, in the process detailed report (-p), the thread detailed report (-t), and the pthread detailed report (-P).

The following is an example of the additional information reported by using the -e flag:

# curt -e -i trace.r -m trace.nm -n gensyms.out -o curt.out # cat curt.out

...(lines omitted)...

	System Calls Summary											
Count	Total Time (msec)	% sys time	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	Tot ETime (msec)	Avg ETime (msec)	Min ETime (msec)	Max ETime (msec)	SVC (Address)		
	196.3752 9.2217 7.6013 4.4574 4.3917 3.3929	0.96% 0.05% 0.04% 0.02% 0.02% 0.02%		0.0042 2.8888 0.0051 0.0010 0.0248 0.0294	2.9948 3.3418 1.6137 0.0143 0.1810 0.0719	31172.7658 12967.9407 57.2051 12.5002 4.4574 4.6636 5006.0887 45.5026	51.5252 17.6916 19.0684 0.3290 0.0036 0.1036 79.4617 22.7513	0.0042 4.5475 0.0051 0.0010 0.0248 0.0294	265.1204 40.0557 3.3120 0.0143 0.3037 100.4802	kwrite(4259c4) kread(4259c8) execve(1c95d8) _loadx(1c9608) Tseek(425a60) access(507860) _select(4e0ee4) kfork(1c95c8)		
207 228 9 5 15 2 33 1	2.3958 1.1583 0.8136 0.5437 0.3553 0.2692 0.2350 0.1999	0.01% 0.01% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%	0.0116 0.0051 0.0904 0.1087 0.0237 0.1346 0.0071 0.1999 0.0019	0.0030 0.0011 0.0842 0.0696 0.0120 0.1339 0.0009 0.1999	0.1135 0.2436 0.0988 0.1777 0.0322 0.1353 0.0210 0.1999	4494.9249 1.1583 4498.7472 0.5437 0.3553 0.2692 0.2350	21.7146 0.0051 499.8608 0.1087 0.0237 0.1346 0.0071	0.0030 0.0011 499.8052 0.0696 0.0120 0.1339 0.0009	499.1363 0.2436 499.8898 0.1777 0.0322 0.1353 0.0210 5019.0588	_poll(4e0ecc) kioctl(4e07ac) .smtcheckinit(1b245a8) open(4e08d8) .smtcheckinit(1b245cc) statx(4e0950) _sigaction(1cada4) kwaitpid(1cab64) klseek(425a48)		

 $\dots$ (lines omitted) $\dots$ 

Pending System Calls Summary								
Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	SVC (Address)	Procname (Pid Tid)					
		=======================================	=======================================					
0.0855	93.6498	kread(4259e8)	oracle(143984 48841)					

...(lines omitted)...

Hypervisor Calls Summar	Hypervis	or Call	s Summar
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Count	Total Time	% sys	Avg Time	Min Time	Max Time	Tot ETime	Avg ETime	Min ETime	Max ETime	HCALL (Address)
	(msec)	time	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	
		=====	=======	=======	=======	=======				==========
4	0.0077	0.00%	0.0019	0.0014	0.0025	0.0077	0.0019	0.0014	0.0025	H_XIRR(3ada19c)
4	0.0070	0.00%	0.0017	0.0015	0.0021	0.0070	0.0017	0.0015	0.0021	H_EOI (3ad6564)

#### Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	HCALL (Address)	Procname (Pid Tid)
		=======================================	=======================================
0.0855	93.6498	H_XIRR(3ada19c)	syncd(3916 5981)

#### System NFS Calls Summary

Count	Total Time	Avg Time	Min Time	Max Time	% Tot	Total ETime	Avg ETime	Min ETime	Max ETime	% Tot	% Tot	Opcode
	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	Time	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	ETime	Count	
=======	========	=======	=======	=======	=====	=========	=======	========	========	=====	=====	=========

6647 2694 1702 1552 235 21	456.1029 147.1680 85.8328 78.1015 33.3158 5.5979	0.0686 0.0546 0.0504 0.0503 0.1418 0.2666	0.0376 0.0348 0.0339 0.0367 0.0890 0.0097	0.6267 0.5517 0.5793 0.5513 0.3312 0.8142	15.83 5.11 2.98 2.71 1.16 82.79	9267.7256 1474.4267 146.4281 153.5844 1579.4557 127.2616	1.3943 0.5473 0.0860 0.0990 6.7211 6.0601	0.0376 0.0348 0.0339 0.0367 0.0890 0.0097	304.9501 25.9402 5.7539 7.5125 56.0876 89.0570	2.33 0.23 0.24 2.49	7.14 6.51 0.99	RFS3_LOOKUP RFS3_GETATTR RFS3_READLINK RFS3_ACCESS RFS3_SETATTR NFS4_WRITE
21 59	5.59/9 1.1505	0.2666	0.009/		82./9 17.01	0.7873	0.0133	0.0097	0.0194	99.3/	70.24	NFS4_WRITE NFS4_ATTRCACHE
4	0.0135	0.0034	0.0026	0.0044	0.20	0.0135	0.0034	0.0026	0.0044	0.01	4.76	NFS4_GET_UID_GID
(line om	itted)											

#### Pending NFS Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	Sequence Number Opcode	Procname (Pid	Tid)						
		=========								
0.0831	15.1581	1038711932	nfsd(1007854	331969)						
0.0833	13.8889	1038897247	nfsd(1007854	352459)						
0.0087	10.8976	NFS4_ATTRCACHE	kbiod(100098	678934)						
(line omit	ted)									

#### Pthread Calls Summary

Count	Total Time (msec)	% sys time	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	Tot ETime (msec)	Avg ETime (msec)	Min ETime (msec)	Max ETime (msec)	Pthread Routine
====	========	=====	=======	=======	=======	=======	=======	=======	=======	==========
72	2.0126	0.01%	0.0280	0.0173	0.1222	13.7738	0.1913	0.0975	0.6147	pthread_create
2	0.6948	0.00%	0.3474	0.0740	0.6208	92.3033	46.1517	9.9445	82.3588	pthread kill
12	0.3087	0.00%	0.0257	0.0058	0.0779	25.0506	2.0876	0.0168	10.0605	pthread_cancel
22	0.0613	0.00%	0.0028	0.0017	0.0104	2329.0179	105.8644	0.0044	1908.3402	pthread join
2	0.0128	0.00%	0.0064	0.0062	0.0065	0.1528	0.0764	0.0637	0.0891	pthread_detach

#### Pending Pthread Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	Pthread Routine	Procname (pid tid p	tid)
		=========	=======================================	====
3.3102	4946.5433	pthread_join	./pth32(282718 700515	1)
0.0025	544,4914	pthread ioin	./pth(282720 - 1	)

The system call, hypervisor call, NFS call, and pthread call reports in the preceding example have the following fields in addition to the default System Calls Summary, Hypervisor Calls Summary, System NFS Calls Summary, and Pthread Calls Summary:

Tot ETime (msec)	The total amount of time from when each instance of the call was started until it completed. This time will include any time spent servicing interrupts, running other processes, and so forth.
Avg ETime (msec)	The average amount of time from when the call was started until it completed. This time will include any time spent servicing interrupts, running other processes, and so forth.
Min ETime (msec)	The minimum amount of time from when the call was started until it completed. This time will include any time spent servicing interrupts, running other processes, and so forth.
Max ETime (msec)	The maximum amount of time from when the call was started until it completed. This time will include any time spent servicing interrupts, running other processes, and so forth.
Accumulated ETime (msec)	The total amount of time from when the pending call was started until the end of the trace. This time will include any time spent servicing interrupts, running other processes, and so forth.

The preceding example report shows that the maximum elapsed time for the kwrite system call was 422.2323 msec, but the maximum CPU time was 4.5626 msec. If this amount of overhead time is unusual for the device being written to, further analysis is needed.

## Reports Generated with the -s Flag

The report generated with the -s flag includes the data shown in the default report, and also includes data on errors returned by system calls as shown by the following:

```
# curt -s -i trace.r -m trace.nm -n gensyms.out -o curt.out
# cat curt.out
...(lines omitted)...
```

## Errors Returned by System Calls

```
Errors (errno : count : description) returned for System Call: kioctl(4e07ac)
25 : 15 : "Not a typewriter"
Errors (errno : count : description) returned for System Call: execve(1c95d8)
2 : 2 : "No such file or directory"
...(lines omitted)...
```

If a large number of errors of a specific type or on a specific system call point to a system or application problem, other debug measures can be used to determine and fix the problem.

## Reports Generated with the -t Flag

The report generated with the **-t** flag includes the data shown in the default report, and also includes a detailed report on thread status that includes the amount of time the thread was in application and system call mode, what system calls the thread made, processor affinity, the number of times the thread was dispatched, and to which CPU(s) it was dispatched. The report also includes dispatch wait time and details of interrupts:

```
...(lines omitted)...

Report for Thread Id: 48841 (hex bec9) Pid: 143984 (hex 23270)

Process Name: oracle
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Total Application Time (ms): 70.324465

Total System Call Time (ms): 53.014910

Total Hypervisor Call Time (ms): 0.077000
```

Thread System Call Summary

Count	Total Time	Avg Time	Min Time	Max Time	SVC (Address)
	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	
69	34.0819	0.4939	0.1666	1.2762	kwrite(169ff8)
77	12.0026	0.1559	0.0474	0.2889	kread(16a01c)
510	4.9743	0.0098	0.0029	0.0467	times(f1e14)
73	1.2045	0.0165	0.0105	0.0306	select(1d1704)
68	0.6000	0.0088	0.0023	0.0445	lseek(16a094)
12	0.1516	0.0126	0.0071	0.0241	getrusage(f1be0)

No Errors Returned by System Calls

Pending System Calls Summary

## Thread Hypervisor Calls Summary

Count			<u>.</u>	Min Time (msec)		HCALL (Address)
======	========	=====	======	======	======	===========
4	0.0077	0.00%	0.0019	0.0014	0.0025	H XIRR(3ada19c)

Pending Hypervisor Calls Summary

Accumulated HCALL (Address)
Time (msec)

```
0.0066 H XIRR(3ada19c)
processor affinity: 0.583333
Dispatch Histogram for thread (CPUid : times_dispatched).
   CPU 0 : 23
   CPU 1 : 23
   CPU 2 : 9
   CPU 3 : 9
   CPU 4:8
   CPU 5: 14
   CPU 6 : 17
   CPU 7 : 19
   CPU 8 : 1
   CPU 9 : 4
   CPU 10 : 1
   CPU 11: 4
total number of dispatches: 131
total number of redispatches due to interupts being disabled: 1
avg. dispatch wait time (ms): 8.273515
     Data on Interrupts that Occurred while Thread was Running
         Type of Interrupt
                           Count
  _____
   Data Access Page Faults (DSI): 115
  Instr. Fetch Page Faults (ISI): 0
         Align. Error Interrupts: 0
        IO (external) Interrupts: 0
        Program Check Interrupts: 0
       FP Unavailable Interrupts: 0
         FP Imprecise Interrupts: 0
             RunMode Interrupts: 0
          Decrementer Interrupts: 18
  Queued (Soft level) Interrupts: 15
...(lines omitted)...
```

If the thread belongs to an NFS kernel process, the report will include information on NFS operations instead of System calls:

Thread NFS Call Summary												
Count	Total Time (msec)	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	% Tot Time	Total ETime (msec)	Avg ETime (msec)	Min ETime (msec)	Max ETime (msec)	% Tot ETime	% Tot Count	Opcode
			======		=====			=======		=====	=====	=========
28	12.2661	0.4381	0.3815	0.4841	42.73	32.0893	1.1460	0.4391	16.6283	11.46	11.52	RFS3_READDIRPLUS
63	3.8953	0.0618	0.0405	0.1288	13.57	23.1031	0.3667	0.0405	7.0886	8.25	25.93	RFS3_L00KUP
49	3.2795	0.0669	0.0527	0.0960	11.42	103.8431	2.1192	0.0534	35.3617	37.09	20.16	RFS3 READ
18	2.8464	0.1581	0.1099	0.2264	9.91	7.9129	0.4396	0.1258	4.3503	2.83	7.41	RFS3 WRITE
29	1.3331	0.0460	0.0348	0.0620	4.64	1.4953	0.0516	0.0348	0.0940	0.53	11.93	RFS3 GETATTR
5	1.2763	0.2553	0.2374	0.3036	4.45	45.0798	9.0160	0.9015	21.7257	16.10	2.06	RFS3 REMOVE
8	1.1001	0.1375	0.1180	0.1719	3.83	53.6532	6.7067	1.4293	19.9199	19.17	3.29	RFS3 COMMIT
20	0.9262	0.0463	0.0367	0.0507	3.23	1.2060	0.0603	0.0367	0.1314	0.43	8.23	RFS3 READLINK
15	0.6798	0.0453	0.0386	0.0519	2.37	0.8015	0.0534	0.0386	0.0788	0.29	6.17	RFS3 ACCESS
2	0.4033	0.2017	0.1982	0.2051	1.40	0.5355	0.2677	0.2677	0.2677	0.19	0.82	RFS3 READDIR
1	0.3015	0.3015	0.3015	0.3015	1.05	6.2614	6.2614	6.2614	6.2614	2.24	0.41	RFS3 CREATE
2	0.2531	0.1265	0.1000	0.1531	0.88	3.7756	1.8878	0.1000	3.6756	1.35	0.82	RFS3 SETATTR
2	0.0853	0.0426	0.0413	0.0440	0.30	0.1333	0.0667	0.0532	0.0802	0.05	0.82	RFS3 FSINFO
1	0.0634	0.0634	0.0634	0.0634	0.22	0.0634	0.0634	0.0634	0.0634	0.02	0.41	RFS3_FSSTAT
243 4	28.7094 0.0777	0.1181 0.0194	0.0164	0.0232	10.00	279.9534 0.0523	1.1521 0.0131	0.0115	0.0152	10.00	10.00	NFS V3 TOTAL LINK
4	0.0777	0.0194				0.0523	0.0131					NFS V4 CLIENT TOTAL

Pending NFS Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	Sequence Number Opcode			
		==========			
0.1305 0.0123	182.6903 102.6324	1038932778 NFS4 ATTRCACHE			

The information in the threads summary includes the following:

**Process ID** The Process ID that the thread belongs to.

**Process Name** The process name, if known, that the thread belongs to.

**Total Application Time (ms)** The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in application

mode.

Total System Call Time (ms) The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the thread spent in system call

mode.

**Thread System Call** 

Summary

A system call summary for the thread; this has the same fields as the global System Calls Summary. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag is specified and error

information if the -s flag is specified.

**Pending System Calls** 

Summary

If the thread was executing a system call at the end of the trace, a pending system call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Supervisor Call (SVC Address) fields. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag is specified.

**Thread Hypervisor Calls** 

Summary

The hypervisor call summary for the thread; this has the same fields as the global Hypervisor Calls Summary. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag is specified.

**Pending Hypervisor Calls** 

Summary

If the thread was executing a hypervisor call at the end of the trace, a pending hypervisor call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Hypervisor Call fields. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag is specified.

**Thread NFS Calls Summary** An NFS call summary for the thread. This has the same fields as the global System

NFS Call Summary. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag is specified.

**Pending NFS Calls Summary** 

If the thread was executing an NFS call at the end of the trace, a pending NFS call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Sequence Number or, in the case of NFS V4, Opcode, fields. It also includes elapsed time if the -e flag

is specified.

processor affinity The process affinity, which is the probability that, for any dispatch of the thread, the

thread was dispatched to the same processor on which it last executed.

**Dispatch Histogram for** 

thread

Shows the number of times the thread was dispatched to each CPU in the system.

total number of dispatches The total number of times the thread was dispatched (not including redispatches).

total number of redispatches due to interrupts being

disabled

The number of redispatches due to interrupts being disabled, which is when the dispatch code is forced to dispatch the same thread that is currently running on that particular CPU because the thread had disabled some interrupts. This total is only reported if the value is non-zero.

The average dispatch wait time is the average elapsed time for the thread from being avg. dispatch wait time (ms)

undispatched and its next dispatch.

Data on Interrupts that occurred while Thread was

Running

Count of how many times each type of FLIH occurred while this thread was executing.

## Reports Generated with the -p Flag

The report generated with the -p flag includes the data shown in the default report and also includes a detailed report for each process that includes the Process ID and name, a count and list of the thread IDs, and the count and list of the pthread IDs belonging to the process. The total application time, the system

call time, and the application time details for all the threads of the process are given. Lastly, it includes summary reports of all the completed and pending system calls, and pthread calls for the threads of the process.

The following example shows the report generated for the router process (PID 129190):

```
Process Details for Pid: 129190
```

```
Process Name: router
    7 Tids for this Pid: 245889 245631 244599 82843 78701 75347 28941
    9 Ptids for this Pid: 2057 1800 1543 1286 1029 772 515 258 1
Total Application Time (ms): 124.023749
Total System Call Time (ms): 8.948695
Total Hypervisor Time (ms): 0.000000
```

#### Application time details:

```
Total Pthread Call Time (ms): 1.228271
Total Pthread Dispatch Time (ms): 2.760476
Total Pthread Idle Dispatch Time (ms): 0.110307
Total Other Time (ms): 798.545446
Total number of pthread dispatches: 53
Total number of pthread idle dispatches: 3
```

## Process System Calls Summary

Count	Total Time (msec)	% sys time	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	SVC (Address)
=======	========	=====	======	======	======	=======================================
93	3.6829	0.05%	0.0396	0.0060	0.3077	kread(19731c)
23	2.2395	0.03%	0.0974	0.0090	0.4537	kwrite(1972f8)
30	0.8885	0.01%	0.0296	0.0073	0.0460	select (208c5c)
1	0.5933	0.01%	0.5933	0.5933	0.5933	fsync(1972a4)
106	0.4902	0.01%	0.0046	0.0035	0.0105	klseek(19737c)
13	0.3285	0.00%	0.0253	0.0130	0.0387	semct1(2089e0)
6	0.2513	0.00%	0.0419	0.0238	0.0650	semop(2089c8)
3	0.1223	0.00%	0.0408	0.0127	0.0730	statx(2086d4)
1	0.0793	0.00%	0.0793	0.0793	0.0793	send(11e1ec)
9	0.0679	0.00%	0.0075	0.0053	0.0147	fstatx(2086c8)
4	0.0524	0.00%	0.0131	0.0023	0.0348	kfcnt1 (22aa14)
5	0.0448	0.00%	0.0090	0.0086	0.0096	yield(11dbec)
3	0.0444	0.00%	0.0148	0.0049	0.0219	recv(11e1b0)
1	0.0355	0.00%	0.0355	0.0355	0.0355	open (208674)
1	0.0281	0.00%	0.0281	0.0281	0.0281	close(19728c)

# Pending System Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)		SVC (Address)	Tid		
	========	=======================================	==========		
	0.0452	select(208c5c)	245889		
	0.0425	select(208c5c)	78701		
	0.0285	select(208c5c)	82843		
	0.0284	select(208c5c)	245631		
	0.0274	select(208c5c)	244599		
	0.0179	select(208c5c)	75347		

...(omitted lines)...

Pthread Calls Summary -----

Count	Total Time	% sys	Avg Time	Min Time	Max Time	Pthread Routine
	(msec)	time	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	
======	========	=====	======	======	======	=========
19	0.0477	0.00%	0.0025	0.0017	0.0104	pthread_join
1	0.0065	0.00%	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	pthread detach
1	0.6208	0.00%	0.6208	0.6208	0.6208	pthread_kill
6	0.1261	0.00%	0.0210	0.0077	0.0779	pthread cancel
21	0.7080	0.01%	0.0337	0.0226	0.1222	pthread_create

### Pending Pthread Calls Summary

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Accumulated Time (msec)	Pthread Routine	Tid	Ptid
	=========	==========	===========
3.3102	pthread join	78701	1

If the process is an NFS kernel process, the report will include information on NFS operations instead of System and Pthread calls:

Process Details for Pid: 1007854

Process Name: nfsd
252 Tids for this Pid: 2089213 2085115 2081017 2076919 2072821 2068723 2040037 2035939 2031841 2027743 2023645 2019547 2015449 2011351 2007253 2003155 1999057 1994959

...(lines omitted)...
454909 434421 413931 397359 364797 352459

Total Kernel Time (ms): 380.237018

Total Operation Time (ms): 2891.971209

340185 331969 315411 303283 299237 266405

#### Process NFS Calls Summary

Total Time Avg Time Min Time Max Time % Tot Total ETime Avg ETime Min ETime Max ETime % Tot % Tot Opcode (msec) (msec) (msec) (msec) Time (msec) (msec) (msec) (msec) ETime Count ---------------===== -----======= ===== 16.6283 9.45 RFS3 READDIRPLUS 2254 1018,3621 0.4518 0.3639 0.9966 35.34 1800,5708 0.7988 0.4204 2.84 RFS3\_L00KUP 6647 0.0686 0.6267 0.0376 27.88 456, 1029 0.0376 15.83 9267,7256 1.3943 304,9501 14.63 RFS3 WRITE 1993 321.4973 0.1613 0.0781 0.6428 3006.1774 1.5084 0.0781 121.8822 11.16 4.75 8.36 4409 314.3122 0.0713 0.0425 0.6139 10.91 14052.7567 3.1873 0.0425 313.2698 22.19 RFS3 READ 18.49 177.9891 0.1778 0.0903 8.7271 23.1640 0.7657 298.0521 6.18 36.61 4.20 RFS3\_COMMIT 2694 147.1680 0.0546 0.0348 0.5517 5.11 1474.4267 0.5473 0.0348 25.9402 2.33 11.30 RFS3 GETATTR 495 102.0142 0.2061 0.1837 0.7000 3.54 185.8549 0.3755 0.1895 6.1340 0.29 2.08 RFS3\_READDIR 1702 85.8328 0.0504 0.0339 0.5793 2.98 146.4281 0.0860 0.0339 5.7539 0.23 7.14 RFS3\_READLINK 0.0503 0.0990 1552 78,1015 0.0367 0.5513 2.71 153,5844 0.0367 7,5125 0.24 6.51 RFS3\_ACCESS RFS3\_CREATE 0.2194 64,4498 0.3465 0.7895 22,5861 186 4201,0235 1.0235 117,5351 6.63 0.78 56.8876 0.2735 0.1928 0.7351 1.97 4245.4378 20.4108 0.9015 RFS3 REMOVE 208 181.0121 6.70 0.87 235 33.3158 0.1418 0.0890 0.3312 1579.4557 6.7211 0.0890 56.0876 2.49 0.99 RFS3 SETATTR 1.16 0.0473 190 13.3856 0.0705 0.5495 19.3971 0.1021 0.0473 0.6827 0.03 0.80 RFS3\_FSSTAT 275 12.4504 0.0453 0.0343 0.0561 0.43 16.6542 0.0606 0.0343 0.2357 0.03 RFS3 FSINFO 23841 2881.8692 0.1209 63336.6621 2,6566 NFS V3 TOTAL 55 1.0983 0.0200 0.0164 0.0258 100.00 0.7434 0.0135 0.0115 0.0194 10.00 10.00 NFS4 ATTRCACHE -----1.0983 0.0200 0.7434 0.0135 NFS V4 CLIENT TOTAL 55

#### Pending NFS Calls Summary

Accumulated Time (msec)	Accumulated ETime (msec)	Sequence Number Opcode	Tid
========	========	=========	==========
0.1812	48.1456	1039026977	2089213
0.0188	14.8878	1038285324	2085115
0.0484	2.7123	1039220089	2081017
0.1070	49.5471	1039103658	2072821
0.0953	58.8009	1038453491	2035939
0.0533	62.9266	1039037391	2031841
0.1195	14.6817	1038686320	2019547
0.2063	37.1826	1039164331	2015449
0.0140	6.0718	1039260848	2011351
0.0671	8.8971	NFS4 WRITE	2012896
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The information in the process detailed report includes the following:

**Total Application Time** 

(ms)

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in application

**Total System Call Time** 

(ms)

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in system call

mode

The information in the application time details report includes the following:

**Total Pthread Call Time** The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in traced pthread

library calls.

**Total Pthread Dispatch** 

Time

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in libpthreads

dispatch code.

**Total Pthread Idle Dispatch Time** 

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in libpthreads

vp\_sleep code.

**Total Other Time** The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the process spent in non-traced user

mode code.

Total number of pthread

dispatches

The total number of times a pthread belonging to the process was dispatched by the

libpthreads dispatcher.

Total number of pthread idle dispatches

The total number of times a thread belonging to the process was in the libpthreads vp sleep code.

The summary information in the report includes the following:

**Process System Calls** 

Summary

A system call summary for the process; this has the same fields as the global System Call Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified and

error information if the -s flag is specified.

**Pending System Calls** 

Summary

If the process was executing a system call at the end of the trace, a pending system call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Supervisor Call (SVC

Address) fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified.

**Process Hypervisor Calls** 

Summary

A summary of the hypervisor calls for the process; this has the same fields as the global Hypervisor Calls Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is

specified.

Summary

**Pending Hypervisor Calls** If the process was executing a hypervisor call at the end of the trace, a pending hypervisor call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Hypervisor

Call fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified.

**Process NFS Calls** 

Summary

An NFS call summary for the process. This has the same fields as the global System

**Pending NFS Calls** 

Summary

NFS Call Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified. If the process was executing an NFS call at the end of the trace, a pending NFS call

summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Sequence Number or, in the case of NFS V4, Opcode, fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e

flag is specified.

**Pthread Calls Summary** A summary of the pthread calls for the process. This has the same fields as the global

pthread Calls Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is

specified.

**Pending Pthread Calls** 

Summary

If the process was executing pthread library calls at the end of the trace, a pending pthread call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Pthread Routine fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified.

#### Reports Generated with the -P Flag

The report generated with the -P flag includes the data shown in the default report and also includes a detailed report on pthread status that includes the following:

- · The amount of time the pthread was in application and system call mode
- · The application time details
- · The system calls and pthread calls that the pthread made
- · The system calls and pthread calls that were pending at the end of the trace
- The processor affinity
- · The number of times the pthread was dispatched
- · To which CPU(s) the thread was dispatched
- · The thread affinity
- · The number of times that the pthread was dispatched
- · To which kernel thread(s) the pthread was dispatched

The report also includes dispatch wait time and details of interrupts.

### The following is an example of a report generated with the -P flag:

```
Report for Pthread Id: 1 (hex 1) Pid: 245962 (hex 3c0ca)
Process Name: ./pth32
-----
Total Application Time (ms): 3.919091
Total System Call Time (ms): 8.303156
Total Hypervisor Call Time (ms): 0.000000

Application time details:
Total Pthread Call Time (ms): 1.139372
Total Pthread Dispatch Time (ms): 0.115822
Total Pthread Idle Dispatch Time (ms): 0.036630
Total Other Time (ms): 2.627266
```

# Pthread System Calls Summary

Count	Total Time (msec)	Avg Time (msec)	Min Time (msec)	Max Time (msec)	SVC (Address)
=======	========	======	======	=======	==========
1	3.3898	3.3898	3.3898	3.3898	exit(409e50)
61	0.8138	0.0133	0.0089	0.0254	kread(5ffd78)
11	0.4616	0.0420	0.0262	0.0835	thread_create(407360)
22	0.2570	0.0117	0.0062	0.0373	mprotect(6d5bd8)
12	0.2126	0.0177	0.0100	0.0324	thread_setstate(40a660)
115	0.1875	0.0016	0.0012	0.0037	klseek(5ffe38)
12	0.1061	0.0088	0.0032	0.0134	sbrk(6d4f90)
23	0.0803	0.0035	0.0018	0.0072	trcgent(4078d8)

...(lines omitted)...

Pending System Calls Summary

# Pthread Calls Summary

Count	Total Time	% sys	Avg Time	Min Time	Max Time	Pthread Routine
	(msec)	time	(msec)	(msec)	(msec)	
======		=====	======	======		==========
11	0.9545	0.01%	0.0868	0.0457	0.1833	pthread_create
8	0.0725	0.00%	0.0091	0.0064	0.0205	pthread_join
1	0.0553	0.00%	0.0553	0.0553	0.0553	pthread_detach

```
0.0341 0.00% 0.0341 0.0341 pthread_cancel 0.0229 0.00% 0.0229 0.0229 0.0229 pthread_kill
      1
      1
                   Pending Pthread Calls Summary
                   -----
Accumulated Pthread Routine
Time (msec)
0.0025 pthread_join
processor affinity: 0.600000
Processor Dispatch Histogram for pthread (CPUid : times_dispatched):
   CPU 0 : 4
   CPU 1 : 1
total number of dispatches : 5
avg. dispatch wait time (ms): 798.449725
Thread affinity: 0.333333
Thread Dispatch Histogram for pthread (thread id : number dispatches):
   Thread id 688279 : 1
   Thread id 856237 : 1
   Thread id 1007759 : 1
total number of pthread dispatches: 3
avg. dispatch wait time (ms): 1330.749542
     Data on Interrupts that Occurred while Phread was Running
         Type of Interrupt Count
  ______
   Data Access Page Faults (DSI): 452
  Instr. Fetch Page Faults (ISI): 0
         Align. Error Interrupts: 0
        IO (external) Interrupts: 0
        Program Check Interrupts: 0
       FP Unavailable Interrupts: 0
         FP Imprecise Interrupts: 0
             RunMode Interrupts: 0
          Decrementer Interrupts: 2
  Queued (Soft level) Interrupts: 0
```

The information in the pthreads summary report includes the following:

Pthread ID The Pthread ID of the thread.

**Process ID** The Process ID that the pthread belongs to.

**Process Name** The process name, if known, that the pthread belongs to.

(ms)

**Total Application Time** 

**Total System Call Time** 

mode.

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in system call

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in application

(ms)

mode.

The information in the application time details report includes the following:

**Total Pthread Call Time** The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in traced pthread

library calls.

**Total Pthread Dispatch** 

Time

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in libpthreads

dispatch code.

Total Other Time

Total Other Time

Total number of pthread dispatches

Total number of pthread dispatches

Total number of pthread dispatches

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in non-traced user mode code.

The amount of time, expressed in milliseconds, that the pthread spent in non-traced user mode code.

The total number of times a pthread belonging to the process was dispatched by the libpthreads dispatcher.

The total number of times a thread belonging to the process was in the libpthreads of the process was in the libpthread of the process was in the libpthr

The summary information in the report includes the following:

Pthread System Calls A system call summary for the pthread; this has the same fields as the global System Call Summary Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified and error information if the -s flag is specified. Pending System Calls If the pthread was executing a system call at the end of the trace, a pending system call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Supervisor Call (SVC Address) Summary fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified. A summary of the hypervisor calls for the pthread. This has the same fields as the global **Pthread Hypervisor Calls Summary** hypervisor calls summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified. **Pending Hypervisor** If the pthread was executing a hypervisor call at the end of the trace, a pending hypervisor Calls Summary calls summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Hypervisor Call fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified. **Pthread Calls** A summary of the pthread library calls for the pthread. This has the same fields as the global pthread Calls Summary. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified. Summary Pending Pthread Calls If the pthread was executing a pthread library call at the end of the trace, a pending pthread Summary call summary will be printed. This has the Accumulated Time and Pthread Routine fields. It also includes elapsed time information if the -e flag is specified.

The pthreads summary report also includes the following information:

processor affinity	Probability that for any dispatch of the pthread, the pthread was dispatched to the same processor on which it last executed.
Processor Dispatch Histogram for pthread	The number of times that the pthread was dispatched to each CPU in the system.
avg. dispatch wait time	The average elapsed time for the pthread from being undispatched and its next dispatch.
Thread affinity	The probability that for any dispatch of the pthread, the pthread was dispatched to the same kernel thread on which it last executed
Thread Dispatch Histogram for pthread	The number of times that the pthread was dispatched to each kernel thread in the process.
total number of pthread dispatches	The total number of times the pthread was dispatched by the libpthreads dispatcher.
Data on Interrupts that occurred while Pthread was Running	The number of times each type of FLIH occurred while the pthread was executing.

# **Chapter 3. Simple Performance Lock Analysis Tool (splat)**

The Simple Performance Lock Analysis Tool (splat) is a software tool that generates reports on the use of synchronization locks. These include the simple and complex locks provided by the AIX kernel, as well as user-level mutexes, read and write locks, and condition variables provided by the **PThread** library. The **splat** tool is not currently equipped to analyze the behavior of the Virtual Memory Manager (VMM) and PMAP locks used in the AIX kernel.

### splat Command Syntax

The syntax for the splat command is as follows:

splat [-i file] [-n file] [-o file] [-d [bfta]] [-l address][-c class] [-s [acelmsS]] [-C#] [-S#] [-t start] [-T stop] [-p] splat -h [topic]

splat -j

### **Flags**

-i inputfile Specifies the AIX trace log file input.

-n namefile Specifies the file containing output of the gensyms command.

-o outputfile Specifies an output file (default is stdout).
 -d detail Specifies the level of detail of the report.
 -c class Specifies class of locks to be reported.

-I address Specifies the address for which activity on the lock will be reported.

**-s** criteria Specifies the sort order of the lock, function, and thread.

**-C** CPUs Specifies the number of processors on the MP system that the trace was drawn from. The default

is 1. This value is overridden if more processors are observed to be reported in the trace.

-S count Specifies the number of items to report on for each section. The default is 10. This gives the

number of locks to report in the Lock Summary and Lock Detail reports, as well as the number of functions to report in the Function Detail and threads to report in the Thread detail (the **-s** option

specifies how the most significant locks, threads, and functions are selected).

-t starttime Overrides the start time from the first event recorded in the trace. This flag forces the analysis to

begin an event that occurs starttime seconds after the first event in the trace.

-T stoptime Overrides the stop time from the last event recorded in the trace. This flag forces the analysis to

end with an event that occurs stoptime seconds after the first event in the trace.

-j Prints the list of IDs of the trace hooks used by the **splat** command.

**-h** *topic* Prints a help message on usage or a specific topic.

-p Specifies the use of the PURR register to calculate CPU times.

#### **Parameters**

inputfile The AIX trace log file input. This file can be a merge trace file generated using the trcrpt -r

command.

namefile File containing output of the **gensyms** command.

**outputfile** File to write reports to.

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**detail** The detail level of the report, it can be one of the following:

basic Lock summary plus lock detail (the default)

function

Basic plus function detail

thread Basic plus thread detail

all Basic plus function plus thread detail

class Activity classes, which is a decimal value found in the /usr/include/sys/lockname.h file.

address The address to be reported, given in hexadecimal.

**criteria** Order the lock, function, and thread reports by the following criteria:

a Acquisitions

c Percent processor time held

e Percent elapsed time held

I Lock address, function address, or thread ID

m Miss rate

s Spin count

S Percent processor spin hold time (the default)

CPUs The number of processors on the MP system that the trace was drawn from. The default is 1.

This value is overridden if more processors are observed to be reported in the trace.

count The number of locks to report in the Lock Summary and Lock Detail reports, as well as the

number of functions to report in the Function Detail and threads to report in the Thread detail. (The **-s** option specifies how the most significant locks, threads, and functions are selected).

**starttime** The number of seconds after the first event recorded in the trace that the reporting starts.

**stoptime** The number of seconds after the first event recorded in the trace that the reporting stops.

**topic** Help topics, which are:

all overview input names reports sorting

# Measurement and Sampling

The **splat** tool takes as input an AIX trace log file or (for an SMP trace) a set of log files, and preferably a **names** file produced by the **gennames** or **gensyms** command. The procedure for generating these files is shown in the **trace** section. When you run **trace**, you will usually use the flag **-J splat** to capture the events analyzed by **splat** (or without the **-J** flag, to capture all events). The significant trace hooks are shown in the following table:

Hook ID	Event name	Event explanation
106	HKWD_KERN_DISPATCH	The thread is dispatched from the run queue to a processor.
10C	HKWD_KERN_IDLE	The idle process is been dispatched.
10E	HKWD_KERN_RELOCK	One thread is suspended while another is dispatched; the ownership of a <b>RunQ</b> lock is transferred from the first to the second.

Hook ID	Event name	Event explanation
112	HKWD_KERN_LOCK	The thread attempts to secure a kernel lock; the sub-hook shows what happened.
113	HKWD_KERN_UNLOCK	A kernel lock is released.
134	HKWD_SYSC_EXECVE	An exec supervisor call (SVC) has been issued by a (forked) process.
139	HKWD_SYSC_FORK	A fork SVC has been issued by a process.
419	HKWD_CPU_PREEMPT	A process has been preempted.
465	HKWD_SYSC_CRTHREAD	A thread_create SVC has been issued by a process.
46D	HKWD_KERN_WAITLOCK	The thread is enqueued to wait on a kernel lock.
46E	HKWD_KERN_WAKEUPLOCK	A thread has been awakened.
606	HKWD_PTHREAD_COND	Operations on a Condition Variable.
607	HKWD_PTHREAD_MUTEX	Operations on a Mutex.
608	HKWD_PTHREAD_RWLOCK	Operations on a Read/Write Lock.
609	HKWD_PTHREAD_GENERAL	Operations on a PThread.

### **Execution, Trace, and Analysis Intervals**

In some cases, you can use the **trace** tool to capture the entire execution of a workload, while in other cases you will capture only an interval of the execution. The *execution interval* is the entire time that a workload runs. This interval is arbitrarily long for server workloads that run continuously. The *trace interval* is the time actually captured in the trace log file by **trace**. The length of this trace interval is limited by how large a trace log file will fit on the file system.

In contrast, the analysis interval is the portion of the trace interval that is analyzed by the **splat** command. The **-t** and **-T** flags indicate to the **splat** command to start and finish analysis some number of seconds after the first event in the trace. By default, the **splat** command analyzes the entire trace, so this analysis interval is the same as the trace interval.

**Note:** As an optimization, the **splat** command stops reading the trace when it finishes its analysis, so it indicates that the trace and analysis intervals end at the same time even if they do not.

To most accurately estimate the effect of lock activity on the computation, you will usually want to capture the longest trace interval that you can, and analyze that entire interval with the **splat** command. The **-t** and **-T** flags are usually used for debugging purposes to study the behavior of the **splat** command across a few events in the trace.

As a rule, either use large buffers when collecting a trace, or limit the captured events to the ones you need to run the **splat** command.

#### **Trace Discontinuities**

The **splat** command uses the events in the trace to reconstruct the activities of threads and locks in the original system. If part of the trace is missing, it is because one of the following situations exists:

- · Tracing was stopped at one point and restarted at a later point.
- One processor fills its trace buffer and stops tracing, while other processors continue tracing.
- · Event records in the trace buffer were overwritten before they could be copied into the trace log file.

In any of the above cases, the **splat** command will not be able to correctly analyze all the events across the trace interval. The policy of **splat** is to finish its analysis at the first point of discontinuity in the trace, issue a warning message, and generate its report. In the first two cases, the message is as follows:

TRACE OFF record read at 0.567201 seconds. One or more of the CPUs has stopped tracing. You might want to generate a longer trace using larger buffers and re-run splat.

In the third case, the message is as follows:

TRACEBUFFER WRAPAROUND record read at 0.567201 seconds. The input trace has some records missing; splat finishes analyzing at this point. You might want to re-generate the trace using larger buffers and re-run splat.

Some versions of the AIX kernel or PThread library might be incompletely instrumented, so the traces will be missing events. The splat command might not provide correct results in this case.

### Address-to-Name Resolution in the splat Command

The lock instrumentation in the kernel and **PThread** library is what captures the information for each lock event. Data addresses are used to identify locks; instruction addresses are used to identify the point of execution. These addresses are captured in the event records in the trace, and used by the **splat**command to identify the locks and the functions that operate on them.

However, these addresses are not of much use to the programmer, who would rather know the names of the lock and function declarations so that they can be located in the program source files. The conversion of names to addresses is determined by the compiler and loader, and can be captured in a file using the gensyms command. The gensyms command also captures the contents of the /usr/include/sys/ lockname.h file, which declares classes of kernel locks.

The **gensyms** output file is passed to the **splat** command with the **-n** flag. When **splat** reports on a kernel lock, it provides the best identification that it can.

Kernel locks that are declared are resolved by name. Locks that are created dynamically are identified by class if their class name is given when they are created. The **libpthreads.a** instrumentation is not equipped to capture names or classes of PThread synchronizers, so they are always identified by address only.

# **Examples of Generated Reports**

The report generated by the **splat** command consists of an execution summary, a gross lock summary, and a per-lock summary, followed by a list of lock detail reports that optionally includes a function detail or a thread detail report.

# **Execution Summary**

The following example shows a sample of the Execution summary. This report is generated by default when using the splat command.

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***********************************
splat Cmd: splat -p -sa -da -S100 -i trace.cooked -n gensyms -o splat.out
Trace Cmd: trace -C all -aj 600,603,605,606,607,608,609 -T 200000000 -L 200000000 -o CONDVAR.raw
Trace Host: darkwing (0054451E4C00) AIX 5.2
Trace Date: Thu Sep 27 11:26:16 2002
PURR was used to calculate CPU times.
Elapsed Real Time:
                      0.098167
Number of CPUs Traced: 1
                                  (Observed):0
Cumulative CPU Time: 0.098167
                                               start
                                                                     ston
```

trace interval	(absolute tics)	967436752	969072535
	(relative tics)	0	1635783
	(absolute secs)	58.057947	58.156114
	(relative secs)	0.00000	0.098167
analysis interval	(absolute tics)	967436752	969072535
	(trace-relative tics)	0	1635783
	(self-relative tics)	0	1635783
	(absolute secs)	58.057947	58.156114
	(trace-relative secs)	0.000000	0.098167
	(self-relative secs)	0.00000	0.098167
******	********	*******	*****

From the example above, you can see that the execution summary consists of the following elements:

- The **splat** version and build information, disclaimer, and copyright notice.
- The command used to run splat.
- The trace command used to collect the trace.
- · The host on which the trace was taken.
- · The date that the trace was taken.
- · A sentence specifying whether the PURR register was used to calculate CPU times.
- The real-time duration of the trace, expressed in seconds.
- The maximum number of processors that were observed in the trace (the number specified in the trace conditions information, and the number specified on the **splat** command line).
- The cumulative processor time, equal to the duration of the trace in seconds times the number of processors that represents the total number of seconds of processor time consumed.
- A table containing the start and stop times of the trace interval, measured in tics and seconds, as absolute timestamps, from the trace records, as well as relative to the first event in the trace
- The start and stop times of the analysis interval, measured in tics and seconds, as absolute timestamps, as well as relative to the beginning of the trace interval and the beginning of the analysis interval.

# **Gross Lock Summary**

The following example shows a sample of the gross lock summary report. This report is generated by default when using the **splat** command.

	Total	Unique Addresses	Acquisitions (or Passes)	Acq. or Passes per Second	Total System Spin Time
 AIX (all) Locks:	523	523	1323045	72175.7768	0.003986
` RunQ:	2	2	487178	26576.9121	0.000000
Simple:	480	480	824898	45000.4754	0.003986
Transformed:	22	18	234	352.3452	
Krlock:	50	21	76876	32.6548	0.000458
Complex:	41	41	10969	598.3894	0.000000
PThread CondVar:	7	6	160623	8762.4305	0.000000
Mutex:	128	116	1927771	105165.2585	10.280745
RWLock:	0	0	0	0.0000	0.000000

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The gross lock summary report table consists of the following columns:

#### **Total**

The number of AIX Kernel locks, followed by the number of each type of AIX Kernel lock; RunQ, Simple, and Complex. Under some conditions, this will be larger than the sum of the numbers of RunQ, Simple, and Complex locks because we might not observe enough activity on a lock to differentiate its type. This is followed by the number of PThread condition-variables, the number of PThread Mutexes, and the number of PThread Read/Write. The Transformed value represents the number of different simple locks responsible for the allocation (and liberation) of at least one Krlock. In this case, two simple locks will be different if they are not created at the same time or they do not have the same address.

#### **Unique Addresses**

The number of unique addresses observed for each synchronizer type. Under some conditions, a lock will be destroyed and re-created at the same address; the **splat** command produces a separate lock detail report for each instance because the usage might be different. The Transformed value represents the number of different simple locks responsible for the allocation (and liberation) of at least one Krlock. In this case, simple locks created at different times but with the same address increment the counter only once.

# Acquisitions (or Passes)

For locks, the total number of times acquired during the analysis interval; for PThread condition-variables, the total number of times the condition passed during the analysis interval. The Transformed value represents the number of acquisitions made by a thread holding the corresponding Krlock.

# Acq. or Passes (per Second)

Acquisitions or passes per second, which is the total number of acquisitions or passes divided by the elapsed real time of the trace. The Transformed value represents the acquisition rate for the acquisitions made by threads holding the corresponding krlock.

# % Total System spin Time

The cumulative time spent spinning on each synchronizer type, divided by the cumulative processor time, times 100 percent. The general goal is to spin for less than 10 percent of the processor time; a message to this effect is printed at the bottom of the table. If any of the entries in this column exceed 10 percent, they are marked with an asterisk (\*). For simple locks, the spin time of the Krlocks is included.

# **Per-lock Summary**

The following example shows a sample of the per-lock summary report. This report is generated by default when using the **splat** command.

T Acquiy sitions Locks or Percent Holdtime or Passes Real Real Lock Names. Trans-Comb p or e Passes Spins form %Miss %Total / CSec CPU Class, or Address Elapse Spin \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*\* Q 486490 0 PROC INT CLASS.0003 0.0000 36.7705 26539.380 5.3532 100.000 0 0.0000 THREAD LOCK CLASS.0012 S 323277 0 9468 0.0000 24.4343 17635.658 6.8216 6.8216 0.0000 0.0000 24.4205 17625.674 6.7887 THREAD LOCK CLASS.0118 D 323094 0 4568 6.7887 0.0000 201 0.0000 6.0809 ELIST\_CLASS.003C S 80453 0 4388.934 1.0564 1.0564 0.0000 ELIST CLASS.0044 S 80419 0 110 0.0000 6.0783 4387.080 1.1299 1.1299 0.0000 tod lock C 10229 0 0.0000 0.7731 558.020 0.2212 0.2212 0.0000 LDATA CONTROL LOCK.0000 D 1833 0 99.995 0.0204 10 0.0000 0.1385 0.0204 0.0000

U_TIMER_CLASS.0014	S	1514	0	23	0.0000	0.1144	82.593 0.0536	0.0536	0.0000
( $\dots$ lines omitted $\dots$	)								
00000002FF22B70 00000000F00C3D74 00000000200017E8 0000000020001820 00000000F00C3750 00000000F00C3800	M	368838 160625 160625 160623 37 30	0 175 0 0	N/A 0 0 624 0	0.0000 0.0000 0.1088 0.0000 0.0000 0.0000	100.000 14.2831 14.2831 100.000 0.0033 0.0027	9622.964 99.98 8762.540 99.77 8762.540 42.93 1271.728 N/A 2.018 0.00 1.637 0.06	702 99.7702 371 42.9371 N/A 937 0.0037	0.0000 0.1487 N/A 0.0000

( ... lines omitted ... )

The first line indicates the maximum number of locks to report (100 in this case, but we show only 14 of the entries here) as specified by the **-S 100** flag. The report also indicates that the entries are sorted by

the total number of acquisitions or passes, as specified by the **-sa** flag. The various Kernel locks and **PThread** synchronizers are treated as two separate lists in this report, so the report would produce the top 100 Kernel locks sorted by acquisitions, followed by the top 100 **PThread** synchronizers sorted by acquisitions or passes.

The per-lock summary table consists of the following columns:

Lock Names, Class, or Address

The name, class, or address of the lock, depending on whether the **splat** command could map the address from a name file.

**Type** The type of the lock, identified by one of the following letters:

Q A RunQ lock

S An enabled simple kernel lockD A disabled simple kernel lock

C A complex kernel lock

M A PThread mutex

A PThread condition-variable

A PThread read/write lock

**Acquisitions or Passes** The number of times that the lock was acquired or the condition passed, during the

analysis interval.

Spins The number of times that the lock (or condition-variable) was spun on during the analysis

interval.

Wait or Transform The number of times that a thread was driven into a wait state for that lock or

condition-variable during the analysis interval. When Krlocks are enabled, a simple lock never enters the wait state and this value represents the number of Krlocks that the

simple lock has allocated, which is the transform count of simple locks.

**%Miss** The percentage of access attempts that resulted in a spin as opposed to a successful

acquisition or pass.

**%Total** The percentage of all acquisitions that were made to this lock, out of all acquisitions to all

locks of this type. All AIX locks (RunQ, simple, and complex) are treated as being the same type for this calculation. The **PThread** synchronizers mutex, condition-variable, and

read/write lock are all distinct types.

Locks or Passes / CSec The number of times that the lock (or condition-variable) was acquired (or passed)

divided by the cumulative processor time. This is a measure of the acquisition frequency

of the lock.

**Percent Holdtime** 

**Real CPU**The percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by any thread at

all, whether running or suspended. Note that this definition is not applicable to

condition-variables because they are not held.

**Real Elapse** The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any thread at all,

whether running or suspended. Note that this definition is not applicable to

condition-variables because they are not held.

Comb Spin The percentage of the cumulative processor time that executing threads spent spinning

on the lock. The PThreads library uses waiting for condition-variables, so there is no

time actually spent spinning.

#### **AIX Kernel Lock Details**

By default, the **splat** command prints a lock detail report for each entry in the summary report. The AIX Kernel locks can be either simple or complex.

The RunQ lock is a special case of the simple lock, although its pattern of usage will differ markedly from other lock types. The **splat** command distinguishes it from the other simple locks to ease its analysis.

### Disabled Simple and RunQ Lock Details

In an AIX SIMPLE Lock report, the first line starts with either [AIX SIMPLE Lock] or [AIX RunQ lock]. If the gennames or gensyms output file permits, the ADDRESS is also converted into a lock NAME and CLASS, and the containing kernel extension (KEX) is identified as well. The CLASS is printed with an eight hex-digit extension indicating how many locks of this class were allocated prior to it.

[AIX SIMPLE	Lock]	AD	DRESS: 00000	00020000D6	0 KEX:	unknown	
Disabled	Rate Cou	Trans- in form Busy unt Count Coun 2658 0	t CPU		Percent Held Real Real CPU Elapsed 0.00 0.00	Comb Spin	Real Wait
		12945   SpinQ 2498   Depth				Max 1	
PROD   0   SE	ELF: (		NFER 0 0 w/ pr	ALL:	HANDOFF 0   0 0	:	
		Lock Activity (	mSecs) - Int	errupts Di	sabled		
SIMPLE	Count	Minimum	Maxim	ium .	Average	Total	
	+++++	++++++++++++			+++++++		
LOCK	0	0.000000				0.000000	
w/ KRLOCH		0.000000				0.000000	
SPIN	0	0.000000				0.000000	
KRLOCK LOC		0.000000				0.000000	
KRLOCK SP		0.000000				0.000000	
TRANSFORM	0	0.00000	0.000	מממו	0.000000	0.000000	

	Acqui-	Miss	Spin	Transf.	Busy	Percen	t Held o	of Tota	l Time			
Function Name	sitions	Rate	Count	Count	Count	CPU	Elapse	Spin	Transf.	Return Address	Start Address	Offset
^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	· ^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^	^^^^
.dispatch	3177	0.63	20	0	0	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0000000000039CF4	000000000000000000	00039CF4
.dispatch	6053	0.31	19	0	0	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.00	00000000000398E4	0000000000000000	000398E4
.setrq	3160	0.19	6	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0000000000038E60	000000000000000000	00038E60
.steal thre	ads 1	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	000000000066A68	000000000000000000	00066A68
.steal thre	ads 6	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000066CE0	000000000000000000	00066CE0
.dispatch	535	2.19	12	0	12	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0000000000039D88	000000000000000000	00039D88
.dispatch	2	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000039D14	000000000000000000	00039D14
.prio reque	ue 7	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	000000000003B2A4	000000000000000000	0003B2A4
.setnewrq	4	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000038980	00000000000000000	00038980

	Acqui-	Miss	Spin	Transf.	Busy	Percent	t Held (	of Tota	1 Time		Process
ThreadID	sitions	Rate		Count	Count	CPU				ProcessID	Name
775	11548	0.34	39	0	0	0.06	0.10	0.00	0.00	774	wait
35619	3	25.00	1	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18392	sleep
31339	21	4.55	1	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7364	java
35621	2	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18394	locktrace

 $(\dots$  lines omitted  $\dots)$ 

The SIMPLE lock report fields are as follows:

**Type** If the simple lock was used with interrupts, this field is enabled. Otherwise, this field is

**Miss Rate** The percentage of attempts that failed to acquire the lock. **Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts to acquire the lock. **Busy Count** The number of **simple\_lock\_try** calls that returned busy.

Seconds Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

CPU The total number of processor seconds that the lock was held by an executing

thread.

**Elapsed** 

The total number of elapsed seconds that the lock was held by any thread,

whether running or suspended.

Percent Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

**Real CPU** 

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by an executing thread.

Real Elapsed

The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any thread at all, either running or suspended.

Comb(ined) Spin

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that running threads spent spinning while trying to acquire this lock.

**Real Wait** 

The percentage of elapsed real time that any thread was waiting to acquire this lock. If two or more threads are waiting simultaneously, this wait time will only be charged once. To determine how many threads were waiting simultaneously, look

at the WaitQ Depth statistics.

**Total Acquisitions** The number of times that the lock was acquired in the analysis interval. This includes

successful simple\_lock\_try calls.

**Acq. holding krlock** The number of acquisitions made by threads holding a Krlock.

**Transform count**The number of Krlocks that have been used (allocated and freed) by the simple lock.

SpinQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads spinning on the lock, whether

executing or suspended, across the analysis interval.

Krlocks SpinQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads spinning on a Krlock allocated

by the simple lock, across the analysis interval.

**PROD** The associated Krlocks **prod** calls count.

CONFER SELF

The confer to self calls count for the simple lock and the associated Krlocks.

The confer to target calls count for the simple lock and the associated Krlocks

CONFER ALL

The confer to all calls count for the simple lock and the associated Krlocks.

**HANDOFF** The associated Krlocks **handoff** calls count.

The Lock Activity with Interrupts Enabled (milliseconds) and Lock Activity with Interrupts Disabled (milliseconds) sections contain information on the time that each lock state is used by the locks.

The states that a thread can be in (with respect to a given simple or complex lock) are as follows:

(no lock reference) The thread is running, does not hold this lock, and is not attempting to acquire this lock.

LOCK The thread has successfully acquired the lock and is currently executing.

LOCK with KRLOCK The thread has successfully acquired the lock, while holding the associated Krlock, and is

currently executing.

**SPIN** The thread is executing and unsuccessfully attempting to acquire the lock.

KRLOCK LOCK
 KRLOCK SPIN
 The thread has successfully acquired the associated Krlock and is currently executing.
 The thread is executing and unsuccessfully attempting to acquire the associated Krlock.
 TRANSFORM
 The thread has successfully allocated a Krlock that it associates itself to and is executing.

The Lock Activity sections of the report measure the intervals of time (in milliseconds) that each thread spends in each of the states for this lock. The columns report the number of times that a thread entered the given state, followed by the maximum, minimum, and average time that a thread spent in the state once entered, followed by the total time that all threads spent in that state. These sections distinguish whether interrupts were enabled or disabled at the time that the thread was in the given state.

A thread can acquire a lock prior to the beginning of the analysis interval and release the lock during the analysis interval. When the splat command observes the lock being released, it recognizes that the lock had been held during the analysis interval up to that point and counts the time as part of the state-machine statistics. For this reason, the state-machine statistics might report that the number of times that the lock state was entered might actually be larger than the number of acquisitions of the lock that were observed in the analysis interval.

RunQ locks are used to protect resources in the thread management logic. These locks are acquired a large number of times and are only held briefly each time. A thread need not be executing to acquire or release a RunQ lock. Further, a thread might spin on a RunQ lock, but it will not go into an UNDISP or WAIT state on the lock. You will see a dramatic difference between the statistics for RunQ versus other simple locks.

### **Enabled Simple Lock Details**

The following example is an enabled simple lock detail report:

[AIX SIMPL ADDRESS: 0	CLASS	CLASS: PROC_INT_CLASS.0006					=====	=====			
Type Enabled   0.438			Count	Busy Count  0.0228	CPU		sed	Percent Real F CPU El 0.13	Real apsed	Comb Spin	Real
Total Acqu	uisition	s: 24	198   Spi  Dep	nQ Min th 0	Max 1	Avg 0	Wait   Dept	Q Min h 0	Max 0	Avg 0	

Lock	Activity	(mSecs)	) –	Interrupts	Enabled
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SIMPLE	Count	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Total
++++++	+++++	+++++++++++++	++++++++++++	++++++++++++	++++++++++++
LOCK	8027	0.000597	0.022486	0.002847	22.852000
SPIN	45	0.001376	0.008960	0.004738	0.213212
UNDISP	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
WAIT	0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
PREEMPT	4918	0.000811	0.009728	0.001955	9.615807

	Acqui -	Miss	Spin	Wait	Busy	Percen	t Held (	of lota	l lime			
Function Name	sitions	Rate	Count	Count	Count	CPU	Elapse	Spin	Wait	Return Address	Start Address	Offset
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.dispatch	3177	0.63	20	0	0	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	000000000039CF4	0000000000000000	00039CF4
.dispatch	6053	0.31	19	0	0	0.03	0.07	0.00	0.00	00000000000398E4	000000000000000000	000398E4
.setrq	3160	0.19	6	0	0	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0000000000038E60	000000000000000000	00038E60
.steal_thr	eads 1	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000066A68	000000000000000000	00066A68
.steal thr	eads 6	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000066CE0	000000000000000000	00066CE0
.dispatch	535	2.19	12	0	12	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0000000000039D88	000000000000000000	00039D88
.dispatch	2	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0000000000039D14	000000000000000000	00039D14
.prio_requ	eue 7	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	000000000003B2A4	000000000000000000	0003B2A4
.setnewrq	4	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	000000000038980	0000000000000000	00038980

	Acqui-	Miss	Spin	Wait	Busy	Percent	t Held o	of Tota	l Time		Process
ThreadID	sitions	Rate	Count	Count	Count	CPU	Elapse	Spin	Wait	ProcessID	Name
$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$	$\sim$
775	11548	0.34	39	0	0	0.06	0.10	0.00	0.00	774	wait
35619	3	25.00	1	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18392	sleep
31339	21	4.55	1	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7364	java
35621	2	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18394	locktrace

(... lines omitted ...)

The SIMPLE lock report fields are as follows:

Type If the simple lock was used with interrupts, this field is enabled. Otherwise, this field is

disabled.

**Total Acquisitions** The number of times that the lock was acquired in the analysis interval. This includes

successful simple\_lock\_try calls.

Miss Rate The percentage of attempts that failed to acquire the lock.

Spin Count The number of unsuccessful attempts to acquire the lock.

Wait Count The number of times that a thread was forced into a suspended wait state, waiting for the

lock to come available.

Busy Count The number of simple\_lock\_try calls that returned busy.

Seconds Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

**CPU** The total number of processor seconds that the lock was held by an executing

thread.

**Elapsed** 

The total number of elapsed seconds that the lock was held by any thread,

whether running or suspended.

Percent Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

**Real CPU** 

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by an

executing thread.

Real Elapsed

The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any thread at

all, either running or suspended.

Comb(ined) Spin

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that running threads spent

spinning while trying to acquire this lock.

**Real Wait** 

The percentage of elapsed real time that any thread was waiting to acquire this lock. If two or more threads are waiting simultaneously, this wait time will only be charged once. To determine how many threads were waiting simultaneously, look

at the WaitQ Depth statistics.

SpinQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads spinning on the lock, whether

executing or suspended, across the analysis interval.

WaitQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads waiting on the lock, across the

analysis interval.

The Lock Activity with Interrupts Enabled (milliseconds) and Lock Activity with Interrupts Disabled (milliseconds) sections contain information on the time that each lock state is used by the locks.

The states that a thread can be in (with respect to a given simple or complex lock) are as follows:

(no lock reference) The thread is running, does not hold this lock, and is not attempting to acquire this lock.

LOCK The thread has successfully acquired the lock and is currently executing.

SPIN The thread is executing and unsuccessfully attempting to acquire the lock.

**UNDISP** The thread has become undispatched while unsuccessfully attempting to acquire the lock.

WAIT The thread has been suspended until the lock comes available. It does not necessarily

acquire the lock at that time, but instead returns to a SPIN state.

**PREEMPT** The thread is holding this lock and has become undispatched.

The Lock Activity sections of the report measure the intervals of time (in milliseconds) that each thread spends in each of the states for this lock. The columns report the number of times that a thread entered the given state, followed by the maximum, minimum, and average time that a thread spent in the state once entered, followed by the total time that all threads spent in that state. These sections distinguish whether interrupts were enabled or disabled at the time that the thread was in the given state.

A thread can acquire a lock prior to the beginning of the analysis interval and release the lock during the analysis interval. When the **splat** command observes the lock being released, it recognizes that the lock had been held during the analysis interval up to that point and counts the time as part of the state-machine statistics. For this reason, the state-machine statistics can report that the number of times that the lock state was entered might actually be larger than the number of acquisitions of the lock that were observed in the analysis interval.

RunQ locks are used to protect resources in the thread management logic. These locks are acquired a large number of times and are only held briefly each time. A thread need not be executing to acquire or release a RunQ lock. Further, a thread might spin on a RunQ lock, but it will not go into an UNDISP or WAIT state on the lock. You will see a dramatic difference between the statistics for RunQ versus other simple locks.

#### **Function Detail**

The function detail report is obtained by using the -df or -da options of splat.

The columns are defined as follows:

**Function Name** The name of the function that acquired or attempted to acquire this lock, if it could be

resolved.

**Acquisitions** The number of times that the function was able to acquire this lock. For complex lock and

read/write, there is a distinction between acquisition for writing, Acquisition Write, and for

reading, Acquisition Read.

**Miss Rate** The percentage of acquisition attempts that failed.

**Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts by the function to acquire this lock. For complex

lock and read/write there is a distinction between spin count for writing, Spin Count

Write, and for reading, Spin Count Read.

Transf. Count The number of times that a simple lock has allocated a Krlock, while a thread was trying

to acquire the simple lock.

**Busy Count** The number of times **simple\_lock\_try** calls returned busy.

**Percent Held of Total** 

Time

Contains the following sub-fields:

Percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by an

executing thread that had acquired the lock through a call to this function.

Elapse(d)

The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any thread at all, whether running or suspended, that had acquired the lock through a call to

this function.

Spin The percentage of cumulative processor time that executing threads spent

spinning on the lock while trying to acquire the lock through a call to this function.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that executing threads spent waiting for the

lock while trying to acquire the lock through a call to this function.

**Return Address** The return address to this calling function, in hexadecimal.

Start Address The start address to this calling function, in hexadecimal.

Offset The offset from the function start address to the return address, in hexadecimal. The functions are ordered by the same sorting criterion as the locks, controlled by the **-s** option of **splat**. Further, the number of functions listed is controlled by the **-S** parameter. The default is the top ten functions.

#### **Thread Detail**

The Thread Detail report is obtained by using the -dt or -da options of splat.

At any point in time, a single thread is either running or it is not. When a single thread runs, it only runs on one processor. Some of the composite statistics are measured relative to the cumulative processor time when they measure activities that can happen simultaneously on more than one processor, and the magnitude of the measurements can be proportional to the number of processors in the system. In contrast, the thread statistics are generally measured relative to the elapsed real time, which is the amount of time that a single processor spends processing and the amount of time that a single thread spends in an executing or suspended state.

The Thread Detail report columns are defined as follows:

**ThreadID** The thread identifier.

**Acquisitions** The number of times that this thread acquired the lock.

Miss Rate The percentage of acquisition attempts by the thread that failed to secure the lock.

**Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts by this thread to secure the lock.

Transf. Count The number of times that a simple lock has allocated a Krlock, while a thread was trying

to acquire the simple lock.

Wait Count The number of times that this thread was forced to wait until the lock came available.

Busy Count The number of simple\_lock\_try() calls that returned busy.

**Percent Held of Total** 

**Time** 

Consists of the following sub-fields:

CPU The percentage of the elapsed real time that this thread executed while holding

the lock.

Elapse(d)

The percentage of the elapsed real time that this thread held the lock while

running or suspended.

**Spin** The percentage of elapsed real time that this thread executed while spinning on

the lock.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that this thread spent waiting on the lock.

**Process ID** The Process identifier (only for simple and complex lock report).

**Process Name** Name of the process using the lock (only for simple and complex lock report).

#### **Complex-Lock Report**

AIX Complex lock supports recursive locking, where a thread can acquire the lock more than once before releasing it, as well as differentiating between write-locking, which is exclusive, from read-locking, which is not exclusive.

This report begins with [AIX COMPLEX Lock]. Most of the entries are identical to the simple lock report, while some of them are differentiated by read/write/upgrade. For example, the SpinQ and WaitQ statistics include the minimum, maximum, and average number of threads spinning or waiting on the lock. They also include the minimum, maximum, and average number of threads attempting to acquire the lock for reading versus writing. Because an arbitrary number of threads can hold the lock for reading, the report includes the minimum, maximum, and average number of readers in the LockQ that holds the lock.

A thread might hold a lock for writing; this is exclusive and prevents any other thread from securing the lock for reading or for writing. The thread downgrades the lock by simultaneously releasing it for writing and acquiring it for reading; this permits other threads to also acquire the lock for reading. The reverse of

this operation is an upgrade; if the thread holds the lock for reading and no other thread holds it as well, the thread simultaneously releases the lock for reading and acquires it for writing. The upgrade operation might require that the thread wait until other threads release their read-locks. The downgrade operation does not.

A thread might acquire the lock to some recursive depth; it must release the lock the same number of times to free it. This is useful in library code where a lock must be secured at each entry-point to the library; a thread will secure the lock once as it enters the library, and internal calls to the library entry-points simply re-secure the lock, and release it when returning from the call. The minimum, maximum, and average recursion depths of any thread holding this lock are reported in the table.

A thread holding a recursive write-lock is not permited to downgrade it because the downgrade is intended to apply to only the last write-acquisition of the lock, and the prior acquisitions had a real reason to keep the acquisition exclusive. Instead, the lock is marked as being in the downgraded state, which is erased when the this latest acquisition is released or upgraded. A thread holding a recursive read-lock can only upgrade the latest acquisition of the lock, in which case the lock is marked as being upgraded. The thread will have to wait until the lock is released by any other threads holding it for reading. The minimum, maximum, and average recursion-depths of any thread holding this lock in an upgraded or downgraded state are reported in the table.

The Lock Activity report also breaks down the time based on what task the lock is being secured for (reading, writing, or upgrading).

No time is reported to perform a downgrade because this is performed without any contention. The upgrade state is only reported for the case where a recursive read-lock is upgraded. Otherwise, the thread activity is measured as releasing a read-lock and acquiring a write-lock.

The function and thread details also break down the acquisition, spin, and wait counts by whether the lock is to be acquired for reading or writing.

# **PThread Synchronizer Reports**

By default, the splat command prints a detailed report for each PThread entry in the summary report. The PThread synchronizers are of the following types: mutex, read/write lock, and condition-variable. The mutex and read/write lock are related to the AIX complex lock. You can view the similarities in the lock detail reports. The condition-variable differs significantly from a lock, and this is reflected in the report details.

The PThread library instrumentation does not provide names or classes of synchronizers, so the addresses are the only way we have to identify them. Under certain conditions, the instrumentation can capture the return addresses of the function call stack, and these addresses are used with the gensyms output to identify the call chains when these synchronizers are created. The creation and deletion times of the synchronizer can sometimes be determined as well, along with the ID of the PThread that created them.

#### **Mutex Reports**

The **PThread** mutex is similar to an AIX simple lock in that only one thread can acquire the lock, and is like an AIX complex lock in that it can be held recursively.

```
[PThread MUTEX]
                ADDRESS:
                            00000000F0154CD0
Parent Thread: 00000000000000001
                                creation time:
                                                 26,232305
Pid: 18396
              Process Name: trcstop
00000000002686060
                    .pthread_mutex_lock
00000000D268FB88
                    .pthread_once
                    ._libs_init
.libc_inline_callbacks
.libc_declare_data_functions
00000000D01FE588
00000000D01EB2FC
00000000D01EB280
00000000D269F960
                     . pth init libc
00000000D268A2B4
                     .pthread init
                     .__modinit
00000000D01EAC08
```

00000000100	00014C	start							
Acqui- sitions 1	Miss Spin Rate Count 0.000 0	Wait Busy Count Coun 0 0	Secs He t CPU E1 0.000006 0.	eld Re lapsed CP	al Real Cor	in Wait			
		vg							
SpinQ 0 WaitQ 0									
Recursion 0									
	Acqui-	Miss Spin	Wait Busy	Percent	Held of Total	Time			
PThreadID	sitions	Rate Count	Count Count		lapse Spin	Wait			
1	1	0.00 0	0 0	0.00	0.00 0.00	0.00			
	Acq	ui- Miss S	oin Wait Bu	ısy Percen	t Held of Tota	l Time			
Function Na			ount Count Co	ount CPU	Elapse Spin		eturn Address	Start Address	Offset
.pthread	lonce	0 0.00	0 0	0 99.99	99.99 0.00	0.00 000	000000D268EC98	00000000D2684180	0000AB18
.pthread	once	1 0.00	0 0	0 0.01	0.01 0.00	0.00 000	000000D268EB88	00000000D2684180	80AA0000

In addition to the common header information and the [PThread MUTEX] identifier, this report lists the following lock details:

**Parent Thread** Pthread id of the parent pthread.

creation time Elapsed time in seconds after the first event recorded in trace (if available). deletion time Elapsed time in seconds after the first event recorded in trace (if available).

PID Process identifier.

**Process Name** Name of the process using the lock. Call-chain Stack of called methods (if available).

**Acquisitions** The number of times that the lock was acquired in the analysis interval.

**Miss Rate** The percentage of attempts that failed to acquire the lock. **Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts to acquire the lock.

**Wait Count** The number of times that a thread was forced into a suspended wait state waiting for the

lock to come available.

**Busy Count** The number of trylock calls that returned busy. Seconds Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

> CPU The total number of processor seconds that the lock was held by an executing

> > thread.

Elapse(d)

The total number of elapsed seconds that the lock was held, whether the thread

was running or suspended.

**Percent Held** This field contains the following sub-fields:

Real CPU

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by an executing thread.

Real Elapsed

The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any thread, either running or suspended.

Comb(ined) Spin

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that running threads spent spinning while trying to acquire this lock.

**Real Wait** 

The percentage of elapsed real time that any thread was waiting to acquire this lock. If two or more threads are waiting simultaneously, this wait time will only be charged once. To learn how many threads were waiting simultaneously, look at the WaitQ Depth statistics.

Depth This field contains the following sub-fields:

> **SpinQ** The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads spinning on the lock, whether executing or suspended, across the analysis interval.

WaitQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of threads waiting on the lock, across the analysis interval.

Recursion

The minimum, maximum, and average recursion depth to which each thread held the lock.

#### **Mutex Pthread Detail**

If the -dt or -da options are used, the splat command reports the pthread detail as described below:

**PThreadID** The **PThread** identifier.

**Acquisitions** The number of times that this pthread acquired the mutex.

**Miss Rate** The percentage of acquisition attempts by the pthread that failed to secure the mutex.

**Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts by this pthread to secure the mutex.

**Wait Count** The number of times that this pthread was forced to wait until the mutex came available.

**Busy Count** The number of trylock calls that returned busy.

**Percent Held of Total** 

Time

This field contains the following sub-fields:

CPU The percentage of the elapsed real time that this pthread executed while holding

the mutex.

Elapse(d)

The percentage of the elapsed real time that this pthread held the mutex while

running or suspended.

Spin The percentage of elapsed real time that this pthread executed while spinning

on the mutex.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that this pthread spent waiting on the

mutex.

#### **Mutex Function Detail**

If the -df or -da options are used, the splat command reports the function detail as described below:

**PThreadID** The PThread identifier.

**Acquisitions** The number of times that this function acquired the mutex. **Miss Rate** The percentage of acquisition attempts by the function that failed to secure the mutex.

**Spin Count** The number of unsuccessful attempts by this function to secure the mutex.

**Wait Count** The number of times that this function was forced to wait until the mutex came available.

**Busy Count** The number of trylock calls that returned busy.

**Percent Held of Total** 

Time

This field contains the following sub-fields:

The percentage of the elapsed real time that this function executed while holding

the mutex.

Elapse(d)

The percentage of the elapsed real time that this function held the mutex while

running or suspended.

Spin The percentage of elapsed real time that this function executed while spinning

on the mutex.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that this function spent waiting for the

mutex.

**Return Address** The return address to this calling function, in hexadecimal. **Start Address** The start address to this calling function, in hexadecimal.

Offset The offset from the function start address to the return address, in hexadecimal.

#### Read/Write Lock Reports

The PThread read/write lock is similar to an AIX complex lock in that it can be acquired for reading or writing; writing is exclusive in that a single thread can only acquire the lock for writing, and no other thread can hold the lock for reading or writing at that point. Reading is not exclusive, so more than one thread can hold the lock for reading. Reading is recursive in that a single thread can hold multiple read-acquisitions on the lock. Writing is not recursive.

[PThread RWLock] ADDRESS: 000000002FF228E0 Parent Thread: 000000000000001 creation time: 5.236585 deletion time: 6.090511 Pid: 7362 Process Name: /home/testrwlock Creation call-chain ====================================	
Acqui- Miss Spin Wait Secs Held (26.235284s) Stitions Rate Count Count CPU Elapsed CPU Elapsed Spin Wait 1150 40.568 785 0 21.037942 12.0346 80.19 99.22 30.45 46.29	
Readers         Writers         Total           Depth         Min         Max         Avg         Min         Max         Avg           LockQ         0         2         0         0         1         0         0         2         0           SpinQ         0         768         601         0         15         11         0         782         612           WaitQ         0         769         166         0         15         3         0         783         169	
Acquisitions Miss Spin Count Wait Count Busy Percent Held of Total Time  PthreadID Write Read Rate Write Read Write Read Count  772 0 207 78.70 0 765 0 796 0 11.58 15.13 29.69 23.21  515 765 0 1.80 14 0 14 0 0 80.10 80.19 49.76 23.08  258 0 178 3.26 0 6 0 5 0 12.56 17.10 10.00 20.02	
Acquisitions Miss Spin Count Wait Count Busy Percent Held of Total Time  Function Name Write Read Rate Write Read Write Read Count CPU Elapse Spin Wait Return Address Start Address Offset  . pthread body 765 385 40.57 14 771 0 0 0 1.55 3.10 1.63 0.00 000000000268944C 0000000002684180 000052CC	~~~

In addition to the common header information and the [PThread RWLock] identifier, this report lists the following lock details:

**Parent Thread** Pthread id of the parent pthread.

creation time Elapsed time in seconds after the first event recorded in trace (if available). deletion time Elapsed time in seconds after the first event recorded in trace (if available). PID Process identifier.

Process Name Name of the process using the lock.

Call-chain Stack of called methods (if available).

**Acquisitions** The number of times that the lock was acquired in the analysis interval.

Miss Rate The percentage of attempts that failed to acquire the lock.

Spin Count The number of unsuccessful attempts to acquire the lock.

Wait Count The current PThread implementation does not force pthreads to wait for read/write locks.

This reports the number of times a thread, spinning on this lock, is undispatched.

Seconds Held This field contains the following sub-fields:

**CPU** The total number of processor seconds that the lock was held by an executing pthread. If the lock is held multiple times by the same pthread, only one hold interval is counted.

Elapse(d)

The total number of elapsed seconds that the lock was held by any pthread, whether the pthread was running or suspended.

**Percent Held** This field contains the following sub-fields:

**Real CPU** 

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that the lock was held by any executing pthread.

Real Elapsed

The percentage of the elapsed real time that the lock was held by any pthread, either running or suspended.

Comb(ined) Spin

The percentage of the cumulative processor time that running pthreads spent spinning while trying to acquire this lock.

**Real Wait** 

The percentage of elapsed real time that any pthread was waiting to acquire this lock. If two or more threads are waiting simultaneously, this wait time will only be charged once. To learn how many pthreads were waiting simultaneously, look at the WaitQ Depth statistics.

**Depth** This field contains the following sub-fields:

**LockQ** The minimum, maximum, and average number of pthreads holding the lock, whether executing or suspended, across the analysis interval. This is broken down by read-acquisitions, write-acquisitions, and total acquisitions.

**SpinQ** The minimum, maximum, and average number of pthreads spinning on the lock, whether executing or suspended, across the analysis interval. This is broken down by read-acquisitions, write-acquisitions, and total acquisitions.

**WaitQ** The minimum, maximum, and average number of pthreads in a timed-wait state for the lock, across the analysis interval. This is broken down by read-acquisitions, write-acquisitions, and total acquisitions.

**Note:** The pthread and function details for read/write locks are similar to the mutex detail reports, except that they break down the acquisition, spin, and wait counts by whether the lock is to be acquired for reading or writing.

### **Condition-Variable Report**

The **PThread** condition-variable is a synchronizer, but not a lock. A **PThread** is suspended until a signal indicates that the condition now holds.

[PThread CondVar] ADDRESS: 000000020000A18

Pid: 7360 Process Name: /home/splat/test/condition

0000000D26A0EE8 .pthread\_cond\_timedwait

0000000010000510 .main 00000000100001DC .\_\_start

\_\_\_\_\_

Fail Spin Wait Time (26.235284s)

Passes Rate Count Count Spin Wait

1 50.000 1 0 26.02 0.00

\_\_\_\_\_

Depth Min Max Avg SpinQ 0 1 1 WaitQ 0 0 0

PThreadID Passes Rate Count Count Spin Wait

1 1 50.0000 1 0 99.1755 0.0000

Fail Spin Wait % Total Time

Function Name Passes Rate Count Count Spin Wait Return Address Start Address Offset
.\_\_start 1 50.0000 1 0 99.1755 0.0000 0000000100001DC 0000000010000000 000001DC

In addition to the common header information and the [**PThread** CondVar] identifier, this report lists the following details:

Passes The number of times that the condition was signaled to hold during the analysis interval.

Fail Rate The percentage of times that the condition was tested and was not found to be true.

Spin Count The number of times that the condition was tested and was not found to be true.

Wait Count The number of times that a pthread was forced into a suspended wait state waiting for the

condition to be signaled.

**Spin / Wait Time** This field contains the following sub-fields:

Comb Spin

The total number of processor seconds that pthreads spun while waiting for the

condition.

**Comb Wait** 

The total number of elapsed seconds that pthreads spent in a wait state for the

condition.

**Depth** This field contains the following sub-fields:

SpinQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of pthreads spinning while waiting

for the condition, across the analysis interval.

WaitQ The minimum, maximum, and average number of pthreads waiting for the

condition, across the analysis interval.

#### **Condition-Variable Pthread Detail**

If the -dt or -da options are used, the splat command reports the pthread detail as described below:

PThreadID The PThread identifier.

Passes The number of times that this pthread was notified that the condition passed.

Fail Rate The percentage of times that the pthread checked the condition and did not find it to be

true.

**Spin Count** The number of times that the pthread checked the condition and did not find it to be true.

Wait Count The number of times that this pthread was forced to wait until the condition became true.

Percent Total Time This field contains the following sub-fields:

Spin The percentage of elapsed real time that this pthread spun while testing the

condition.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that this pthread spent waiting for the

condition to hold.

#### **Condition-Variable Function Detail**

If the -df or -da options are used, the splat command reports the function detail as described below:

Function Name The name of the function that passed or attempted to pass this condition.

Passes The number of times that this function was notified that the condition passed.

Fail Rate The percentage of times that the function checked the condition and did not find it to be

true.

Spin Count The number of times that the function checked the condition and did not find it to be true.

Wait Count The number of times that this function was forced to wait until the condition became true.

Percent Total Time This field contains the following sub-fields:

**Spin** The percentage of elapsed real time that this function spun while testing the

condition.

Wait The percentage of elapsed real time that this function spent waiting for the

condition to hold.

Return Address The return address to this calling function, in hexadecimal.

Start Address The start address to this calling function, in hexadecimal.

Offset The offset from the function start address to the return address, in hexadecimal.

# **Chapter 4. Hardware Performance Monitor APIs and tools**

The **bos.pmapi** fileset contains libraries and tools that are designed to provide access to some of the counting facilities of the Performance Monitor feature included in select IBM microprocessors. They include the following:

- The pmapi library, which contains a set of low-level application programming interfaces, APIs, includes the following:
  - A set of system-level APIs to permit counting of the activity of a whole machine or of a set of processes with a common ancestor.
  - A set of first party kernel-thread-level APIs to permit threads to count their own activity.
  - A set of third party kernel-thread-level APIs to permit a debug program to count the activity of target threads.
- The **pmcycles** command, which returns the processor clock and decrementer speeds.
- The **pmlist** command, which displays information about processors, events, event groups and sets, and derived metrics supported.
- The hpm and hpm\_r libraries, which contain a set of high-level APIs that enable the following:
  - Nested instrumentation of sections of code
  - Automatic calculation of derived metrics, and gathering of operating system resource-consumption metrics in addition to the raw hardware counter values
- The **hpmstat** command, which collects the hardware performance monitor raw and derived metrics concerning total system activity of a machine.
- The hpmcount command, which executes applications and provides the applications' execution wall
  clock time, the raw and derived hardware performance monitor metrics and the operating system
  resource-utilization statistics.

**Note:** The APIs and the events available on each of the supported processors have been completely separated by design. The events available, their descriptions, and their current testing status (which are different on each processor) are in separately installable tables, and are not described here because none of the API calls depend on the availability or status of any of the events.

The status of an event, as returned by the **pm\_initialize** API initialization routine, can be *verified*, *unverified*, *caveat*, *broken*, *group-only*, *thresholdable*, or *shared* (see "Performance Monitor accuracy" about testing status and event accuracy).

An event filter (which is any combination of the status bits) must be passed to the **pm\_initialize** routine to force the return of events with status matching the filter. If no filter is passed to the **pm\_initialize** routine, no events will be returned.

# **Performance Monitor accuracy**

Only events marked *verified* have gone through full verification. Events marked *caveat* have been verified within the limitations documented in the event description returned by the **pm\_initialize** routine.

Events marked *unverified* have undefined accuracy. Use caution with *unverified* events. The Performance Monitor API is essentially providing a service to read hardware registers that might not have any meaningful content.

Users can experiment with *unverified* event counters and determine for themselves if they can be used for specific tuning situations.

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#### Performance Monitor context and state

To provide Performance Monitor data access at various levels, the AIX operating system supports optional performance monitoring contexts. These contexts are an extension to the regular processor and thread contexts and include one 64-bit counter per hardware counter and a set of control words. The control words define which events are counted and when counting is on or off.

### System-level context and accumulation

For the system-level APIs, optional Performance Monitor contexts can be associated with each of the processors.

#### Thread context

Optional Performance Monitor contexts can also be associated with each thread. The AIX operating system and the Performance Monitor kernel extension automatically maintain sets of 64-bit counters for each of these contexts.

### Thread counting-group and process context

The concept of thread counting-group is optionally supported by the thread-level APIs. All the threads within a group, in addition to their own Performance Monitor context, share a group accumulation context. A thread group is defined as all the threads created by a common ancestor thread. By definition, all the threads in a thread group count the same set of events, and, with one exception described below, the group must be created before any of the descendant threads are created. This restriction is due to the fact that, after descendant threads are created, it is impossible to determine a list of threads with a common ancestor.

One special case of a group is the collection of all the threads belonging to a process. Such a group can be created at any time regardless of when the descendant threads are created, because a list of threads belonging to a process can be generated. Multiple groups can coexist within a process, but each thread can be a member of only one Performance Monitor counting-group. Because all the threads within a group must be counting the same events, a process group creation will fail if any thread within the process already has a context.

### **Performance Monitor state inheritance**

The PM state is defined as the combination of the Performance Monitor programmation (the events being counted), the counting state (on or off), and the optional thread group membership. A counting state is associated with each group. When the group is created, its counting state is inherited from the initial thread in the group. For thread members of a group, the effective counting state is the result of AND-ing their own counting state with the group counting state. This provides a way to effectively control the counting state for all threads in a group. Simply manipulating the group-counting state will affect the effective counting state of all the threads in the group. Threads inherit their complete Performance Monitor state from their parents when the thread is created. A thread Performance Monitor context data (the value of the 64-bit counters) is not inherited, that is, newly created threads start with counters set to zero.

# Performance monitoring agent

The Performance Monitoring Agent (perfagent.server fileset) is a collection of programs that make it possible for a host to act as a provider of performance statistics across a network or locally. The key program is the daemon xmtopas. Following are the main components of the Performance Monitoring Agent:

#### **xmtopas**

The data-supplier daemon, which permits a system where this daemon runs to supply performance statistics to data-consumer programs on the local or remote hosts. This daemon also provides the interface to SNMP.

**Note:** The interface to SNMP is available only on System p Agents.

#### **xmtrend**

A long-term recording daemon. This daemon also provides large metric set trend recordings for post-processing by jazizo and jtopas.

#### xmscheck

A program that lets you pre-check the **xmservd** recording configuration file. This program is useful when you want to start and stop xmservd recording at predetermined times.

filtd A daemon that can be used to do data reduction of existing statistics and to define alarm conditions and triggering of alarms.

#### xmpeek

A program that allows you to display the status of xmservd on the local or a remote host and to list all available statistics from the daemon.

#### iphosts

A program to initiate monitoring of Internet Protocol performance by specifying which hosts to monitor. The program accepts a list of hosts from the command line or from a file.

#### armtoleg

A program that can convert a pre-existing Application Response Management (ARM) library into an ARM library that can be accessed concurrently with the ARM library shipped with PTX. This program is only required and available on operating systems.

#### **SpmiArmd**

A daemon that collects Application Response Management (ARM) data and interfaces to the Spmi library code to allow monitoring of ARM metrics from any PTX manager program.

#### **SpmiResp**

A daemon that polls for IP response times for selected hosts and interfaces to the Spmi library code to allow monitoring of IP response time metrics from any PTX manager program.

### **Application Response Management API and Libraries**

A header file and two libraries support the PTX implementation of ARM. The implementation allows for coexistence and simultaneous use of the PTX ARM library and one previously installed ARM library.

#### System Performance Measurement Interface API and Library

Header files and a library to allow you to develop your own data-supplier and local data-consumer programs.

#### **Sample Programs**

Sample dynamic data-supplier and data-consumer programs that illustrate the use of the API.

#### Remote System Performance Measurement Interface API

This API is available for those who want to develop programs that access the statistics available from one or more **xmtopas** daemons.

# Thread accumulation and thread group accumulation

When a thread gets suspended (or redispatched), its 64-bit accumulation counters are updated. If the thread is member of a group, the group accumulation counters are updated at the same time.

Similarly, when a thread stops counting or reads its Performance Monitor data, its 64 bit accumulation counters are also updated by adding the current value of the Performance Monitor hardware counters to them. Again, if the thread is a member of a group, the group accumulation counters are also updated, regardless of whether the counter read or stop was for the thread or for the thread group.

The group-level accumulation data is kept consistent with the individual Performance Monitor data for the thread members of the group, whenever possible. When a thread voluntarily leaves a group, that is,

deletes its Performance Monitor context, its accumulated data is automatically subtracted from the group-level accumulated data. Similarly, when a thread member in a group resets its own data, the data in question is subtracted from the group level accumulated data. When a thread dies, no action is taken on the group-accumulated data.

The only situation where the group-level accumulation is not consistent with the sum of the data for each of its members is when the group-level accumulated data has been reset, and the group has more than one member. This situation is detected and marked by a bit returned when the group data is read.

## **Security considerations**

The system-level APIs calls are only available from the root user except when the process tree option is used. In that case, a locking mechanism prevents calls being made from more than one process. This mechanism ensures ownership of the API and exclusive access by one process from the time that the system-level contexts are created until they are deleted.

Enabling the process tree option results in counting for only the calling process and its descendants; the default is to count all activities on each processor.

Because the system-level APIs would report bogus data if thread contexts where in use, system-level API calls are not enabled at the same time as thread-level API calls. The allocation of the first thread context will take the system-level API lock, which will not be released until the last context has been deallocated.

When using first party calls, a thread is only permitted to modify its own Performance Monitor context. The only exception to this rule is when making group level calls, which obviously affect the group context, but can also affect other threads' context. Deleting a group deletes all the contexts associated with the group, that is, the caller context, the group context, and all the contexts belonging to all the threads in the group.

Access to a Performance Monitor context not belonging to the calling thread or its group is available only from the target process's debugger program. The third party API calls are only permitted when the target process is either being ptraced by the API caller, that is, the caller is already attached to the target process, and the target process is stopped or the target process is stopped on a /proc file system event and the caller has the privilege required to open its control file.

The fact that the debugger program must already have been attached to the debugged thread before any third party call to the API can be made, ensures that the security level of the API will be the same as the one used between debugger programs and process being debugged.

# The pmapi library

The following rules are common to the Performance Monitor APIs:

- The pm initialize routine must be called before any other API call can be made, and only events returned by a given pm\_initialize call with its associated filter setting can be used in subsequent pm\_set\_program calls.
- PM contexts cannot be reprogrammed or reused at any time. This means that none of the APIs support more than one call to a pm\_set\_program interface without a call to a pm\_delete\_program interface. This also means that when creating a process group, none of the threads in the process is permitted to already have a context.
- All the API calls return 0 when successful or a positive error code (which can be decoded using pm\_error) otherwise.

# The pm\_init API initialization routine

The **pm\_init** routine returns (in a structure of type **pm\_info\_t** pointed to by its second parameter) the processor name, the number of counters available, the list of available events for each counter, and the threshold multipliers supported. Some processor support two threshold multipliers, others none, meaning that thresholding is not supported at all. You can not use the **pm\_init** routine with processors newer than POWER4. You must use the **pm initialize** routine for newer processors.

For each event returned, in addition to the testing status, the **pm\_init** routine also returns the identifier to be used in subsequent API calls, a short name, and a long name. The short name is a mnemonic name in the form PM\_MNEMONIC. Events that are the same on different processors will have the same mnemonic name. For instance, PM\_CYC and PM\_INST\_CMPL are respectively the number of processor cycles and instruction completed and should exist on all processors. For each event returned, a thresholdable flag is also returned. This flag indicates whether an event can be used with a threshold. If so, then specifying a threshold defers counting until a number of cycles equal to the threshold multiplied by the processor's selected threshold multiplier has been exceeded.

Beginning with AIX level 5.1.0.15, the Performance Monitoring API enables the specification of event groups instead of individual events. Event groups are predefined sets of events. Rather than each event being individually specified, a single group ID is specified. The interface to the <code>pm\_init</code> routine has been enhanced to return the list of supported event groups in a structure of type <code>pm\_groups\_info\_t</code> pointed to by a new optional third parameter. To preserve binary compatibility, the third parameter must be explicitly announced by OR-ing the PM\_GET\_GROUPS bitflag into the filter. Some events on some platforms can only be used from within a group. This is indicated in the threshold flag associated with each event returned. The following convention is used:

- y A thresholdable event
- g An event that can only be used in a group
- G A thresholdable event that can only be used in a group
- **n** A non-thresholdable event that is usable individually

On some platforms, use of event groups is required because all the events are marked **g** or **G**. Each of the event groups that are returned includes a short name, a long name, and a description similar to those associated with events, as well as a group identifier to be used in subsequent API calls and the events contained in the group (in the form of an array of event identifiers).

The testing status of a group is defined as the lowest common denominator among the testing status of the events that it includes. If at least one event has a testing status of *caveat*, the group testing status is at best *caveat*, and if at least one event has a status of *unverified*, then the group status is *unverified*. This is not returned as a group characteristic, but it is taken into account by the filter. Like events, only groups with status matching the filter are returned.

# The pm\_initialize API initialize routine

The **pm\_initialize** routine returns the processor name in a structure of type **pm\_info2\_t** defined by its second parameter, its characteristics, the number of counters available, and the list of available events for each counter.

For each event a status is returned, indicating the event status: *validated*, *unvalidated*, or *validated with caveat*. The status also indicates if the event can be used in a group or not, if it is a thresholdable event and if it is a shared event.

Some events on some platforms can be used only within a group. In the case where an event group is specified instead of individual events, the events are defined as *grouped only* events.

For each returned event, a thresholdable state is also returned. It indicates whether an event can be used with a threshold. If so, specifying a threshold defers counting until it exceeds a number of cycles equal to the threshold multiplied by the selected processor threshold multiplier.

Some processors support two hardware threads per physical processing unit. Each thread implements a set of counters, but some events defined for those processors are shared events. A shared event, is

controlled by a signal not specific to a particular thread's activity and sent simultaneously to both sets of hardware counters, one for each thread. Those events are marked by the *shared* status.

For each returned event, in addition to the testing status, the pm\_initialize routine returns the identifier to be used in subsequent API calls, as a short name and a long name. The short name is a mnemonic name in the form PM MNEMONIC. The same events on different processors will have the same mnemonic name. For instance, PM\_CYC and PM\_INST\_CMPL are respectively the number of processor cycles and the number of completed instructions, and should exist on all processors.

The Performance Monitoring API enables the specification of event groups instead of individual events. Event groups are predefined sets of events. Rather than to specify individually each event, a single group ID can be specified. The interface to the **pm** initialize routine returns the list of supported event groups in a structure of type pm\_groups\_info\_t whose address is returned in the third parameter.

On some platforms, the use of event groups is required because all events are marked as group-only. Each event group that is returned includes a short name, a long name, and a description similar to those associated with events, as well as a group identifier to be used in subsequent API calls and the events contained in the group (in the form of an array of event identifiers).

The testing status of a group is defined as the lowest common denominator among the testing status of the events that it includes. If the testing status of at least one event is *caveat*, then the group testing status is at best caveat, and if the status of at least one event is unverified, then the group status is unverified. This is not returned as a group characteristic, but it is taken into account by the filter. Like events, only groups whose status match the filter are returned.

If the proctype parameter is not set to PM\_CURRENT, the Performance Monitor APIs library is not initialized and the subroutine only returns information about the specified processor in its parameters, pm info2 t and pm groups info t, taking into account the filter. If the proctype parameter is set to PM CURRENT, in addition to returning the information described, the Performance Monitor APIs library is initialized and ready to accept other calls.

# Basic pmapi library calls

Each of the sections below describes a system-wide API call that has variations for first- and third-party kernel thread or group counting. Variations are indicated by suffixes to the function call names, such as pm\_set\_program, pm\_set\_program\_mythread, and pm\_set\_program\_group.

#### pm\_set\_program

Sets the counting configuration. Use this call to specify the events (as a list of event identifiers, one per counter, or as a single event-group identifier) to be counted, and a mode in which to count. The list of events to choose from is returned by the pm init routine. If the list includes a thresholdable event, you can also use this call to specify a threshold, and a threshold multiplier.

The mode in which to count can include user-mode and kernel-mode counting, and whether to start counting immediately. For the system-wide API call, the mode also includes whether to turn counting on only for a process and its descendants or for the whole system. For counting group API calls, the mode includes the type of counting group to create, that is, a group containing the initial thread and its future descendants, or a process-level group, which includes all the threads in a process.

By default, the time spent during interrupts handling is counted. It is possible to override this default behavior by modifying the counting mode.

#### pm\_get\_program

Retrieves the current Performance Monitor settings. This includes mode information and the list of events (or the event group) being counted. If the list includes a thresholdable event, this call also returns a threshold and the multiplier used.

#### pm delete program

Deletes the Performance Monitor configuration. Use this call to undo pm set program.

#### pm\_start, pm\_tstart

Starts Performance Monitor counting. pm\_tstart returns a timestamp associated with the time the Performance Monitoring counters started counting. This is a timebase value that can be converted to time using time base to time.

#### pm\_stop, pm\_tstop

Stops Performance Monitor counting. pm\_tstop returns a timestamp associated with the time the Performance Monitoring counters stopped counting. This is a timebase value that can be converted to time using time base to time.

#### pm\_get\_data, pm\_get\_tdata, pm\_get\_Tdata

Returns Performance Monitor counting data. The data is a set of 64-bit values, one per hardware counter. For the counting group API calls, the group information is also returned. (See "Thread counting-group information.")

pm get tdata is similar to pm get data, but includes a timestamp that indicates the last time that the hardware Performance Monitoring counters were read. This is a timebase value that can be converted to time by using time base to time.

pm\_get\_Tdata is also similar to pm\_get\_data but includes accumulated times corresponding to the interval during which the hardware Performance Monitoring counters were active. The interval is measured in real time, PURR and SPURR (on processors supporting those) values, and returned in timebase units convertable to time using time base to time.

The pm get data cpu, pm get tdata cpu and pm get Tdata cpu interfaces return the Performance Monitor counting data for a single processor. The specified processor number represents a contiguous number going from 0 to system configuration.ncpus. This number can represent a different processor from call to call if dynamic reconfiguration operations have occurred.

The pm\_get\_data\_lcpu, pm\_get\_tdata\_lcpu and pm\_get\_Tdata\_lcpu interfaces return the Performance Monitor counting data for a single logical processor. The logical processor numbering is not contiguous, and the call to these interfaces returns an error if the specified logical processor has not been on line since the last call to pm\_set\_program. A logical processor number always designates the same processor even if dynamic reconfiguration operations have occurred. To get data for all processors, these interfaces must be called in a loop from 0 to \_system\_configuration.max\_ncpus.

#### pm\_reset\_data

Resets Performance Monitor counting data. All values are set to 0.

# Thread counting-group information

The following information is associated with each thread counting-group:

#### member count

The number of threads that are members of the group. This includes deceased threads that were members of the group when running.

If the consistency flag is on, the count will be the number of threads that have contributed to the group-level data.

#### process flag

Indicates that the group includes all the threads in the process.

#### consistency flag

Indicates that the group PM data is consistent with the sum of the individual PM data for the thread members.

This information is returned by the pm\_get\_data\_mygroup and pm\_get\_data\_pgroup interfaces in a pm groupinfo t structure.

### Counter multiplexing mode

You can set the counting for more events than available hardware counters using counter multiplexing. This mode is meant to be used to analyze workloads with homogenous performance characteristics. This avoids the requirement to run the workload multiple times to collect more events than available hardware counters. In this mode, the pmapi periodically changes the setting of the counting and accumulates values and counting time for multiple sets of events. The time each event set is counted before switching to the next set can be in the range of 10 ms to 30 s. The default value is 100 ms.

The values returned include the number of times all sets of events have been counted, and for each set, the accumulated counter values and the accumulated time the set was counted. The accumulated time is measured up to three different ways: using Time Base, and when available, using the PURR time and one the SPURR time. These times are stored in a timebase format that can be converted to time by using the time base to time function. These times are meant to be used to normalize the results across the complete measurement interval.

Several basic pmapi calls have the following multiplexing mode variations indicated by the **mx** suffix:

#### pm set program mx

Sets the counting configuration. It differs from the pm set program function in that it accepts a set of groups (or event lists) to be counted, and the time each set must be counted before switching to the next set.

#### pm\_get\_program\_mx

Retrieves the current Performance Monitor settings. It differs from the pm get program function in that it returns a set of groups (or event lists).

#### pm\_get\_data\_mx

Returns the Performance Monitor counting data. It returns a set of counting data, one per group (or event list) configured. The returned data includes in addition to the accumulated counter values, the number of times all the configured sets have been counted, and for each set, the accumulated time it was counted.

#### pm\_get\_tdata\_mx

Same as pm\_get\_data\_mx, but includes a timestamp indicating the last time that the hardware Performance Monitor counters were read.

#### pm\_get\_data\_cpu\_mx/pm\_get\_tdata\_cpu\_mx

Same as pm\_get\_data\_mx or pm\_get\_tdata\_mx, but returns the Performance Monitor counting data for a single processor. The specified processor number must be in the range 0 to \_system\_configuration.ncpus. This number might represent different processors from call to call if dynamic reconfiguration operations have occurred.

#### pm\_get\_data\_lcpu\_mx/pm\_get\_tdata\_lcpu\_mx

Same as pm\_get\_data\_cpu\_mx or pm\_get\_tdata\_cpu\_mx, but returns the Performance Monitor counting data for a single logical processor. The logical processor numbering is not contiguous, and the call to these interfaces return an error if the specified logical processor has not been online since the last call to pm set program mx. A logical processor number always designates the same processor even if dynamic reconfiguration operations have occurred. To get data for all processors, these interfaces must be called in a loop from 0 to system configuration.max ncpus.

### Counter multi-mode

Counter multi-mode is similar to multiplexing mode. The counting mode in multiplexing mode is common to all the event sets. The multi-mode allows you to associate a counting mode with each event set, but as the counting mode differs for an event set to another one, the results of the counting cannot be normalized on the complete measurement interval.

Several basic pmapi calls have the following multi-mode variations indicated by the \_mm suffix:

#### pm\_set\_program\_mm

Sets the counting configuration. It differs from the **pm\_set\_program\_mx** function in that it accepts a set of groups and associated counting mode to be counted.

#### pm\_get\_program\_mm

Retrieves the current Performance Monitor settings. It differs from the **pm\_get\_program\_mx** function in that it accepts a set of groups and associated counting mode.

### WPAR counting

It is possible to monitor the system-wide activity of a specific WPAR from the Global WPAR. In this case, only the activity of the processes running in this WPAR will be monitored.

Several basic pmapi calls have the following per-WPAR variations indicated by the wp suffix:

#### pm\_set\_program\_wp, pm\_set\_program\_wp\_mm

Same as the pm\_set\_program subroutine or the pm\_set\_program\_mm subroutine, except that the programming is set for the specified WPAR only (identified by its WPAR Configured ID). Notice that there is no pm\_set\_program\_wp\_mx subroutine.

#### pm\_get\_program, pm\_get\_program\_wp

Same as the pm\_get\_program subroutine or the pm\_get\_program\_wp subroutine, except that it retrieves the programming for the specified WPAR only (identified by its WPAR Configured ID). Notice that there is no pm\_get\_program\_wp\_mx subroutine.

#### pm start wp, pm tstart, pm start wp, pm tstart wp

Same as the **pm\_start** subroutine or the **pm\_tstart**subroutine, except that it targets a specific WPAR (identified by its WPAR Configured ID).

#### pm\_stop\_wp, pm\_tstop, pm\_stop\_wp, pm\_tstop\_wp

Same as the **pm\_stop** subroutine or the **pm\_tstop** subroutine, except that it targets a specific WPAR (identified by its WPAR Configured ID).

#### pm\_get\_data\_wp, pm\_get\_tdata\_wp, pm\_get\_Tdata

Same as the pm\_get\_data subroutine or the pm\_get\_tdata subroutine or the pm\_get\_Tdata subroutine, except that it retrieves Performance Monitor counting data for the specified WPAR only (identified by its handle, see the pm\_get\_wplist subroutines).

#### pm\_reset\_data

Same as the pm\_get\_data routine or the pm\_get\_tdatasburoutine or the pm\_get\_Tdata subroutine, except that it retrieves Performance Monitor counting data for the specified WPAR only (identified by its handle, see the pm\_get\_wplist subroutines).

#### pm get wplist

Retrieves the list of WPARs contexts that were active during the last system-wide counting. A WPAR context includes the WPAR Configured ID, the WPAR name, and a WPAR handle that uniquely identifies the WPAR. The WPAR handle can then be used to retrieve the Performance Monitor counting data for a specified WPAR using one of the **pm\_get\_data\_wp** subroutines.

## Examples of pmapi library usage

The following examples demonstrate the use of Performance Monitor APIs in pseudo-code. Functional sample code is available in the /usr/samples/pmapi directory.

### Simple single-threaded program example

```
# include <pmapi.h>
main()
{
       pm_info_t pminfo;
      pm_prog_t prog;
       pm data t data;
      int filter = PM VERIFIED; /* use only verified events */
      pm init(filter, &pminfo)
      prog.mode.w = 0; /* start with clean mode */
      prog.mode.b.user = 1; /* count only user mode */
       for (i = 0; i < pminfo.maxpmcs; i++)</pre>
               prog.events[i] = COUNT NOTHING;
                      = 1; /* count event 1 in first counter */
      prog.events[0]
      prog.events[1] = 2; /* count event 2 in second counter */
      pm set program mythread(&prog);
      pm_start_mythread();
(1)
      ... usefull work ....
      pm stop mythread();
      pm_get_data_mythread(&data);
       ... print results ...
}
```

### Initialization example using an event group

```
# include <pmapi.h>
main()
{
       pm_info2_t
                     prog;
                         pminfo;
       pm_prog_t
       pm groups info t pmginfo;
       int filter = PM VERIFIED; /* get list of verified events */
       pm_initialize(filter, &pminfo, &pmginfo, PM_CURRENT )
                              = 0; /* start with clean mode */
       prog.mode.w
       prog.mode.b.user = 1; /* count only user mode */
prog.mode.b.is_group = 1; /* specify event group */
       for (i = 0; i < pminfo.maxpmcs; i++)</pre>
                 prog.events[i] = COUNT_NOTHING;
       prog.events[0] = 1; /* count events in group 1 */
```

### Get information about an event group processor example

```
# include <pmapi.h>
main()
       pm_events2_t *evp;
       int rc, counter, event;
```

```
pminfo;
pm info2 t
pm prog t
                  prog;
pm groups info t pmginfo;
int filter = PM_VERIFIED; /* get list of verified events */
if ((rc = pm initialize(filter, &pminfo, &pmginfo, PM POWER4) != 0) {
    pm_error("pm_initialize", rc);
    exit(-1);
printf ("Group #%d: %s\n", i, pmginfo.event_groups[i].short_name);
printf ("Group name: %s\n", pmginfo.event_groups[i].long_name);
printf ("Group description: %s\n", pmginfo.event_groups[i].long_name);
printf ("Group members:\n");
for (counter = 0; counter < pminfo.maxpmcs; counter++) {</pre>
      printf("Counter %2d, ", counter+1);
      /* get the event id from the list */
      event = pmginfo.event_groups[i].events[counter];
      if ((event == COUNT NOTHING) || (pminfo.maxevents[counter] == 0))
          printf("event %2d: No event\n", event);
      else {
          /* find pointer to the event */
          for (j = 0; j < pminfo.maxevents[counter]; j++) {</pre>
             evp = pminfo.list_events[counter]+j;
             if (event == evp->event_id) {
                break:
          printf("event %2d: %s", event, evp->short name);
          printf(" : %s\n", evp->long name);
} /* for (counter = 0; ... */
```

#### Debugger program example for initialization program

The following example illustrates how to look at the Performance Monitor data while the program is executing:

```
from a debugger at breakpoint (1)

    pm_initialize(filter);
(2)    pm_get_program_pthread(pid, tid, ptid, &prog);
        ... display PM programmation ...

(3)    pm_get_data_pthread(pid, tid, ptid);
        ... display PM data ...

    pm_delete_program_pthread(pid, tid, ptid);
    prog.events[0] = 2; /* change counter 1 to count event number 2 */
    pm_set_program_pthread(pid, tid, ptid, &prog);

continue program
```

The preceding scenario would also work if the program being executed under the debugger did not have any embedded Performance Monitor API calls. The only difference would be that the calls at (2) and (3) would fail, and that when the program continues, it will be counting only event number 2 in counter 1, and nothing in other counters.

### Count a single WPAR from the Global WPAR

The following program is an example of a count of a single WPAR from the global WPAR:

```
main ()
{
          pm_prog_t prog;
```

```
pm_wpar_ctx_info_t wp_list;
        int nwpars = 1;
        cid t cid;
        /* set programming for WPAR ``wpar1'' */
        getcorralid("wpar1", &cid);
        pm set program wp(cid, &prog);
        pm_start_wp(cid);
        ... workload ...
        pm stop wp(cid);
        /* retrieve data for WPAR ``wpar1'' */
        pm_get_wplist("wpar1", &wp_list, &nwpars);
        pm_get_data_wp(wp_list.wp_handle, &data);
        pm_delete_program_wp(cid);
}
```

### Count all active WPARs from the Global WPAR and retrieve per-WPAR data

The following program is an example of a count of all active WPARS from the global WPAR and also retrieves per-WPAR data:

```
main ()
{
        pm prog t prog;
        pm wpar ctx info t *wp list;
        int nwpars;
        /* set programming */
        prog.mode.b.wpar_all = 1; /* collect per-WPAR data */
       pm_set_program(&prog);
       pm start();
        ... workload ...
        pm_stop();
        /* retrieve the number of WPARs that were active during the counting */
        pm get wplist(NULL, NULL, &nwpars);
        /* allocate an array large enough to retrieve WPARs contexts */
       wp_list = malloc(nwpars * sizeof (pm_wpar_ctx_info_t));
        /* retrieve WPARs contexts */
        pm get wplist(NULL, wp list, &nwpars);
        /* retrieve and print data for each WPAR */
        for (i = 0; i < nwpars; i++) {
            printf("WPAR: %s (CID=%d)\n", wp_list[i].name, wp_list[i].cid);
            pm get data wp(wp list[i].hwpar, &data);
        free(wp_list);
        pm_delete_program();
}
```

### Simple multi-threaded example

The following is a simple multi-threaded example with independent threads counting the same set of events.

```
# include <pmapi.h>
pm_data_t data2;
void *
doit(void *)
```

```
(1)
       pm start mythread();
       ... usefull work ....
       pm_stop mythread();
       pm get data mythread(&data2);
main()
       pthread t threadid;
       pthread attr t attr;
       pthread_addr_t status;
       ... same initialization as in previous example ...
       pm program mythread(&prog);
       /* setup 1:1 mode */
       pthread attr init(&attr);
       pthread_attr_setscope(&attr, PTHREAD_SCOPE_SYSTEM);
       pthread_create(&threadid, &attr, doit, NULL);
(2)
      pm start mythread();
       ... usefull work ....
       pm stop mythread();
       pm_get_data_mythread(&data);
       ... print main thread results (data )...
       pthread join(threadid, &status);
       ... print auxiliary thread results (data2) ...
```

In the preceding example, counting starts at (1) and (2) for the main and auxiliary threads respectively because the initial counting state was off and it was inherited by the auxiliary thread from its creator.

#### Simple thread counting-group example

The following example has two threads in a counting-group. The body of the auxiliary thread's initialization routine is the same as in the previous example.

```
... print auxiliary thread results ...
pm_get_data_mygroup(&data)
... print group results ...
}
```

In the preceding example, the call in (2) is necessary because the call in (1) only turns on counting for the group, not the individual threads in it. At the end, the group results are the sum of both threads results.

### Simple thread counting-group with counter-multiplexing example

The following example has two threads in a counting-group. The body of the auxiliary thread's initialization routine is the same as in the previous example.

```
pm info2 t
                               pminfo:
         pm groups info t pmginfo;
         pm prog mx r
                               proq:
         pm_events_prog_t event_set[2];
         pm_data_mx_t
                               data;
         int filter = PM VERIFIED; /* get list of verified events */
         pm_initialize(filter, &pminfo, &pmginfo, PM_CURRENT )
         prog.mode.w = 0; /* start with clean mode */
prog.mode.b.user = 1; /* count only user mode */
prog.mode.b.is_group = 1; /* specify event group */
                                = event_set;
= 2; /* two event group counted */
         prog.events_set
         prog.nb_events_prog = 2; /* two event group counted */
prog.slice_duration = 200; /* slice duration for each event group is 200ms */
         for (i = 0; i < pminfo.maxpmcs; i++) {
                  event_set[0][i] = COUNT_NOTHING;
event_set[1][i] = COUNT_NOTHING;
                             = 1; /* count events in group 1 in the first set */
= 3; /* count events in group 3 in the first set */
         event set[1][0]
         pm_set_program_mygroup_mx(&prog); /* create counting group */
         pm_start_mygroup()
         pthread create(&threadid, &attr, doit, NULL)
         pm_start_mythread();
         ... usefull work ....
         pm_stop_mythread();
         pm_get_data_mythread_mx(&data)
         printf ("Main thread results:\n");
         for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
                  group_number = event_set[i][0];
                  printf ("Group #%d: %5\n", group_number, pmginfo.event_groups[group_number].short_name);
printf (" counting time: %d ms\n", data.accu_set[i].accu_time);
                  printf ("
                                 counting values:\n");
                   for (counter = 0; counter < pminfo.maxpmcs; counter++) {</pre>
                            printf ("event %d: %d\n", counter, data.accu_set[i].accu_data[counter]);
  (1) free(data.accu_set); /* free the memory alloacted for the main thread results */
         pthread_join(threadid, &status);
          .. print auxiliary thread results ...
         free(data.accu_set); /* free the memory allocated for the thread results */
         pm_get_data_mygroup_mx(&data)
           .. print group results
         free(data.accu_set); /* free the memoory allocated for the group results */
         pm_delete_program()
(1) Each time data are got in time slice mode, the buffer allocated to return the counters */
must be freed after used.
```

### Simple thread counting-group with counter-multiplexing and multi-mode example

The following example has two threads in a counting-group. The body of the auxiliary thread's initialization routine is the same as in the previous example. This example is similar to the previous one except that it uses the multi-mode functionality, and associates a mode with each group counted.

```
pm data mx t
                           data;
        pm prog t
                           prog set[2];
        int filter = PM_VERIFIED; /* get list of verified events */
        pm_initialize(filter, &pminfo, &pmginfo, PM_CURRENT);
        prog.prog set = prog set;
        prog.nb set prog = 2;
                                     /* two groups counted */
        prog.slice duration = 200; /* slice duration for each event group is 200ms */
                                    = 0; /* start with clean mode */
        prog set[0].mode.w
                                     = 1; /* grp 0: count only user mode */
        prog_set[0].mode.b.user
        prog_set[0].mode.b.is_group = 1; /* specify event group */
        prog set[0].mode.b.proctree = 1; /* turns process tree counting on:
                                              this option is common to all counted groups */
                                     = 0; /* start with clean mode */
        prog set[1].mode.w
        prog set[1].mode.b.kernel
                                     = 1; /* grp 1: count only kernel mode */
        prog set[1].mode.b.is group = 1; /* specify event group */
        for (i = 0; i < pminfo.maxpmcs; i++) {
                prog set[0].events[i] = COUNT NOTHING;
                prog set[1].events[i] = COUNT NOTHING;
                                  = 1;  /* count events in group 1 in the first set */
= 3;  /* count events in group 3 in the first set */
        prog set[0].events[0]
                                = 3;
        prog set[1].events[0]
        pm set program mygroup mm(&prog); /* create counting group */
        pm start mygroup();
        pthread create(&threadid, &attr, doit, NULL);
        pm start mythread();
        ... usefull work ....
        pm_stop_mythread();
        pm_get_data_mythread mx(&data);
        printf ("Main thread results:\n");
        for (i = 0; i < 2; i++) {
                group_number = prog_set[i].events[0];
                printf ("Group #%d: %s\n", group_number, pmginfo.event_groups[group_number].short_name);
                            counting time: %d ms\n", data.accu_set[i].accu_time);
                printf ("
                            counting values:\n");
                for (counter = 0; counter < pminfo.maxpmcs; counter++) {</pre>
                        printf ("event %d: %d\n", counter, data.accu_set[i].accu_data[counter]);
  (1)
        free(data.accu set);
                              /* free the memory allocated for the main thread results */
        pthread join(threadid, &status);
        ... print auxiliary thread results ...
        free(data.accu set); /* free the memory allocated for the thread results */
        pm get data mygroup mx(&data)
        ... print group results ...
        free(data.accu set); /* free the memory allocated for the group results */
        pm delete program();
(1) Each time data are got in time slice mode, the buffer allocated to return the
counters must be freed after used.
```

#### Thread counting example with reset

The following example with a reset call illustrates the impact on the group data. The body of the auxiliary thread is the same as before, except for the **pm\_start\_mythread** call, which is not necessary in this case.

```
main()
{
    ... same initialization as in previous example...
    prog.mode.b.count = 1; /* start counting immediately */
    pm_set_program_mygroup(&prog);
    pthread_create(&threadid, pthread_attr_default, doit, NULL)
    ... usefull work ....

pm stop mythread()
```

```
pm reset data mythread()
pthread join(threadid, &status);
...print auxiliary thread results...
pm get data mygroup(&data)
...print group results...
```

In the preceding example, the main thread and the group counting state are both on before the auxiliary thread is created, so the auxiliary thread will inherit that state and start counting immediately.

At the end, data1 is equal to data because the pm\_reset\_data\_mythread automatically subtracted the main thread data from the group data to keep it consistent. In fact, the group data remains equal to the sum of the auxiliary and the main thread data, but in this case, the main thread data is null.

## The hpm library and associated tools

The hpm libraries are higher-level instrumentation libraries based on the pmapi library. They support multiple instrumentation sections, nested instrumentation, and each instrumented section can be called multiple times. When nested instrumentation is used, exclusive duration is generated for the outer sections. Average and standard deviation is provided when an instrumented section is activated multiple

The libraries support OpenMP and threaded applications, which requires linking with the thread-safe version of the library, libhpm\_r. Both 32-bit and 64-bit library modules are provided.

The libraries collect information and hardware Performance Monitor summarization during run-time. So, there could be considerable overhead if instrumentation sections are inserted inside inner loops.

# Compiling and linking

The functionality of the **libhpm** r library depends upon the corresponding functions in the **libpmapi** and libm libraries. Therefore, the Ipmapi -Im flag must be specified when compiling applications using the hpm libraries.

By default, argument passing from Fortran applications to the hpm libraries is done by reference, or pointer, not by value. Also, there is an extra length argument following character strings. You can modify the default argument passing method by using the %VAL and %REF built-in functions.

#### Overhead and measurement error issues

It is expected for any software instrumentation to incur some overhead. Since it is not possible to eliminate the overhead, the goal is to minimize it. In the hpm library, most of the overhead is due to time measurement, which tends to be an expensive operation in most systems. A second source of overhead is due to run-time accumulation and storage of performance data. The hpm libraries collect information and perform summarization during run-time. Hence, there could be a considerable amount of overhead if instrumentation sections are inserted inside inner loops.

The hpm library uses hardware counters during the initialization and finalization of the library, retaining the minimum of the two for each counter as an estimate of the cost of one call to the start and stop functions. The estimated overhead is subtracted from the values obtained on each instrumented code section, which ensures that the measurement of error becomes close to zero. However, since this is a statistical approximation, in some situations where estimated overhead is larger than a measured count for the application, the approach fails. When the approach fails, you might get the following error message, which indicates that the estimated overhead was not subtracted from the measured values:

You can deactivate the procedure that attempts to remove measurement errors by setting the **HPM\_WITH\_MEASUREMENT\_ERROR** environment variable to TRUE (1).

### Common hpm library rules

The following rules are common to the hpm library APIs:

- The hpmInit() or f hpminit() function must be called before any other function in the API.
- The initialization function can only be called once in an application.
- Performance Monitor contexts, like the event set, event group, or counter/event pairs, cannot be reprogrammed at any time.
- All functions of the API are specified as void and return no value or status.

## Overview of the hpm library API calls

The following table lists the hpm library API calls:

API Call	Purpose
hpmInit or f_hpminit	Performs initialization for a specified node ID and program name.
hpmStart or f_hpmstart	Indicates the beginning of an instrumented code segment, which is identified by an instrumentation identifier, InstID.
hpmStop or f_hpmstop	Indicates the end of an instrumented code segment. For each call to the hpmStart() or f_hpmstart() function, there should be a corresponding call to the hpmStop() or f_hpmstop() function with the matching instrumentation identifier.
hpmTstart or f_hpmtstart	Performs the same function as the hpmStart() and f_hpmstart() functions, but they are used in threaded applications.
hpmTstop or f_hpmtstop	Performs the same function as the hpmStop() and f_hpmstop() functions, but they are used in threaded applications.
hpmGetTimeAndCounters or f_hpmgettimeandcounters	Returns the time, in seconds, and the accumulated counts since the call to the <b>hpmInit()</b> or <b>f_hpminit()</b> initialization function.
hpmGetCounters or f_hpmgetcounter	Returns all the accumulated counts since the call to the <b>hpmInit()</b> or <b>f_hpminit()</b> initialization function.
hpmTerminate or f_hpmterminate	Performs termination and generates output. If an application exits without calling the <b>hpmTerminate()</b> or <b>f_hpmterminate()</b> function, no performance information is generated.

# Threaded applications

The T/tstart and T/tstop functions respectively start and stop the counters independently on each thread. If two distinct threads use the same instID parameter, the output indicates multiple calls. However, the counts are accumulated.

The instID parameter is always a constant variable or integer. It cannot be an expression because the declarations in the libhpm.h, f hpm.h, and f hpm i8.h header files that contain #define statements are evaluated during the compiler pre-processing phase, which permits the collection of line numbers and source file names.

# Selecting events when using the hpm libraries and tools

The hpm libraries use the same set of hardware counters and events used by the hpmcount and hpmstat tools. The events are selected by sets. Sets are specially marked event groups for whichever derived metrics are available. For the hpm libraries, you can select the event set to be used by any of the following methods:

- The HPM EVENT SET environment variable, which is either explicitly set in the environment or specified in the HPM flags.env file.
- · The content of the libHPMevents file.

For the hpmcount and hpmstat commands, you can specify which event types you want to be monitored and the associated hardware performance counters by any of the following methods:

- · Using the -s option
- The HPM\_EVENT\_SET environment variable, which you can set directly or define in the HPM\_flags.env file
- · The content of the libHPM events file

In all cases, the HPM\_flags.env file takes precedence over the explicit setting of the HPM\_EVENT\_SET environment variable and the content of the libHPMevents or libHPM events file takes precedence over the HPM\_EVENT\_SET environment variable.

An event group can be specified instead of an event set, using any of the following methods:

- The -g option
- . The HPM EVENT GROUP environment variable that you can set directly or define in the HPM flags.env file

In all cases, the HPM flags.env file takes precedence over the explicit setting of the HPM EVENT GROUP environment variable. The HPM EVENT GROUP environment variable takes precedence over the explicit setting of the HPM EVENT SET environment variable. The HPM EVENT GROUP is a comma separated list of group names or group numbers.

A list of derived metric groups to be evaluated can be specified, using any of the following methods:

- The -m option
- The HPM PMD GROUP environment variable that you can set directly or define in the HPM flags.env

In all cases, the HPM flags.env file take precedence over the explicit setting of the HPM PMD GROUP environment variable. The HPM PMD GROUP is a comma-separated list of derived metric group names.

Each set, group or derived metric group can be qualified by a counting mode. The allowed counting modes are:

- u: user mode
- k: kernel mode
- · h: hypervisor mode
- · r: runlatch mode
- n: nointerrupt mode

The counting mode qualifier is separated from the set or group by a colon ":". For example: HPM EVENT GROUP=pm utilization:uk,pm completion:u

To use the time slice functionality, specify a comma-separated list of sets instead of a single set number. By default, the time slice duration for each set is 100 ms, but this can be modified with the HPM\_MX\_DURATION environment variable. This value must be expressed in ms, and in the range 10 ms to 30000 ms.

#### The libHPMevents and libHPM\_events files

The **libHPMevents** and **libHPM** events files are both supplied by the user and have the same format.

For POWER3 or PowerPC 604 RISC Microprocessor systems, the file contains the counter number and the event name, like in the following example:

```
0 PM LD MISS L2HIT
1 PM TAG BURSTRD L2MISS
2 PM TAG ST MISS L2
3 PM FPUO DENORM
4 PM LSU IDLE
5 PM LQ FULL
6 PM FPU FMA
7 PM FPU IDLE
```

For POWER4 and later systems, the file contains the event group name, like in the following example: pm hpmcount1

### The HPM\_flags.env file

The **HPM flags.env** file contains environment variables that are used to specify the event set and for the computation of derived metrics, like in the following example:

```
HPM L2 LATENCY 12
HPM EVENT SET 5
```

## Output files of the hpm library

When the hpmTerminate function is called, a summary report is written to the second parameters of the hpmlnit() function, respectively.

You can define the name of the output file with the HPM\_OUTPUT\_NAME environment variable. The hpm libraries always add the <taskID>.hpm suffix to the specified value. You can also include the date and time in the file name using the HPM OUTPUT NAME environment variable. For example, if you use the following code:

```
MYDATE=$(date +"m%d:2/2/06M%S")
export HPM_OUTPUT_NAME=myprogram_$MYDATE
```

the output file for task 27 is named myprogram yyyymmdd:HHMMSS 0027.hpm.

You can also generate an XML output file by setting the HPM VIZ OUTPUT=TRUE environment variable. The generated output files are named either cprogName> <pid> <taskID>.viz or HPM\_OUTPUT\_NAME\_<taskID>.viz.

# Output files of the hpmcount command

Depending on the environment variables set and the execution environment, the following files are created when you run the **hpmcount** command:

#### File name

Description

#### file <myID>.<pid>

The value for file is specified with the **-o** option and the mylD value is assigned the value of the MP\_CHILD environment variable, which has a default value of 0000.

#### HPM\_LOG\_DIR/hpm\_log.<pid>

When the HPM\_LOG\_DIR environment variable is set to an existing directory, results are additionally written to the hpm\_log.<pid> file.

#### HPM\_LOG\_DIR/hpm\_log.MP\_PARTITION

The MP\_PARTITION environment variable is provided in POE environments. The **hpm\_log.MP\_PARTITION** file contains the aggregate counts.

An XML output can be provided by using the **-x** option.

An alternative time base for the result normalization can be selected using any of the following methods:

- The -b timelpurrlspurr option
- The HPM\_NORMALIZE environment variable that you can set directly or define in the HPM\_flags.env

#### Derived metrics and related environment variables

In relation to the hardware events that are selected to be counted and the hardware platform that is used, the output for the hpm library tools and the hpmterminate function includes derived metrics. You can list the globally supported metrics for a given processor with the pmlist -D -1 [-p Processor\_name] command.

You can supply the following environment variables to specify estimations of memory, cache, and TLB miss latencies for the computation of related derived metrics:

- HPM MEM LATENCY
- HPM L3 LATENCY
- HPM\_L35\_LATENCY
- HPM AVG L3 LATENCY
- HPM AVG L2 LATENCY
- HPM L2 LATENCY
- HPM L25 LATENCY
- HPM\_L275\_LATENCY
- HPM L1 LATENCY
- HPM\_TLB\_LATENCY

Precedence is given to variables that are defined in the **HPM flags.env** file.

You can use the HPM DIV WEIGHT environment variable to compute the weighted flips on systems that are POWER4 and later.

# Examples of the hpm tools

The examples in this section demonstrate the usage of the following hpm library commands:

- "The pmlist command"
- "The hpmcount command" on page 75
- "The hpmstat command" on page 76

#### The pmlist command

# pmlist -s

The following is an example of the **pmlist** command:

```
POWER5 supports 6 counters
Number of groups
Number of sets
                           : 8
Threshold multiplier (lower): 1
Threshold multiplier (upper): 32
Threshold multiplier (hyper): 64
Hypervisor counting mode is supported
Runlatch counting mode is supported
```

The following is another example of the **pmlist** command:

```
# pmlist -D -1 -p POWER5
Derived metrics supported:
       PMD UTI RATE
                                      Utilization rate
```

```
PMD MIPS
                               MIPS
PMD_INST_PER_CYC
                               Instructions per cycle
PMD_HW_FP_PER_CYC
PMD_HW_FP_PER_UTIME
                               HW floating point instructions per Cycle
                               HW floating point instructions / user time
PMD_HW_FP_RATE
                               HW floating point rate
PMD_FX
                               Total Fixed point operations
PMD_FX_PER_CYC
                               Fixed point operations per Cycle
PMD FP LD ST
                               Floating point load and store operations
PMD_INST_PER_FP_LD_ST
                               Instructions per floating point load/store
PMD_PRC_INST_DISP_CMPL
                               % Instructions dispatched that completed
PMD_DATA_L2
                               Total L2 data cache accesses
PMD_PRC_L2_ACCESS
                               % accesses from L2 per cycle
PMD_L2_TRAF
PMD_L2_BDW
                               L2 traffic
                               L2 bandwidth per processor
PMD_L2_LD_EST_LAT_AVG
                               Estimated latency from loads from L2 (Average)
PMD_UTI_RATE_RC
                               Utilization rate (versus run cycles)
PMD INST PER CYC RC
                               Instructions per run cycle
PMD_LD_ST
                               Total load and store operations
PMD_INST_PER LD ST
                               Instructions per load/store
PMD_LD_PER_LD_MISS
                               Number of loads per load miss
                               Number of loads per DTLB miss
PMD_LD_PER_DTLB
                               Number of stores per store miss
PMD_ST_PER_ST_MISS
PMD_LD_PER_TLB
                               Number of loads per TLB miss
PMD_LD_ST_PER_TLB
                               Number of load/store per TLB miss
PMD TLB EST LAT
                               Estimated latency from TLB miss
PMD MEM LD TRAF
                               Memory load traffic
PMD MEM BDW
                               Memory bandwidth per processor
PMD MEM LD EST LAT
                               Estimated latency from loads from memory
PMD LD LMEM PER LD RMEM
                               Number of loads from local memory per loads from remote memory
PMD_PRC_MEM_LD_RC
                               % loads from memory per run cycle
```

### The hpmcount command

The following is an example of the **hpmcount** command:

```
# hpmcount -m cpi breakdown ls
bar
             foo
Workload context: ls (pid:42234)
Execution time (wall clock time): 0.004222 seconds
 ####### Resource Usage Statistics #######
Total amount of time in user mode
                                             : 0.001783 seconds
Total amount of time in system mode
                                             : 0.000378 seconds
Maximum resident set size
                                             : 220 Kbytes
Average shared memory use in text segment
                                           : 0 Kbytes*sec
Average unshared memory use in data segment : 0 Kbytes*sec
Number of page faults without I/O activity : 63
Number of page faults with I/O activity
Number of times process was swapped out
Number of times file system performed INPUT : 0
Number of times file system performed OUTPUT : 0
Number of IPC messages sent
Number of IPC messages received
Number of signals delivered
                                             : 0
Number of voluntary context switches
                                             : 0
Number of involuntary context switches
                                             : 0
 ###### End of Resource Statistics #######
 Counting mode: user
  PM 1PLUS PPC CMPL (One or more PPC instruction completed)
                                                                  143749896
  PM GCT EMPTY CYC (Cycles GCT empty)
                                                                   12905400
  PM GRP CMPL (Group completed)
                                                                  144626424
  PM CYC (Processor cycles)
                                                                  434717274
                                                              :
  PM INST CMPL (Instructions completed)
                                                                  193121895
  PM RUN CYC (Run cycles)
                                                                   378397903
  PM GCT NOSLOT CYC (Cycles no GCT slot allocated)
                                                                   87592746
  PM GCT NOSLOT IC MISS
                                                                   16066248
    (No slot in GCT caused by I cache miss)
  PM GCT NOSLOT_SRQ_FULL (No slot in GCT caused by SRQ full) :
                                                                          0
  PM GCT NOSLOT BR MPRED
                                                                   27869700
    (No slot in GCT caused by branch mispredict)
  PM GRP MRK (Group marked in IDU)
                                                                     6041616
                                                              :
  PM CMPLU STALL LSU
                                                                   117973392
    (Completion stall caused by LSU instruction)
  PM_IOPS_CMPL (Internal operations completed)
                                                                   162398665
  PM CMPLU STALL REJECT (Completion stall caused by reject)
                                                                   24318036
```

```
PM CMPLU STALL DCACHE MISS
                                                                   25055262
  (Completion stall caused by D cache miss)
PM CMPLU STALL ERAT MISS
                                                                   17332764
  (Completion stall caused by ERAT miss)
PM GRP IC MISS BR REDIR NONSPEC
                                                                    2551038
 (Group experienced non-speculative I cache miss or branch redirect)
PM CMPLU STALL FXU
                                                                   69575412
  (Completion stall caused by FXU instruction)
PM CMPLU STALL DIV
                                                                   45664068
                                                             :
  (Completion stall caused by DIV instruction)
PM FPU FULL CYC (Cycles FPU issue queue full)
                                                                      27660
PM_CMPLU_STALL_FDIV
                                                                     319104
  (Completion stall caused by FDIV or FQRT instruction)
PM CMPLU STALL FPU
                                                                     500274
  (Completion stall caused by FPU instruction)
Derived metric group: cpi breakdown
                                                              : 2.250999
Total cycles
                                                              : 0.748887
    Completion cycles
                                                              : 0.266825
    Completion Table empty (GCT empty)
                                                              : 0.083192
        I-Cache Miss Penalty
        Branch Mispredication Penalty
                                                               : 0.144311
        Others GCT stalls
                                                              : 0.039322
    Completion Stall cycles
                                                              : 1.435288
        Stall by LSU instruction
                                                              : 0.610875
            Stall by LSU Reject
                                                             : 0.125921
                Stall by LSU Translation Reject : 0.089750
Stall by LSU Other Reject : 0.036170
                                                             : 0.129738
            Stall by LSU D-cache miss
            Stall by LSU basic latency, LSU Flush penalty : 0.355217
        Stall by FXU instruction
                                                               : 0.360267
            Stall by any form of DIV/MTSPR/MFSPR instruction : 0.236452
            Stall by FXU basic latency
                                                              : 0.123815
        Stall by FPU instruction
                                                              : 0.002590
            Stall by any form of FDIV/FSQRT instruction : 0.001652
Stall by FPU basic latency : 0.000938
                                                              : 0.462493
        Stall by others
```

#### The hpmstat command

The following is an example of the **hpmstat** command:

```
# hpmstat -s 7
 Execution time (wall clock time): 1.003946 seconds
 Counting mode: user
  PM_TLB_MISS (TLB misses)
                                                                               260847
                                                                        3013964331
  PM CYC (Processor cycles)
  PM_ST_REF_L1 (L1 D cache store references) : 161377371
PM_LD_REF_L1 (L1 D cache load references) : 255317480
PM_INST_CMPL (Instructions completed) : 1027391919
PM_RUN_CYC (Run cycles) : 1495147343
  Derived metric group: default
                                                           :
  Utilization rate
                                                                          181.243 %
  Total load and store operations
                                                                           416.695 M
                                                                              2.466
  Instructions per load/store
                                                              :
                                                                           1023.354
  MIPS
                                                               :
  Instructions per cycle
                                                                              0.341
```

The following is an example of the **hpmstat** command with counter multiplexing:

```
# hpmstat -s 1,2 -d
Execution time (wall clock time): 2.129755 seconds
Counting duration: 1.065 seconds
 PM INST CMPL (Instructions completed)
                                                              244687
 PM FPU1 CMPL (FPU1 produced a result)
                                                                   0
 PM ST CMPL (Store instruction completed)
                                                               31295
                                                                67414
 PM_LD_CMPL (Loads completed)
 PM FPUO CMPL (Floating-point unit produced a result) :
                                                                  19
```

```
PM CYC (Processor cycles)
                                                                                                                               295427
   PM FPU FMA (FPU executed multiply-add instruction)
                                                                                                                                         0
   PM TLB MISS (TLB misses)
                                                                                                                                      788
Counting duration: 1.064 seconds
   PM TLB MISS (TLB misses)
                                                                                                                            379472
   PM ST MISS L1 (L1 D cache store misses)
                                                                                                                   79943
307338
848578245
229922845
757442686
125440562
258031257
                                                                                                                               79943
   PM_LD_MISS_L1 (L1 D cache load misses)
   PM_INST_CMPL (Instructions completed)
   PM_LSU_IDLE (Cycles LSU is idle)
   PM_CYC (Processor cycles) :
PM_ST_DISP (Store instructions dispatched) :
PM_LD_DISP (Load instr dispatched) :
Counting mode: user
   PM TLB MISS (TLB misses)
                                                                                                                                380260
  PM_ST_MISS_L1 (L1 D cache store misses)

PM_LD_MISS_L1 (L1 D cache load misses)

PM_LD_MISS_L1 (L1 D cache load misses)

PM_INST_CMPL (Instructions completed)

PM_LSU_IDLE (Cycles LSU is idle)

PM_CYC (Processor cycles)

PM_ST_DISP (Store instructions dispatched)

PM_INST_DISP (Ioad instr dispatched)
   PM FPU1 CMPL (FPU1 produced a result)
   PM_FPUI_CMPL (FPUI produced a result)
PM_ST_CMPL (Store instruction completed)
                                                                                                                                 62582
   PM LD CMPL (Loads completed)
                                                                                                                               134812
   PM FPUO CMPL (Floating-point unit produced a result):
                                                                                                                                        38
   PM_FPU_FMA (FPU executed multiply-add instruction) :
   Derived metric group: default
                                                                                                                   189.830 %
   Utilization rate
  % TLB misses per cycle
number of loads per TLB miss

Total 12 data cache accesses

% accesses from L2 per cycle

L2 traffic

L2 bandwidth per processor

Total load and store operations

Instructions per load/store

number of loads per load miss

number of stores per store miss

number of load/stores per D1 miss

11 cache hit rate

10 .355

10 .355

10 .355

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10 .355

10 .355

10 .355

10 .355

10 .355

10 .355
                                                                                                                    0.050 %
   % TLB misses per cycle
                                                                                                                     30.355 %
   % Cycles LSU is idle
                                                                                                                 199.113
   MIPS
   Instructions per cycle
                                                                                                                       1,120
```

# **Examples of hpm library usage**

The following are examples of hpm library usage:

- "A C programming language example"
- "A Fortran programming language example" on page 78
- "Multithreaded application instrumentation example" on page 78

#### A C programming language example

The following C program contains two instrumented sections which perform a trivial floating point operation, print the results, and then launch the command interpreter to execute the **Is -R / 2>&1** >/dev/null command:

```
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libhpm.h>

void
do_work()
```

```
pid t p, wpid;
        int i, status;
        float f1 = 9.7641, f2 = 2.441, f3 = 0.0;
        f3 = f1 / f2;
        printf("f3=%f\n", f3);
        p = fork();
        if (p == -1) {
          perror("Mike fork error");
          exit(1);
        if (p == 0) {
          i = execl("/usr/bin/sh", "sh", "-c", "ls -R / 2>&1 >/dev/null", 0);
          perror("Mike execl error");
          exit(2);
        else
          wpid = waitpid(p, &status, WUNTRACED | WCONTINUED);
        if (wpid == -1) {
            perror("Mike waitpid error");
            exit(3);
        return:
}
main(int argc, char **argv)
        int taskID = 999;
        hpmInit(taskID, "my program");
        hpmStart(1, "outer call");
        do_work();
        hpmStart(2, "inner call");
        do work();
        hpmStop(2);
        hpmStop(1);
        hpmTerminate(taskID);
}
```

### A Fortran programming language example

The following declaration is required on all source files that have instrumentation calls:

```
#include "f hpm.h"
```

Fortran programs call functions that include the f\_ prefix, as you can see in the following example:

```
call f_hpminit( taskID, "my_program" )
call f_hpmstart( 1, "Do Loop" )
    do ...
        call do_work()
        call f_hpmstart( 5, "computing meaning of life" );
        call do_more_work();
        call f_hpmstop( 5 );
        end do
call f_hpmstop( 1 )
call f hpmterminate( taskID )
```

### Multithreaded application instrumentation example

When placing instrumentation inside of parallel regions, you should use a different id for each thread, as shown in the following Fortran example:

```
!$OMP PARALLEL
!$OMP&PRIVATE (instID)
      instID = 30+omp_get_thread_num()
call f_hpmtstart( instID, "computing meaning of life" )
!$OMP DO
       do ...
do_work()
       end do
       call f_hpmtstop( instID )
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

The library accepts the use of the same instID for different threads, but the counters are accumulated for all instances with the same instID.

# **Chapter 5. Perfstat API Programming**

The **perfstat** application programming interface (API) is a collection of C programming language subroutines that execute in user space and uses the **perfstat** kernel extension to extract various AIX performance metrics. System component information is also retrieved from the Object Data Manager (ODM) and returned with the performance metrics.

The perfstat API is thread-safe, and does not require root authority.

The API supports extensions so binary compatibility is maintained across all releases of AIX. This is accomplished by using one of the parameters in all the API calls to specify the size of the data structure to be returned. This permits the library to easily determine which version is in use, as long as the structures are only growing, which is guaranteed. This releases the user from version dependencies. For the list of extensions made in earlier versions of AIX, see the Change History section.

The **perfstat** API subroutines reside in the **libperfstat.a** library and are part of the **bos.perf.libperfstat** fileset, which is installable from the AIX base installation media and requires that the **bos.perf.perfstat** fileset is installed. The latter contains the kernel extension and is automatically installed with AIX.

The /usr/include/libperfstat.h file contains the interface declarations and type definitions of the data structures to use when calling the interfaces. This include file is also part of the bos.perf.libperfstat fileset. Sample source code is provided with bos.perf.libperfstat and resides in the /usr/samples/ libperfstat directory. Detailed information for the individual interfaces and the data structures used can be found in the libperfstat.h file in the AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

### **API Characteristics**

Four types of APIs are available. Global types return global metrics related to a set of components, while individual types return metrics related to individual components. Both types of interfaces have similar signatures, but slightly different behavior. Beginning with AIX 6.1, two new types of APIs, WPAR and RSET, are available. WPAR types return usage metrics related to a set of components or individual components specific to a workload partition (WPAR). RSET types return usage metrics of processors that belong to an RSET.

All the interfaces return raw data; that is, values of running counters. Multiple calls must be made at regular intervals to calculate rates.

Several interfaces return data retrieved from the ODM (object data manager) database. This information is automatically cached into a dictionary that is assumed to be "frozen" after it is loaded. The **perfstat\_reset** subroutine must be called to clear the dictionary whenever the machine configuration has changed. In order to do a more selective reset, you can use the **perfstat\_partial\_reset** function. For more details, see the "Cached metrics interfaces" on page 124 section.

Most types returned are unsigned long long; that is, unsigned 64-bit data.

Excessive and redundant calls to Perfstat APIs in a short time span can have a performance impact because time-consuming statistics collected by them are not cached.

For examples of API characteristics, see the sample programs in the /usr/samples/libperfstat directory. All of the sample programs can be compiled using the provided Makefile (/usr/samples/libperfstat/Makefile.samples).

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#### Global Interfaces

Global interfaces report metrics related to a set of components on a system (such as processors, disks, or memory).

All of the following AIX 5.2 interfaces use the naming convention **perfstat** subsystem **total**, and use a common signature:

perfstat\_cpu\_total Retrieves global CPU usage metrics perfstat\_memory\_total Retrieves global memory usage metrics perfstat\_disk\_total Retrieves global disk usage metrics

**Note:** This API won't return any data when invoked from an application

running inside WPAR.

Retrieves global network interfaces metrics perfstat\_netinterface\_total

**Note:** This API won't return any data when invoked from an application

running inside WPAR.

perfstat\_partition\_total Retrieves global partition metrics perfstat\_tape\_total Retrieves global tape usage metrics

Note: This API does not return any data when invoked from an application

running inside WPAR.

The common signature used by all of the global interfaces is as follows:

```
int perfstat subsystem total(perfstat id t *name,
                             perfstat subsystem total t *userbuff,
                             int sizeof struct,
                             int desired number);
```

The usage of the parameters for all of the interfaces is as follows:

perfstat\_id\_t \*name Reserved for future use, should be NULL

perfstat\_subsystem\_total\_t \*userbuff A pointer to a memory area with enough space for the returned

structure

int sizeof\_struct Should be set to **sizeof(perfstat\_subsystem\_t)** int desired number Reserved for future use, must be set to 0 or 1

The return value will be -1 in case of errors. Otherwise, the number of structures copied is returned. This is always 1.

The following sections provide examples of the type of data returned and code using each of the interfaces.

# perfstat\_cpu\_total Interface

The perfstat cpu total interface returns a perfstat cpu total t structure, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t** structure include:

Processor speed in Hertz (from ODM) processorHz

description Processor type (from ODM) ncpus Current number of active CPUs

Number of configured CPUs; that is, the maximum number of processors that this copy ncpus\_cfg

of AIX can handle simultaneously

Maximum number of active CPUs; that is, the maximum number of active processors ncpus\_high

since the last reboot

Total number of clock ticks spent in user mode user

Total number of clock ticks spent in system (kernel) mode sys idle Total number of clock ticks spent idle with no I/O pending wait Total number of clock ticks spent idle with I/O pending

Several other processor-related counters (such as number of system calls, number of reads, write, forks, execs, and load average) are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t** section of the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following program emulates **Iparstat's** behavior and also shows an example of how the **perfstat\_cpu\_total** interface is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
#include <sys/systemcfg.h>
#define XINTFRAC ((double)( system configuration.Xint)/(double)( system configuration.Xfrac))
#define HTIC2SEC(x) ((double)x * XINTFRAC)/(double)1000000000.0
static int disp util header = 1;
static u_longlong_t last time base;
static u_longlong_t last_pcpu_user, last_pcpu_sys, last_pcpu_idle, last_pcpu_wait;
static u longlong t last lcpu user, last lcpu sys, last lcpu idle, last lcpu wait;
static u longlong t last phint = 0, last vcsw = 0, last pit = 0;
void display lpar util(void);
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
    while (1) {
        display lpar util();
        sleep(atoi(argv[1]));
    return(0);
/* Save the current values for the next iteration */
void save_last_values(perfstat_cpu_total_t *cpustats, perfstat_partition_total_t *lparstats)
                  = lparstats->vol virt cswitch + lparstats->invol virt cswitch;
    last time base = lparstats->timebase last;
                  = lparstats->phantintrs;
    last phint
                  = lparstats->pool_idle_time;
    last pit
    last pcpu user = lparstats->puser;
    last pcpu sys = lparstats->psys;
    last pcpu idle = lparstats->pidle;
    last_pcpu_wait = lparstats->pwait;
    last lcpu user = cpustats->user;
    last lcpu sys = cpustats->sys;
    last_lcpu_idle = cpustats->idle;
    last lcpu wait = cpustats->wait;
/* Gather and display lpar utilization metrics */
void display_lpar_util()
    u longlong t dlt pcpu user, dlt pcpu sys, dlt pcpu idle, dlt pcpu wait;
    u longlong t dlt lcpu user, dlt lcpu sys, dlt lcpu idle, dlt lcpu wait;
    u_longlong_t vcsw, lcputime, pcputime;
    u_longlong_t entitled_purr, unused_purr;
    u_longlong_t delta_purr, delta_time_base;
    double phys_proc_consumed, entitlement, percent_ent, delta_sec;
    perfstat_partition_total_t lparstats;
    perfstat_cpu_total_t cpustats;
        int rc;
    rc = perfstat cpu total(NULL, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat cpu total t), 1);
```

```
if (rc != 1) {
     perror("perfstat cpu total");
     exit(-1);
                   }
/* retrieve the metrics */
if (!perfstat partition total(NULL, &lparstats, sizeof(perfstat partition total t), 1)) {
   perror("perfstat partition total");
   exit(-1);
}
if (!perfstat cpu total(NULL, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat cpu total t), 1)) {
   perror("perfstat cpu total");
   exit(-1);
}
/* Print the header for utilization metrics (only once) */
if (disp util header) {
   if (lparstats.type.b.shared enabled) {
     if (lparstats.type.b.pool_util_authority) {
        fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s %5s %5s %5s %5s %4s %5s",
"%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle", "physc", "%entc", "lbusy", "app", "vcsw", "phint");
         fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s %5s %5s %5s %4s %5s",
        "----", "----", "----", "----", "----", "----", "----", "----", "---", "----", "----");
         fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s %5s %5s %5s %4s %5s",
         "%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle", "physc", "%entc", "lbusy", "vcsw", "phint");
        } else {
     fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s", "%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle");
     fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s", "----", "----", "----");
  fprintf(stdout,"\n");
  disp_util_header = 0;
  /* first iteration, we only read the data, print the header and save the data */
  save last values(&cpustats, &lparstats);
  return:
}
dlt pcpu user = lparstats.puser - last pcpu user;
dlt_pcpu_sys = lparstats.psys - last_pcpu_sys;
dlt_pcpu_idle = lparstats.pidle - last_pcpu_idle;
dlt_pcpu_wait = lparstats.pwait - last_pcpu_wait;
delta_purr = pcputime = dlt_pcpu_user + dlt_pcpu_sys + dlt_pcpu_idle + dlt_pcpu_wait;
dlt lcpu user = cpustats.user - last lcpu user;
dlt lcpu sys = cpustats.sys - last lcpu sys;
dlt_lcpu_idle = cpustats.idle - last_lcpu_idle;
dlt lcpu wait = cpustats.wait - last lcpu wait;
lcputime = dlt lcpu user + dlt lcpu sys + dlt lcpu idle + dlt lcpu wait;
entitlement = (double) | parstats.entitled proc capacity / 100.0;
delta time base = lparstats.timebase last - last time base;
if (lparstats.type.b.shared enabled) {
   entitled_purr = delta_time_base * entitlement;
    if (entitled_purr < delta_purr) {</pre>
       /* when above entitlement, use consumption in percentages */
       entitled purr = delta purr;
   }
```

```
unused purr = entitled purr - delta purr;
       /* distribute unused purr in wait and idle proportionally to logical wait and idle */
       dlt_pcpu_wait += unused_purr * ((double)dlt_lcpu_wait /
                        (double)(dlt_lcpu_wait + dlt_lcpu_idle));
       dlt pcpu idle += unused purr * ((double)dlt lcpu idle /
                        (double)(dlt lcpu wait + dlt lcpu idle));
       pcputime = entitled purr;
   }
   /* Physical Processor Utilization */
   printf("%5.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_user * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
  printf("%5.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_sys * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
printf("%6.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_wait * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
   printf("%6.1f ", (double)dlt pcpu idle * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
   if (lparstats.type.b.shared enabled) {
       /* Physical Processor Consumed */
       phys_proc_consumed = (double)delta_purr / (double)delta_time_base;
       printf("%5.2f ", (double)phys proc consumed);
       /* Percentage of Entitlement Consumed */
       percent ent = (double)((phys proc consumed / entitlement) * 100);
       printf("%5.1f ", percent ent);
       /* Logical Processor Utilization */
       printf("%5.1f ", (double)(dlt lcpu user+dlt lcpu sys) * 100.0 / (double)lcputime);
       if (lparstats.type.b.pool_util_authority) {
          /* Available Pool Processor (app) */
          printf("%5.2f ", (double)(lparstats.pool_idle_time - last_pit) /
         (XINTFRAC*(double)delta_time_base));
       /* Virtual CPU Context Switches per second */
       vcsw = lparstats.vol_virt_cswitch + lparstats.invol_virt_cswitch;
delta sec = HTIC2SEC(delta time base);
       printf("%4.0f ", (double)(vcsw - last vcsw) / delta sec);
       /* Phantom Interrupts per second */
       printf("%5.0f",(double)(lparstats.phantintrs - last phint) / delta sec);
   printf("\n");
   save_last_values(&cpustats, &lparstats);
```

# perfstat\_memory\_total Interface

The **perfstat\_memory\_total** interface returns a **perfstat\_memory\_total\_t** structure, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_memory\_total\_t** structure include:

virt_total	Amount of virtual memory (in units of 4 KB pages)
real_total	Amount of real memory (in units of 4 KB pages)
real_free	Amount of free real memory (in units of 4 KB pages)
real_pinned	Amount of pinned memory (in units of 4 KB pages)
pgins	Number of pages paged in

pgins Number of pages paged in pgouts Number of pages paged out

pgsp\_totalTotal amount of paging space (in units of 4 KB pages)pgsp\_freeAmount of free paging space (in units of 4 KB pages)pgsp\_rsvdAmount of reserved paging space (in units of 4 KB pages)

Several other memory-related metrics (such as amount of paging space paged in and out, and amount of

system memory) are also returned. For a complete list, see the perfstat memory total t section of the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The preceding program emulates vmstat's behavior and also shows an example of how the perfstat\_memory\_total interface is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
  perfstat_memory_total_t minfo;
  int rc;
  rc = perfstat memory total (NULL, &minfo, sizeof(perfstat memory total t), 1);
  if (rc != 1) {
     perror("perfstat memory total");
     exit(-1);
  printf("Memory statistics\n");
  printf("----\n");
  printf("real memory size
                              : %11u MB\n",
       minfo.real_total*4096/1024/1024);
  printf("virtual memory size
                              : %11u MB\n",
       minfo.virt total*4096/1024/1024);
  printf("number of pages in file cache : %11u\n",minfo.numperm);
  : %3.2f%%\n",
  printf("used paging space
     (float)(minfo.pgsp total-minfo.pgsp free)*100.0/
     (float)minfo.pgsp_total);
  perfstat memory total (NULL, &minfo, sizeof(perfstat memory total t), 1);
  printf("Memory statistics\n");
  printf("----\n");
  printf("real memory size
                              : %11u MB\n",
       minfo.real total*4096/1024/1024);
  minfo.virt total*4096/1024/1024);
  printf("number of pages in file cache : %llu\n",minfo.numperm);
  (float) (minfo.pgsp total-minfo.pgsp free) *100.0/
     (float)minfo.pgsp_total);
  printf("number of paging space page ins : %11u\n",minfo.pgspins);
  printf("number of paging space page outs : %llu\n",minfo.pgspouts);
```

The preceding program produces output similar to the following:

```
Memory statistics
reserved paging space : 256 MB virtual memory size : 768 MB number of free pages : 32304 number of pinned pages number of pages in file
 -----
 number of pages in file cache : 12881 total paging space names
 total paging space pages : 131072
free paging space pages : 129932
                                                      : 0.87%
 used paging space
```

```
number of paging space page ins : 0 number of paging space page outs : 0 number of page ins : 20574 number of page outs : 92508
```

The preceding program emulates **vmstat's** behavior and also shows how **perfstat\_memory\_total** is used.

### perfstat disk total Interface

The **perfstat\_disk\_total** interface returns a **perfstat\_disk\_total\_t** structure, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_disk\_total\_t** structure include:

numberNumber of diskssizeTotal disk size (in MB)freeTotal free disk space (in MB)xfersTotal transfers to and from disk (in KB)

Several other disk-related metrics, such as number of blocks read from and written to disk, are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_disk\_total\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_disk\_total** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    perfstat_disk_total_t dinfo;
    int rc;
    rc = perfstat disk total (NULL, &dinfo, sizeof(perfstat disk total t), 1);
   if (rc != 1)
perror("perfstat disk total");
        exit(-1);
    perfstat_disk_total(NULL, &dinfo, sizeof(perfstat_disk_total_t), 1);
    printf("Total disk statistics\n");
    printf("----\n");
   printf("number of disks : %d\n", dinfo.number);
                                     : %llu\n", dinfo.size);
    printf("total disk space
   printf("total free space : %llu\n", dinfo.free);
printf("number of transfers : %llu\n", dinfo.xfers);
   printf("number of blocks written : %llu\n", dinfo.wblks);
   printf("number of blocks read : %llu\n", dinfo.rblks);
```

This program produces output similar to the following:

```
Total disk statistics
------
number of disks : 3
total disk space : 4296
total free space : 2912
number of transfers : 77759
number of blocks written : 738016
number of blocks read : 363120
```

The preceding program emulates **iostat's** behavior and also shows how **perfstat\_disk\_total** is used.

# perfstat\_netinterface\_total Interface

The perfstat\_netinterface\_total interface returns a perfstat\_netinterface\_total\_t structure, which is defined in the libperfstat.h file. Selected fields from the perfstat\_netinterface\_total\_t structure include:

**number** Number of network interfaces

**ipackets**Total number of input packets received on all network interfaces **opackets**Total number of output packets sent on all network interfaces

ierror Total number of input errors on all network interfaces
oerror Total number of output errors on all network interfaces

Several other network interface related metrics (such as number of bytes sent and received). For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_netinterface\_total\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version* 6.1 Files Reference.

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_netinterface\_total is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   perfstat netinterface_total_t ninfo;
   rc = perfstat netinterface total (NULL, &ninfo, sizeof(perfstat netinterface total t), 1);
   if (rc != 1)
   perror("perfstat netinterface total");
   exit(-1);
   perfstat netinterface total (NULL, &ninfo, sizeof(perfstat netinterface total t), 1);
   printf("Network interfaces statistics\n");
   printf("----\n");
   printf("number of interfaces : %d\n", ninfo.number);
   printf("\ninput statistics:\n");
   printf("number of packets : %llu\n", ninfo.ipackets);
   printf("\noutput statistics:\n");
   printf("number of errors : %llu\n", ninfo.oerrors);
}
```

The program above produces output similar to this:

The preceding program emulates **ifstat's** behavior and also shows how **perfstat\_netinterface\_total** is used.

# perfstat\_partition\_total Interface

The **perfstat\_partition\_total** interface returns a **perfstat\_partition\_total\_t** structure, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_partition\_total\_t** structure include:

**type** Partition type

online\_cpus online\_memory

Number of virtual CPUs currently allocated to the partition Amount of memory currently allocated to the partition

For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_partition\_total\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows examples of how to use the **perfstat\_partition\_total** function.

The first example demonstrates how to emulate the **lpartstat -i** command:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
   perfstat_partition_total_t pinfo;
   int rc;
   rc = perfstat partition total(NULL, &pinfo, sizeof(perfstat partition total_t), 1);
   if (rc != 1) {
   perror("Error in perfstat partition total");
   exit(-1);
                             : %s\n", pinfo.name);
: %u\n", pinfo.lpar_id);
: %s\n", pinfo.type.b.shared_enabled ? "Shared" : "Dedicated");
   printf("Partition Name
   printf("Partition Number
   printf("Type
   printf("Mode
                                    : %s\n", pinfo.type.b.donate_enabled ? "Donating" :
  pinfo.type.b.capped ? "Capped" : "Uncapped");
   printf("Maximum Physical CPUs in system: %u\n", pinfo.max_phys_cpus_sys);
   (double)pinfo.entitled proc capacity / (double)pinfo.online cpus);
   printf("Unallocated Weight
                                   : %u\n", pinfo.unalloc_var_proc_capacity_weight);
```

The program above produces output similar to the following:

```
Partition Name
                             : aixlpar
                            : 21
Partition Number
                            DedicatedDonating
Type
Mode
                             : 35
Entitled Capacity
Partition Group-ID
                            : 43
Shared Pool ID
                            : 93
                            : 8
Online Virtual CPUs
Maximum Virtual CPUs
                            : 12
Minimum Virtual CPUs
                            : 6
Online Memory
Maximum Memory
Minimum Memory
                            : 256 MB
                             : 512 MB
                             : 123 MB
Variable Capacity Weight
                             : 5
```

```
Minimum Capacity
                               : 1.5
                               : 3.5
Maximum Capacity
Capacity Increment
Maximum Physical CPUs in system: 11
Active Physical CPUs in system: 8
Physical CPUs in Pool
Unallocated Capacity
                               : 4.5
Physical CPU Percentage
                               : 84.34
                               : 6
Unallocated Weight
The second example demonstrates how to emulate the Iparstat command in default mode:
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
#include <sys/systemcfg.h>
#define XINTFRAC ((double)(_system_configuration.Xint)/(double)(_system_configuration.Xfrac))
#define HTIC2SEC(x) ((double)x * XINTFRAC)/(double)1000000000.0
static int disp util header = 1;
static u longlong t last time base;
static u_longlong_t last_pcpu_user, last_pcpu_sys, last_pcpu_idle, last_pcpu_wait;
static u_longlong_t last_lcpu_user, last_lcpu_sys, last_lcpu_idle, last_lcpu_wait;
static u_longlong_t last_phint = 0, last_vcsw = 0, last_pit = 0;
static u longlong t last idle donated purr = 0, last busy donated purr = 0;
static u longlong t last busy stolen purr = 0, last idle stolen purr = 0;
int donate flag=0;
void display_lpar_util(void);
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    while (1) {
        display lpar util();
        sleep(atoi(argv[1]));
    return(0);
}
/* Save the current values for the next iteration */
void save last values(perfstat cpu total t *cpustats, perfstat partition total t *lparstats)
                   = lparstats->vol virt cswitch + lparstats->invol virt cswitch;
    last vcsw
    last time base = lparstats->timebase last;
                = lparstats->phantintrs;
    last phint
    last pit
                   = lparstats->pool idle time;
    last_pcpu_user = lparstats->puser;
    last_pcpu_sys = lparstats->psys;
    last pcpu idle = lparstats->pidle;
    last pcpu wait = lparstats->pwait;
    last_lcpu_user = cpustats->user;
    last lcpu sys = cpustats->sys;
    last lcpu idle = cpustats->idle;
    last lcpu wait = cpustats->wait;
    if(donate_flag)
```

}

last idle donated purr = lparstats->idle donated purr; last busy donated purr = lparstats->busy donated purr; last\_busy\_stolen\_purr = lparstats->busy\_stolen\_purr; last idle stolen purr = lparstats->idle stolen purr;

```
}
void display lpar util()
   u_longlong_t dlt_pcpu_user, dlt_pcpu_sys, dlt_pcpu_idle, dlt_pcpu_wait;
   u longlong t dlt lcpu user, dlt lcpu sys, dlt lcpu idle, dlt lcpu wait;
   u longlong t dlt busy stolen purr, dlt idle stolen purr;
   u longlong t dlt idle donated purr, dlt busy donated purr;
   u_longlong_t vcsw, lcputime, pcputime;
   u_longlong_t entitled_purr, unused_purr;
   u longlong t delta purr, delta time base;
    double phys proc consumed, entitlement, percent ent, delta sec;
   perfstat partition total t lparstats;
   perfstat_cpu_total_t cpustats;
    /* retrieve the metrics */
    if (!perfstat_partition_total(NULL, &lparstats, sizeof(perfstat_partition_total_t), 1)) {
       perror("perfstat partition total");
       exit(-1);
   }
    if (!perfstat cpu total(NULL, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat cpu total t), 1)) {
       perror("perfstat cpu total");
       exit(-1);
   }
    /* Print the header for utilization metrics (only once) */
   if (disp util header) {
       if (lparstats.type.b.shared enabled) {
         if (lparstats.type.b.pool_util_authority) {
            fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s %5s %5s %5s %5s %4s %5s",
"%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle", "physc", "%entc", "lbusy", "app", "vcsw", "phint");
            } else {
            fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s %5s %5s %5s %4s %5s",
"%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle", "physc", "%entc", "lbusy", "vcsw", "phint");
            } else {
               if(lparstats.type.b.donate enabled)
                    donate flag=1;
               fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s", "%user", "%sys", "%wait", "%idle");
                     if (donate flag)
                       fprintf(stdout, " %5s %5s", "%physc", "%vcsw");
                     fprintf(stdout, "\n%5s %5s %6s %6s", "----", "----", "----");
               if (donate flag)
                    fprintf(stdout, " %5s %4s","----");
  }
      fprintf(stdout,"\n");
      disp util header = 0;
      /* first iteration, we only read the data, print the header and save the data */
      save_last_values(&cpustats, &lparstats);
      return;
   dlt_pcpu_user = lparstats.puser - last_pcpu_user;
   dlt_pcpu_sys = lparstats.psys - last_pcpu_sys;
   dlt pcpu idle = lparstats.pidle - last pcpu idle;
   dlt_pcpu_wait = lparstats.pwait - last_pcpu_wait;
```

```
delta purr = pcputime = dlt pcpu user + dlt pcpu sys + dlt pcpu idle + dlt pcpu wait;
dlt lcpu user = cpustats.user - last lcpu user;
dlt_lcpu_sys = cpustats.sys - last_lcpu_sys;
dlt_lcpu_idle = cpustats.idle - last_lcpu_idle;
dlt_lcpu_wait = cpustats.wait - last_lcpu_wait;
lcputime = dlt_lcpu_user + dlt_lcpu_sys + dlt_lcpu_idle + dlt_lcpu_wait;
/* Distribute the donated and stolen purr to the existing purr buckets in case if donation is
enabled.*/
if(donate flag)
           u_longlong_t r1,r2;
           dlt idle donated purr= lparstats.idle donated purr - last idle donated purr;
           dlt_busy_donated_purr= lparstats.busy_donated_purr - last_busy_donated_purr;
           dlt_idle_stolen_purr = lparstats.idle_donated_purr - last_idle_donated_purr;
           dlt_busy_stolen_purr = lparstats.busy_stolen_purr - last_busy_stolen_purr;
       if((dlt_lcpu_idle + dlt_lcpu_wait)!=0)
                  r1= dlt lcpu idle / (dlt lcpu idle + dlt lcpu wait);
                  r2= dlt_lcpu_wait / (dlt_lcpu_idle + dlt_lcpu_wait);
           }
          else
                  r1=r2=0;
           dlt_pcpu_user += dlt_idle_donated_purr *r1 + dlt_idle_stolen_purr * r1;
           dlt_pcpu_wait += dlt_idle_donated_purr *r2 + dlt_idle_stolen_purr * r2;
           dlt pcpu sys += dlt busy donated purr + dlt busy stolen purr;
           delta_purr+= dlt_idle_donated_purr + dlt_busy_donated_purr+ dlt_idle_stolen_purr
                     + dlt_busy_stolen_purr; pcputime=delta_purr;
   }
entitlement = (double)|parstats.entitled proc capacity / 100.0;
delta_time_base = lparstats.timebase_last - last_time_base;
if (lparstats.type.b.shared_enabled) {
    entitled purr = delta time base * entitlement;
    if (entitled purr < delta purr) {
        /* when above entitlement, use consumption in percentages */
        entitled purr = delta purr;
    unused purr = entitled purr - delta purr;
    /* distributed unused purr in wait and idle proportionally to logical wait and idle */
    dlt_pcpu_wait += unused_purr * ((double)dlt_lcpu_wait / (double)(dlt_lcpu_wait +
                   dlt lcpu idle));
    dlt pcpu idle += unused purr * ((double)dlt lcpu idle / (double)(dlt lcpu wait +
                   dlt lcpu idle));
    pcputime = entitled purr;
}
/* Physical Processor Utilization */
printf("%5.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_user * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
printf("%5.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_sys * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
printf("%6.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_wait * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
printf("%6.1f ", (double)dlt_pcpu_idle * 100.0 / (double)pcputime);
   if (donate flag) {
           /* Physical Processor Consumed */
    phys proc consumed = (double)delta purr / (double)delta time base;
    printf("%6.2f ", (double)phys_proc_consumed);
            /* Virtual CPU Context Switches per second */
    vcsw = lparstats.vol virt cswitch + lparstats.invol virt cswitch;
    delta sec = HTIC2SEC(delta time base);
```

```
printf("%5.0f ", (double)(vcsw - last vcsw) / delta sec);
if (lparstats.type.b.shared_enabled) {
    /* Physical Processor Consumed */
   phys_proc_consumed = (double)delta_purr / (double)delta_time_base;
    printf("%5.2f ", (double)phys proc consumed);
    /* Percentage of Entitlement Consumed */
    percent_ent = (double)((phys_proc_consumed / entitlement) * 100);
    printf("%5.1f ", percent_ent);
    /* Logical Processor Utilization */
   printf("%5.1f ", (double)(dlt_lcpu_user+dlt_lcpu_sys) * 100.0 / (double)lcputime);
    if (lparstats.type.b.pool util authority) {
    /* Available Pool Processor (app) */
      printf("%5.2f ", (double)(lparstats.pool idle time - last pit) /
            XINTFRAC*(double)delta time base);
    }
    /* Virtual CPU Context Switches per second */
    vcsw = lparstats.vol virt cswitch + lparstats.invol virt cswitch;
       delta sec = HTIC2SEC(delta time base);
    printf("%4.0f ", (double)(vcsw - last vcsw) / delta sec);
    /* Phantom Interrupts per second */
   printf("%5.0f",(double)(lparstats.phantintrs - last phint) / delta sec);
printf("\n");
save last values(&cpustats, &lparstats);
```

If the program above runs in dedicated - donating mode, the program produces output similar to the following:

%user	%sys	%wait	%idle	%physc	%VCSW
0.1	0.3	0.0	99.5	2.00	172
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.99	171
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.99	170
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.99	170
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.99	171
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.99	171
0.0	0.2	0.0	99.8	1.98	228

If the program above runs in shared mode, the program produces output similar to the following:

%user	%sys	%wait	%idle	physc	%entc	lbusy	app	VCSW	pint
50.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	2.5	30.00	65.00	1.1	25	10
50.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	2.5	30.00	65.00	1.1	25	10
50.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	2.5	30.00	65.00	1.1	25	10
50.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	2.5	30.00	65.00	1.1	25	10
50.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	2.5	30.00	65.00	1.1	25	10

# perfstat\_tape\_total Interface

The **perfstat\_tape\_total** interface returns a **perfstat\_tape\_total\_t** structure, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_tape\_total\_t** structure include:

number	lotal number of tapes
size	Total size of all tapes(in MB)
free	Total free portion of all tapes (in MB)
rxfers	Total number of read transfers from/to tape

Several other tape related metrics (such as number of bytes sent and received). For a complete list, see the perfstat tape total section in the libperfstat.h header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following code shows examples of how to use the **perfstat tape total** function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
   perfstat tape total t tinfo;
    int rc;
    rc = perfstat_tape_total(NULL, &dinfo, sizeof(perfstat_tape_total_t), 1);
    if (rc != 1)
 perror("perfstat_tape_total");
        exit(-1);
    }
```

The preceding program emulates diskstat behavior and also shows how perfstat\_tape\_total is used.

## **Component-Specific Interfaces**

Component-specific interfaces report metrics related to individual components on a system (such as a processor, disk, network interface, or paging space).

All of the following AIX interfaces use the naming convention perfstat subsystem, and use a common signature:

Retrieves individual CPU usage metrics perfstat\_cpu

**Note:** This interface returns global values when called by an application

running inside WPAR...

perfstat disk Retrieves individual disk usage metrics

Note: This interface does not return any data when called by an application

running inside WPAR

perfstat\_diskpath Retrieves individual disk path metrics

Note: This interface does not return any data when called by an application

running inside WPAR

perfstat\_diskadapter Retrieves individual disk adapter metrics

Note: This interface does not return any data when called by an application

running inside WPAR.

perfstat\_netinterface Retrieves individual network interfaces metrics

Note: This interface returns WPAR specific data when called by an

application running inside WPAR.

perfstat\_protocol Retrieves individual network protocol related metrics

Note: This interface returns WPAR specific data when called by an

application running inside WPAR.

Retrieves individual network buffer allocation metrics perfstat\_netbuffer

Note: This interface returns WPAR specific data when called by an

application running inside WPAR.

Retrieves individual paging space metrics perfstat\_pagingspace

Note: This interface does not return any data when called by an application

running inside WPAR.

Retrieves multiple page size usage metrics perfstat\_memory\_page

Note: This interface returns global values when it is called by an application

running inside a WPAR.

perfstat tape Retrieves individual tape usage metrics

**Note:** This interface does not return any data when it is called by an

application running inside a WPAR.

perfstat\_logicalvolume Retrieves individual logical volume usage metrics

Note: This interface does not return any data when called it is by an

application running inside a WPAR.

perfstat volumegroup Retrieves individual volume group usage metrics

Note: This interface does not return any data when it is called by an

application running inside a WPAR.

The common signature used by all the component interfaces except perfstat\_memory\_page is as follows:

The perfstat memory page uses the following signature:

```
int perfstat_memory_page(perfstat_psize_t *psize ,
    perfstat_subsystem_t * userbuff,
    int sizeof_struct,
    int desired number);
```

The usage of the parameters for all of the interfaces is as follows:

perfstat\_id\_t \*name The name of the first component (for example hdisk2 for perfstat\_disk()) for

which statistics are desired. A structure containing a char \* field is used instead of directly passing a char \* argument to the function to avoid allocation errors and to prevent the user from giving a constant string as parameter. To start from the first component of a subsystem, set the char\* field of the name parameter to "" (empty string). You can also use the macros such as FIRST\_SUBSYSTEM (for example, FIRST\_CPU) defined in the

libperfstat.h file.

perfstat\_subsystem\_total\_t

\*userbuff

int sizeof\_struct int desired\_number

Should be set to sizeof(perfstat\_subsystem\_t).

The number of structures of type **perfstat\_subsystem\_t** to return in userbuff.

A pointer to a memory area with enough space for the returned structure(s).

The return value will be -1 in case of error. Otherwise, the number of structures copied is returned. The field name is either set to NULL or to the name of the next structure available.

An exception to this scheme is when **name=NULL**, **userbuff=NULL** and **desired\_number=0**, the total number of structures available is returned.

To retrieve all structures of a given type, either ask first for their number, allocate enough memory to hold them all at once, then call the appropriate API to retrieve them all in one call. Otherwise, allocate a fixed set of structures and repeatedly call the API to get the next such number of structures, each time passing the name returned by the previous call. Start the process with the name set to "" or **FIRST\_SUBSYSTEM**, and repeat the process until the name returned is equal to "".

Minimizing the number of API calls, and therefore the number of system calls, will always lead to more efficient code, so the two-call approach should be preferred. Some of the examples shown in the following sections illustrate the API usage using the two-call approach. Because the two-call approach can lead to a lot of memory being allocated, the multiple-call approach must sometimes be used and is illustrated in the following examples.

The following sections provide examples of the type of data returned and code using each of the interfaces.

# perfstat\_cpu interface

The **perfstat\_cpu** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_cpu\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat cpu t** structure include:

name
Logical CPU name (cpu0, cpu1, ...)

Number of clock ticks spent in user mode

Number of clock ticks spent in system (kernel) mode

idle
Number of clock ticks spent idle with no I/O pending

wait
Number of clock ticks spent idle with I/O pending

syscall
Number of system call executed

Several other CPU related metrics (such as number of forks, read, write, and execs) are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_cpu\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_cpu** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int i, retcode, cputotal;
   perfstat id t firstcpu;
  perfstat cpu t *statp;
   /* check how many perfstat cpu t structures are available */
   cputotal = perfstat_cpu(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t), 0);
      /* check for error */
   if (cputotal <= 0)
        perror("perfstat cpu");
        exit(-1)
   }
   printf("number of perfstat cpu t available : %d\n", cputotal);
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
  statp = calloc(cputotal, sizeof(perfstat cpu t));
   /* set name to first cpu */
   strcpy(firstcpu.name, FIRST CPU);
   /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
   retcode = perfstat cpu(&firstcpu, statp, sizeof(perfstat cpu t), cputotal);
   /* check for error */
   if (retcode <= 0)
   {
        perror("perfstat cpu");
        exit(-1)
   }
   /* return code is number of structures returned */
   printf("number of perfstat cpu t returned : %d\n", retcode);
   for (i = 0; i < retcode; i++) {
   printf("\nStatistics for CPU : %s\n", statp[i].name);</pre>
      printf("----\n");
      printf("CPU user time (raw ticks) : %llu\n", statp[i].user);
      printf("CPU sys time (raw ticks) : %llu\n", statp[i].sys);
      printf("CPU idle time (raw ticks) : %llu\n", statp[i].idle);
      printf("CPU wait time (raw ticks) : %11u\n", statp[i].wait);
      printf("number of syscalls
                                     : %llu\n", statp[i].syscall);
                                        : %llu\n", statp[i].sysread);
      printf("number of readings
                                        : %llu\n", statp[i].syswrite);
      printf("number of writings
      printf("number of forks
                                         : %llu\n", statp[i].sysfork);
: %llu\n", statp[i].sysexec);
      printf("number of execs
```

On a single processor machine, the preceding program produces output similar to the following:

```
number of perfstat cpu t available : 1
number of perfstat cpu t returned : 1
Statistics for CPU: cpu0
CPU user time (raw ticks) : 1336297
CPU sys time (raw ticks) : 111958
CPU idle time (raw ticks) : 57069585
CPU wait time (raw ticks) : 19545
                          : 4734311
: 562121
: 323367
number of syscalls
number of readings
number of writings
                           : 6839
number of forks
number of execs
                           : 7257
number of char read : 753568874
number of char written : 132494990
```

In an environment where dynamic logical partitioning is used, the number of <code>perfstat\_cpu\_t</code> structures available will always be equal to the <code>ncpus\_high</code> field in the <code>perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t</code>. This number represents the highest index of any active processor since the last reboot. Kernel data structures holding performance metrics for processors are not deallocated when processors are turned offline or moved to a different partition. They simply stop being updated. The <code>ncpus</code> field of the <code>perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t</code> structure always represents the number of active processors, but the <code>perfstat\_cpu</code> interface will always return <code>ncpus high</code> structures.

Applications can detect offline or moved processors by checking clock-tick increments. If the sum of the user, sys, idle and wait fields is identical for a given processor between two **perfstat\_cpu** calls, that processor has been offline for the complete interval. If the sum multiplied by 10 ms (the value of a clock tick) does not match the time interval, the processor has not been online for the complete interval.

The preceding program emulates **mpstat** behavior and also shows how **perfstat\_cpu** is used.

# perfstat\_disk Interface

The **perfstat\_disk** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_disk\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_disk\_t** structure include:

nameDisk name (from ODM)descriptionDisk description (from ODM)vgnameVolume group name (from ODM)

size Disk size (in MB) free Free space (in MB)

xfers Transfers to/from disk (in KB)

Several other disk related metrics (such as number of blocks read from and written to disk, and adapter names) are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_disk\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following program emulates **diskstat** behavior and also shows an example of how the **perfstat\_disk** interface is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
```

```
int i, ret, tot;
   perfstat disk t *statp;
   perfstat id t first;
   /* check how many perfstat_disk_t structures are available */
   tot = perfstat_disk(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_disk_t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot < 0)
 perror("perfstat disk");
 exit(-1);
   if (tot == 0)
   {
      printf("No disks found in the system\n");
      exit(-1);
   }
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
   statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat disk t));
   /* set name to first interface */
   strcpy(first.name, FIRST DISK);
   /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
   /* return code is number of structures returned */
   ret = perfstat_disk(&first, statp,
                    sizeof(perfstat disk t), tot);
/* check for error */
   if (ret <= 0)
   {
perror("perfstat disk");
 exit(-1);
   }
   /* print statistics for each of the disks */
   for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
       printf("\nStatistics for disk : %s\n", statp[i].name);
      printf("----\n");
      printf("adapter name
                                  : %s\n", statp[i].adapter);
                                  : %llu MB\n", statp[i].size);
      printf("size
      }
The preceding program produces output similar to the following:
Statistics for disk: hdisk1
-----
                    : 16 Bit SCSI Disk Drive
description
volume group name
                  : rootvg
adapter name
                   : scsi0
size
                   : 4296 MB
free space : 2912 MB number of blocks read : 403946 blocks of 512 bytes
number of blocks written: 768176 blocks of 512 bytes
```

: None

: 16 Bit SCSI Disk Drive

Statistics for disk: hdisk0

description

volume group name

```
adapter name
size
: 0 MB
free space
: 0 MB
number of blocks read
: 0 blocks of 512 bytes
number of blocks written: 0 blocks of 512 bytes

Statistics for disk: cd0
-----
description
volume group name
: not available
adapter name
: scsi0
size
: 0 MB
free space
: 0 MB
number of blocks read
: 3128 blocks of 2048 bytes
number of blocks written: 0 blocks of 2048 bytes
```

### perfstat\_diskpath Interface

The **perfstat\_diskpath** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_diskpath\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_diskpath\_t** structure include:

namePath name (<disk\_name>\_Path<path\_id>)xfersTotal transfers via this path (in KB)adapterName of the adapter linked to the path

Several other disk path-related metrics (such as the number of blocks read from and written via the path) are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_diskpath\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how the perfstat\_diskpath interface is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   int ret, tot;
   perfstat diskpath t *statp;
  perfstat id t first;
   /* check how many perfstat diskpath t structures are available */
  tot = perfstat diskpath(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat diskpath t), 0);
   {
   /* check for error */
  if (tot < 0)
perror("perfstat diskpath");
exit(-1);
   if (tot == 0)
printf("No Paths found in the system\n");
exit(-1);
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
  statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat_diskpath_t));
   /* set name to first interface */
   strcpy(first.name, FIRST DISKPATH);
```

```
/* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
  /* return code is number of structures returned */
  ret = perfstat_diskpath(&first, statp, sizeof(perfstat_diskpath_t), tot);
  /* check for error */
  if (ret <= 0)
perror("perfstat_diskpath");
exit(-1);
  }
  /* print statistics for each of the disk paths */
  for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
      printf("\nStatistics for disk path : %s\n", statp[i].name);
      printf("----\n");
      printf("number of blocks read : %llu\n", statp[i].rblks);
      printf("number of blocks written : %llu\n", statp[i].wblks);
                                       : %s\n", statp[i].adapter);
      printf("adapter name
         /* retrieve paths for last disk if any */
   if (ret > 0) {
      /* extract the disk name from the last disk path name */
      substring = strstr(statp[ret - 1].name, "_Path");
      if (substring == NULL) {
         return (-1);
      substring[0] = ' \setminus 0';
     /* set name to the disk name */
     strcpy(first.name, statp[ret-1]);
     /* retrieve info about disk */
     ret = perfstat_disk(&first, &dstat, sizeof(perfstat_disk_t),1);
     printf("\nPaths for disk path : %s (%d)\n", dstat.name, dstat.paths_count);
     printf("----\n");
     /* retrieve all paths for this disk */
     ret = perfstat_diskpath(&first, statp, sizeof(perfstat_diskpath_t), dstat.paths_count);
     /* print statistics for each of the paths */
     for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
         printf("\nStatistics for disk path : %s\n", statp[i].name);
         printf("-----\n");
         printf("number of blocks read : %llu\n", statp[i].rblks);
         printf("number of blocks written : %llu\n", statp[i].wblks);
         printf("adapter name
                                          : %s\n", statp[i].adapter);
    }
}
The preceding program produces output similar to the following:
Statistics for disk path : hdisk1 Path0
                        : 253612
number of blocks read
number of blocks written : 537132
adapter name
                        : scsi0
Statistics for disk path : hdisk2 Path0
-----
number of blocks read
                        : 0
```

```
number of blocks written : 0
adapter name : scsi0
Statistics for disk path : hdisk2_Path1
number of blocks read
number of blocks written : 43658
adapter name
              : scsi2
Paths for disk: hdisk2 (2)
=========
Statistics for disk path : hdisk2 Path0
number of blocks read : 0
number of blocks written : 0
                    : scsi0
adapter name
Statistics for disk path : hdisk2 Path1
number of blocks read
                    : 26457
number of blocks written : 43658
               : scsi2
adapter name
```

## perfstat\_diskadapter Interface

The **perfstat\_diskadapter** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_diskadapter\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_diskadapter\_t** structure include:

nameAdapter name (from ODM)descriptionAdapter description (from ODM)

size Total disk size connected to this adapter (in MB)

free Total free space on disks connected to this adapter (in MB)

**xfers** Total transfers to/from this adapter (in KB)

Several other disk adapter related metrics (such as the number of blocks read from and written to the adapter) are also returned. For a complete list, see the **perfstat\_diskadapter\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following program emulates the **diskadapterstat** behavior and also shows an example of how the **perfstat diskadapter** interface is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   int ret, tot;
  perfstat diskadapter t *statp;
  perfstat id t first;
   /* check how many perfstat diskadapter t structures are available */
  tot = perfstat_diskadapter(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_diskadapter_t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot < 0)
 perror("perfstat_diskadapter");
exit(-1);
  if (tot == 0)
printf("No Adapters found \n");
exit(-1);
  }
```

```
/* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
 statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat diskadapter t));
 /* set name to first interface */
 strcpy(first.name, FIRST DISK);
 /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
 /* return code is number of structures returned */
 ret = perfstat_diskadapter(&first, statp, sizeof(perfstat_diskadapter_t), tot);
 /* check for error */
 if (ret <= 0)
perror("perfstat diskadapter");
exit(-1);
 }
 /* print statistics for each of the disk adapters */
 for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
     printf("\nStatistics for adapter : %s\n", statp[i].name);
     printf("-----\n");
     printf("description : %s\n", statp[i].description);
     printf("number of disks connected : %d\n", statp[i].number);
     printf("total disk size : %llu MB\n", statp[i].size);
     printf("number of blocks written : %llu\n", statp[i].wblks);
 }
```

The preceding program produces output similar to the following:

```
Statistics for adapter: scsi0
description
                      : Wide/Fast-20 SCSI I/O Controller
number of disks connected: 3
total disk size : 4296 MB
total disk free space : 2912 MB
number of blocks read : 411284
number of blocks written : 768256
```

# perfstat\_memory\_page Interface

The perfstat memory page interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat memory page t, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat memory page t** structure include:

psize Page size in bytes

Amount of real memory (in units of psize) real total Amount of free real memory (in units of psize) real freesize

real pinned Amount of pinned memory (in units of psize multiplied by 4)

**Pgins** Number of pages paged in **P**gouts Number of pages paged out

Several other disk-adapter related metrics (such as the number of blocks read from and written to the adapter) are also returned. For a complete list of other disk-adapter-related metrics, see the perfstat\_memory\_page\_t section in the libperfstat.h header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following program shows an example of how **perfstat\_memory\_page** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main (){
int total psizes, avail psizes;
```

```
perfstat memory page t *psize mem values;
perfstat psize t pagesize;
/*get the total number of page sizez */
total psizes = perfstat memory page(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat memory page t), 0);
/*check for any error*/
   if(total_psizes < 1)</pre>
       perror("do initialization:"
              " Unable to retrieve the number of available pagesizes.");
       exit(-1);
   }
/* allocate sufficient memory to store the structures */
psize_mem_values = (perfstat_memory_page_t *)malloc(sizeof(perfstat_memory_page_t) * total_psizes);
/*check for bad malloc */
   if(psize_mem_values == NULL)
       perror("do initialization: Unable to allocate sufficient"
              " memory for psize_mem_values buffer.");
       exit(-1);
   }
pagesize.psize = FIRST PSIZE;
  avail_psizes = perfstat_memory_page(&pagesize, psize_mem_values, sizeof(perfstat memory page t),
 total psizes);
 /*check the return value for any error */
   if(avail psizes < 1)
       perror("display psize memory stats: Unable to retrieve memory "
              "statistics for the available page sizes.");
       exit(-1);
return 0;
```

## perfstat\_netinterface Interface

The **perfstat\_netinterface** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_netinterface\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_netinterface\_t** structure include:

name Interface name (from ODM)
description Interface description (from ODM)

ipacketsTotal number of input packets received on this network interfaceopacketsTotal number of output packets sent on this network interface

ierror Total number of input errors on this network interface
oerror Total number of output errors on this network interface

Several other network-interface related metrics (such as number of bytes sent and received, type, and bitrate) are also returned. For a complete list of other network-interfaced related metrics, see the **perfstat\_netinterface\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat netinterface** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
#include <net/if_types.h>
char *
decode(uchar type) {
```

```
switch(type) {
    case IFT LOOP:
        return("loopback");
    case IFT IS088025:
        return("token-ring");
    case IFT ETHER:
        return("ethernet");
    return("other");
}
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
  int i, ret, tot;
   perfstat netinterface t *statp;
  perfstat_id_t first;
   /* check how many perfstat netinterface t structures are available */
   tot = perfstat_netinterface(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_netinterface_t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot < 0)
   /* check for error */
   if (tot == 0)
printf("No network interfaces found\n");
exit(-1);
perror("perfstat_netinterface");
 exit(-1);
  }
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
   statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat netinterface t));
   /* set name to first interface */
   strcpy(first.name, FIRST NETINTERFACE);
   /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
   /* return code is number of structures returned */
   ret = perfstat netinterface(&first, statp, sizeof(perfstat netinterface t), tot);
   /* check for error */
   if (ret <= 0)
   {
 perror("perfstat_netinterface");
 exit(-1);
  }
   /* print statistics for each of the interfaces */
   for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
       printf("\nStatistics for interface : %s\n", statp[i].name);
       printf("----\n");
       printf("type : %s\n", decode(statp[i].type));
       printf("\ninput statistics:\n");
       printf("number of packets : %llu\n", statp[i].ipackets);
       printf("number of errors : %llu\n", statp[i].ierrors);
printf("number of bytes : %llu\n", statp[i].ibytes);
       printf("\noutput statistics:\n");
       printf("number of packets : %llu\n", statp[i].opackets);
```

```
printf("number of bytes : %llu\n", statp[i].obytes);
printf("number of errors : %llu\n", statp[i].oerrors);
}
```

The preceding program produces output similar to the following:

```
Statistics for interface: tr0
type : token-ring
input statistics:
number of packets: 306352
number of errors : 0
number of bytes : 24831776
output statistics:
number of packets: 62669
number of bytes : 11497679
number of errors : 0
Statistics for interface: 100
type : loopback
input statistics:
number of packets: 336
number of errors : 0
number of bytes : 20912
output statistics:
number of packets: 336
number of bytes : 20912
number of errors : 0
```

The preceding program emulates **diskadapterstat** behavior and also shows how **perfstat\_netinterface** is used.

# perfstat\_protocol Interface

The **perfstat\_protocol** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_protocol\_t**, which consists of a set of unions to accommodate the different sets of fields needed for each protocol, as defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_protocol\_t** structure include:

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name	Protocoi name.	. wnich can t	be any or the	following values: it	u. IDO. I	icino, icindo.	uab. lcb.	rbc. ms.

nfsv2, or nfsv3.

ipackets Number of input packets received using this protocol. This field exists only for protocols ip, ipv6,

udp, and tcp.

opackets Number of output packets sent using this protocol. This field exists only for protocols ip, ipv6, udp,

and tcp.

received Number of packets received using this protocol. This field exists only for protocols icmp and icmpv6.

calls Number of calls made to this protocol. This field exists only for protocols rpc, nfs, nfsv2, and nfsv3.

Many other network-protocol related metrics are also returned. For a complete list of network-protocol related metrics, see the **perfstat\_protocol\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_protocol** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   int ret, tot, retrieved = 0;
   perfstat protocol t pinfo;
   perfstat_id_t protid;
   /* check how many perfstat protocol t structures are available */
   tot = perfstat protocol(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat protocol t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot <= 0)
perror("perfstat_protocol");
exit(-1);
   }
   printf("number of protocol usage structures available : %d\n", tot);
   /* set name to first protocol */
   strcpy(protid.name, FIRST PROTOCOL);
   /* retrieve first protocol usage information */
   ret = perfstat protocol(&protid, &pinfo, sizeof(perfstat protocol t), 1);
   if (ret < 0)
perror("perfstat_protocol");
exit(-1);
  retrieved += ret;
do {
      printf("\nStatistics for protocol : %s\n", pinfo.name);
      printf("----\n"):
       if (!strcmp(pinfo.name,"ip")) {
          printf("number of input packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ip.ipackets);
          printf("number of input errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ip.ierrors);
          printf("number of output packets : {llu}n", pinfo.u.ip.opackets);
           printf("number of output errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ip.oerrors);
      } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "ipv6")) {
          printf("number of input packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ipv6.ipackets);
          printf("number of input errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ipv6.ierrors);
          printf("number of output packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ipv6.opackets);
          printf("number of output errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.ipv6.oerrors);
      } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "icmp")) {
          printf("number of packets received : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmp.received);
          printf("number of packets sent
                                             : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmp.sent);
          printf("number of errors
                                             : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmp.errors);
      } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "icmpv6")) {
          printf("number of packets received : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmpv6.received);
          printf("number of packets sent
                                           : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmpv6.sent);
          printf("number of errors
                                             : %llu\n", pinfo.u.icmpv6.errors);
      } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "udp")) {
          printf("number of input packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.udp.ipackets);
          printf("number of input errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.udp.ierrors);
          printf("number of output packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.udp.opackets);
      } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "tcp")) {
          printf("number of input packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.tcp.ipackets);
          printf("number of input errors : %llu\n", pinfo.u.tcp.ierrors);
          printf("number of output packets : %llu\n", pinfo.u.tcp.opackets);
       } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "rpc")) {
          printf("client statistics:\n");
          printf("number of connection-oriented RPC requests : %llu\n",
                 pinfo.u.rpc.client.stream.calls);
          printf("number of rejected connection-oriented RPCs : %11u\n",
                 pinfo.u.rpc.client.stream.badcalls);
          printf("number of connectionless RPC requests
                                                              : %llu\n",
```

```
printf("number of rejected connectionless RPCs : %11u\n",
                  pinfo.u.rpc.client.dgram.badcalls);
          printf("\nserver statistics:\n");
          printf("number of connection-oriented RPC requests : %11u\n",
                  pinfo.u.rpc.server.stream.calls);
           printf("number of rejected connection-oriented RPCs : %11u\n",
                  pinfo.u.rpc.server.stream.badcalls);
          printf("number of connectionless RPC requests
                                                              : %llu\n",
                  pinfo.u.rpc.server.dgram.calls);
           printf("number of rejected connectionless RPCs
                                                              : %llu\n",
                  pinfo.u.rpc.server.dgram.badcalls);
       } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "nfs")) {
          printf("total number of NFS client requests
                                                             : %llu\n",
                  pinfo.u.nfs.client.calls);
           printf("total number of NFS client failed calls
                                                              : %llu\n",
                  pinfo.u.nfs.client.badcalls);
          printf("total number of NFS server requests
                                                              : %llu\n".
                  pinfo.u.nfs.server.calls);
          printf("total number of NFS server failed calls
                                                              : %11u\n",
                  pinfo.u.nfs.server.badcalls);
          printf("total number of NFS version 2 server calls : %llu\n",
                  pinfo.u.nfs.server.public v2);
          printf("total number of NFS version 3 server calls : %llu\n",
                 pinfo.u.nfs.server.public v3);
       } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "nfsv2")) {
          printf("number of NFS V2 client requests : 11u\",
                  pinfo.u.nfsv2.client.calls);
          printf("number of NFS V2 server requests : %11u\n",
                 pinfo.u.nfsv2.server.calls);
       } else if (!strcmp(pinfo.name, "nfsv3")) {
          printf("number of NFS V3 client requests : %llu\n",
                 pinfo.u.nfsv3.client.calls);
          printf("number of NFS V3 server requests : %11u\n",
                 pinfo.u.nfsv3.server.calls);
      }
       /* make sure we stop after the last protocol */
       if (ret = strcmp(protid.name, "")) {
          printf("\nnext protocol name : %s\n", protid.name);
           /* retrieve information for next protocol */
           ret = perfstat protocol(&protid, &pinfo, sizeof(perfstat protocol t), 1);
    if (ret < 0)
  perror("perfstat protocol");
  exit(-1);
          retrieved += ret;
    } while (ret == 1);
   printf("\nnumber of protocol usage structures retrieved : %d\n", retrieved);
}
The preceding program produces output similar to the following:
number of protocol usage structures available: 10
Statistics for protocol : ip
number of input packets : 142839
number of input errors
                        : 54665
number of output packets : 63974
number of output errors : 55878
next protocol name : ipv6
```

pinfo.u.rpc.client.dgram.calls);

Statistics for protocol: ipv6 ----number of input packets : 0 number of input errors : 0 number of output packets: 0 number of output errors : 0 next protocol name : icmp Statistics for protocol : icmp ----number of packets received: 35 number of packets sent : 1217 number of errors : 0 next protocol name : icmpv6 Statistics for protocol: icmpv6 number of packets received :  $\theta$ number of packets sent : 0 number of errors : 0 next protocol name : udp Statistics for protocol : udp number of input packets : 4316 number of input errors : 0 number of output packets: 308 next protocol name : tcp Statistics for protocol : tcp ----number of input packets : 82604 number of input errors : 0 number of output packets: 62250 next protocol name : rpc Statistics for protocol : rpc ----client statistics: number of connection-oriented RPC requests : 375 number of rejected connection-oriented RPCs : 0 number of connectionless RPC requests : 20 number of rejected connectionless RPCs : 0 server statistics: number of connection-oriented RPC requests : 32 number of rejected connection-oriented RPCs : 0 number of connectionless RPC requests : 0 number of rejected connectionless RPCs : 0 next protocol name : nfs Statistics for protocol:nfstotal number of NFS client requests : 375 total number of NFS client failed calls : 0 total number of NFS server requests : 32 total number of NFS server failed calls : 0 total number of NFS version 2 server calls: 0 total number of NFS version 3 server calls: 0

```
next protocol name : nfsv2

Statistics for protocol : nfsv2
------
number of NFS V2 client requests : 0
number of NFS V2 server requests : 0

next protocol name : nfsv3

Statistics for protocol : nfsv3
-----
number of NFS V3 client requests : 375
number of NFS V3 server requests : 32

number of protocol usage structures retrieved : 10
```

The preceding program emulates protocolstat behavior and also shows how perfstat\_protocol is used.

### perfstat\_netbuffer Interface

The **perfstat\_netbuffer** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_netbuffer\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_netbuffer\_t** structure include:

size Size of the allocation (string expressing size in bytes)

inuseCurrent allocation of this sizefailedFailed allocation of this sizefreeFree list for this size

Several other allocation-related metrics (such as high-water mark and freed) are also returned. For a complete list of other allocation-related metrics, see the **perfstat\_netbuffer\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_netbuffer is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
  int i, ret, tot;
  perfstat netbuffer t *statp;
  perfstat_id_t first;
   /* check how many perfstat netbuffer t structures are available */
  tot = perfstat netbuffer(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat netbuffer t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot <= 0)
perror("perfstat netbuffer");
exit(-1);
  }
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
  statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat netbuffer t));
   /* set name to first interface */
  strcpy(first.name, FIRST_NETBUFFER);
   /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
   /* return code is number of structures returned */
  ret = perfstat netbuffer(&first, statp,
                          sizeof(perfstat_netbuffer_t), tot);
   /* check for error */
   if (ret <= 0)
```

```
perror("perfstat netbuffer");
exit(-1);
   /* print info in netstat -m format */
   printf("%-12s %10s %9s %6s %9s %7s %7s %7s\n",
           "By size", "inuse", "calls", "failed", "delayed", "free", "hiwat", "freed");
   for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
       printf("%-12s %10||u %9||u %6||u %9||u %7||u %7||u %7||u\n",
            statp[i].name,
            statp[i].inuse,
            statp[i].calls,
            statp[i].delayed,
            statp[i].free,
            statp[i].failed,
            statp[i].highwatermark,
            statp[i].freed);
       }
}
```

The preceding program produces output similar to the following:

By size	inuse	calls	failed	delayed	free	hiwat	freed
32	199	4798	0	57	0	826	0
64	96	8121	0	32	0	413	0
128	110	50156	0	146	0	206	2
256	279	20313587	0	361	0	496	0
512	156	5298	0	12	0	51	0
1024	38	1038	0	6	0	129	0
2048	1	6946	0	129	0	129	1024
4096	67	276102	0	132	0	155	0
8192	4	123	0	4	0	12	0
16384	1	1	0	15	0	31	0
65536	1	1	0	0	0	512	0

# perfstat\_pagingspace Interface

The perfstat\_pagingspace interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat\_pagingspace\_t, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat pagingspace t** structure include:

mb\_size Size of the paging space in MB lp\_size Size of the paging space in logical partitions mb\_used Portion of the paging space used in MB

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as name, type, and active) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the perfstat\_pagingspace\_t section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_pagingspace** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char agrv[]) {
    int i, ret, tot;
    perfstat id t first;
   perfstat pagingspace t *pinfo;
    tot = perfstat_pagingspace(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_pagingspace_t), 0);
    /* check for error */
    if (tot <= 0)
perror("perfstat_pagingspace");
exit(-1);
```

```
}
   pinfo = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat pagingspace t));
   strcpy(first.name, FIRST PAGINGSPACE);
    ret = perfstat pagingspace(&first, pinfo, sizeof(perfstat pagingspace t), tot);
    /* check for error */
   if (tot <= 0)
perror("perfstat pagingspace");
exit(-1);
   }
    for (i = 0; i < ret; i++) {
       printf("\nStatistics for paging space : %s\n", pinfo[i].name);
       printf("----\n");
                      : %s\n",
       printf("type
              pinfo[i].type == LV PAGING ? "logical volume" : "NFS file");
        if (pinfo[i].type == LV_PAGING) {
        printf("volume group : %s\n", pinfo[i].u.lv paging.vgname);
       }
       else {
        printf("hostname : %s\n", pinfo[i].u.nfs_paging.hostname);
        printf("filename : %s\n", pinfo[i].u.nfs_paging.filename);
       printf("size (in LP) : %llu\n", pinfo[i].lp_size);
       printf("size (in MB) : %llu\n", pinfo[i].mb_size);
       printf("used (in MB) : %llu\n", pinfo[i].mb_used);
   }
}
```

The preceding program produces output similar to the following:

```
Statistics for paging space : hd6
-----
type : logical volume
volume group : rootvg
size (in LP) : 64
size (in MB) : 512
used (in MB) : 4
```

# perfstat\_tape Interface

The **perfstat\_tape** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_tape\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_tape\_t** structure include:

sizeSize of the tape (in MB)freeFree portion of the tape (in MB)bsizeTape block size (in bytes)paths\_countNumber of paths to the tape

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as name, type, and active) are also returned. For a complete list of paging-space-related metrics, see the **perfstat\_pagingspace\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_tape** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>

int ret, tot;
   perfstat_tape_t *statp;
   perfstat id t first;
```

```
/* check how many perfstat_tape_t structures are available */
   tot = perfstat tape(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat tape t), 0);
   /* check for error */
   if (tot < 0)
perror("perfstat tape");
exit(-1);
   if (tot == 0)
   {
       printf("No tape found in the system\n");
       exit(-1);
   /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
   statp = calloc(tot, sizeof(perfstat tape t));
   /* set name to first interface */
   strcpy(first.name, FIRST TAPE);
   /* ask to get all the structures available in one call */
   /* return code is number of structures returned */
   ret = perfstat tape(&first, statp,
                       sizeof(perfstat_tape_t), tot);
   /* check for error */
   if (ret <= 0)
perror("perfstat_tape");
exit(-1);
```

# perfstat\_logicalvolume Interface

The perfstat\_logicalvolume interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat\_logicalvolume\_t, which is defined in the libperfstat.h file. Selected fields from the perfstat\_logicalvolume\_t structure include:

**Ppsize** Physical partition size (in MB) locnt Number of read and write requests

**Kbreads** Number of kilobytes read **Kbwrites** Number of kilobytes written

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as name, type, and active) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the perfstat logical volume t section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

Note: The perfstat\_config (PERFSTAT\_ENABLE | PERFSTAT\_LV, NULL) must be used to enable the logical volume statistical collection.

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_logicalvolume is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int lv count, rc;
perfstat id t first;
perfstat logicalvolume t *lv;
strcpy(first.name,NULL);
```

```
/* enable the logical volume statistical collection */
perfstat config(PERFSTAT ENABLE | PERFSTAT LV, NULL);
/* get the number of logical volumes */
lv_count = perfstat_logicalvolume (&first, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_logicalvolume_t), 0);
/* check the subroutine return code for any error */
if (lv count == -1){
  perror("perfstat_logicalvolume");
  exit(-1);
/* Allocate enough memory to hold all the structures */
lv = (perfstat logicalvolume t *)calloc(lv count, sizeof(perfstat logicalvolume t));
if (1v == NULL) {
  perror("@malloc");
  exit(-1);
/* Call the API to get the data */
rc = perfstat logicalvolume(&first, (perfstat logicalvolume t*)info,
sizeof(perfstat logicalvolume t), lv count);
/* check the return code for any error */
if (rc == -1){
  perror("perfstat_logical volume ");
  exit(-1);
/* disable logical volume statistical collection */
perfstat config(PERFSTAT DISABLE | PERFSTAT LV , NULL);
```

The preceding program emulates vmstat behavior and also shows how perfstat\_logicalvolume is used.

# perfstat\_volumegroup Interface

The **perfstat\_volumegroup** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_logicalvolume\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_logicalvolume\_t** structure include:

Total\_disks Total number of disks in the volume group

Active\_disks Total number of active disks in the volume group

locnt Number of read and write requests

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_logicalvolume** is used:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>

int vg_count, rc;
perfstat_id_t first;
perfstat_volumegroup_t *vg;

strcpy(first.name,NULL);

/* to enable the volumegroup statistical collection */
perfstat_config(PERFSTAT_ENABLE|PERFSTAT_LV,NULL);

/* to get the number of volume groups */
vg_count = perfstat_volumegroup (&first, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_logicalvolume_t), 0);

/* check the subroutine return code for any error */
if (vg_count == -1){
```

```
perror("perfstat volumegroup");
  exit(-1);
/* Allocate enough memory to hold all the structures */
vg = (perfstat_volumegroup_t *)calloc(lv_count, sizeof(perfstat_volumegroup_t));
if (1v == NULL) {
  perror("@malloc");
  exit(-1);
/* Call the API to get the data */
rc = perfstat volumegroup(&first,(perfstat volumegroup t*)info,
    sizeof(perfstat_volumegroup_t),lv_count);
/* check the return code for any error */
if (rc == -1){
   perror("perfstat volumegroup ");
  exit(-1);
/* disable logical volume statistical collection */
perfstat config(PERFSTAT DISABLE | PERFSTAT LV , NULL);
```

The preceding program emulates vmstat behavior and also shows how perfstat\_volumegroup is used.

#### WPAR Interfaces

The following are two types of WPAR interfaces:

- The metrics related to a set of components for a WPAR (such as processors, or memory).
- · The specific metrics related to individual components on a WPAR (such as a processor, network interface, or memory page).

All of the following WPAR interfaces use the naming convention perfstat subsystem total wpar, and use a common signature:

perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar perfstat\_wpar\_total perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar Retrieves WPAR processor summary usage metrics Retrieves WPAR memory summary usage metrics Retrieves WPAR information metrics Retrieves WPAR memory page usage metrics

The signature used by all the of subsystem total interfaces, except for perfstat memory page wpar, is as follows:

```
int perfstat subsystem total wpar(perfstat id wpar t *name,
                             perfstat subsystem total t *userbuff,
                             int sizeof_struct,
                             int desired number);
```

The signature used by the **perfstat memory page wpar** interface is as follows:

```
int perfstat memory page wpar(perfstat id wpar t *name,
         perfstat psize t *psize,
                             perfstat subsystem total t *userbuff,
                             int sizeof struct,
                             int desired number);
```

The usage of the parameters for all of the interfaces is as follows:

perfstat\_id\_wpar\_t \*name Specifies the WPAR ID or WPAR name for which the

metrics need to be retrieved.

Note: When called inside of a WPAR environment, the

name should be NULL.

perfstat\_subsystem\_total\_t \*userbuff Specifies a memory area with enough space for the

returned structure.

int sizeof\_struct Specifies the size of the perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar\_t

structure.

int desired number Specifies the number of different page size statistics to be

collected.

The number of structures copied and returned without errors will use the return value of 1. If there are errors, the return value will be -1.

An exception to this scheme is **perfstat\_wpar\_total**. For this function, when name=NULL, userbuff=NULL and desired\_number=0, the total number of **perfstat\_wpar\_total\_t** structures available is returned.

To retrieve all **perfstat\_wpar\_total\_t** structures, select one of the following methods:

- Ask first for their number, allocate enough memory to hold them all at once, and then call the appropriate API to retrieve them all in one call.
- Allocate a fixed set of structures and repeatedly call the API to get the next number of structures, each time passing the name returned by the previous call. Start the process by using one of the following queries:
  - wparname set to ""
  - FIRST WPARNAME
  - wpar id set to -1
  - FIRST\_WPARID

Repeat the process until the wparname is returned equal to " or the wpar\_id is returned equal to -1.

The **perfstat\_id\_wpar\_total** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_id\_wpar\_total\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_id\_wpar\_total\_t** structure include:

spec Specifier to choose WPAR ID, WPAR Name, or the RSET Handle from the union

wpar\_idSpecifies the WPAR IDwparnameSpecifies the WPAR Name

rset Specifies the RSET Handle of the rset associated with the WPAR

name Reserved for future use, should be NULL

The following sections provide examples of the type of data returned and code using each of the interfaces.

# perfstat\_wpar\_total Interface

The **perfstat\_wpar\_total** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_wpar\_total\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_wpar\_total\_t** structure include:

**Type** WPAR type.

online\_cpus The number of virtual processors currently allocated to the partition rset or the

number of virtual processors currently allocated to the system partition.

**online\_memory** The amount of memory currently allocated to the system partition.

**cpu\_limit** The maximum limit of processor resources this WPAR can consume. The

processor limit will be in 100ths of percentage units.

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of system calls, number of reads, writes, forks, execs, and load average) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-relate metrics, see the perfstat\_wpar\_total\_t section in the libperfstat.h header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following program emulates wparstat behavior and also shows an example of how **perfstat wpar total** is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat_wpar_total_t *winfo;
    perfstat_id_wpar_t wparid;
   int tot, rc;
    tot = perfstat_wpar_total(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_wpar_total_t), 0);
    if (tot < 0) {
        perror("Error in perfstat wpar total");
        exit(-1);
    }
    if (tot == 0) {
  printf("No WPARs found in the system\n");
  exit(-1);
   }
    /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
   winfo = calloc(tot,sizeof(perfstat_wpar_total_t));
    /* Retrieve all WPARs */
    bzero(&wparid, sizeof(perfstat id wpar t));
   wparid.spec = WPARNAME;
    strcpy(wparid.u.wparname,FIRST WPARNAME);
    rc = perfstat_wpar_total(wparid, winfo, sizeof(perfstat_wpar_total_t), tot);
    if (rc <= 0) {
  perror("Error in perfstat_wpar_total");
  exit(-1);
   }
```

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat** wpar total is used from the WPAR environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat_wpar_total_t winfo;
   int rc;
    rc = perfstat wpar total (NULL, &winfo, sizeof(perfstat wpar total t), 1);
        if (rc <= 0) {
       perror("Error in perfstat wpar total");
        exit(-1);
        }
```

# perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar Interface

The perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar\_t, which is defined in the libperfstat.h file. Selected fields from the perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar\_t structure include:

processorHz

Processor speed in Hertz (from ODM)

**Description** Processor type (from ODM)

Ncpus Current number of active processors available to the WPAR

ncpus\_cfg Number of configured processors; that is, the maximum number of processors

that this copy of AIX® can handle simultaneously

Puser Total number of physical processor ticks spent in user mode

Psys Total number of physical processor ticks spent in system (kernel) mode

Piddle Total number of physical processor ticks spent idle with no I/O pending

Pwait Total number of physical processor ticks spent idle with I/O pending

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of system calls, number of reads, writes, forks, execs, and load average) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following program emulates **wparstat** behavior and also shows an example of how **perfstat cpu total wpar t** is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat cpu total wpar t cpustats;
    perfstat_id_wpar_t wparid;
    perfstat wpar total t *winfo;
    int i,rc,totwpars;
    /* Retrieve total number of WPARs in the system */
    totwpars = perfstat wpar total (NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat wpar total t), 0);
    if (totwpars < 0) {</pre>
        perror("Error in perfstat_wpar_total");
        exit(-1);
    }
    if (totwpars == 0) {
printf("No WPARs found in the system\n");
exit(-1);
   }
    /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
   winfo = calloc(totwpars,sizeof(perfstat_wpar_total_t));
    /* Retrieve all WPARs */
    bzero(&wparid, sizeof(perfstat id wpar t));
    wparid.spec = WPARNAME;
    strcpy(wparid.u.wparname,FIRST WPARNAME);
    rc = perfstat wpar total (wparid, winfo, sizeof(perfstat wpar total t), totwpars);
    if (rc <= 0) {
perror("Error in perfstat wpar total");
exit(-1);
   }
    for(i=0; i < totwpars; i++)</pre>
bzero(&wparid, sizeof(perfstat id wpar t));
    wparid.spec = WPARID;
       wparid.u.wpar id = winfo[i].wpar id;
rc = perfstat_cpu_total_wpar(&wparid, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat_cpu_total_wpar_t), 1);
        if (rc != 1) {
```

```
perror("perfstat cpu total wpar");
       exit(-1);
}
```

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar is used from the WPAR environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat cpu total wpar t cpustats;
    int rc;
    rc = perfstat cpu total wpar(NULL, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat cpu total wpar t), 1);
    if (rc != 1) {
        perror("perfstat cpu total wpar");
        exit(-1);
```

## perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar Interface

The perfstat memory total wpar interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat memory total wpar t, which is defined in the libperfstat.h file. Selected fields from the perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar\_t structure include:

real\_total Amount of Global real memory (in units of 4 KB pages) real\_free Amount of Global free real memory (in units of 4 KB pages) real\_pinned Amount of WPAR pinned memory (in units of 4 KB pages)

**Pgins** Number of WPAR pages paged in **Pgouts** Number of WPAR pages paged out

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of system calls, number of reads, writes, forks, execs, and load average) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar\_t section in the libperfstat.h header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following program emulates wparstat behavior and also shows an example of how **perfstat memory total wpar** is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat memory total wpar t memstats;
    perfstat id wpar t wparid;
   perfstat wpar total t *winfo;
    int i,rc,totwpars;
    /* Retrieve total number of WPARs in the system */
    totwpars = perfstat wpar total (NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat wpar total t), 0);
    if (totwpars < 0) {
        perror("Error in perfstat_wpar_total");
        exit(-1);
    if (totwpars == 0) {
 printf("No WPARs found in the system\n");
 exit(-1);
    }
    /* allocate enough memory for all the structures */
    winfo = calloc(totwpars, size of (perfstat wpar total t));
```

```
/* Retrieve all WPARs */
   bzero(&wparid, sizeof(perfstat id wpar t));
   wparid.spec = WPARNAME;
   strcpy(wparid.u.wparname,FIRST WPARNAME);
   rc = perfstat wpar total (wparid, winfo, sizeof(perfstat wpar total t), totwpars);
   if (rc <= 0) {
perror("Error in perfstat wpar total");
exit(-1);
   for(i=0; i < totwpars; i++)</pre>
bzero(&wparid, sizeof(perfstat_id_wpar_t));
    wparid.spec = WPARID;
       wparid.u.wpar id = winfo[i].wpar id;
rc = perfstat memory total wpar(&wparid, &memstats, sizeof(perfstat memory total wpar t), 1);
       if (rc != 1) {
        perror("perfstat memory total wpar");
           exit(-1);
       }
   }
```

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_memory\_total\_wpar** is used from the WPAR environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>

perfstat_memory_total_wpar_t memstats;
int rc;

rc = perfstat_memory_total_wpar(NULL, &memstats, sizeof(perfstat_memory_total_wpar_t), 1);
if (rc != 1) {
    perror("perfstat_memory_total_wpar");
    exit(-1);
}
```

# perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar Interface

The perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar\_t , which is defined in the libperfstat.h file. Selected fields from the perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar\_t structure include:

**Psize** Page size in bytes

real\_total Amount of Global real memory (in units of the psize)
real\_pinned Amount of WPAR pinned memory (in units of psize)

Pgins Number of WPAR pages paged in Pgouts Number of WPAR pages paged out

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of system calls, number of reads, writes, forks, execs, and load average) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the **perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following program emulates **vmstat** behavior and also shows an example of how **perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar** is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
```

```
int psizes, rc;
perfstat memory page wpar t *pageinfo;
perfstat id wpar t wparid;
wparid.spec = WPARNAME;
strcpy(wparid.u.wparname , "wpar1");
/* Get the number of page sizes */
psizes = perfstat memory page wpar(&wparid, NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat memory page wpar t),0);
/*check for error */
if (psizes <= 0){
    Perror("perfstat memory page wpar ");
    Exit(-1);
}
/Allocate enough memory to hold the structures */
pageinfo = (perfstat_memory_page_wpar_t *)calloc(psizes, sizeof(perfstat_memory_page_wpar_t));
/*check for memory allocation */
if (!pageinfo){
   Perror("calloc");
   Exit(-1);
/* call the API and get the data */
rc = perfstat_memory_page_wpar(&wparid, FIRST_PSIZE, pageinfo ,
sizeof(perfstat_memory_page_wpar_t), psizes);
/* check the return values for any error */
if (rc <= 0){
   perror("perfstat_memory_page_wpar ");
   exit(-1);
}
The following code shows an example of how perfstat_memory_page_wpar is used from the WPAR
environment:
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int psizes, rc;
perfstat memory page wpar t pageinfo;
/* Get the number of page sizes */
psizes = perfstat memory page wpar(NULL, NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat memory page wpar t),0);
/*check for error */
if (psizes \le 0)
   perror("perfstat memory page wpar ");
    exit(-1);
}
/* call the API and get the data */
rc = perfstat memory page wpar(NULL, FIRST PSIZE, &pageinfo ,
    sizeof(perfstat_memory_page_wpar_t), psizes);
/* check the return values for any error */
if (rc <= 0){
    perror("perfstat_memory_page_wpar ");
    exit(-1);
```

### **RSET Interfaces**

The RSET interface reports processor metrics related to an RSET.

All of the following AIX 6.1 RSET interfaces use the naming convention perfstat subsystem[ total] rset, and use a common signature:

perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset perfstat\_cpu\_rset

Retrieves processor summary metrics of the processors in an RSET Retrieves per processor metrics of the processors in an RSET

The signature used by the previous "perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar Interface" on page 119 is as follows: int perfstat cpu rset(perfstat wpar id t \*name,

```
perfstat_cpu_t * userbuff,
                       int sizeof struct,
                       int desired number);
int perfstat cpu total rset(perfstat wpar id t *name,
                       perfstat cpu total t * userbuff,
                       int sizeof struct,
                       int desired number);
```

The usage of the parameters for all of the interfaces is as follows:

perfstat\_id\_wpar\_t \*name

Specifies the RSET identifier and the name of the first component (for example, cpu0) for which statistics are desired. A structure containing the specifier, which can be a RSETHANDLE, WPARID, or WPARNAME, a union to specify the wpar id, or wpar name or rsethandle and a char \* field to specify the name of the first component. To start from the first component of a subsystem, set the char\* field of the name parameter to "" (empty string). You can also use the macro FIRST\_CPU defined in the libperfstat.h file.

perfstat\_cpu[\_total]\_t \*userbuff int sizeof struct

A pointer to a memory area with enough space for the returned structures.

Should be set to sizeof(perfstat\_cpu[\_total]\_t).

The number of structures of type perfstat\_cpu[\_total]\_t to return in userbuff. int desired\_number

The number of structures copied and returned without errors will use the return value of 1. If there are errors, the return value will be -1. The field name is either set to NULL or to the name of the next structure available.

An exception to this scheme is when name=NULL, userbuff=NULL, and desired\_number=0, the total number of structures available is returned.

To retrieve all structures of a given type, either ask first for their number, allocate enough memory to hold them all at once, then call the appropriate API to retrieve them all in one call. Otherwise, allocate a fixed set of structures and repeatedly call the API to get the next such number of structures, each time passing the name returned by the previous call. Start the process with the name set to "" or FIRST\_CPU, and repeat the process until the name returned is equal to "".

The following sections provide examples of the type of data returned and code using each of the interfaces.

### perfstat\_cpu\_rset interface

The perfstat\_cpu\_rset interface returns a set of structures of type perfstat\_cpu\_t, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_cpu\_t** structure include:

name Logical processor name (cpu0, cpu1 and so on) user Number of clock ticks spent in user mode

Number of clock ticks spent in system (kernel) mode sys idle Number of clock ticks spent idle with no I/O pending wait Number of clock ticks spent idle with I/O pending

syscall Number of system call executed

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of forks, reads, writes, and execs) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the perfstat\_cpu\_t section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference.

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_cpu\_rset is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
   int retcode, rsetcpus;
   perfstat id wpar t wparid;
   perfstat cpu t *statp;
  wparid.spec = WPARNAME;
   /* give the wparname "wpar1" as the identifier */
  strcpy(wparid.u.wparname, "wpar1");
   /* check how many perfstat cpu t structures are available */
   rsetcpus = perfstat cpu rset(&wparid, NULL, sizeof(perfstat cpu t), 0);
   if (rsetcpus < 0){
      perror("perfstat cpu rset");
       exit(-1);
   }
   /*allocate memory for perfstat cpu t structures */
   Statp = (perfstat cpu t *)calloc(rsetcpus , sizeoThe following code shows
   an example of how <ph style="bold">perfstat cpu rset</ph> is used from the global
   environment: f(perfstat_cpu_t));
   If(!statp){
      Perror("calloc");
   /*call the API and get the values */
  Retcode = perfstat cpu rset(&wparid, statp,sizeof(perfstat cpu t), rsetcpus);
   If(retcode < 0){</pre>
      Perror("perfstat_cpu_rset");
```

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_cpu\_rset is used from the WPAR environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
   int retcode, rsetcpus;
   perfstat cpu t *statp;
   /* check how many perfstat cpu t structures are available */
```

```
rsetcpus = perfstat_cpu_rset(NULL, NULL, sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t), 0);
if (rsetcpus < 0 ){
    perror("perfstat_cpu_rset");
    exit(-1);
}

/*allocate memory for perfstat_cpu_t structures */
statp = (perfstat_cpu_t *)calloc(rsetcpus , sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t));
if(!statp){
    Perror("calloc");
}

/*call the API and get the values */
retcode = perfstat_cpu_rset(NULL, statp,sizeof(perfstat_cpu_t), rsetcpus);
if(retcode < 0){
    Perror("perfstat_cpu_rset");
}</pre>
```

## perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset interface

The **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset** interface returns a set of structures of type **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t**, which is defined in the **libperfstat.h** file. Selected fields from the **perfstat\_cpu\_t** structure include:

processorHz Processor speed in Hertz (from ODM)

**description** Processor type (from ODM)

**ncpus** Current number of active processors

ncpus\_cfg Number of configured processors (maximum number of processors that this copy of

AIX can handle simultaneously)

ncpus\_high Maximum number of active processors; that is, the maximum number of active

processors since the last reboot

**User** Total number of clock ticks spent in user mode

Sys Total number of clock ticks spent in system (kernel) mode Idle Total number of clock ticks spent idle with no I/O pending Wait Total number of clock ticks spent idle with I/O pending

Several other paging-space-related metrics (such as number of forks, read, writes, and execs) are also returned. For a complete list of other paging-space-related metrics, see the **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t** section in the **libperfstat.h** header file in *AIX Version 6.1 Files Reference*.

The following code shows an example of how **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset** is used from the global environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include #include
```

The following code shows an example of how perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset is used from the WPAR environment:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
    perfstat_cpu_total_t cpustats;
   int rc;
    rc = perfstat_cpu_total_rset(NULL, &cpustats, sizeof(perfstat_cpu_total_t), 1);
    if (rc != 1) {
       perror("perfstat_cpu_total_rset");
       exit(-1);
```

### **Cached metrics interfaces**

Cached metrics interfaces are used when the system configuration changes to inform the libperfstat API that it should reset cached metrics, which consist of values that seldom change such as disk size or CPU description.

The following table lists the metrics that are cached:

Object	Content	Sample value
perfstat_cpu_total	char cpu_description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH] u_longlong_t processorHZ	PowerPC_POWER3 375000000
perfstat_diskadapter	The list of disk adapters The number of disk adapters u_longlong_t size u_longlong_t free char description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	scsi0, scsi1, ide0 3 17344 15296 Wide/Ultra-3 SCSI I/O Controller
perfstat_pagingspace	The list of paging spaces The number of paging spaces char automatic char type longlong_t lpsize longlong_t mbsize char hostname [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH] char filename [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	hd6 1 1 NFS_PAGING 16 512 pompei or rootvg /var/tmp/nfsswap/swapfile1
perfstat_disk	char adapter [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH] char description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH] char vgname [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH] u_longlong_t size u_longlong_t free	scsi0 16 Bit LVD SCSI Disk Drive rootvg 17344 15296
perfstat_diskpath	char adapter [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	scsi0
perfstat_netinterface	char description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	Standard Ethernet Network Interface
perfstat_logicalvolume	char description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	Logical volume1
perfstat_volumegroup	char description [IDENTIFIER_LENGTH]	Volume group1

You can use the following AIX interfaces to refresh the cached metrics:

Interface	Purpose	Definition of interface
perfstat_reset	Resets every cached metric	<pre>void perfstat_reset (void);</pre>
perfstat_partial_reset	Resets selected cached metrics or resets the system's minimum and maximum	<pre>void perfstat_partial_reset (char * name,</pre>
	counters for disks	<pre>u_longlong_t resetmask);</pre>

The usage of the parameters for all of the interfaces is as follows:

Parameter	Usage
char *name	Identifies the name of the component of the cached metric that should be reset from the <b>libperfstat</b> API cache. If the value of the parameter is NULL, this signifies all of the components.
u_longlong_t resetmask	Identifies the category of the component if the value of the <b>name</b> parameter is not NULL. The possible values are:
	FLUSH_CPUTOTAL
	FLUSH_DISK
	RESET_DISK_MINMAX
	FLUSH_DISKADAPTER
	FLUSH_DISKPATH
	FLUSH_NETINTERFACE
	FLUSH_PAGINGSPACE
	FLUSH_LOGICALVOLUME
	FLUSH_VOLUMEGROUP
	If the value of the <b>name</b> parameter is NULL, the <b>resetmask</b> parameter value consists of a combination of values. For example:  RESET_DISK_MINMAX FLUSH_CPUTOTAL FLUSH_DISK

## The perfstat\_reset interface

The perfstat\_reset interface resets every cached metric that is stored by the libperfstat API. It also resets the system's minimum and maximum counters related to disks and paths. To be more selective, it is advised to use the perfstat\_partial\_reset interface.

# The perfstat\_partial\_reset interface

The perfstat\_partial\_reset interface resets the specified cached metrics that are stored by the libperfstat API. The perfstat\_partial\_reset interface can also reset the system's minimum and maximum counters related to disks and paths. The following table summarizes the various actions of the perfstat\_partial\_reset interface:

The resetmask value	Action taken when the value of name is NULL	Action taken when the value of name is not NULL and a single resetmask value is set
FLUSH_CPUTOTAL	Flushes the speed and description values in the perfstat_cputotal_t structure.	Error. The value of <b>errno</b> is set to EINVAL.
FLUSH_DISK	Flushes the description, adapter, size, free, and vgname values in every perfstat_disk_t structure. Flushes the list of disk adapters. Flushes the size, free, and description values in everyperfstat_diskadapter_t structure.	Flushes the description, adapter, size, free, and vgname values in the specified perfstat_disk_t structure. Flushes the adapter value in every perfstat_diskpath_t structure that matches the disk name that is followed by the _Path identifier. Flushes the size, free, and description values of each perfstat_diskadapter_t structure that is linked to a path leading to the disk or to the disk itself.

The resetmask value	Action taken when the value of name is NULL	Action taken when the value of name is not NULL and a single resetmask value is set
	Resets the following values in every perfstat_diskadapter_t structure:	Error. The value of <b>errno</b> is set to ENOTSUP.
	wq_min_time	
RESET DISK MINMAX	wq_max_time	
RESET_DISK_IMINIMAX	min_rserv	
	max_rserv	
	min_wserv	
	• max_wserv	
FLUSH_DISKADAPTER	Flushes the list of disk adapters. Flushes the size, free, and description values in every perfstat_diskadapter_t structure. Flushes the adapter value in every perfstat_diskpath_t structure. Flushes the description and adapter values in every perfstat_disk_t structure.	Flushes the list of disk adapters. Flushes the size, free, and description values in every perfstat_diskadapter_t structure. Flushes the adapter value in every perfstat_diskpath_t structure. Flushes the description and adapter values in every perfstat_disk_t structure.
FLUSH_DISKPATH	Flushes the adapter value in every perfstat_diskpath_t structure.	Flushes the adapter value in the specified <b>perfstat_diskpath_t</b> structure.
FLUSH_PAGINGSPACE	Flushes the list of paging spaces. Flushes the automatic, type, lpsize, mbsize, hostname, filename, and vgname values in every perfstat_pagingspace_t structure.	Flushes the list of paging spaces. Flushes the automatic, type, 1psize, mbsize, hostname, filename, and vgname values in the specified perfstat_pagingspace_t structure.
FLUSH_NETINTERFACE	Flushes the description value in every perfstat_netinterface_t structure.	Flushes the description value in the specified <b>perfstat_netinterface_t</b> structure.
FLUSH_LOGICALVOLUME	Flushes the description value in every perfstat_logicalvolume_t structure.	Flushes the description value in every <b>perfstat_logicalvolume_t</b> structure.
FLUSH_VOLUMEGROUP	Flushes the description value in every perfstat_volumegroup_t structure.	Flushes the description value in every <b>perfstat_volumegroup_t</b> structure.

You can see how to use the perfstat\_partial\_reset interface in the following example code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <libperfstat.h>
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   int i, retcode;
   perfstat_id_t diskname;
   perfstat_disk_t *statp;
   /* set name of the disk */
   strcpy(diskname.name, "hdisk0");
   /* we will now reset global system min/max metrics
   * Be careful as this could interact with other programs.
   */
   perfstat_partial_reset(NULL, RESET_DISK_MINMAX);
   /* min/max values are now reset.
   \star We can now wait for some time before checking the variation range.
```

## Change History of the perfstat API

The following changes and additions have been made to the perfstat APIs:

## **Interface Changes**

Beginning with the following filesets:

- bos.perf.libperfstat 4.3.3.4
- bos.perf.libperfstat 5.1.0.50
- bos.perf.libperfstat 5.2.0.10

the **rblks** and **wblks** fields of **libperfstat** are represented by blocks of 512 bytes in the **perfstat\_disk\_total\_t**, **perfstat\_diskadapter\_t** and **perfstat\_diskpath\_t** structures, regardless of the actual block size used by the device for which metrics are being retrieved.

#### **Interface Additions**

The following interfaces were added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 5.2.0 fileset:

- perfstat netbuffer
- perfstat protocol
- perfstat\_pagingspace
- perfstat\_diskadapter
- · perfstat reset

The perfstat\_diskpath interface was added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 5.2.0.10 fileset.

The perfstat\_partition\_total interface was added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.0 fileset.

Theperfstat\_partial\_reset interface was added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.10 fileset.

The following interfaces were added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 6.1.2 fileset:

- perfstat\_cpu\_total\_wpar
- perfstat memory total wpar
- perfstat\_cpu\_total\_rset
- perfstat\_cpu\_rset
- perfstat\_wpar\_total

- perfstat\_tape
- perfstat tape total
- perfstat\_memory\_page
- perfstat\_memory\_page\_wpar
- perfstat\_logicalvolume
- perfstat\_volumegroup
- perfstat\_config

### **Field Additions**

The following additions have been made to the specified fileset levels:

### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.1.0.15 fileset

The following fields were added to perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t:

```
u longlong t bread
u longlong t bwrite
u_longlong_t lread
u_longlong_t lwrite
u_longlong_t phread
u longlong t phwrite
```

Support for C++ was added in this fileset level.

Note that the version of libperfstat for AIX 4.3 is synchronized with this level. No binary or source compatibility is provided between the 4.3.3.4 version and any 5.1 version prior to 5.1.0.15.

### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.1.0.25 fileset

The following fields were added to **perfstat\_cpu\_t**:

```
u longlong t bread
u longlong t bwrite
u_longlong_t lread
u_longlong_t lwrite
u_longlong_t phread
u longlong t phwrite
```

#### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.2.0 fileset

The following fields were added to **perfstat cpu t**:

```
u longlong t iget
u_longlong_t namei
u_longlong_t dirblk
u longlong t msg
u_longlong_t sema
```

The name field which returns the logical processor name is now of the form cpu0, cpu1, and so on instead of proc0, proc1 as it was in previous releases.

The following fields were added to **perfstat cpu total t**:

```
u_longlong_t runocc
u_longlong_t swpocc
u_longlong_t iget
u longlong t namei
u longlong t dirblk
u_longlong_t msg
u_longlong_t sema
u_longlong_t rcvint
u longlong t xmtint
u longlong_t mdmint
u longlong t tty rawinch
u_longlong_t tty_caninch
```

```
u_longlong_t tty_rawoutch
u_longlong_t ksched
u_longlong_t koverf
u_longlong_t rbread
u_longlong_t rcread
u_longlong_t rbwrt
u_longlong_t rcwrt
u_longlong_t traps
int ncpus_high
```

#### The following field was added to **perfstat\_disk\_t**:

```
char adapter[IDENTIFIER LENGTH]
```

#### The following field was added to **perfstat\_netinterface\_t**:

```
u longlong t bitrate
```

#### The following fields were added to perfstat\_memory\_total\_t:

```
u_longlong_t real_system
u_longlong_t real_user
u longlong t real process
```

#### The following defines were added to libperfstat.h:

```
#define FIRST_CPU ""
#define FIRST_DISK ""
#define FIRST_DISKADAPTER ""
#define FIRST_NETINTERFACE ""
#define FIRST_PAGINGSPACE ""
#define FIRST_PROTOCOL ""
#define FIRST_ALLOC ""
```

### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.2.0.10 fileset

The following field was added to the **perfstat\_disk\_t** interface:

```
uint paths_count
```

The following define was added to libperfstat.h:

```
#define FIRST DISKPATH ""
```

#### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.0 fileset

The following fields were added to the **perfstat\_cpu\_t** interface:

```
u longlong t puser
u longlong t psyss
u longlong t pidle
u_longlong_t pwait
u_longlong_t redisp_sd0
u_longlong_t redisp_sd1
u_longlong_t redisp_sd2
u_longlong_t redisp_sd3
u_longlong_t redisp_sd4
u_longlong_t redisp_sd5
u longlong t migration push
u longlong t migration S3grq
u_longlong_t migration S3pul
u_longlong_t invol_cswitch
\verb"u_longlong_t vol_cswitch"
u_longlong_t runque
u longlong t bound
u longlong t decrintrs
u_longlong_t mpcrintrs
```

```
u_longlong_t mpcsintrs
u_longlong_t devintrs
u longlong t softintrs
u_longlong_t phantintrs
```

The following fields were added to the **perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t** interface:

```
u longlong t puser
u_longlong_t psys
u longlong t pidle
u longlong t pwait
u_longlong t decrintrs
u longlong t mpcrintrs
u\_longlong\_t\ mpcsintrs
u_longlong_t phantintrs
```

### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.10 fileset

The following fields were added to both the perfstat\_disk\_t and perfstat\_diskpath\_t interfaces:

```
u longlong t q full
u longlong t rserv
u_longlong_t rtimeout
u_longlong_t rfailed
u longlong t min rserv
u longlong t max rserv
u longlong t wserv
u_longlong_t wtimeout
u_longlong_t wfailed
u longlong t min wserv
u_longlong_t max_wserv
u_longlong_t wq_depth
u_longlong_t wq_sampled
u_longlong_t wq_time
u longlong t wq min time
u_longlong_t wq_max_time
u_longlong_t q_sampled
```

In addition, the xrate field in the following data structures has been renamed to rxfers and contains the number of read transactions when used with selected device drivers or zero:

```
perfstat disk t
perfstat\_disk\_total\_t
perfstat diskadapter t
perfstat diskpath t
```

The following definitions were added to the **libperfstat.h** header file:

```
#define FLUSH CPUTOTAL
#define FLUSH DISK
#define RESET DISK MINMAX
#define FLUSH DISKADAPTER
#define FLUSH DISKPATH
#define FLUSH PAGINGSPACE
#define FLUSH NETINTERFACE
```

#### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.50 fileset

The following fields were added to **perfstat\_partition\_total\_t**:

```
u longlong t reserved pages
u longlong t reserved pagesize
```

#### The bos.perf.libperfstat 5.3.0.60 fileset

The following fields were added to perfstat\_cpu\_t, perfstat\_cpu\_total\_t and perfstat\_partition\_total\_t:

```
u longlong t idle donated purr
u longlong t idle donated spurr
u longlong t busy donated purr
u longlong t busy donated spurr
```

```
u_longlong_t idle_stolen_purr
u_longlong_t idle_stolen_spurr
u_longlong_t busy_stolen_purr
u_longlong_t busy_stolen_spurr
```

The following flags were added to **perfstat\_partition\_type\_t**:

```
unsigned donate_capable
unsigned donate_enabled
```

### **Structure Additions**

The following structures are added in the bos.perf.libperfstat 6.1.2.0 fileset.

```
perfstat_cpu_total_wpar_t
perfstat_cpu_total_rset_t
perfstat_cpu_rset_t
perfstat_wpar_total_t
perfstat_tape_t
perfstat_tape_total_t
perfstat_memory_page_t
perfstat_memory_page_wpar_t
perfstat_logicalvolume_t
perfstat_volumegroup_t
```

### **Related Information**

The libperfstat.h file.

# **Chapter 6. Kernel Tuning**

You can make permanent kernel-tuning changes without having to edit any **rc** files. This is achieved by centralizing the reboot values for all tunable parameters in the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** stanza file. When a system is rebooted, the values in the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** file are automatically applied.

The following commands are used to manipulate the **nextboot** file and other files containing a set of tunable parameter values:

- The tunchange command is used to change values in a stanza file.
- The tunsave command is used to save values to a stanza file.
- The tunrestore is used to apply a file; that is, to change all tunables parameter values to those listed in a file.
- · The tuncheck command must be used to validate a file created manually.
- The tundefault is available to reset tunable parameters to their default values.

The preceding commands work on both current and reboot values.

All six tuning commands (**no**, **nfso**, **vmo**, **ioo**, **raso**, and **schedo**) use a common syntax and are available to directly manipulate the tunable parameter values. Available options include making permanent changes and displaying detailed help on each of the parameters that the command manages. A large majority of tunable parameter values are not modifiable when the login session is initiated outside of the global WPAR partition. Attempts to modify such a read only tunable parameter value is refused by the command and a diagnostic message written to standard error output.

SMIT panels and Web-based System Manager plug-ins are also available to manipulate current and reboot values for all tuning parameters, as well as the files in the **/etc/tunables** directory.

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# **Migration and Compatibility**

When machines are migrated to AIX 5.2 from a previous release of AIX, the tuning commands are automatically set to run in compatibility mode. Most of the information in this section does not apply to compatibility mode. For more information, see AIX 5.2 compatibility mode in *Performance management*.

When a machine is initially installed with AIX 5.2, it is automatically set to run in AIX 5.2 tuning mode, which is described in this chapter. The tuning mode is controlled by the **sys0** attribute called **pre520tune**, which can be set to enable to run in compatibility mode and disable to run in AIX 5.2 mode.

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To retrieve the current setting of the **pre520tune** attribute, run the following command:

lsattr -E -l sys0

To change the current setting of the pre520tune attribute, run the following command:

chdev -1 sys0 -a pre520tune=enable

OR

use SMIT or Web-based System Manager.

# **Tunables File Directory**

Information about tunable parameter values is located in the /etc/tunables directory. Except for a log file created during each reboot, this directory only contains ASCII stanza files with sets of tunable parameters. These files contain parameter=value pairs specifying tunable parameter changes, classified in six stanzas corresponding to the six tuning commands: schedo, vmo, ioo, no, raso, and nfso. Additional information about the level of AIX, when the file was created, and a user-provided description of file usage is stored in a special stanza in the file. For detailed information on the file's format, see the tunables file.

The main file in the tunables directory is called **nextboot**. It contains all the tunable parameter values to be applied at the next reboot. The lastboot file in the tunables directory contains all the tunable values that were set at the last machine reboot, a timestamp for the last reboot, and checksum information about the matching lastboot.log file, which is used to log any changes made, or any error messages encountered, during the last rebooting. The lastboot and lastboot.log files are set to be read-only and are owned by the root user, as are the directory and all of the other files.

Users can create as many /etc/tunables files as needed, but only the nextboot file is ever automatically applied. Manually created files must be validated using the tuncheck command. Parameters and stanzas can be missing from a file. Only tunable parameters present in the file will be changed when the file is applied with the tunrestore command. Missing tunables will simply be left at their current or default values. To force resetting of a tunable to its default value with tunrestore (presumably to force other tunables to known values, otherwise tundefault, which sets all parameters to their default value, could have been used), DEFAULT can be specified. Specifying DEFAULT for a tunable in the nextboot file is the same as not having it listed in the file at all because the reboot tuning procedure enforces default values for missing parameters. This will guarantee to have all tunables parameters set to the values specified in the **nextboot** file after each reboot.

Tunable files can have a special stanza named info containing the parameters AIX\_level, Kernel\_type and Last validation. Those parameters are automatically set to the level of AIX and to the type of kernel (MP64) running when the tuncheck or tunsave is run on the file. Both commands automatically update those fields. However, the tuncheck command will only update if no error was detected.

The lastboot file always contains values for every tunable parameters. Tunables set to their default value will be marked with the comment DEFAULT VALUE. Restricted tunables modified from their default value are marked, after the value, with an additional comment # RESTRICTED not at default value. The Logfile checksum parameter only exists in that file and is set by the tuning reboot process (which also sets the rest of the info stanza) after closing the log file.

Tunable files can be created and modified using one of the following options:

- Using SMIT or Web-based System Manager, to modify the next reboot value for tunable parameters, or to ask to save all current values for next boot, or to ask to use an existing tunable file at the next reboot. All those actions will update the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. A new file in the /etc/tunables directory can also be created to save all current or all nextboot values.
- Using the tuning commands (ioo, raso, vmo, schedo, no or nfso) with the -p or -r options, which will update the /etc/tunables/nexboot file.

- A new file can also be created directly with an editor or copied from another machine. Running tuncheck [-r | -p] -f must then be done on that file.
- Using the tunsave command to create or overwrite files in the /etc/tunables directory
- Using the tunrestore -r command to update the nextboot file.

### **Tunable Parameters Type**

All the tunable parameters manipulated by the tuning commands (no, nfso, vmo, ioo, raso, and schedo) have been classified into the following categories:

- **Dynamic**: if the parameter can be changed at any time
- Static: if the parameter can never be changed
- **Reboot**: if the parameter can only be changed during reboot
- Bosboot: if the parameter can only be changed by running bosboot and rebooting the machine
- · Mount: if changes to the parameter are only effective for future file systems or directory mounts
- · Incremental: if the parameter can only be incremented, except at boot time
- Connect: if changes to the parameter are only effective for future socket connections
- Deprecated: if changing this parameter is no longer supported by the current release of AIX

The manual page for each of the six tuning commands contains the complete list of all the parameter manipulated by each of the commands and for each parameter, its type, range, default value, and any dependencies on other parameters.

For parameters of type Bosboot, whenever a change is performed, the tuning commands automatically prompt the user to ask if they want to execute the **bosboot** command. When specifying a restricted tunable for modification in association with the option -p or -r, you are also prompted to confirm the change. For parameters of type Connect, the tuning commands automatically restart the **inetd** daemon.

The tunables classified as restricted use tunables exist primarily for specialized intervention by the support or development teams and are not recommended for end user modification. For this reason, they are not displayed by default and require the force option on the command line. When modifying a restricted tunable, a warning message is displayed and confirmation required if the change is specified for reboot or permanent.

# **Common Syntax for Tuning Commands**

The **no**, **nfso**, **vmo**, **ioo**, **raso**, and **schedo** tuning commands all support the following syntax:

```
command [-p|-r] {-o tunable[=newvalue]}
command [-p|-r] {-d tunable}
command [-p|-r] -D
command [-p|-r] [-F]-a
command -h [tunable]
command [-F] -L [tunable]
command [-F] -x [tunable]
```

-a

Displays current, reboot (when used in conjunction with -r) or permanent (when used in conjunction with -p) value for all tunable parameters, one per line in pairs tunable = value. For the permanent options, a value is displayed for a parameter only if its reboot and current values are equal. Otherwise, NONE is displayed as the value. If a tunable is not supported by the running kernel or the current platform, "n/a" is displayed as the value.

-d tunable

Resets tunable to default value. If a tunable needs to be changed (that is, it is currently not set to its default value) and is of type Bosboot or Reboot, or if it is of type Incremental and has been changed from its default value, and -r is not used in combination, it is not changed, but a message displays instead.

-D

Resets all tunables to their default value. If tunables needing to be changed are of type Bosboot or Reboot, or are of type Incremental and have been changed from their default value, and -r is not used in combination, they are not changed, but a message displays instead.

-F

Forces display of restricted tunable parameters when the options -a, -L, or -x are specified alone on the command line to list all tunables. When -F is not specified, restricted tunables are not included in a display unless specifically named in association with a display option.

-h [tunable]

Displays help about tunable parameter. Otherwise, displays the command usage statement.

-o tunable[=newvalue]

Displays the value or sets tunable to newvalue. If a tunable needs to be changed (the specified value is different than current value), and is of type Bosboot or Reboot, or if it is of type Incremental and its current value is bigger than the specified value, and -r is not used in combination, it is not changed, but a message displays instead.

When -r is used in combination without a new value, the nextboot value for tunable is displayed. When -p is used in combination without a new value, a value is displayed only if the current and next boot values for tunable are the same. Otherwise, NONE is displayed as the value. If a tunable is not supported by the running kernel or the current platform, "n/a" is displayed as the value.

When used in combination with -o, -d or -D, makes changes apply to both current and reboot values; that is, turns on the updating of the /etc/tunables/nextboot file in addition to the updating of the current value. This flag cannot be used on Reboot and **Bosboot** type parameters because their current value cannot be changed.

When used with -a or -o flag without specifying a new value, values are displayed only if the current and next boot values for a parameter are the same. Otherwise, NONE is displayed as the value.

When used in combination with -o, -d or -D flags, makes changes apply to reboot values only; that is, turns on the updating of the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. If any parameter of type **Bosboot** is changed, the user will be prompted to run **bosboot**.

When used with -a or -o without specifying a new value, next boot values for tunables are displayed instead of current values.

Lists the characteristics of one or all tunables, one per line, using the following format: tunable,current,default,reboot, min,max,unit,type,{dtunable }

where:

```
current = current value
default = default value
reboot = reboot value
min = minimal value
max = maximum value
unit = tunable unit of measure
type = parameter type: D(for Dynamic), S(for Static),
       R(for Reboot), B(for Bosboot), M(for Mount),
       I(for Incremental), C (for Connect), and
       d (for Deprecated)
dtunable = space separated list of dependent tunable
           parameters
```

-р

-r

-x [tunable]

**-L** [tunable]

Lists the characteristics of one or all tunables, one per line, using the following format:

NAME DEPENDENCI	CUR ES	DEF	B00T	MIN	MAX	UNIT	TYPE
memory_frames	128K	128K				4KB pages	S
maxfree minfree memory_fra	128 mes	128	128	16	200K	4KB pages	D

#### where:

```
CUR = current value
DEF = default value
BOOT = reboot value
MIN = minimal value
MAX = maximum value
UNIT = tunable unit of measure
TYPE = parameter type: D (for Dynamic), S (for Static),
                       R (for Reboot), B (for Bosboot),
                       M (for Mount), I (for Incremental),
                       C (for Connect), and d (for Deprecated)
DEPENDENCIES = list of dependent tunable parameters,
               one per line
```

Any change (with -o, -d or -D) to a restricted tunable parameter will result in a message being displayed to warn the user that a tunable of the restricted use type has been modified and, if the -r or -p options are also specified on the command line, the user will be prompted for confirmation of the change. In addition, at system reboot, the presence of restricted tunables modified to a value different from their default using a command line specifying the -r or -p options will cause the addition of an error log entry identifying the list of these modified tunables.

Any change (with -o, -d or -D flags) to a parameter of type Mount will result in a message displays to warn the user that the change is only effective for future mountings.

Any change (with -o, -d or -D flags) to a parameter of type Connect will result in the inetd daemon being restarted, and a message will display to warn the user that the change is only effective for socket connections.

Any attempt to change (with -o, -d or -D flags ) a parameter of type Bosboot or Reboot without -r, will result in an error message.

Any attempt to change (with -o, -d or -D flags but without -r) the current value of a parameter of type Incremental with a new value smaller than the current value, will result in an error message.

# **Tunable File-Manipulation Commands**

The following commands normally manipulate files in the /etc/tunables directory, but the files can be located anywhere. Therefore, as long as the file name does not contain a forward slash (/), all the file names specified are expanded to /etc/tunables/filename. To guarantee the consistency of their content, all the files are locked before any updates are made. The commands tunsave, tuncheck (only if successful), and tundefault -r all update the info stanza.

## tunchange Command

The tunchange command is used to update one or more tunable stanzas in a file. Its syntax is as follows: tunchange -f filename ( -t stanza ( {-o parameter[=value]} | -D ) | -m filename2 )

where stanza is **schedo**, **vmo**, **ioo**, **raso**, **no**, or **nfso**.

The following is an example of how to update the pacefork parameter in the /etc/tunables/mytunable directory:

```
tunchange -f mytunable -t schedo -o pacefork=10
```

The following is an example of how to unconditionally update the pacefork parameter in the /etc/tunables/nextboot directory. This should be done with caution because no warning will be printed if a parameter of type **bosboot** was changed.

```
tunchange -f nextboot -t schedo -o pacefork=10
```

The following is an example of how to clear the **schedo** stanza in the **nextboot** file.

```
tunchange -f nextboot -t schedo -D
```

The following is an example of how to merge the /home/admin/schedo\_conf file with the current nextboot file. If the file to merge contains multiple entries for a parameter, only the first entry will be applied. If both files contain an entry for the same tunable, the entry from the file to merge will replace the current **nextboot** file's value.

```
tunchange -f nextboot -m /home/admin/schedo conf
```

The tunchange command is called by the tuning commands to implement the -p and -r flags using -f nextboot.

### tuncheck Command

The **tuncheck** command is used to validate a file. Its syntax is as follows:

```
tuncheck [-r|-p] -f filename
```

The following is an example of how to validate the /etc/tunables/mytunable file for usage on current values.

```
tuncheck -f mytunable
```

The following is an example of how to validate the /etc/tunables/nextboot file or my\_nextboot file for usage during reboot. Note that the -r flag is the only valid option when the file to check is the nextboot file.

```
tuncheck -r -f nextboot
tuncheck -r -f /home/bill/my nextboot
```

All parameters in the **nextboot** or **my\_nextboot** file are checked for range, and dependencies, and if a problem is detected, a message similar to: "Parameter X is out of range" or "Dependency problem between parameter A and B" is issued. The -r and -p options control the values used in dependency checking for parameters not listed in the file and the handling of proposed changes to parameters of type Incremental, Bosboot, and Reboot.

Except when used with the -r option, checking is performed on parameter of type Incremental to make sure the value in the file is not less than the current value. If one or more parameters of type Bosboot are listed in the file with a different value than its current value, the user will either be prompted to run **bosboot** (when **-r** is used) or an error message will display.

Parameters having dependencies are checked for compatible values. When one or more parameters in a set of interdependent parameters is not listed in the file being checked, their values are assumed to either be set at their current value (when the tuncheck command is called without -p or -r), or their default value. This is because when called without -r, the file is validated to be applicable on the current values, while with -r, it is validated to be used during reboot when parameters not listed in the file will be left at

their default value. Calling this command with -p is the same as calling it twice; once with no argument, and once with the -r flag. This checks whether a file can be used both immediately, and at reboot time.

Note: Users creating a file with an editor, or copying a file from another machine, must run the tuncheck command to validate their file.

#### tunrestore Command

The tunrestore command is used to restore all the parameters from a file. Its syntax is as follows:

```
tunrestore -R | [-r] -f filename
```

For example, the following will change the current values for all tunable parameters present in the file if ranges, dependencies, and incremental parameter rules are all satisfied.

```
tunrestore -f mytunable
```

```
tunrestore -f /etc/tunables/mytunable
```

In case of problems, only the changes possible will be made.

For example, the following will change the **reboot** values for all tunable parameters present in the file if ranges and dependencies rules are all satisfied. In other words, they will be copied to the /etc/tunables/nextboot file.

```
tunrestore -r -f mytunable
```

If changes to parameters of type Bosboot are detected, the user will be prompted to run the bosboot command.

The following command can only be called from the /etc/inittab file and changes tunable parameters to values from the /etc/tunables/nextboot file.

```
tunrestore -R
```

Any problem found or change made is logged in the /etc/tunables/lastboot.log file. A new /etc/tunables/lastboot file is always created with the list of current values for all parameters. Any change to restricted tunables from their default values will cause the addition of an error log entry identifying the list of these modified tunables.

If filename does not exist, an error message displays. If the **nextboot** file does not exist, an error message displays if -r was used. If -R was used, all the tuning parameters of a type other than Bosboot will be set to their default value, and a nextboot file containing only an info stanza will be created. A warning will also be logged in the lastboot.log file.

Except when -r is used, parameters requiring a call to bosboot and a reboot are not changed, but an error message is displayed to indicate they could not be changed. When -r is used, if any parameter of type Bosboot needs to be changed, the user will be prompted to run bosboot. Parameters missing from the file are simply left unchanged, except when -R is used, in which case missing parameters are set to their default values. If the file contains multiple entries for a parameter, only the first entry will be applied, and a warning will be displayed or logged (if called with -R).

#### tunsave Command

The tunsave command is used to save current tunable parameter values into a file. Its syntax is as follows:

```
tunsave [-a|-A] -f|-F filename
```

For example, the following saves all of the current tunable parameter values that are different from their default into the /etc/tunables/mytunable file.

```
tunsave -f mytunable
```

If the file already exists, an error message is printed instead. The -F flag must be used to overwrite an existing file.

For example, the following saves all of the current tunable parameter values different from their default into the /etc/tunables/nextboot file.

```
tunsave -f nextboot
```

If necessary, the **tunsave** command will prompt the user to run **bosboot**.

For example, the following saves all of the current tunable parameters values (including parameters for which default is their value) into the mytunable file.

```
tunsave -A -f mytunable
```

This permits you to save the current setting. This setting can be reproduced at a later time, even if the default values have changed (default values can change when the file is used on another machine or when running another version of AIX).

For example, the following saves all current tunable parameter values into the /etc/tunables/mytunable file or the **mytunable** file in the current directory.

```
tunsave -a -f mytunable
tunsave -a -f ./mytunable
```

For the parameters that are set to default values, a line using the keyword DEFAULT will be put in the file. This essentially saves only the current changed values, while forcing all the other parameters to their default values. This permits you to return to a known setup later using the tunrestore command.

#### tundefault Command

The tundefault command is used to force all tuning parameters to be reset to their default value. The -p flag makes changes permanent, while the -r flag defers changes until the next reboot. The command syntax is as follows:

```
tundefault [-p|-r]
```

For example, the following example resets all tunable parameters to their default value, except the parameters of type **Bosboot** and **Reboot**, and parameters of type **Incremental** set at values bigger than their default value.

```
tundefault
```

Error messages will be displayed for any parameter change that is not permitted.

For example, the following example resets all the tunable parameters to their default value. It also updates the /etc/tunables/nextboot file, and if necessary, offers to run bosboot, and displays a message warning that rebooting is needed for all the changes to be effective.

```
tundefault -p
```

This command permanently resets all tunable parameters to their default values, returning the system to a consistent state and making sure the state is preserved after the next reboot.

For example, the following example clears all the command stanzas in the /etc/tunables/nextboot file, and proposes **bosboot** if necessary.

```
tundefault -r
```

### **Initial setup**

Installing the bos.perf.tune fileset automatically creates an initial /etc/tunables/nextboot file and adds the following line at the beginning of the /etc/inittab file:

tunable:23456789:wait:/usr/bin/tunrestore -R > /dev/console 2>&1

This entry sets the reboot value of all tunable parameters to their default. For more information about migration from a previous version of AIX and the compatibility mode automatically setup in case of migration, read "Introduction to AIX 5.2 Tunable Parameter Settings" in the Performance management.

# **Reboot Tuning Procedure**

Parameters of type **Bosboot** are set by the **bosboot** command, which retrieves their values from the nextboot file when creating a new boot image. Parameters of type Reboot are set during the reboot process by the appropriate configuration methods, which also retrieve the necessary values from the nextboot file. In both cases, if there is no nextboot file, the parameters will be set to their default values. All other parameters are set using the following process:

- 1. When tunrestore -R is called, any tunable changed from its default value is logged in the lastboot.log file. The parameters of type Reboot and Bosboot present in the nextboot file, and which should already have been changed by the time tunrestore -R is called, will be checked against the value in the file, and any difference will also be logged.
- 2. The lastboot file will record all the tunable parameter settings, including default values, which will be flagged using # DEFAULT VALUE, and the AIX level, Kernel type, Last validation, and **Logfile\_checksum** fields will be set appropriately.
- 3. If there is no /etc/tunables/nextboot file, all tunable parameters, except those of type Bosboot, will be set to their default value, a **nextboot** file with only an info stanza will be created, and the following warning: "cannot access the /etc/tunables/nextboot file" will be printed in the log file. The lastboot file will be created as described in step 2.
- 4. If the desired value for a parameter is found to be out of range, the parameter will be left to its default value, and a message similar to the following: "Parameter A could not be set to X, which is out of range, and was left to its current value (Y) instead" will be printed in the log file. Similarly, if a set of interdependent parameters have values incompatible with each other, they will all be left at their default values and a message similar to the following: "Dependent parameter A, B and C could not be set to X. Y and Z because those values are incompatible with each other. Instead, they were left to their current values (T, U and V)" will be printed in the log file.
  - All of these error conditions could exist if a user modified the /etc/tunables/nextboot file with an editor or copied it from another machine, possibly running a different version of AIX with different valid ranges, and did not run tuncheck -r -f on the file. Alternatively, tuncheck -r -f prompted the user to run **bosboot**, but this was not done.

# **Recovery Procedure**

If the machine becomes unstable with a given nextboot file, users should put the system into maintenance mode, make sure the **sys0 pre520tune** attribute is set to disable, delete the **nextboot** file, run the **bosboot** command and reboot. This action will guarantee that all tunables are set to their default value.

## **Kernel Tuning Using the SMIT Interface**

To start the SMIT panels that manage AIX kernel tuning parameters, use the SMIT fast path smitty tuning. The following is a view of the tuning panel:

```
Tuning Kernel & Network Parameters
Save/Restore All Kernel & Network Parameters
Tuning Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters
Tuning Virtual Memory Manager Parameters
Tuning Network Parameters
Tuning NFS Parameters
Tuning I/O Parameters
Tuning RAS Parameters
Tuning Development Parameters
```

Select Save/Restore All Kernel & Network Parameters to manipulate all tuning parameter values at the same time. To individually change tuning parameters managed by one of the tuning commands, select any of the other lines.

## **Global Manipulation of Tuning Parameters**

The main panel to manipulate all tunable parameters by sets looks similar to the following:

```
Save/Restore All Kernel Tuning Parameters
View Last Boot Parameters
View Last Boot Log File
Save All Current Parameters for Next Boot
Save All Current Parameters
Restore All Current Parameters from Last Boot Values
Restore All Current Parameters from Saved Values
Reset All Current Parameters To Default Value
Save All Next Boot Parameters
Restore All Next Boot Parameters from Last Boot Values
Restore All Next Boot Parameters from Saved Values
Reset All Next Boot Parameters To Default Value
```

Each of the options in this panel are explained in the following sections.

- 1. View Last Boot Parameters All last boot parameters are listed stanza by stanza, retrieved from the /etc/tunables/lastboot file.
- View Last Boot Log File Displays the content of the file /etc/tunables/lastboot.log.
- Save All Current Parameters for Next Boot

```
Save All Current Kernel Tuning Parameters for Next Boot
ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After selecting **yes** and pressing **ENTER**, all the current tuning parameter values are saved in the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. Bosboot will be offered if necessary.

Save All Current Parameters

	Save All Current Kernel Tuning Parameters	5	
	File name Description		
/			

Type or select values for the two entry fields:

- File name: F4 will show the list of existing files. This is the list of all files in the /etc/tunables directory except the files nextboot, lastboot and lastboot.log which all have special purposes. File names entered cannot be any of the above three reserved names.
- **Description**: This field will be written in the info stanza of the selected file.

After pressing ENTER, all of the current tuning parameter values will be saved in the selected stanza file of the /etc/tunables directory.

5. Restore All Current Parameters from Last Boot Values

```
Restore All Current Parameters from Last Boot Values
ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After selecting yes and pressing ENTER, all the tuning parameters will be set to values from the /etc/tunables/lastboot file. Error messages will be displayed if any parameter of type Bosboot or Reboot would need to be changed, which can only be done when changing reboot values.

6. Restore All Current Parameters from Saved Values

```
Restore Saved Kernel Tuning Parameters
Move cursor to desired item and press Enter.
                  Description field of mytunable file
  mytunablefile
                  Description field of lastweek file
  tun1
```

A select menu shows existing files in the /etc/tunables directory, except the files nextboot, lastboot and lastboot.log which all have special purposes.

After pressing ENTER, the parameters present in the selected file in the /etc/tunables directory will be set to the value listed if possible. Error messages will be displayed if any parameter of type Bosboot or Reboot would need to be changed, which can't be done on the current values. Error messages will also be displayed for any parameter of type Incremental when the value in the file is smaller than the current value, and for out of range and incompatible values present in the file. All possible changes will be made.

7. Reset All Current Parameters To Default Value

```
Reset All Current Kernel Tuning Parameters To Default Value
ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After pressing ENTER, each tunable parameter will be reset to its default value. Parameters of type Bosboot and Reboot, are never changed, but error messages are displayed if they should have been changed to get back to their default values.

8. Save All Next Boot Parameters

Save All Next Boot Kernel Tuning Parameters File name 

Type or a select values for the entry field. Pressing F4 displays a list of existing files. This is the list of all files in the /etc/tunables directory except the files nextboot, lastboot and lastboot.log which all have special purposes. File names entered cannot be any of those three reserved names. After pressing ENTER, the nextboot file, is copied to the specified /etc/tunables file if it can be successfully tunchecked.

9. Restore All Next Boot Parameters from Last Boot Values

Restore All Next Boot Kernel Tuning Parameters from Last Boot Values ARE YOU SURE ?

After selecting **yes** and pressing **ENTER**, all values from the **lastboot** file will be copied to the nextboot file. If necessary, the user will be prompted to run bosboot, and warned that for all the changes to be effective, the machine must be rebooted.

10. Restore All Next Boot Parameters from Saved Values

Restore All Next Boot Kernel Tuning Parameters from Saved Values Move cursor to desired item and press Enter. mytunablefile Description field of mytunablefile file Description field of tun1 file tun1

A select menu shows existing files in the **/etc/tunables** directory, except the files **nextboot**, **lastboot** and lastboot.log which all have special purposes.

After selecting a file and pressing ENTER, all values from the selected file will be copied to the nextboot file, if the file was successfully tunchecked first. If necessary, the user will be prompted to run **bosboot**, and warned that for all the changes to be effective, rebooting the machine is necessary.

11. Reset All Next Boot Parameters To Default Value

Reset All Next Boot Kernel Tuning Parameters To Default Value ARE YOU SURE ?

After hitting ENTER, the /etc/tunables/nextboot file will be cleared. If necessary bosboot will be proposed and a message indicating that a reboot is needed will be displayed.

# Changing individual parameters managed by a tuning command

All the panels for all six commands behave the same way. In the following sections, we will use the example of the Scheduler and Memory Load Control (i.e. schedo) panels to explain the behavior. Here is the main panel to manipulate parameters managed by the **schedo** command:

#### Tuning Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters

List All Characteristics of Current Parameters Change / Show Current Parameters Change / Show Parameters for next boot Save Current Parameters for Next Boot Reset Current Parameters to Default value Reset Next Boot Parameters To Default Value

## Interaction between parameter types and the different SMIT sub-panels

The following table shows the interaction between parameter types and the different SMIT sub-panels:

Sub-panel name	Action
List All Characteristics of Current Parameters	Lists current, default, reboot, limit values, unit, type and dependencies. This is the output of a tuning command called with the -L option.
Change / Show Current Parameters	Displays and changes current parameter value, except for parameter of type Static, Bosboot and Reboot which are displayed without surrounding square brackets to indicate that they cannot be changed.
Change / Show Parameters for Next Boot	Displays values from and rewrite updated values to the <b>nextboot</b> file. If necessary, <b>bosboot</b> will be proposed. Only parameters of type Static cannot be changed (no brackets around their value).
Save Current Parameters for Next Boot	Writes current parameters in the <b>nextboot</b> file, <b>bosboot</b> will be proposed if any parameter of type Bosboot was changed.
Reset Current Parameters to Default value	Resets current parameters to default values, except those which need a <b>bosboot</b> plus reboot or a reboot (bosboot and reboot type).
Reset Next Boot Parameters to Default value	Clears values in the <b>nextboot</b> file, and propose <b>bosboot</b> if any parameter of type Bosboot was different from its default value.

Each of the sub-panels behavior is explained in the following sections using examples of the scheduler and memory load control sub-panels:

- 1. List All Characteristics of Tuning Parameters The output of **schedo -L** is displayed.
- 2. Change/Show Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters

```
Change / Show Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters
                                     [Entry Field]
  affinity lim
  idle migration barrier
                                           [4]
  fixed_pri_global
                                           [0]
  maxspin
                                           [1]
  pacefork
                                           [10]
  sched_D
                                           [16]
  sched R
                                           [16]
  timeslice
                                           Г17
  %usDelta
                                           [100]
  v_exempt_secs
                                           [2]
  v min process
                                           [2]
                                           [2]
  v_repage_hi
                                           [6]
  v_repage_proc
                                           [4]
  v sec wait
```

This panel is initialized with the current **schedo** values (output from the **schedo -a** command). Any parameter of type Bosboot, Reboot or Static is displayed with no surrounding square bracket indicating that it cannot be changed.

From the F4 list, type or select values for the entry fields corresponding to parameters to be changed. Clearing a value results in resetting the parameter to its default value. The F4 list also shows minimum, maximum, and default values, the unit of the parameter and its type. Selecting F1 displays the help associated with the selected parameter. The text displayed will be identical to what is displayed by the tuning commands when called with the **-h** option.

Press ENTER after making all the desired changes. Doing so will launch the schedo command to make the changes. Any error message generated by the command, for values out of range, incompatible values, or lower values for parameter of type Incremental, will be displayed to the user.

3. The following is an example of the Change / Show Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters for next boot panel.

```
Change / Show Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters for next boot
                                     [Entry Field]
  affinity_lim
  idle migration barrier
                                           [4]
  fixed_pri_global
                                           [0]
  maxpin
                                           [1]
  pacefork
                                           [10]
  sched D
                                           [16]
  sched R
                                           [16]
  timeslice
                                           Г17
  %usDelta
                                           [100]
  v exempt secs
                                           [2]
                                           [2]
  v min process
                                           [2]
  v repage hi
                                           [6]
  v repage proc
  v sec wait
                                           [4]
```

This panel is similar to the previous panel, in that, any parameter value can be changed except for parameters of type Static. It is initialized with the values listed in the /etc/tunables/nextboot file, completed with default values for the parameter not listed in the file.

Type or select (from the F4 list) values for the entry field corresponding to the parameters to be changed. Clearing a value results in resetting the parameter to its default value. The F4 list also shows minimum, maximum, and default values, the unit of the parameter and its type. Pressing F1 displays the help associated with the selected parameter. The text displayed will be identical to what is displayed by the tuning commands when called with the **-h** option.

Press **ENTER** after making all desired changes. Doing so will result in the/etc/tunables/nextboot file being updated with the values modified in the panel, except for out of range, and incompatible values for which an error message will be displayed instead. If necessary, the user will be prompted to run **bosboot**.

4. The following is an example of the Save Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters for Next Boot panel.

```
Save Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters for Next Boot

ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After pressing **ENTER** on this panel, all the current **schedo** parameter values will be saved in the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** file . If any parameter of type **Bosboot** needs to be changed, the user will be prompted to run **bosboot**.

5. The following is an example of the Reset Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters to Default Values

```
Reset Current Scheduler and Memory Load Control Parameters to Default Value

ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After selecting **yes** and pressing **ENTER** on this panel, all the tuning parameters managed by the **schedo** command will be reset to their default value. If any parameter of type **Incremental**, **Bosboot** or **Reboot** should have been changed, and error message will be displayed instead.

6. The following is an example of the Reset Scheduler and Memory Load Control Next Boot Parameters To Default Values

```
Reset Next Boot Parameters To Default Value

ARE YOU SURE ?
```

After pressing **ENTER**, the **schedo** stanza in the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** file will be cleared. This will defer changes until next reboot. If necessary, **bosboot** will be proposed.

# Kernel Tuning using the Performance Plug-In for Web-based System Manager

AIX kernel tuning parameters can be managed using the Web-based System Manager System Tuning Plug-in, which is a sub-plugin of the Web-based System Manager Performance plug-in. The Performance Plug-in is available from the Web-based System Manager main console which looks similar to the following:

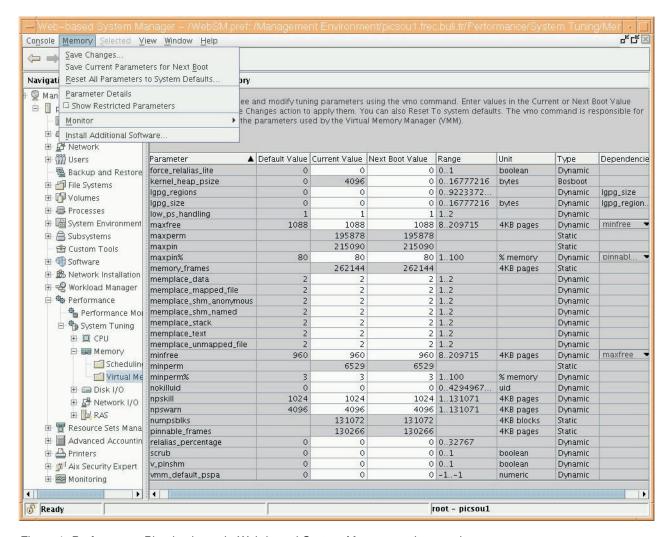


Figure 1. Performance Plug-in shown in Web-based System Manager main console

The Performance plug-in is organized into the following sub-plugins:

- Performance Monitoring plug-in
- System Tuning plug-in

The Performance Monitoring sub-plugin gives access to a variety of performance-monitoring and report-generation tools. The System Tuning sub-plugin consists of CPU, Memory, RAS, Disk I/O, and Network I/O sub-plugins, which present tuning tables from which AIX tuning parameters can be visualized and changed.

The Navigation Area for the System Tuning plug-in contains three levels of sub-plugins as seen in the following:

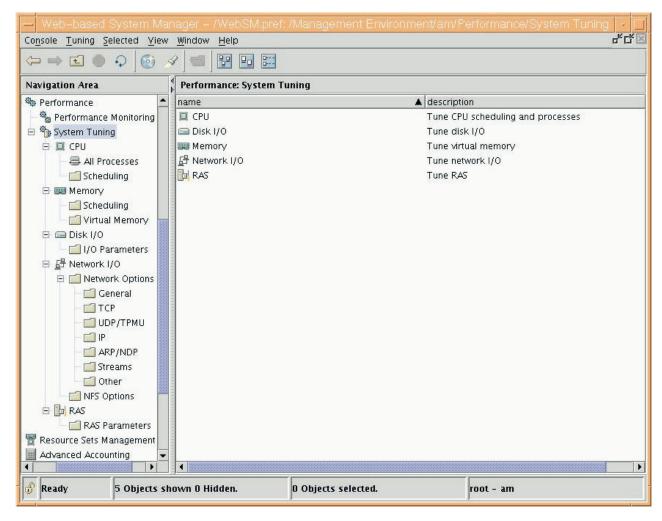


Figure 2. System Tuning plug-in Performance window

These intermediate levels represent tuning resources. They are further split into sub-plugins but have no specific actions associated with them and only exist to group access to tunable parameters in a logical way. Actions on tunable parameters can be applied at the following levels:

### System-Tuning level

Global actions applicable to all tunable parameters are provided at this level.

#### **Leaf Levels**

Leaves are represented by a folder icon (see navigation area in Figure 2). When selecting a leaf, a tuning table is displayed in the content area. A table represents a logical group of tunable parameters, all managed by one of the tunable commands (**schedo**, **vmo**, **ioo**, **raso**, **no**, and **nfso**). Specific actions provided at this level apply only to the tunable parameters displayed in the current table.

The **CPU/All Processes** sub-plugin is a link to the **All Processes** sub-plugin of the Processes application. Its purpose is not to manipulate tuning parameters and will not be discussed.

### **Global Actions on Tunable Parameters**

Only the Web-based System Manager Tuning menu has specific actions associated with it.

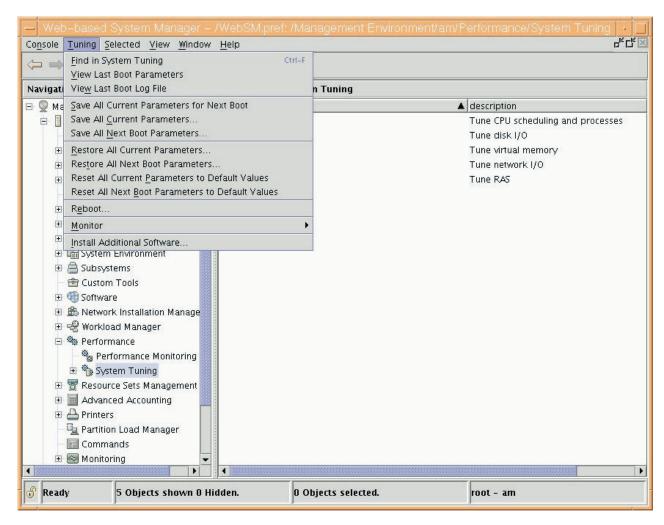


Figure 3. Web-based System Manager Tuning menu

The specific actions available at this level are global, in that they apply to all the performance tunable parameters.

### 1. View Last Boot Parameters

This action displays the /etc/tunables/lastboot file in an open working dialog.

#### 2. View Last Boot Log File

This action displays the /etc/tunables/lastboot.log file in an open working dialog.

#### 3. Save All Current Parameters for Next Boot

The Save All Current Parameters warning dialog is opened.



Figure 4. Save All Current Parameters for next boot dialog

After clicking Yes, all the current tuning parameter values will be saved in the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. Bosboot will be offered if necessary.

#### 4. Save All Current Parameters

The Save All Current Parameters dialog with a Filename field and a Description field is opened.

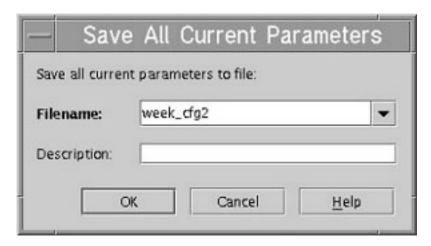


Figure 5. Save All Current Parameters to file dialog

The **Filename** editable combobox, lists all the tunable files present in the **/etc/tunables** directory, except the nextboot, lastboot and lastboot.log files, which all have special purposes. If no file is present, the combobox list is empty. The user can choose an existing file, or create a new file by entering a new name. File names entered cannot be any of the three reserved names. The **Description** field will be written in the info stanza of the selected file. After clicking **OK**, all the current tuning parameter values will be saved in the selected file in the /etc/tunables directory.

#### 5. Save All Next Boot Parameters

This action opens an editable combobox which lists all the tunable files present in the /etc/tunables

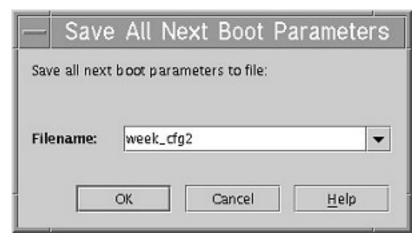


Figure 6. Save All Next Boot Parameters to file dialog

directory, except the nextboot, lastboot and lastboot.log files, which all have special purposes. If no file is present, the combobox list is empty. The user can choose an existing file, or create a new file by entering a new name. File names entered cannot be any of the three reserved names. After clicking OK, the nextboot file, is copied to the specified /etc/tunables file it can be successfully checked using the tuncheck command.

#### 6. Restore All Current Parameters

This action opens an editable combobox showing the list of all existing files in the /etc/tunables

directory, except the files **nextboot**, and **lastboot.log** which have special purposes.

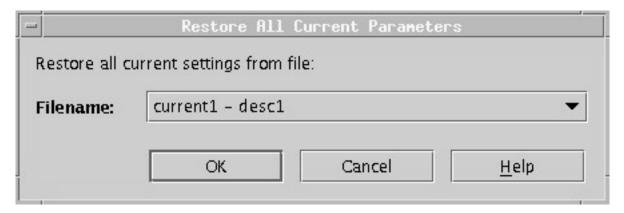


Figure 7. Restore All Current Parameters dialog

The user selects the file to use for restoring the current values of tuning parameters. The **lastboot** file is proposed as the default (first element of the combo list). Files can have a description which is displayed after the name in the combobox items, separated from the file name by a dash character. After clicking OK, the parameters present in the selected file in the /etc/tunables directory will be set to the value listed if possible. Error messages will be displayed if any parameter of type Bosboot or Reboot would need to be changed, which cannot be done on the current values. Error messages will also be displayed for any parameter of type Incremental when the value in the file is smaller than the current value, and for out of range and incompatible values present in the file. All possible changes will be made.

#### 7. Restore All Next Boot Parameters

A combobox is opened to display the list of all existing files in the /etc/tunables directory, except the files **nextboot**, and **lastboot.log** which have special purposes.

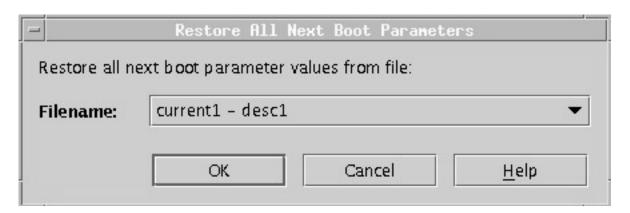


Figure 8. Restore All Next Boot Parameters dialog

The user selects the file to use for restoring the **nextboot** values of tuning parameters. The **lastboot** file is proposed as the default (first element of the combo list). Files can have a description which is displayed after the name in the combobox items, separated from the file name by a dash character. After clicking **OK**, all values from the selected file will be copied to the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. Incompatible dependent parameter values or out of range values will not be copied to the file (this could happen if the file selected was not previously tunchecked). Error messages will be displayed instead. If necessary, the user will be prompted to run bosboot, and warned that for all the changes to be effective, rebooting the machine is necessary.

#### 8. Reset All Current Parameters to Default Values

A warning dialog is opened and after clicking Yes, a working dialog is displayed. Each tunable

parameter is reset to its default value. Parameters of type **Incremental**, **Bosboot** and **Reboot**, are never changed, but error messages are displayed if they should have been changed to revert to default values.

#### 9. Reset All Next Boot Parameters to Default Values

A warning dialog is opened and after clicking **Yes**, an interactive working dialog is displayed and the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** file is cleared. If necessary **bosboot** will be proposed and a message indicating that a reboot is needed will be displayed.

### **Using Tuning Tables to Change Individual Parameter Values**

Each tuning table in the content area has the same structure. It enables all the characteristics of the tunable parameters to be viewed at a glance. The table has two editable columns, **Current Value** and **Next Boot Value**. Each cell in these two columns is an editable combobox, with only one predefined value of **Default**, for the capture of new value for a parameter. Data entered in these columns is validated when pressing **ENTER**.

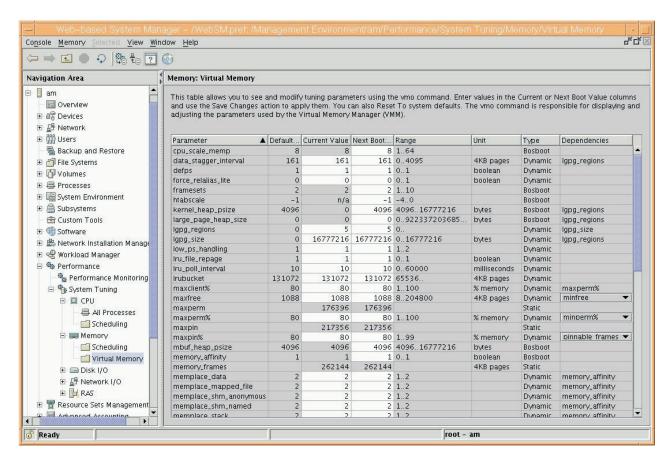


Figure 9. Memory VMM window

The parameters are grouped as they are in the SMIT panels with two small exceptions. First, the Network related parameters are all presented in one SMIT panel, but subdivided in six sections. The Web-based System Manager interface uses six separate tables instead.

Lastly, the parameters managed by the **schedo** command are available from two sub-plugins: CPU/scheduling and memory/scheduling.

Actions permitted vary according to parameter types:

- Static parameters do not have an editable cell.
- New values for Dynamic parameters can be applied now or saved for next boot.

- New values for Reboot parameters can only be saved for next boot.
- New values for Bosboot parameters can only be saved for next boot, and users are prompted to run bosboot.
- New values for Mount parameters can be applied now or saved for next boot, but when applied
  immediately, a warning will be displayed to tell the user that changes will only be effective for future file
  systems or directory mountings.
- New values for **Incremental** parameters can be applied now or saved for next boot. If applied now, they will only be accepted if the new value is bigger than the current value.

The following section explains in detail the behavior of the tables.

### **Tunable Tables Actions**

The actions available for each tunable table are **Save Changes**, **Save Current Parameters for Next Boot**, **Reset Parameters to System Default**, **Parameter Details**, and **Monitor**. The **Monitor** action enables related monitoring tools to start from each of the plug-ins and is not discussed in this section.

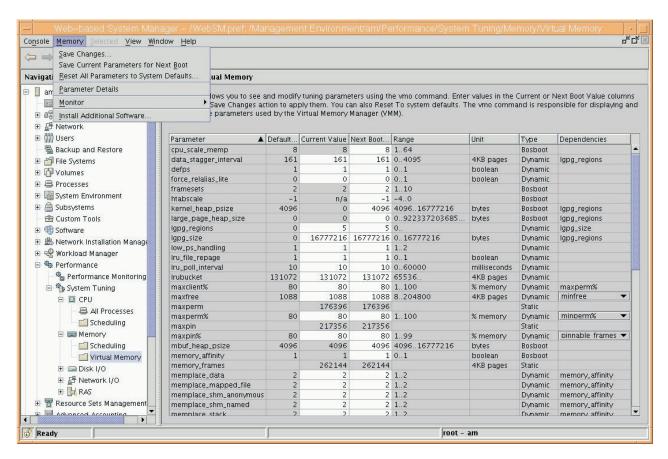


Figure 10. Tables Menus window

#### 1. Save Changes

This option opens a dialog enabling you to save new values for the parameters listed in the **Current Value** and **Next Boot Value** columns of the table. The two options are checked by default. They are:

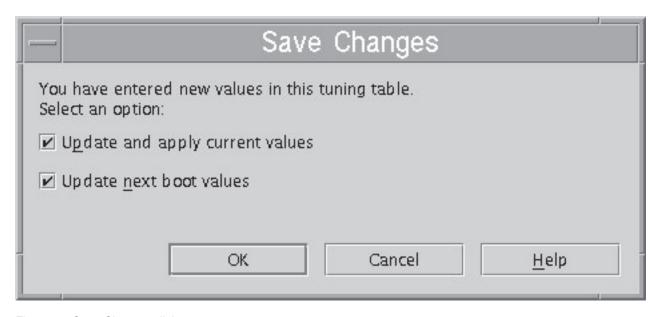


Figure 11. Save Changes dialog

- Selecting Update and apply current values and clicking OK, launches the tuning command
  corresponding to the parameters shown in the table to make all the desired changes. Selecting
  Default in the combobox as the new value resets the parameter to its default value. If a parameter
  of type Incremental has a new value smaller than its current value, an error message will be
  displayed. If incompatible dependent parameter values or out of range values have been entered,
  an error message will also be displayed. All the acceptable changes will be made.
- Selecting Update next boot values and clicking OK, writes the desired changes to the
  /etc/tunables/nextboot file. If necessary, the user will be prompted to run bosboot. If incompatible
  dependent parameter values or out of range values have been entered, an error message will be
  displayed, and those parameter values will not be copied to the nextboot file.
- · Selecting both options makes all the desired changes now and for the next reboot.
- 2. Save Current Parameters for Next Boot

A warning dialog is opened.

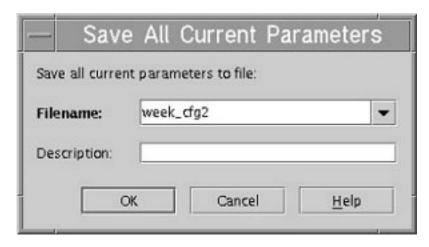


Figure 12. Save All Current Parameters to file dialog

After clicking **Yes**, all the current parameter values listed in the table will be saved in the **/etc/tunables/nextboot** file. If any parameter of type **Bosboot** needs to be changed, the user will be prompted to run **bosboot**.

### 3. Reset Parameters to System Default

This dialog permits resetting of current or next boot values for all the parameters listed in the table to their default value. Two options are available:

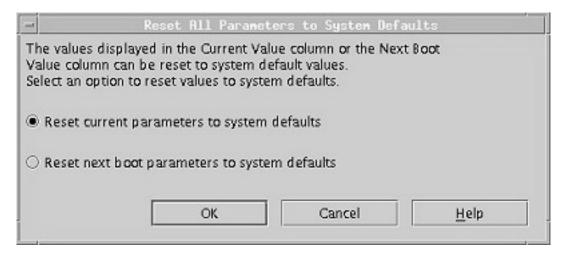


Figure 13. Reset All Parameters to System Defaults dialog

- Selecting Reset current parameters to system default and clicking OK, will reset all the tuning parameters listed in the table to their default value. If any parameter of type Incremental, Bosboot or **Reboot** should have been changed, an error message will be displayed and the parameter will not be changed.
- · Selecting Reset next boot parameters to system default and clicking OK deletes the parameter listed in the table from the /etc/tunables/nextboot file. This action will defer changes until next reboot. If necessary, **bosboot** will be proposed.

### **Parameter Details**

Clicking on Parameter Details in the toolbar or selecting the equivalent menu item, followed by a click on a parameter in the table will display the help information available in a help dialog.

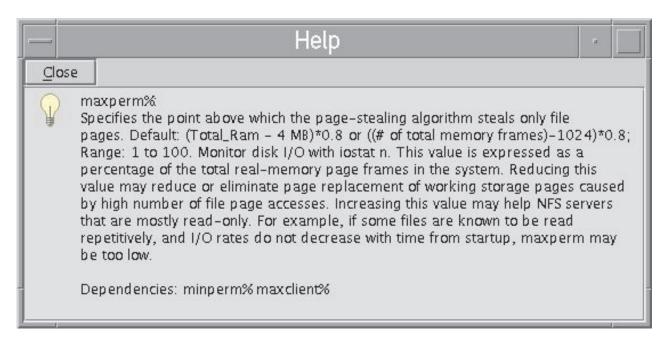


Figure 14. Help dialog

#### **Show Restricted Parameters**

Clicking on the Show Restricted Parameters check box in the tunable type menu will redisplay the list of tunable parameters to include the restricted use development parameters. The name of a development parameter is followed by the indication "(R)" to distinguish them from others.

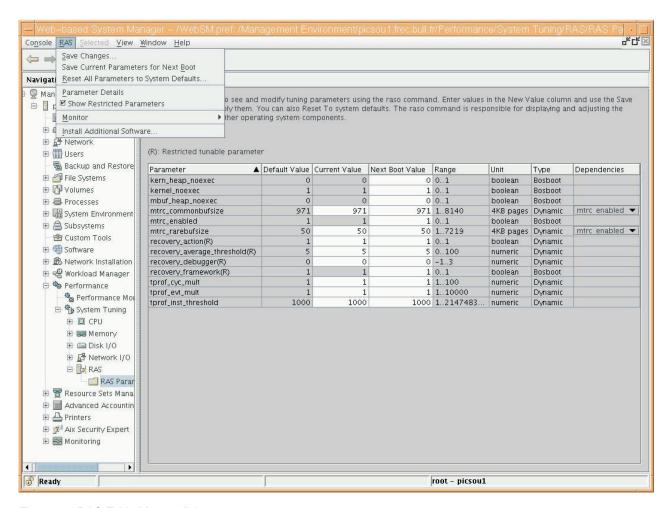


Figure 15. RAS Table Menus dialog

### **Files**

/etc/tunables/lastboot Contains tuning parameter stanzas from the last boot.

/etc/tunables/lastboot.log Contains logging information from the last boot.

/etc/tunables/nextboot Contains tuning parameter stanzas for the next system boot.

### **Related Information**

The bosboot, ioo, nfso, no, raso, schedo, tunsave, tunrestore, tuncheck, tundefault, and vmo commands.

The tunables file.

# Chapter 7. The procmon tool

This topic provides detailed information about the **procmon** tool and contains the following sections:

- · "Overview of the procmon tool"
- · "Components of the procmon tool" on page 160
- "Filtering processes" on page 162
- "Performing AIX commands on processes" on page 162

## Overview of the procmon tool

You can use the **procmon** tool on systems running AIX 5.3 or later. The **procmon** tool enables you to view and manage the processes running on a system. The **procmon** tool has a graphical interface and displays a table of process metrics that you can sort on the different fields that are provided. The default number of processes listed in the table is 20, but you can change the value in the **Table Properties** panel from the main menu. Only the top processes based on the sorting metric are displayed and the default sorting key is CPU consumption.

The default value of the refresh rate for the table of process metrics is 5 seconds, but you can change the refresh rate by either using the **Table Properties** panel in the main menu or by clicking on the **Refresh** button.

By default, the **procmon** tool displays the following:

- · How long a process has been running
- · How much CPU resource the processes are using
- Whether processes are being penalized by the system
- · How much memory the processes are using
- How much I/O a process is performing
- · The priority and nice values of a process
- · Who has created a particular process

You can choose other metrics to display from the **Table Properties** panel in the main menu. For more information, see "The process table of the process tool" on page 160.

You can filter any of the processes that are displayed. For more information, see "Filtering processes" on page 162.

You can also perform certain AIX performance commands on these processes. For more information, see "Performing AIX commands on processes" on page 162.

The **procmon** tool is a Performance Workbench plugin, so you can only launch the **procmon** tool from within the Performance Workbench framework. You must install the **bos.perf.gtools** fileset by either using the **smitty** tool or the **installp** command. You can then access the Performance Workbench by running the **/usr/bin/perfwb** script.

**Note:** Do not run the **/opt/perfwb/perfwb** binary file.

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## Components of the procmon tool

The graphical interface of the **procmon** tool consists of the following components:

- "The global statistics area of the procmon tool"
- "The process table of the procmon tool"
- "The status line of the Performance Workbench" on page 161
- "The WPAR table of the procmon tool" on page 162

## The global statistics area of the procmon tool

The global statistics area is a table that is displayed at the top of the **procmon** tool window. The global statistics area displays the amount of CPU and memory that is being used by the system. You can refresh the statistics data by either clicking on the Refresh button in the menu bar or by activating the automatic refresh option through the menu bar. To save the statistics information, you can export the table to any of the following file formats:

- XML
- HTML
- CSV

## The process table of the procmon tool

The process table is the main component of the proceson tool. The process table displays the various processes that are running on the system, ordered and filtered according to the user configuration. The default value of the number of processes listed in the process table is 20, but you can change this value from the **Table Properties** panel from the main menu.

The yellow arrow key in the column header indicates the sort key for the process table. The arrow points either up or down, depending on whether the sort order is ascending or descending, respectively. You can change the sort key by clicking on any of the column headers.

You can customize the process table, modify the information on the various processes, and run commands on the displayed processes. By default, the **procmon** tool displays the following columns:

PID	Process identifier
CPUPER	Percentage of CPU used per process since the last refresh
PRM	Percent real memory usage
ELOGIN	Effective login of the process user
COMMAND	Short name of the process launched
WPAR	WPAR of the process

You can choose to display other metrics, like the following:

PPID	Parent process identifier
NICE	Nice value for the process
PRI	Priority of the process
DRSS	Data resident set size
TRSS	Text resident set size
STARTTIME	Time when the command started
EUID	Effective user identifier
RUID	Real user identifier

EGID	Effective group identifier
RGID	Real group identifier
THCOUNT	Number of threads used
CLASSID	Identifier of the class which pertains to the WLM process
CLASSNAME	Name of the class which pertains to the WLM process
TOTDISKIO	Disk I/O for that process
NVCSW	N voluntary context switches
NIVCSW	N involuntary context switches
MINFLT	Minor page faults
MAJFLT	Major page faults
INBLK	Input blocks
OUBLK	Output blocks
MSGSEND	Messages sent
MSGRECV	Messages received
EGROUP	Effective group name
RGROUP	Real group name

You can use either the table properties or preference to display the metrics you are interested in. If you choose to change the table properties, the new configuration values are set for the current session only. If you change the preferences, the new configuration values are set for the next session of the procmon tool.

There are two types of values listed in the process table:

- Real values
- Delta values

Real values are retrieved from the kernel and displayed in the process table. An example of a real value is the PID, PPID, or TTY.

Delta values are values that are computed from the last-stored measurements. An example of a delta value is the CPU percent for each process, which is computed using the values measured between refreshes.

Below the process table, there is another table that displays the sum of the values for each column of the process table. For example, this table might provide a good idea of the percentage of total CPU used by the top 20 CPU-consuming processes.

You can refresh the data by either clicking on the Refresh button in the menu bar or by activating the automatic refresh option through the menu bar. To save the statistics information, you can export the table to any of the following file formats:

- XML
- HTML
- CSV

### The status line of the Performance Workbench

The Performance Workbench status line displays the date on which the information was retrieved, as well as the name of the system. The status line is hidden if you activate another view or perspective, but automatically reappears if you refresh the information.

### The WPAR table of the procmon tool

A WPAR tabulation displays all the WPAR defined on the system in a table. By default, the procmon tool displays the following columns:

Name	WPAR name
Hostname	WPAR hostname
Туре	WPAR type, either System or Application
State	WPAR state-this can have one of the following values: Active, Defined, Transitional, Broken, Paused, Loaded, Error
Directory	WPAR root directory
Nb. virtual PIDs	Number of virtual PIDs running in this WPAR

## Filtering processes

You can filter processes based on the various criteria that is displayed in the process table. To create a filter, select Table Filters from the menu bar. A new window opens and displays a list of filters.

## Performing AIX commands on processes

You can run the following AIX commands on the processes you select in the process table:

- · The symon command
- The renice command
- · The kill command
- The following proctools commands:
  - The **procfiles** command
  - The proctree command
  - The **procsig** command
  - The **procstack** command
  - The **procrun** command
  - The **procmap** command
  - The **procflags** command
  - The **procered** command
  - The **procldd** command

To run any of the above commands on one or more processes, select the processes in the process table and right click your mouse, and select either Commands or Modify and then select the command you want to run. A new window opens, which displays the command output while the command is running. You can interrupt the command by clicking on the STOP button.

# **Chapter 8. Profiling tools**

You can use profiling tools to identify which portions of the program are executed most frequently or where most of the time is spent. Profiling tools are typically used after a basic tool, such as the **vmstat** or **iostat** commands, shows that a CPU bottleneck is causing a performance problem.

Before you begin locating hot spots in your program, you need a fully functional program and realistic data values.

The following is a list of the profiling tools you can use:

- · "The timing commands"
- · "The prof command"
- · "The gprof command" on page 165
- "The tprof command" on page 167
- "X-Windows Performance Profiler (Xprofiler)" on page 174

### The timing commands

Use the timing commands discussed in Using the time command to measure CPU use for testing and debugging programs whose performance you are recording and trying to improve.

The output from the time command is in minutes and seconds, as follows:

```
real 0m26.72s
user 0m26.53s
sys 0m0.03s
```

The output from the **timex** command is in seconds, as follows:

```
real 26.70
user 26.55
sys 0.02
```

Comparing the user+sys CPU time to the real time will give you an idea if your application is CPU-bound or I/O-bound.

**Note:** Be careful when you do this on an SMP system. For more information, see time and timex Cautions).

The **timex** command is also available through the SMIT command on the Analysis Tools menu, found under Performance and Resource Scheduling. The **-p** and **-s** options of the **timex** command enable data from accounting (**-p**) and the sar command (**-s**) to be accessed and reported. The **-o** option reports on blocks read or written.

# The prof command

The **prof** command displays a profile of CPU usage for each external symbol, or routine, of a specified program. In detail, it displays the following:

- The percentage of execution time spent between the address of that symbol and the address of the next
- The number of times that function was called
- The average number of milliseconds per call

The **prof** command interprets the profile data collected by the **monitor()** subroutine for the object file (**a.out** by default), reads the symbol table in the object file, and correlates it with the profile file (**mon.out** by default) generated by the **monitor()** subroutine. A usage report is sent to the terminal, or can be redirected to a file.

To use the **prof** command, use the **-p** option to compile a source program in C, FORTRAN, or COBOL. This inserts a special profiling startup function into the object file that calls the **monitor()** subroutine to track function calls. When the program is executed, the **monitor()** subroutine creates a **mon.out** file to track execution time. Therefore, only programs that explicitly exit or return from the main program cause the **mon.out** file to be produced. Also, the **-p** flag causes the compiler to insert a call to the **mcount()** subroutine into the object code generated for each recompiled function of your program. While the program runs, each time a parent calls a child function, the child calls the **mcount()** subroutine to increment a distinct counter for that parent-child pair. This counts the number of calls to a function.

Note: You cannot use the prof command for profiling optimized code.

By default, the displayed report is sorted by decreasing percentage of CPU time. This is the same as when specifying the **-t** option.

The -c option sorts by decreasing number of calls and the -n option sorts alphabetically by symbol name.

If the **-s** option is used, a summary file **mon.sum** is produced. This is useful when more than one profile file is specified with the **-m** option (the **-m** option specifies files containing monitor data).

The -z option includes all symbols, even if there are zero calls and time associated.

Other options are available and explained in the **prof** command in the *AIX Version 6.1 Commands Reference*.

The following example shows the first part of the **prof** command output for a modified version of the Whetstone benchmark (Double Precision) program.

```
# cc -o cwhet -p -lm cwhet.c
# cwhet > cwhet.out
# prof
              %Time Seconds Cumsecs #Calls msec/call
Name
                       17.63 17.63 1 17630.
.main
                32.6

    mcount

               28.2
                        15.25
                                 32.88
                        8.82
                                41.70 8990000
                                                0.0010
                16.3
.mod8
                         5.38
.mod9
                9.9
                                  47.08 6160000 0.0009
                 2.9
.cos
                          1.57
                                  48.65 1920000
                                                 0.0008
                 2.4
                          1.32
                                  49.97 930000
                                                 0.0014
.exp
                                                0.0014
                          1.31
                                  51.28 930000
.log
                 2.4
                          1.01
                                  52.29 140000 0.0072
                 1.9
.mod3
                                  52.92 640000
                 1.2
                          0.63
                                                0.0010
sin
.sqrt
                1.1
                          0.59
                                  53.51
                                 54.08 640000 0.0009
                1.1
                          0.57
.atan
                 0.0
                          0.00
                                  54.08 10 0.0
.pout
                          0.00
                                          1
.exit
                 0.0
                                  54.08
                                                 0.
                                           2
.free
                 0.0
                          0.00
                                  54.08
                                                 0.
                 0.0
                          0.00
                                  54.08
                                           2
                                                 0.
.free y
```

In this example, we see many calls to the **mod8()** and **mod9()** routines. As a starting point, examine the source code to see why they are used so much. Another starting point could be to investigate why a routine requires so much time.

**Note:** If the program you want to monitor uses a **fork()** system call, be aware that the parent and the child create the same file (**mon.out**). To avoid this problem, change the current directory of the child process.

### The gprof command

The **gprof** command produces an execution profile of C, FORTRAN, or COBOL programs. The statistics of called subroutines are included in the profile of the calling program. The **gprof** command is useful in identifying how a program consumes CPU resources. It is roughly a superset of the **prof** command, giving additional information and providing more visibility to active sections of code.

### Implementation of the gprof command

The source code must be compiled with the **-pg** option. This action links in versions of library routines compiled for profiling and reads the symbol table in the named object file (**a.out** by default), correlating it with the call graph profile file (**gmon.out** by default). This means that the compiler inserts a call to the **mcount()** function into the object code generated for each recompiled function of your program. The **mcount()** function counts each time a parent calls a child function. Also, the **monitor()** function is enabled to estimate the time spent in each routine.

The **gprof** command generates two useful reports:

- The call-graph profile, which shows the routines, in descending order by CPU time, plus their descendants. The profile permits you to understand which parent routines called a particular routine most frequently and which child routines were called by a particular routine most frequently.
- The flat profile of CPU usage, which shows the usage by routine and number of calls, similar to the **prof** output.

Each report section begins with an explanatory part describing the output columns. You can suppress these pages by using the **-b** option.

Use -s for summaries and -z to display routines with zero usage.

Where the program is executed, statistics are collected in the **gmon.out** file. These statistics include the following:

- The names of the executable program and shared library objects that were loaded
- · The virtual memory addresses assigned to each program segment
- The mcount() data for each parent-child
- The number of milliseconds accumulated for each program segment

Later, when the **gprof** command is issued, it reads the **a.out** and **gmon.out** files to generate the two reports. The call-graph profile is generated first, followed by the flat profile. It is best to redirect the **gprof** output to a file, because browsing the flat profile first might answer most of your usage questions.

The following example shows the profiling for the **cwhet** benchmark program. This example is also used in "The prof command" on page 163:

```
# cc -o cwhet -pg -lm cwhet.c
# cwhet > cwhet.out
# gprof cwhet > cwhet.gprof
```

### The call-graph profile

The call-graph profile is the first part of the **cwhet.gprof** file and looks similar to the following:

```
granularity: each sample hit covers 4 byte(s) Time: 62.85 seconds
```

```
called/total
                                                 parents
index %time
              self descendents called+self
                                             name
                                                           index
                               called/total
                                                 children
             19.44
                         21.18
                                    1/1

    start [2]

                                   1
[1]
       64.6 19.44
                         21.18
                                             .main [1]
              8.89
                         0.00 8990000/8990000
                                                 .mod8 [4]
```

```
0.00 6160000/6160000
                                              .mod9 [5]
              5.64
              1.58
                        0.00 930000/930000
                                              .exp [6]
              1.53
                        0.00 1920000/1920000
                                              .cos [7]
                        0.00 930000/930000
                                              .log [8]
              1.37
              1.02
                       0.00 140000/140000
                                              .mod3 [10]
              0.63
                        0.00 640000/640000
                                              .atan [12]
                        0.00 640000/640000
              0.52
                                             .sin [14]
                        0.00
              0.00
                                 10/10
                                              .pout [27]
                                              <spontaneous>
                                          .__start [2]
[2]
      64.6
            0.00
                       40.62
                       21.18
                                  1/1
             19.44
                                            .main [1]
             0.00
                                 1/1
                                              .exit [37]
```

Usually the call graph report begins with a description of each column of the report, but it has been deleted in this example. The column headings vary according to type of function (current, parent of current, or child of current function). The current function is indicated by an index in brackets at the beginning of the line. Functions are listed in decreasing order of CPU time used.

To read this report, look at the first index [1] in the left-hand column. The .main function is the current function. It was started by . start (the parent function is on top of the current function), and it, in turn, calls .mod8 and .mod9 (the child functions are beneath the current function). All the accumulated time of .main is propagated to .\_\_start. The self and descendents columns of the children of the current function add up to the descendents entry for the current function. The current function can have more than one parent. Execution time is allocated to the parent functions based on the number of times they are called.

### Flat profile

The flat profile sample is the second part of the **cwhet.gprof** file and looks similar to the following: granularity: each sample hit covers 4 byte(s) Total time: 62.85 seconds

%	cumulative	self		self	total	
time	seconds	seconds	calls	ms/call	ms/call	name
30.9	19.44	19.44	1	19440.00	40620.00	.main [1]
30.5	38.61	19.17				mcount [3]
14.1	47.50	8.89	8990000	0.00	0.00	.mod8 [4]
9.0	53.14	5.64	6160000	0.00	0.00	.mod9 [5]
2.5	54.72	1.58	930000	0.00	0.00	.exp [6]
2.4	56.25	1.53	1920000	0.00	0.00	.cos [7]
2.2	57.62	1.37	930000	0.00	0.00	.log [8]
2.0	58.88	1.26				.qincrement [9]
1.6	59.90	1.02	140000	0.01	0.01	.mod3 [10]
1.2	60.68	0.78				stack_pointer [11]
1.0	61.31	0.63	640000	0.00	0.00	.atan [12]
0.9	61.89	0.58				.qincrement1 [13]
0.8	62.41	0.52	640000	0.00	0.00	.sin [14]
0.7	62.85	0.44				.sqrt [15]
0.0	62.85	0.00	180	0.00	0.00	.fwrite [16]
0.0	62.85	0.00	180	0.00	0.00	.memchr [17]
0.0	62.85	0.00	90	0.00	0.00	flsbuf [18]
0.0	62.85	0.00	90	0.00	0.00	flsbuf [19]

The flat profile is much less complex than the call-graph profile and very similar to the output of the prof command. The primary columns of interest are the self seconds and the calls columns. These reflect the CPU seconds spent in each function and the number of times each function was called. The next columns to look at are self ms/call (CPU time used by the body of the function itself) and total ms/call (time in the body of the function plus any descendent functions called).

Normally, the top functions on the list are candidates for optimization, but you should also consider how many calls are made to the function. Sometimes it can be easier to make slight improvements to a frequently called function than to make extensive changes to a piece of code that is called once.

A cross reference index is the last item produced and looks similar to the following:

Index by function name

```
[18] .__flsbuf
                          [37] .exit
                                                     [5] .mod9
[34] .<u></u>ioctl
                          [6] .exp
                                                     [43] .moncontrol
[20] . mcount
                          [39] .expand catname
                                                     [44] .monitor
[3] .__mcount
                          [32] .free
                                                     [22] .myecvt
[23] .__nl_langinfo_std [33] .free_y
                                                     [28] .nl_langinfo
[11] .__stack_pointer
                          [16] .fwrite
                                                     [27] .pout
                          [40] .getenv
[41] .ioctl
                                                     [29] .printf
[24] ._doprnt
                                                     [9] .qincrement
[35] ._findbuf
                          [42] .isatty
                                                    [13] .qincrement1
[19] . flsbuf
                           [8] .log
[36] ._wrtchk
                                                    [45] .saved_category_nam
[25] ._xflsbuf
                           [1] .main
                                                     [46] .setlocale
[26] ._xwrite
                          [17] .memchr
                                                     [14] .sin
                          [21] .mf2x2
                                                     [31] .splay
[12] .atan
[38] .catopen
                                                     [15] .sqrt
                          [10] .mod3
                           [4] .mod8
                                                     [30] .write
[7] .cos
```

**Note:** If the program you want to monitor uses a **fork()** system call, be aware that by default, the parent and the child create the same file, **gmon.out**. To avoid this problem, use the GPROF environment variable. You can also use the GPROF environment variable to profile multi-threaded applications.

### The tprof command

The typical program execution is a variable combination of application code, library subroutines, and kernel services. Frequently, programs that have not been tuned expend most of their CPU cycles in certain statements or subroutines. You can determine which particular statements or subroutines to examine with the **tprof** command.

The **tprof** command is a versatile profiler that provides a detailed profile of CPU usage by every process ID and name. It further profiles at the application level, routine level, and even to the source statement level and provides both a global view and a detailed view. In addition, the **tprof** command can profile kernel extensions, stripped executable programs, and stripped libraries. It does subroutine-level profiling for most executable programs on which the **stripnm** command produces a symbols table. The **tprof** command can profile any program produced by any of the following compilers:

- C
- C++
- FORTRAN
- Java<sup>™</sup>

The **tprof** command only profiles CPU activity. It does not profile other system resources, such as memory or disks.

The **tprof** command can profile Java programs using Java Persistence API (JPA) (-x java -Xrunjpa) to collect Java Just-in-Time (JIT) source line numbers and instructions, if the following parameters are added to -Xrunjpa:

- source=1; if IBM<sup>®</sup> Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 1.5.0 is installed, this parameter enables JIT source line collecting.
- instructions=1; enables JIT instructions collecting.

You can use the following types of profiling with the **tprof** command:

- "Time-based profiling" on page 168
- · "Event-based profiling" on page 168

### Time-based profiling

Time-based profiling is the default profiling mode and it is triggered by the decrementer interrupt, which occurs every 10 milliseconds. With time-based profiling, the tprof command cannot determine the address of a routine when interrupts are disabled. While interrupts are disabled, all ticks are charged to the unlock enable() routines.

### **Event-based profiling**

Event-based profiling is triggered by any one of the software-based events or any Performance Monitor event that occurs on the processor. The primary advantages of event-based profiling over time-based profiling are the following:

- · The routine addresses are visible when interrupts are disabled.
- · The ability to vary the profiling event
- The ability to vary the sampling frequency

With event-based profiling, ticks that occur while interrupts are disabled are charged to the proper routines. Also, you can select the profiling event and sampling frequency. The profiling event determines the trigger for the interrupt and the sampling frequency determines how often the interrupt occurs. After the specified number of occurrences of the profiling event, an interrupt is generated and the executing instruction is recorded.

The default type of profiling event is processor cycles. The various types of software-based events include the following:

- Emulation interrupts (EMULATION)
- Alignment interrupts (ALIGNMENT)
- Instruction Segment Lookaside Buffer misses (ISLBMISS)
- Data Segment Lookaside Buffer misses (DSLBMISS)

The sampling frequency for the software-based events is specified in milliseconds and the supported range is 1 to 500 milliseconds. The default sampling frequency is 10 milliseconds.

The following command generates an interrupt every 5 milliseconds and retrieves the record for the last emulation interrupt:

```
# tprof -E EMULATION -f 5
```

The following command generates an interrupt every 100 milliseconds and records the contents of the Sampled Instruction Address Register, or SIAR:

```
# tprof -E -f 100
```

The other types of profiling events, the Performance Monitor events, include the following:

- · Completed instructions
- · Cache misses

For a list of all the Performance Monitor events that are supported on the processors of the system, use the pmlist command. The chosen Performance Monitor event must be taken in a group where we can also find the PM\_INST\_CMPL Performance Monitor event. The sampling frequency for these events is specified in the number of occurrences of the event. The supported range is 10,000 to MAXINT occurrences. The default sampling frequency is 10,000 occurrences.

The following command generates an interrupt after the processor completes 50,000 instructions:

```
# tprof -E PM INST CMPL -f 50000
```

Event-based profiling uses the SIAR, which contains the address of an instruction close to the executing instruction. For example, if the profiling event is PM FPU0 FIN, which means the floating point unit 0

produces a result, the SIAR might not contain that floating point instruction but might contain another instruction close to it. This is more relevant for profiling based on Performance Monitor events. In fact for the proximity reason, on systems based on POWER4 and later, it is recommended that the Performance Monitor profiling event be one of the marked events. Marked events have the PM\_MRK prefix.

Certain combinations of profiling event, sampling frequency, and workload might cause interrupts to occur at such a rapid rate that the system spends most of its time in the interrupt handler. The tprof command detects this condition by keeping track of the number of completed instructions between two consecutive interrupts. When the tprof command detects five occurrences of the count falling below the acceptable limit, the trace collection stops. Reports are still generated and an error message is displayed. The default threshold is 1.000 instructions.

### Large Page Analysis

The tprof -a command collects profile trace from a representative application run and produces performance projections for mapping different portions of the application's data space to different page sizes. Large Page Analysis uses the information in the trace to project translation buffer performance when mapping any of the following four application memory regions to a different page size:

- static application data (initialized and uninitialized data)
- application heap (dynamically allocated data)
- stack
- application text

The performance projections are provided for each of the page sizes supported by the operating system. The first performance projection is a baseline projection for mapping all four memory regions to the default 4 KB pages. Subsequent projections map one region at a time to a different page size. The statistics reported for each projection include: the page size, the number of pages needed to back all four regions, a translation miss score, and a cold translation miss score.

The summary section lists the processes profiled and the statistics reported including: number/percentage of memory reference, modeled memory reference, malloc calls, and free calls.

#### How to interpret the results

The translation miss score is an indicator of the translation miss rate and ranges from 0 (no translation misses) to 1 (every reference results in a translation miss). The translation miss rate is defined as:

Translation miss rate = (Number of translation misses)/(Number of translation buffer accesses)

The translation miss score differs from the actual translation miss rate because it is based on sampled references. Sampling has the effect of reducing the denominator (Number of translation buffer accesses) in the above equation faster than the numerator (Number of translation misses). As a result, the translation miss score tends to overestimate the actual translation miss rate at increasing sampling rates. Thus, the translation score should be interpreted as a relative measure for comparing the effectiveness of different projections rather than as a predictor of actual translation miss rates.

The translation miss score is directly affected by larger page sizes: growing the page size reduces the translation miss score. The performance projection report includes both a cold translation miss score (such as compulsory misses) and a total translation miss score (such as compulsory and capacity misses). The cold translation miss score provides a useful lower bound; if growing the page size has reduced the translation miss score to the cold translation miss score, then all capacity translation misses have been eliminated and further increases in page size can only have negligible additional benefits.

The performance projection for a process would appear similar to the following:

Modeled region	for the process ./workload [661	980]		
Region	Start	End	Size (KB)	%MemRef
=====	====	====	=======	=======
heap	0x1100059b0	0x1207b0b60	269996.43	74.45
data	0x110000710	0x11000598c	20.63	1.55
stack	0xffffffffced10	0xffffffffffe0	196.71	20.44
text	0x100000288	0x100053710	333.14	2.56
Performance pr	ojection for the process ./workload [	661980]		
Region	PageSize	# Pages	TMissScore	ColdTMissScore
===== heap	4 KB	67500	0.92343 (100.0%)	0.09234 (100.0%)
heap	64 KB	4219	0.53615 ( 45.0%)	0.02744 ( 30.0%)
heap	16 MB	17	0.00010 ( 00.1%)	0.00002 ( 00.1%)
data	4 KB	6	0.53615 (100.0%)	0.02744 (100.0%)
data	64 KB	1	0.00053 ( 00.1%)	0.00009 ( 00.1%)
data	16 MB	1	0.00053 ( 00.1%)	0.00009 ( 00.1%)
stack	4 KB	50	0.53615 (100.0%)	0.02744 (100.0%)
stack	64 KB	4	0.05361 ( 10.0%)	0.00274 ( 10.0%)
stack	16 MB	1	0.00053 ( 00.1%)	0.00009 ( 00.1%)
text	4 KB	84	0.53615 (100.0%)	0.04744 (100.0%)
text	64 KB	6	0.05361 ( 10.0%)	0.00274 ( 10.0%)
text	16 MB	1	0.00053 ( 00.1%)	0.00009 ( 00.1%)

Data profiling: The tprof -b command turns on basic data profiling and collects data access information. The summary section reports access information across kernel data, library data, user global data, and stackheap sections for each process, as shown in the following example:

Table 1. Data profiling of the tprof -b command							
Process	F	req	Total	Kernel	User	Shared	Other
tlbref		1	60.49	0.07	59.71	0.38	0.00
/usr/bin/dd		1	39.30	26.75	11.82	0.73	0.00
tprof		2	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.33	0.00
Total		20 1	00.00	27.03	71.53	1.44	0.00
Table 2. An	example of the da	ata profiling rep	ort for the /usr	/bin/dd process	5.		
Process	PID	TID	Total	Kernel	l User	Shared	Other
tlbref	327688	757943	60.49	0/07	59.71	0.38	0.00
	Kernel:	0.04%					
	lib:	0.00%					
	u_global:	0.00%					
	stackheap:	u_global:	0.00%				
	unresolved:	99.42%					
tprof	3278000	792863	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
	kernel:	0.20%					
	lib:	0.00%					
	u_global:	0.00%					

39.30

26.75

11.82

0.73

0.00

/usr/bin/dd

0.00%

0.01%

974985

stackheap

323768

unresolved:

Table 2. An example of the data profiling report for the /usr/bin/dd process. (continued)

kernel: 12.86% lib: 0.00% u\_global: 7.80% 2.42% stackheap: unresolved: 2.18%

Total 100.00 27.03 99.01 1.44 0.00

When used with the-s, -u, -k and -e flags, the tprof command's data profiling reports most-used data structures (exported data symbols) in shared library, binary, kernel and kernel extensions. The -B flag also reports the functions that use data structures.

The second table shown is an example of the data profiling report for the /usr/bin/dd process.. The example report shows that \_\_start data structure is the most used data structure in the /usr/bin/dd process, based on the samples collected. The data structure is a list of functions (right aligned) that use the data structure, reported along with their share and source as shown in the following example:

Total % For /usr/bin/dd[323768]	(/usr/bin/dd) = 11.69
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Subroutine	%	Source
.noconv	11.29	/usr/bin/dd
.main	0.14	/usr/bin/dd
.read	0.07	glink.s
.setobuf	0.05	/usr/bin/dd
.rpipe	0.04	/usr/bin/dd
.flsh	0.04	/usr/bin/dd
.write	0.04	glink.s
.wbuf	0.02	/usr/bin/dd
.rbuf	0.02	/usr/bin/dd
Data		
start	7.80	/usr/bin/dd
	0.50	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,

	7.80	/usr/bin/dd
.noconv	6.59	/usr/bin/dd
.main	0.14	/usr/bin/dd
.read	0.04	glink.s
.wbuf	0.02	/usr/bin/dd
.write	0.02	glink.s
flsh	0 102	/usr/bin/dd

## Implementation of the tprof command

The tprof command uses the system trace facility. Since you can only execute the trace facility one user at a time, you can only execute one tprof command at a time.

You can obtain the raw data for the **tprof** command through the trace facility. For more information about the trace facility, see Analyzing Performance with the Trace Facility in the Performance management.

When a program is profiled, the trace facility is activated and instructed to collect data from the trace hook with hook ID 234 that records the contents of the Instruction Address Register, or IAR, when a system-clock interrupt occurs (100 times a second per processor). Several other trace hooks are also activated to enable the tprof command to track process and dispatch activity. The trace records are not written to a disk file. They are written to a pipe that is read by a program that builds a table of the unique program addresses that have been encountered and the number of times each one occurred. When the workload being profiled is complete, the table of addresses and their occurrence counts are written to disk. The data-reduction component of the tprof command then correlates the instruction addresses that were

encountered with the ranges of addresses occupied by the various programs and reports the distribution of address occurrences, or ticks, across the programs involved in the workload.

The distribution of ticks is roughly proportional to the CPU time spent in each program, which is 10 milliseconds per tick. After the high-use programs are identified, you can take action to restructure the hot spots or minimize their use.

### An example of the tprof command

You can view the complete details of the tprof command in AIX Version 6.1 Commands Reference.

The following example demonstrates how to collect a CPU tick profile of a program using the tprof command. The example was executed on a 4-way SMP system and since it is a fast-running system, the command completed in less than a second. To make this program run longer, the array size, or Asize, was changed to 4096 instead of 1024.

Upon running the following command, the version1.prof file is created in the current directory: # tprof -z -u -p version1 -x version1

The version1.prof file reports how many CPU ticks for each of the programs that were running on the system while the version1 program was running.

The following is an example of what the **version1.prof** file contains:

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Process		Freq	Total	Kernel	User	Shared	Other
======		====	=====	=====	====	=====	=====
wait		4	5810	5810	0	0	0
./version1		1	1672	35	1637	0	0
/usr/bin/tprof		2	15	13	0	2	0
/etc/syncd		1	2	2	0	0	0
/usr/bin/sh		2	2	2	0	0	0
swapper		1	1	1	0	0	0
/usr/bin/trcstop		1	1	1	0	0	0
rmcd		1	1	1	0	0	0
======		===	=====	=====	====	=====	=====
Total		13	7504	5865	1637	2	0
ъ						61 1	0.11
Process	PID	TID	Total		User		0ther
======	===	===	=====	=====	====	=====	=====
wait	16392	16393	1874	1874	0	0	0
wait	12294	12295	1873	1873	0	0	0
wait	20490	20491	1860	1860	0	0	0
./version1	245974	606263	1672	35	1637	0	0
wait	8196	8197	203	203	0	0	0
/usr/bin/tprof	291002	643291	13	13	0	0	0
/usr/bin/tprof	274580	610467	2	0	0	2	0
/etc/syncd	73824	110691	2	2	0	0	0
/usr/bin/sh	245974	606263	1	1	0	0	0
/usr/bin/sh	245976	606265	1	1	0	0	0
/usr/bin/trcstop	245976	606263	1	1	0	0	0
swapper	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
rmcd	155876	348337	1	1	0	0	0
======	===	===	=====	=====	====	=====	=====
Total			7504	5865	1637	2	0

Total Samples = 7504

Total Elapsed Time = 18.76s

Profile: ./version1

Total Ticks For All Processes (./version1) = 1637

urce Addr	Sour	%	Ticks	Subroutine
	=====	=====	=====	=========
n1.c	version1	21.82	1637	.main

```
Profile: ./version1
Total Ticks For ./version1[245974] (./version1) = 1637
   Subroutine Ticks % Source Address Bytes
          .main 1637 21.82 version1.c 350 536
```

The first section of the report summarizes the results by program, regardless of the process ID, or PID. It shows the number of different processes, or Freq, that ran each program at some point.

The second section of the report displays the number of ticks consumed by, or on behalf of, each process. In the example, the version1 program used 1637 ticks itself and 35 ticks occurred in the kernel on behalf of the version1 process.

The third section breaks down the user ticks associated with the executable program being profiled. It reports the number of ticks used by each function in the executable program and the percentage of the total run's CPU ticks (7504) that each function's ticks represent. Since the system's CPUs were mostly idle, most of the 7504 ticks are idle ticks.

To see what percentage of the busy time this program took, subtract the wait thread's CPU ticks, which are the idle CPU ticks, from the total and then divide the difference from the total number of ticks.

```
Total number of ticks / (Total - Idle CPU ticks) = % busy time of program
               1637 / (7504 - 5810) =
               1637 / 1694 = 0.97
```

So, the percentage of system busy ticks is 97%.

### The raso tunables

As the root user, you can tune the sampling frequency with the following raso tunables:

- tprof cyc mult
- · tprof evt mult

For example, for events based on processor cycles, setting the tprof cyc mult tunable to 50 and specifying the -f flag as 100 is equivalent to specifying a sampling frequency of 100/50 milliseconds.

For other Performance Monitor events, setting the tprof evt mult tunable to 100 and specifying the -f flag as 20,000 is equivalent to specifying a sampling frequency of 20,000/100 occurrences.

As the root user, you can tune the instruction threshold with the tprof\_inst\_threshold tunable of the raso command.

# Manual offline processing with the tprof command

You can perform offline processing of trace files with the **tprof** command, but you must specify filenames with a rootstring name. Also, there are certain suffixes required for the input files that the tprof command uses. For example, the trace binary file must end in .trc. Also, you need to collect the gensyms command output and put it in a file called the rootstring.syms file.

To insure the trace file contains sufficient information to be post-processed by tprof, the trace command line must include the -M and -j tprof flags.

If you name the rootstring file trace1, to collect a trace, you can use the trace command using all of the hooks or at least the following hooks:

```
# trace -af -M -T 1000000 -L 10000000 -o trace1.trc -j tprof
# workload
# trcoff
# gensyms > trace1.syms
# trcstop
# trcrpt -r trace1 -k -u -s -z
```

The example above creates a trace1.prof file, which gives you a CPU profile of the system while the trace command was running.

# X-Windows Performance Profiler (Xprofiler)

The X-Windows Performance Profiler (Xprofiler) tool helps you analyze your parallel or serial application's performance. It uses procedure-profiling information to construct a graphical display of the functions within your application. Xprofiler provides quick access to the profiled data, which lets you identify the functions that are the most CPU-intensive. The graphical user interface (GUI) also lets you manipulate the display in order to focus on the application's critical areas.

The following Xprofiler topics are covered in this section:

- Before You Begin
- · Xprofiler installation information
- Starting the Xprofiler GUI
- · Customizing Xprofiler resources

The word *function* is used frequently throughout this chapter. Consider it to be synonymous with the terms routine, subroutine, and procedure.

# **Before You Begin**

## **About Xprofiler**

Xprofiler lets you profile both serial and parallel applications. Serial applications generate a single profile data file, while a parallel application produces multiple profile data files. You can use Xprofiler to analyze the resulting profiling information.

Xprofiler provides a set of resource variables that let you customize some of the features of the Xprofiler window and reports.

## **Requirements and Limitations**

To use Xprofiler, your application must be compiled with the -pg flag. For more information, see "Compiling Applications to be Profiled" on page 175.

**Note:** Beginning with AIX 5.3, you can generate a new format of the thread-level profiling **gmon.out** files. Xprofiler does not support this new format, so you must set the GPROF environment variable to ensure that you produce the previous format of the gmon.out files. For more information, please see the gprof Command.

Like the gprof command, Xprofiler lets you analyze CPU (busy) usage only. It does not provide other kinds of information, such as CPU idle, I/O, or communication information.

If you compile your application on one processor, and then analyze it on another, you must first make sure that both processors have similar library configurations, at least for the system libraries used by the application. For example, if you run a High Performance Fortran application on a server, then try to analyze the profiled data on a workstation, the levels of High Performance Fortran run-time libraries must match and must be placed in a location on the workstation that Xprofiler recognizes. Otherwise, Xprofiler produces unpredictable results.

Because Xprofiler collects data by sampling, functions that run for a short amount of time might not show any CPU use.

Xprofiler does not give you information about the specific threads in a multi-threaded program. Xprofiler presents the data as a summary of the activities of all the threads.

## Comparing Xprofiler and the gprof Command

With Xprofiler, you can produce the same tabular reports that you might be accustomed to seeing with the gprof command. As with gprof, you can generate the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports.

Unlike **gprof**, Xprofiler provides a GUI that you can use to profile your application. Xprofiler generates a graphical display of your application's performance, as opposed to a text-based report. Xprofiler also lets you profile your application at the source statement level.

From the Xprofiler GUI, you can use all of the same command line flags as **gprof**, as well as some additional flags that are unique to Xprofiler.

## Compiling Applications to be Profiled

To use Xprofiler, you must compile and link your application with the -pg flag of the compiler command. This applies regardless of whether you are compiling a serial or parallel application. You can compile and link your application all at once, or perform the compile and link operations separately. The following is an example of how you would compile and link all at once:

```
cc -pg -o foo foo.c
```

The following is an example of how you would first compile your application and then link it. To compile, do the following:

```
cc -pg -c foo.c
```

To link, do the following:

```
cc -pg -o foo foo.o
```

Notice that when you compile and link separately, you must use the **-pg** flag with both the compile and link commands.

The -pg flag compiles and links the application so that when you run it, the CPU usage data is written to one or more output files. For a serial application, this output consists of only one file called **gmon.out**, by default. For parallel applications, the output is written into multiple files, one for each task that is running in the application. To prevent each output file from overwriting the others, the task ID is appended to each gmon.out file (for example: gmon.out.10).

**Note:** The **-pg** flag is not a combination of the **-p** and the **-g** compiling flags.

To get a complete picture of your parallel application's performance, you must indicate all of its gmon.out files when you load the application into Xprofiler. When you specify more than one gmon.out file, Xprofiler shows you the sum of the profile information contained in each file.

The Xprofiler GUI lets you view included functions. Your application must also be compiled with the -g flag in order for Xprofiler to display the included functions.

In addition to the -pg flag, the -g flag is also required for source-statement profiling.

# **Xprofiler Installation Information**

This section contains Xprofiler system requirements, limitations, and information about installing Xprofiler. It also lists the files and directories that are created by installing Xprofiler.

### **Preinstallation Information**

The following are hardware and software requirements for Xprofiler:

#### Software requirements:

- X-Windows
- X11.Dt.lib 4.2.1.0 or later, if you want to run Xprofiler in the Common Desktop Environment (CDE)

#### Disk space requirements:

• 6500 512-byte blocks in the /usr directory

Limitations: Although it is not required to install Xprofiler on every node, it is advisable to install it on at least one node in each group of nodes that have the same software library levels.

If users plan to collect a **gmon.out** file on one processor and then use Xprofiler to analyze the data on another processor, they should be aware that some shared (system) libraries might not be the same on the two processors. This situation might result in different function-call tree displays for shared libraries.

## **Installing Xprofiler**

There are two methods to install Xprofiler. One method is by using the **installp** command. The other is by using SMIT.

#### **Using the installp Command:** To install Xprofiler, type:

installp -a -I -X -d device name xprofiler

**Using SMIT:** To install Xprofiler using SMIT, do the following:

- 1. Insert the distribution media in the installation device (unless you are installing over a network).
- 2. Enter the following:

```
smit install latest
```

This command opens the SMIT panel for installing software.

- 3. Press **List**. A panel lists the available INPUT devices and directories for software.
- 4. Select the installation device or directory from the list of available INPUT devices. The original SMIT panel indicates your selection.
- 5. Press **Do**. The SMIT panel displays the default installation parameters.
- 6. Type:

xprofiler

### in the SOFTWARE to install field and press Enter.

7. Once the installation is complete, press **F10** to exit SMIT.

## Directories and Files Created by Xprofiler

Installing Xprofiler creates the directories and files shown in the following table:

Table 3. Xprofiler directories and files installed

Directory or file	Description
/usr/lib/nls/msg/En_US/xprofiler.cat	Message catalog for Xprofiler
/usr/lib/nls/msg/en_US/xprofiler.cat	
/usr/lib/nls/msg/C/xprofiler.cat	
/usr/xprofiler/defaults/Xprofiler.ad	Defaults file for X-Windows and Motif resource variables
/usr/xprofiler/bin/.startup_script	Startup script for Xprofiler

Table 3. Xprofiler directories and files installed (continued)

Directory or file	Description
/usr/xprofiler/bin/xprofiler	Xprofiler exec file
/usr/xprofiler/help/en_US/xprofiler.sdl	Online help
/usr/xprofiler/help/en_US/xprofiler_msg.sdl	
/usr/xprofiler/help/en_US/graphics	
/usr/xprofiler/READMES/xprofiler.README	Installation readme file
/usr/xprofiler/samples	Directory containing sample programs

The following symbolic link is made during the installation process of Xprofiler:

This link:	То:
/usr/lpp/X11/lib/X11/app-defaults/Xprofiler	/usr/xprofiler/defaults/Xprofiler.ad
/usr/bin/xprofiler	/usr/xprofiler/bin.startup_script

# Starting the Xprofiler GUI

To start Xprofiler, enter the xprofiler command on the command line. You must also specify the binary executable file, one or more profile data files, and optionally, one or more flags, which you can do in one of two ways. You can either specify the files and flags on the command line along with the xprofiler command, or you can enter the xprofiler command alone, then specify the files and flags from within the GUI.

You will have more than one gmon.out file if you are profiling a parallel application, because a gmon.out file is created for each task in the application when it is run. If you are running a serial application, there might be times when you want to summarize the profiling results from multiple runs of the application. In these cases, you must specify each of the profile data files you want to profile with Xprofiler.

To start Xprofiler and specify the binary executable file, one or more profile data files, and one or more flags, type:

xprofiler a.out gmon.out... [flag...]

where: a.out is the binary executable file, gmon.out... is the name of your profile data file (or files), and flag... is one or more of the flags listed in the following section on Xprofiler command-line flags.

### **Xprofiler Command-line Flags**

You can specify the same command-line flags with the xprofiler command that you do with gprof, as well as one additional flag (-disp\_max), which is specific to Xprofiler. The command-line flags let you control the way Xprofiler displays the profiled output.

You can specify the flags in Table 4 from the command line or from the Xprofiler GUI (see "Specifying Command Line Options (from the GUI)" on page 185 for more information).

Table 4. Xprofiler command-line flags

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-a	Add alternative paths to search for source code and library files, or changes the current path search order. When using this flag, you can use the "at" symbol (@) to represent the default file path, in order to specify that other paths be searched before the default path.	To set an alternative file search path so that Xprofiler searches <b>pathA</b> , the default path, then <b>pathB</b> , type: xprofiler -a pathA:0:pathB

Table 4. Xprofiler command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-b	Suppress the printing of the field descriptions for the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports when they are written to a file with the Save As option of the File menu.	Type: xprofiler -b a.out gmon.out
-c	Load the specified configuration file. If this flag is used on the command line, the configuration file name specified with it will appear in the Configuration File (-c): text field in Load Files Dialog window and in the Selection field of the Load Configuration File Dialog window. When both the -c and -disp_max flags are specified on the command line, the -disp_max flag is ignored, but the value that was specified with it will appear in the Initial Display (-disp_max): field in the Load Files Dialog window the next time this window is opened.	To load the configuration file myfile.cfg, type: xprofiler a.out gmon.out -c myfile.cfg
-disp_max	Set the number of function boxes that Xprofiler initially displays in the function call tree. The value supplied with this flag can be any integer between 0 and 5000. Xprofiler displays the function boxes for the most CPU-intensive functions through the number you specify. For example, if you specify 50, Xprofiler displays the function boxes for the 50 functions in your program with the highest CPU usage. After this, you can change the number of function boxes that are displayed using the <b>Filter</b> menu options. This flag has no effect on the content of any of the Xprofiler reports.	To display the function boxes for the 50 most CPU-intensive functions in the function call tree, type: xprofiler -disp_max 50 a.out gmon.out
-е	Deemphasize the general appearance of the function box for the specified function in the function call tree, and limits the number of entries for this function in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report. This also applies to the specified function's descendants, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions.  In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function is made unavailable. The box size and the content of the label remain the same. This also applies to descendant functions, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions.	To deemphasize the appearance of the function boxes for <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> and their qualifying descendants in the function call tree, and limit their entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type: xprofiler -e foo -e bar a.out gmon.out
	In the Call Graph Profile report, an entry for a specified function only appears where it is a child of another function, or as a parent of a function that also has at least one non-specified function as its parent. The information for this entry remains unchanged. Entries for descendants of the specified function do not appear unless they have been called by at least one non-specified function in the program.	

Table 4. Xprofiler command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-E	Change the general appearance and label information of the function box for the specified function in the function call tree. This flag also limits the number of entries for this function in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, and changes the CPU data associated with them. These results also apply to the specified function's descendants, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions in the program.	To change the display and label information for <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> , as well as their qualifying descendants in the function call tree, and limit their entries and data in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type: xprofiler -E foo -E bar a.out gmon.out
	In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function is made unavailable, and the box size and shape also changes so that it appears as a square of the smallest permitted size. In addition, the CPU time shown in the function box label, appears as <b>0</b> . The same applies to function boxes for descendant functions, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions. This flag also causes the CPU time spent by the specified function to be deducted from the CPU total on the left in the label of the function box for each of the specified function's ancestors.	
	In the Call Graph Profile report, an entry for the specified function only appears where it is a child of another function, or as a parent of a function that also has at least one non-specified function as its parent. When this is the case, the time in the self and descendants columns for this entry is set to 0. In addition, the amount of time that was in the descendants column for the specified function is subtracted from the time listed under the descendants column for the profiled function. As a result, be aware that the value listed in the % time column for most profiled functions in this report will change.	
-f	Deemphasize the general appearance of all function boxes in the function call tree, <i>except</i> for that of the specified function and its descendants. In addition, the number of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report for the non-specified functions and non-descendant functions is limited. The <b>-f</b> flag overrides the <b>-e</b> flag.  In the function call tree, all function boxes <i>except</i> for that of	To deemphasize the display of function boxes for all functions in the function call tree <i>except</i> for <b>foo</b> , <b>bar</b> , and their descendants, and limit their types of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type: xprofiler -f foo -f bar a.out gmon.out
	the specified function and its descendants are made unavailable. The size of these boxes and the content of their labels remain the same. For the specified function and its descendants, the appearance of the function boxes and labels remain the same.	
	In the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, an entry for a non-specified or non-descendant function only appears where it is a parent or child of a specified function or one of its descendants. All information for this entry remains the same.	

Table 4. Xprofiler command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-F	Change the general appearance and label information of all function boxes in the function call tree <i>except</i> for that of the specified function and its descendants. In addition, the number of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report for the non-specified and non-descendant functions is limited, and the CPU data associated with them is changed. The <b>-F</b> flag overrides the <b>-E</b> flag.  In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function are made unavailable, and its size and shape also changes so that it appears as a square of the smallest permitted size. In addition, the CPU time shown in the function box label, appears as <b>0</b> .	To change the display and label information of the function boxes for all functions <i>except</i> the functions <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> and their descendants, and limit their types of entries and data in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type: xprofiler -F foo -F bar a.out gmon.out
	In the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, an entry for a non-specified or non-descendant function only appears where it is a parent or child of a specified function or one of its descendants. When this is the case, the time in the <b>self</b> and <b>descendants</b> columns for this entry is set to <b>0</b> . As a result, be aware that the value listed in the <b>% time</b> column for most profiled functions in this report will change.	
-h   -?	Display the <b>xprofiler</b> command's usage statement.	<pre>xprofiler -h  Usage: xprofiler [program] [-b] [-h] [-s] [-z] [-a path(s)] [-c file] [-L pathname] [[-e function]] [[-F function]] [[-f function]] [[-F function]] [-disp_max number_of_functions] [[gmon.out]]</pre>
-L	Specify an alternative path name for locating shared libraries. If you plan to specify multiple paths, use the <b>Set File Search Path</b> option of the <b>File</b> menu on the Xprofiler GUI. See "Setting the File Search Sequence" on page 190 for more information.	To specify /lib/profiled/libc.a:shr.o as an alternative path name for your shared libraries, type: xprofiler -L /lib/profiled/libc.a:shr.o
-s	Produce the <b>gmon.sum</b> profile data file (if multiple <b>gmon.out</b> files are specified when Xprofiler is started). The <b>gmon.sum</b> file represents the sum of the profile information in all the specified profile files. Note that if you specify a single <b>gmon.out</b> file, the <b>gmon.sum</b> file contains the same data as the <b>gmon.out</b> file.	To write the sum of the data from three profile data files, gmon.out.1, gmon.out.2, and gmon.out.3, into a file called gmon.sum, type: xprofiler -s a.out gmon.out.1 gmon.out.2 gmon.out.3
-z	Include functions that have both zero CPU usage and no call counts in the <b>Flat Profile</b> , <b>Call Graph Profile</b> , and <b>Function Index</b> reports. A function will not have a call count if the file that contains its definition was not compiled with the <b>-pg</b> flag, which is common with system library files.	To include all functions used by the application that have zero CPU usage and no call counts in the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports, type: xprofiler -z a.out gmon.out

After you enter the xprofiler command, the Xprofiler main window appears and displays your application's data.

## Loading Files from the Xprofiler GUI

If you enter the xprofiler command on its own, you can then specify an executable file, one or more profile data file, and any flags, from within the Xprofiler GUI. You use the Load File option of the File menu to do this.

If you enter the xprofiler -h or xprofiler -? command, Xprofiler displays the usage statement for the command and then exits.

When you enter the xprofiler command alone, the Xprofiler main window appears. Because you did not load an executable file or specify a profile data file, the window will be empty, as shown below.

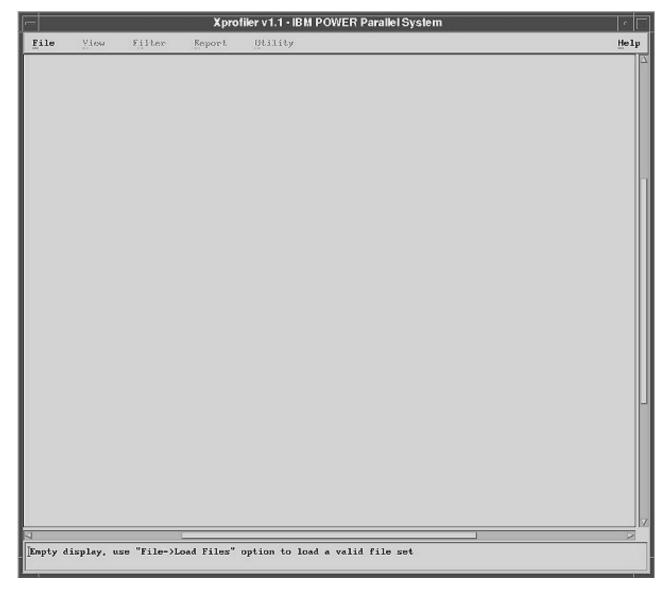


Figure 16. The Xprofiler main window. The screen capture below is an empty Xprofiler window. All that is visible is a menu bar at the top with dropdowns for File, View, Filter, Report, Utility, and Help. Also, there is a description box at the bottom that contains the following text: Empty display, use "File->Load Files" option to load a valid file set.

From the Xprofiler GUI, select File, then Load File from the menu bar. The Load Files Dialog window will appear, as shown below.

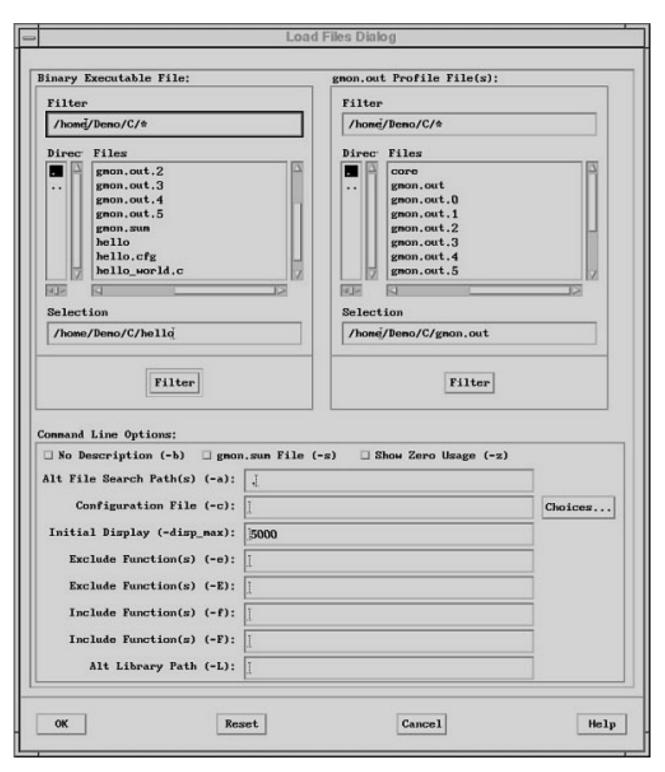


Figure 17. The Load Files Dialog window. The screen capture below is a Load Files Dialog box that is split into three different sections. There are two boxes, side by side at the top, and one long box at the bottom that are described in more detail in the next three figures.

The Load Files Dialog window lets you specify your application's executable file and its corresponding profile data (gmon.out) files. When you load a file, you can also specify the various command-line options that let you control the way Xprofiler displays the profiled data.

To load the files for the application you want to profile, you must specify the following:

- · the binary executable file
- · one or more profile data files

Optionally, you can also specify one or more command-line flags.

**The Binary Executable File:** You specify the binary executable file from the **Binary Executable File:** area of the Load Files Dialog window.



Figure 18. The Binary Executable File dialog. The screen capture below is the Binary Executable File dialog box of the Load Files Dialog window. There is a Filter box at the top that shows the path of the file to load. Underneath the Filter box, there are two selection boxes, side by side that are labeled Directory and Files. The one on the left is to select the Directory in which to locate the executable file, and the one on the right is a listing of the files that are contained in the directory that is selected in the Directory selection box. There is a Selection box that shows the file selected and at the bottom there is a Filter button.

Use the scroll bars of the **Directories** and **Files** selection boxes to locate the executable file you want to load. By default, all of the files in the directory from which you called Xprofiler appear in the **Files** selection box.

To make locating your binary executable files easier, the **Binary Executable File:** area includes a **Filter** button. Filtering lets you limit the files that are displayed in the **Files** selection box to those of a specific directory or of a specific type. For information about filtering, see "Filtering what You See" on page 198.

Profile Data Files: You specify one or more profile data files from the gmon.out Profile Data File(s) area of the Load Files Dialog window.

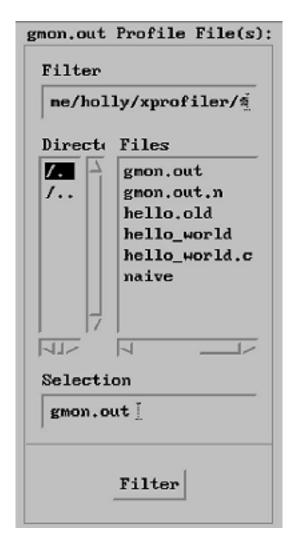


Figure 19. The gmon.out Profile Data File area. The screen capture below is the gmon.out Profile Data File(s) dialog box of the Load Files Dialog window. There is a Filter box at the top that shows the path of the file to use as input. Underneath the Filter box, there are two selection boxes, side by side that are labeled Directory and Files. The one on the left is to select the Directory in which to locate the profile file, and the one on the right is a listing of the files that are contained in the directory that is selected in the Directory selection box. There is a Selection box that shows the file selected and at the bottom there is a Filter button.

When you start Xprofiler using the xprofiler command, you are not required to indicate the name of the profile data file. If you do not specify a profile data file, Xprofiler searches your directory for the presence of a file named gmon.out and, if found, places it in the Selection field of the gmon.out Profile Data File(s) area, as the default. Xprofiler then uses this file as input, even if it is not related to the binary executable file you specify. Because this will cause Xprofiler to display incorrect data, it is important that you enter the correct file into this field. If the profile data file you want to use is named something other than what appears in the **Selection** field, you must replace it with the correct file name.

Use the scroll bars of the Directories and Files selection boxes to locate one or more of the profile data (gmon.out) files you want to specify. The file you use does not have to be named gmon.out, and you can specify more than one profile data file.

To make locating your output files easier, the gmon.out Profile Data File(s) area includes a Filter button. Filtering lets you limit the files that are displayed in the Files selection box to those in a specific directory or of a specific type. For information about filtering, see "Filtering what You See" on page 198.

Specifying Command Line Options (from the GUI): Specify command-line flags from the Command Line Options area of the Load Files Dialog window, which looks similar to the following:

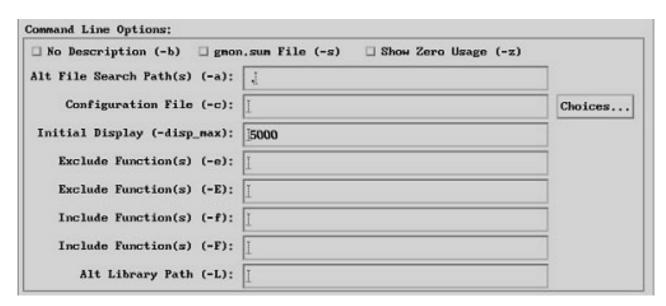


Figure 20. The Command Line Options area. The screen capture below is the Command Line Options box of the Load Files Dialog window. There are three check boxes side by side at the top: No description (-b), gmon.sum File (-s), and Show Zero Usage (-z). Below that, there are eight boxes corresponding to the eight Xprofiler GUI command-line flags, Alt File Search Paths (-a), Configuration File (-c), Initial Display (-disp\_max), Exclude Functions (-e), Exclude Functions (-F), Include Functions (-F), and Alt Library Path (-L), that are described in great detail below. There is a Choices button next to the Configuration File (-c) box.

You can specify one or more flags as follows:

Table 5. Xprofiler GUI command-line flags

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-a (field)	Add alternative paths to search for source code and library files, or changes the current path search order. After clicking the <b>OK</b> button, any modifications to this field are also made to the <b>Enter Alt File Search Paths:</b> field of the Alt File Search Path Dialog window. If both the Load Files Dialog window and the Alt File Search Path Dialog window are opened at the same time, when you make path changes in the Alt File Search Path Dialog window and click <b>OK</b> , these changes are also made to the Load Files Dialog window. Also, when both of these windows are open at the same time, clicking the <b>OK</b> or <b>Cancel</b> buttons in the Load Files Dialog window causes both windows to close. If you want to restore the <b>Alt File Search Path(s)</b> (-a): field to the same state as when the Load Files Dialog window was opened, click the <b>Reset</b> button.  You can use the "at" symbol (@) with this flag to represent the default file path, in order to specify that other paths be searched before the default path.	To set an alternative file search path so that Xprofiler searches pathA, the default path, then pathB, type pathA:0:pathB in the Alt File Search Path(s) (-a) field.
-b (button)	Suppress the printing of the field descriptions for the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports when they are written to a file with the Save As option of the File menu.	To suppress printing of the field descriptions for the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports in the saved file, set the -b button to the pressed-in position.
-c (field)	Load the specified configuration file. If the -c option was used on the command line, or a configuration file had been previously loaded with the Load Files Dialog window or the Load Configuration File Dialog window, the name of the most recently loaded file will appear in the Configuration File (-c): text field in the Load Files Dialog window, as well as the Selection field of Load Files Dialog window. If the Load Files Dialog window and the Load Files Dialog window are open at the same time, when you specify a configuration file in the Load Configuration File Dialog window and then click the OK button, the name of the specified file also appears in the Load Files Dialog window. Also, when both of these windows are open at the same time, clicking the OK or Cancel button in the Load Files Dialog window causes both windows to close. When entries are made to both the Configuration File (-c): and Initial Display (-disp_max): fields in the Load Files Dialog window, the value in the Initial Display (-disp_max): field is ignored, but is retained the next time this window is opened. If you want to retrieve the file name that was in the Configuration File (-c): field when the Load Files Dialog window was opened, click the Reset button.	To load the configuration file myfile.cfg, type myfile.cfg in the Configuration File (-c) field.

Table 5. Xprofiler GUI command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-disp_max (field)	Set the number of function boxes that Xprofiler initially displays in the function call tree. The value supplied with this flag can be any integer between 0 and 5000. Xprofiler displays the function boxes for the most CPU-intensive functions through the number you specify. For example, if you specify 50, Xprofiler displays the function boxes for the 50 functions in your program with the highest CPU usage. After this, you can change the number of function boxes that are displayed using the <b>Filter</b> menu options. This flag has no effect on the content of any of the Xprofiler reports.	To display the function boxes for the 50 most CPU-intensive functions in the function call tree, type 50 in the <b>Init Display (-disp_max)</b> field.
-e (field)	Deemphasize the general appearance of the function box for the specified function in the function call tree, and limits the number of entries for this function in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report. This also applies to the specified function's descendants, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions.  In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function is made unavailable. The box size and the content of the label remain the same. This also applies to descendant functions, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions.  In the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, an entry for a specified function only appears where it is a child of another function, or as a parent of a	To deemphasize the appearance of the function boxes for <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> and their qualifying descendants in the function call tree, and limit their entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type foo and bar in the <b>Exclude Routines (-e)</b> field.  Multiple functions are separated by a space.
	function that also has at least one non-specified function as its parent. The information for this entry remains unchanged. Entries for descendants of the specified function do not appear unless they have been called by at least one non-specified function in the program.	

Table 5. Xprofiler GUI command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
Use this flag: -E (field)	To:  Change the general appearance and label information of the function box for the specified function in the function call tree. This flag also limits the number of entries for this function in the Call Graph Profile report, and changes the CPU data associated with them. These results also apply to the specified function's descendants, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions in the program.  In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function appears greyed out, and the box size and shape also changes so that it appears as a square of the smallest permitted size. In addition, the CPU time shown in the function box label, appears as 0. The same applies to function boxes for descendant functions, as long as they have not been called by non-specified functions. This flag also causes the CPU time spent by the specified function to be deducted from the CPU total on the left in the label of the function box for each of the specified function's ancestors.	For example:  To change the display and label information for foo and bar and their qualifying descendants in the function call tree, and limit their entries and data in the Call Graph Profile report, type foo bar in the Exclude Routines (-E) field.  Multiple functions are separated by a space.
	In the Call Graph Profile report, an entry for the specified function only appears where it is a child of another function, or as a parent of a function that also has at least one non-specified function as its parent. When this is the case, the time in the self and descendants columns for this entry is set to 0. In addition, the amount of time that was in the descendants column for the specified function is subtracted from the time listed under the descendants column for the profiled function. As a result, be aware that the value listed in the % time column for most profiled functions in this report will change.	

Table 5. Xprofiler GUI command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-f (field)	Deemphasize the general appearance of all function boxes in the function call tree, <i>except</i> for that of the specified function and its descendants. In addition, the number of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report for the non-specified functions and non-descendant functions is limited. The <b>-f</b> flag overrides the <b>-e</b> flag.	To deemphasize the display of function boxes for all functions in the function call tree <i>except</i> for <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> and their descendants, and limit their types of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type foo bar in the <b>Include Routines (-f)</b> field.  Multiple functions are separated by a space.
	In the function call tree, all function boxes <i>except</i> for that of the specified function and its descendants are made unavailable. The size of these boxes and the content of their labels remain the same. For the specified function and its descendants, the appearance of the function boxes and labels remain the same.	
	In the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, an entry for a non-specified or non-descendant function only appears where it is a parent or child of a specified function or one of its descendants. All information for this entry remains the same.	
-F (field)	Change the general appearance and label information of all function boxes in the function call tree <i>except</i> for that of the specified function and its descendants. In addition, the number of entries in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report for the non-specified and non-descendant functions is limited, and the CPU data associated with them is changed. The <b>-F</b> flag overrides the <b>-E</b> flag.	To change the display and label information of the function boxes for all functions <i>except</i> the functions <b>foo</b> and <b>bar</b> and their descendants, and limit their types of entries and data in the <b>Call Graph Profile</b> report, type foo bar in the <b>Include Routines (-F)</b> field.  Multiple functions are separated by a space.
	In the function call tree, the function box for the specified function is made unavailable, and its size and shape also changes so that it appears as a square of the smallest permitted size. In addition, the CPU time shown in the function box label, appears as 0.	
	In the Call Graph Profile report, an entry for a non-specified or non-descendant function only appears where it is a parent or child of a specified function or one of its descendants. When this is the case, the time in the self and descendants columns for this entry is set to 0. As a result, be aware that the value listed in the % time column for most profiled functions in this report will change.	
-L (field)	Set the alternative path name for locating shared objects. If you plan to specify multiple paths, use the <b>Set File Search Path</b> option of the <b>File</b> menu on the Xprofiler GUI. See "Setting the File Search Sequence" on page 190 for information.	To specify /lib/profiled/libc.a:shr.o as an alternative path name for your shared libraries, type /lib/profiled/libc.a:shr.o in this field.

Table 5. Xprofiler GUI command-line flags (continued)

Use this flag:	То:	For example:
-s (button)	Produces the <b>gmon.sum</b> profile data file, if multiple <b>gmon.out</b> files are specified when Xprofiler is started. The <b>gmon.sum</b> file represents the sum of the profile information in all the specified profile files. Note that if you specify a single <b>gmon.out</b> file, the <b>gmon.sum</b> file contains the same data as the <b>gmon.out</b> file.	To write the sum of the data from three profile data files, <b>gmon.out.1</b> , <b>gmon.out.2</b> , and <b>gmon.out.3</b> , into a file called <b>gmon.sum</b> , set the <b>-s</b> button to the pressed-in position.
-z (button)	Includes functions that have both zero CPU usage and no call counts in the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports. A function will not have a call count if the file that contains its definition was not compiled with the -pg flag, which is common with system library files.	To include all functions used by the application that have zero CPU usage and no call counts in the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports, set the -z button to the pressed-in position.

After you have specified the binary executable file, one or more profile data files, and any command-line flags you want to use, click the OK button to save the changes and close the window. Xprofiler loads your application and displays its performance data.

## **Setting the File Search Sequence**

You can specify where you want Xprofiler to look for your library files and source code files by using the Set File Search Paths option of the File menu. By default, Xprofiler searches the default paths first and then any alternative paths you specify.

Default Paths: For library files, Xprofiler uses the paths recorded in the specified gmon.out files. If you use the -L flag, the path you specify with it will be used instead of those in the gmon.out files.

Note: The -L flag enables only one path to be specified, and you can use this flag only once.

For source code files, the paths recorded in the specified **a.out** file are used.

Alternative Paths: You specify the alternative paths with the Set File Search Paths option of the File menu.

For library files, if everything else failed, the search will be extended to the path (or paths) specified by the LIBPATH environment variable associated with the executable file.

To specify alternative paths, do the following:

- 1. Select the File menu, and then the Set File Search Paths option. The Alt File Search Path Dialog window appears.
- 2. Enter the name of the path in the Enter Alt File Search Path(s) text field. You can specify more than one path by separating each path name with a colon (:) or a space.

#### Notes:

- a. You can use the "at" symbol (@) with this option to represent the default file path, in order to specify that other paths be searched before the default path. For example, to set the alternative file search paths so that Xprofiler searches pathA, the default path, then pathB, type pathA:0:pathB in the Alt File Search Path(s) (-a) field.
- b. If @ is used in the alternative search path, the two buttons in the Alt File Search Path Dialog window will be unavailable, and will have no effect on the search order.
- 3. Click the **OK** button. The paths you specified in the text field become the alternative paths.

Changing the Search Sequence: You can change the order of the search sequence for library files and source code files using the Set File Search Paths option of the File menu. To change the search sequence:

- 1. Select the File menu, and then the Set File Search Paths option. The Alt File Search Path Dialog window appears.
- 2. To indicate that the file search should use alternative paths first, click the **Check alternative path(s)** first button.
- 3. Click **OK**. This changes the search sequence to the following:
  - a. Alternative paths
  - b. Default paths
  - c. Paths specified in LIBPATH (library files only)

To return the search sequence back to its default order, repeat steps 1 through 3, but in step 2, click the Check default path(s) first button. When the action is confirmed (by clicking OK), the search sequence will start with the default paths again.

If a file is found in one of the alternative paths or a path in LIBPATH, this path now becomes the default path for this file throughout the current Xprofiler session (until you exit this Xprofiler session or load a new set of data).

# **Understanding the Xprofiler Display**

The primary difference between Xprofiler and the **gprof** command is that Xprofiler gives you a graphical picture of your application's CPU consumption in addition to textual data.

Xprofiler displays your profiled program in a single main window. It uses several types of graphical images to represent the relevant parts of your program. Functions appear as solid green boxes (called function boxes), and the calls between them appear as blue arrows (called call arcs). The function boxes and call arcs that belong to each library within your application appear within a fenced-in area called a *cluster box*.

### **Xprofiler Main Window**

The Xprofiler main window contains a graphical representation of the functions and calls within your application, as well as their interrelationships. The window provides six menus, including one for online help.

When an application has been loaded, the Xprofiler main window looks similar to the following:

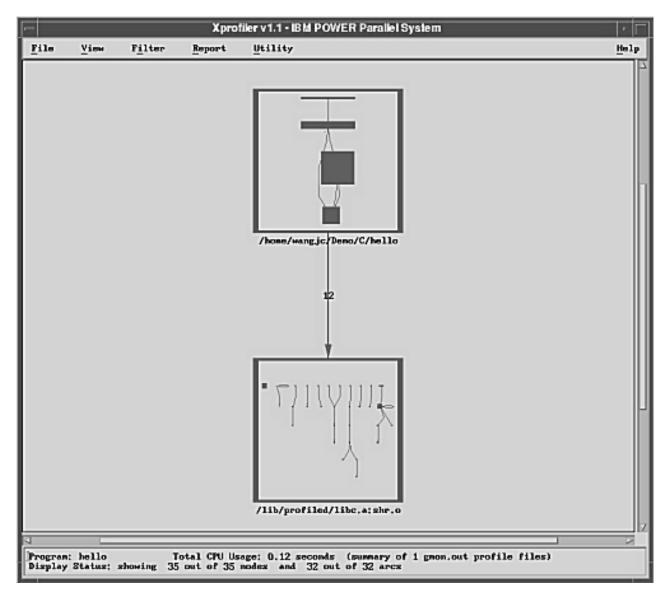


Figure 21. The Xprofiler main window with application loaded. The screen capture below shows one function box displaying a function call tree, with an arc pointing down to another function box displaying a function call tree in the Xprofiler main window.

In the main window, Xprofiler displays the function call tree. The function call tree displays the function boxes, call arcs, and cluster boxes that represent the functions within your application.

**Note:** When Xprofiler first opens, by default, the function boxes for your application will be *clustered* by library. A cluster box appears around each library, and the function boxes and arcs within the cluster box are reduced in size. To see more detail, you must uncluster the functions. To do this, select the File menu and then the Uncluster Functions option.

#### **Xprofiler's Main Menus:** The Xprofiler menus are as follows:

The File menu: The File menu lets you specify the executable (a.out) files and profile data (gmon.out) files that Xprofiler will use. It also lets you control how your files are accessed and saved.

The View menu: The View menu lets you focus on specific portions of the function call tree in order to get a better view of the application's critical areas.

The Filter menu: The Filter menu lets you add, remove, and change specific parts of the function call tree. By controlling what Xprofiler displays, you can focus on the objects that are most important to you.

The Report menu: The Report menu provides several types of profiled data in a textual and tabular format. In addition to presenting the profiled data, the options of the Report menu let you do the following:

- Display textual data
- · Save it to a file
- · View the corresponding source code
- · Locate the corresponding function box or call arc in the function call tree

The Utility menu: The Utility menu contains one option, Locate Function By Name, which lets you highlight a particular function in the function call tree.

#### Xprofiler's Hidden Menus:

The Function menu: The Function menu lets you perform a number of operations for any of the functions shown in the function call tree. You can access statistical data, look at source code, and control which functions are displayed.

The Function menu is not visible from the Xprofiler window. You access it by right-clicking on the function box of the function in which you are interested. By doing this, you open the Function menu, and select this function as well. Then, when you select actions from the Function menu, the actions are applied to this function.

The Arc menu: The Arc menu lets you locate the caller and callee functions for a particular call arc. A call arc is the representation of a call between two functions within the function call tree.

The Arc menu is not visible from the Xprofiler window. You access it by right-clicking on the call arc in which you are interested. By doing this, you open the Arc menu, and select that call arc as well. Then, when you perform actions with the Arc menu, they are applied to that call arc.

The Cluster Node menu: The Cluster Node menu lets you control the way your libraries are displayed by Xprofiler. To access the Cluster Node menu, the function boxes in the function call tree must first be clustered by library. For information about clustering and unclustering the function boxes of your application, see "Clustering Libraries" on page 203. When the function call tree is clustered, all the function boxes within each library appear within a cluster box.

The Cluster Node menu is not visible from the Xprofiler window. You access it by right-clicking on the edge of the cluster box in which you are interested. By doing this, you open the Cluster Node menu, and select that cluster as well. Then, when you perform actions with the Cluster Node menu, they are applied to the functions within that library cluster.

The Display Status Field: At the bottom of the Xprofiler window is a single field that provides the following information:

- Name of your application
- Number of **gmon.out** files used in this session
- Total amount of CPU used by the application
- · Number of functions and calls in your application, and how many of these are currently displayed

How Functions are Represented: Functions are represented by solid green boxes in the function call tree. The size and shape of each function box indicates its CPU usage. The height of each function box represents the amount of CPU time it spent on executing itself. The width of each function box represents the amount of CPU time it spent executing itself, plus its descendant functions.

This type of representation is known as *summary mode*. In summary mode, the size and shape of each function box is determined by the total CPU time of multiple gmon.out files used on that function alone, and the total time used by the function and its descendant functions. A function box that is wide and flat represents a function that uses a relatively small amount of CPU on itself (it spends most of its time on its descendants). The function box for a function that spends most of its time executing only itself will be roughly square-shaped.

Functions can also be represented in average mode. In average mode, the size and shape of each function box is determined by the average CPU time used on that function alone, among all loaded gmon.out files, and the standard deviation of CPU time for that function among all loaded gmon.out files. The height of each function node represents the average CPU time, among all the input gmon.out files, used on the function itself. The width of each node represents the standard deviation of CPU time, among the gmon.out files, used on the function itself. The average mode representation is available only when more than one **gmon.out** file is entered. For more information about summary mode and average mode, see "Controlling the Representation of the Function Call Tree" on page 197.

Under each function box in the function call tree is a label that contains the name of the function and related CPU usage data. For information about the function box labels, see "Obtaining Basic Data" on page 208.

The following figure shows the function boxes for two functions, **sub1** and **printf**, as they would appear in the Xprofiler display.

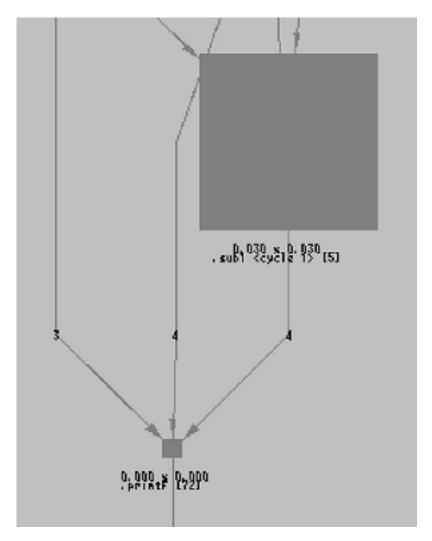


Figure 22. Function boxes and arcs in the Xprofiler display. The screen capture below shows a large function box for the sub1 function at the top and a small function box for the printf function at the bottom.

Each function box has its own menu. To access it, place your mouse cursor over the function box of the function you are interested in and press the right mouse button. Each function also has an information box that lets you get basic performance numbers quickly. To access the information box, place your mouse cursor over the function box of the function you are interested in and press the left mouse button.

How Calls Between Functions are Depicted: The calls made between each of the functions in the function call tree are represented by blue arrows extending between their corresponding function boxes. These lines are called call arcs. Each call arc appears as a solid blue line between two functions. The arrowhead indicates the direction of the call; the function represented by the function box it points to is the one that receives the call. The function making the call is known as the *caller*, while the function receiving the call is known as the callee.

Each call arc includes a numeric label that indicates how many calls were exchanged between the two corresponding functions.

Each call arc has its own menu that lets you locate the function boxes for its caller and callee functions. To access it, place your mouse cursor over the call arc for the call in which you are interested, and press the right mouse button. Each call arc also has an information box that shows you the number of times the caller function called the callee function. To access the information box, place your mouse cursor over the call arc for the call in which you are interested, and press the left mouse button.

How Library Clusters are Represented: Xprofiler lets you collect the function boxes and call arcs that belong to each of your shared libraries into cluster boxes.

Because there will be a box around each library, the individual function boxes and call arcs will be difficult to see. If you want to see more detail, you must uncluster the function boxes. To do this, select the Filter menu and then the **Uncluster Functions** option.

When viewing function boxes within a cluster box, note that the size of each function box is relative to those of the other functions within the same library cluster. On the other hand, when all the libraries are unclustered, the size of each function box is relative to all the functions in the application (as shown in the function call tree).

Each library cluster has its own menu that lets you manipulate the cluster box. To access it, place your mouse cursor over the edge of the cluster box you are interested in, and press the right mouse button. Each cluster also has an information box that shows you the name of the library and the total CPU usage (in seconds) consumed by the functions within it. To access the information box, place your mouse cursor over the edge of the cluster box you are interested in and press the left mouse button.

# Controlling how the Display is Updated

The Utility menu of the Overview Window lets you choose the mode in which the display is updated. The default is the Immediate Update option, which causes the display to show you the items in the highlight area as you are moving it around. The **Delayed Update** option, on the other hand, causes the display to be updated only when you have moved the highlight area over the area in which you are interested, and released the mouse button. The **Immediate Update** option applies only to what you see when you move the highlight area; it has no effect on the resizing of items in highlight area, which is always delayed.

# Other Viewing Options

Xprofiler lets you change the way it displays the function call tree, based on your personal preferences.

## Controlling the Graphic Style of the Function Call Tree

You can choose between two-dimensional and three-dimensional function boxes in the function call tree. The default style is two-dimensional. To change to three-dimensional, select the View menu, and then the **3-D Image** option. The function boxes in the function call tree now appear in three-dimensional format.

## **Controlling the Orientation of the Function Call Tree**

You can choose to have Xprofiler display the function call tree in either top-to-bottom or left-to-right format. The default is top-to-bottom. To see the function call tree displayed in left-to-right format, select the View menu, and then the Layout: Left+Right option. The function call tree now displays in left-to-right format, as shown below.

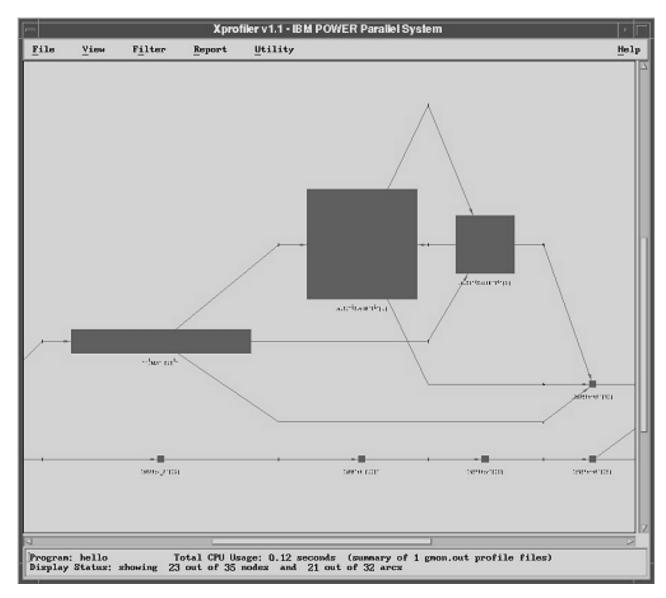


Figure 23. Left-to-right format. The screen capture below shows a function call tree with three different function boxes from left to right.

## Controlling the Representation of the Function Call Tree

You can choose to have Xprofiler represent the function call tree in either *summary mode* or *average mode*.

When you select the **Summary Mode** option of the View menu, the size and shape of each function box is determined by the total CPU time of multiple **gmon.out** files used on that function alone, and the total time used by the function and its descendant functions. The height of each function node represents the total CPU time used on the function itself. The width of each node represents the total CPU time used on the function and its descendant functions. When the display is in summary mode, the **Summary Mode** option is unavailable and the **Average Mode** option is activated.

When you select the **Average Mode** option of the View menu, the size and shape of each function box is determined by the average CPU time used on that function alone, among all loaded **gmon.out** files, and the standard deviation of CPU time for that function among all loaded **gmon.out** files. The height of each

function node represents the average CPU time, among all the input gmon.out files, used on the function itself. The width of each node represents the standard deviation of CPU time, among the gmon.out files, used on the function itself.

The purpose of average mode is to reveal workload balancing problems when an application is involved with multiple **gmon.out** files. In general, a function node with large standard deviation has a wide width, and a node with small standard deviation has a slim width.

Both summary mode and average mode affect only the appearance of the function call tree and the labels associated with it. All the performance data in Xprofiler reports and code displays are always summary data. If only one gmon.out file is specified, Summary Mode and Average Mode will be unavailable, and the display is always in Summary Mode.

# Filtering what You See

When Xprofiler first opens, the entire function call tree appears in the main window. This includes the function boxes and call arcs that belong to your executable file as well as the shared libraries that it uses. You can simplify what you see in the main window, and there are several ways to do this.

Note: Filtering options of the Filter menu let you change the appearance only of the function call tree. The performance data contained in the reports (through the Reports menu) is not affected.

## Restoring the Status of the Function Call Tree

Xprofiler enables you to undo operations that involve adding or removing nodes and arcs from the function call tree. When you undo an operation, you reverse the effect of any operation which adds or removes function boxes or call arcs to the function call tree. When you select the **Undo** option, the function call tree is returned to its appearance just prior to the performance of the add or remove operation. To undo an operation, select the Filter menu, and then the Undo option. The function call tree is returned to its appearance just prior to the performance of the add or remove operation.

Whenever you invoke the **Undo** option, the function call tree loses its zoom focus and zooms all the way out to reveal the entire function call tree in the main display. When you start Xprofiler, the **Undo** option is unavailable. It is activated only after an add or remove operation involving the function call tree takes place. After you undo an operation, the option is made unavailable again until the next add or remove operation takes place.

The options that activate the **Undo** option include the following:

- In the main File menu:
  - Load Configuration
- In the main Filter menu:
  - Show Entire Call Tree
  - Hide All Library Calls
  - Add Library Calls
  - Filter by Function Names
  - Filter by CPU Time
  - Filter by Call Counts
- In the Function menu:
  - Immediate Parents
  - All Paths To
  - Immediate Children
  - All Paths From
  - All Functions on The Cycle
  - Show This Function Only
  - Hide This Function
  - Hide Descendant Functions
  - Hide This & Descendant Functions

If a dialog such as the Load Configuration Dialog or the Filter by CPU Time Dialog is invoked and then canceled immediately, the status of the **Undo** option is not affected. After the option is available, it stays that way until you invoke it, or a new set of files is loaded into Xprofiler through the Load Files Dialog window.

## Displaying the Entire Function Call Tree

When you first open Xprofiler, by default, all the function boxes and call arcs of your executable and its shared libraries appear in the main window. After that, you can choose to filter out specific items from the window. However, there might be times when you want to see the entire function call tree again, without having to reload your application. To do this, select the Filter menu, and then the Show Entire Call Tree option. Xprofiler erases whatever is currently displayed in the main window and replaces it with the entire function call tree.

## **Excluding and including specific objects**

There are a number of ways that Xprofiler lets you control the items that display in the main window. You will want to include or exclude certain objects so that you can more easily focus on the things that are of most interest to you.

Filtering Shared Library Functions: In most cases, your application will call functions that are within shared libraries. By default, these shared libraries display in the Xprofiler window along with your executable file. As a result, the window can get crowded and obscure the items that you most need to see. If this is the case, you can filter the shared libraries from the display. To do this, select the **Filter** menu, and then the Remove All Library Calls option.

The shared library function boxes disappear from the function call tree, leaving only the function boxes of your executable file visible.

If you removed the library calls from the display, you might want to restore them. To do this, select the File menu and then the Add Library Calls option.

The function boxes again appear with the function call tree. Note, however, that all of the shared library calls that were in the initial function call tree might not be added back. This is because the Add Library Calls option only adds back in the function boxes for the library functions that were called by functions that are currently displayed in the Xprofiler window.

To add only specific function boxes back into the display, do the following:

- 1. Select the Filter menu, and then the Filter by Function Names option. The Filter By Function Names dialog window appears.
- 2. From the Filter By Function Names Dialog window, click the add these functions to graph button, and then type the name of the function you want to add in the Enter function name field. If you enter more than one function name, you must separate them with a blank space between each function name string.
  - If there are multiple functions in your program that include the string you enter in their names, the filter applies to each one. For example, if you specified sub and print, and your program also included functions named sub1, psub1, and printf. The sub, sub1, psub1, print, and printf functions would all be added to the graph.
- 3. Click **OK**. One or more function boxes appears in the Xprofiler display with the function call tree.

Filtering by Function Characteristics: The Filter menu of Xprofiler offers the following options that enable you to add or subtract function boxes from the main window, based on specific characteristics:

- Filter by Function Names
- Filter by CPU Time
- · Filter by Call Counts

Each option uses a different window to let you specify the criteria by which you want to include or exclude function boxes from the window.

To filter by function names, do the following:

1. Select the Filter menu and then the Filter by Function Names option. The following Filter By Function Names Dialog window appears:

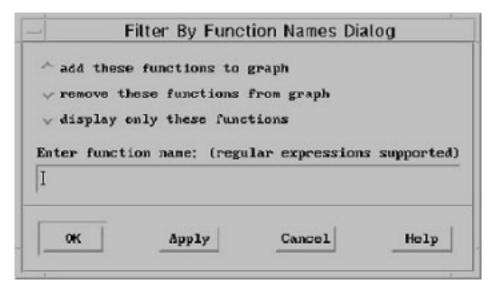


Figure 24. The Filter By Function Names Dialog window. The screen capture below shows the Filter By Function Names Dialog window. There are three check boxes: Add these functions to graph, Remove these functions from graph, and Display only these functions. There is an Enter Function Name box, where regular expressions are supported, and below it there are four buttons: OK, Apply, Cancel, and Help.

The Filter By Function Names Dialog window includes the following options:

- · add these functions to graph
- · remove these functions from the graph
- display only these functions
- 2. From the Filter By Function Names Dialog window, select the option, and then type the name of the function (or functions) to which you want it applied in the Enter function name field. For example, if you want to remove the function box for a function called printf from the main window, click the remove this function from the graph button, and type printf in the Enter function name field. You can enter more than one function name in this field. If there are multiple functions in your program that include the string you enter in their names, the filter will apply to each one. For example, if you specified sub and print, and your program also included functions named sub1, psub1, and printf,
- 3. Click **OK**. The contents of the function call tree now reflect the filtering options you specified.

the option you chose would be applied to the **sub**, **sub1**, **psub1**, **print**, and **printf** functions.

To filter by CPU time, do the following:

1. Select the Filter menu and then the Filter by CPU Time option. The following Filter By CPU Time Dialog window appears:

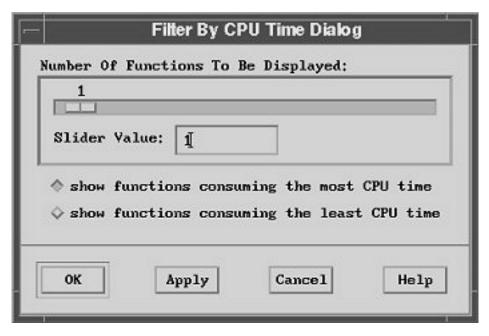


Figure 25. The Filter By CPU Time Dialog window. The screen capture below shows the Filter By CPU Time Dialog window. At the top, the user can select the Number of Functions To Be Displayed by either using the sliding bar to increase the value or type in the number in the Slider Value box. Then, there are two check boxes: Show functions consuming the most CPU time, and Show functions consuming the least CPU time. At the bottom, there are four buttons: OK, Apply, Cancel, and Help.

The Filter By CPU Time Dialog window includes the following options:

- show functions consuming the most CPU time
- show functions consuming the least CPU time
- 2. Select the option you want (show functions consuming the most CPU time is the default).
- 3. Select the number of functions to which you want it applied (1 is the default). You can move the slider in the Functions bar until the desired number appears, or you can enter the number in the Slider Value field. The slider and Slider Value field are synchronized so when the slider is updated, the text field value is updated also. If you enter a value in the text field, the slider is updated to that value when you click Apply or OK.
  - For example, to display the function boxes for the 10 functions in your application that consumed the most CPU, you would select the show functions consuming the most CPU button, and specify 10 with the slider or enter the value 10 in the text field.
- 4. Click **Apply** to show the changes to the function call tree without closing the dialog. Click **OK** to show the changes and close the dialog.

To filter by call counts, do the following:

1. Select the Filter menu and then the Filter by Call Counts option. The Filter By Call Counts Dialog window appears.



Figure 26. The Filter By Call Counts Dialog window. The screen capture below shows the Filter By Call Counts Dialog window. At the top, the user can select the Number of Call Arcs To Be Displayed by either using the sliding bar to increase the value or type in the number in the Slider Value box. Then, there are two check boxes: Show arcs with the most call counts, and Show arcs with the least call counts. At the bottom, there are four buttons: OK, Apply, Cancel,

The Filter By Call Counts Dialog window includes the following options:

- · show arcs with the most call counts
- · show arcs with the least call counts
- 2. Select the option you want (show arcs with the most call counts is the default).
- 3. Select the number of call arcs to which you want it applied (1 is the default). If you enter a value in the text field, the slider is updated to that value when you click **Apply** or **OK**.
  - For example, to display the 10 call arcs in your application that represented the least number of calls, you would select the show arcs with the least call counts button, and specify 10 with the slider or enter the value 10 in the text field.
- 4. Click Apply to show the changes to the function call tree without closing the dialog. Click OK to show the changes and close the dialog.

Including and excluding parent and child functions: When tuning the performance of your application, you will want to know which functions consumed the most CPU time, and then you will need to ask several questions in order to understand their behavior:

- · Where did each function spend most of the CPU time?
- What other functions called this function? Were the calls made directly or indirectly?
- What other functions did this function call? Were the calls made directly or indirectly?

After you understand how these functions behave, and are able to improve their performance, you can proceed to analyzing the functions that consume less CPU.

When your application is large, the function call tree will also be large. As a result, the functions that are the most CPU-intensive might be difficult to see in the function call tree. To avoid this situation, use the Filter by CPU option of the Filter menu, which lets you display only the function boxes for the functions that consume the most CPU time. After you have done this, the Function menu for each function lets you add the parent and descendant function boxes to the function call tree. By doing this, you create a smaller, simpler function call tree that displays the function boxes associated with the most CPU-intensive area of the application.

A child function is one that is directly called by the function of interest. To see only the function boxes for the function of interest and its child functions, do the following:

- 1. Place your mouse cursor over the function box in which you are interested, and press the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select the Immediate Children option, and then the Show Child Functions Only option.

Xprofiler erases the current display and replaces it with only the function boxes for the function you chose, as well as its child functions.

A parent function is one that directly calls the function of interest. To see only the function box for the function of interest and its parent functions, do the following:

- 1. Place your mouse cursor over the function box in which you are interested, and press the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select the Immediate Parents option, and then the Show Parent Functions Only option.

Xprofiler erases the current display and replaces it with only the function boxes for the function you chose, as well as its parent functions.

You might want to view the function boxes for both the parent and child functions of the function in which you are interested, without erasing the rest of the function call tree. This is especially true if you chose to display the function boxes for two or more of the most CPU-intensive functions with the Filter by CPU option of the Filter menu (you suspect that more than one function is consuming too much CPU). Do the following:

- 1. Place your mouse cursor over the function box in which you are interested, and press the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select the Immediate Parents option, and then the Add Parent Functions to Tree option.
  - Xprofiler leaves the current display as it is, but adds the parent function boxes.
- 3. Place your mouse cursor over the same function box and press the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 4. From the Function menu, select the Immediate Children option, and then the Add Child Functions to Tree option.

Xprofiler leaves the current display as it is, but now adds the child function boxes in addition to the parents.

# **Clustering Libraries**

When you first open the Xprofiler window, by default, the function boxes of your executable file, and the libraries associated with it, are clustered. Because Xprofiler shrinks the call tree of each library when it places it in a cluster, you must uncluster the function boxes if you want to look closely at a specific function box label.

You can see much more detail for each function, when your display is in the unclustered or expanded state, than when it is in the clustered or collapsed state. Depending on what you want to do, you must cluster or uncluster (collapse or expand) the display.

The Xprofiler window can be visually crowded, especially if your application calls functions that are within shared libraries; function boxes representing your executable functions as well as the functions of the shared libraries are displayed. As a result, you might want to organize what you see in the Xprofiler

window so you can focus on the areas that are most important to you. You can do this by collecting all the function boxes of each library into a single area, known as a library *cluster*.

The following figure shows the hello\_world application with its function boxes unclustered.

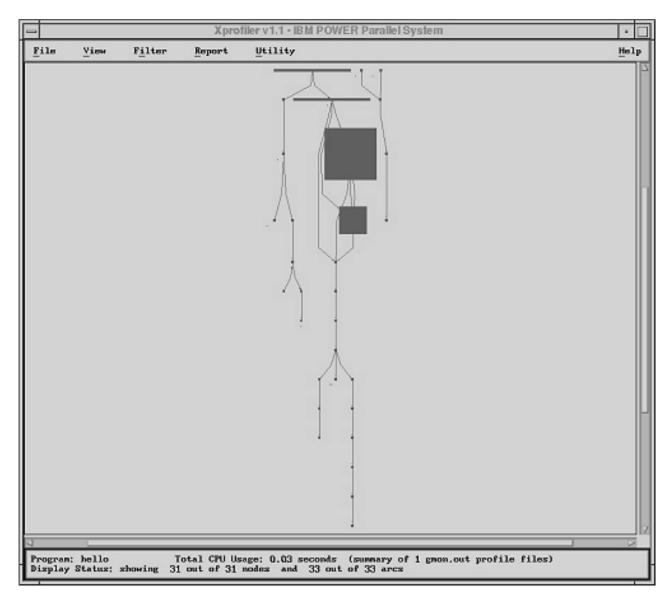


Figure 27. The Xprofiler window with function boxes unclustered. The following screen capture shows the hello\_world application with the top-to-bottom view of its function boxes unclustered in the Xprofiler main window.

### **Clustering Functions**

If the functions within your application are unclustered, you can use an option of the **Filter** menu to cluster them. To do this, select the **Filter** menu and then the **Cluster Functions by Library** option. The libraries within your application appear within their respective cluster boxes.

After you cluster the functions in your application you can further reduce the size (also referred to as *collapse*) of each cluster box by doing the following:

1. Place your mouse cursor over the edge of the cluster box and press the right mouse button. The Cluster Node menu appears.

2. Select the **Collapse Cluster Node** option. The cluster box and its contents now appear as a small solid green box. In the following figure, the **/lib/profiled/libc.a:shr.o** library is collapsed.

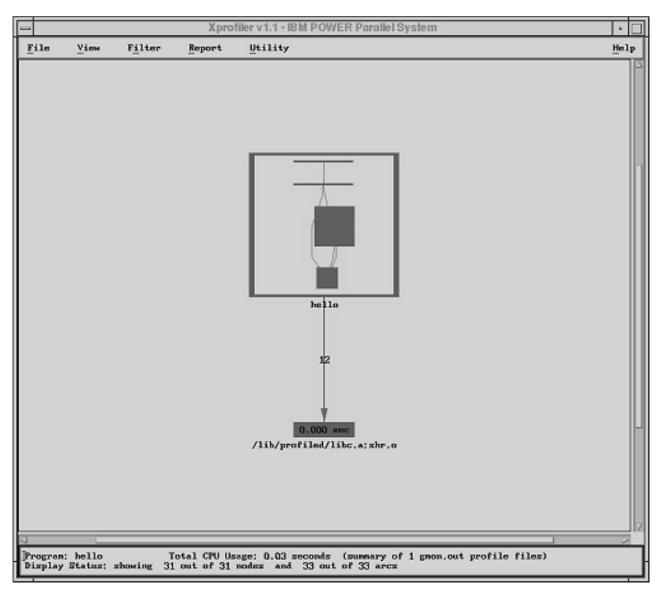


Figure 28. The Xprofiler window with one library cluster box collapsed. The following screen capture shows the function call tree of the hello program in the Xprofiler window with one library cluster box collapsed.

To return the cluster box to its original condition (*expand* it), do the following:

- 1. Place your mouse cursor over the collapsed cluster box and press the right mouse button. The **Cluster Node** menu appears.
- 2. Select the **Expand Cluster Node** option. The cluster box and its contents appear again.

### **Unclustering Functions**

If the functions within your application are clustered, you can use an option of the **Filter** menu to uncluster them. To do this, select the **Filter** menu, and then the **Uncluster Functions** option. The cluster boxes disappear and the functions boxes of each library expand to fill the Xprofiler window.

If your functions have been clustered, you can remove one or more (but not all) cluster boxes. For example, if you want to uncluster only the functions of your executable file, but keep its shared libraries within their cluster boxes, you would do the following:

- 1. Place your mouse cursor over the edge of the cluster box that contains the executable and press the right mouse button. The **Cluster Node** menu appears.
- 2. Select the Remove Cluster Box option. The cluster box is removed and the function boxes and call arcs that represent the executable functions, now appear in full detail. The function boxes and call arcs of the shared libraries remain within their cluster boxes, which now appear smaller to make room for the unclustered executable function boxes. The following figure shows the hello\_world executable file with its cluster box removed. Its shared library remains within its cluster box.

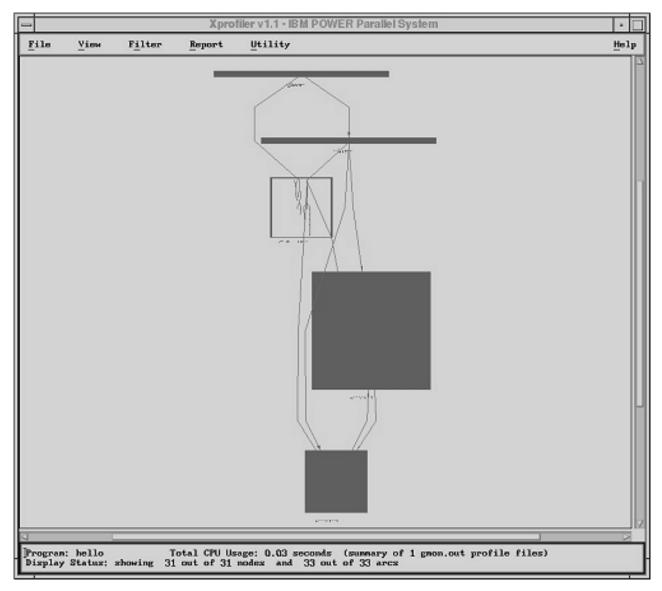


Figure 29. The Xprofiler window with one library cluster box removed. The following screen capture shows the function call tree of the hello program in the Xprofiler window with one library cluster box removed.

# Locating Specific Objects in the Function Call Tree

If you are interested in one or more specific functions in a complex program, you might need help locating their corresponding function boxes in the function call tree.

If you want to locate a single function, and you know its name, you can use the **Locate Function By Name** option of the **Utility** menu. To locate a function by name, do the following:

1. Select the **Utility** menu, and then the **Locate Function By Name** option. The **Search By Function Name Dialog** window appears.

- 2. Type the name of the function you want to locate in the Enter Function Name field. The function name you type here must be a continuous string (it cannot include blanks).
- 3. Click **OK** or **Apply**. The corresponding function box is highlighted (its color changes to red) in the function call tree and Xprofiler zooms in on its location.

To display the function call tree in full detail again, go to the **View** menu and use the **Overview** option.

You might want to see only the function boxes for the functions that you are concerned with, in addition to other specific functions that are related to it. For example, if you want to see all the functions that directly called the function in which you are interested, it might not be easy to separate these function boxes when you view the entire call tree. You would want to display them, as well as the function of interest, alone.

Each function has its own menu. Through the Function menu, you can choose to see the following for the function you are interested in:

- Parent functions (functions that directly call the function of interest)
- · Child functions (functions that are directly called by the function of interest)
- Ancestor functions (functions that can call, directly or indirectly, the function of interest)
- Descendant functions (functions that can be called, directly or indirectly, by the function of interest)
- · Functions that belong to the same cycle

When you use these options, Xprofiler erases the current display and replaces it with only the function boxes for the function of interest and all the functions of the type you specified.

### **Locating and Displaying Parent Functions**

A parent is any function that directly calls the function in which you are interested. To locate the parent function boxes of the function in which you are interested:

- 1. Click the function box of interest with the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select Immediate Parents then Show Parent Functions Only. Xprofiler redraws the display to show you only the function boxes for the function of interest and its parent functions.

### **Locating and Displaying Child Functions**

A child is any function that is directly called by the function in which you are interested. To locate the child functions boxes for the function in which you are interested:

- 1. Click the function box of interest with the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select Immediate Children then Show Child Functions Only. Xprofiler redraws the display to show you only the function boxes for the function of interest and its child functions.

### **Locating and Displaying Ancestor Functions**

An ancestor is any function that can call, directly or indirectly, the function in which you are interested. To locate the ancestor functions:

- 1. Click the function box of interest with the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select All Paths To then Show Ancestor Functions Only. Xprofiler redraws the display to show you only the function boxes for the function of interest and its ancestor functions.

### **Locating and Displaying Descendant Functions**

A descendant is any function that can be called, directly or indirectly, by the function in which you are interested. To locate the descendant functions (all the functions that the function of interest can reach, directly or indirectly):

- 1. Click the function box of interest with the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select All Paths From then Show Descendant Functions Only. Xprofiler redraws the display to show you only the function boxes for the function of interest and its descendant functions.

## Locating and Displaying Functions on a Cycle

To locate the functions that are on the same cycle as the function in which you are interested:

- 1. Click the function box of interest with the right mouse button. The Function menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select All Functions on the Cycle then Show Cycle Functions Only. Xprofiler redraws the display to show you only the function of interest and all the other functions on its cycle.

# **Obtaining Performance Data for Your Application**

With Xprofiler, you can get performance data for your application on a number of levels, and in a number of ways. You can easily view data pertaining to a single function, or you can use the reports provided to get information on your application as a whole.

## **Obtaining Basic Data**

Xprofiler makes it easy to get data on specific items in the function call tree. After you have located the item you are interested in, you can get data a number of ways. If you are having trouble locating a function in the function call tree, see "Locating Specific Objects in the Function Call Tree" on page 206.

Basic Function Data: Below each function box in the function call tree is a label that contains basic performance data, similar to the following:

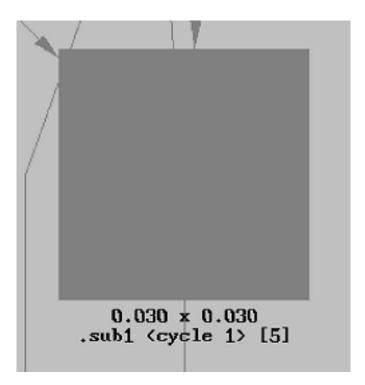


Figure 30. An example of a function box label. The following screen capture shows the details of a function box and in this example it is of the sub1 function. The following information is listed: The function label (sub1), the cycle it is associated with (1), and its index (5).

The label contains the name of the function, its associated cycle, if any, and its index. In the preceding figure, the name of the function is **sub1**. It is associated with cycle 1, and its index is 5. Also, depending on whether the function call tree is viewed in summary mode or average mode, the label will contain different information.

If the function call tree is viewed in summary mode, the label will contain the following information:

· The total amount of CPU time (in seconds) this function spent on itself plus the amount of CPU time it spent on its descendants (the number on the left of the x).

• The amount of CPU time (in seconds) this function spent only on itself (the number on the right of the

If the function call tree is viewed in average mode, the label will contain the following information:

- The average CPU time (in seconds), among all the input gmon.out files, used on the function itself
- The standard deviation of CPU time (in seconds), among all the input gmon.out files, used on the function itself

For more information about summary mode and average mode, see "Controlling the Representation of the Function Call Tree" on page 197.

Because labels are not always visible in the Xprofiler window when it is fully zoomed out, you might need to zoom in on it in order to see the labels. For information about how to do this, see "Information Boxes."

Basic Call Data: Call arc labels appear over each call arc. The label indicates the number of calls that were made between the two functions (from caller to callee). For example:

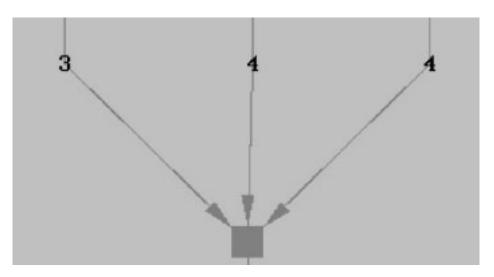


Figure 31. An example of a call arc label. In the screen capture below, there are three arcs pointing to a function box. Each arc has a call arc label that indicates the number of calls that were made between the two functions, and in this example the arc labels are 3, 4, and 4.

To see a call arc label, you can zoom in on it. For information about how to do this, see "Information Boxes."

Basic Cluster Data: Cluster box labels indicate the name of the library that is represented by that cluster. If it is a shared library, the label shows its full path name.

Information Boxes: For each function box, call arc, and cluster box, a corresponding information box gives you the same basic data that appears on the label. This is useful when the Xprofiler display is fully zoomed out and the labels are not visible. To access the information box, click on the function box, call arc. or cluster box (place the mouse pointer over the edge of the box) with the left mouse button. The information box appears.

For a function, the information box contains the following:

- The name of the function, its associated cycle, if any, and its index.
- The amount of CPU used by this function. There are two values supplied in this field. The first is the amount of CPU time spent on this function plus the time spent on its descendants. The second value represents the amount of CPU time this function spent only on itself.
- The number of times this function was called (by itself or any other function in the application).

For a call, the information box contains the following:

- The caller and callee functions (their names) and their corresponding indexes
- · The number of times the caller function called the callee

For a cluster, the information box contains the following:

- The name of the library
- · The total CPU usage (in seconds) consumed by the functions within it

Function Menu Statistics Report Option: You can get performance statistics for a single function through the Statistics Report option of the Function menu. This option lets you see data on the CPU usage and call counts of the selected function. If you are using more than one gmon.out file, the Statistics Report option breaks down the statistics for each gmon.out file you use.

When you select the Statistics Report menu option, the Function Level Statistics Report window appears.

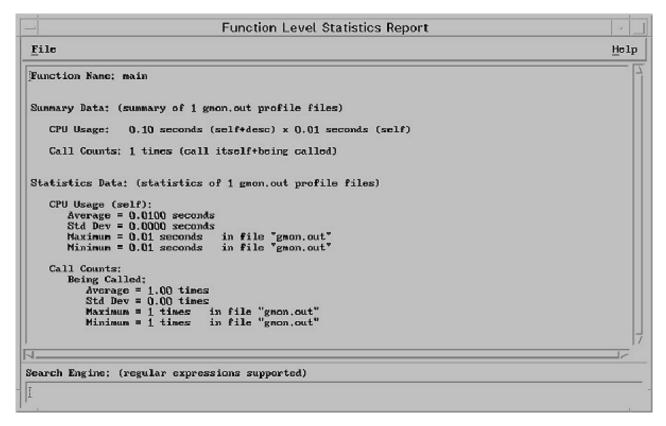


Figure 32. The Function Level Statistics Report window. The screen capture below shows the Function Level Statistics Report window and shows the details of the main function. The specifics of a Function Level Statistics Report are detailed below the graphic.

The Function Level Statistics Report window provides the following information:

**Function Name:** The name of the function you selected.

Summary Data: The total amount of CPU used by this function. If you used multiple gmon.out files, the value shown here represents their sum.

The **CPU Usage** field indicates:

• The amount of CPU time used by this function. There are two values supplied in this field. The first is the amount of CPU time spent on this function plus the time spent on its descendants. The second value represents the amount of CPU time this function spent only on itself.

### The Call Counts field indicates:

• The number of times this function called itself, plus the number of times it was called by other functions.

Statistics Data: The CPU usage and calls made to or by this function, broken down for each gmon.out

# The **CPU Usage** field indicates:

#### Average

The average CPU time used by the data in each **gmon.out** file.

#### Std Dev

Standard deviation. A value that represents the difference in CPU usage samplings, per function, from one **gmon.out** file to another. The smaller the standard deviation, the more balanced the workload.

#### Maximum

Of all the **gmon.out** files, the maximum amount of CPU time used. The corresponding **gmon.out** file appears to the right.

#### Minimum

Of all the gmon.out files, the minimum amount of CPU time used. The corresponding gmon.out file appears to the right.

### The Call Counts field indicates:

### Average

The average number of calls made to this function or by this function, for each **gmon.out** file.

#### Std Dev

Standard deviation. A value that represents the difference in call count sampling, per function, from one gmon.out file to another. A small standard deviation value in this field means that the function was almost always called the same number of times in each **gmon.out** file.

#### Maximum

The maximum number of calls made to this function or by this function in a single gmon.out file. The corresponding **gmon.out** file appears to the right.

# Minimum

The minimum number of calls made to this function or by this function in a single gmon.out file. The corresponding gmon.out file appears to the right.

# **Getting Detailed Data from Reports**

Xprofiler provides performance data in textual and tabular format. This data is provided in various tables called reports. Similar to the gprof command, Xprofiler generates the Flat Profile, Call Graph Profile, and Function Index reports, as well as two additional reports.

You can access the Xprofiler reports from the Report menu. The Report menu displays the following reports:

- Flat Profile
- Call Graph Profile
- Function Index
- Function Call Summary
- Library Statistics

Each report window includes a File menu. Under the File menu is the **Save As** option, which lets you save the report to a file. For information about using the **Save File Dialog** window to save a report to a file, see "Saving the Call Graph Profile, Function Index, and Flat Profile reports to a file" on page 219.

Note: If you select the Save As option from the Flat Profile, Function Index, or Function Call Summary report window, you must either complete the save operation or cancel it before you can select any other option from the menus of these reports. You can, however, use the other Xprofiler menus before completing the save operation or canceling it, with the exception of the Load Files option of the File menu, which remains unavailable.

Each of the Xprofiler reports are explained as follows.

**Flat Profile Report:** When you select the **Flat Profile** menu option, the Flat Profile window appears. The Flat Profile report shows you the total execution times and call counts for each function (including shared library calls) within your application. The entries for the functions that use the greatest percentage of the total CPU usage appear at the top of the list, while the remaining functions appear in descending order, based on the amount of time used.

Unless you specified the -z flag, the **Flat Profile** report does not include functions that have no CPU usage and no call counts. The data presented in the **Flat Profile** window is the same data that is generated with the **gprof** command.

The Flat Profile report looks similar to the following:

ile	Code Dis	play	Utility				<u>H</u> e
itine	umulative seconds	self seconds	calls	self ms/call	total ns/call	name	
54.5	0.06	0.06	2	30.00	30.00	.sub2 (cycle 1> [2]	hello_world.c
27.3	0.09	0.03	2	15.00	15.00	.sub1 (cycle 1> [5]	hello_world.c
9.1	0.10	0.01	1	10.00	100.00	.main [3]	hello_world.c
9.1	0.11	0.01				mcount [6]	
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	doprnt [67]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	_xflsbuf [68]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	_xwrite [69]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	.fwrite [70]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	.memchr [71]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	.printf [72]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	11	0.00	0.00	.write [73]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	3	0.00	0.00	.splay [74]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	2	0.00	0.00	.free [75]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	2	0.00	0.00	.free_y [76]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	ioctl [77]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	findbuf [78]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	_wrtchk [79]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	.catopen [80]	
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	.exit [81]	/////
0.0	0.11	0.00	1	0.00	0.00	.expand_catname [82]	/////
							-
arch E	ngine: (re	gular exp	ressions	supported	)		

Figure 33. The Flat Profile report. The screen capture below shows an example of a Flat Profile report window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, Code Display, Utility, and Help. Below the menu bar is a list of statistics that are described below the graphic.

Flat Profile window fields: The Flat Profile window contains the following fields:

%time

The percentage of the program's total CPU usage that is consumed by this function.

#### · cumulative seconds

A running sum of the number of seconds used by this function and those listed above it.

#### · self seconds

The number of seconds used by this function alone. Xprofiler uses the self seconds values to sort the functions of the Flat Profile report.

#### · calls

The number of times this function was called (if this function is profiled). Otherwise, it is blank.

### · self ms/call

The average number of milliseconds spent in this function per call (if this function is profiled). Otherwise, it is blank.

#### total ms/call

The average number of milliseconds spent in this function and its descendants per call (if this function is profiled). Otherwise, it is blank.

The name of the function. The *index* appears in brackets ([]) to the right of the function name. The index serves as the function's identifier within Xprofiler. It also appears below the corresponding function in the function call tree.

Call Graph Profile Report: The Call Graph Profile menu option lets you view the functions of your application, sorted by the percentage of total CPU usage that each function, and its descendants, consumed. When you select this option, the Call Graph Profile window appears.

Unless you specified the -z flag, the Call Graph Profile report does not include functions whose CPU usage is 0 (zero) and have no call counts. The data presented in the Call Graph Profile window is the same data that is generated with the **gprof** command.

The Call Graph Profile report looks similar to the following:

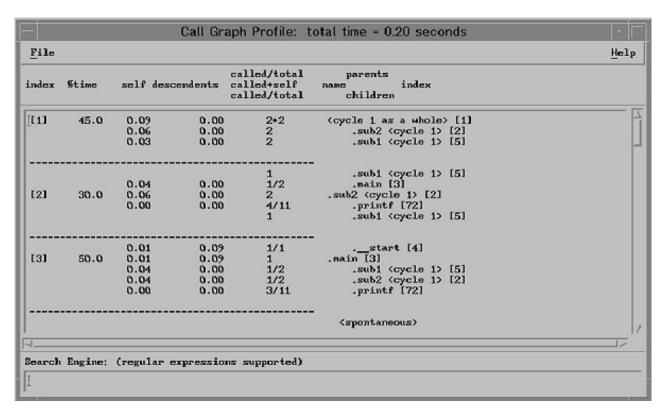


Figure 34. The Call Graph Profile report. The screen capture below shows an example of a Flat Profile report window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, and Help. Below the menu bar is a list of statistics that are described below the graphic.

Call Graph Profile window fields: The Call Graph Profile window contains the following fields:

#### index

The index of the function in the **Call Graph Profile**. Each function in the **Call Graph Profile** has an associated index number which serves as the function's identifier. The same index also appears with each function box label in the function call tree, as well as other Xprofiler reports.

#### %time

The percentage of the program's total CPU usage that was consumed by this function and its descendants.

#### self

The number of seconds this function spends within itself.

### descendants

The number of seconds spent in the descendants of this function, on behalf of this function.

### · called/total, called+self, called/total

The heading of this column refers to the different kinds of calls that take place within your program. The values in this field correspond to the functions listed in the **name**, **index**, **parents**, **children** field to its right. Depending on whether the function is a parent, a child, or the function of interest (the function with the index listed in the **index** field of this row), this value might represent the number of times that:

- a parent called the function of interest
- the function of interest called itself, recursively
- the function of interest called a child

In the following figure, **sub2** is the function of interest, **sub1** and **main** are its parents, and **printf** and **sub1** are its children.

called/total	parents
called+self	name index
called/total	children
1	.sub1 (cycle 1> [5]
1/2	.main [3]
2	.sub2 (cycle 1> [2]
4/11	.printf [72]
1	.sub1 (cycle 1> [5]

Figure 35. The called/total, call/self, called/total field. The screen capture below is an example of the called/total, call/self, called/total field of the Call Graph Profile report where sub2 is the function of interest, sub1 and main are its parents, and printf and sub1 are its children.

#### called/total

For a parent function, the number of calls made to the function of interest, as well as the total number of calls it made to all functions.

#### · called+self

The number of times the function of interest called itself, recursively.

# name, index, parents, children

The layout of the heading of this column indicates the information that is provided. To the left is the name of the function, and to its right is the function's index number. Appearing above the function are its parents, and below are its children.

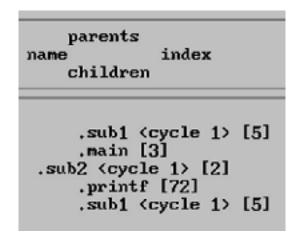


Figure 36. The name/index/parents/children field. The screen capture below is an example of the name/index/parents/ children field of the Call Graph Profile report. To the left is the name of the function, and to its right is the function's index number. Appearing above the function are its parents, and below are its children.

#### name

The name of the function, with an indication of its membership in a cycle, if any. The function of interest appears to the left, while its parent and child functions are indented above and below it.

The index of the function in the Call Graph Profile. This number corresponds to the index that appears in the index column of the Call Graph Profile and the on the function box labels in the function call tree.

#### parents

The parents of the function. A parent is any function that directly calls the function in which you are interested.

If any portion of your application was not compiled with the -pq flag, Xprofiler cannot identify the parents for the functions within those portions. As a result, these parents will be listed as spontaneous in the Call Graph Profile report.

#### children

The children of the function. A child is any function that is directly called by the function in which you are

Function Index Report: The Function Index menu option lets you view a list of the function names included in the function call tree. When you select this option, the Function Index window appears and displays the function names in alphabetical order. To the left of each function name is its index, enclosed in brackets ([]). The index is the function's identifier, which is assigned by Xprofiler. An index also appears on the label of each corresponding function box in the function call tree, as well as on other reports.

Unless you specified the -z flag, the Function Index report does not include functions that have no CPU usage and no call counts.

Like the Flat Profile menu option, the Function Index menu option includes a Code Display menu, so you can view source code or disassembler code. See "Looking at Your Code" on page 220 for more information.

The **Function Index** report looks similar to the following:

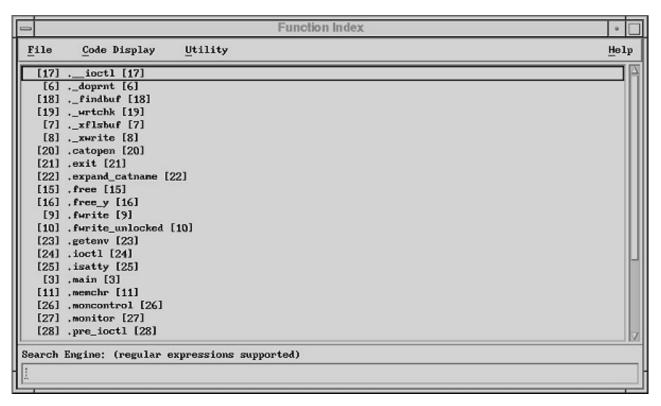


Figure 37. The Function Index report. The following screen capture shows the Function Index Report window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, Code Display, Utility, and Help. Then, there is a list of the function names included in the function call tree, where to the left of each function name is its index, enclosed in brackets. An index also appears on the label of each corresponding function box in the function call tree.

Function Call Summary Report: The Function Call Summary menu option lets you display all the functions in your application that call other functions. They appear as caller-callee pairs (call arcs, in the function call tree), and are sorted by the number of calls in descending order. When you select this option, the Function Call Summary window appears.

The **Function Call Summary** report looks similar to the following:

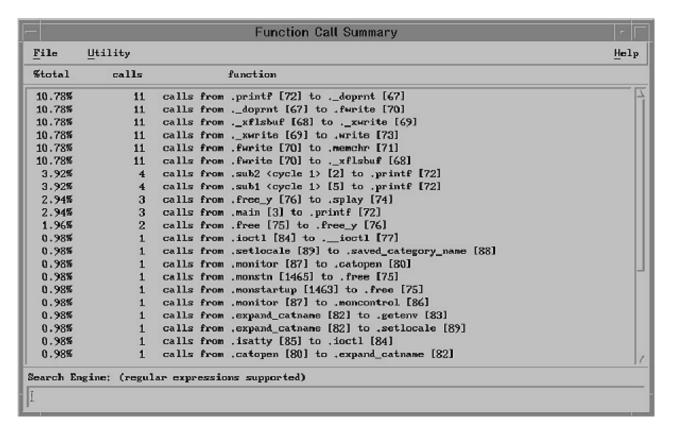


Figure 38. The Function Call Summary report. The screen capture below shows an example of the Function Call Summary Report window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, Utility, and Help. There is a list of all the functions in your application that call other functions and they appear as caller-callee pairs (call arcs, in the function call tree), and are sorted by the number of calls in descending order.

Function Call Summary window fields: The Function Call Summary window contains the following fields:

%total

The percentage of the total number of calls generated by this caller-callee pair

The number of calls attributed to this caller-callee pair

function

The name of the caller function and callee function

Library Statistics Report: The Library Statistics menu option lets you display the CPU time consumed and call counts of each library within your application. When you select this option, the Library Statistics window appears.

The **Library Statistics** report looks similar to the following:

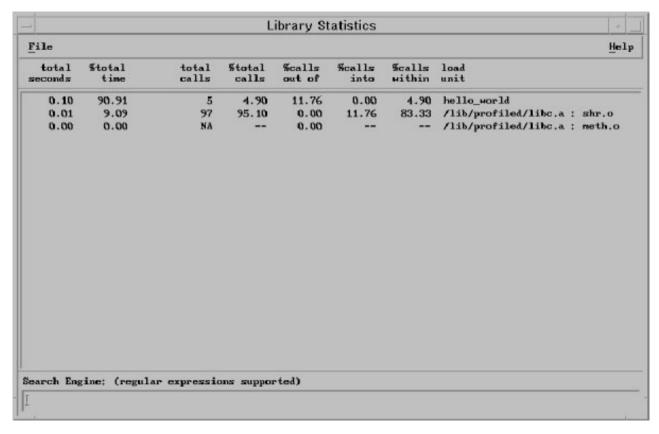


Figure 39. The Library Statistics report. The following screen capture shows an example of the Library Statistics Report window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, and Help. There is a list of statistics for each library that is described in greater detail below the graphic.

Library Statistics window fields: The **Library Statistics** window contains the following fields:

#### · total seconds

The total CPU usage of the library, in seconds

# · %total time

The percentage of the total CPU usage that was consumed by this library

# · total calls

The total number of calls that this library generated

#### · %total calls

The percentage of the total calls that this library generated

### · %calls out of

The percentage of the total number of calls made from this library to other libraries

#### · %calls into

The percentage of the total number of calls made from other libraries into this library

### · %calls within

The percentage of the total number of calls made between the functions within this library

### · load unit

The library's full path name

**Saving Reports to a File:** Xprofiler lets you save any of the reports you generate with the **Report** menu to a file. You can do this using the **File** and **Report** menus of the Xprofiler GUI.

Saving a single report: To save a single report, go to the Report menu on the Xprofiler main window and select the report you want to save. Each report window includes a File menu. Select the File menu and then the Save As option to save the report. A Save dialog window appears, which is named according to the report from which you selected the Save As option. For example, if you chose Save As from the Flat Profile window, the save window is named Save Flat Profile Dialog.

Saving the Call Graph Profile, Function Index, and Flat Profile reports to a file: You can save the Call Graph Profile, Function Index, and Flat Profile reports to a single file through the File menu of the Xprofiler main window. The information you generate here is identical to the output of the **gprof** command. From the File menu, select the Save As option. The Save File Dialog window appears.

To save the reports, do the following:

- 1. Specify the file into which the profiled data should be placed. You can specify either an existing file or a new one. To specify an existing file, use the scroll bars of the Directories and Files selection boxes to locate the file. To make locating your files easier, you can also use the Filter button (see "Filtering" what You See" on page 198 for more information). To specify a new file, type its name in the **Selection**
- 2. Click **OK**. A file that contains the profiled data appears in the directory you specified, under the name you gave it.

Note: After you select the Save As option from the File menu and the Save Profile Reports window opens, you must either complete the save operation or cancel it before you can select any other option from the menus of its parent window. For example, if you select the Save As option from the Flat Profile report and the Save File Dialog window appears, you cannot use any other option of the Flat Profile report window.

The **File Selection** field of the Save File Dialog window follows Motif standards.

Saving summarized data from multiple profile data files: If you are profiling a parallel program, you can specify more than one profile data (gmon.out) file when you start Xprofiler. The Save gmon.sum As option of the File menu lets you save a summary of the data in each of these files to a single file.

The Xprofiler Save gmon.sum As option produces the same result as the xprofiler -s command and the gprof -s command. If you run Xprofiler later, you can use the file you create here as input with the -s flag. In this way, you can accumulate summary data over several runs of your application.

To create a summary file, do the following:

- 1. Select the File menu, and then the Save gmon.sum As option. The Save gmon.sum Dialog window appears.
- 2. Specify the file into which the summarized, profiled data should be placed. By default, Xprofiler puts the data into a file called gmon.sum. To specify a new file, type its name in the selection field. To specify an existing file, use the scroll bars of the Directories and Files selection boxes to locate the file you want. To make locating your files easier, you can also use the Filter button (see "Filtering what You See" on page 198 for information).
- 3. Click **OK**. A file that contains the summary data appears in the directory you specified, under the name you specified.

Saving a configuration file: The Save Configuration menu option lets you save the names of the functions that are displayed currently to a file. Later, in the same Xprofiler session or in a different session, you can read this configuration file in using the Load Configuration option. For more information, see "Loading a configuration file" on page 220.

To save a configuration file, do the following:

- 1. Select the File menu, and then the Save Configuration option. The Save Configuration File Dialog window opens with the program.cfg file as the default value in the Selection field, where program is the name of the input a.out file.
  - You can use the default file name, enter a file name in the **Selection** field, or select a file from the file
- 2. Specify a file name in the **Selection** field and click **OK**. A configuration file is created that contains the name of the program and the names of the functions that are displayed currently.
- 3. Specify an existing file name in the Selection field and click OK. An Overwrite File Dialog window appears so that you can check the file before overwriting it.

If you selected the Forced File Overwriting option in the Runtime Options Dialog window, the Overwrite File Dialog window does not open and the specified file is overwritten without warning.

Loading a configuration file: The Load Configuration menu option lets you read in a configuration file that you saved. See "Saving a configuration file" on page 219 for more information. The Load Configuration option automatically reconstructs the function call tree according to the function names recorded in the configuration file.

To load a configuration file, do the following:

- 1. Select the File menu, and then the Load Configuration option. The Load Configuration File Dialog window opens. If configuration files were loaded previously during the current Xprofiler session, the name of the file that was most recently loaded will appear in the **Selection** field of this dialog. You can also load the file with the -c flag. For more information, see "Specifying Command Line Options (from the GUI)" on page 185.
- 2. Select a configuration file from the dialog's Files list or specify a file name in the Selection field and click OK. The function call tree is redrawn to show only those function boxes for functions that are listed in the configuration file and are called within the program that is currently represented in the display. All corresponding call arcs are also drawn.
  - If the a.out name, that is, the program name in the configuration file, is different from the a.out name in the current display, a confirmation dialog asks you whether you still want to load the file.
- 3. If after loading a configuration file, you want to return the function call tree to its previous state, select the Filter menu, and then the Undo option.

# **Looking at Your Code**

Xprofiler provides several ways for you to view your code. You can view the source code or the disassembler code for your application, for each function. This also applies to any included function code that your application might use.

To view source or included function code, use the Source Code window. To view disassembler code, use the Disassembler Code window. You can access these windows through the Report menu of the Xprofiler GUI or the Function menu of the function you are interested in.

Viewing the Source Code: Both the Function menu and Report menu permits you to access the Source Code window, from which you can view your code.

To access the Source Code window through the Function menu:

- 1. Click the function box you are interested in with the right mouse button. The **Function** menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select the Show Source Code option. The Source Code window appears.

To access the **Source Code** window through the Report menu:

- 1. Select the Report menu, and then the Flat Profile option. The Flat Profile window appears.
- 2. From the Flat Profile window, select the function you would like to view by clicking on its entry in the window. The entry is highlighted to show that it is selected.

Select the Code Display menu, and then the Show Source Code option. The Source Code window appears, containing the source code for the function you selected.

Using the Source Code window: The **Source Code** window shows you the source code file for the function you specified from the **Flat Profile** window or the **Function** menu. The **Source Code** window looks similar to the following:

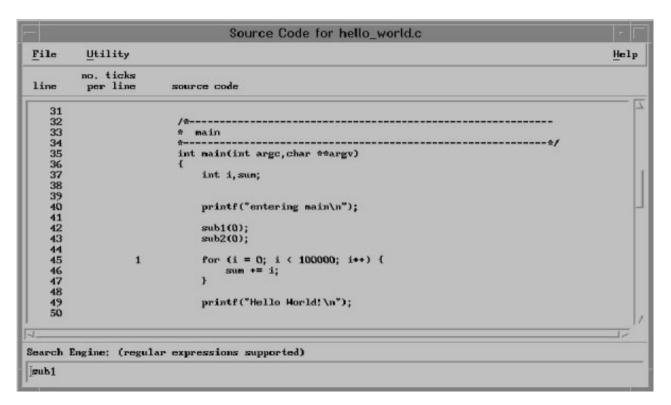


Figure 40. The Source Code window. The following screen capture shows an example of the Source Code window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, Utility, and Help. The fields of the Source Code window are described in greater detail below the graphic.

The **Source Code** window contains information in the following fields:

line

The source code line number.

no. ticks per line

Each tick represents .01 seconds of CPU time used. The value in this field represents the number of ticks used by the corresponding line of code. For example, if the number 3 appeared in this field, for a source statement, this source statement would have used .03 seconds of CPU time. The CPU usage data only appears in this field if you used the **-g** flag when you compiled your application. Otherwise, this field is blank.

· source code

The application's source code.

The **Source Code** window contains the following menus:

File

The **Save As** option lets you save the annotated source code to a file. When you select this option, the **Save File Dialog** window appears. For more information about using the **Save File Dialog** window, see "Saving the Call Graph Profile, Function Index, and Flat Profile reports to a file" on page 219.

To close the **Source Code** window, select **Close**.

Utility

This menu contains the **Show Included Functions** option.

For C++ users, the Show Included Functions option lets you view the source code of included function files that are included by the application's source code.

If a selected function does not have an included function file associated with it or does not have the function file information available because the -g flag was not used for compiling, the Utility menu will be unavailable. The availability of the **Utility** menu indicates whether there is any included function-file information associated with the selected function.

When you select the **Show Included Functions** option, the **Included Functions Dialog** window appears, which lists all of the included function files. Specify a file by either clicking on one of the entries in the list with the left mouse button, or by typing the file name in the Selection field. Then click OK or Apply. After you select a file from the Included Functions Dialog window, the Included Function File window appears, displaying the source code for the file that you specified.

Viewing the Disassembler Code: Both the Function menu and Report menu permit you to access the Disassembler Code window, from which you can view your code.

To access the **Disassembler Code** window through the **Function** menu, do the following:

- 1. Click the function you are interested in with the right mouse button. The **Function** menu appears.
- 2. From the Function menu, select the Show Disassembler Code option. The Disassembler Code window appears.

To access the Disassembler Code window through the Report menu, do the following:

- 1. Select the **Report** menu, and then the **Flat Profile** option. The **Flat Profile** window appears.
- 2. From the Flat Profile window, select the function you want to view by clicking on its entry in the window. The entry is highlighted to show that it is selected.
- 3. Select the Code Display menu, and then the Show Disassembler Code option. The Disassembler Code window appears, and contains the disassembler code for the function you selected.

Using the Disassembler Code window: The Disassembler Code window shows you only the disassembler code for the function you specified from the Flat Profile window. The Disassembler Code window looks similar to the following:

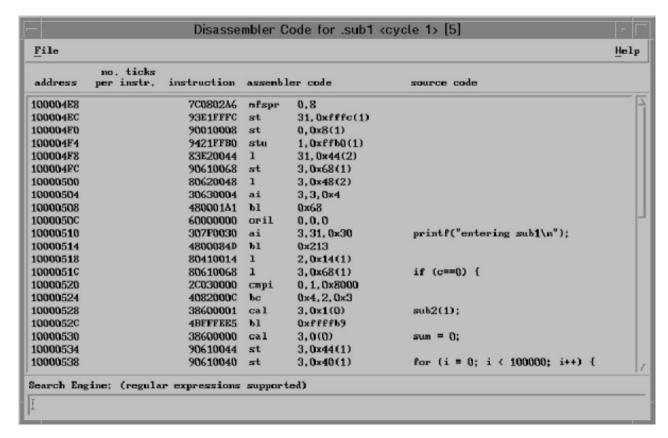


Figure 41. The Disassembler Code window. The following screen capture shows an example of the Disassembler Code window. There is a menu bar at the top with the following options: File, and Help. There are five fields that are described in greater detail below the graphic.

The Disassembler Code window contains information in the following fields:

#### · address

The address of each instruction in the function you selected (from either the **Flat Profile** window or the function call tree).

# · no. ticks per instr.

Each tick represents .01 seconds of CPU time used. The value in this field represents the number of ticks used by the corresponding instruction. For instance, if the number 3 appeared in this field, this instruction would have used .03 seconds of CPU time.

#### instruction

The execution instruction.

#### · assembler code

The execution instruction's corresponding assembler code.

#### · source code

The line in your application's source code that corresponds to the execution instruction and assembler code. In order for information to appear in this field, you must have compiled your application with the **-g** flag.

The **Search Engine** field at the bottom of the **Disassembler Code** window lets you search for a specific string in your disassembler code.

The **Disassembler Code** window contains one menu:

File

Select Save As to save the annotated disassembler code to a file. When you select this option, the Save File Dialog window appears. For information on using the Save File Dialog window, see "Saving the Call Graph Profile, Function Index, and Flat Profile reports to a file" on page 219.

To close the **Disassembler Code** window, select **Close**.

# Saving Screen Images of Profiled Data

The File menu of the Xprofiler GUI includes an option called Screen Dump that lets you capture an image of the Xprofiler main window. This option is useful if you want to save a copy of the graphical display to refer to later. You can either save the image as a file in PostScript format, or send it directly to a printer.

To capture a window image, do the following:

- 1. Select File and then Screen Dump. The Screen Dump menu opens.
- 2. From the Screen Dump menu, select Set Option. The Screen Dump Options Dialog window appears.



Figure 42. The Screen Dump Options Dialog window. The screen capture below shows an example of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. Each section of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window is described in greater detail below the graphic.

- 3. Make the appropriate selections in the fields of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window, as follows:
  - Output To:

This option lets you specify whether you want to save the captured image as a PostScript file or send it directly to a printer.

If you would like to save the image to a file, select the File button. This file, by default, is named Xprofiler.screenDump.ps.0, and is displayed in the Default File Name field of this dialog window. When you select the File button, the text in the Print Command field greys out.

To send the image directly to a printer, select the **Printer** button. The image is sent to the printer you specify in the Print Command field of this dialog window. When you specify the Print option, a file of the image is not saved. Also, selecting this option causes the text in the Default File Name field is made unavailable.

# PostScript Output:

This option lets you specify whether you want to capture the image in shades of grey or in color. If you want to capture the image in shades of grey, select the GreyShades button. You must also select the number of shades you want the image to include with the Number of Grey Shades option, as discussed below.

If you want to capture the image in color, select the Color button.

# · Number of Grey Shades

This option lets you specify the number of grey shades that the captured image will include. Select either the 2, 4, or 16 buttons, depending on the number of shades you want to use. Typically, the more shades you use, the longer it will take to print the image.

### Delay Before Grab

This option lets you specify how much of a delay will occur between activating the capturing mechanism and when the image is actually captured. By default, the delay is set to one second, but you might need time to arrange the window the way you want it. Setting the delay to a longer interval gives you some extra time to do this. You set the delay with the slider bar of this field. The number above the slider indicates the time interval in seconds. You can set the delay to a maximum of thirty seconds.

# Enable Landscape (button)

This option lets you specify that you want the output to be in landscape format (the default is portrait). To select landscape format, select the **Enable Landscape** button.

#### Annotate Output (button)

This option lets you specify that you would like information about how the file was created to be included in the PostScript image file. By default, this information is not included. To include this information, select the Annotate Output button.

### Default File Name (field)

If you chose to put your output in a file, this field lets you specify the file name. The default file name is Xprofiler.screenDump.ps.0. If you want to change to a different file name, type it over the one that appears in this field.

If you specify the output file name with an integer suffix (that is, the file name ends with xxx.nn, where nn is a non-negative integer), the suffix automatically increases by one every time a new output file is written in the same Xprofiler session.

#### Print Command (field)

If you chose to send the captured image directly to a printer, this field lets you specify the print command. The default print command is qprt -B ga -c -Pps. If you want to use a different command, type the new command over the one that appears in this field.

### 4. Click **OK**. The **Screen Dump Options Dialog** window closes.

After you have set your screen dump options, you need to select the window, or portion of a window, you want to capture. From the Screen Dump menu, select the Select Target Window option. A cursor that looks like a person's hand appears after the number of seconds you specified. To cancel the capture, click the right mouse button. The hand-shaped cursor will revert to normal and the operation will be terminated.

To capture the entire Xprofiler window, place the cursor in the window and then click the left mouse button.

To capture a portion of the Xprofiler window, do the following:

- 1. Place the cursor in the upper left corner of the area you want to capture.
- 2. Press and hold the middle mouse button and drag the cursor diagonally downward, until the area you want to capture is within the rubberband box.
- 3. Release the middle mouse button to set the location of the rubberband box.
- 4. Press the left mouse button to capture the image.

If you chose to save the image as a file, the file is stored in the directory that you specified. If you chose to print the image, the image is sent to the printer you specified.

# **Customizing Xprofiler Resources**

You can customize certain features of an X-Window. For example, you can customize its colors, fonts, and orientation. This section lists each of the resource variables you can set for Xprofiler.

You can customize resources by assigning a value to a resource name in a standard X-Windows format. Several resource files are searched according to the following X-Windows convention:

/usr/lib/X11/\$LANG/app-defaults/Xprofiler /usr/lib/X11/app-defaults/Xprofiler \$XAPPLRESDIR/Xprofiler \$HOME/.Xdefaults

Options in the .Xdefaults file take precedence over entries in the preceding files. This permits you to have certain specifications apply to all users in the app-defaults file, as well as user-specific preferences set for each user in their \$HOME/.Xdefaults file.

You customize a resource by setting a value to a resource variable associated with that feature. You store these resource settings in a file called .Xdefaults in your home directory. You can create this file on a server, and so customize a resource for all users. Individual users might also want to customize resources. The resource settings are essentially your personal preferences for how the X-Windows should look.

For example, consider the following resource variables for a hypothetical X-Windows tool:

TOOL\*MainWindow.foreground: TOOL\*MainWindow.background:

In this example, suppose the resource variable TOOL\*MainWindow.foreground controls the color of text on the tool's main window. The resource variable TOOL\*MainWindow.background controls the background color of this same window. If you wanted the tool's main window to have red lettering on a white background, you would insert these lines into the .Xdefaults file:

TOOL\*MainWindow.foreground: red TOOL\*MainWindow.background: white

Customizable resources and instructions for their use for Xprofiler are defined in /usr/lib/X11/appdefaults/Xprofiler file, as well as /usr/lpp/ppe.xprofiler/defaults/Xprofiler.ad file. This file contains a set of X-Windows resources for defining graphical user interfaces based on the following criteria:

- · Window geometry
- · Window title
- · Push button and label text
- · Color maps
- Text font (in both textual reports and the graphical display)

# **Xprofiler Resource Variables**

You can use the following resource variables to control the appearance and behavior of Xprofiler. The values listed in this section are the defaults; you can change these values to suit your preferences.

Controlling Fonts: To specify the font for the labels that appear with function boxes, call arcs, and cluster boxes:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
*narc*font	fixed

To specify the font used in textual reports:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*fontList	rom10

# Controlling the Appearance of the Xprofiler Main Window: To specify the size of the main window:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*mainW.height	700
Xprofiler*mainW.width	900

To specify the foreground and background colors of the main window:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*foreground	black
Xprofiler*background	light grey

To specify the number of function boxes that are displayed when you first open the Xprofiler main window:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*InitialDisplayGraph	5000

You can use the **-disp\_max** flag to override this value.

To specify the colors of the function boxes and call arcs of the function call tree:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*defaultNodeColor	forest green
Xprofiler*defaultArcColor	royal blue

To specify the color in which a specified function box or call arc is highlighted:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*HighlightNode	red
Xprofiler*HighlightArc	red

To specify the color in which de-emphasized function boxes appear:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*SuppressNode	grey

Function boxes are de-emphasized with the **-e**, **-F**, and **-F** flags.

Controlling Variables Related to the File Menu: To specify the size of the Load Files Dialog window, use the following:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*loadFile.height	785
Xprofiler*loadFile.width	725

The Load Files Dialog window is called by the Load Files option of the File menu.

To specify whether a confirmation dialog box should appear whenever a file will be overwritten:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*OverwriteOK	False

The value True would be equivalent to selecting the **Set Options** option from the File menu, and then selecting the Forced File Overwriting option from the Runtime Options Dialog window.

To specify the alternative search paths for locating source or library files:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*fileSearchPath	. (refers to the current working directory)

The value you specify for the search path is equivalent to the search path you would designate from the Alt File Search Path Dialog window. To get to this window, choose the Set File Search Paths option from the File menu.

To specify the file search sequence (whether the default or alternative path is searched first):

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*fileSearchDefault	True

The value True is equivalent to selecting the **Set File Search Paths** from the File menu, and then the Check default path(s) first option from the Alt File Search Path Dialog window.

Controlling variables related to the Screen Dump option: To specify whether a screen dump will be sent to a printer or placed in a file:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*PrintToFile	True

The value True is equivalent to selecting the File button in the Output To field of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then **Set Option** from the File menu.

To specify whether the PostScript screen dump will created in color or in shades of grey:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*ColorPscript	False

The value False is equivalent to selecting the GreyShades button in the PostScript Output area of the

Screen Dump Options Dialog window, You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then Set Option from the File menu.

To specify the number of grey shades that the PostScript screen dump will include (if you selected **GreyShades** in the **PostScript Output** area):

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*GreyShades	16

The value 16 is equivalent to selecting the **16** button in the **Number of Grev Shades** field of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then Set Option from the File menu.

To specify the number of seconds that Xprofiler waits before capturing a screen image:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*GrabDelay	1

The value 1 is the default for the **Delay Before Grab** option of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window, but you can specify a longer interval by entering a value here. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting **Screen Dump** and then **Set Option** from the File menu.

To set the maximum number of seconds that can be specified with the slider of the Delay Before Grab option:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*grabDelayScale.maximum	30

The value 30 is the maximum for the **Delay Before Grab** option of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. This means that users cannot set the slider scale to a value greater than 30. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then Set Option from the File menu.

To specify whether the screen dump is created in landscape or portrait format:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*Landscape	False

The value True is the default for the **Enable Landscape** option of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then Set **Option** from the File menu.

To specify whether you would like information about how the image was created to be added to the PostScript screen dump:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*Annotate	False

The value False is the default for the Annotate Output option of the Screen Dump Options Dialog window. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen Dump and then Set **Option** from the File menu.

To specify the directory that will store the screen dump file (if you selected **File** in the **Output To** field):

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*PrintFileName	/tmp/Xprofiler_screenDump.ps.0

The value you specify is equivalent to the file name you would designate in the File Name field of the Screen Dump Dialog window. You access the Screen Dump Options Dialog window by selecting Screen **Dump** and then **Set Option** from the File menu.

To specify the printer destination of the screen dump (if you selected Printer in the Output To field):

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*PrintCommand	qprt -B ga -c -Pps

The value qprt -B ga -c -Pps is the default print command, but you can supply a different one.

Controlling Variables Related to the View Menu: To specify the size of the Overview window:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:
Xprofiler*overviewMain.height	300
Xprofiler*overviewMain.width	300

To specify the color of the highlight area of the **Overview** window:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:					
Xprofiler*overviewGraph*defaultHighlightColor	sky blue					

To specify whether the function call tree is updated as the highlight area is moved (immediate) or only when it is stopped and the mouse button released (delayed):

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:				
Xprofiler*TrackImmed	True				

The value True is equivalent to selecting the Immediate Update option from the Utility menu of the Overview window. You access the Overview window by selecting the Overview option from the View menu.

To specify whether the function boxes in the function call tree appear in two-dimensional or three-dimensional format:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:				
Xprofiler*Shape2D	True				

The value True is equivalent to selecting the 2-D Image option from the View menu.

To specify whether the function call tree appears in top-to-bottom or left-to-right format:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:				
Xprofiler*LayoutTopDown	True				

The value True is equivalent to selecting the Layout: Top and Bottom option from the View menu.

Controlling Variables Related to the Filter Menu: To specify whether the function boxes of the function call tree are clustered or unclustered when the Xprofiler main window is first opened:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:				
Xprofiler*ClusterNode	True				

The value True is equivalent to selecting the **Cluster Functions by Library** option from the Filter menu.

To specify whether the call arcs of the function call tree are collapsed or expanded when the Xprofiler main window is first opened:

Use this resource variable:	Specify this default, or a value of your choice:				
Xprofiler*ClusterArc	True				

The value True is equivalent to selecting the Collapse Library Arcs option from the Filter menu.

# Chapter 9. The symon command

The **svmon** command provides a more in-depth analysis of memory usage. The **svmon** command captures a snapshot of the current state of memory; however, it is not a true snapshot because it runs at the user level with interrupts enabled.

If an interval is indicated by the the -i flag statistics will be displayed until the command is killed or until the number of intervals which is specified with the-i flag, is reached.

You can generate the following different reports to analyze the memory consumption of your machine:

- command report (-C)
- detailed report (-D)
- global report (-G)
- process report (-P)
- segment report (-S)
- user report (-U)
- · workload management Class report (-W)
- · workload management tier report (-T)
- XML report (-X)

For more information on the **symon** command, see AIX Version 6.1 Commands Reference.

# **Security**

Any user of the machine can run the **symon** command. It uses two different mechanisms to allow two different views for a non-root user. The following will create the views:

- When **RBAC** authorization is used, the user will have the same view as the root user if their role is defined with **aix.system.stat** authorization.
- When RBAC is not used or when the user does not have the aix.system.stat authorization, the user's
  reports are limited to its environment or processes.

You can view the complete details of the RBAC in Security.

# The symon configuration file

A configuration file named **.svmonrc**, containing a list of **svmon -O** option, can be defined to overwrite the default values of these options. This file must be defined in the home directory of the user running **svmon** command.

At start time, the **symon** command does the following:

- Initializes the default values for each -O option.
- Reads the .svmonrc file and overwrites the default -O option values with these new users default values.
- Reads the command flag defined by the user.

For example, the following **.svmonrc** file sets symon to generate the default report format before the **-O** option were introduced:

# cat .svmonrc
summary=basic
segment=category
pgsz=on

#### Notes:

- When an option is not recognized in the file, it is ignored.
- When an option is defined more than once, only the last value will be used.

# Summary report metrics

The command report (-C option), global report (-G option), process report (-P option), user report (-U option), and workload management class report (-W option) include the same set type of summary metrics:

- The -O summary=basic option used alone produces compact reports for the command report (-C), the process report (-P), the user report (-U), and the workload management class report (-W).
- The -O summary=longreal option used alone produces a compact report of the global report (-G).

In a system with Active Memory Expansion enabled, two new summary report metrics are available for global report (-G option).

- The -O summary=ame option used alone produces detailed memory compression information for the global report (-G).
- The -O summary=longame option used alone produces a compact report of memory compression information for the global report (-G)

# **Basic summary report metrics**

This is the *compatibility* mode with the previous versions of **svmon** command (before the **-O** option was introduced). This format uses 80 columns. In these summaries, the following columns are always displayed:

Inuse Number of frames containing pages (expressed in <unit>) used by the report entities. Pin Number of frames containing pinned pages (expressed in <unit>) used by the report entities. Pin Number of pages (expressed in <unit>) allocated in the paging space by the report entities. Virtual Number of pages (expressed in <unit>) allocated in the virtual space by the report entities.

# Report formatting options

The symon configuration file can generate two types of reports for the -G, -P, -U, -C, and -W option:

- Compact report, which is a one-line-per-entity report.
- Long report, which uses several lines per entity.

For the -G option, you can switch from the standard report to the compact report with the option -O summary=longreal. For the -P, -U, -C and -W options, a compact report is reported when the option -O **summary=basic** is set and the option **-O segment=off** is set (default value).

The following **-O** options can be used in both compact or long reports:

- -O format=[80,160,nolimit]: This option sets the width of the report. The default width of most reports is 80 characters. But, some reports need 160 characters, in which case this option is implicitly set. You can always specify to display the reports with more columns, to eliminate truncated strings.
- -O timestamp=[on | off]: When this flag is set to on, a timestamp, recorded when the symon command begins retrieving data, is displayed at the beginning of the report. Because the data collection can take some time, you can use the -O timestamp=on with the -i flag to specify timestamp intervals. The time specified with the -i flag is the interval between the end of one symon command iteration and the start of the next one.

# **Example:**

In this example, the command line specifies to run symon 3 times every 5 seconds. The timestamp and command line are set with the .svmonrc file.

· -O commandline=[onloff]: when set to on, this option adds the command line you use to produce the report in the report header.

### # svmon -G -i 5 3

Command line : svmon -G -i 5 3

.svmonrc: -0 timestamp=on,commandline=on

Unit: page	o crines camp	ori, communar	1116 011		Timesta	mp: 11:23:02
memory pg space		inuse 227471 39091	free 34673	pin 140246		available 53801
pin in use Unit: page	work 113676 189693	pers 0 0	clnt 0 29586	other 10186	Timesta	mp: 11:23:07
memory pg space	size 262144 131072	inuse 227473 39091	free 34671	•	virtual 223697	available 53800
pin in use Unit: page	work 113673 189694	pers 0 0	clnt 0 29587	other 10186	Timesta	mp: 11:23:12
memory pg space	size 262144 131072	inuse 227475 39091	free 34670	pin 140244		available 53799
pin in use	work 113674 189696	pers 0 0	clnt 0 29587	other 10186		

### **Example:**

# # svmon -G -O commandline=on

Command line : svmon -G -O commandline=on

Unit: page

onic. page						
memory	size 262144	inuse 227312	free 34832	pin 140242	virtual 223536	available 53961
pg space	131072	39091				
	work	pers	clnt	other		
pin	113672	0	0	10186		
in use	189533	0	29587			

- -O unit=[auto,page,KB,MB,GB]: this option is set to page by default. In this case, the reported metrics for each segment are in the segment page size:
  - s are 4 KB pages
  - m are 64 KB pages
  - L are 16 MB pages
  - S are 16 GB pages

When auto, KB, MB, or GB are used, only the 3 most significant digits are displayed. You should be careful when interpreting the results with a unit other than page. When the auto setting is selected, the abbreviated units are specified immediately after each metric (K for kilobytes, M for megabytes, or G for gigabytes).

# **Examples:**

This is the same report using different unit options:

# svmon -G -O unit=page Unit: page

Unit: page	: 					
memory pg space	size 1048576 131072	inuse 220617 1280	free 827959	pin 113371	virtual 194382	available 819969
pin in use	work 78124 194382	pers 0 0	clnt 0 26235	other 35247		
# svmon -G Unit: GB	-O unit=GB					
memory pg space	size 4.00 0.50	inuse 0.84 0	free 3.16	pin 0.43	virtual 0.74	available 3.13
pin in use	work 0.30 0.74	pers 0 0	clnt 0 0.10	other 0.13		
# svmon -G Unit: auto		to				
memory pg space	size 4.00G 512.00M	inuse 860.78M 5.00M	free 3.16G	pin 442.86M	virtual 758.29M	available 3.13G
pin in use	work 305.17M 758.29M	pers OK OK	clnt 0K 102.49M	other 137.68M		

# Segment details and -O options

Segment details can be added to the user, command, process, and class reports after the summary when the -O segment=on or -O segment=category option is set to:

- -O segment=on, the list of segments is displayed for each entity.
- · -O segment=category, the segments are grouped into the following three categories for each entity:
  - **system**: used by the system
  - **exclusive**: used only by one entity, except for shared memory (shm) segments
  - shared: used by two or more entities, except for shared memory (shm) segments

The following table contains the description of the items that the symon reports for segment information.

Table 6. Description table

Segment		
type	Segment usage	Description
persistent	log files	IO space mapping
persistent	files and directories	device name : inode number
persistent	large files	large file device name : inode number
mapping	files mapping	mapped to sid source sid no longer mapped
working	data areas of processes and shared memory segments	dependent on the role of the segment based on the VSID and ESID

Table 6. Description table (continued)

Segment type	Segment usage	Description
client	NFS and CD-ROM files	dependent on the role of the segment based on the VSID and ESID
client	JFS2 files	device name: inode number
rmapping	I/O space mapping	dependent on the role of the segment based on the VSID and ESID

# When **-O segment=on** or **-O segment=category** is set, additional details can be added:

• -O range=on: each segment is followed by the ranges, within the segment, where pages have been allocated.

### **Example:**

# svmon -P 1 -O range=on Unit: page

	Command init		Inuse Pin I 16874 8052	Pgsp \ 0	/irt 16	ual 858			
Vsid	Esid	Туре	Description	PSi	ize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
0	0		kernel segment		m	576	503	0	576
1000 1			Range: 03945			467	0	0	4.67
d802d	а		shared library text Range: 0562		m	467	0	0	467
1001	2		process private		s	98	4	0	98
1001	_		Range: 0179 : 65309	65535	5	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			30
1c101d	f	work	shared library data		S	72	0	0	72
			Range: 0545						
1a101b	1		code,/dev/hd2:531		S	11	0	-	-
01000			Range: 010		_	_	0		
21023	-		/dev/hd4:1236 Range: 04		S	5	0	-	-
		Muui	Naliuc. U 4						

• -O pidlist=on and -O pidlist=number: adds either the list of PIDs of processes or the number of processes using this segment. It also adds either the user name or the command name corresponding to each PID. When the -@ flag is added, the WPAR name is also added.

# Example:

# svmon -C yes -O pidlist=on Unit: page

========	======		=======		======			=====
Command		I	nuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtua	al	
yes		1	6893	8112	0	1689	92	
Vsid	Esid	Type Description		PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
0	0	work kernel segment		m	579	506	0	579
		System segment						
d802d	d	work shared library	text	m	468	0	0	468
		Shared library text	segment					
111750	2	work process privat	е	S	18	4	0	18
		pid(s)=348386						
e174f	2	work process privat	е	S	18	4	0	18
		pid(s)=340154						
131752	2	work process privat	е	S	18	4	0	18
		pid(s)=389352						
1c171d	2	work process privat	е	S	18	4	0	18
		pid(s)=360640						
81749	f	work shared library	data	S	17	0	0	17
		pid(s)=340154						
71726	f	work shared library	data	S	17	0	0	17
		pid(s)=360640						

101751	f work shared library data pid(s)=348386	S	17	0	0	17
121753	f work shared library data pid(s)=389352	S	17	0	0	17
a172b	1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:338 nid(s)=389352, 360640, 348386,	s 340154	1	0	-	-

# svmon -C yes -O pidlist=number

Unit: page

=======	=======			======		=====	=====
Command yes		Inuse 16893	Pin 8112	Pgsp 0	Virtua 1689		
Vsid	Esid	Type Description	PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
0	0	work kernel segment System segment	m	579	506	0	579
d802d	d	work shared library text Shared library text segment	m t	468	0	0	468
111750	2	work process private pid number=1	S	18	4	0	18
e174f	2	work process private pid number=1	S	18	4	0	18
131752	2	work process private pid number=1	S	18	4	0	18
1c171d	2	work process private pid number=1	S	18	4	0	18
81749	f	work shared library data pid number=1	S	17	0	0	17
71726	f	work shared library data pid number=1	S	17	0	0	17
101751	f	work shared library data pid number=1	S	17	0	0	17
121753	f	work shared library data pid number=1	S	17	0	0	17
a172b	1	clnt code,/dev/hd2:338 pid number=4	S	1	0	-	-

• -O filename=on: Each persistent segment's complete, corresponding file name is shown. Note that because files can be deeply nested, running the  $\mathbf{svmon}$  command with this flag, or with the  $\mathbf{-S}$  and  $\mathbf{-i}$ flags, can take significantly more time.

# Example:

# svmon -P 266414 -O filename=on,format=nolimit Unit: page

Pid	Command	Inuse Pin	Pgsp	Virt	cual				
266414	IBM.ServiceRMd	17227 8116	0	1	7174				
Vsid	Esid Type	Description	Р	Size	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
0	0 work	kernel segment		m	579	506	0	579	
d802d	d work	shared library text		m	468	0	0	468	
31322	2 work	process private		S	202	4	0	202	
171316	f work	shared library data		S	167	0	0	167	
1e133f	- work			S	52	16	0	52	
11320	1 clnt	code,/dev/hd2:9929		S	51	0	-	-	
		/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/	IBM.Ser	viceR	RMd				
b134a	- clnt	/dev/hd9var:368		S	1	0	-	-	
		/var/ct/3394394444/	registr	y/1oc	cal tree/	'IBM,S	Servio	ceEvent,C1	ass
a134b	- clnt	/dev/hd9var:372	-	S	_ 1	0	-	_	
		/var/ct/3394394444/	registr	y/1oc	cal tree/	'IBM,S	Servio	ceEvent,Re	esources
1341	4 work	shared memory segme	nt	S	_ 1	0	0	1	
121333	3 mmap	maps 2 source(s)		S	0	0	-	-	
131312	- clnt	/dev/hd9var:360		S	0	0	-	-	
		/var/ct/IBM.Service	RM.stde	rr					
111310	- clnt	/dev/hd9var:418		S	0	0	-	_	
		/var/ct/3394394444/	lck/mc/	RMIBM	1.Service	eRM			

 O mapping=on: adds information about the source segment and the mapping segment when a segment is used to map another segment. If this option is used, source segments not belonging to the process address space are listed in the report and marked with an asterisk (\*). Note that they are also taken into account in the process-level summary's number calculations.

### **Example:**

# symon -P 266414 -O mapping=off Unit: page Pid Command Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 266414 IBM.ServiceRM 17227 8116 0 17174 # svmon -P 266414 -O mapping=on Unit: page Pid Command Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 266414 IBM.ServiceRM 17231 8116 0 17174 # svmon -P 266414 -O mapping=on, segment=on Unit: page 
 Pid Command
 Inuse
 Pin
 Pgsp
 Virtual

 266414
 IBM.ServiceRM
 17231
 8116
 0
 17174
 

In these examples, the mapping option adds or removes the mapping source segments which are not in the address space of the process number 266414. There is a difference of four pages (three pages from segment 191338, and one page from segment 131332) in the Inuse consumption between -O mapping=off and -O mapping=on.

- · -O sortseg=[inuse I pin I pgsp I virtual]: by default, , all segments are sorted in decreasing order of real memory usage (the Inuse metric) for each entity (user, process, command, segment). Sorting options for the report include the following:
  - Inuse: real memory used
  - Pin: pinned memory used
  - Pgsp: paging space memory used
  - Virtual: virtual memory used

### **Examples:**

# symon -P 1 -O unit=KB, segment=on Unit: KB 
 Pid Command
 Inuse
 Pin
 Pgsp
 Virtual

 1 init
 67752
 32400
 0
 67688

 Vsid
 Esid Type Description
 PSize
 Inuse
 Pin Pgsp Virtual

 0
 0 work kernel segment
 m 37056 32384
 0 37056

 d802d
 d work shared library text
 m 29952
 0 0 29952

1001 1c101d 1a101b 21023 # svmon -P : Unit: KB	f wor 1 cln - cln	k process p k shared li t code,/dev t /dev/hd4: 3,segment=o	brary data /hd2:531 1236	in	S S S	392 288 44 20	16 0 0	0 0 - -	392 288 - -	
D: 1 C		T	D:	D						
Pid Cor		Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virt					
1 in	Ιτ	67752	32400	0	6/	688				
V. • 1	F T			Б	· ·		ъ.	ь.	v	
Vsid	• 1	e Descripti		Р	Size	Inuse		9 1	Virtual	
0	0 wor	k kernel se	gment		m	37056	32384	0	37056	
1001	2 wor	k process p	rivate		S	392	16	0	392	
21023	- cln	t /dev/hd4:	1236		S	20	0	_	_	
d802d	d wor	k shared li	brary text		m	29952	0	0	29952	
1a101b		t code,/dev	•		 S	44	0	_		
1c101d		k shared li	-		-	288	0	0	288	
161010	I WOT	k Shareu II	Dialy Udla		S	200	Ü	Ü	200	

-O mpss=[on I off]: breaks down the metrics for multiple page size segments, by page size.

# **Examples:**

# symon -P 1 -0 segment=on,mpss=on
Unit: page

Pid Command Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual
1 init 14557 5492 0 14541

Vsid Esid Type Description PSize Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual
502d d work shared library text m 502 0 0 502
2002 0 work kernel segment m 396 343 0 396
10001 2 work process private s 100 4 0 100
m 0 0 0 0
8019 f work shared library data s 73 0 0 73
m 0 0 0 0
6017 1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:532 s 11 0 - clnt /dev/hd4:893 s 5 0 -

**sm** pages are separated into **s** and **m** pages. The metrics reported are in the unit of the page size: **s** pages are 4 KB and **m** pages are 64 KB.

O shmid=[on I off]: displays shared memory IDs associated with shared memory segments. This
option does not work you run it in inside a WPAR.

# **Examples:**

# svmon -P 221326 -O commandline=on, segment=on, shmid=on, filterprop=notempty
Command line: svmon -P 221326 -O commandline=on, segment=on, shmid=on, filterprop=notempty

Unit: page

Pid 221326	Command iava		Inuse Pin 20619 6326	Pgs 961		Virt	 ual 584			
		_		301		_,			_	
Vsid	Es1d	Lype	Description		PS	ize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d	d	work	text or shared-li	b code	seg	m	585	0	1	585
0	0	work	kernel segment			m	443	393	4	444
14345	3	work	working storage			sm	2877	0	7865	9064
15364	е	work	<pre>shared memory seg shmid:3</pre>	ment		sm	1082	0	1473	1641
1b36a	f	work	working storage			sm	105	0	106	238
17386	-	work				S	100	34	64	146
1a38b	2	work	process private			sm	7	4	24	31

# **Additional -O options**

The following additional options are:

· -O process=on: adds, for a given entity, the memory statistics of the processes belonging to the entity (user name or command name). If you specify the -@ flag, each process report is followed by a line that shows the WPAR name. This option is only valid for the User and the Command reports.

#### **Examples:**

# svmon -C yes -O process=on,unit=MB Unit: MB

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Command		Inuse	Pi	n Pgsp	Virtual	
yes		56.3	21.	5 0	56.3	
Pid Command	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual		
217212 yes	56.3	21.5	0	56.3		
295038 yes	56.3	21.5	0	56.3		
397566 yes	56.3	21.5	0	56.3		

# svmon -C init -O process=on, summary=basic, unit=KB -@

Unit: K	В
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Command			Inuse 64452	Pi 2520	3 - 1	 Virtual 64360	==
	Command init WPAR=Global	Inuse 63140	Pin 25168	Pgsp 0	Virtual 63080		
282628	init WPAR=wp 0	656	16	0	640		
446464	· <del>-</del>	656	16	0	640		

# svmon -U pconsole -O process=on,unit=MB

Unit: MB

OHITC. PID						
========				======		
User			Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
pconsole			117.83	21.6	0	100.51
Pid Co	ommand	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp Vi	irtual	
344254 ja	ava	117.01	21.6	0	100.0	
311504 ks	sh	56.9	21.5	0	56.7	

All reports containing two or more entities can be filtered and/or sorted with the following options:

• -O sortentity=[inuse I...]: specifies the summary metric used to sort the entities (process, user, and so on) when several entities are printed in a report.

The list of metrics permitted in the report depend on the type of summary (-O summary option) chosen. Any of the metrics used in a summary can be used as a sort key.

#### **Examples:**

# symon -P -t 5 -0 summary=off -0 segment=off -0 sortentity=pin Command line: svmon -P -t 5 -0 summary=off -0 segment=off -0 sortentity=pin Unit: page

Pid	Command	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
127044	dog	9443	8194	0	9443	
0	swapper	9360	8176	0	9360	
8196	wait	9360	8176	0	9360	
53274	wait	9360	8176	0	9360	
237700	rpc.lockd	9580	8171	0	9580	

 -O filtercat=[off | exclusive | kernel | shared | unused | unattached]: this option filters the output by segment category. You can specify more than one filter at a time.

Note: Use the unattached filter value with the -S report because unattached segments cannot be owned by a process or command.

### **Examples:**

# svmon -P 1 -0 unit=KB,segment=on,sortseg=pin,filtercat=off Unit: KB

Pid	Command		Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virt	ua1			
1	init		58684	28348	0	58	616			
Vsid	Ecid	Typo	Docenin	tion	Г	05:20	Inuco	Din	Dacn	Virtual
VSIU			Descrip		r	3126	Thuse	PIII	rysp	VIIILUdi
0	0	work	kernel	segment		S	30948	28332	0	30948
6902f	2	work	process	private		S	396	16	0	396
6c10d	d	work	shared	library text		S	26996	0	0	26996
a9017	f	work	shared	library data		S	276	0	0	276
b9015	1	clnt	code,/d	ev/hd2:531		S	44	0	-	-
f101c	-	clnt	/dev/hd	4:824		S	24	0	-	-

# svmon -P 1 -0 unit=KB,segment=on,sortseg=pin,filtercat=shared Unit: KB

	Command init	Inuse 58684	Pin 28348	Pgsp 0	Virt 58	ual 616			
Vsid		ype Descript		Р	Size			9 1	Virtual
6c10d	d wo	ork shared l	ibrary text		S	26996	0	0	26996
a9017	f wo	ork shared 1	ibrarv data		S	276	0	0	276

• -O filtertype=[off | working | persistent | client]: this option allows you to filter on the Type column of the segment details. You can specify more than one filter at a time.

# **Examples:**

# svmon -P 495618 -O segment=on,filtertype=client Unit=page

	Command IBM.AuditRMd	Inuse 308	Pin 0	Pgsp 0	Virt	ual 0			
Vsid	Esid Type	Descriptio	n	Р	Size	Inuse	Pin I	gsp	Virtual
1619f7	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:417		S	253	0	_	-
31382	1 clnt	code,/dev/	hd2:9803		S	36	0	-	-
1319f2	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:400		S	16	0	-	-
1a19db	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:399		S	1	0	-	-
a19cb	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:397		S	1	0	-	-
919c8	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:398		S	1	0	-	-
519c4	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:358		S	0	0	-	-
1f19de	- clnt	/dev/fslv0	7:325		S	0	0	_	-

Only the client segments for process number 495618 are displayed. Note that the summary only reports the sum of the metrics displayed in the entity details. This means that the summary numbers shown here do not represent the complete memory consumption for this process, only its consumption using client segments.

O filterprop=[off | notempty | data | text]:

This option allows filtering on the segment property:

- Data: Computational segments consisting of the pages belonging to working-storage segments or program text (executable files) segments.
- Text: Non-computational segments of File memory (or file pages), which are the remaining pages. These pages are usually from permanent data files in persistent storage.
- Notempty: Segments where the Inuse value is not 0.

You can specify more than one property at a time.

#### **Examples:**

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# svmon -C yes -O segment=category, filterprop=notempty
Unit: page
```

========	=========			=====			
Command		Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual		
yes		16256	6300	80	16271	l	
							• • • • • •
SYSTEM segmen	ts	Inuse	Pin	٠.	Virtual		
		7088	6288	64	7104	1	
	- · · ·		D.C.	-	Б. Б		
		cription					Virtual
0	0 work ker	nel segment	m	443	393	4	444
EXCLUSIVE seg		Inuse	Pin	Dash	 Virtual	. <b></b> .	• • • • • •
LACLUSTVL SEG	merics	112	12	1 9 3 P	111		
		112	12	O			
Vsid	Esid Type Des	cription	PSize	Inuse	Pin F	Pasp	Virtual
851d		cess private	sm	19		0	19
e6fb	2 work pro	cess private	sm	19	4	0	19
1940f		cess private	sm	19	4	0	19
1017		red library data	sm	18	0	0	18
6f73	f work sha	red library data	sm	18	0	0	18
4a71	f work sha	red library data	sm	18	0	0	18
24626	1 clnt cod	e,/dev/hd2:338	S	1	0	-	-
				• • • • • •			• • • • • •
SHARED segmen	ts	Inuse	Pin		Virtual		
		9056	0	16	9056	)	
Void	Ford Tune Dea		DC:	Tuuss	Dia E		V = 1 = 1
Vsid 502d	Esid Type Des	red library text	PSize m	566		ysp 1	Virtual 566
302u	u work sile	ired fibrary text	""	300	U	1	300
# symon -C ve	s -O segment=c	ategory,filterpro	n=text				
" SYMON O Je	o ocyment c	acegory, rricerpre	op cext				
Unit: page							
=========	=========			=====			
 Command	========	Inuse	 Pin	===== Pgsp			=====
	========						=====
Command		Inuse 1	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual		=====
Command yes		Inuse 1	Pin 0	Pgsp 0	Virtual 6	)	
Command		Inuse 1 Inuse	Pin 0 Pin	Pgsp 0 Pgsp	Virtual 6 Virtual	) 	
Command yes		Inuse 1	Pin 0	Pgsp 0	Virtual 6	) 	
Command yes EXCLUSIVE seg	ments	Inuse 1 Inuse 1	Pin 0 Pin 0	Pgsp 0 Pgsp 0	Virtual 6 Virtual 6	)    	
Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg	ments Esid Type Des	Inuse 1 Inuse 1	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize	Pgsp 0 Pgsp 0 Inuse	Virtual 6 Virtual 6	)    	Virtual
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Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg  Vsid 24626  # svmon -C ye	ments Esid Type Des 1 clnt coc	Inuse 1 Inuse 1 cription le,/dev/hd2:338	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s	Pgsp 0 Pgsp 0 Inuse	Virtual 6 Virtual 6	)    	
Command yes EXCLUSIVE seg Vsid 24626	ments Esid Type Des 1 clnt coc	Inuse 1 Inuse 1 cription le,/dev/hd2:338	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s	Pgsp 0 Pgsp 0 Inuse	Virtual  Virtual  O  Pin F	) ) ) ) Pgsp -	
Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg  Vsid 24626  # svmon -C ye	ments Esid Type Des 1 clnt coc	Inuse 1 Inuse 1 cription le,/dev/hd2:338	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s	Pgsp 0 Pgsp 0 Inuse	Virtual Virtual  Pin F 0	) ) ) ) -	Virtual -
Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg  Vsid 24626  # svmon -C ye  Unit: page	ments Esid Type Des 1 clnt coc	Inuse 1  Inuse 1  cription le,/dev/hd2:338 ategory,filterpro	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s	Pgsp 0  Pgsp 0 Inuse 1	Virtual Virtual  Pin F 0	) ) ) ) - -	Virtual -
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Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg  Vsid 24626  # svmon -C ye  Unit: page	ments  Esid Type Des 1 clnt coc s -0 segment=c	Inuse 1  Inuse 1  cription e,/dev/hd2:338  ategory,filterpro Inuse 16255	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s op=data	Pgsp 0  Pgsp 0  Inuse 1  Pgsp 80	Virtual  Virtual  Pin F  0  Virtual	))	Virtual -
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Command yes  EXCLUSIVE seg  Vsid 24626  # svmon -C ye  Unit: page	Esid Type Des 1 clnt coo s -0 segment=o	Inuse 1  Inuse 1  cription le,/dev/hd2:338  ategory,filterpro Inuse 16255  Inuse 7088	Pin 0 Pin 0 PSize s op=data Pin 6300	Pgsp 0  Pgsp 0  Inuse 1  Pgsp 80  Pgsp 64	Virtual  Virtual  Pin F  0  Virtual  16271  Virtual  7104	) ) ) 	Virtual - 
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4a71	f work	shared	library	data	sm	18	0	0	18
1017	f work	shared	library	data	sm	18	0	0	18
6f73	f work	shared	library	data	sm	18	0	0	18
CUADED agamen				• • • • • •		Dann	V		• • • • • •
SHARED segmer	172		11	nuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtua	ιI	
			9	9056	0	16	905	66	
Vsid	Esid Type	Descri	ption		PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d			library		m	566	^	4	566

• -O filterpgsz=[off | s m | L | S]: this option filters the segment based on their page size. Multiple page size segments can be selected using multiple code letters in the form <min\_size><max\_size>: -0 filterpgsz="sm s" filters the small page segments and the multiple page size segments with small and medium pages.

For the -P report however, the behavior is slightly different. Indeed, the report contains all the processes having at least one page of the size specified with the -O filterpgsz option, and for these processes, symon displays all their segments (whatever their page size).

# **Examples:**

# svmon -P -O segment=on,filterpgsz=L Unit: page

_										
	Pid	Command		Inuse Pin	Pasr	o Virt	ual			
		ptxtst shr	n al	21674 17136			.658			
	_,	F								
	Vsid	Esid	Type	Description		PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
	10002			kernel segment		m	607	556	0	607
	1b9b35			default shmat/mmap		L	2	2	0	2
				shared library		S	1767	0	0	1767
				shared library tex	t	m	110	0	0	110
	1010a2	90020014	work	shared library		S	114	0	0	114
	209b43			process private		m	5	3	0	5
				USLA text,/dev/hd2	:2774	S	13	0	_	_
	7000e	9ffffffe	work	shared library		S	11	0	0	11
	21b06	9001000a	work	shared library data	a	S	11	0	0	11
	241b4a	80020014	work	USLA heap		S	5	0	0	5
	281b52	8fffffff	work	private load data		S	4	0	0	4
	131a24	10	clnt	text data BSS heap	,	S	3	0	-	-
				/dev/hd2:2745						
	2a1b56			text data BSS heap		S	1	0	0	1
	159a29	ffffffff	work	application stack		S	1	0	0	1
_										
		Command		Inuse Pin	Pgsp	o Virt				
		Command ptxtst_shr	n_al				:ual '562			
	266262	ptxtst_shr	_	17578 13040	(	9 17	7562			
	266262 Vsid	ptxtst_shr Esid	- Type	17578 13040 Description	(		7562 Inuse			Virtual
	266262 Vsid 10002	ptxtst_shr Esid 0	- Type work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment	(	9 17 PSize m	'562 Inuse 607	556	0	607
	266262 Vsid 10002 119ba1	ptxtst_shr Esid 0 70000000	Type work work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap	(	9 17 PSize	Inuse 607 1	556 1	0	607 1
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005	ptxtst_shr Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd	Type work work work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library	(	9 17 PSize m	Inuse 607 1 1767	556 1 0	0 0	607 1 1767
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030	Esid 0 7000000 9fffffd 90000000	Type work work work work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex	(	PSize m L s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110	556 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2	Esid 0 70000000 9fffffd 90000000 90020014	Type work work work work work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library	(	PSize m L s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114	556 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 9000000 90020014 f00000002	Type work work work work work work	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private	t	PSize m L s m s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5	556 1 0 0 0 3	0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9ffffffff	Type work work work work work clnt	17578 13040  Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2	t	PSize m L s m s m s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13	556 1 0 0 0 3 0	0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5
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	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a 7000e c1a1a	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9fffffff 9ffffffe 9001000a	Type work work work work work clnt work work	Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2 shared library shared library	t:2774	PSize m L s m s m s s s s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13 11	556 1 0 0 0 3 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5 - 11
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a 7000e c1a1a 2a9a57	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9fffffff 9ffffffe 9001000a 80020014	Type work work work work clnt work work work work	Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2 shared library shared library shared library data	t:2774	PSize m L s m s s s s s s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13 11	556 1 0 0 3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5 - 11 11
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	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a 7000e c1a1a 2a9a57	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9fffffff 9ffffffe 9001000a 80020014 8ffffffff	Type work work work work clnt work work work work work work work	Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2 shared library shared library shared library data	t:2774	PSize m L s m s s s s s s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13 11	556 1 0 0 3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5 - 11 11
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a 7000e c1a1a 2a9a57 149b2b 131a24	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9fffffff 9ffffffe 9001000a 80020014 8fffffff 10	Type work work work work clnt work work clnt	Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2 shared library shared library shared library shared library shared library shared library data USLA heap private load data text data BSS heap /dev/hd2:2745	t:2774	PSize m L s m s s s s s s s s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13 11 11 5	556 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5 - 11 11
	Vsid 10002 119ba1 28005 188030 1010a2 3e19fe 3c107a 7000e c1a1a 2a9a57 149b2b 131a24	Esid 0 70000000 9ffffffd 90000000 90020014 f00000002 9fffffff 9ffffffe 9001000a 80020014 8ffffffff 10	Type work work work work clnt work work work work work work work work	Description kernel segment default shmat/mmap shared library shared library tex shared library process private USLA text,/dev/hd2 shared library shared library shared library data USLA heap private load data text data BSS heap	t:2774	PSize m L s m s s s s s s s s	Inuse 607 1 1767 110 114 5 13 11 11 5 4	556 1 0 0 0 3 3 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	607 1 1767 110 114 5 - 11 11 5 4
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In this example, all processes running large pages are reported. For these processes, all segments are displayed whatever their page size.

# symon -U root -O filterpgsz=L,segment=on

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual User

12288 12288 0 12288 root

 Vsid
 Esid Type Description
 PSize Inuse
 Pin Pgsp Virtual

 1b9b35
 70000000 work default shmat/mmap
 L
 2
 2
 0
 2

 119ba1
 70000000 work default shmat/mmap
 L
 1
 1
 0
 1

# svmon -C ptxtst shm alt pgsz -O filterpgsz=L,segment=on

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 12288 12288 0 12288 Command ptxtst shm alt pgsz

Vsid Esid Type Description PSize Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 1b9b35 70000000 work default shmat/mmap L 2 2 0 2 119ba1 70000000 work default shmat/mmap L 1 1 0 1

The previous two examples illustrate the difference of behavior with -P. In these examples, for the given entity, only the pages of the given size are kept in the report.

# **Reports Details**

# Global Report

To print the Global report, specify the **-G** flag. The Global report displays a system-wide detailed real memory view of the machine. This report contains various summaries, only the memory and inuse summaries are always displayed.

When the -O summary option is not used, or when it is set to -O summary=basic, the column headings used in global reports summaries are:

Specifies statistics describing the use of memory, including: memory

> size Number of frames (size of real memory)

> > Tip: This does not include the free frames that have been made unusable

by the memory sizing tool, the rmss command.

inuse Number of frames containing pages

> **Tip:** On a system where a reserved pool is defined (such as the 16 MB page pool), this value includes the frames reserved for any of these

reserved pools, even if they are not used.

free Number of frames free in all memory pools. There may be more memory

available depending on the file cache (see: available)

pin Number of frames containing pinned pages

> **Tip:** On a system where a reserved pool is defined (such as the 16 MB page pool), this value includes the frames reserved for any of these

reserved pools.

virtual Number of pages allocated in the system virtual space available Amount of memory available for computational data. This metric is

calculated based on the size of the file cache and the amount of free

memory.

**stolen** Displayed only when rmss runs on the machine. Number of frames stolen

by **rmss** and marked unusable by the VMM

**mmode** Indicates the memory mode the system is running.

Following are the current possible values for mmode.

**Ded** Neither Active Memory Sharing nor Active Memory Expansion is

enabled.

**Shar** Only Active Memory Sharing is enabled, Expansion in not enabled.

Ded-E

Active Memory Sharing is not enabled but Expansion is enabled.

Shar-E

Both Active Memory Sharing & Active Memory Expansion are

enabled.

**ucomprsd** This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics in the

uncompressed pool, including: inuse Number of uncompressed pages that

are in use.

**comprsd** This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics in the compressed

pool, including: inuse Number of compressed pages in the compressed

pool.

**pg space** Specifies statistics describing the use of paging space.

**size** Size of paging space

**inuse** Number of paging space pages used

**ucomprsd** This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics of working pages

in the uncompressed pool, including: inuse Number of compressed pages

in the compressed pool.

**comprsd** This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics of working pages

in the compressed pool, including: inuse Number of compressed pages in

the compressed pool.

Pin Specifies statistics on the subset of real memory containing pinned pages, including:

work Number of frames containing working segment in use pages

**pers** Number of frames containing persistent segment in use pages

**cint** Number of frames containing client segment in use pages

**other** Number of frames containing all memory pages that do not use segment

control blocks. Examples for these memory pages are physical to virtual page tables (PVT), physical to virtual page lists (PVLIST), and kernel

special purpose (KSP) region.

**in use** Specifies statistics on the subset of real memory in use, including:

work Number of frames containing working segment in use pages

**pers** Number of frames containing persistent segment in use pages

**cint** Number of frames containing client segment in use pages

#### ucomprsd

This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics of working pages in the uncompressed pool, including: inuse Number of uncompressed pages in the compressed pool.

### comprsd

This gives a breakdown of expanded memory statistics of working pages in the compressed pool, including: inuse Number of compressed pages in the compressed pool.

### **PageSize**

Displayed only if alternative page sizes (non-4KB) are available on the system and the option -O pasz=on is set. It displays separate sets of statistics for each of the page sizes available on the system.

**PageSize** Page size for the following statistics

**PoolSize** Number of pages in the pool for a page size using reserved pools (such as the 16

MB page pool)

inuse Number of pages of this size that are used

pgsp Number of pages of this size that are allocated in the paging space

pin Number of pinned pages of this size

virtual Number of pages of this size that are allocated in the system virtual space

ucomprsd Number of pages of this size that are in uncompressed form.

### **Domain affinity**

Displays statistics per affinity domain. This is activated by the **-O affinity=on** option.

total Total memory in this affinity domain.

used Total memory used in this affinity domain.

free Total remaining free memory in this affinity domain

**Icpus** List of logical cpus in this affinity domain.

Note: The ucomprsd and comprsd metrics are available only in systems with Active Memory Expansion enabled.—O summary=ame option is needed to show these expanded memory statistics.

When the -O summary=ame option is used in a system with Active Memory Expansion enabled, the following memory information (true memory snapshot) is displayed in the global report summary at the end of the regular report.

#### **True Memory**

True memory size.

#### ucomprsd

Displays detailed information about the uncompressed pool, including

**CurSz** Current size of the uncompressed pool.

**%Cur** Percentage of true memory used by the uncompressed pool

TgtSz Target size of the uncompressed pool needed to achieve the target memory expansion factor.

% Tgt Percentage of true memory that will be used by the uncompressed pool when the target memory expansion factor is achieved.

### comprsd

Displays detailed information about the compressed pool, including:

#### CurSz

Current size of the compressed pool

**%Cur** Percentage of true memory used by the compressed pool.

**TgtSz** Target size of the compressed pool needed to achieve the target memory expansion factor.

**Tgt** Percentage of true memory that will be used by the compressed pool when the target memory expansion factor is achieved

% Max

Percentage of true memory that will be used by the compressed pool when the compressed pool achieves maximum size.

#### **CRatio**

Compression ratio

**AME** Displays the following information

txf Target Memory Expansion Factorcxf Current Memory Expansion Factor

**dxf** Deficit factor to reach the target expansion factor

dxm Deficit memory to reach the target expansion

**Note:** The above true memory section of expanded memory statistics can be turned off using the option **–O tmem=off.** 

When the **-O summary=longreal** option is set with **-G**, the compact report header contains the following metrics:

Size Number of frames (size of real memory)

**Tip:** This includes any free frames that have been made unusable by the memory sizing tool, the rmss command.

**Inuse** Number of frames containing pages

**Tip:** On a system where a reserved pool is defined (such as the 16 MB page pool), this value includes the frames reserved for any of these reserved pools.

Free Number of frames free in all memory pools. There may be more memory available depending on the file cache (see: available)

Number of frames containing pinned pages

**Tip:** On a system where a reserved pool is defined (such as the 16 MB page pool), this value includes the frames reserved for any of these reserved pools.

Virtual Number of pages allocated in the system virtual space

Available Amount of memory available for computational data. This metric is calculated based on

the size of the file cache and the amount of free memory.

**Pgsp** Number of pages allocated in the paging space

When -G is used in conjunction with -@ the following additional column is displayed:

WPAR WPAR name

#### Notes:

Pin

• If you specify the -@ flag without a list, the flag has no effect except when the -O summary option is used, then the WPAR name is added in the last column.

If a list is provided after the -@ flag, the svmon command report includes one section per WPAR listed. If ALL is specified, a system-wide and a global section will also be present. Any metric not available on a per WPAR basis is either replaced by the corresponding global value (in the case of -@ WparList) or by a "-" (in the case of -@ ALL).

- · Global values are displayed instead of a per WPAR metrics. They are flagged by the presence of a @ in the report.
- Some of the metrics are only available on a per WPAR basis if the WLM is used to restrict the WPAR memory usage.

When the -O summary=longameoption is set with -G, the compact report header contains the following Active Memory Expansion metrics

Size Expanded memory size

**Inuse** Number of pages in use (expanded form).

Free Size of freelist (expanded form).

#### **DXMSz**

Deficit memory to reach the target memory expansion

#### **UCMInuse**

Number of uncompressed pages in use.

### **CMInuse**

Number of compressed pages in the compressed pool.

TMSz True memory size

TMFr True number of free page frames

**CPSz** Size of Compressed pool.

**CPFr** Size of Uncompressed pool.

txf Target Memory Expansion Factor

cxf Current Memory Expansion Factor

CR Compression Ratio.

#### **Examples**

To display the default symon report, with automatic unit selection, enter:

# svmon -O summary=basic,unit=auto,pgsz=on

# svmon -G -O unit=auto,pgsz=on

Unit: auto

memory pg space	size 31.0G 512.00M	inuse 2.85G 13.4M	free 28.1G	pin 1.65G	virtual 2.65G	available 27.3G
pin in use	work 688.57M 2.65G	pers OK OK	clnt 0K 124.55M	other 924.95M		
PageSize s 4 KB m 64 KB L 16 MB	PoolSize - - 5	inuse 2.41G 376.81M 0K	pgsp 13.4M 0K 0K	pin 1.34G 241.81M 80.0M	virtual 2.29G 376.81M 0K	

The memory size of the system is 31GB. This size is split into the in-used frames for 2.85 GB and into the free frames for 28.1 GB. 1.65 GB are pinned in memory, 2.65 GB are allocated in the system virtual space and 27.3 GB are available to be used as computational data by new processes.

The inuse and pin values include the pages reserved for the 16 MB page memory pool (80 MB).

The size of the paging space is 512 MB, where 13.4 MB are used.

The pinned frames (1.65 GB) is composed of working segment pinned pages (688.57 MB) and 924.95 MB of other pin pages (can be used by the kernel for example), not counting the memory not used but pinned by the 16 MB page pool.

The number of frames containing pages (2.85 GB) is composed of working segment pages (2.65 GB) and client segment pages (124.55 MB), not counting the memory that is only reserved but counted inuse from the 16 MB pool.

Then statistics are displayed for each page size available on the system. For instance, the 16 MB page pool is composed of 5 pages of 16 MB. None of these are used, none are in the paging space (since they are all pinned), all of these are pinned, and none are in the system's virtual space.

To also display the affinity domain information, enter:

# svmon -G -O unit=MB,pgsz=on,affinity=on

Unit: MB										
	siz	ze ir	nuse	free		pin		vi	rtual	available
memory	31744.0	00 3055	5.36 28	688.64	18	38.84		28	59.78	27911.33
pg space	512.0	00 1	14.7							
	WOI	^k r	ers	clnt		other				
pin	833.9		0	0		24.95				
in use	2859.7			163.59						
PageSize	PoolSi2	ze ir	nuse	pgsp		pin		٧i	rtual	
s 4 KB		- 1628	3.93	14.7	12	91.47		14	65.34	
m 64 KB		- 1346	5.44	0	4	67.38		13	46.44	
L 16 MB		5	18.0	0		80.0			48.0	
Domain aff	inity	free	use	Ч	total	1.	pus			
Domain air	0	14131.05	1475.1		506.18	0	.pus 1	2	3	
				-		-		_	J 7	
	1	14589.65	1538.3	D 101	128.00	4	5	6	/	

In this example taken on a dedicated LPAR partition, we added the domain affinity metrics. The 31744 MB of memory are split into 2 memory affinity domain:

- The domain 0 contains 15606.18 MB of memory with 1475.13 MB used, and 14131.05 MB free.
- The domain 1 contains 16128 MB of memory with 1538.35 MB used and 14589.65 MB free.
- To display detailed affinity domain information, enter:

# svmon -G -O unit=MB,pgsz=on,affinity=detail

Uni	t: MB						
memo	ory space	size 31744.00 512.00	inuse 3055.70 14.7	free 28688.30	pin 1838.91	virtual 2860.11	available 27910.99
pin in (	use	work 833.96 2860.11	pers 0 0	clnt 0 163.58	other 924.95		
Page s	eSize 4 KB Domain	PoolSize - affinity 0 1	inuse 1629.26 used 129735 44909	pgsp 14.7	pin 1291.47	virtual 1465.68	
m	64 KB Domain	affinity	1346.44 used	0	467.44	1346.44	

L	16 MB Domain affin	0 1 5 ity 0 1	1243 851 48. use 409 819	12 .0 ed 96	0	80	.0			48.0
Dom	ain affinity		free	used	tota	1	1c	pus		
	0	1413	31.05	1475.13	15606.1	.8	0	1	2	3
	1	1458	39.65	1538.35	16128.0	0	4	5	6	7

In this example, we can see that the breakdown by affinity domain is also shown in the per-page size report. This option takes some time to execute.

· On a shared partition, attempting to display affinity domain information, results in:

# svmon -G -O unit=MB,pgsz=on,affinity=on

Unit: MB size inuse free pin virtual available memory 4096.00 811.59 3284.41 421.71 715.08 3248.66 pg space 512.00 6.23 
 work
 pers
 clnt
 other

 284.02
 0
 0
 137.68

 715.08
 0
 96.5
 pin in use PageSize PoolSize inuse virtual pgsp pin 4 KB 506.78 6.23 288.77 410.27 64 KB 132.94 304.81 304.81 Domain affinity free used total 1cpus \*\*\* not supported in shared pools \*\*\*

Memory affinity domains only have meaning for dedicated partitions.

· To display the one line global report, enter:

### # svmon -O summary=longreal

Unit: page

			Memory			
Size	Inuse	Free	Pin	Virtual	Available	Pgsp
262144	187219	74925	82515	149067	101251	131072

The metrics reported here are identical to the metrics in the basic format. There is a memory size of 262144 frames with 187219 frames inuse and 74925 remaining frames. 149067 pages are allocated in the virtual memory and 101251 frames are available.

To display global memory statistics in MB units at interval, enter:

# svmon -G -O unit=MB,summary=shortreal -i 60 5

Unit: MB

Size	Inuse	Free	Pin	Virtual	Available	Pgsp	
1024.00	709.69	314.31	320.89	590.74	387.95	512.00	
1024.00	711.55	312.39	320.94	592.60	386.02	512.00	
1024.00	749.10	274.89	322.89	630.15	348.53	512.00	
1024.00	728.08	295.93	324.57	609.11	369.57	512.00	
1024.00	716.79	307.21	325.66	597.50	381.16	512.00	

This example shows how to monitor the whole system by taking a memory snapshot every 60 seconds for 5 minutes.

• To display detailed memory expansion information (in a system with Active Memory Expansion enabled), enter:

### # svmon -G -O summary=ame

Unit: page

on or page							
memory ucomprsd comprsd pg space	size 262144 - - 131072	inuse 152619 98216 54403 1212	free 43061 - -	pin 73733	virtual 154779	available 41340	mmode Ded-E
pin in use ucomprsd comprsd	work 66195 147831 93428 54403	pers 0 0	clnt 0 4788	other 7538			
True Memory	: 131072						
CurSz ucomprsd comprsd	%Cur 105004 26068	TgtSz 80.11 19.89	%Tgt 37450 93622	MaxSz 28.57 71.43	%Max - 45308	CRatio - 34.57	- 2.45
AME	txf 2.00	cxf 1.48	dxf 0.52	dxm 67641	10000	31.07	2.10

• To display memory expansion information with true memory snapshot turned-off (in a system with Active Memory Expansion enabled), enter:

## # svmon -G -O summary=ame,tmem=off

Unit: page

, ,							
	size	inuse	free	pin	virtual	available	mmode
memory	262144	152619	43061	73733	154779	41340	Ded-E
ucomprsd	_	98216	_				
comprsd	_	54403	_				
pg space	131072	1212					
	work	pers	clnt	other			
pin	66195	0	0	7538			
in use	147831	0	4788				
ucomprsd	93428						
comprsd	54403						

• To display compact report of memory expansion information (in a system with Active Memory Expansion enabled), enter:

# # svmon -G -O summary=longame

Unit: page

						Act	ive Memory	Expansion		
26	Size 62144	Inu: 15262		Free 43055	DXMSz 67640	UCMInuse 98217	CMInuse 54408	TMSz 131072	TMFr 6787	CPSz 26068
CPFr 3888	txf 2.00	cxf 1.48	CR 2.45							

# **User Report**

The User report displays the memory usage statistics for all specified login name or when no argument is specified for all users.

To print the user report, specify the **-U** flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the **common summary metrics** as well as its own defined here:

**User** Indicates the user name

If processes owned by this user use pages of a size other than the base 4 KB page size, and the -O pgsz=on option is set, these statistics are followed by breakdown statistics for each page size. The metrics reported in this per-page size summary are reported in the page size unit by default.

#### Notes:

- If you specify the -@ flag without an argument, these statistics will be followed by the users assignments to WPARs. This information is shown with an additional WPAR column displaying the WPAR name where the user was found.
- If you specify the -O activeusers=on option, users which do not use memory (Inuse memory is 0 page) are not shown in the report.

### **Examples**

1. To display per user memory consumption statistics, enter:

# svmon -U					
Unit: page					
User	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	:======
root	56007	16070	0	54032	
pconsole	33561	7183	0	28086	
daemon	14864	7093	0	14848	
guest	14705	7087	0	14632	
bin	0	0	0	0	
sys	0	0	0	0	
adm	0	0	0	0	
uucp	0	0	0	0	
nobody	0	0	0	0	

This command gives a summary of all the users using memory on the system. This report uses the default sorting key: the Inuse column. Since no -O option was specified, the default unit (page) is used. Each page is 4 KB.

The Inuse column, which is the total number of pages in real memory from segments that are used by all the processes of the root user, shows 56007 pages. The Pin column, which is the total number of pages pinned from segments that are used by all the processes of the root user, shows 16070 pages. The Pgsp column, which is the total number of paging-space pages that are used by all the processes of the root user, shows 0 pages. The Virtual column (total number of pages in the process virtual space) shows 54032 pages for the root user.

2. To display per WPAR per active user memory consumption statistics, enter:

# svmon -U -O summary=basic,activeusers=on -@ ALL

```
Unit: auto
####### WPAR : Global
_____
            Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual
User
           155.49M 49.0M 0K 149.99M
137.73M 35.0M 0K 116.39M
69.0M 34.8M 0K 68.9M
root
pconsole
daemon
####### WPAR : wp0
______
           Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 100.20M 35.4M 0K 96.4M
####### WPAR : wp1
```

################################	##########	########### 	#######	########	######## =======
User	Inuse 100.20M	Pin 35.4M	Pgsp 0K	Virtual 96.4M	
######## WPAR : wp2 ####################################					
User	Inuse 100.14M	Pin 35.4M	Pgsp 0K	Virtual 96.3M	

In this case, we run in each WPAR context and we want some details about every users in all the WPARs running on the system. Since there are users that are not active, we want to keep only the active user by adding the **-O activeusers=on** option on the command line. Each WPAR has a root user, which in this example consumes the same amount of memory since each one runs the exact same list of processes. The root user of the Global WPAR uses more memory since more processes are running in the Global than in a WPAR.

3. To display per active user memory consumption in MB, with per page size details a timestamp and the command line used, enter:

# svmc	on	-U	-0	commandline=on,tin	nestamp=on	-0 a	ctiv	euse	rs=on -0	pgsz=on,unit=MB
Command Unit: N		ine	: 	svmon -U -O command1	ine=on,time	stamp=	on –		tiveusers= imestamp:	on -0 pgsz=on,unit=MB 09:08:00
User root					Inuse 223.67	Pin 96.3		• •	Virtual 217.53	
Pa s m L		4 64	e KB KB MB	Inuse 71.9 103.81 48.0			Pgsp 0 0		Virtual 65.7 103.81 48.0	
pconso	1e				138.83	35.0		0	117.48	
Pa s m L		4 64	e KB KB MB	Inuse 70.3 68.6 0	Pin 0.25 34.8 0		Pgsp 0 0		Virtual 48.9 68.6 0	
daemon					70.0	34.8		0	70.0	
Pa s m L		4 64	e KB KB MB	Inuse 1.48 68.6 0	Pin 0.03 34.8 0		Pgsp 0 0		Virtual 1.42 68.6 0	

# **Command Report**

The Command report displays the memory usage statistics for the specified command names. To print the command report, specify the **-C** flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the common summary metrics as well as its own defined here:

**Command** Indicates the command name.

If processes running this command use pages of size other than the base 4KB page size, and the **-O pgsz=on** option is set, these statistics are followed by breakdown statistics for each page size. The metrics reported in this per-page size summary are reported in the page size unit by default.

#### **Examples:**

1. To display memory statistics about the yes command, with breakdown by process and categorized detailed statistics by segment, enter:

# svmon -C yes -O summary=basic,pidlist=on,segment=category,process=on

Unit: page									
Command yes			Inuse 14405	Pin 5492		Pgsp 0	Virtua 1440		
Pid Com 217132 yes 397448 yes 372980 yes			Pin 5492 5492 5492	0	14	404 404			
SYSTEM segmen	nts		Inuse 6336			Pgsp 0	Virtua 633		• • • • • •
Vsid 2002		oe Descriptio rk kernel seg		PS	Size m			٠,	Virtual 396
EXCLUSIVE se	gments	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Inuse 37	Pin 4		Pgsp 0	Virtua	11 B6	•••••
Vsid 711 126a3 1b70a	2 wor	pe Description of process process process process of shared lile of code,/dev,	rivate brary data		sm sm	19	4 0	0	Virtual 19 17 -
SHARED segmen	nts	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Inuse 8032	 Pin	 1 )	Pgsp	Virtua 803		• • • • • •
Vsid 502d	d wo	pe Description rk shared lil ared library	brary text		Size m	Inuse 502	Pin 0	Pgsp 0	Virtual 502

In this example, we are looking at the yes command. The report is divided in several sub-reports. The summary line for the command displays the Inuse memory, the Pin pages in memory, the paging space and virtual pages used by the command. The **-O process=on** option adds the process section, where we have the list of the processes for this command.

2. To display memory statistics about the yes command, with breakdown by process and statistics by segment including file names, enter:

# svmon -C yes -O summary=basic,segment=on,pidlist=on,filename=on

Unit: page								
Command yes		Inu 144		Pin 492	Pgsp 0	Virtua 1440		
Vsid	Esid	Type Description		PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d	d	work shared library t Shared library text s		m	502	0	0	502
2002	0	work kernel segment System segment		m	396	343	0	396
13722	2	<pre>work process private pid(s)=397566</pre>		sm	19	4	0	19
1a72b	f	work shared library d pid(s)=397566	ata	sm	17	0	0	17
1b70a	1	<pre>clnt code,/dev/hd2:33     /usr/bin/yes pid(s)=397566, 295038</pre>		S	1	0	-	-

This report displays for each segment its list of pids when the segment is in a process address space. It also displays the filename of all client and persistent segments.

3. To display memory statistics about the init command, with breakdown by process, enter:

# svmon -@ -C init -O commandline=on, segment=off, process=on # symon -@ -C init -O commandline=on, segment=off, process=on Command line : symon -@ -C init -O commandline=on, segment=off, process=on Unit: page \_\_\_\_\_\_ Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 18484 8900 0 18469 init \_\_\_\_\_\_ 
 Pid Command
 Inuse
 Pin
 Pgsp
 Virtual

 1 init
 18494
 8900
 0
 18477
 1 init WPAR=Global 159976 init 18484 8900 0 18469 18484 8900 0 18469 18484 8900 0 18469 233722 init WPAR=wp2 180562 init WPAR=wp0

In a WPAR context, the -@ flag combined with the -O process=on flag, adds WPAR information in the report. This example shows which init process belongs to which WPAR.

# **Process Report**

The process report displays the memory usage statistics for all or the specified process names. To print the process report, specify the -P flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the common summary metrics as well as its own defined here:

Pid Indicates the process ID.

Command Indicates the command the process is running.

If processes use pages of size other than the base 4KB page size, and the **-O pgsz=on** option is set, these statistics are followed by breakdown statistics for each page size. The metrics reported in this per-page size summary are reported in the page size unit by default.

After process information is displayed, **symon** displays information about all the segments that the process used. Information about segments are described in the paragraph Segment Report.

### Notes:

- · If you specify the -@ flag, the symon command displays two additional lines that show the virtual pid and the WPAR name of the process. If the virtual pid is not valid, a dash sign (-) is displayed.
- The -O affinity flag supported by the -P option, gives details on domain affinity for the process when set to on and for each of the segments when set to detail. Note that the Memory affinity information is not available for the shared partitions.

#### **Examples:**

1. To display the top 10 list of processes in terms of real memory usage in KB unit, enter:

# svmon -P -0 unit=KB, summary=basic, sortentity=inuse -t 10 Unit: KB

Pid	Command	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
344254	java	119792	22104	0	102336	
209034	xmw1m	68612	21968	0	68256	
262298	IBM.CSMAgentR	60852	22032	0	60172	
270482	rmcd	60844	21996	0	60172	
336038	IBM.ServiceRM	59588	22032	0	59344	
225432	IBM.DRMd	59408	22040	0	59284	
204900	sendmail	59240	21968	0	58532	

266378 rpc.statd	59000	21980	0	58936
168062 snmpdv3ne	58700	21968	0	58508
131200 errdemon	58496	21968	0	58108

This example gives the top 10 processes consuming the most real memory. The report is sorted by the inuse count, 119792 KB for the java process, 68612 KB for the xmwlm daemon and so on. The other metrics are: KB pinned in memory, KB of paging space and virtual memory.

2. To display information about all the non empty segments of a process, enter:

# symon -P 221326 -0 commandline=on, segment=on, filterprop=notempty Command line : svmon -P 221326 -O commandline=on, segment=on, filterprop=notempty

Unit: page					 
Pid Command 221326 java	Inuse 20619	Pin 6326	Pgsp 9612	Virtual 27584	

221326	java	20619	6326	9612	2 27	584			
Vsid	Esid Typ	e Descript	ion		PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d	d wor	k text or	shared-lib	code s	eg m	585	0	1	585
0	0 wor	k kernel s	egment		m	443	393	4	444
14345	3 wor	k working	storage		sm	2877	0	7865	9064
15364	e wor	k shared m	emory segm	ent	sm	1082	0	1473	1641
1b36a	f wor	k working	storage		sm	105	0	106	238
17386	- wor	k			S	100	34	64	146
1a38b	2 wor	k process	private		sm	7	4	24	31

The detailed section displays information about each non empty segment used by process 221326. This includes the virtual, Vsid, and effective, Esid, segment identifiers. The type of the segment is also displayed along with its description that consists of a textual description of the segment, including the volume name and i-node of the file for persistent segments.

The report also details the size of the pages the segment is backed by (Psize column), where s denotes 4 KB pages and L denotes 16 MB pages, and sm a multi size page (small and medium page in this case) the number of pages in memory (Inuse column), the number of pinned pages (Pin column), the number of pages used in the paging space (Pgsp column), and the number of virtual pages (Virtual column).

3. To display information about all the non empty segments used by a process, including the corresponding shared memory ids and affinity domain data, enter:

# svmon -P 221326 -O commandline=on, segment=on, affinity=on, shmid=on, filterprop=notempty Command line: svmon -P 221326 -O commandline=on,segment=on,affinity=on,shmid=on,filterprop=notempty

Unit: page

Pid 221326	Command java		0 29		rtual 27584			
Vsid	Esid	Type Description		PSize	e Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d		work text or shared	d-lib code	seg r	n 585	0	1	585
		Domain affinity	Nbpages					
		0	4800					
0	0	1	4560		442	202	4	
0		work kernel segment		r	n 443	393	4	444
		Domain affinity	Nbpages					
		0	5744 1344					
14345	3	work working storac		sr	n 2877	0	7865	9064
14343		Domain affinity	Nbpages	31	11 20//	U	7005	3004
		Omain arrinity	1518					
		1	1359					
15364	е	work shared memory		sr	n 1082	0	1473	1641

	shmid:3 Domain affinity Nbpages					
1b36a	f work working storage	sm	105	0	106	238
	Domain affinity Nbpages					
	0 48					
	1 57					
17386	- work	S	100	34	64	146
	Domain affinity Nbpages					
	0 5744					
	1 1344					
1a38b	2 work process private	sm	7	4	24	31
	Domain affinity Nbpages					
	0 3					
	1 4					

The detailed section displays the list of all segments used by the process 221326. In this case, the -O affinity=detail option adds for each Vsid, the Domain affinity breakdown. The Vsid 15364 also shows the shared memory id (shmid: 3 in this case). This information can be matched with the results given by the **ipcs** command.

4. To display memory statistics in the legacy format which includes a breakdown by segments, enter:

\$ svmon -P 209034 -O segment=on

Unit: page

onre. pas	, .									
Pid 209034	Command xmwlm		Inuse 15978	Pin 5492	Pgsp 0	Virt 15	ual 929			
Vsid	Esid	Туре	Descripti	on	F	Size	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d	d	work	shared li	brary text		m	495	0	0	495
2002	0	work	kernel se	gment		m	396	343	0	396
19288	С	work	shared men	mory segment		sm	1477	0	0	1477
b27a	f	work	shared li	brary data		sm	106	0	0	106
d27c	2	work	process p	rivate		sm	90	4	0	90
1b24a	-	clnt	/dev/hd4:	15493		S	22	0	-	-
1f24e	1	clnt	code,/dev	/hd2:2521		S	18	0	-	-
8079	3	clnt	file mapp /dev/hd3:	ed read writ 5	æ,	S	8	0	-	-
a27b	-	clnt	/dev/hd2:	123146		S	1	0	-	-

5. To only display non empty segments and add per page size breakdown for segments with multiple page sizes, enter:

\$ symon -P 209034 -O segment=on, filterprop=notempty, mpss=on

Pid	Command		Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virt	ual			
209034	xmw1m		15977	5492	0	15	929			
Vsid	Esid	Туре	Descript	ion	F	PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
502d	d	work	shared 1	ibrary text		m	495	0	0	495
2002	0	work	kernel s	egment		m	396	343	0	396
19288	С	work	shared m	nemory segmen	t	S	5	0	0	1477
						m	92	0	0	0
b27a	f	work	shared 1	ibrary data		S	106	0	0	106
						m	0	0	0	0
d27c	2	work	process	private		S	74	4	0	90
						m	1	0	0	0
1b24a	-	clnt	/dev/hd4	:15493		S	21	0	-	-
1f24e	1	clnt	code,/de	ev/hd2:2521		S	18	0	-	-
8079	3	clnt	file map	ped read wri	te,	S	8	0	-	-
			/dev/hd3	3 <b>:</b> 5						
a27b	-	clnt	/dev/hd2	2:123146		S	1	0	-	-

The 2 previous examples show the difference of the values reported in the Inuse, Pin, Pgsp and Virtual columns with MPSS pages. On this system sm pages are used by the process 209034, the metrics reported in the first report are in 4KB pages (in the smaller page size) while when the break down by page size is displayed with the **-O mpss=on** option, **s** pages are in 4KB page and **m** pages are in 64KB pages. So, for the segment 19288 this gives 1477\*4=5908KB in the first example, and 5\*4\*1024 + 92\*64\*1024 =5908KB in the second example. Dashes are put on the Pgsp and Virtual memory columns for the client segments because it is meaningless for this type of segment.

6. To display detailed information about mapping segments for a process, in KB unit, enter:

\$ svmon -P 340216 274676 -O segment=on,unit=KB,mapping=on

Unit: KB \_\_\_\_\_\_ Pid Command Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 4676 ptxtstmmap 57276 21968 0 57256 Vsid Esid Type Description PSize Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 502d d work shared library text m 31744 0 0 31744 2002 0 work kernel segment m 25344 21952 0 25344 10661 2 work process private sm 76 16 0 76 1a36b f work shared library data sm 52 0 0 52 14665 1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:825 s 12 0 - - 11660 \* - work mmap paging sm 8 0 0 8 source=b2ba d65c \* - work mmap paging 274676 ptxtstmmap source=b2ba

d65c \* - work mmap paging sm 8 0 0 source=b2ba

13662 \* - work mmap paging sm 8 0 0 source=b2ba

4655 \* - work mmap paging sm 8 0 0 source=b2ba

b2ba - clnt /dev/hd3:13 s 8 0 - 1350 \* - work mmap paging sm 8 0 0 source=b2ba

18329 3 mmap maps 5 source(s) sm 0 0 - source(s)=b2ba/13662, b2ba/d65c, b2ba/4655, b2ba/11660 8 8 8 source(s)=b2ba/13662, b2ba/d65c, b2ba/4655, b2ba/11660 source(s)=b2ba/1350 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Pid Command Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 340216 ptxtstmmap 57240 21968 0 57216 
 Vsid
 Esid Type Description
 PSize
 Inuse
 Pin Pgsp Virtual

 502d
 d work shared library text
 m 31744
 0 0 31744

 2002
 0 work kernel segment
 m 25344 21952
 0 25344

 f65e
 2 work process private
 sm 76 16 0 76

 19668
 f work shared library data
 sm 52 0 0 52

 1d66c
 - clnt /dev/hd3:14
 s 12 0 - 

 1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:825
 s 12 0 - 

 1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:825
 s 12 0 - 

 1 cmmca/(s)=1d66c
 1d66c
 1d66c

source(s)=1d66c, 1d66c, 1d66c The mapping option is used in this case to also show mmaped segments which are not in the address space of the process. The process 274676 has created a shared memory file (client segment b2ba), this segment is used by mmap segments (11660, d65c, 13662, 4655, 1350) which are not in the address space of the process. The mmap segment of the process gives the list of all mmaped segment and their associated source (b2ba/13662, ...).

The process 340216 has created a private memory file, no extra mmap segments are displayed since all segments which are using this resource are private to the process and are already so shown by default.

# **Workload Management Class Report**

To print the class report, specify the -W flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the common summary metrics as well as its own defined here:

Class or Superclass Indicates the class or superclass name.

The **-O subclass=on** option can be added to display the list of subclasses.

### **Examples:**

1. To display memory statistics about all WLM classes in the system, enter:

# svmon -W -O unit=page,commandline=on,timestamp=on

Command line : symon -W -O unit=page,commandline=on,timestamp=on Unit: page Timestamp: 10:41:20 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 121231 94597 19831 135505 Superclass System Unclassified 27020 8576 67 8659 17691 12 1641 16491 15871 0 0 13584 Default 0 0 13584 0 0 0 Shared Unmanaged 0

In this example, all the WLM classes of the system are reported. Since no sort option was specified, the Inuse metric (real memory usage) is the sorting key. The class System uses 121231 pages in real memory. 94597 frames are pinned. The number of pages reserved or used in paging space is 19831. The number of pages allocated in the virtual space is 135505.

2. To display memory statistics about all WLM classes and subclasses in the system, enter:

# svmon -W -O subclass=on -O unit=page,commandline=on,timestamp=on

Command line : svmon -W -O Unit: page	subclass=on -0 un	it=page,c		ne=on,time: Timestamp:	
=======================================	==========	=======	======	========	======
Superclass	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
System	120928	94609	19831	135202	
System.Default	120928	94609	19831	135202	
System.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Unclassified	27020	8576	67	8659	
Default	17691	12	1641	16491	
Default.Default	17691	12	1641	16491	
Default.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Shared	15871	0	0	13584	
Shared.Default	15871	0	0	13584	
Shared.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Unmanaged	0	0	0	0	

In this example, all the WLM classes and sub-classes of the system are reported. Since the no sort option was specified, the Inuse metric (real memory usage) is the sorting key. The class System uses 120928 pages in real memory, they are split into 120928 pages in the System Default sub-class, and no pages in the Shared sub-class.

# **Workload Management Tier Report**

To print the tier report, specify the -T flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the common summary metrics as well as its own defined here:

Tier Indicates the tier number

#### **Superclass**

The optional column heading indicates the superclass name when tier applies to a superclass (when the -a flag is used).

The -O subclass=on option can be added to display the list of subclasses. The -a <supclassname> option allows reporting only the details of a given super class.

### **Examples:**

1. To display memory statistics about all WLM tiers and superclasses in the system, enter:

```
# svmon -T -0 unit=page
```

Unit: page					
Tier 0	Inuse 137187	Pin 61577	Pgsp 2282	Virtual 110589	
Superclass System Unclassified Default Shared Unmanaged 1	Inuse 81655 26797 16863 11872 0 9886	Pin 61181 384 12 0 0 352	Pgsp 2282 0 0 0 0	Virtual 81570 2107 15040 11872 0 8700	
Superclass myclass	Inuse 9886	Pin 352	====== Pgsp 0	Virtual 8700	======

All the superclasses of all the defined tiers are reported. Each Tier has a summary header with the Inuse, Pin, Paging space, and Virtual memory, and then the list of all its classes.

2. To display memory statistics about all WLM tiers, superclasses and classes in the system, enter:

# svmon -T -O subclass=on -O unit=page,commandline=on,timestamp=on

Command line : svmon -T -O subcla Unit: page	ss=on -0 ur	nit=page,c		ne=on,time Timestamp	
Tier	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
0	181824	103185	21539	174250	
Superclass	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
System	121242	94597	19831	135516	
Class	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
System.Default	121242	94597	19831	135516	
System.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Unclassified	27020	8576	67	8659	
Superclass	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
Default	17691	12	1641	16491	
Class	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
Default.Default	17691	12	1641	16491	
Default.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Superclass Shared	Inuse 15871	Pin 0	Pgsp 0 ======	Virtual 13584	======
Class	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
Shared.Default	15871	0	0	13584	
Shared.Shared	0	0	0	0	
Unmanaged	0	0	0	0	

Details at sub-class level can also be displayed for each class of each Tier.

3. To display memory statistics about a particular WLM superclass in a tier, with segment and per page size details, enter:

# svmon -T 0 -a myclass2 -O segment=on,pgsz=on,pidlist=on

Unit: page					
Tier Superclass		Inuse	Pin F	gsp Virtu	al
0 myclass2		36	4	0	36
PageSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual	
s 4 KB	36	4	0	36	
m 64 KB	0	0	0	0	
Class	========	Inuse	 Pin F	gsp Virtu	======= al

myclass2.Defau	ılt		36	4	0	36		
Vsid	Esid	Type Description		PSize	Inuse	Pin P	gsp	Virtual
711	2	<pre>work process pri pid(s)=372980</pre>	vate	sm	19	4	0	19
126a3	f	work shared libraria pid(s)=372980	ary data	sm	17	0	0	17
Class			Inuse	 Pin	Pgsp	Virtual		
myclass2.Share	ed		0	0	0	0		

The statistics of all the subclasses, in the tier 0, of the superclass myclass2 are reported. The distribution between the different page sizes is displayed by the -O pgsz=on option. Then, as -O segment=on is specified, the subclass statistics are followed by its segments statistics. Finally, as -O pidlist=on' is specified for each segment, the list of process which uses it, is displayed.

# Segment Report

To print the segment report, specify the -S flag. This report contains all the columns detailed in the common summary metrics as well as its own defined here:

Vsid Indicates the virtual segment ID. Identifies a unique segment in the VMM.

Esid

Indicates the effective segment ID. The Esid is only valid when the segment belongs to only one process (i.e: only one address space). When provided, it indicates how the segment is used by the process. If the Vsid segment is mapped by several processes (i.e: several address spaces), then this field contains - (hyphen). The exact Esid values can be obtained through the -P flag applied on each of the process identifiers using the segment. A - (hyphen) also displays for segments used to manage open files or multi-threaded structures because these segments are not part of the user address space of the process.

Type Identifies the type of the segment:

- pers indicates a persistent segment
- · work indicates a working segment
- · clnt indicates a client segment
- mmap indicates a mapped segment
- rmap indicates a real memory mapping segment

### **Description**

Gives a textual description of the segment. The content of this column depends on the segment type and usage.

If the segment is a persistent segment and is not associated with a log, then the device name and i-node number of the associated file are displayed, separated by a colon. The device name and i-node can be translated into a file name with the ncheck command or by using the **-O filename=on** flag. If the segment is the primary segment of a large file, then the words large file are prepended to the description.

**PSize** Indicates the size of the pages inside the segment.

#### Notes:

- · Mapping device name and inode number to file names can be a lengthy operation for deeply nested file systems. Because of that, the **-O filename=on** option should be used with caution.
- · If the segment is a persistent segment and is associated with a log, then the string log displays. If the segment is a working segment, then the **symon** command attempts to determine the role of the segment. For instance, special working segments such as the kernel and shared library are recognized by the svmon command. If the segment is the private data segment for a process, then private prints out. If the segment is the code segment for a process, and the segment report prints out in response to the -P flag, then the string code is prepended to the description.

- If the segment is mapped by several processes and used in different ways (that is, a process private segment mapped as shared memory by another process), then the description is empty. The exact description can be obtained through -P flag applied on each process identifier using the segment.
- If a segment description is too large to fit in the description space, then the description is truncated. If you need to enlarge the output you can use the -O format flag. When set to -O format=160, the report is displayed in 160 columns, which means more room for the description field. When set to **-O format=nolimit**, the description will be fully printed even if it brakes the column alignment.

#### **Restriction:**

· Segment reports can only be generated for primary segments.

#### **Examples:**

1. To display information about a list of segments including the list of processes using them, enter:

```
# svmon -S 11c02 3393e5 2c10da 2c4158 1b1a34 -O pidlist=on
Unit: page
```

Vsid	Esid Type Description	PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
11c02	- work kernel heap System segment	S	65536	0	0	65536
3393e5	3 work working storage pid(s)=168138	S	10143	0	0	10143
2c4158	- work System segment	S	5632	5632	0	5632
1b1a34	- work Unattached segment	L	2	2	0	2
2c10da	- clnt /dev/hd2:4183 Unused segment	S	2110	0	-	-

Information about each segment in the list is displayed. The Esid column contains information only when -O pidlist=on is specified because the Esid has a meaning only in the address space of a process. In this case, since the segment 3393e5 belongs to the process 168138, the Esid is reported, in all other cases no information is displayed. The segments 11c02 is the kernel pinned heap. The segment 2c4158 has no special characteristics. The segment 2c10da is relative to a file whose device is /dev/hd2 and whose inode number is 4183. The Paging space and Virtual fields of the segment 2c10da are not meaningful (because it is a client segment). The segment 1b1a34 is a 16 MB page segment which contains 2 pages of 16 MB (equivalent to 8192 pages of 4KB).

2. To display information about all unattached segments in the system, enter:

```
# svmon -S -O filtercat=unattached
Unit: page
```

Vsid	Esid Type Description	PSize	Inuse	Pin	Pgsp	Virtual
1b1a34	- work	L	2	2	0	2
2618ce	- work	S	1	0	0	1

In this example, the report contains all the segments coming from processes which have allocated shared memory areas, and which have exited without freeing these memory areas.

3. To display the top 10 (in real memory consumption or sorted by the inuse field) text segments with their corresponding file name, enter:

```
# symon -S -t 10 -0 unit=auto, filterprop=text, filename=on
Unit: auto
           Esid Type Description
- clnt /dev/hd2:4140
   Vsid
                                              PSize Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual
                                                 s 7.62M
                                                             0K
   1a0cb
```

		/usr/ccs/lib/libc.a					
a37b	- clnt	/dev/hd2:65692	S	4.34M	0K	-	-
		/usr/java5/jre/bin/libj9jit2	3.s	0			
1150	- clnt	/dev/hd2:16394	S	3.77M	0K	-	-
		/usr/lpp/x1C/lib/aix61/libC.	a				
16667	- clnt	/dev/hd2:2716	S	3.10M	0K	-	-
		/usr/bin/ptxtstoverflow_heap					
14285	- clnt	/dev/hd2:131333	S	2.91M	0K	-	-
		/usr/sbin/rsct/lib/libct_rmf	.a				
8159	- clnt	/dev/hd2:9535	S	2.52M	0K	-	-
		/usr/lib/drivers/nfs.ext					
1b2ca	- clnt	/dev/hd2:65747	S	2.27M	0K	-	-
		/usr/java5/jre/lib/core.jar					
f23e	- clnt	/dev/hd2:115081		1.88M	0K		-
		/usr/opt/perl5/lib/5.8.2/aix	-th	read-mult	i/CORE	:/libper	1.
17026	- clnt	/dev/hd2:8470	S	1.79M	0K	-	-
		/usr/lib/boot/unix_64					
15104	- clnt	/dev/hd2:2258	S	1.41M	0K	-	-
		/usr/lib/libdns nonsecure.a					

The -O filename=on option allows in this case to display the filename of each client text segment. The amount of memory used by every segment is put with the unit identifier because of the -O unit=auto option. The segment 1a0cb holds 7.62MB of real memory and no pinned memory. The paging space and virtual memory are meaningless for client segments. The Description of the segment f23e is truncated because the default format of the report is 80 columns. The -O format=180 or -O format=nolimit could be used to display the full path of this file.

# Named Shared Libraries (NSLA)

When the Named Shared Library areas are used, the segment description contains the name of the area.

When a WPAR was used during a checkpoint and restarted, some shared library areas might be local to the WPAR. The name of the WPAR is printed after the name of the area. Note that using Named Shared Library Areas in a WPAR does not mean that the area is for this WPAR only. For more information, see the documentation on NSLA.

In all other examples, the area is system-wide; therefore, the WPAR name is omitted.

The following is a list of possible examples:

- *myarea* means a system-wide area *myarea* is defined on the system.
- @myarea means an unnamed area is defined on the WPAR mywpar.
- myarea@mywpar means an area named myarea is defined on the WPAR mywpar.

#### **Examples:**

System-wide Named Shared Library area:

```
# svmon -P 381050 -O pidlist=on,pgsz=on,segment=on,summary=basic or
# symon -P 381050 -O pidlist=on,pgsz=on
Unit: page
      Pid CommandInusePinPgsp Virtual1050 yes113099956011308
  381050 yes

        PageSize
        Inuse
        Pin
        Pgsp

        s
        4 KB
        221
        4
        0

        m
        64 KB
        693
        622
        0

                                                                                    Virtual
                                                                                    220
                                                                                          693
                   Esid Type Description PSize Inuse Pin Pgsp Virtual 0 work kernel segment m 693 622 0 693
     Vsid
         0
```

	System segment					
60006	d work shared library text	S	185	0	0	185
	myshlarea					
	Shared library text segment					
91a08	2 work process private	S	18	4	0	18
	pid(s)=381050					
21a23	<pre>f work shared library data   pid(s)=381050</pre>	S	17	0	0	17
11000			1	^		
11920	<pre>1 clnt code,/dev/hd2:338   pid(s)=381050</pre>	S	1	O	-	-

# **Detailed Report**

The detailed report (-D) displays information about the pages owned by a segment and, on-demand, it can display the frames these pages are mapped to. To print the detailed report, specify the -D flag. Several fields are presented before the listing of the pages used:

Segid The segment identifier. The type of the segment. Type **PSize** The type of the segment.

### **Address Range**

Ranges in which frames are used by this segment.

Ranges in which frames are used by this segment.

### Size of paging space allocation

Virtual Number of pages used by this segment. Inuse Number of frames used by this segment.

#### Column headings in a detailed report:

**Page** Relative page number to the virtual space. This page number can be higher than the

number of frames in a segment (65535) if the virtual space is larger than a single segment

(large file).

**Frame** Frame number in the real memory. Since frames are always considered 4KB in size

> regardless of the page size of the segment, for any page size larger than 4 KB, a range of frames instead of a single frame is associated to one page. This range is noted as XXXXXXX..YYYYYYY, which means that the continuous range of frames between ID

XXXXXXX and YYYYYYY is used for the given page.

Pin Indicates if the frame is pinned or not.

Ref Indicates if the frame has been referenced by a process.

Mod Indicates if the frame has been modified by a process.

**ExtSegid** Extended segment identifier. This field is only set when the page number is higher than

the maximum number of frames in a segment.

Extended page number. This field is only set when the page number is higher than the **ExtPage** 

maximum number of frames in a segment and indicates the page number within the

extended segment.

#### Notes:

- The -@ flag has no effect on the -D option.
- This option only supports the additional -O frame option, which shows additional frame level
- The format used by this report is on 160 columns.

### **Examples:**

#svmon -D b9015 Segid: b9015 Type: client PSize: s (4 KB)

Address Range: 0..9 : 122070..122070

Page	Psize	Frame	Pin	Ref	Mod	ExtSegid	ExtPage
0	S	74870	N	N	N	_	-
1	S	11269	N	N	N	-	-
2	S	11270	N	N	N	-	-
3	S	11271	N	N	N	-	-
4	S	11272	N	N	N	-	-
5	S	11273	N	N	N	-	-
6	S	11274	N	N	N	-	-
7	S	11275	N	N	N	-	-
8	S	986106	N	N	N	-	-
9	S	4093	N	N	N	-	-
122070	S	78191	N	N	N	208831	dcd6

The segment b9015 is a client segment with 11 pages. None of them are pinned. The page 122070 is physically the page dcd6 in the extended segment 208831.

# svmon -D 6902f -O frame=on

Segid: 6902f Type: working PSize: s (4 KB)

Address Range: 0..179 : 65309..65535

Size of page space allocation: 0 pages ( 0.0 MB)

Virtual: 99 frames ( 0.4 MB) Inuse: 99 frames ( 0.4 MB)

Page	Psize	Frame	Pin	Ref	Mod	ExtSegid	ExtPage	Pincount	State Swbits
65483	S	72235	Υ	N	N	-	-	1/0	Hidden 88000000
65353	S	4091	Υ	N	N	-	-	1/0	Hidden 88000000
65352	S	4090	Υ	N	N	-	-	1/0	Hidden 88000000
65351	S	4089	Υ	N	N	-	-	1/0	Hidden 88000000
65350	S	1010007	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88020000
65349	S	1011282	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88020000
65354	S	992249	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88020000
65494	S	1011078	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88020000
0	S	12282	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88820000
1	S	12281	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88820000
2	S	64632	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88a20000
3	S	64685	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88a20000
4	S	64630	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88a20000
5	S	64633	N	N	N	-	-	0/0	In-Use 88820000

The frame 72235 is pinned, not referenced and not modified, it is in the Hidden state, it does not pertain to an extended segment nor to a large page segment.

# **XML Report**

To print the XML report, specify the -X option. By default the report is printed to standard output. The -o filename flag allows you to redirect the report to a file. When the -O affinity option is used, affinity information is added to the report.

**Note:** The **-O affinity=detail** option can take a long time to compute.

The extension of XML reports is .svm. To prevent a report overwrite, the option -O overwrite=off option can be specified (by default this option is set to on).

This XML file uses a XML Schema Definition (XSD) which can be found in the file: /usr/lib/perf/ svmon\_measurement.xsd. This schema is self-documented and thus can be used by anyone to build custom application using the XML data provided in these reports.

The data provided in this file is a snapshot view of the whole machine. It contains enough data to build an equivalent of the -G, -P, -S, -W, -U, and -C options.

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