Managing Performance Of Linux on IBM Z

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"If you can't Measure it, I am Just Not Interested TM"



Topics

Who is Velocity Software

- Performance Management
 - zVPS Velocity Software Performance Suite
- Simplify your environment with on prem cloud
 - zPRO On-prem Private Cloud



Who is Velocity Software

Founded 1988,

Mission: Provide software to assist customers in optimizing the VM platform:

Continuous fully integrated enhancements over 30 years 200+ Installations (zVPS) (more than ½ IFLs world wide) 22 countries, 6 continents

OREEN: VELOCITY SOFTWARE SALES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT



Industries using Linux and Velocity Software

Banking, Financial:

Government / Military:

Health Care, Insurance, Retail

Manufacturing: Automotive, computing, Oil

Outsourcing



zVPS - Performance Management Requirements

Performance Management

- Performance Analysis
- Operational Alerts
- Capacity Planning
- Accounting/Charge back

Correct data (Virtual Linux CPU data wrong - SMT)

Capture ratios (is the data valid?)

Remember, 3 kinds of performance monitors

- 1. Products Used for performance Management
- 2. Products Used for Diagnostics
- 3. Products Turned off when there's a cpu problem

Management can not be the problem....



Infrastructure Requirements: Performance Analysis

Why Performance Analysis: Service Level Mgmt

- Diagnose problems real time (ONE MINUTE GRANULARITY....)
- PLATFORM SPECIFIC....
- Analyze all z/VM Subsystems in detail, real time
 - (DASD, Cache, Storage, Paging, Processor, TCPIP)
- Analyze Linux
 - (applications, processes, processor, storage, swap)
- Historical view of same data important
 - Why are things worse today than yesterday?
 - Did adding new workload affect overall throughput?
 - Know who/what is using resource and how to re-allocate



Infrastructure Requirements: Capacity Planning

Why Capacity Planning: Future Service Levels

- How many more servers can you support with existing z14?
- What is capacity requirements for an application? (on x?)
- Avoid crises in advance

Why Chargeback?

- Distributed chargeback model is by server (does NOT port to Z!)
- Shared chargeback model is by resource consumption
- Encourages efficient/effective resource use
- Align IT to your business model

Operational Requirements

- Operations will manage 100's (1000's) of servers
- Requires active performance management
- Alerts for processes in loops, disks 90% full, missing processes
- zALERT always needed (One Minute Granularity)
- zOPERATOR, if no enterprise monitor, or do it anyway



zVPS does "End to End" Performance Management

Management wants

"single pane of glass" - One tool that does all (and well)

Complete performance management includes:

- z/VM System Level: CEC, LPAR data, ALL SubSystems
- Linux Storage, CPU, file system, network
- Process level applications, performance data
- Network monitor
- VSE: partitions, CPU, I/O, CICS, TCPIP
- z/OS: CICS(110), BATCH (30), SYSTEM (70)

Application subsystem analysis

• Java, WAS, Oracle, MongoDB, Docker (MQ, DB2)

Outside "Z" server platform analysis

- Linux on "x", VMWare, KVM, Secure Software Container
- Microsoft servers
- VPN, gateways, utilities



z/VM Performance monitor architecture

Traditional model (1989)

ESAMON/zMON: Real time analysis

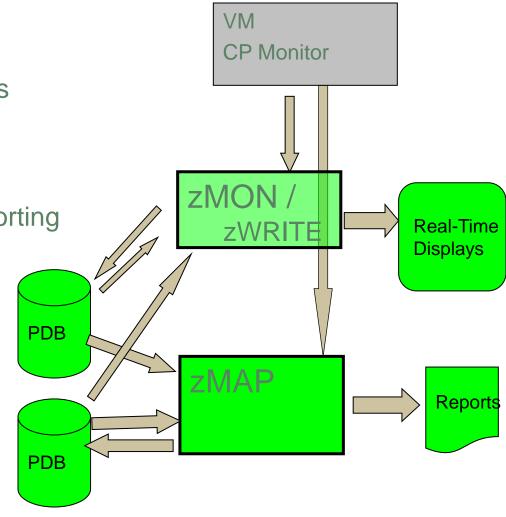
- Uses Standard CP Monitor
- Real Time Analysis

ESAMAP/zMAP: Performance Reporting

- Post (midnight) Processing
- Creates Long Term PDB
- PDB or monwrite data input

PDB (Performance DataBase)

- Complete data
- By Minute, hour, day
- Monthly/Yearly Archive





zMON 3270 zoom

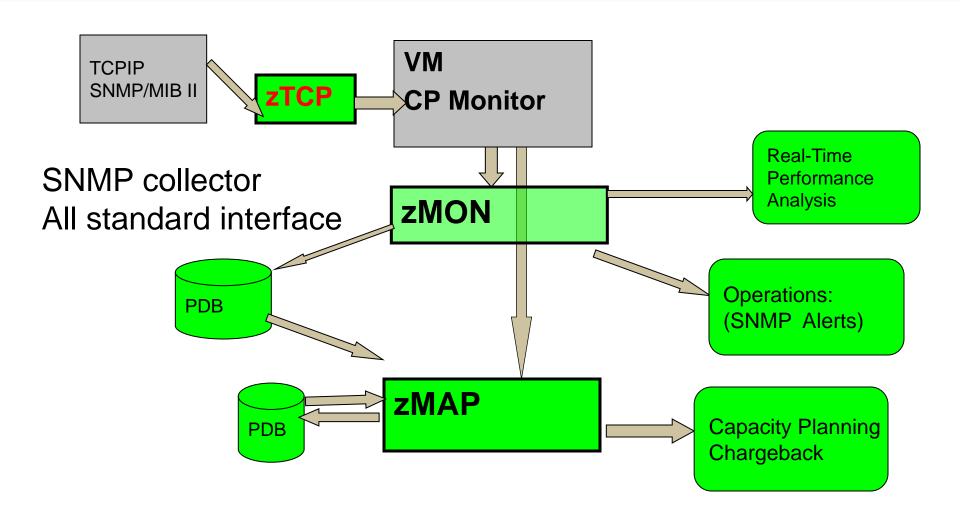
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Hit PF2 to zoom on SUSE class, get:

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"Network monitoring technology

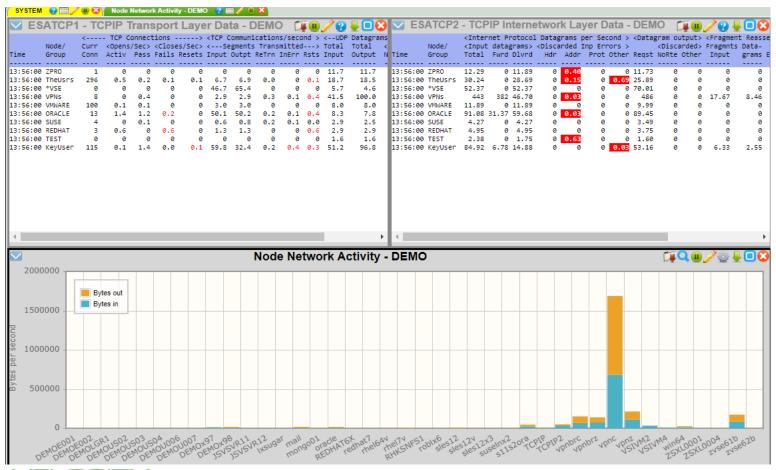




Full Network Monitor

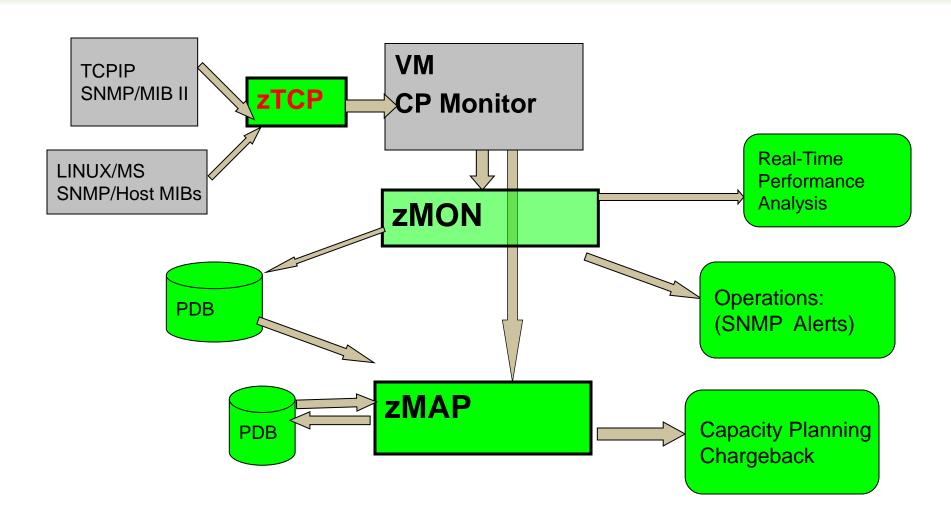
MIB II: Transport layer, IP layer, hardware layer, icmp

Transport layer data shows connections, TCP rates, UDP rates





Linux monitoring technology





Snmp "Host" support

Snmp "host" public mib

- Process data (expensive, limited)
- File system data
- (no system data)

ucd "linux" private mib

- System data
- Memory data
- Disk data (expensive)

Velocity private mib

- Designed for efficiency
- Designed for performance management
- Process data improvements
- Disk data improvements
- VERY Extensible



Process Capture Ratio with Velocity mib

Report: ESALNXC

High CPU capture ratio

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Report: ESALNXV LINUX Virtual Processor Analysis Report

Node/ VM <Linux Pct CPU> <Process Data> Capture Prorate

Name ServerID Total Syst User Total Syst User Ratio Factor

10:03:00

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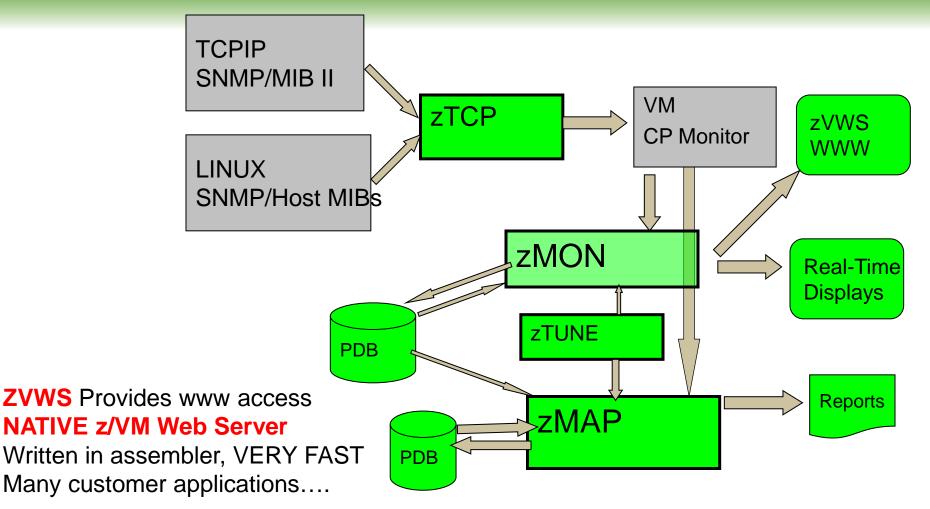
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kswapd0	100	1	1	0	0.12	0.12	0	0	0		
snmpd	1013	1	1012	-10	0.13	0.03	0.10	0	0		
sh	3653	3652	30124	0	52.7	0	0	9.37	43.3		
gmake	9751	9750	30124	0	43.4	0.02	0.02	1.37	42.0		
sh	10129	9751	30124	0	0.02	0.02	0	0	0		
sh	10130	10129	30124	0	0.63	0.03	0.23	0.28	0.08		
cc1	10307	10306	30124	0	3.12	0.18	2.93	0	0		
rpmbuild	30124	16382	30124	0	0.07	0.03	0.03	0	0		
sh	30125	30124	30124	0	0.02	0	0.02	0	0		
gmake	30126	30125	30124	0	0.02	0	0.02	0	0		

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ksoftirq	3	1	0	ksoftirq		
events/0	4	1	0	events/0		
khelper	5	4	0	khelper		
kblockd/	6	4	0	kblockd/		
cio	41	4	0	cio		
cio_noti	42	4	0	cio_noti		
kslowcrw	43	4	0	kslowcrw		
appldata	96 4		0	appldata		
aio/0	101	4	0	aio/0		
pdflush	5266	4	0	pdflush		
pdflush	26647	4	0	pdflush		
kswapd0	100	1	1	kswapd0		
kmcheck	158	1	1	kmcheck		
syslogd	976	1	976	/sbin/sy		
klogd	979	1	979	/sbin/kl		
snmpd	1013	1	1012	snmpd		
portmap	1030	1	1030	/sbin/po		
rpciod	1034	1	1	rpciod		
lockd	1035	1	1	lockd		
sshd	1072	1	1072	/usr/sbi		
sshd	16272	1072	16272	sshd: bu		
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bash	16291	16290	16291	bash		
python	16312	16291	16291	python		
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bb_do		16313	16291	/usr/bin		
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LINIIX Process Conf



Modernize: Webserving, performance skills



zTUNE: Rules based analysis



Health Checker for z/VM, Linux: zTUNE

- Focus more now on simplifying problem resolution
- User reports that applications complained about zLinux / WAS performance:

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Report: ESATUNE
                     Tuning Recommendation Report
Monitor initialized:
                                          on 2084 serial 9ABED
The following changes are suggestions by Velocity Software
 to enhance performance of this system.
However, Velocity Software takes no responsibility -
 all tuning is the responsibility of the installations.
Please call 650-964-8867 if you have any questions about
 these values, or suggestions on report enhancements.
USR2 User LINUX160 is paging excessively (75.0 per second)
     This user can be protected using SET RESERVED
SPL5 Spool utilization is 100% full.
     Perform Spool file analysis and purge large
     spool files, or force users currently writing
     excessively to spool.
                        *****
****zTUNE Evaluation
XAC1 User total PROCESSOR WAIT excessive at 33 percent.
     Current reporting threshold set to 20.
     This is percent of inqueue time waiting for
     specific (PROCESSOR) resources to become available.
LPR3 LPAR share is too low, causing USER CPU Wait
    VM LPAR allocated share: 0.94 percent of total
    VM LPAR used 389 percent of allocated share
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Web zVIEW V2

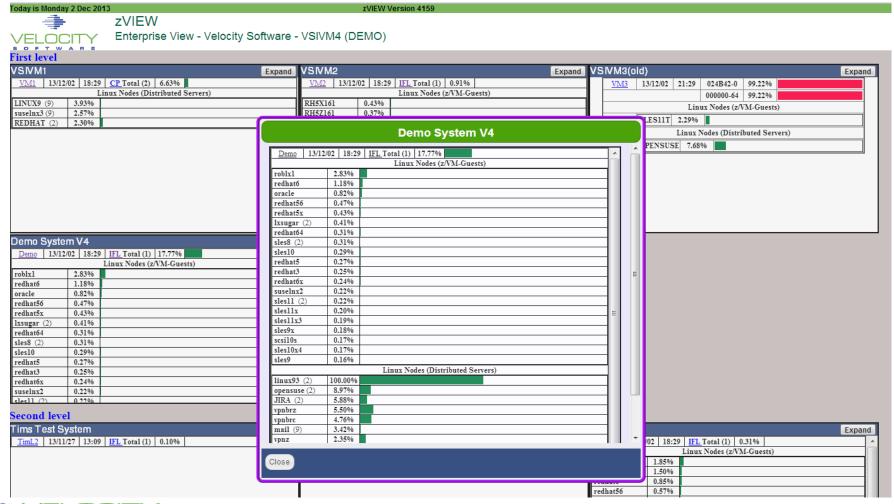
zVIEW V2 flexible,

- Web based application
- Supports enterprise data
- Single pane of glass
- VERY fast, (no java)....
- Front end for everything



zVPS Enterprise View – All LPARs in Enterprise

Tailorable, expandable, zoomable

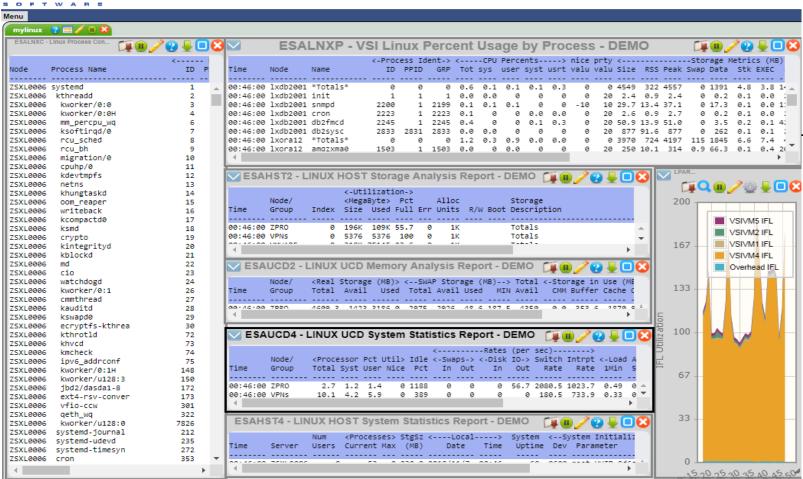


zVIEW Linux performance

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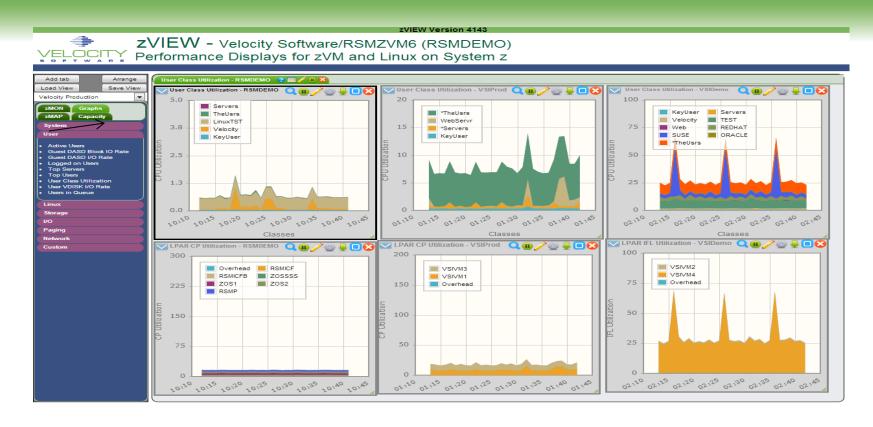
ZVIEW - Velocity Software - VSIVM4 (DEMO)

Performance Displays for zVM and Linux on System z





Multiple System View (3 LPARs)



Data from multiple lpars visible on "Single pane of glass"



zALERT - Operational Support

zAlert

- User tailorable
- 3270 based, web based, and / or SNMP

Linux alert examples:

- Disk full
- Missing processes (requires complete data)
- Looping processes (requires correct data)

z/VM alert examples

- Page/spool space full (avoid abends), page rates
- Looping servers
- DASD service times

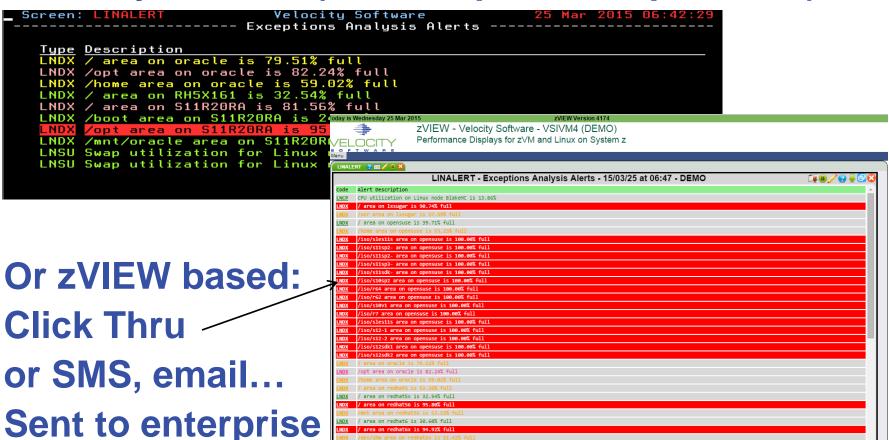
Network alert examples

- Transport errors, ICMP rates, Bandwidth thresholds
- z/OS / zVSE
 - CPU, job utilization, cec (cpu type) utilization,
 - CICS max task, response times, etc



zALERT – Automate problem detection

3270 Style Alerts (50+ sample alerts provided)



Console....

Diagnostic vs Management Tools

Diagnostic Tools

- Turn on when there's a problem (but not if too heavy....)
- Significant overhead
- Oracle and Java have many diagnostic tools

z/VPS Objective is to provide "management tools"

- Java metrics captured at low cost
- Oracle metrics captured at low cost
- Objective is still a .1% linux agent with one minute granularity



Splunk

Operations Tool (many installations!)

- Log analyzer
- Diagnostics tool

The Problem

- Agent is very high overhead
- Each Linux runs splunk agent, feeds central database
- One installation reports 2-4% of ONE IFL per server for splunk agent
 - (Using 20 IFLs just for splunk agent)

The (VERY efficient) solution

- All (almost all?) data captured by zVPS
- zVPS feeds splunk (no additional charge, big savings in cpu)
- Installation details on Velocity Software website



MongoDB (zVPS V5)

Fast DataBase

- Used for real time performance
- "read only"
- Benchmarked at 8,000 hits per second on ONE LPAR
- MongoDB engineers very impressed with "z" !!!

The Problem

Black box?

The requirements: Management

- Marriott corporation offloading 5,000 transactions per second plus
- MongoDB on Linux on z architecture

The (VERY efficient) management solution

MongoDB has snmp mib, fully supported by zVPS (real time, alerts...)



Docker and more (zVPS V5)

Docker container technology used for many implementations

- Docker/kubernetes
- collectd
- z/os container extensions

Docker

- Used extensively by a few large customers
- Snmp mib developed by Velocity Software

IBM Secure Container

- Black box as presented (no management capability if problems)
- Collectd implementation one way mechanism, open source
- Supported by zvps

Z/OS container extensions

Collectd implementation?



No z/VM?

If you don't have z/VM

- Linux on hardware
- KVM
- Distributed servers

One shared IFL partition for z/VM will support enterprise

- Velocity Software will install z/VM and support it for you
- Full cloud configuration you never see z/VM (if you don't want)



Demonstration Links

Links to Velocity Software live demonstration page

http://demo.velocitysoftware.com/ZVIEW/zview.cgi



zPRO – on-prem

Challenges with z/VM

- Lack of z/VM skills
- Old style interface (3270)
- Linux on hardware seems easier
- KVM seems easier

zPRO Objectives

- Modernize the z/VM Platform
- Simplify z/VM
- Provide Systems programmers with simple to use management
- Provide end users simple access



z/VM Challenges (for all sites)

Directory Management – using zPRO

- Often bottleneck in creating/modifying servers
- Who is allowed? Now automatic

Operations – using zPRO

- Starting / Stopping servers
- Who can do it? Server owners

Systems Management – using zPRO

- See available resources
- See servers / server ownership



zPRO for end users

z/VM Cloud Server Management

- Clone (provision), modify, start, stop, move, delete servers
 - Linux w/Oracle, Websphere, etc any z/VM guest
- Define server expirations
 - Useful for LAB, test or proof-of-concept servers
- Selective resource controls and quota management
 - Hierarchical control from global, to group, to user to server
- SSI / LGR (live guest relocation) support

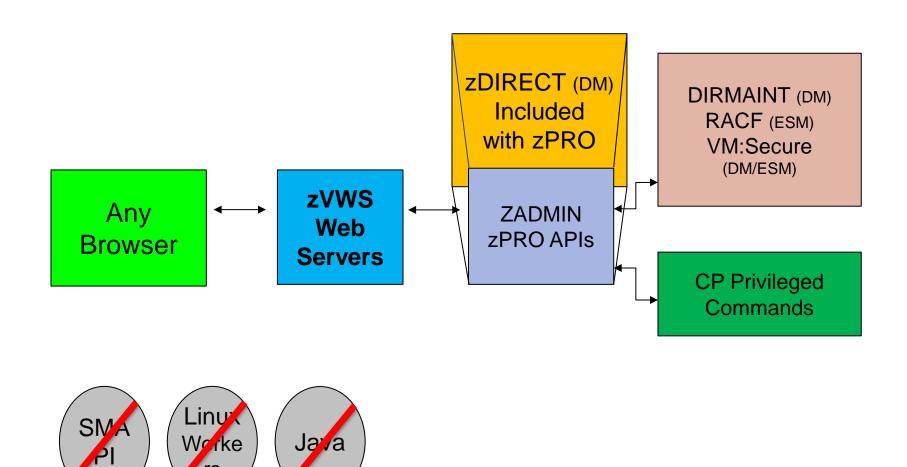


zPRO support for platform

- Utilizes the zVWS native z/VM web server
 - UI is completely browser-based (remember, no Java Elephant!)
 - Installs in about 10 minutes onto zVPS managed LPAR
- Authentication support via zVWS
 - VM / LDAP / AD / your own
- Extensible
 - Can define and "plug in" site-defined services
- Provides directory management
 - zDIRECT provides Directory Management with or without RACF



zPRO's Structure – Simple!



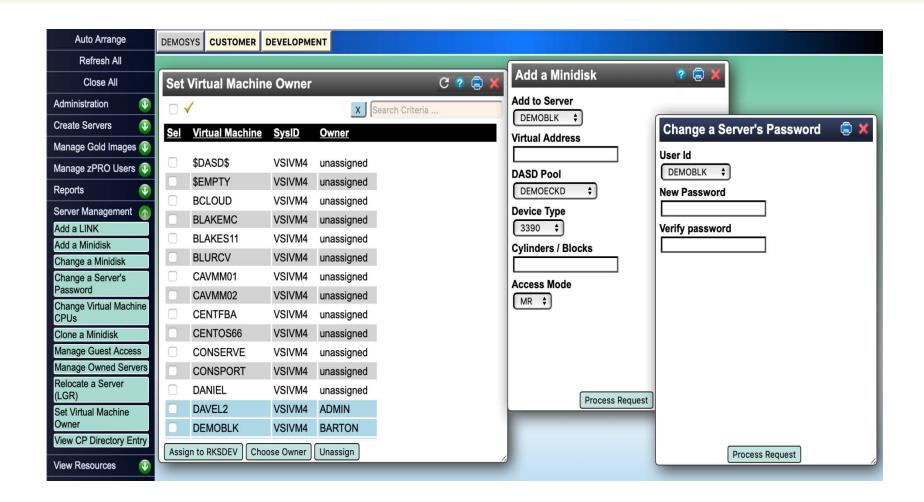


Skills and Time

- Little or no z/VM system knowledge needed
 - Fills in for any lack of z/VM skills
 - Full server control without z/VM Skills
 - Helps to ramp-up support while learning about the platform

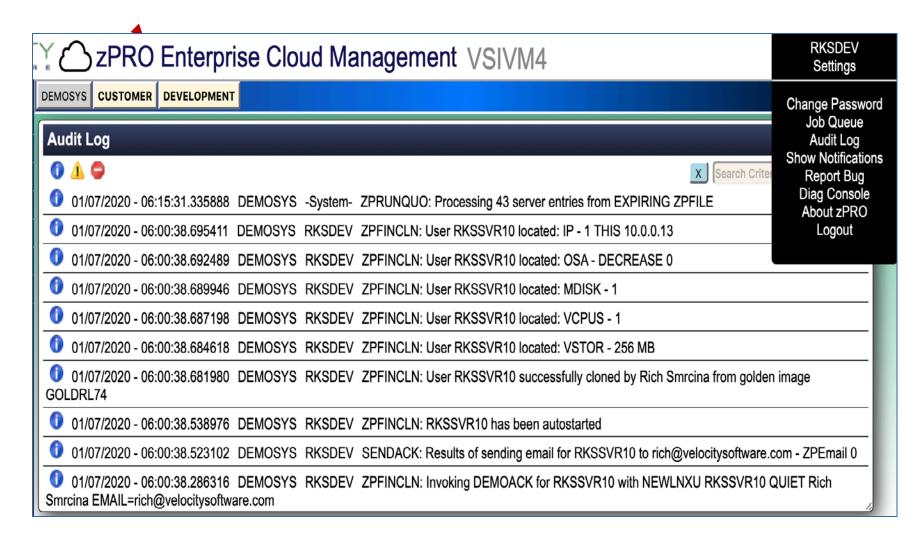


zPRO Server Management web page





Auditing





zPRO focus

zPRO Focus:

- Simplifying access and acceptance of the mainframe for new, younger and possibly less skilled team members through a browserbased interface
- Providing a cloud-based facility for mainframe training, especially around cloud and guest management
- Simplifying daily tasks by **empowering** end-users to manage their own guests while *you* still control authorities and resources (Functional Decentralization)



Velocity's zPRO Cloud Demo Site

 To register: https://demo.velocitysoft

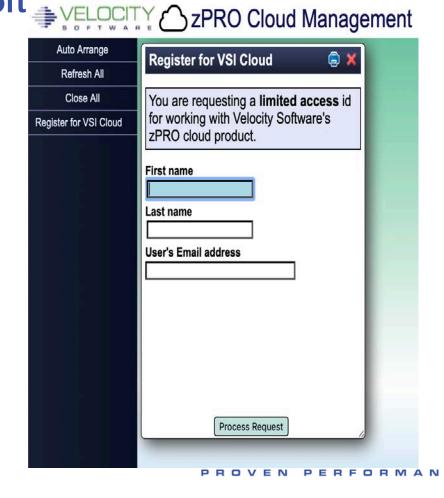
• Userid: demozpro

Password: demodemo

Check your email for your login info

Our Cloud Demo site will allow you to register for your own userid. You can then use that userid to create, manipulate and use a selection of servers through zPRO.

It is a full zPRO system that is running the same code we ship to our customers. **Note** that Demo userids only have access to a subset of zPRO functions and are limited in authorizations.



Sign-in

Login to zPRO is simple – you are presented with a userid/password prompt to enter your zPRO defined information.

Your credentials can be validated on z/VM directly, through LDAP/AD, or any credential verification process that can be implemented via the available security exit.



Welcome to the Velocity Software zPRO Demo Site

Velocity Software maintains a cloud for demonstration purposes and for supporting your education needs.

If you do not yet have a Demo System userid, login with the userid of **DEMOZPRO** and password **DEMODEMO** to create one.

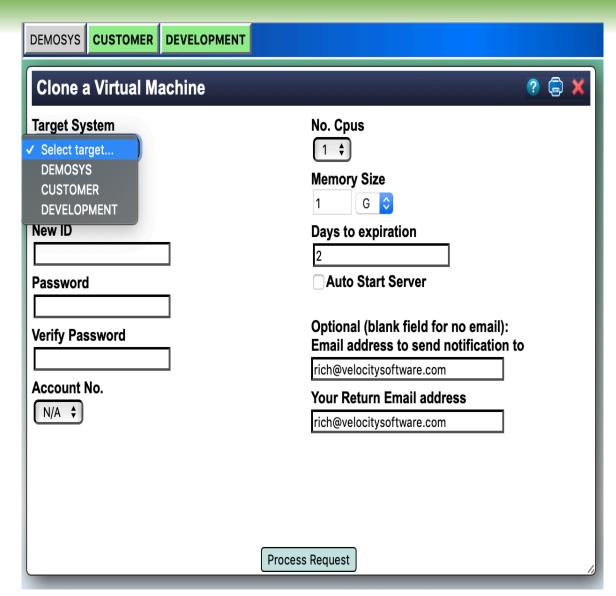
If you need assistance, contact support@velocitysoftware.com





Enterprise Functions

zPRO dialogs present a list box to select on which system to perform the function.





Summary

Performance management is a business model

- Performance analysis and tuning
- Capacity planning
- Operational support
- Chargeback

Single pane of glass

Efficiency critical, not just a diagnostic tool

Flexibility important – architecture works....



Velocity Software zVPS Provides:

- z/VM Performance Monitor (for 31 years)
- NETWORK Monitoring (for 20 years)
- Linux on "Z" Monitoring (for 18 years)
- Oracle, Websphere Monitoring (for 10 years)
- VSE Monitoring (for 5 years)
- No charge features
 - zOPERATOR for fully INTEGRATED operations management console
 - zALERT for supporting fully INTEGRATED operations
 - Distributed server monitoring (Linux, Microsoft)
- And now zOSMON....



zVPS 5.1

New Technologies

- Docker (thousands of containers)
- MongoDB (see Marriott presentations)
 http://VelocitySoftware.com/MongoDB.html
- z/VM 7.1 (done, fcp, edev, diagnose, 80 threads)
- SPLUNK (done) "http://VelocitySoftware.com/splunk.html"
- z/OS.... (common request)
- VSE CICS too
- z/OS: Send link to your z/OS people....

 http://demo.velocitysoftware.com/zview/zview.cgi?view=myzos&heading=no&menu=no
- See HTTP://VelocitySoftware.com/zOSMON.HTML"
 Make it easy, low overhead, amazingly fast...
- Z15: MFC data supported! (zVPS only consumer)

