Case Study 2

Linux Servers Disconnecting From the Network





Case Study Summary

Velocity Software solves performance problems.

- As a valued customer, we want to pass this knowledge on to you.
- The following is a case study of a solved real-life performance issue.
- This case study will show:
 - The problem as reported by users
 - The problem observations
 - What was found in the Velocity Software data
 - What was suggested to the customer
 - If provided, follow up from the customer



The Problem

The Problem:

Multiple Oracle servers were disconnecting from the network.

Problem Observations:

- On several days around the same time, multiple Oracle servers were disconnecting from the network/VSWITCH
- There was an error message The QETH device driver failed to recover an error on the device



What the Data Showed (Configuration data)

ESAUSRC – User Configuration showed:

 Multiple Linux servers with two vCPUs that are not needed

Monitor	ESAUSRC initializ period:	ed: 07/07	_	:00:0			ser	ial (3FCD	8	Ve Fi La
					<	S	HARE		>	<	CPU
UserID	ClassID	_	CP POOL:								
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LaaaP	TheUsrs			IFL	40					1	1
LbbbT	TheUsrs			IFL	80					2	2
LcccT	TheUsrs			IFL	50	•	•			1	1
LdddT	TheUsrs			IFL	70	•	•			1	1
LeeeT	TheUsrs			IFL	30	•	•			1	1
LfffT	TheUsrs			IFL	25					1	1
LgggT	TheUsrs			IFL	50					1	1
LhhhT	TheUsrs			IFL	100					1	1
LjjjC	TheUsrs			CP	80					1	1
LkkkT	TheUsrs			IFL	10					1	1
LmmmP	TheUsrs			IFL	30					2	2
LnnnT	TheUsrs			IFL	20					1	1
LpppT	TheUsrs			IFL	30					1	1
LqqqT	TheUsrs			IFL	20					1	1
LrrrT	TheUsrs			IFL	35					1	1
LsssT	TheUsrs			IFL	15					1	1
LtttT	TheUsrs			IFL	25					1	1
LuuuP	TheUsrs			IFL	100					2	2
LvvvC	TheUsrs			IFL	80	٠.	٠.			1	1
LwwwC	TheUsrs			IFL		25	Abs	25.0	Sft	2	2
LxxxC	TheUsrs			IFL	100					2	2
LyyyT	TheUsrs			IFL	50				-	1	1
LzzzC	TheUsrs			IFL	100					2	2
L111C	TheUsrs			IFL	30					1	1
L222T	TheUsrs			IFL	80					2	2
L333T	TheUsrs			IFL	80					2	2
L444T	TheUsrs			IFL	50					1	1
L555P	TheUsrs			IFL	200	•			•	2	2



What the Data Showed (Error Messages)

ESAOPER – Operator System Log showed:

Virtual switch failures

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Operator/System Log
Report: ESAOPER
                                                                   Veloc
Monitor initialized: 07/07/22 at 00:00:01 on 3906 serial 03FCD8
01:15:17 QDIO Device Deactivate:xx2C
01:15:17 QDIO Device Deactivate:xx6C
01:16:00 L111T
                 vcpu stopped:
01:16:00 L111T : VM VCPU: 00 is in stop state
01:17:45 Virtual Switch Failure: VSW3
                                          owned by: VSW3
                                                             DTCVSW1
01:17:45
                                  Address: xxx6
01:17:45 QDIO Device Deactivate:xxx6
01:17:45 DETACH Device B0B6 FROM System
01:18:02 Virtual Switch Failure: VSW4
                                          owned by: VSW4
                                                             DTCVSW1
                                  Address: xxx0
01:18:02 DETACH Device BOB7 FROM System
01:18:23 DETACH Device BOB8 FROM System
01:17:00 L228T
                 vcpu started:
01:18:52 ODIO Device activated:xx2C
01:20:10 QDIO Device activated:xx6C
01:17:00 VSIMAP1206 At 01:17:00, 122-second interval exceeds active
01:17:00
              interval parameter value of 60.
01:19:00 VSIMAP1206 At 01:19:00, 122-second interval exceeds active
01:19:00
              interval parameter value of 60.
01:22:05 QDIO Device activated:xxx6
01:22:05 Virtual Switch Recovery: VSW3
                                           owned by: VSW3
                                                              DTCVSW1
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ESALPARS – Logical Partition Analysis Summary showed:

The %Assigned Total at the time of the issue was 100% or close to 100%

Report: Monitor			gical Par /07/22 at					ial 03						porate : 07/07			.4 07/11/22 00	Pg
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07/07/22																		
01:13:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00	16	IFL	398.7	0.3	1135	100								
			XXX4	03	_	IFL	178.2	0.0			22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:14:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00		IFL	398.0	0.3	1135					_	_			
01-15-00		B	XXX4	03		IFL	177.4	0.0			22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:15:00	11	Dynamic	Totals: XXX4	00		IFL IFL	391.5 179.9	1.1	1135		22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:16:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00		IFL	399.3	0.1		100	44.4	00.9	NO	0		NO		1.70
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01:17:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00	16	IFL	399.6	0.2	1135	100								
			XXX4	03		IFL	176.5	0.0			22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:19:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00		IFL	399.9	0.1	1135					_	_			
			XXX4	03	_	IFL	176.4	0.0			22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:21:00	11	Dynamic	Totals: XXX4	00		IFL IFL	400.0 176.2	0.1	1135		22 2	88.9	No	0	2	No		1.78
01:22:00	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00		IFL	400.0	0.0	1135		22.2	00.9	NO	0		NO	•	1.70
01.22.00		Dynamic	XXX4	03		IFL	175.8	0.0			22.2	88.9	No	0	2	No	_	1.78
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Average:	11	Dynamic	Totals:	00	16	IFL	394.2	0.8	1135									
			XXX4	03	2	IFL	167.7	0.5	60	44.4	22.2	88.9	No	29.08	2	No		1.78



What the Data Showed (Utilization Data)

ESALPARS – Logical Partition Analysis Summary – Cont.:

- There are four total IFL processors shared over the 16 virtual processors (from the previous page)
- During the time of the issue, the 4 total IFL Processor busy was close to 100%

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Туре	Count	Ded	shared	Total	Logical	Ovhd	Mgmt
CP IFL		_	3		241.3		
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ESAXACT – Transaction Delay Analysis showed:

Multiple servers were waiting on CPU

Report: Monitor							_			6 sei	rial							vare C nalyz
UserID /Class	<-Samp Total							E-	D-	T-		Tst	<asy< td=""><td>ynch: Pag</td><td>></td><td></td><td>Lim</td><td>Pct Elig</td></asy<>	ynch: Pag	>		Lim	Pct Elig
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System:	3306	2340	7.7	1.1	34	0	0.0	0	0	0.1	0.1	57	0.1			0	0	0
Hi-Freq:		145K	8.0	1.9				0						0.0	0.0	0.1	0	0
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LaaaT	3598	3598		6.9	40		0.1	0	0	0	0	10		0	0	0	0	0
LbbbT	3598	3598	41	4.5	36	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0.1	0	0
LcccT	7196	7196	15	2.9	44	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	38	0.1	0	0	0.0	0	0
LdddT	3598	3598	20	1.9	43	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	35	0.2	0.0	0	0	0	0
LeeeT	3598	3598	18	0.1	32	0	0.4	0	0	0	0	50	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
LfffC	7196	7196	8.3	0.7	21	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	70	0.2	0	0.0	0	0	0
LgggT	3598	3588	15	2.1	44	0	0	0	0	0	3.6	34	0.1	0	0	1.8	0	0
LhhhT	7196	7196	5.3	2.3	42	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0.3	49	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0
LjjjC	3598	3598	11	1.1	36	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	51	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
LkkkT	7196	7196	3.6	0.1	26	ō	0	ō	ō	ō	ō	70	0	ō	ō	ō	ō	0
LmmmT	3598	3598	10	2.0	40	0	0.2	0	0	0	0	47	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
LnnnC	3598	3598		6.4	34	_	0.1	ō	ō	ō	ō	48		ŏ	ō	0.0	ō	ō
LpppC	3598	3598			46	ŏ	0	ő	ő	ő	ŏ		0.2	ő	ő	0	ő	ő



ESANIC – Virtual NIC Activity showed:

- The network lock information (wait times) rose from zero
- The rate of discards during the problem period rose from zero

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	Virtual																			
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01:16:00																				
LaaaT	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	110.2	110	51.7	0	0	0	0	0	460K	6288	310	79.1	0	110	0	0
LbbbT	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	178.6	179	41.7	0	0	0	0	0	741K	10K	502	128	0	80.2	0	0
LcccC	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	8.6	8.6	110	0	0	0	0	0	598	14K	8.6	174	0	0	0	0
LdddT	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	313.8	314	39.6	0	0	0	0	0	97K	5760	376	72.3	0	132	0	0
LeeeP	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	4.5	4.4	2.7	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	2026	765	6.5	5.9	0	0.1	0	0
LfffT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	3.4	3.3	8.0	0	0	0.1	0	0	899	1136	3.9	19.2	0	0	0	0
LgggT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	12.5	12.4	5.5	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	4719	2853	15.6	10.2	0	0	0	0
LhhhT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	2.9	2.8	4.1	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	417	733	2.9	6.8	0	0.2	0	0
LbbbT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	1.1	1.0	2.3	0	0.0	0.2	0	0	272	2117	2.2	29.0	0	0	0	0
LjjjT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	1.3	1.2	1.6	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	190	316	1.4	4.3	0	0	0	0
LkkkT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	19.3	19.2	13.0	0	0.0	0.2	0	0	5232	3930	21.2	16.0	0	0.0	0	0
LmmmT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	8.7	8.6	3.2	0	0	0.2	0	0	2503	1366	10.9	11.2	0	0	0	0
LnnnT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	7.2	7.2	0.5	0	0	0.1	0	0	2676	1047	9.8	10.6	0	0	0	0
LpppT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	7.1	7.0	2.8	0	0	0.2	0	0	2002	963	8.6	8.8	0	0	0	0
Lagac	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	8.8	8.6	5.9	0	0	0.3	0	0	1342	1256	8.9	8.6	0	0	0	0
LrrrT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	18.8	18.7	7.9	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	6551	3606	25.0	14.0	0	0.9	0	0
LsssC	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	8.2	8.2	13.9	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1737	2449	8.8	28.8	0	1.0	0	0
LtttT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	6.0	6.0	3.6	0	0.0	0.2	0	0	3421	2481	6.8	5.9	0	0	0	0
LuuuT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	3.7	3.7	4.1	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	736	639	3.9	7.2	0	0	0	0
LvvvP	VSW4			02/02	30.5	30.5	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	ō	ō	7056	5568	31.5	24.1	ō	0.3	ō	ō
LwwwT	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	15.5	15.5	9.7	0	0.0	0.2	0	0	2285	1641	16.0	12.5	0	0.1	0	0
LxxxC	VSW4	0360	0360	02/02	7.8	7.8	5.4	0	0.0	0.1	0	0	1214	908	8.1	7.1	0	0	0	0
LVVVT	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	3.8	3.8	53.5	0	0	0	0	0	270	6201	3.8	75.9	0	94.3	0	Ö
Lagac	VSW3			01/02			69.9	ō	ō	ō	ō	ō		6291		77.2	ō	89.6	ō	ō
LzzzC	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	3.8	3.8	48.4	0	0	0	0	0	286	11K	4.7	141	0	30.9	0	0
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LaaaT	VSW3	0380	0380	01/02	156.8	157	60.7	0	0	0	0	0	873K	7782	588	98.1	0	64.3	0	0
LbbbT	VSW3				319.8		71.9	ō	ō	ō	ō		955K		647	136	5.3	75.5	ō	ō
LcccC	VSW3			01/02		7.8	80.1	ō	ō	ō	ō	ō	405	11K		130	4.5	0	ō	ō
LdddT	VSW3			01/02		2.0	32.5	0	0	0	0	0	20K	4271	13.3	53.2	0	64.9	0	ō
LhhhT	VSW3			01/02			72.7	ō	ō		ŏ	ō					1.0		ŏ	ŏ
LqqqC	VSW3			01/02			60.7	ő	ŏ	ő	ŏ	ŏ		3102				87.9	ŏ	ŏ
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ESAPLDV – Processor Local Dispatch Vector Activity showed:

The dispatch rate during the problem period was suddenly extremely high

Report: Monitor					22 at 01	al Dispatch 1:00:00 on 3	906 se	erial	03FCI								07/11	./22
Time	<-Us	ers->	> Tran /sec			Moves/sec> To Master	<		PLDV 1			Dispatcher Long Paths	<-Fre	om Nes	ting	Level	s (/s	
01:16:00	43	41.0	0.5	0 1 2 3	33.6 33.2 39.1 41.1	0.3 0 0	0	0.0 0.0 20.3 20.4		1.8	0 0	16614.2	33.2 39.1 41.1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
System:					147.0	0.3	0	40.8			0	116675.8	147	0	0	0	0	0
01:17:00	37	40.0	0.6	0 1 2 3	31.6 31.6 36.0 37.2	0.6 0 0	0	0.0 0.0 23.4 23.4			0	38082.6 11892.1	31.6 36.0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0
System:					136.5	0.6	0	46.9			0	135780.4	136	0	0	0	0	0
01:19:00	43	43.0	0.6	0 1 2 3	32.5 34.2 34.8 33.7	0.9 0 0 0	0	0.1 0.1 23.4 23.4		1.8		53972.1	34.2 34.8	0 0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
System:					135.2	0.9	0	47.0			0	230727.3	135	0	0	0	0	0
01:21:00	42	40.0	0.6	0 1 2 3	30.3 30.2 36.9 38.5	0.9 0 0 0	0	0.1 0.1 23.6 23.6		1.8		75857.8	30.2 36.9	_	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
System:					135.9	0.9	0	47.3			0	215688.6	136	0	0	0	0	0
01:22:00	37	40.0	0.5	0 1 2 3	33.3 32.0 39.6 39.7	2.6 0 0	0	0.1 0.1 23.9 23.9		1.8	ō	1442.6	32.0 39.6	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
System:					144.6	2.6	0	47.9			0	4493.9	145	0	0	0	0	0



ESACPUA – CPU Utilization Analysis (Part 2) showed:

- There were a high amount of spin locks during the time of the issue
- It shows 4 threads (SMT on, 2 vCPUs), 2 100% busy

Report: Monitor	ESACPU initia	JA alizeo	CPt 1: 07,	J Ut.	ilizat 22 at	on:	Ana:	lysis) on 3	3906 s	serial (03FCD8	Ve B F:	elocit irst :	y Son	ftware	: Corp Lyzed:
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01:19:00	43	43.0	0.6	1	100 76.4	3.1 1.7 1.2 1.4	3.6 1.6 1.0 1.4	95K 53K 35K 44K	95K 53K 35K 44K	96427 53716	0.08 9.01 0.02 0.08	232.5 164.1 144.4 0.9	0.0	0.00	0.00	98.4 55.07
System:					353	7.5	7.6	227K	228K	229824	9.20	542.0	0.0	0.37	0.01	335.7
01:21:00				1 2 3	100 76.1 76.1	2.5 1.9 1.8	2.4 1.8 1.8	75K 51K 51K	75K 51K 51K	75839 50966 51003	0.16 0.02 0.05		0.0 0.0 0.0	0.02 0.57 0.40	0.00 0.03 0.02	548.3 198.9 223.3
System:					352	7.5	8.1	213K	214K	215552	0.28	17.1	0.0	1.02	0.00	3823
01:22:00	37	40.0	0.5	1	100 75.7	0.5	0.3	45.2 149	443 303	1756.0 1626.9 622.8 807.9	0.13	56.5 17.4	0.0	0.00	0.00	7.003 4.702
01:23:00				1 2 3	100 76.1 76.1	1.2 0.6 0.8	0.8 0.5 0.6	36.6 38.2 30.1	817 389 857	3989.1 3580.2 1536.0 2200.7	0.05 0.13 0.18	47.0 45.1 37.5	1.8 0.2 0.2	0.00 0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	82.28 55.17 58.60
System:					352	4.0	3.7	165	3049	11306	0.43	219.9	3.0	0.01	0.00	281.9



What the Data Showed (Utilization Data)

ESAUSR3 – User Resource Utilization showed:

- The dispatch rates for TheUsrs group (containing the Linux servers)
- The dispatch rate during the problem period was suddenly extremely high

Report: Monitor :						ilizati 0:00 on				-			-		
UserID /Class	DASD I/O	Block	Cache	Disk	Hit	<trans< td=""><td>fers></td><td><</td><td>-IUCV-</td><td>></td><td></td><td><err< td=""><td>ors-></td><td><rate< td=""><td>e/Sec></td></rate<></td></err<></td></trans<>	fers>	<	-IUCV-	>		<err< td=""><td>ors-></td><td><rate< td=""><td>e/Sec></td></rate<></td></err<>	ors->	<rate< td=""><td>e/Sec></td></rate<>	e/Sec>
07/07/22 01:16:00 TheUsrs	24742	0	_	100 100	0.4	5680 32	6 0	0		0	1		_	115K 115K	115K 115K
01:17:00 TheUsrs		0		1089 1089	5.5 5.4	3412 152	6 0	0 0		0 0	1 0	0 0	_	134K 134K	134K 134K
01:18 - 0		_													
01:19:00 TheUsrs	12105		16 0	764 764	6.1 6.0	6365 87	12 0	9 9		0	1	0	_	230K 230K	
01:21:00 TheUsrs	14040 13986	0	12 0	299 299	2.2 2.1	6371 55	12 0	14 14	19 0	0	1 0	0	_	216K 215K	216K 215K



What the Data Showed (Utilization Data)

ESADIAG – User Resource Utilization showed:

- The amount of DIAG 44 instructions
- The rate during the problem was suddenly extremely high

Report: Monitor :				nose Ra 17/22 at			n 390	6 seri	al 031	FCD8				are Co nalyze			MAP 5.	
Date /Time	CPU		tal> s/Sec> IBM														ate DI	
07/07/22																		
01:16:00		0	7381 14657 68079 19679	000C: 000C: 000C:	0.0	0024: 0024: 0024: 0024:	0	0044: 0044: 0044: 0044:	14K 68K	005C: 005C: 005C: 005C:	0.0	0068: 0068: 0068:	0.1	009C: 009C: 009C:	170 30.5		1.3 0 0 0	
01:17:00	0 1 2 3	0	57705 36436 10198 22992	0024: 0024: 0024: 0024:	0	0040: 0040: 0040: 0040:	0	0044: 0044: 0044: 0044:	36K 10K	0064: 0064: 0064: 0064:	0	0068: 0068: 0068:	0.0	009C: 009C: 009C:	166 92.8		1.1 0.1 0	
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Velocity Software Suggestions

Performance Enhancement Suggestions:

- 1 Add another engine
- The affected LPAR had only two IFL's running
 - Each IFL was running 95-100%
 - This caused the top Linux servers to wait on CPU



Velocity Software Suggestions

Performance Enhancement Suggestions:

- 2 Change the engine count for the Linux servers
- Each of the Linux servers has two vCPUs
 - Only one vCPU is needed per server
 - Having two vCPUs per server caused unnecessary cache contention
 - Possibly update the SHARE for each server, if needed



Velocity Software Suggestions

Performance Enhancement Suggestions:

- 3 Upgrade Linux servers to change DIAG 44 to DIAG 9C
- The Linux server group was doing a large amount of DIAG 44 instructions for locking - (Shown on ESADIAG and ESAPLDV)
 - Older Linux systems use DIAG 44 those systems need to be upgraded to take advantage of DIAG 9C
 - DIAG 9C is a much more efficient and safe way to do locking



Customer Feedback

What the customer reported:

- Several of the Linux servers that were doing DIAG 44 instructions were decommissioned
- A third IFL was added to the LPAR
- No more issues were reported

