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Tactics To Shrink Your IPL and z/OS Startup Times

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Worst	90



IPL and z/OS Startup Times

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Best	5
Average	20-30
Worst	90

- In this session, we will look at real-world ways of reducing IPL and system startup times.
- You will also see examples of the good and bad we've seen while working at many sites around the world.



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- z/OS systems geek since 1989.
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- Worked on many different mainframe sites around the world.





First: What Are We Talking About?

- The time it takes to start z/OS. For this presentation, I will divide it into three parts:

1. IPL (Initial Program Load)

- Load z/OS nucleus
- Start MASTER address space

From: Operator initiating IPL on HMC

To: Messages:

```
IOS128I IPL DEVICE: 0AB80 VOLUME: IPL001  
IEA370I MASTER CATALOG SELECTED IS CATALOG.MCAT1
```



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2. NIP (Nucleus Initialisation Program)

- Get z/OS and associated subsystems up (security, network, JES etc.).

From: Messages:

```
IEA370I MASTER CATALOG SELECTED IS CATALOG.MCAT1  
IEE252I MEMBER IEASYS00 FOUND IN SYS1.PARMLIB
```

To: Messages:

```
IKT007I TCAS ACCEPTING LOGONS  
IKT005I TCAS IS INITIALIZED
```




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- The time it takes to start z/OS. For this presentation, I will divide it into three parts:
 1. IPL
 2. NIP
 3. Get applications up.
 - Start resource managers (Db2, Broadcom Datacom, Innovation IAM, Software AG Adabas, IMS etc.)
 - Start transaction managers (CICS, IMS, WASz etc.)
 - Start middleware (Zowe, MQ, z/OS Connect, IMS Connect, CICS TG, ibi IWay Connectors etc.)
 - Ready for batch.
- We talk about all three in this presentation.



An Example From z/OS Syslog

- Consider this z/OS production syslog output from the beginning of an IPL.

```
03:47:17.06      00000290  IEA101A SPECIFY SYSTEM PARAMETERS FOR z/OS 02.04.00 HBB77C0
03:47:38.29      00000290  IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;PROG=08
03:47:38.30      00000290  IEE252I MEMBER IEASYS00 FOUND IN SYS1.PARMLIB
```

Message asking operator for any parameter changes.

- LOAD parameter:

XXXXYYAZ

IMSI character set to A, P, S or T



Idea 1. Don't Touch That Keyboard!

- Consider this z/OS production syslog output from the beginning of an IPL.

```
21 second } 03:47:17.06      00000290 IEA101A SPECIFY SYSTEM PARAMETERS FOR z/OS 02.04.00 HBB77C0
delay      } 03:47:38.29      00000290 IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;PROG=08
           } 03:47:38.30      00000290 IEE252I MEMBER IEASYS00 FOUND IN SYS1.PARMLIB
```

- A 21 second delay while we wait for the operator to reply to the IEA101A command.
- Most sites I see do NOT require the IEA101A message.



Sidebar: z/OS Syslog

- The z/OS syslog (or Operlog) is the primary tool when looking at IPL and startup times.
- Today, includes messages from the NIP processing on.

Timestamps to one-hundredth of a second.

```

X 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:07:46.35 SYSLOG  00000000 IEE042I SYSTEM LOG DATA SET INITIALIZED
NC0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:36.66 INTERNAL 00000290 CONTROL M,UEXIT=N IEAVN701 - INTERNALLY ISSUED K M
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA371I SYS1.IPLPARM ON DEVICE CB10 SELECTED FOR IPL PARAMETERS
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA246I LOAD ID 01 SELECTED
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA246I NUCLST ID 01 SELECTED
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA519I IODF DSN = SYS1.IODF01
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA520I CONFIGURATION ID = SYS1 . IODF DEVICE NUMBER = CB10
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:20.96          00000290 IEA091I NUCLEUS 1 SELECTED
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.84          00000290 IOS128I IPL DEVICE: 0AB20 VOLUME: SYRSR1
N 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.84          00000290 IEA370I MASTER CATALOG SELECTED IS CATALOG.MCAT1
M 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.87          00000290 IEA009I SYMBOLIC DEFINITIONS WILL BE READ FROM: 011
E
E 4000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.88          00000290 IEASYM00
N 4000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.88          00000290 IEE252I MEMBER IEASYM00 FOUND IN SYS1.PARMLIB
N 4000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.88          00000290 *IEA247I USING IEASYS00 FOR z/OS 02.04.00 HBB77C0
N 4000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.89          00000290 IEE252I MEMBER IEASYS00 FOUND IN SYS1.PARMLIB
M 0000000 SYSP      25040 01:06:24.89          00000290 IEA007I STATIC SYSTEM SYMBOL VALUES 016
D
D 016 00000290 &SYSALVL. = "2"
D 016 00000290 &SYSCLONE. = "P1"
D 016 00000290 &SYSNAME. = "SYSP"
D 016 00000290 &SYSOSLVL. = "Z1020400"
D 016 00000290 &SYSPLEX. = "PRODPLX1"
D 016 00000290 &SYSR1. = "SYRSR1"
D 016 00000290 &CNMNETID. = "PRDNET"

```





Idea 1. Don't Touch That Keyboard!

- Another example early in the IPL:

Two units with the same volume serial number. Which to use?

```
03:46:25.89      00080290 *IEA213A DUPLICATE VOLUME 'VOL001' FOUND ON DEVICES 7388 AND FB88.
03:47:03.08      00000290  IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;7388
03:46:25.91      00000290 *IEA213A REPLY DEVICE NUMBER WHICH IS TO REMAIN OFFLINE
03:47:03.09      00000290  IEA313I DEVICE 7388 DISMOUNTED
03:47:03.10      00080290 *IEA213A DUPLICATE VOLUME 'VOL002' FOUND ON DEVICES 7389 AND FB89.
03:47:16.93      00000290  IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;7389
03:47:03.10      00000290 *IEA213A REPLY DEVICE NUMBER WHICH IS TO REMAIN OFFLINE
03:47:16.94      00000290  IEA313I DEVICE 7389 DISMOUNTED
```



Idea 1. Don't Touch That Keyboard!

- Another example early in the IPL:

51 second delay

```
03:46:25.89      00080290 *IEA213A DUPLICATE VOLUME 'VOL001' FOUND ON DEVICES 6358 AND F128.
03:47:03.08      00000290  IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;6358
03:46:25.91      00000290 *IEA213A REPLY DEVICE NUMBER WHICH IS TO REMAIN OFFLINE
03:47:03.09      00000290  IEA313I DEVICE 6358 DISMOUNTED
03:47:03.10      00080290 *IEA213A DUPLICATE VOLUME 'VOL002' FOUND ON DEVICES 6359 AND F129.
03:47:16.93      00000290  IEE600I REPLY TO 00 IS;6359
03:47:03.10      00000290 *IEA213A REPLY DEVICE NUMBER WHICH IS TO REMAIN OFFLINE
03:47:16.94      00000290  IEA313I DEVICE 6359 DISMOUNTED
```

- Almost one minute delay. Easily resolved by changing I/O config.
- Most sites do not have these messages.
- Every time an operator must enter a command or reply to a message, introduces a delay between 3 seconds and minutes.



Idea 1. Don't Touch That Keyboard!

- Operator intervention introduces the possibility of human error.

```
32 second delay { 13:16:39.92 STC05177 00000090 *02 DFS810A IMS READY                25016/1316399 IMSP
                  13:17:01.63 IBMUSER  00000290  R 2,/NRE CHEKCPPOINT 0. ←----- Incorrect reply
                  13:17:01.64 STC05177 00000090  IEE600I REPLY TO 02 IS;/NRE CHEKCPPOINT 0.
                  13:17:01.65 STC05177 00000090  DFS163I 13:17:01 KEYWORD IS INVALID    IMSP
Error causes an { 13:17:01.65 STC05177 00000090 *03 DFS996I *IMS READY*    IMSP
extra 34+        13:17:16.72 IBMUSER  00000290  R 3,/DIS A ←----- What's happening?
second delay     13:17:16.73 STC05177 00000090  IEE600I REPLY TO 03 IS;/DIS A
                  13:17:16.74 STC05177 00000090  DFS063I 13:17:16 RESTART COMMAND REQUIRED  IMSP
                  13:17:16.74 STC05177 00000090 *04 DFS996I *IMS READY*    IMSP
                  13:17:35.98 IBMUSER  00000290  R 4,/NRE CHECKPOINT 0. ←----- Correct reply
                  13:17:35.99 STC05177 00000090  IEE600I REPLY TO 04 IS;/NRE CHECKPOINT 0.
                  13:17:36.00 STC05177 00000090  DFS058I 13:17:36 NRESTART COMMAND IN PROGRESS
```

- Problem could be worse (e.g. wrong response to IEA101A or IEA213A message seen earlier).



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation



The JES \$VS command issues a z/OS console command. These can be added to the end of JES parms to issue these commands when JES has started.

- Almost all sites have an automation package with features to perform an IPL from start to finish.
- CPT often seen sites that don't fully use this package.
- Example: often see sites using JES \$VS commands in JES parms.

```

03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'S OAM' FROM STC06338
03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'S TSO' FROM STC06338
03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'S PRD1STC' FROM STC06338
03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'START APPC,SUB=MSTR' FROM STC06338
03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'START ASCH,SUB=MSTR' FROM STC06338
03:49:31.30 STC06338 00000080 $HASP120 INTRDR $VS,'S HZSPROC' FROM STC06338

```

} Don't need JES (SUB=MSTR).
 Could be started earlier

z/OS Health Checker can be
 started earlier from PARMLIB



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation

- Some sites have their own 'tool' to start applications.
- Examples:
 - IBM zPDT Application Starter
 - CBTTAPE File 623
 - Job/STC issuing \$VS commands.
- Fine only if no automation software. Use one automation solution the best.



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation

- Configured properly, automation software will start something as soon as everything it needs is ready (e.g. CICS should start after CICS CMAS has started).

- Prevents issues like:

```
*IGW456I SMSVSAM ADDRESS SPACE INITIALIZATION IS WAITING FOR SMS ADDRESS SPACE TO BE MARKED AVAILABLE.  
*IGW456I SMSVSAM ADDRESS SPACE INITIALIZATION IS WAITING FOR DFSMS COMPRESSION SERVICES TO BE MARKED AVAILABLE.  
*BPXP022E ONE OR MORE JOBS ARE WAITING FOR UNIX SYSTEM SERVICES AVAILABILITY.  
IGD033I JOB ACF2 IS WAITING FOR THE SMS ADDRESS SPACE TO INITIALIZE  
*BPXP006E OMVS IS WAITING FOR JOB ENTRY SUBSYSTEM INITIALIZATION
```

- These message may (or may not) add to z/OS startup time.
- Such error messages may also slow down problem resolution if there is an z/OS startup related error.



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation

- Example:

26
minute
z/OS
startup

- 03:46: IPL started
- 03:49: TSO up
- 03:49: Db2 DBP1 started
- 04:12: MQP1 started
- 04:12: CICS region started
- 04:12: CICS region ready.



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} IPL and NIP takes
3 minutes.

Db2 started immediately
by automation



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23
minute
delay

} MQ and CICS startup not
performed by automation.

- Site did not use automation to start MQ or CICS: manually performed.
- Introduces a 23-minute delay in z/OS startup.



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation

- Many sites can reduce startup times by ‘tuning’ their automation rules (reviewing dependencies, messages, triggers).

	08:56:20.32	00000290	IEA371I SYS1.IPLPARM ON DEVICE 3F20 SELECTED FOR IPL PARAMETERS
	08:56:25.43	00000290	IEA370I MASTER CATALOG SELECTED IS SYS1.MASTCAT1
	09:00:01.72	STC80142 00000295	IEF403I MQP1MSTR - STARTED - TIME=09.00.01
	09:00:14.59	STC80196 00000295	IKT007I TCAS ACCEPTING LOGONS
33 minute delay	26 minute delay	09:01:18.03	STC80524 00000281 \$HASP373 DBP1MSTR STARTED
		09:27:17.13	JOB80478 00000295 +DFHDM0101I CICP1 CICS is initializing.
		09:34:25.15	JOB82838 00000281 \$HASP100 IMP1CTL ON INTRDR IMP1 COLD START FROM STC82835

- Example: CICS and IMS controlled by automation, but not started for 26/33 minutes after resource managers started.



Idea 2. Leave It To Automation

- Using automation, IPL times can be FAST.
- Leveraging and tuning automation startup will provide the biggest reduction in z/OS startup times.

Sample Startup Times:
(your times may be different)

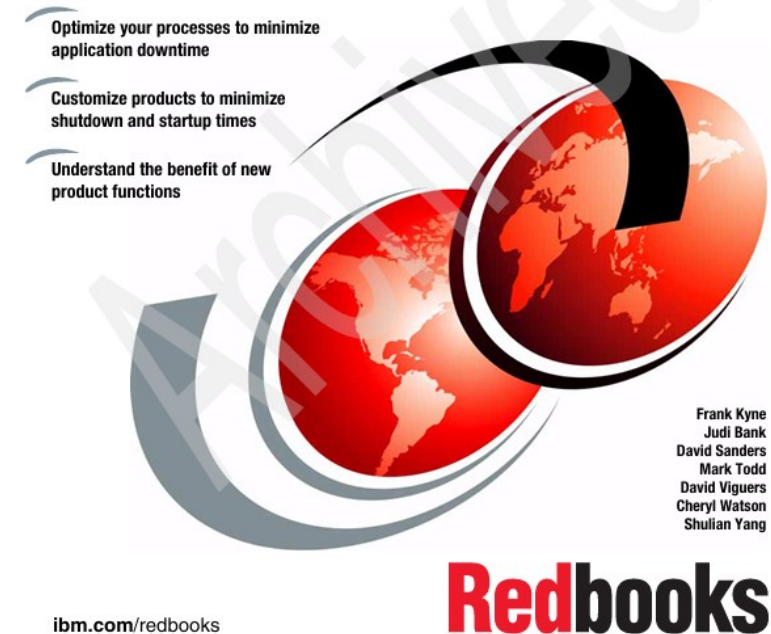
System	Start Time (secs)
CICS AOR	25
IMS TM/DB Cold	19
VTAM	15
TCPIP	12
Db2 (MSTR+IRLM+DBM1+DIST)	12
MQ (MSTR+CHIN)	9

Most
subsystems
can startup in
seconds

Sidebar: MTTR Redbook

- This presentation doesn't go into technical detail, nor cover everything..
- An excellent reference is the IBM Redbook MTTR.
- Written in 2010, the information is dated, and this book is now archived by IBM, but much of the content is still relevant.
- Good news: I won't repeat the book. I will talk about what we're seeing in the field, and things not included in the book.

System z Mean Time to Recovery Best Practices





Idea 3. Do Less



The z/OS PARMLIB
COMMNDxx member
includes z/OS
commands to be issued
once z/OS is ready.

- Many sites perform processing during IPL and startup that they don't need.
- Example: one site had 85 commands in COMMNDxx, including:
 - 2 x V XXXX-YYYY,AS,ON
 - 16 x V PATH(AAAA,BB),OFFLINE
 - SET MPF=00
 - S DEALLOC
 - TRACE MT,256K
 - SET SMS=00
 - 19 x Display commands



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} Not needed with correct I/O config.

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 - 16 x V PATH(AAAA,BB),OFFLINE
 - SET MPF=00 ←----- Reloading MPF rules: reloading existing rules (MPF member specified in IEASYSxx).
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 - SET MPF=00
 - S DEALLOC ←----- STC running IEFBR14. Used to be used when varying devices offline. Not needed today.
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 - S DEALLOC
 - TRACE MT,256K ←----- Changing master trace size (can be set in PARMLIB SCHEDxx)
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 - S DEALLOC
 - TRACE MT,256K
 - SET SMS=00 ←----- Reloading SMS config (set in PARMLIB IGDSMSxx).
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- These all add processing during IPL, but aren't needed.

Having information in syslog is handy, but some display
commands take a lot of resources.



Idea 3. Do Less

- Many sites have unused resources that slow down restart.
- Example: uninitialized DASD:

1.6 second delay.

```

03:46:24.26 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C40. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.29 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C60. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.30 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C20. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.32 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C80. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.33 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6CA0. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.35 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6CC0. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.36 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C00. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.37 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A97E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.39 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A95E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.40 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A99E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.41 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A93E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.42 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A9BE. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.43 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A91E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.45 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A9DE. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.46 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F9BE. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.47 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F93E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.49 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F97E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.50 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F99E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.51 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F95E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.52 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F9DE. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.54 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON F91E. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.55 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C41. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.56 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C21. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.58 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C61. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.59 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6CA1. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.60 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C81. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.61 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6C01. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.62 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON 6CC1. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.64 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A95F. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.65 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A9BF. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.66 00000290 IEA311I UNLABELED DASD ON A93F. UNIT PUT OFFLINE
03:46:24.67 00000290 IEA656I EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF UNLABELED DASD FOUND - IEA311I SUPPRESSED
03:46:25.89

```



z/OS tries to 'mount' DASD during IPL. If the DASD unit isn't initialised, it can't be mounted.



Idea 3. Do Less – Cleanup Resources

- Many sites have unused resources that slow down restart.

- Example:

3 min 23
second start
time

```
23.59.54 STC87176 IEF403I CICSP1 - STARTED - TIME=23.59.54
00.02.15 STC87176 +DFHSI1511I CICSP1 Installing group list CICSP1G.
00.03.01 STC87176 +DFHLG0103I CICSP1 System log (DFHLOG) initialization has started.
00.03.17 STC87176 +DFHSI1517 CICSP1 Control is being given to CICS.
```

- Most CICS regions I see complete cold starts in less than 30 seconds.

- Old resources not removed (programs, files).
- Autoinstall not used (programs, terminals, Db2 resources)



Sidebar: Startup and Shutdown Messages



Look through this presentation for more messages I use.

- There is no single resource with the best z/OS syslog messages showing startup or shutdown. IBM MTTR Redbook has some.
- Some I have used:

```
CICS 23.59.54 STC87176 IEF403I CICSP1 - STARTED - TIME=23.59.54
      00.03.17 STC87176 +DFHSI1517 CICSP1 Control is being given to CICS.

Db2  04:00:30.51 STC08864 00000281 $HASP100 DBP1MSTR ON STCINRDR
      04:00:40.99 STC08864 00000090 DSN9022I -DBP1 DSNYASCP 'START DB2' NORMAL COMPLETION

IMS  13:59:11.57 JOB39088 00000281 $HASP373 IMP1CTL STARTED - INIT SB9 - CLASS S - SYS SYS1
      13:59:23.82 JOB39088 00000090 *028 DFS810A IMS READY 2025074/1359238 IMP1CTL.STEP1 IMP1

MQ 13:38:19.88 STC38193 00000080 CSQY000I MQP1 IBM WebSphere MQ for z/OS V7.1.0
      13:38:21.78 STC38193 00000291 CSQ9022I MQP1 CSQYASCP 'START QMGR' NORMAL COMPLETION
```

Idea 3. Do Less – Review Processing

- I often see sites doing things that may have been needed in the past, but aren't needed any longer.
- Example: this site stops 230+ JES2 initiators, changes the job class, and restarts them.

6.3 second delay

```
09:27:32.36 EXTCON01 00000290 $PIAA1-AZ9
09:27:34.16 EXTCON01 00000290 $TIAA1-SA9,C=S
09:27:35.97 EXTCON01 00000290 $SIAA1-SA9
09:27:38.64 STC81794 00000295 IEF403I INIT - STARTED - TIME=09.27.38
```

\$T command completes in 1.8 seconds.

- Today, JES2 initiators can be changed without stopping them.

Idea 3. Do Less – Beware Long Running Transactions

- Scenario: long running CICS transaction(s) performs many Db2 updates without syncpointing.
- CICS fails and restarts.
- CICS is unavailable for several minutes while CICS backs out changes.

- We have seen a few examples where long running transactions have caused issues.



CICS SMF Type 110
Records can be used to
find transactions not
syncpointing.



Idea 3. Do Less

- Another example: ACF2 processing.
- 235 obsolete certificates.
- Delayed ACF2 startup a bit.

0.16 second delay

```

13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PBATCH.CERT
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PBATCH.CERT2
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PBATCH.CERT3
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PBATCH.CERT4
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PBATCH.CERT5
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  PCERT.CERT1
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  CERTAUTH.PRD
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  CERTAUTH.PRD1
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  CERTAUTH.PRD2
13:34:26.97      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  CERTAUTH.PRD3
      (and 200 more)
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTA
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTB
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTC
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTD
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTE
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTF
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTG
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.CERTH
13:34:27.11      00000090  ACF79468  Certificate RCERT.TCERT1 is expiring within 30 days
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.XCERT1
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  RCERT.XCERT2
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  TN3270P.CERT1
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  TN3270P.CERT2
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT2
13:34:27.12      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT3
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT4
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT5
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT2
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT1.CERT3
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT2.CERT2
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT2.CERT3
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT2.CERT4
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  VCERT3.CERT
13:34:27.13      00000090  ACF79464  EXPIRED  CERTIFICATE  DETECTED  -  XCERT.CERT

```



Idea 3. Do Less

- How about PARMLIB IEFSSNxx?
 - Statements are executed serially.
 - Often see subsystems defined that are never used.
 - May or may not add significant time to IPL.

0.04 seconds

```

03:48:20.42 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA1 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.42 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA1 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA1 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.44 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA2 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.44 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA2 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA2 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.44 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA3 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.44 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA3 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA3 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA5 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA5 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA5 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA6 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA6 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA6 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA7 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA7 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA7 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA8 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA8 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA8 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQA9 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQA9 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQA9 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ11 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ11 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ11 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ12 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ12 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ12 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ15 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ15 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ15 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ16 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ16 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ16 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ17 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ17 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ17 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ18 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ18 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ18 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ19 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ19 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ19 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ20 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ20 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ20 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ21 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ21 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ21 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ22 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ22 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ22 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ26 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ26 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ26 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ27 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ27 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ27 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ31 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ31 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ31 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ32 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ32 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ32 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3111I +MQ41 CSQ3UR00 - EARLY PROCESSING PROGRAM IS V9.3.0 LEVEL
03:48:20.46 00000090 CSQ3110I +MQ41 CSQ3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM MQ41 INITIALIZATION COMPLETE

```

Idea 4. Start Early

- Starting processing as early as possible will reduce IPL and z/OS startup times.
- Tuning automation to start things early is obvious.
- A less obvious option: PARMLIB IEASYSxx:
 - HZSPROC=xxxx
 - CSFPROC=xxxxz/OS will automatically start z/OS Health Checker and ICSF as soon as possible.
- Many sites still start these in COMMNDxx or using automation.



Idea 4. Start Early - Parallel Processing

- Many sites serialise or delay their startups.
- Today with IPL boost, most sites will have many CPs to share the workload after IPL phase.
- Example: one site starting 10 CICS and 1 Db2 in 2.5 minutes.

Many CICS started around the same time.

2.5 minutes
to start 10
CICS + 1
Db2

```
01:06:24.84          00000290 IEA370I MASTER CATALOG SELECTED IS CATALOG.MCAT
01:08:08.64 STC00059 00000291 IKT007I TCAS ACCEPTING LOGONS
01:09:29.71 STC00408 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSMT1G CICS is initializing.
01:09:29.71 STC00402 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDD1G CICS is initializing.
01:09:29.72 STC00407 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDD3G CICS is initializing.
01:09:29.75 STC00403 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDD2G CICS is initializing.
01:09:31.62 STC00410 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSMT2G CICS is initializing.
01:09:31.66 STC00401 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDA4C CICS is initializing.
01:09:31.68 STC00400 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDA2C CICS is initializing.
01:09:33.34 STC00429 00000291 $HASP373 DBCMSTR STARTED
01:09:33.67 STC00399 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSDA1G CICS is initializing.
01:09:33.70 STC00415 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSMT3G CICS is initializing.
01:09:37.66 STC00420 00000291 +DFHDM0101I CICSJCP3 CICS is initializing.
01:10:05.59 STC00420 00000291 +DFHSI1517 CICSJCP3 Control is being given to CICS.
01:10:13.09 STC00429 00000291 DSN9022I + DSNYASCP 'START DB2' NORMAL COMPLETION
```




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Db2 started after some CICS – CICS connect to Db2 when it is ready.

Starting many CICS at same time did not delay CICS startup (28 seconds).



Idea 4. Start Early - Parallel Processing

- However, be cautious when adding more processing to be performed at the same time.
- May be other issues.
- Example: too many z/OS commands issued in COMMNDxx.

```
03:48:20.75      00000090  IEE389I MVS COMMAND PROCESSING AVAILABLE
03:48:20.77      00000090  IEE822E COMMANDS ARE AT 80% OF LIMIT IN COMMAND CLASS M2

03:48:20.78      00000090  *IEE806A COMMANDS EXCEED LIMIT IN COMMAND CLASS M2
03:48:20.78      00000090  IEE061I COMMAND FLOODING RELIEVED IN COMMAND CLASS M2
```



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- z/OS syslog doesn't give much information about IPL and NIPL processing.
- Good news: z/OS IPLDATA does.
- This information shows how long each part of the IPL took.

0.764 seconds
to load the z/OS
nucleus

```
IPLDATA STATUS
*** IPL Statistics ***

IEAIPL10 00:00:00.000 ISNIRIM - Read SCPINFO
IEAIPL20 00:00:00.000 Test Block storage to 2G
IEAIPL11 00:00:00.004 Fast FIND initialization
IEAIPL31 00:00:00.000 LOAD service initialization
IEAIPL30 00:00:00.000 Load IPLWTO. Allocate IPL Msg Q
IEAIPL46 00:00:00.296 Read SCHIBs into IPL workspace
IEAIPL49 00:00:00.000 Process Load and Default parameters
IEAIPL50 00:00:00.273 IPL parmlib - process LOADxx and NUCLSTxx
IEAIPL51 00:00:00.000 System architecture
IEAIPL43 00:00:00.002 Find and Open IODF data set
IEAIPL60 00:00:00.000 Read NCRs from IODF
IEAIPL70 00:00:00.022 UIM environment - load CBD and IOS services
IEAIPL71 00:00:00.013 Build DFT for each device
IEAIPL08 00:00:00.000 Read EDT information from IODF
IEAIPL40 00:00:00.013 Read MLTs from nucleus
IEAIPL42 00:00:00.001 Read NMLs from nucleus (IEANynnn modules)
IEAIPL41 00:00:00.156 Read PDS directory entries and CESD records
IEAIPL05 00:00:00.000 Build and sort NUCMAP
IEAIPL02 00:00:00.764 Load nucleus modules
IEAIPL04 00:00:00.005 Allocate PFT and SQA/ESQA
IEAIPL14 00:00:00.000 Build LSQA/ELSQA for Master
IEAIPL09 00:00:00.023 IAXMI - PFT, master RAB, etc.
IEAIPL07 00:00:00.003 Update AMODE for nucleus resident SVCs
IEAIPL03 00:00:00.003 Build UCBs, ULUT, etc.
IEAIPL18 00:00:00.007 Copy and relocate EDT to ESQA
IEAIPL99 00:00:00.158 Page frame table and cleanup

Total IPL Time: 00:00:01.751
```



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- It also includes information about NIP processing.

5.625 seconds
to start XCF

```
*** NIP Statistics ***  
  
IEAVNIP0 00:00:00.065 NIP Base  
IEAVNIPM 00:00:00.032 Invoke NIP RIMs  
      (lots more here)  
-----> IEAVNPSL 00:00:00.001 System Logger  
IEAVNPF9 00:00:05.635 XCF  
IEAVNP33 00:00:00.068 GRS  
IEAVNPED 00:00:00.206 PROD  
IEAVNPH8 00:00:00.002  
IEAVNP26 00:00:01.987 SMS  
IEAVNPE5 00:00:01.080 LNKLST  
IEAVNPD5 00:00:00.231 Load pageable device support modules  
IEAVNP88 00:00:00.054 Allocation move EDT II  
IEAVNPCS 00:00:00.000 ICSF  
IEAVNPA1 00:00:00.672 CONSOLE  
IEAVNPDC 00:00:00.113 WLM  
IEAVNP16 00:00:00.776 EXCP appendages  
IEAVNP13 00:00:00.010 Prepare NIP/MSI interface  
IEAVNP17 00:00:00.000 GTF Monitor Call interface  
IEAVNP18 00:00:00.039 PARMLIB Scan Routine interface  
IEAVNPFR 00:00:00.044 Function Registry  
IEAVNPGT 00:00:00.001 Generalized Tracker  
IEAVNPF2 00:00:00.037 Process IOS=  
IEAVNP15 00:00:00.227 Process VATLST  
IEAVNPRR 00:00:00.000 RRS  
IEAVNPOE 00:00:00.141 USS  
IEAVNPSC 00:00:00.000 SDC  
IEAVNPLE 00:00:00.042 System LE  
IEAVNPUN 00:00:00.113 Unicode  
IEAVNPXL 00:00:00.020 zXML Parser  
IEAVNPCI 00:00:00.023 IQP  
IEAVNPHC 00:00:00.000 IBM Health Checker for z/OS  
IEAVNPE7 00:00:00.020 Service Processor Interface CTRACE  
IEAVNP1B 00:00:00.060 Close catalog  
IEAVNIPX 00:00:00.000 Nip final cleanup  
  
Total NIP Time: 00:00:42.718
```



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- The IEAVIPL section has more NIP type information.

0.125 seconds
to start the
CONSOLE
address space.

```
*** IEEVIPL Statistics ***  
  
IEEMB845 00:00:00.000 CSCB Chain Manipulation  
IEETRACE 00:00:00.000 Master trace  
ISNMSI   00:00:01.152 SPI  
UCMPECBM 00:00:00.125 CONSOLE address space  
ENFPC005 00:00:00.000 CONSOLE ready ENF  
IEFSCHIN 00:00:00.021 IEF SCHAS address space  
IEFJSINT 00:00:00.012 Subsystem interface  
IEFSJLOD 00:00:00.013 JESCT  
IAZINIT  00:00:00.019 JESXCF address space  
IAZFSII  00:00:00.055 FSI trace  
IEFQBINT 00:00:00.010 SWA manager  
IEFAB4I0 00:00:00.060 ALLOCAS address space  
  
IEEVIPL  00:00:01.471      Uncaptured time: 00:00:00.000
```



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- IEEMB860 section includes z/OS master scheduler information (included in NIP for this presentation).

3.1 seconds to
start SMF

```
*** IEEMB860 Statistics ***  
  
IEAVTMSI 00:00:00.019 RTM  
ILRTMRLG 00:00:00.522 ASM  
IEEVMSI 00:00:00.010 Reconfiguration  
IARM8MSI 00:00:00.015 RSM - bring storage online  
IECVIOSI 00:00:01.541 IOS dynamic pathing  
RACROUTE 00:00:00.000 Initialize Security Environment  
ATBINSYS 00:00:00.005 APPC  
IKJEFXSR 00:00:00.092 TSO  
IXGBLF00 00:00:00.007 Logger  
AXRINSTR 00:00:00.009 System REXX  
CEAINSTR 00:00:00.017 Common Event Adapter  
HWTMINI 00:00:00.025 HWT Initialization  
HWIAMINI 00:00:00.007 BCpii  
COMMNDXX 00:00:00.045 COMMANDxx processing  
SMFWAIT 00:00:03.108 SMF  
ICHSFI00 00:00:00.052 Security Server  
ICHALTSP 00:00:00.618 Security Server  
ICHSEC05 00:00:25.922 Security Server  
MSIEXIT 00:00:01.059 Cnz_MSIEExit Dynamic Exit  
IEFJSIN2 00:00:01.352 SSN= subsystem  
IEFHB4I2 00:00:00.005 ALLOCAS - UCB scan  
CSRINIT 00:00:00.003 Windowing services  
FINSHMSI 00:00:00.518 Wait for attached CMDs  
  
IEEMB860 00:00:35.014 Uncaptured time: 00:00:00.053  
  
Total Time: 00:01:20.957
```



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- There is a tool provided by IBM in GitHub that can be used to see IPLDATA.
- <https://github.com/IBM/IBM-Z-zOS/tree/main/zOS-Tools-and-Toys/iplstats>
- But there is an easier way..

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository `IBM / IBM-Z-zOS`. The current view is the `zOS-Tools-and-Toys / iplstats` directory. The file browser on the left shows the following structure:

- main
- zOS-Tools-and-Toys
 - auditid
 - auto-conversion
 - bbedit
 - ckspare
 - cleanvi
 - colonies
 - devinfo
 - dirsize
 - editmacs
 - ext
 - fscp
 - fsq
 - fsview
 - getuids
 - ifind
 - iplstats
 - README.md
 - iplstatx.obj
 - iplstatz.obj
 - ies

The commit history table shows the following entries:

Name	Last commit message	Last commit date
..		
README.md	Add license text.	5 years ago
iplstatx.obj	Migrate from Tools & Toys repo	5 years ago
iplstatz.obj	Migrate from Tools & Toys repo	5 years ago

The README.md content is as follows:

iplstats

IPLSTATX.OBJ -- writes the IPL start-up statistics to a SYSOUT data set IPLSTATZ.OBJ -- writes the IPL start-up statistics as WTOs to SYSLOG

The *.OBJ files contain the IPL start-up statistics program in MVS object deck format. It must be uploaded to your MVS system in -BINARY- form and placed into a fixed-block (FB) partitioned data set (PDS) that has a logical record length (LRECL) of 80 bytes. (For example, using ISPF option 3.2, create data set IPLSTATS.OBJ with a blocksize of 16000, a logical record length of 80 and 10 directory blocks. Upload IPLSTATX.OBJ and place it as member IPLSTATX in the IPLSTATS.OBJ data set). Once on your MVS system, the IPLSTATX object deck must be link-edited or bound into a load library using the MVS linkage editor or binder before you can run it. You can do this by using ISPF option 4.7 which allows you to invoke the MVS binder or linkage-editor programs under TSO. From the example above, just specify IPLSTATS.OBJ(IPLSTATX) on the "Other Partitioned Data Set: Data Set Name" line. Specify LET,LIST,MAP on the "Linkage editor/binder options" line and press ENTER. You will be shown the results of the binding/linkage-editing step and the output of the process will be placed into a LOAD data set which may have the name IPLSTATS.LOAD or userid.LOAD depending on your installation's options.



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA



Setting the IPCS source to 'active' allows you to view information about the currently running system.

- I use IPCS to quickly see this information using the IPCS **IPLDATA STATUS** command.
- Same information from the IPCS **VERBX BLSAIPST** command

```
----- z/OS 02.04.00 IPCS PRIMARY OPTION MENU
OPTION  ==> 0

0  DEFAULTS  - Specify default dump and options
1  BROWSE    - Browse dump data set
```

Step 1: Defaults

```
----- IPCS Default Values -----
Command ==>

You may change any of the defaults listed below.  The defaults shown before
any changes are LOCAL.  Change scope to GLOBAL to display global defaults.

Scope  ==> LOCAL  (LOCAL, GLOBAL, or BOTH)

If you change the Source default, IPCS will display the current default
Address Space for the new source and will ignore any data entered in
the Address Space field.

Source ==> active
Address Space ==>
```

Step 2: Set source to 'active' (current active system)

```
----- IPCS Subcommand Entry -----
Enter a free-form IPCS subcommand or a CLIST or REXX exec invocation below:

==> ipldata status

----- IPCS Subcommands and Abbreviations -----
ADDUMP   | DROPDUMP, DROPD | LISTDUMP, LDMP | RENUM,  REN
ANALYZE  | DROPMAP,  DROPM | LISTMAP,  LMAP  | RUNCHAIN, RUNC
```

Step 3: IPLDATA STATUS command



Idea 4. Start Early - IPLDATA

- Comparing two production sites:
- Tuning IPL / NIP for Site 1 may save a few tens of seconds.

	Site 1	Site 2
IPL Time	1.75	1.93
NIP Time	42.72	15.13
IEEVIPL Time	1.475	0.86
IEEMB860	35.01	9.71
Total	80.955	27.63

	Site 1	Site 2	Notes
NIP			
IEAVNPA2	13.97	1.74	IOS - Non-DASD UCBs
IEAVNP03	4.24	0.01	Merge and analyse system parameters
IEEMB860			
ICHSEC05	25.92	1.8	Security Server (Site 1 ACF2, Site 2 RACF)



Idea 4. Start Early

- How about PARMLIB IEFSSNxx?
 - BEGINPARALLEL and ENDPARALLEL statements may shave a second or two off the IEFSSNxx times.
 - But most subsystems start quickly.



Subsystems between the BEGINPARALLEL and ENDPARALLEL statements are executed in parallel. Only supported by some subsystems.

0.05 seconds	{	01:06:45.89	00000090 ACF89888 ACF2 SUBSYSTEM INITIALIZATION IN PROGRESS
		01:06:46.06	00000090 ACF89890 ACF2 SUBSYSTEM INITIALIZATION COMPLETE
0.01 seconds	{	01:06:46.24	00000090 CBR8001I OAM1 subsystem initialization starting.
		01:06:46.25	00000090 CBR8002I OAM1 subsystem initialization completed.
0.12 seconds	{	01:06:46.28	00000291 DSN3100I + DSN3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM DB1P READY FOR START COMMAND
		01:06:46.32	00000291 DSN3100I - DSN3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM DB2P READY FOR START COMMAND
		01:06:46.36	00000291 DSN3100I ; DSN3UR00 - SUBSYSTEM DB3P READY FOR START COMMAND
		01:06:46.40	
0.02 seconds	{	01:06:46.41	00000090 EZY6049I VMCF Start Initiated
		01:06:46.43	00000090 EZY6052I VMCF Initialization Complete
0.01 seconds	{	03:59:47.47	00000090 EDG0001I DFSMSRMM SUBSYSTEM INTERFACE INITIALIZATION COMPLETE FOR ENTRY DFRM
		03:59:47.48	
0.04 seconds	{	03:59:47.52	00000090 DFH0100 CICS subsystem is now initialized
		03:59:47.56	00000290 IEF196I DFH0100 CICS subsystem is now initialized
		03:59:47.56	



Idea 4. Start Early

The earlier you IPL, the earlier your z/OS system is up. Some ways to start your IPL early:

- Tune your z/OS shutdown (another session perhaps).
- No long running batch jobs (that may delay shutdown).
- Define AUTOIPL policy (or similar GDPS features).
- Enable z/OS System Status Detection (SSD) and Sysplex Failure Management (SFM).
- Well trained operators, well documented procedures.



Other Ideas: Eliminate Errors

- I often see errors in startup that you would think would slow down restarts.
- This can be the case, particular if the error results in a WTO.
- Most don't slow down the startup much.
- Resolving many of these may make a small difference.

```
0.06 second delay. { 03:59:16.74 00000290 IEA166I VATLST00: NO VOLUME MATCH FOUND FOR AR90* ON DEVICE TYPE 3390
                    03:59:16.74 00000290 IEA166I VATLST00: NO VOLUME MATCH FOUND FOR AM90* ON DEVICE TYPE 3390
                    03:59:16.75 00000290 IEA166I VATLST00: NO VOLUME MATCH FOUND FOR AM9R* ON DEVICE TYPE 3390
                    03:59:16.75 00000290 IEA166I VATLST00: NO VOLUME MATCH FOUND FOR AM9W* ON DEVICE TYPE 3390
                    03:59:16.80

0.03 second delay. { 01:08:04.66 STC00047 00000090 *IEFTMS7 IPL DATE MORE THAN 8 DAYS FROM LAST IPL
                    01:08:04.66 STC00047 00000090 *IEFTMS3 PREVIOUS IPL DATE = 2025/026
                    01:08:04.66 STC00047 00000090 *0411 IEFTMS8 VERIFY DATE = 2025/040 OR 'HELP'
                    01:08:04.69 NMCTF50K 00000290 R 0411,HIGHDATE

No delay { 01:06:28.82 INTERNAL 00000290 ASA003I SYNTAX ERROR IN PARMLIB MEMBER=DIAG00 ON LINE 13, 079
           POSITION 2: <NON-KEYWORD> WAS SEEN, WHERE ONE OF (CBLOC VSM TRAPS NUCLABEL
           REUSASID AUTOIPL ALLOWUSERKEYCADS FREEMAINEDFRAMES FF31HIGH ASLR <END_OF_FILE>)
           WOULD BE CORRECT. DETECTING MODULE IS IGVDTIMS. INPUT LINE:
           MT_ZIIP_MODE=2
           01:06:28.82 INTERNAL 00000290 ASA004I PARSING OF PARMLIB MEMBER=DIAG00 081
           CONTINUED AT <END_OF_FILE>, LINE 14.
           DETECTING MODULE IS IGVDTIMS. INPUT LINE:
           <END_OF_FILE>
```

Other Ideas: Startup Boost.

- Startup boost is enabled by default: all sites we see use it.
- Have not seen or measured any elapsed time differences. But will reduce any CPU contention delays.



Startup boost can give CPU capacity increases and other performance features for up to 60 minutes after IPL.

```
01:06:28.83 00000290 IEA681I IPL speed boost is active
01:07:04.37 00000090 IEA675I IPL zIIP boost is active with 0 transient zIIP cores
01:07:04.63 00000090 IWM064I BOOST ACTIVATED.
```

IBM System Recovery Boost ...

Unleash additional processing capacity using your already-entitled Central Processors and zIIPs during a fixed-duration performance increase known as, "the boost period."

- ✓ Faster shutdown (planned events only).
- ✓ Faster startup (IPL)
- ✓ Faster middleware and workload restart
- ✓ Faster system recovery and workload execution
- ✓ Faster and parallelized GDPS reconfiguration and orchestration actions.

The boost period can be used twice per IPL:
30-minute boost for shutdown
60-minute boost for startup

Speed Boost

- 1 Enables general-purpose processors on sub-capacity machine models to run at full-capacity speed in the boosting image(s).

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zIIP Boost

- 2 Provides additional capacity and parallelism by enabling general-purpose workloads to run on zIIP processors that are available to the boosting image(s).

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GDPS enhancements

- 3 Increases the speed at which GDPS drives hardware actions, along with the speed of the underlying hardware services.

Supported by z/OS



Summary

Four basic concepts:

1. No manual intervention.
2. Maximise automation.
3. Minimise processing during z/OS startup.
4. Start everything as early as possible.



Summary

- Most z/OS startup time is after IPL and NIP.
- Looking at manual intervention and automation will provide the biggest reductions in z/OS startup times.
- Today, it is possible to start a z/OS system in 5 minutes: some sites are doing this today.

Category	Time	
IPL	< 2	seconds
NIP	25-70	seconds
The Rest	4-120	minutes

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