Using High Performance Change Accumulation at SBC

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Overview

- IMS at SBC
- Change accumulation at SBC
- Structure and design of HPCA
- Implementation of HPCA at SBC
 - How it was deployed
 - Getting it to run
 - JCL consideration
- Performance test results
- Evaluation and Summary

Introduction



IMS at SBC

- Major IMS applications
 - Billing
 - Equipment Inventory
 - Work Orders

IMS at SBC

- SBC has over 48,000 registered IMS data bases
- Over 150 IMS images exist at SBC
- Of those images, approximately 15% use HPCA
- On four or five systems, HPCA is considered critical

The Need for High Performance Change Accumulation

- On some major applications there is little or no batch window time. Image copies can only be taken on weekends.
- With some applications, during sustained periods, a log tape will be written every three to five minutes, making it impractical to recover without change accum files.
- Ordinary change accum runs, using DFSUCUM0, simply can't keep up.

Evolution of IMS Change Accumulation.

• IMS may often require use of logs to recover databases

• IMS utility, DFSUCUM0, consolidates logs, making a recovery faster

Evolution of IMS Change Accumulation

- DFSUCUM0 may be inadequate for heavily used IMS systems
 - Log files must be re-read for each additional Change Accum group
 - Log files may be created faster than DFSUCUM0 can process them

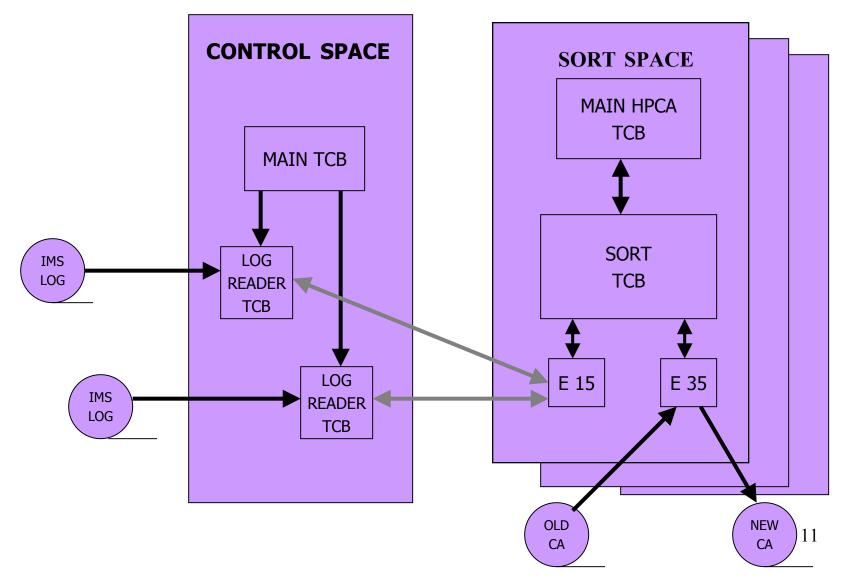
Evolution of Change Accumulation

- To overcome this difficulty, product utilities were developed that would do change accums faster.
- SBC has had experience in using the following change accumulation products.
 - BMC'S Change Accum Plus (CHAMP)
 - IBM'S Parallel Change Accum (PCA)
 - IBM'S High Performance Change Accum (HPCA)

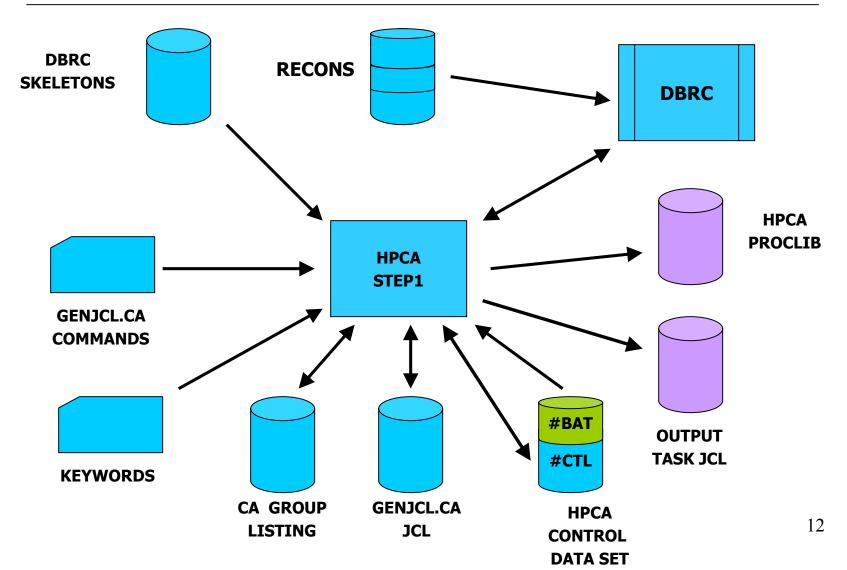
Evolution of Change Accumulation

- These products improve change accum performance mostly by sorting and merging the log records of each change accum group in parallel.
- HPCA has the additional capability of reading log datasets in parallel as well.
- HPCA also has the ability to produce a second copy of the output CA file, which can be used for disaster recovery.

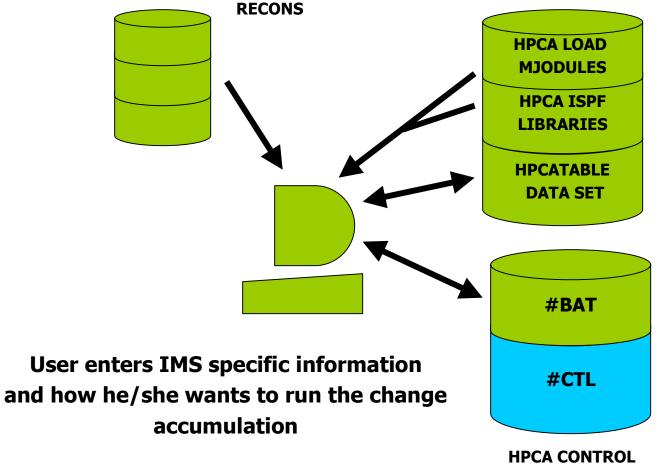
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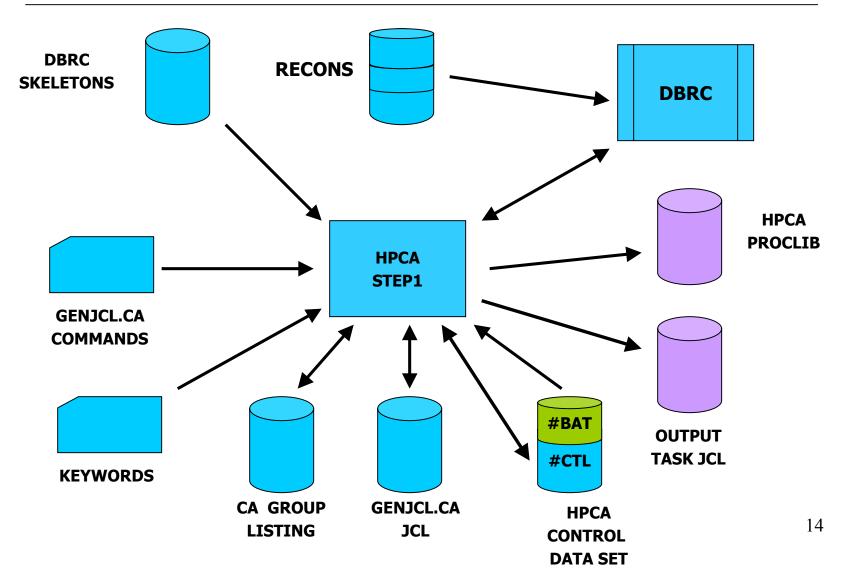
Structure and Design of HPCA: HPCABAT0



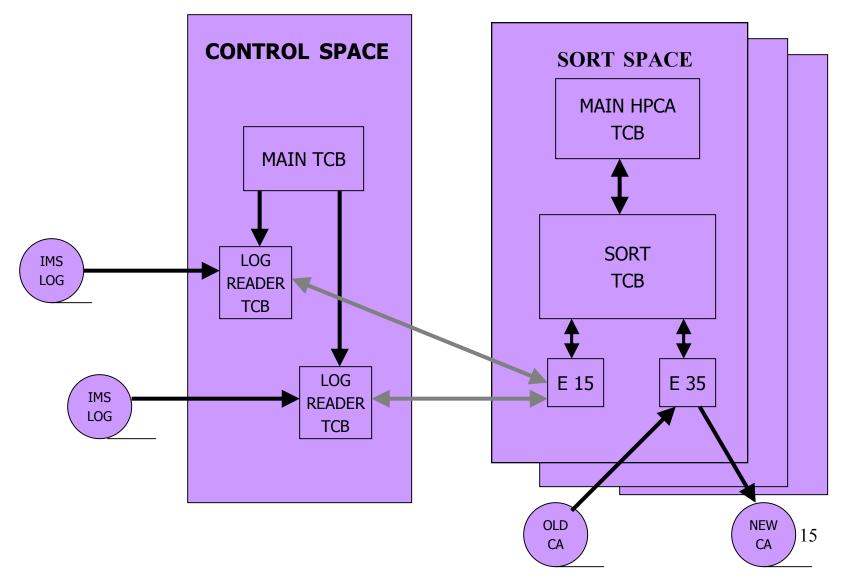
Structure and Design of HPCA: ISPF User Interface



Structure and Design of HPCA: HPCABAT0



Structure and Design of HPCA: Driver and Output Tasks



- HPCA libraries were installed across a Sysplex, allowing several IMS systems to share the same product library set
- HPCA load modules and ISPF members were kept in their own separate libraries, apart from other products
- HPCA load library was APF authorized

• RACF profiles were defined for the output started tasks, which were allowed READ access to the IMS system logs

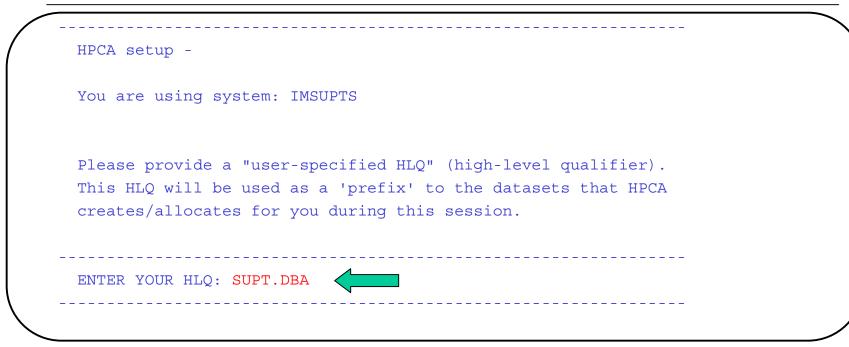
• The same output tasks were allowed ALTER authority by the IMS applications to create their change accum files

- The DBA would then tailor step one JCL for his/her application and run it
- After the step one process created the job members for the output started tasks, they needed to be copied into the MVS started task library

- An automatically scheduled job stream would then be set up to run.
- SBC uses more than one variation for these job streams.
 - One variation simply includes HPCABAT0 along with HPCADRIV. This allows complete tracking through an automatic scheduler.
 - Another variation submits HPCADRIV to an internal reader, allowing for last minute editing, providing diagnostics should trouble occur, and guarantees correct PROC resolution.

Implementing HPCA

- Walkthrough some of the panels
- How do you specify the number of input tasks/readers?
- How do you specify the output/CA tasks?
- DBRC commands and skeletons
- JCL considerations



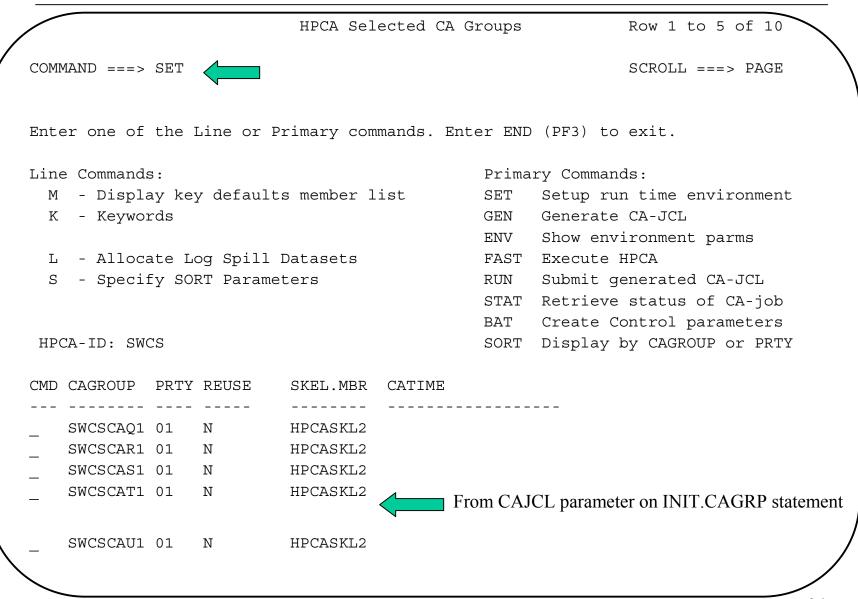
- This is our "front-end" panel to access the ISPF interface
- Entering the HLQ will cause HPCA to allocate some datasets if they don't exist.

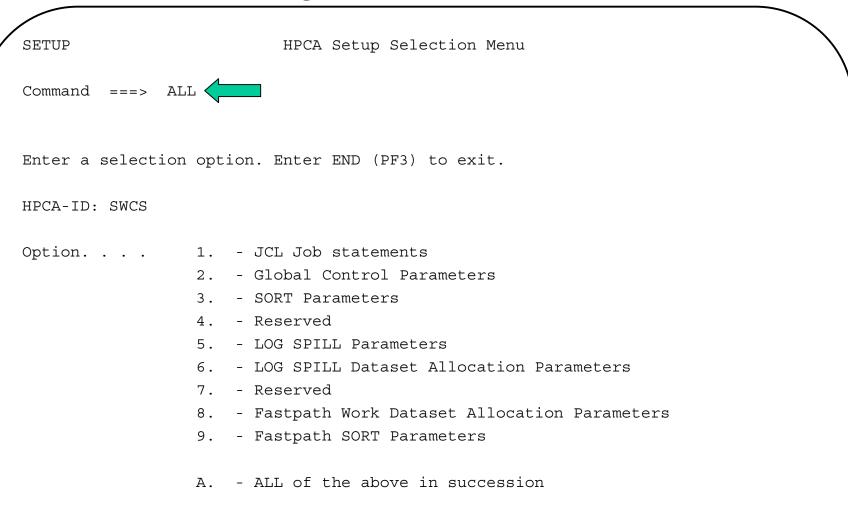
Selecting the HPCA-ID

HPCA-ID/IMS Profile	Row 1 to 1 of 1
COMMAND ===>	_ SCROLL ===> PAGE
Enter END (PF3) to exit.	
To create a new HPCA-ID/IMS profile, enter an HPCA-ID and it	description
HPCA-ID: Profile Description:	
Enter line command S to select an IMS System for this run T to setup DBRC product datasets D to delete an HPCA-ID profile	
CMD HPCA-ID HPCA-ID/IMS Profile Description	
s SWCS SWITCH PRODUCTION SOUTH HPCA	

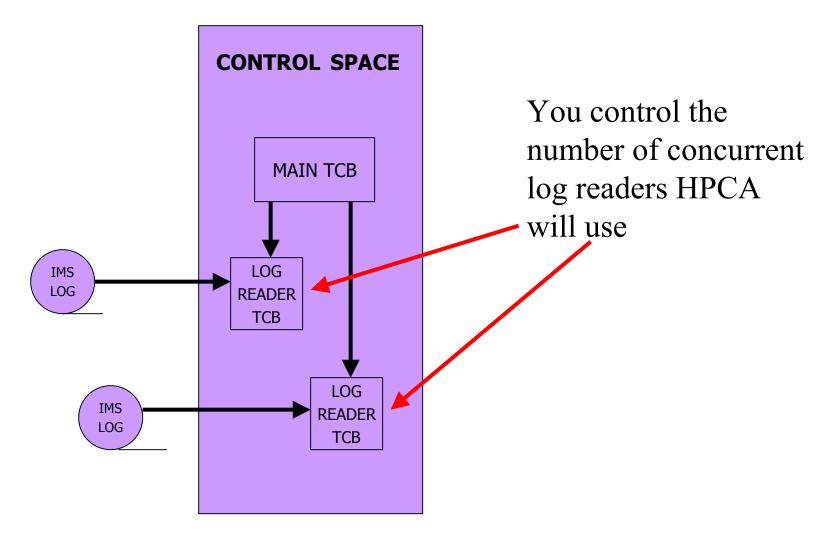
COMMAND ===> s *	HPCA CA Group Selection	n Row 1 to 5 of 10 SCROLL ===> PAGE
Enter one of the	e Line or Primary commands. Enter E	END (PF3) to exit.
		imary Commands: 5 * Select all cagroups
Enter END (PF3)	to exit. Enter CAN to exit without	processing.
CA-GROUP	$\Delta (-1) + (-1)$	
CA-GROUP SWCSCAQ1 SWCSCAR1	ACTION	

•Enter "s *" on the command line to select all CA groups for processing

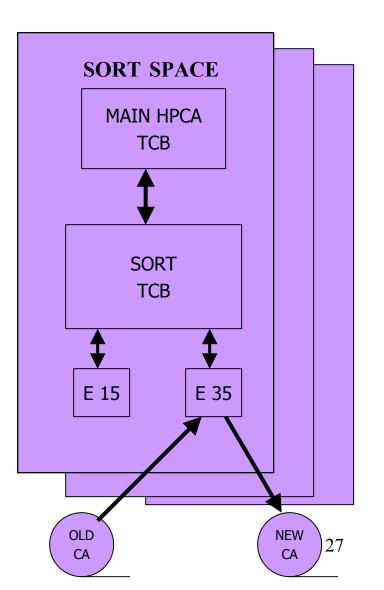




Specifying Tasks



You also control the number of output/sort tasks which execute concurrently.



Specifying tasks

/	SETUP HPCA Global Control P	arameters
	COMMAND ===>	
	Enter END (PF3) to exit. Enter CAN to exi	t without processing.
	Global Control Parameters for CA-GROUP: Max. number of input tasks: 6 Max. number of output tasks: 6	(1-19. Default 9)
	CA termination method: R I/O buffers for input datasets: 50 I/O buffers for output datasets: 50	(1-255. Default 25)
	HPCA Message dataset prefix: SYSOUT SORT Library specification if not in LINK SORT Load Library DSname:	
	Write SMF records: N	(F=FULL,N=NO,S=SHORT.Default N)

Maximum number of input tasks entry identifies how many parallel log readers are used
Maximum number of output tasks entry identifies how many HPCA CA tasks will run in parallel

Specifying spill files

	ocation Parameters Row 1 to 2 of 2
COMMAND ===>	SCROLL ===> PAGE
Enter END (PF3) to exit. Enter CAN to exit	without processing.
Log Spill dataset allocation parameters f	or CA-GROUP: ALL
Max number of SPILL volumes: 9 Management class : Storage class : Device type : Data class : Space units : CYLS Primary quantity : 100	(In above units)
Secondary quantity : 100	(In above units)
Volumes:	
==> ==> ==> ==>	==> ==>
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•If you need to split up the number of CA tasks running concurrently, a spill file will be created. Running out of space will cause HPCA to fail!

Specifying Fast Path Sortout File

SETUP FAST PATH Work Data COMMAND ===>	aset Allocation Parameters Row 1 to 2 of 2 SCROLL ===> PAGE
Enter END (PF3) to exit. Enter CAN Work Dataset name prefix: SUN Number of Output units: 9	PT. DBA. HPCA
Management class : Storage class : Device type : Data class Space units	<pre>(Blank for default storage class (Generic unit or device address (Blank for default data class (TRKS, CYLS) 00 (In above units)</pre>
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•If you have Fast Path, then all of the FP log records are sorted first. Running out of space will cause HPCA to fail!

HPCA ISPF Panels

• Going through the panels should be a one time occurrence

• We rarely have gone back to the panels after initial setup

- You must provide both DBRC commands and a GENJCL skeleton.
- GENJCL.CA commands
 - One statement is needed for each change accum group in the run
 - Read by the "generate" step (HPCABAT0)
- Change accum skeleton referred by GENJCL.CA statements
 - Various approaches simple and complex
 - This presentation will focus on the simple
 - "Opportunities" where you may choose to improve this skeleton will be mentioned

• Sample GENJCL.CA commands:

GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAQ1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAX1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAZ1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAY1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAU1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAR1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAV1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAW1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAT1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT GENJCL.CA GRPNAME (SWCSCAS1) NOJOB LIST MEMBER (HPCASKL2) NODEFLT

• This is invoked by HPCABAT0

- GENJCL skeleton
 - You can choose any name you wish this example uses HPCASKL2
 - This was modified from existing skeletons
 - This does use DD ICBUCUMN for off-premise (D/R) copy
 - This DD statement was added by the Parallel Change Accum (PCA) product and was found to be very useful for this purpose

• Skeleton sample

//SWCSCA1S JOB (SWCH, 31), 'DBA', CLASS=N, MSGCLASS=E, REGION=0M //SWCSCA EXEC PGM=DFSUCUM0, PARM='CORE=1500000, DBRC=Y' //STEPLIB DD DSN=IMSWCS.SDFSRESL,DISP=SHR //SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=* //SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=* //IMS DD DSN=SWCS.BCR.DBDLIB,DISP=SHR //SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=* %DELETE (%CAODSN EQ '') //DFSUCUMO DD DSN=%CAODSN, // DISP=OLD, DCB=BUFNO=20 &ENDDEL %DELETE (%CAODSN NE '') //DFSUCUMO DD DUMMY, DCB=BLKSIZE=100 &ENDDEL

• Skeleton sample (cont.)

//DFSUCUMN DD DSN=SWCS.CA.%CAGRP.CA%DATE.CA%TIME,
// DISP=(NEW,CATLG,DELETE),
// UNIT=TAPE90,
// RETPD=14,
// DCB=BUFNO=20,
// VOL=(,,,30)
//ICBUCUMN DD DSN=SWCS.OFFPEXPD.%CAGRP.CA%DATE.CA%TIME,
// DISP=(NEW,CATLG,DELETE),
// DCB=BUFNO=30,
// RETPD=14,
// UNIT=TAPE90
//DFSUTAP DD UNIT=(TAPE90,1,DEFER)
<pre>%SELECT RLDS((%CAGRP),(FROM(%DSLLGTM)))</pre>
//DFSULOG DD DSN=%LOGDSN,
// DISP=SHR,UNIT=AFF=DFSUTAP,DCB=BUFNO=20
%ENDSEL
<pre>%DELETE (%LOGSEL EQ 'YES')</pre>
//DFSULOG DD DUMMY,DCB=BLKSIZE=100 NO INPUT LOG
%ENDDEL
//SYSIN DD *
%CADB0

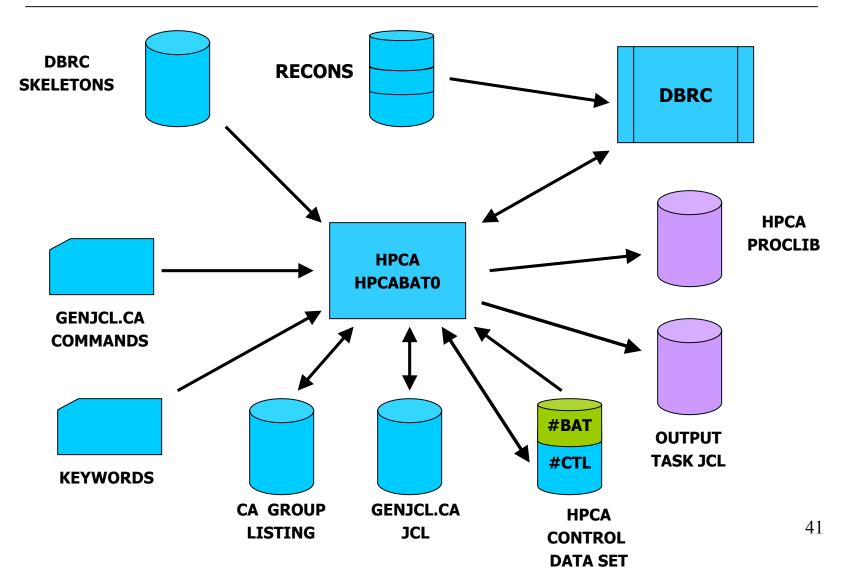
- Change accum process must take place in two separate steps
- You can add additional "housekeeping" steps
- We run it as a single job
- This execution JCL is very stable

- Step 1 Delete previous datasets
 - This is necessary for Fast Path applications in the event of a failure
 - We delete the SORTOUT dataset
 - We use IDCAMS to accomplish this

- Step 2 Compress datasets
 - Some library datasets are updated on a frequent basis so we compress them using IEBCOPY
 - CONTROL
 - PROCLIB
 - STCJOBS (the generated one, not the system one!)
 - As an option you can also define these datasets as PDS-E and eliminate this step.

- Step 3 HPCABAT0
 - This is the generate step and uses the GENJCL.CA statements mentioned earlier
 - This step updates several of the controlling datasets used by HPCA
 - HPCABAT0 parses the generated jobs to update these datasets. Much of the information is stored in the control dataset (HPCACTL).
 - New procs are generated for each started task

JCL Considerations: HPCABAT0



Sample HPCABAT0 JCL

//STEP03 EXEC PGM=HPCABAT0, PARM='SWCS' //STEPLIB DD DSN=IMSUPTS.HPCA.SHPCLMD0,DISP=SHR 11 DD DSN=IMSWCS.SDFSRESL,DISP=SHR //HPCACTL DD DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.CONTROL,DISP=SHR //HPCAPROC DD DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.PROCLIB,DISP=SHR //HPCAJLIB DD DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.STCJOBS,DISP=SHR Commented out //** DSN=SYS1.STCJOBS //SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=* //SYSPRINT DD DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.SYSPRINT,DISP=SHR //JCLOUT DD DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.JCLOUT,DISP=SHR //JCLPDS DD DSN=DBAM.SWCS.SKELSPDS,DISP=SHR //GENJCLIN DD DSN=DBAM.SWCS.SKELSPDS(HPCASKEL),DISP=SHR //SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=*, DCB=BLKSIZE=133

GENJCLIN DD statement contains the GENJCL.CA statements

- Step 4 HPCADRIV
 - This step controls the execution of the change accum run
 - Starts the multiple readers
 - Starts the Fast Path sort task
 - Starts the individual CA tasks
 - HPCABAT0 (Step 3) must complete with cc = 0
 - If all groups have no data to accumulate HPCABAT0 will complete with cc = 4. We found this on the Monday of a 3-day weekend.

HPCADRIV sample

// IF (STH	EP03	.RC EQ 0) THEN
		C PGM=HPCADRIV, REGION=3000K,
//		/I='&PARM1'
//*		
//STEPLIB	DD	DISP=SHR,
11		DSN=IMSUPTS.HPCA.SHPCLMD0
//	DD	DISP=SHR,
//		DSN=IMSWCS.SDFSRESL
//HPCACTL	DD	DISP=SHR,
//		DSN=SUPT.DBA.HPCA.CONTROL(SWCS#CTL)
//HPCMSG00	DD	SYSOUT=*
//SYSSNAP	DD	SYSOUT=*
//SYSPRINT	DD	SYSOUT=*
//SYSOUT	DD	SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP	DD	SYSOUT=*
// ENDIF		

- HPCA uses started tasks invoked by HPCADRIV
- Task name is 4 character HPCA ID followed by 4 numeric characters assigned by HPCA.
- One task for each CA group.
- Optionally one task for Fast Path sort task

- We put the simple execution JCL in SYS1.STCJOBS for each started task.
- HPCABAT0 will recreate this JCL but we write it to a separate library
- The task JCL points to a proclib member which changes for each run

• If you have Fast Path the preliminary sort task is always numbered "0000".

• Sample Fast Path sort procedure:

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//SWCS0000 PROC RGN=3000K,SOUT=*,
// PARM1=
//IEFPROC EXEC PGM=HPCADRI2,REGION=&RGN,
// PARM='&PARM1'
//HPCMSG00 DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
//SYSNAP DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
//SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
//SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
//STEPLIB DD DISP=SHR,
```

// DSN=IMSUPTS.HPCA.SHPCLMD0

• SORTIN and SORTOUT are dynamically allocated

- Change accumulation tasks are numbered starting at "0001" and incremented by one.
- Each change accumulation group has its own started task assigned.
- The tasks are numbered in the order of the GENJCL.CA statements read by HPCABAT0.

• Sample procedure for CA started task

//SWCS0010 PROC RGN=3000K,SOUT=*, 11 PARM1= //IEFPROC EXEC PGM=HPCADRI1, REGION=&RGN, PARM='&PARM1' 11 //STEPLIB DD DSN=IMSWCS.SDFSRESL,DISP=SHR 11 DD DISP=SHR, 11 DSN=IMSUPTS.HPCA.SHPCLMD0 //SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=* //SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=* //IMS DD DSN=SWCS.BCR.DBDLIB,DISP=SHR //SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=* //HPCMSG00 DD SYSOUT=&SOUT //SYSSNAP DD SYSOUT=&SOUT //DFSUCUMO DD DSN=SWCS.CA.SWCSCAS1.CA02163.CA170021,

// DISP=OLD,DCB=BUFNO=20

• Sample procedure for CA started task (cont.)

//DFSUCUMN	DD	DSN=SWCS.CA.SWCSCAS1.CA02164.CA095011,
//		DISP=(NEW,CATLG,DELETE),
//		UNIT=TAPE90,
//		RETPD=14,
//		DCB=BUFNO=20,
//		VOL=(,,,30)
//ICBUCUMN	DD	DSN=SWCS.OFFPEXPD.SWCSCAS1.CA02164.CA095011,
//		DISP=(NEW,CATLG,DELETE),
//		DCB=BUFNO=30,
//		RETPD=14,
//		UNIT=TAPE90

• Sample procedure for CA started task (cont.)

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//DFSUTAP	DD	UNIT=(TAPE90,1,DEFER)
//DFSULOG	DD	DSN=SYS5.PRI.D02163.T1623276.IMSSWCS.SD.IMSLOGS,
//		DISP=SHR,
//		UNIT=AFF=DFSUTAP,
//		DCB=BUFNO=20
//	DD	DSN=SYS5.PRI.D02163.T1704240.IMSSWCS.SD.IMSLOGS,
//		DISP=SHR,
//		UNIT=AFF=DFSUTAP,
//		DCB=BUFNO=20
//	DD	DSN=SYS5.PRI.D02163.T1737318.IMSSWCS.SD.IMSLOGS,
//		DISP=SHR,
//		UNIT=AFF=DFSUTAP,

// DCB=BUFNO=20

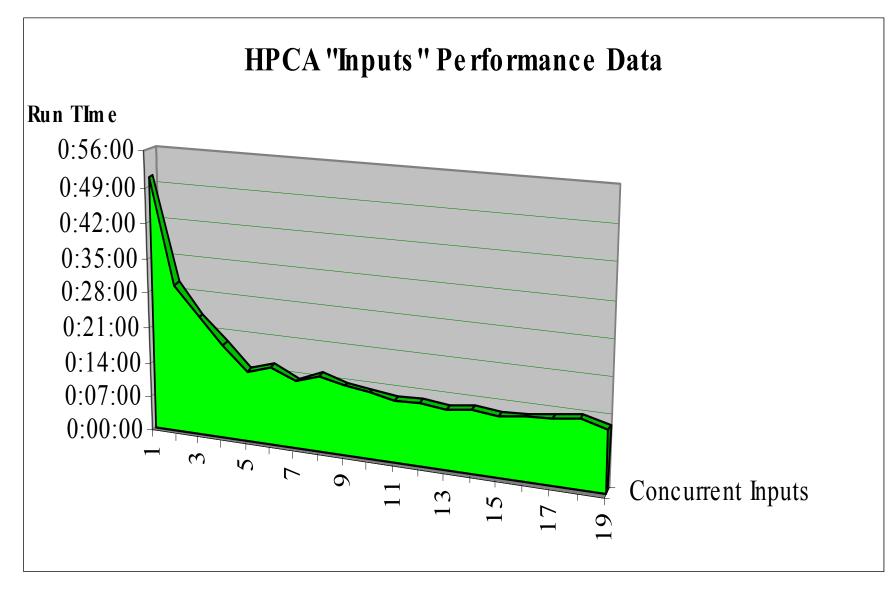
- Log inputs are defined in all of the task procedures but are not read by them
- Logs are read by HPCADRIV
- The started tasks compare the logs read to the DFSULOG datasets to make sure they are bringing in the right logs.
- It's confusing...

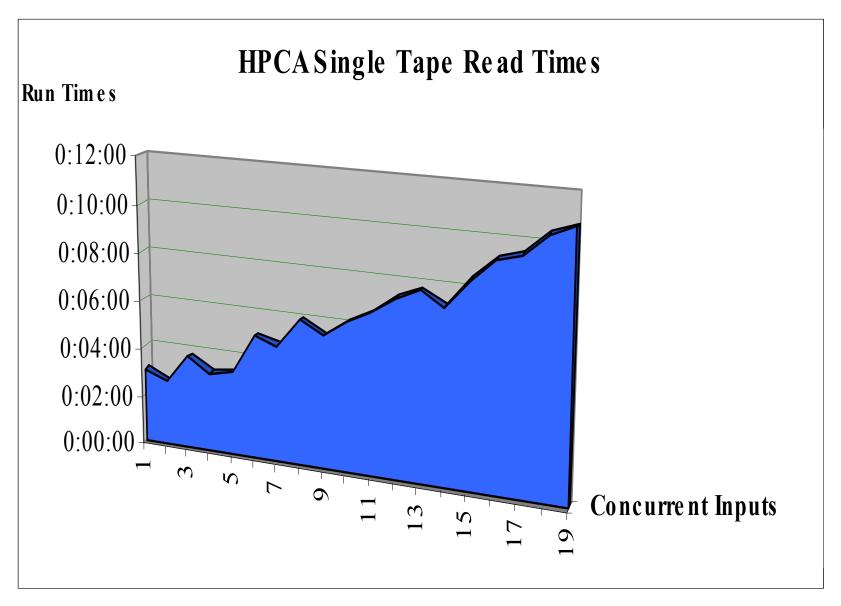
Performance Analysis

- CA runs compared 6 days before and after converting from PCA to HPCA
- Full function data bases, 4 CA groups, 2 HPCA input readers, no spill files
- STK Virtual Tape Subsystem used
- Change accum files moved from tape to disk for HPCA
- Run time decreased by 37%, CPU utilization rose by 18%
- Parallel input readers caused most of the improvement in elapsed time

HPCA Input Performance

- Tests made varying number of reader tasks from 1 up to 19
- Change Accum runs repeated using same 19 log files
- Tape subsystem used was STK Virtual Tape Subsystem
- Log files were staged and no spill files were used
- Hardware pushed to limit when reader tasks greater than 5





Other Considerations

- RACF must be defined properly
- Started tasks need to be defined
- If using system started task library (SYS1.STCJOBS) you must have authority to update the library
- Started tasks must have authority to update output CA datasets and read input files

Other Considerations

- If you have Fast Path, you may consider running HPCA more frequently.
- You will get dataset contention if you are accessing the ISPF panels while HPCABAT0 is running.

Our Wish List

- We want to be able to limit the number of input logs brought into an HPCA run
- Fast Path processing is single-threaded and is a bottleneck
- Results checking is difficult. We want the results of the started tasks to be incorporated into the output of HPCADRIV.
- GENJCL requirement removed. We want HPCA to be control card driven.
- We want to have the logs removed from the started task procs and have the log validation done some other way.

Implementation Suggestions

- Put a front-end on the ISPF interface.
 - This will eliminate the need to teach everyone what the CLIST name is (and where it resides!)
 - This allowed our DBA's enough flexibility to set up their own change accum runs
- Run a parallel test prior to going live
 - This will validate whether all of your pieces are in place before you <u>really</u> need them
- Make sure you are current on maintenance
- Implementing HPCA for a Sysplex rather than for individual IMS systems reduced administration of datasets

Implementation Suggestions

- Put your largest groups first
 - This will decrease the size of the spill file if you use one
 - The product does not do this for you automatically
- Use deferred tape mounts in your skeleton
- Do not edit the control dataset
 - Doing this is equivalent to playing with fire!
- Do not separate your HPCABAT0 and HPCADRIV steps
 - Always run them together
 - Running HPCADRIV with the wrong control dataset can cause serious consequences to your change accumulation process

Conclusions

• HPCA runs and is doing a good job for us!

Questions???

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