

Case Study 3

LPAR Was Not Responsive

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:

A particular LPAR became unresponsive.

Problem Observations:

- CPU utilization went to 100%
- The LPAR became unresponsive and was eventually IPL'd

ESAOPER – Operator/System Log showed:

- A large number of messages. These are not error messages, but the master processor is used to write them to the console
- The messages were due to the testing of an exec that does DASD manipulation and turned out not to be important to the issue

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Report: ESAOPER Operator/System Log
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 10:00:05 on 3906 serial 31B1B8 First record analyzed: 06/10/22
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11:18:43 Device Duplex Status Change: 8xxx Device is primary of a duplex pair with device 8xxx
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11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
11:22:28 Configuration command executed: VARY ONLINE 8xxx
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ESAXACT – Transaction Delay Analysis showed:

- Simulation wait went up by 30% at the time of the issue

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Report: ESAXACT      Transaction Delay Analysis      Velocity Software C
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8      First record analyz
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<-----Percent non-dormant (Wait states)----->
UserID  <--Samples-->      E-  D-  T-      Tst <Asynch>      Lim  Pct
/Class  Total  In Q Run  Sim CPU SIO Pag SVM SVM SVM  CF Idl I/O Pag Ldg Oth Lst Elig
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06/10/22
11:16:00      497
Hi-Freq: 37920 15578 1.1 2.3  14 0.0 0.1  0 5.1 1.7 0.0  78 1.4  0 1.4 0.0  0  0
*TheUsrs 16380   701 1.0 2.1  2.1 0.4  0  0 2.9 20  0  74  0  0 0.1  0  0  0
11:17:00      498
Hi-Freq: 37972 15568 1.1 2.7  16 0.1 0.1  0 5.3 1.5 0.1  77 1.3  0 1.1  0  0  0
*TheUsrs 16380   621 1.1 3.2  2.9 1.0  0  0 3.4 13 0.3  78  0  0 0.3  0  0  0
11:18:00      498
Hi-Freq: 36666 15096 1.4 12  37 0.1 0.3  0 5.0 1.4 0.4  46 1.2  0 0.8  0  0  0
*TheUsrs 15844   708 2.8 11  15 0.6 0.3  0 3.2 12 3.8  55 0.1  0 0.1  0  0  0
11:21:18      498
Hi-Freq: 115K 52174 1.2 40  31 2.3 1.0  0 4.2 1.0 17 5.3 1.2  0 0.0  0  0 0.01
*TheUsrs 50270   6797 3.1 53  16 1.1 0.2  0 3.4 4.8 15 6.0 1.0  0 0.0  0  0 0.05
    
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Simulation wait represents the time waiting for the z/VM control program to execute (or simulate) instructions on its behalf. These instructions are only run on the Master processor. This turned out not to be an issue, but was a result of the EXEC testing.

What the Data Showed (Utilization data)

ESACPUA – CPU Utilization Analysis (Part 2) showed:

- CPU Overhead rose significantly at the time of the issue

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Report: ESACPUA      CPU Utilization Analysis      Velocity Software Corporate  ZMAP 5.1
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8  First record analyzed: 06/10/22 11:00:
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      <----Load---->  <CPU percents><--Internal (per second)--> SIGP <--Spin Locks--><UsrExits> User
      <--Usrs--> Tran  Totl Ovrhead Diag Inst  SIE Fast Page Rate Proc ms/ rate Rate ms/ Diag
Time  Actv In Q /sec CPU Util  Usr Sys nose  Sim intrcp path fault /sec  Pct spin /sec /sec Exit /sec
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06/10/22
11:16:00  252  270 13.3  0  54.2  14 3.5 7532  18K 29588  0 412.4 6251 4.46 0.03 1605  0  .  0
          1  54.1  14 1.8 5441  18K 30720  0 393.5 7403 4.02 0.03 1541  0  .  0
          2  53.8  14 1.6 4656  17K 29053  0 315.3 7485 4.25 0.04 1104  0  .  0
          3  53.7  15 1.8 6226  19K 31224  0 358.5 7331 4.89 0.03 1630  0  .  0
          4  53.8  14 1.8 5860  18K 30089  0 389.8 7386 4.78 0.03 1524  0  .  0
          5  53.3  14 1.8 6481  18K 29172  0 300.0 7466 4.38 0.03 1456  0  .  0
System:                323  85  12  36K 106K 179847  0 2170  43K 26.8 0.03 8861  0  0  0
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11:17:00  257  270 13.9  0  65.2  22 4.8  16K  27K 39061  0 256.4 5629 11.5 0.04 2974  0  .  0
          1  64.7  23 2.1  12K  26K 39234  0 499.8 6491 11.1 0.04 2789  0  .  0
          2  65.2  23 2.1  11K  24K 36696  0 386.3 6473 11.3 0.05 2403  0  .  0
          3  65.3  23 2.3  17K  29K 41729  0 305.3 6427 11.1 0.03 3311  0  .  0
          4  64.8  23 2.3  16K  29K 41627  0 272.1 6460 10.5 0.03 3197  0  .  0
          5  64.6  21 2.3  20K  32K 43681  0 337.1 6503  9.8 0.03 3253  0  .  0
System:                390 135  16  92K 166K 242029  0 2057  38K 65.4 0.04 17926  0  0  0
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11:18:00  262  255 13.9  0  73.9  37 9.4 5809  13K 21267  0 181.8 4544 32.7 0.49 665.8  0  .  0
          1  74.1  37 7.6 2416  11K 20493  0 435.8 4805 30.5 0.44 695.3  0  .  0
          2  73.8  42 2.7 2742  11K 19902  0 289.4 4778 28.7 0.51 567.6  0  .  0
          3  73.5  41 3.0 5786  15K 24340  0 219.8 4745 30.0 0.40 754.8  0  .  0
          4  73.8  43 1.8 2184  11K 20119  0 175.5 4765 30.1 0.42 724.5  0  .  0
          5  73.2  41 1.4 2338  11K 19854  0 208.5 4755 26.4 0.40 664.7  0  .  0
System:                442 240  26  21K  73K 125976  0 1511  28K  179 0.44 4073  0  0  0
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11:21:18  264  246  5.8  0  97.4  67 27 3073 3381 3806.3  0  72.4  0 81.1 22.0 36.89  0  .  0
          1  98.8  88 4.8 5606 6069 6766.0  0 172.3  0.0 76.5 16.6 46.14  0  .  0
          2  98.8  89 4.1 4876 4538 5183.9  0 139.9  0.0 76.4 17.8 42.96  0  .  0
          3  99.0  91 3.0 2233 2130 2691.5  0 158.4  0.0 79.6 26.6 29.89  0  .  0
          4  98.9  91 2.7 2531 3257 3844.3  0 144.7  0.1 78.8 19.4 40.59  0  .  0
          5  98.4  86 4.6 5648 6261 6969.9  0 148.1  0.0 68.9 13.8 50.03  0  .  0
System:                591 512  46  24K  26K 29262  0 835.8  0.2  461 18.7 246.5  0  0  0
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What the Data Showed (Utilization data)

ESAUSTR2 – User Resource Utilization showed:

- The T:V ratio rose significantly at the time of the issue
- The T:V ratio indicates system overhead

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Report: ESAUSR2      User Resource Utilization      Velocity Software Corporate  ZMAP 5.1.3 07/18/22
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8  First record analyzed: 06/10/22 11:00:00
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| UserID /Class | CPU time | | | Main Storage (pages) | | | | Paging (pages) | | | Spooling(pages) | | | Q'd Pg+ | Total Session CPU Sec | VMDBLK Rebalances | | | |
|------------------|----------|-------|------------|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----|-----|
| | Total | Virt | T:V Rat | Resident | Lock | Resrvd | Paged | Out | Read | Write | Alloc | Read | Write | | | Spl | per NL1 | NL2 | NL3 |
| 06/10/22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:09:00 | 161.6 | 134.6 | 1.2 | 17M | 17M | 908K | 5000 | 70M | 40461 | 341 | 39M | 0 | 113 | 4 | 2603473 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 4.22 | 3.60 | 1.2 | 75K | 61309 | 3530 | 5000 | 548K | 791 | 341 | 34M | 0 | 53 | 0 | 909156 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:10:00 | 264.8 | 219.9 | 1.2 | 17M | 17M | 907K | 5000 | 70M | 64254 | 29685 | 39M | 3 | 278 | 0 | 2606576 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 4.67 | 3.98 | 1.2 | 77K | 62167 | 3534 | 5000 | 543K | 6767 | 2687 | 34M | 0 | 112 | 0 | 908665 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:11:00 | 284.1 | 200.5 | 1.4 | 17M | 17M | 907K | 5000 | 70M | 37350 | 55204 | 39M | 0 | 142 | 0 | 2621714 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 8.39 | 4.28 | 2.0 | 76K | 61949 | 3530 | 5000 | 542K | 1693 | 959 | 34M | 0 | 74 | 0 | 924773 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:12:00 | 180.2 | 147.0 | 1.2 | 17M | 17M | 908K | 5000 | 70M | 33578 | 30702 | 39M | 184 | 413 | 0 | 2659975 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 7.49 | 6.44 | 1.2 | 78K | 71335 | 3531 | 5000 | 542K | 2381 | 803 | 34M | 180 | 324 | 0 | 961623 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:13:00 | 206.5 | 150.7 | 1.4 | 17M | 17M | 908K | 5000 | 70M | 40524 | 26332 | 39M | 439 | 1096 | 0 | 2645884 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 8.62 | 5.38 | 1.6 | 81K | 69887 | 3531 | 5000 | 542K | 4951 | 646 | 34M | 439 | 963 | 0 | 950652 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:14:00 | 252.5 | 136.6 | 1.8 | 17M | 17M | 907K | 5000 | 70M | 30733 | 17899 | 39M | 468 | 145 | 1 | 2612872 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 14.02 | 4.88 | 2.9 | 81K | 63957 | 3531 | 5000 | 543K | 1052 | 674 | 34M | 468 | 84 | 0 | 916170 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:15:00 | 183.3 | 146.9 | 1.2 | 17M | 17M | 907K | 5000 | 70M | 46173 | 35039 | 39M | 10 | 214 | 3 | 2606381 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 4.98 | 4.26 | 1.2 | 80K | 64149 | 3534 | 5000 | 542K | 395 | 484 | 34M | 6 | 81 | 0 | 908648 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:16:00 | 186.2 | 135.0 | 1.4 | 17M | 17M | 908K | 5000 | 70M | 33243 | 34112 | 39M | 3 | 179 | 0 | 2615744 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 6.87 | 5.04 | 1.4 | 78K | 63505 | 3531 | 5000 | 543K | 1499 | 2209 | 34M | 3 | 101 | 0 | 916598 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:17:00 | 224.3 | 143.5 | 1.6 | 17M | 17M | 908K | 5000 | 70M | 40366 | 35924 | 39M | 10 | 209 | 0 | 2646957 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 12.39 | 5.43 | 2.3 | 77K | 72427 | 3532 | 5000 | 542K | 532 | 702 | 34M | 1 | 86 | 0 | 947596 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:18:00 | 251.3 | 106.0 | 2.4 | 17M | 17M | 906K | 5000 | 70M | 25394 | 21806 | 39M | 3155 | 3491 | 0 | 2679718 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 27.97 | 6.29 | 4.4 | 89K | 77865 | 3533 | 5000 | 540K | 2746 | 1466 | 34M | 3155 | 3439 | 0 | 982227 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11:21:18 | 1184 | 69.39 | 17 | 17M | 16M | 901K | 5000 | 70M | 53122 | 52400 | 39M | 6 | 3417 | 2 | 2650405 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| *TheUsrs | 368.2 | 8.87 | 41 | 85K | 81147 | 3532 | 5000 | 539K | 5046 | 2119 | 34M | 2 | 3360 | 1 | 950471 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

What the Data Showed (Utilization data)

ESADIAG – Diagnose Rate:

- Many DIAG x'204' instructions were being issued
- Unusual spikes can lead to problem determination

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Report: ESADIAG Diagnose Rate Report Velocity Software Corporate ZMAP 5.1.3 07/18/2
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8 First record analyzed: 06/10/22 11:00:00
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| Date /Time | CPU <---Total--> <Diags/Sec> User IBM | Diagnose Counts per Second | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
| | | DIAG: Rate | DIAG:Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | DIAG: Rate | |
| 06/10/22 11:13:00 System: | 0 47793 | 0000: 13.0 | 0008: 334 | 000C: 237 | 0010: 45.4 | 0014: 7.8 | 0024: 38.6 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.1 | 0058: 1.6 | 005C: 41.9 | 0060: 70.2 | 0064: 2.3 | 0068: 198 | 007C: 3.5 | 0088: 2.2 | |
| 11:14:00 System: | 0 44276 | 0000: 13.5 | 0008: 319 | 000C: 176 | 0010: 45.3 | 0014: 6.7 | 0024: 45.6 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.0 | 0058: 3.9 | 005C: 62.3 | 0060: 53.1 | 0064: 15.3 | 0068: 213 | 007C: 7.0 | 0088: 2.4 | |
| 11:15:00 System: | 0 83147 | 0000: 10.9 | 0008: 245 | 000C: 144 | 0010: 45.4 | 0014: 0.6 | 0024: 26.1 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.1 | 0058: 1.7 | 005C: 41.8 | 0060: 42.5 | 0064: 6.4 | 0068: 169 | 007C: 3.2 | 0088: 1.9 | |
| 11:16:00 System: | 0 36180 | 0000: 10.6 | 0008: 418 | 000C: 127 | 0010: 45.4 | 0014: 0.5 | 0024: 33.3 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.1 | 0058: 2.5 | 005C: 54.3 | 0060: 63.0 | 0064: 4.8 | 0068: 200 | 007C: 4.9 | 0088: 0.4 | |
| 11:17:00 System: | 0 92043 | 0000: 16.8 | 0008: 351 | 000C: 109 | 0010: 45.5 | 0014: 0.9 | 0024: 68.1 | 0058: 1.9 | 004C: 0.1 | 0058: 60.8 | 0060: 60.5 | 0064: 5.4 | 0068: 216 | 0070: 0.0 | 007C: 3.3 | 0088: 2.4 | |
| 11:18:00 System: | 0 21288 | 0000: 17.5 | 0004: 0.0 | 0008: 393 | 000C: 101 | 0010: 39.5 | 0014: 52.4 | 0024: 73.1 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.0 | 0058: 2.2 | 005C: 54.8 | 0060: 81.3 | 0064: 5.2 | 0068: 178 | 0070: 0.0 | |
| 11:21:18 System: | 0 29916 | 0000: 5.3 | 0008: 56.5 | 000C: 12.8 | 0010: 20.5 | 0014: 0.2 | 0024: 26.4 | 0044: 0.0 | 004C: 0.1 | 0058: 1.5 | 005C: 13.6 | 0060: 16.3 | 0064: 1.5 | 0068: 69.4 | 0070: 0.0 | 007C: 4.3 | |

What the Data Showed (Utilization data)

ESAPAGE – Paging and Spooling Analysis showed:

- The Page Space Threshold setting was high (default is 90%)
- The Spooling Activity for files created/purged per minute was high

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Report: ESAPAGE          Paging Analysis          Velocity Software Corporate  ZM
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8  First record analyzed: 06/10/22
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Time          <-----Paging----->  Page Space <-Page Space--> <-----Spooling Activity----->
              <-pages/sec-> Resp  <megabytes> <--Threshold--> <pages/sec> Serv <megabytes> <files/min>
              Read  Write Time  Avail InUse  setting  passed  Read Write Time Avail InUse Creat Purge
-----
06/10/22
11:11:00     629.8  862.2  0.1 375674 277K  227%    0  0.0  2.4  0.1 19633 11973 18.0 15.0
11:12:00     567.8  517.4  0.1 375674 277K  227%    0  3.1  6.9  0.1 19633 11973 34.0 32.0
11:13:00     682.4  440.2  0.1 375674 277K  227%    0  7.3 18.3  0.1 19633 11976 16.0 10.0
11:14:00     517.3  317.4  0.1 375674 277K  227%    0  7.8  2.4  0.1 19633 11976  7.0  4.0
11:15:00     776.0  606.8  0.1 375674 278K  227%    0  0.2  3.7  0.1 19633 11977  9.0  8.0
11:16:00     561.6  558.4  0.1 375674 278K  227%    0  0.0  3.0  0.1 19633 11977 18.0 16.0
11:17:00     677.5  604.6  0.1 375674 278K  227%    0  0.2  3.5  0.1 19633 11978 16.0 10.0
11:18:00     426.3  349.3  0.3 375674 278K  227%    0 52.5 58.1  0.1 19633 11990 17.0  9.0
11:21:18     265.3  259.8  1.4 375674 278K  227%    0  0.0 16.1  3.6 19633 12002  2.4  0.9
*****Summary*****
Average:     859.7  556.5  0.2 375674 277K  227%    0  3.5 14.0  0.3 19633 11973 14.2 10.2
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What the Data Showed (Utilization data)

ESASXS – System Execution Space Report showed:

- System execution space available dropped/vacillated during the time of the issue

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Report: ESASXS      System Execution Space Report      Velocity Software Corporate  ZMAP 5.1.3 07/18/22
Monitor initialized: 06/10/22 at 11:00:00 on 3906 serial 31B1B8  First record analyzed: 06/10/22 11:00:00
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| Time | <----Load----> | | | <--System Execution Space pages-----> | | | | | <--Frames--> | | <-----System Execution Space Pages-----> | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------|------|---------------------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|--------------|-------|--|-------|-------|-----|------|-------------|-------|----|----|
| | Actv | In Q | /sec | Size | Avail | >2GB | <2GB | Total | CP | FIXED | <2GB | >2GB | Steal | not | Un- | <Available> | Resrv | | |
| 06/10/22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11:09:00 | 250 | 269 | 13.3 | 524K | 81541 | 326K | 117K | 443K | 178K | 3658 | 103K | 65540 | 264K | 0 | 2605 | 81490 | 20 | 31 | 48 |
| 11:10:00 | 249 | 281 | 13.4 | 524K | 83172 | 324K | 117K | 441K | 180K | 3658 | 103K | 66621 | 261K | 0 | 2558 | 83138 | 32 | 2 | 48 |
| 11:11:00 | 252 | 268 | 13.9 | 524K | 84122 | 323K | 118K | 440K | 180K | 3658 | 103K | 66428 | 260K | 0 | 2566 | 84068 | 32 | 22 | 48 |
| 11:12:00 | 253 | 269 | 14.3 | 524K | 82532 | 324K | 117K | 442K | 180K | 3658 | 104K | 66339 | 262K | 0 | 2533 | 82495 | 32 | 5 | 48 |
| 11:13:00 | 256 | 269 | 13.5 | 524K | 79100 | 326K | 119K | 445K | 181K | 3658 | 105K | 66230 | 265K | 0 | 2553 | 79066 | 32 | 2 | 48 |
| 11:14:00 | 248 | 268 | 14.0 | 524K | 75550 | 329K | 120K | 449K | 181K | 3658 | 105K | 66093 | 268K | 0 | 2589 | 75514 | 32 | 4 | 48 |
| 11:15:00 | 248 | 275 | 12.8 | 524K | 77459 | 327K | 120K | 447K | 181K | 3658 | 105K | 65900 | 266K | 0 | 2573 | 77426 | 31 | 2 | 48 |
| 11:16:00 | 252 | 270 | 13.3 | 524K | 80896 | 322K | 121K | 443K | 182K | 3658 | 106K | 65801 | 262K | 0 | 2570 | 80832 | 32 | 32 | 48 |
| 11:17:00 | 257 | 270 | 13.9 | 524K | 76796 | 326K | 122K | 447K | 182K | 3658 | 107K | 65839 | 265K | 0 | 2606 | 76762 | 32 | 2 | 48 |
| 11:18:00 | 262 | 255 | 13.9 | 524K | 81022 | 321K | 122K | 443K | 183K | 3658 | 107K | 65821 | 261K | 0 | 2652 | 80997 | 8 | 17 | 48 |
| 11:21:18 | 264 | 246 | 5.8 | 524K | 82658 | 319K | 122K | 442K | 183K | 3658 | 107K | 66079 | 259K | 0 | 2631 | 82635 | 1 | 22 | 48 |
| *****Summary***** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average: | 256 | 268 | 12.8 | 524K | 83101 | 323K | 119K | 441K | 180K | 3658 | 104K | 65770 | 261K | 0 | 2586 | 83054 | 28 | 19 | 48 |

Performance Enhancement Suggestions:

1 – Per IBM, Install PTF UM35877 for APAR VM66529

- The Velocity reports showed the number of DIAG x'204' instructions being issued
- The Velocity reports showed many of the system repercussions that indicated there was an issue
- Per the APAR, when guests are issuing DIAG x'204' instructions, it could cause the system to hang, which it did

What the customer reported:

- Once the APAR was applied, the problem did not return.