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Note

Before using this information and the product it supports, read the information in Appendix D, "Notices".

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About this document

This document shows you how to use IBM® CICS® Performance Analyzer for z/OS® (CICS PA) to get CICS statistics or performance data into a comma-separated value (CSV) file or a DB2® table. It then presents example scenarios for using that data to create reports and charts.

The example scenarios serve two purposes. First, they create reports or charts that help answer common CICS performance-related questions. Second, they demonstrate different tools and techniques.

Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?

Creates bar charts of CICS transaction response times compared to an SLA value.

This scenario uses a Microsoft Office Excel 2016 for Windows (Excel) macro to query a CSV file or z/OS-based DB2 tables, and then create a set of bar charts.

Scenario 2. Why is a transaction slow?

Creates bar charts of a variety of CICS performance data for selected CICS transactions.

This scenario uses an Excel macro to create bar charts from a CSV file.

Scenario 3. Tuning LSR buffer pools

Creates a tabular report of local shared resource (LSR) buffer pool statistics.

This scenario uses DB2 Query Management Facility™ (QMF™) for z/OS to query DB2 tables and then format the results.

Scenario 4. Comparing current and previous CICS performance

Creates a spreadsheet that compares "before" and "after" performance data summary extracts, with percentage differences highlighted in shades of red (for increased values) or green (for decreased values).

This scenario uses an Excel add-in to create a workbook from two CSV files.

Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes

Creates bar charts of average response times, CPU times, and TCB mode switches for each transaction ID in a performance data summary extract. You can click a bar (representing a transaction ID) to display a pie chart of TCB mode usage for that ID. You can also set warning thresholds to highlight IDs with long response times or high numbers of TCB mode switches.

This scenario also creates an interactive timeline chart of a performance data list extract, enabling you to pan and zoom a time-based chart of detailed threadsafe-related CICS performance data (or any CICS performance field).

This scenario uses Excel add-ins to create charts from CSV files.

Scenario 6. Transaction statistics

Creates an interactive timeline chart of transaction statistics extracted from a statistics HDB. This also demonstrates how to add "derived", formula-based columns to a timeline chart: that is, columns whose values are defined by formulae that refer to the values of other columns.

This scenario uses Excel add-ins to create charts from CSV files.

While these scenarios are designed to be useful in themselves, they are intended to be a starting point for your own custom reports and charts.

What you should already know

You should be familiar with CICS statistics and performance data, and you should know how to use the SMF dump program (IFASMFDP) to dump SMF data sets; or at least, know where to find the offline SMF data sets on your system.

You should have a basic understanding of the CICS PA ISPF dialog, which you can get by completing the CICS PA Getting Started Guide, SC34-7468-00. In particular, you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Start the CICS Performance Analyzer ISPF dialog
- Define CICS systems and files
- Run a Report Set
- Run an individual report
- View report output

Preferably, you should have an idea or a requirement for a "custom" CICS statistics or performance report: that is, a report not already provided by CICS PA. You should know which statistics or performance records you need (and in which SMF files they are stored), and have an idea of what you want the report to look like (for example, do you want a tabular report or a graphical chart?).

To work with Excel, you should know how to view and run Excel macros.

If you plan to work with DB2 tables, then you should understand basic DB2 concepts and techniques, such as how to query DB2 tables with SQL SELECT statements.

If you want to automate tasks in Windows, then you will need basic knowledge of Windows scripting using Visual Basic Scripting Edition (VBScript).

Related information

Product or concept	URL
CICS Transaction Server (TS)	https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSGMGV/welcome.html
CICS PA	https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSPPU4/welcome.html
CICS Transaction Gateway (TG)	https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSZHJ2/welcome.html
DB2	https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSEPGG
z/OS	https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSLTBW
Excel macro programming	In the Excel Help, see Automate tasks with Visual Basic macros

Table 1. Related information

Download the sample files

You can download the code for the example scenarios from the same Web site you downloaded this document:

Appendix C, "List of supplied sample files" describes each of these sample files.

Disclaimer

The scenarios and sample code are provided to you solely for the purpose of assisting you to create your own reports and charts.

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System requirements

- IBM CICS Performance Analyzer for z/OS V4.1 or a later version.
- The supplied Windows script (.wsf and .vbs) and batch (.bat) files have been tested with Microsoft Windows 10.
- Microsoft Excel 2010 or a later version. The supplied Excel macros and add-ins have been tested with Excel 2010 and Excel 2016. Unless indicated otherwise, instructions in this document for performing actions in Excel refer to the Excel 2016 user interface.
- The supplied QMF objects have been tested with DB2 QMF for z/OS V11.1
- DB2 processing features have been tested with DB2 V11.1

Summary of changes

June 2017

The macros are updated to work with Excel 2010 and 2016, taking account of changes in the Excel object model that have occurred since Excel 2003. Previously, several of the scenarios would not run correctly in Excel 2010 or Excel 2016; now they all run correctly.

Scenario 1 has been changed so that you have the option of taking input from a CSV file or from DB2, instead of solely from DB2. It now also handles long-running transactions with a task termination count of zero whereas previously these could cause a 'divide by zero' macro error.

Scenario 5 has been amended to take account of changes in CICS TS 4.1, 4.2, and 5.1. That is:

- The charts now show T8 CPU Time (if there is any T8 CPU Time).
- If J8 CPU Time or J9 CPU Time fields are present in the CSV extract, there is no error, but those fields are not shown in the charts.

The documentation for Scenario 6 now states that you must refer to cells in formulas by cell reference, such as B1 rather than by label, such as 'Current MAXTASK'. This is necessary because the **Accept labels in formulas** option was removed in Excel 2007.

To take account of changes to the Excel menus, toolbars, and ribbon in recent versions of Excel, you can now run the macros by clicking a button in the CP12 group on the **Home** tab in Excel.

All files are now provided in the most up-to-date file format: .xls files are now provided as .xlsx or .xlsm files, and .xla files are provided as .xlam files.

March 2008

Enhancements to the CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in:

- Support for data that crosses date boundaries (previously, this add-in could only chart data within a single day).
- AutoFilters on the **Data** sheet. You can now filter charts by one or more column values. For example, when charting CICS statistics, you can limit the chart to show only the INT interval types for a particular application ID. The active filter details appear in the chart title.
- Mouseover on chart data points. When you move your cursor over a data point or line on a chart, a text box appears with details of the corresponding data row.

This add-in is described in "Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes".

February 2008

New Excel add-ins

This update includes three new Excel add-ins for working with data from CICS PA:

CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in

Compares two CICS PA performance data summary extracts, using colors to indicate differences in corresponding cells: increases in shades of red, decreases in shades of green. This add-in is described in "Scenario 4. Comparing current and previous CICS performance".

CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in

Creates charts of task control block (TCB) usage per CICS transaction code. Requires a CICS PA performance data summary extract that has been generated using the CICS PA supplied sample summary report form CPU3SEXT.

This add-in is described in "Scenario 5. Threadsafe issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes".

CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in

Creates an interactive timeline chart of a CICS PA or statistics data extract. This add-in is also described in "Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes".

For a comparison of using Excel add-ins (.xla files) and using macros in workbooks (.xls files), see "Installing the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in".

DB2 names for CICS statistics: updated for CICS TS V3.2 and CICS TG V7.1

The tables in Appendix D, "DB2 names for CICS statistics" have been updated to show CICS Transaction Server V3.2 statistics and CICS Transaction Gateway V7.1 statistics.

December 2005

First release, titled "CP12: Historical Database Reporting".

Part I. Introduction

The following topics present a brief overview of CICS PA. It also explains how you can get performance and statistics data into a CSV file or into DB2 so you can create charts based on the data.

If you are already familiar with these concepts, then skip to Part II, " Example scenarios and custom reports ".

What is CICS PA?

CICS PA is a reporting tool that provides information on the performance of your CICS systems and applications, and helps you tune, manage, and plan your CICS systems effectively. CICS PA also provides a historical database (HDB) facility to help you manage CICS statistics and performance data for your CICS transactions.

CICS PA is not an online monitoring tool. It produces reports and extracts using data normally collected by your system in MVS™ System Management Facility (SMF) data sets:

- CICS Monitoring Facility (CMF) performance class, exception class, and transaction resource class data in SMF 110 records
- CICS Transaction Server statistics data in SMF 110 records
- CICS Transaction Gateway statistics data in SMF 111 records
- System Logger data in SMF 88 records
- DB2 accounting data in SMF 101 records
- WebSphere® MQ accounting data in SMF 116 records
- IBM Tivoli® OMEGAMON® XE for CICS on z/OS (OMEGAMON XE for CICS) data in SMF 112 records, containing transaction data for Adabas, CA-Datcom, CA-IDMS, and Supra database management systems

Charting CICS statistics or performance data

The following figure illustrates how to get CICS statistics or performance data into a chart. There are several possible pathways:

- SMF to CSV to Excel chart
- SMF to HDB to CSV to Excel chart
- DB2 table to custom report via an SQL query
- DB2 table to Excel via ODBC

Note: You can load CICS performance and statistics data into DB2 via an HDB.

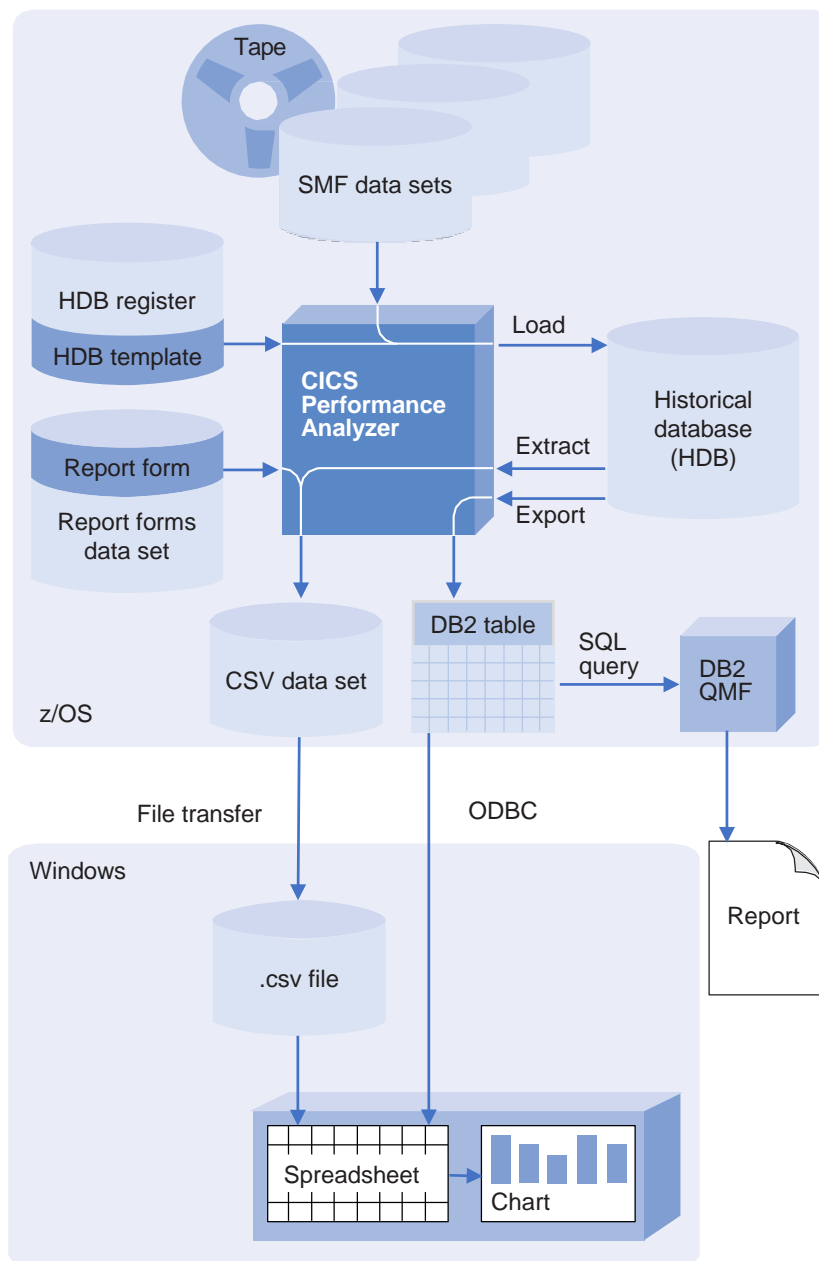


Figure 2. Using CICS PA to get CICS statistics or performance data into a DB2 table or a CSV file

This document concentrates on how to get data from SMF files into a CSV file, and how to create charts in Microsoft Excel using the CSV file as a data source. Here is an overview of the steps involved.

Refer to the CICS Performance Analyzer User's Guide, SC34-7469-00, for more detail about the CICS PA-related steps.

Defining CICS systems

In CICS PA, the system (personal or shared) defines which SMF files to work with.

If you have already defined the CICS systems that you want to work with, ignore this step.

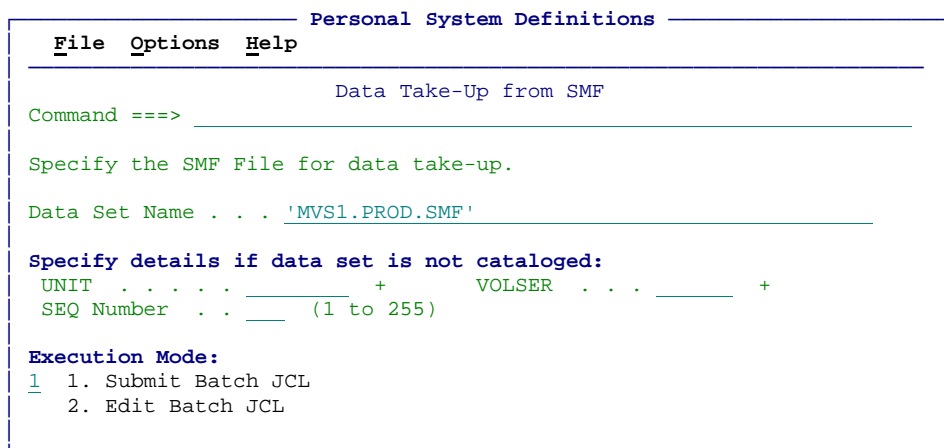
1. On the CICS PA primary option menu, either:
 - Select option **1 Personal Systems** if you want to define CICS systems in your CICS PA personal profile library (a data set which is typically not accessible to other users), or
 - Select option **6 Shared Systems** if you want to define CICS systems in an HDB register (a data set which is typically shared with other users)

When you are learning to use CICS PA, and especially when you are experimenting with take-up, it is recommended that you define CICS systems in your personal profile library. You can then migrate them to shared system definitions later using take-up.

A pop-up menu appears.

2. Select **Take-up from SMF File**.

The **Data Take-Up from SMF** pop-up window appears. (Why are we using take-up? Because take-up will define our systems automatically based on the contents of an SMF file.)



```
Personal System Definitions
File Options Help
Data Take-Up from SMF
Command ==> _____
Specify the SMF File for data take-up.
Data Set Name . . . 'MVS1.PROD.SMF'
Specify details if data set is not cataloged:
UNIT . . . . . + VOLSER . . . . . +
SEQ Number . . ____ (1 to 255)
Execution Mode:
1 1. Submit Batch JCL
2 2. Edit Batch JCL
```

3. Press Enter to submit the take-up batch job.
4. When the take-up batch job completes, the following pop-up window appears when you next invoke Personal System Definitions:

```

Personal System Definitions
Data Take-Up from SMF
Command ==> _____

*****
*           Take-Up from SMF           *
*****

CICS PA has completed extracting systems from the following
SMF File:

Data Set . . : 'MVS1.PROD.SMF'

Instructions:
Press ENTER to continue adding the systems.
Enter DEFER command to defer adding the systems.
Enter END or CANCEL command to cancel adding the systems.

```

5. Press Enter to continue with the take-up.
6. The pop-up menu appears again, with the message "Take-up was successful" in the top-right corner.

Which systems did this take-up define?

If you take up definitions to your personal profile library, then you can view the objects and relationships that this defines either in the take-up job output, or via the dialog:

1. On the CICS PA primary option menu, select option 1 Personal Systems.
2. If a pop-up menu appears, then select "Maintain SMF Files". Otherwise, if a list of systems appears, open the View menu, and then select Files.

The list of known SMF files appears. (The Use column shows the number of systems that take-up found in each SMF file or that you have subsequently manually defined.)
3. Enter S next to the SMF file for which you have just performed the take up.

A list of systems appears.
4. To see a list of the CICS systems that take-up found for an MVS image, enter S next to the image name.

Extracting to CSV

To extract data to CSV format using CICS PA you can extract either from the SMF files defined in a personal or shared system, or from an HDB. This topic explains how to extract from the SMF files defined in a personal or shared system.

1. Under option **2 Report Sets**, enter **NEW** on the command line to create a new report set.
2. Enter a name for the report set, for example EXT1.
3. Press F8 to page down, and enter **S** beside **Extracts > Performance** or **Extracts > Statistics**.

```

EDIT                               Report Set - EXT1                               Row 33 of 44
Command ==>> _____ Scroll ==>> PAGE

Description . . . CICS PA Report Set

Enter "/" to select action.

_____ ** Reports **                               Active
_____ DB2                                         No
_____ WebSphere MQ                               No
_____ OMEGAMON                                    No
- _____ System Reports                       No
_____ System Logger                              No
- _____ Extracts                             No
_____ Cross-System Work                          No
S _____ Performance                           No
_____ Record Selection                           No
_____ HDB Load                                    No
_____ System Logger                              No
_____ Statistics                                  No
_____ ** End of Reports **

```

4. Fill in the details of the extract. Some noteworthy fields are:

- a. **Data Set Name.** The name of the extract CSV data set, for example ABC.PERFEXT.CSV
- b. **Form.** The form defines the fields to extract. If there isn't already a form with the fields you want, under option **3 Report Forms** you can create a new form with precisely the desired fields, or use **Save As** to save an existing form which has almost the fields you need, and then edit it.

Note: If you choose primary menu option **3 Report Forms** and select the **Samples** menu, you can populate your report forms data set with sample report forms.
- c. **Interval.** To summarize data to every hour, set this to 01:00:00. To summarize to every minute, set this to 00:01:00.
- d. **Include Field labels.** Select this to ensure that you have fields labels in the CSV and the charts
- e. **Numeric Fields in Float format.** Do not select this if you are intending to use the CSV as a data source for a chart. This option is used only when importing the CSV into DB2.
- f. **Delimiter.** set this to a comma character.

```

                                BBl - Performance Extract
Command ==> _____

System Selection:                Extract Recap:
APPLID . . . _____ +      DDname . . . EXPT0001
Image . . . _____ +
Group . . . _____ +

Output Data Set:
Data Set Name . . . ABC.PERFEXT.CSV
Disposition . . . 1 1. OLD 2. MOD (If cataloged)

Extract Focus:                  Summary Processing Options:
Form . . . . . CPUSUM +      Interval . . . 01:00:00 (hh:mm:ss)
Alert . . . . . _____ +  Override Form _____ +
Severity . . . _____ +   Timestamp . . . _____ +

Extract Format:
/ Include Field Labels
- Numeric Fields in Float format
Delimiter . . . /

Selection Criteria:             Execution Options:
_ Performance                   / Use External Sort

Repository . . . : CPA540.WABC.RSSAMP.REPOSTRY

```

For a Statistics Extract, the fields are similar. To specify the fields to extract, you can specify a form, or alternatively select the **Statistics Reports** option to use the fields of one of the supplied statistics reports.

5. Enter F3 and F3 again to save the report set.
6. Run the report set, and in the run options, specify the system and the report interval to report on.

The extract CSV data set is created on z/OS.

Tips for extracting CSV files

A quick way to extract all data is to specify -9999 as the “from” date (to start extracting records from 9999 days ago), and 0 (today) as the “to” date.

The following topics in the CICS PA User’s Guide describe CSV extraction in more detail:

- Performance Data extract
- Statistics extract
- Extracting Performance HDB data to CSV
- Extracting Statistics HDB data to CSV

Copying a CSV data set to Microsoft Windows

Several of the CP12 scenarios expect a CSV file available on Windows. “Appendix A Transferring CSV files interactively” explains how to copy a CSV data set to Windows, and how to ensure that the CSV file is correctly encoded for Windows.

You don’t have to follow that exact procedure if you already have a preferred method for copying CSV files to Windows, and ensuring they are correctly encoded.

Opening CSV files in Excel

If you open a CSV file created by CICS PA in Excel, Excel does not always recognize the date and time values, or does not format them correctly:

Format of start times

CICS PA statistics data extracts contains interval start times in the first column as a combined date/time value in the format "yyyy-mm-dd-hh.mm.ss". Excel does not recognize this format as a date/time. (One clue that Excel has not recognized a date/time is that the value appears left-aligned; by default, Excel shows date/time values right-aligned.)

Here is one solution:

1. Insert a new column next to the existing "Start Time" column.
2. Copy the column heading text "Start Time" to the first row of the new column.
3. Enter the following formula into the second row of the new column:

```
=DATEVALUE(LEFT('Start  
Time',10))+TIMEVALUE(SUBSTITUTE(RIGHT('Start Time',8),".",""))
```

Note: To use column headings such as 'Start Time' as a cell reference, you must have set the Excel option to allow labels in formulas: **Tools > Options > Calculation > Accept labels in formulas**. Otherwise, use a cell reference such as B2.

This formula converts the text from the original column into a numeric Excel serial date/time value, where the integer portion (returned by the DATEVALUE() function) represents the date and the fractional portion (returned by the TIMEVALUE() function) represents the time of day.

Next, we want to format this numeric value as a readable date/time.

4. Select the cell where you have just entered the formula, and then click **Format > Cells... > Number > Category: Custom > Type: yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss** (you will need to enter this format, unless it is already in the list) > **OK**

The formula result in the selected cell now appears as a formatted date/time. Next, we want to populate the rest of the cells in the column with this formula and format.

5. Double-click the fill handle (the small black square in the bottom right corner) of the selected cell. This copies the formula and format to all used rows in the sheet.

Next, we want to replace the formula in each cell with the formula result; this removes the dependency on the original column, which we will then delete.

6. Select the entire new column (for example, by clicking the column header).
7. Click **Edit > Copy**
8. Click **Edit > Paste Special... > Paste: Values > OK**

This pastes the column contents back onto itself; but as values, not as formulas.

9. Delete the original column.

Seconds to three decimal places

CICS PA performance data extracts contain the time portion of timestamp fields in the format "hh:mm:ss.000"(that is, with fractions of seconds to three decimal places). Excel recognizes this field as a time, but incorrectly recognizes its format as "mm:ss.0" (no hour portion, and with seconds to only a single decimal place). In this case, all we have to do is change the cell formatting:

1. Select the first cell under the column heading.
2. Press Shift+Ctrl+down arrow to extend the selection to the last used row.
3. Click **Format > Cells... > Number > Category: Custom > Type: hh:mm:ss.000 > OK**

Separate columns for date and time

CICS PA performance data extracts contain the date and time portions of timestamp fields in two separate columns, such as "Start Date" and "Start Time". You might find it useful to combine these values into a single column; for example, for charting. To do this, insert a new column that uses a formula to add the date/time serial values of the two columns:

```
= 'Start Date' + 'Start Time'
```

and then set the cell format of the new column to "yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss.000".

Historical Databases

Historical databases are data sets created by CICS PA that contain required CICS performance or statistics data from SMF files. There are 3 types of HDB:

- **Performance List.** Typically, you use List HDBs to analyze recent transaction events.
- **Performance Summary.** Typically, you use Summary HDBs for long-term trend analysis and capacity planning.
- **Statistics.** Contains collections of CICS Transaction Server and CICS Transaction Gateway statistics over a specified time interval.

You can extract data from an HDB to CSV using option **5.6 Historical Database > Extract**.

Differences in a CSV extracted from HDB or from SMF

Be aware that the TRAN field has 4 characters when exported from an SMF file, for example "CEMT", and when TRAN is exported from an HDB, it has 8 characters and is padded on the right with spaces, for example "CEMT ".

If you combine or compare data from an HDB and an SMF file, Excel does not recognize "CEMT" and "CEMT " as the same transaction ID.

DB2

You can set Excel to use a DB2 table as its data source, and then create charts from it. However, to establish a successful connection to DB2 you need to:

1. Install IBM Data Server Client, or a similar client product, on your Windows computer, and apply a valid DB2 Connect™ license.
2. Create an ODBC data source to DB2 on your Windows computer.

Scenario 1 of CP12 shows you how you can use DB2 in this way.

Installing and licensing IBM Data Server Client

1. Install [IBM Data Server Client](#).

At the time of writing, the most current version is IBM Data Server Client V11.1 (CNB0TML). You need an IBM ID to download this product. If you do not have an IBM ID you can sign up to receive one on the download page. IBM Data Server Client provides the DB2 ODBC driver.

2. Obtain a valid DB2 Connect license file and copy it to the license folder of your DB2 client product.

The license folder for IBM Data Server Client V11.1 (CNB0TML) is C:\Program Files\IBM\SQLLIB\license.

See the information about [DB2 license files](#) in IBM Knowledge Center for more details.

3. Apply the DB2 Connect license file.

See the information about [Applying DB2 licenses](#) in IBM Knowledge Center for more details.

Creating an ODBC Data Source for DB2

To set up the ODBC data source, you need to know some DB2 details that you can find on your z/OS system by browsing the DB2 job log for message DSNL004I.

```
-----  
DSNL004I  - DDF START COMPLETE  
           LOCATION  LOC1                1  
  
           DOMAIN    prod.system.priv    2  
           TCPSPORT  446                 3  
           RESPORT   ...
```

Note: If the DB2 job log does not contain this message, it means that the Distributed Data Facility (DDF) has not been set up on your system. Contact your DB2 system administrator.

Write down the values of the following items:

Item	Write the value for your system here
1 Location	
2 Domain	
3 Port (TCPSPORT number, not the RESPORT number)	

Table 2. Your DB2 Job Log Details

1. Click the **Start** button and type ODBC.
2. Choose **ODBC Data Sources 32 bit**.
3. On the **System DSN** tab of the **ODBC Data Source Administrator**, click **Add**.

The details of the DB2 data source are:

- **Driver:** IBM DB2 ODBC DRIVER
- **Data Source Name:** <your choice>
- **Database name:** <Location>
- **Host name:** <Domain>
- **Port number:** <Port>
- **User ID :** <Your user ID for z/OS>
- **Password:** <Your password for z/OS>

4. On the **System DSN** tab, select the ODBC data source, and click **Configure**.
5. Click the **Connect** button to test whether Windows can connect to DB2 with basic connectivity.

The message "Connection tested successfully" indicates a successful basic connection.

Testing the connection from Excel to DB2

If you have set up the connection successfully, this test returns data to Excel from a DB2 table.

1. In Excel, open either a new blank workbook or the supplied sample file "Query zOS-based DB2 table.xlsx".
2. Start the Visual Basic Editor in Excel (select **Tools > Macro > Visual Basic Editor**).
3. If you opened a new blank workbook, copy the following code into the editor (omit the highlighted annotation numbers):

```
Sub QueryDB2()  
    ' Define site-specific details  
    Const conLocation = "location" 1  
    Const conDomain = "domain" 2  
    Const conPort = "port" 3  
    ' Define user-specific details  
    Const conTSOUserID = "TSO user ID" 4  
    Const conTSOPassword = "TSO password" 5  
    Dim strSQL, strConnection  
    ' Define connection string  
    strConnection = "ODBC;driver={IBM DB2 ODBC DRIVER}" & _  
        ";Database=" & conLocation & _  
        ";hostname=" & conDomain & _  
        ";port=" & conPort & _  
        ";protocol=TCPIP" & _  
        ";uid=" & conTSOUserID & _  
        ";pwd=" & conTSOPassword  
    ' Define SQL query  
    strSQL = "SQL SELECT statement" 6  
  
    ' Add QueryTable to active worksheet;  
    ' populate worksheet with query results  
    ActiveSheet.QueryTables.Add(Connection:=strConnection, _  
        Destination:=Range("A1"), Sql:=strSQL).Refresh  
End Sub
```

Figure 1. Excel VBA procedure: querying a z/OS-based DB2 table

4. Replace the placeholder values in the previous listing with actual values:
 - 1, 2, 3 The values from the DSNL004I message in the DB2 job log.
 - 4, 5 Your TSO user ID must be authorized to access the DB2 tables you want to query.

To test whether your user ID has the appropriate authority, log on to TSO/ISPF with this user ID, and then use QMF or the DB2 for z/OS SPUFI utility to perform the query. If you can perform the query using QMF or SPUFI, you can perform the query using this method, too.

- **6** The SQL SELECT statement, such as:

```
SELECT * FROM table-name
```

5. Run the QueryDB2 procedure (click the Run toolbar button in the Visual Basic Editor window).

The results of the SQL query appear in the active worksheet.

For an example of how to use this technique to create charts, see "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?".

Part II. Example scenarios and custom reports

The following example scenarios show you how to answer typical questions about CICS performance by creating reports and charts from DB2 tables or CSV files exported by CICS PA.

Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?

Suppose that you are the manager of an information technology department that runs CICS systems. You are responsible for ensuring that the performance of the CICS systems meet the terms of a service-level agreement (SLA) with your customers. For example, your SLA specifies that, for "peak" hours such as 8am to 5pm, the average response time for business-critical transactions must be under a certain limit.

To avoid penalties, you want daily charts of transaction response times:

- Averages for all transactions, by peak hour
- Averages for each transaction, by peak hour

The following figures show examples of the charts created by the supplied Excel macro:

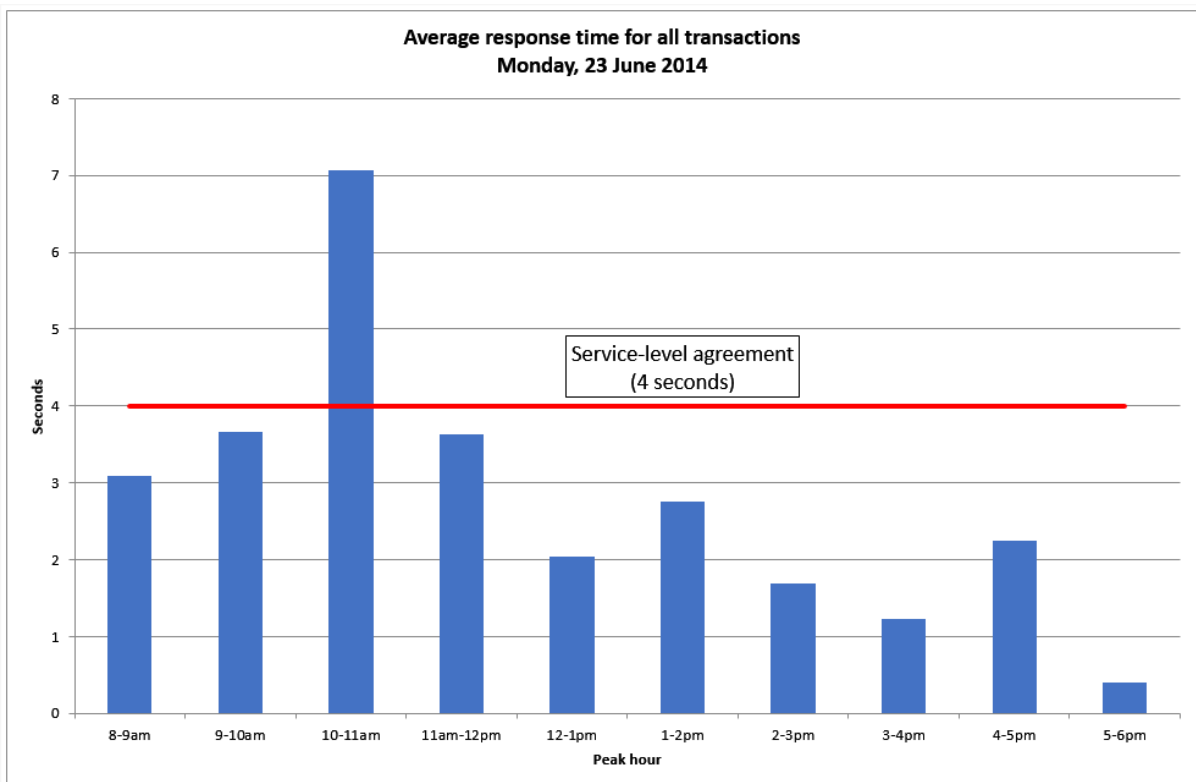


Figure 2. Service-level agreement chart: average response time for all transactions, by peak hour

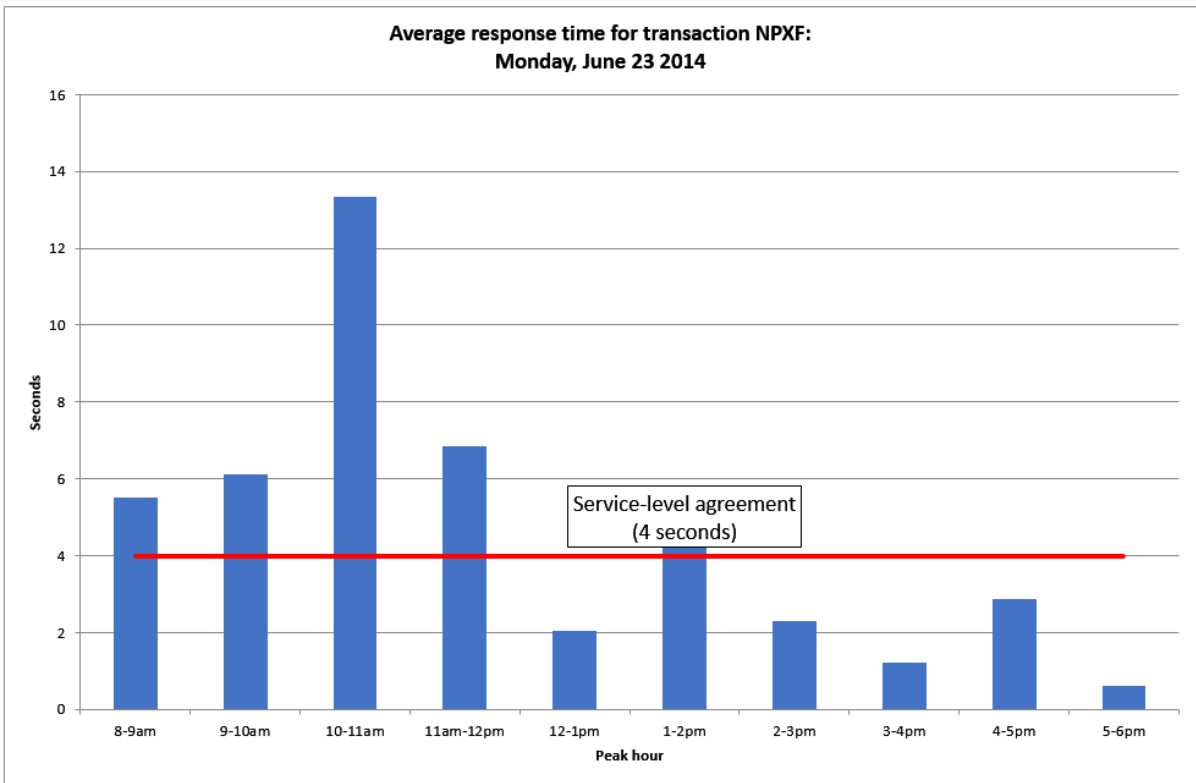


Figure 3. Service-level agreement chart: average response time for a single transaction, by peak hour

Example charts are also supplied in the file "CICS charts - scenario 1 -example.xls".

Preparing the data for the charts

This scenario has been designed to give you the choice of CSV or DB2 data sources. The CSV option is the simplest, and a sample CSV file, CICS PA scenario 1.csv, is provided. These procedures explain how to prepare the data for CSV and DB2.

Creating an Extract CSV file for Scenario 1

1. Define a performance summary report form in CICS PA with the key fields: START, MVSID, APPLID, TRAN, and other fields TASKCNT, RESPONSE with function AVE, and RESPONSE with function TOT.

```

EDIT SUMMARY Report Form - SCEN1          Row 1 of 393 More: >
Command ==>>                               Scroll ==>> CSR
Description . . . Summary Report Form      Version (VRM): 700

Selection Criteria:
- Performance *                             Page width . . 132

Field      Sort
/ Name +   K  O Type  Fn  Description
--- START  K  A  TIMES  ---  Task start time
--- MVSID   K  A  ---    ---  MVS SMF ID
--- APPLID  K  A  ---    ---  CICS Generic APPLID
--- TRAN    K  A  ---    ---  Transaction identifier
--- TASKCNT ---  ---    ---    ---  Total Task Termination count
--- RESPONSE ---  ---    AVE  ---  Transaction response time
--- RESPONSE ---  ---    TOT  ---  Transaction response time
--- EOR     ---  ---    ---    ---  ----- End of Report -----
--- EOX     ---  ---    ---    ---  ----- End of Extract -----

```

Next, you extract from wherever the data is stored, either an SMF file or DB2.

2. To extract from an SMF file:
 - a. Select option **2 Report Sets**.
 - b. Select a report set.
 - c. Under **Extracts**, select **Performance**.
 - d. Fill in the details of the extract, especially Data Set Name, Form, an Interval of 01:00:00, Include Field Labels, and specify a comma delimiter.
3. To extract from an HDB
 - a. Select option **5.6 Historical Databases > Extract**.
 - b. Select the historical database.
 - c. Fill in the details of the extract, especially Data Set Name, Form, a Time Interval of 01:00:00, Include Field Labels, and specify a comma delimiter.
4. Transfer the CSV data set to Windows in ascii mode. "Appendix A Transferring CSV files interactively" explains one method of doing so.

Loading data to DB2 when you plan to use DB2 as a data source

This procedure is useful when you plan to use DB2 as a data source.

1. In the CICS PA dialog, define an HDB summary template with the following four key fields, in this order:
 - START
 - MVSID
 - APPLID
 - TRAN

followed by the non-key fields:

- TASKCNT
- RESPONSE

Set the time interval to one hour (01:00:00).

If you know that your SMF data includes long-running transactions whose response times you are not interested in, then specify performance selection criteria in the template to exclude those transactions. For example, to exclude transactions whose identifiers begin with the letter C: enter **S** in the template Performance field, and then enter "EXC", "TRAN", and "C*":

	Inc	Field		---	Value or Range	---	Object
/	Exc	Name +	Type	Value/From	To		List +
	EXC	TRAN		C*			

```

                                EDIT Summary Template - SCEN1                Row 1 of 7 More: >
Command ==>> _____ Scroll ==>> CSR
Description . . . Summary HDB Template Version (VRM): 710

Selection Criteria:
_ Performance * Time Interval . . 01:00:00 (hh:mm:ss)

Field
/ Name + K Description
-- START A Task start time
-- MVSID A MVS SMF ID
-- APPLID A CICS Generic APPLID
-- TRAN A Transaction identifier
-- TASKCNT Total Task Termination count
-- RESPONSE Transaction response time
-- EOD ----- End of HDB -----

```

2. Define a performance HDB using this template.
3. Load the HDB with SMF data from the CICS systems that run the transactions you want to chart.

Include time and count clock field components.

```

                                Load SUMMARY HDB - SCEN1B
Command ==>> _____

Specify HDB load options then press Enter to continue submit.

System Selection:                Report Interval
APPLID . . * _____ +      YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS.TH
Image . . _____ +        From 2014/05/24 01:00:00.00
Group . . _____ +        To   2014/07/24 23:59:59.00

DB2 Export Options:
/ Load DB2 Table
Table Load Options              Include Clock Field Components
2 1. Resume                      1 1. Time and Count
  2. Replace                       2. Time only
                                   3. Count only

Statistics data VRMs to be loaded Summary Options
TS: 710 _____ + _____ + _____ +      - Include Sums of Squares
TG: 920 _____ + _____ + _____ +

Enter "/" to select option
/ Edit JCL before submit

```

4. Export the HDB (either the entire HDB, or a selected period of data) to DB2.
5. Set up the DB2 connection from your Windows PC to DB2. To do so:
 - a. Install and license IBM Data Server Client (or a similar Windows-based DB2 product) on your PC. For details, see "Installing and licensing IBM Data Server Client".
 - b. Create an ODBC data source for DB2. For details, see "Creating an ODBC Data Source for DB2".
 - c. Test the connection from Excel to DB2. For details, see "Testing the connection from Excel to DB2".

Enabling macros

The Microsoft Excel files supplied with CP12 contain macros. It is likely that macros will be disabled in your organization by default. Two possible ways of enabling macros are:

- Place "CICS charts - macros.xlsm" in a trusted folder before you open it.

In Excel 2016, select **File > Options > Trust Center > Trust Center Settings > Trusted Locations** to see the list of trusted locations.

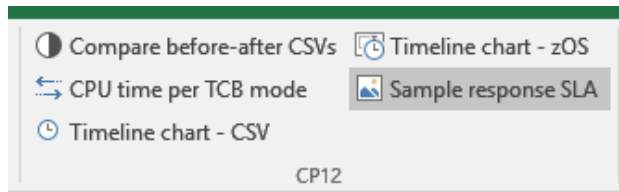
- Make “CICS charts - macros.xlsm” a trusted file before you open it. Select **File > Options > Trust Center > Trust Center Settings > Macro Settings**, and choose **Disable all macros with notification**. Then open “CICS charts - macros.xlsm” and choose **Enable Macros** when prompted.

For more information about macro security, see the Microsoft Excel Help.

Creating the charts

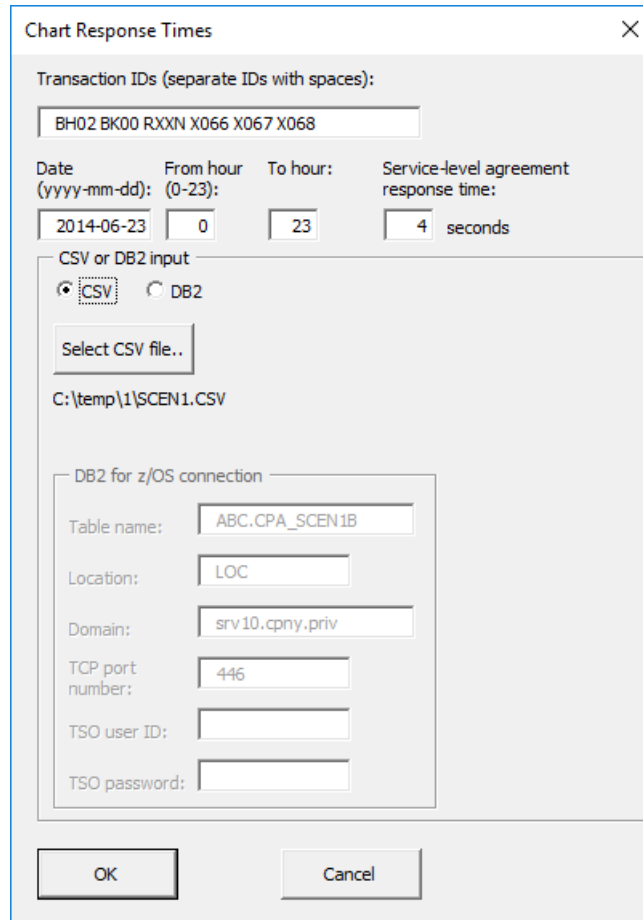
To create these charts:

1. Open the supplied file “CICS charts - macros.xlsm” in Excel, and run the macro `SampleResponseSLAChartSet` by doing one of the following:
 - a. On the Home tab in the CP12 group, select **Sample response SLA**.



- b. Press F8, select `SampleResponseSLAChartSet`, and click **Run**.

The macro displays a form prompting you for chart details.

A screenshot of the 'Chart Response Times' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with a close button. It contains several input fields and sections:

- Transaction IDs (separate IDs with spaces):** A text box containing 'BH02 BK00 RXXN X066 X067 X068'.
- Date (yyyy-mm-dd):** A text box containing '2014-06-23'.
- From hour (0-23):** A text box containing '0'.
- To hour:** A text box containing '23'.
- Service-level agreement response time:** A text box containing '4' followed by 'seconds'.
- CSV or DB2 input:** Two radio buttons, 'CSV' (selected) and 'DB2'.
- Select CSV file..** A button.
- C:\temp\1\SCEN1.CSV** The file path.
- DB2 for z/OS connection:** A section with several text boxes:
 - Table name:** 'ABC.CPA_SCEN1B'
 - Location:** 'LOC'
 - Domain:** 'srv10.cpnv.priv'
 - TCP port number:** '446'
 - TSO user ID:** (empty)
 - TSO password:** (empty)
- OK** and **Cancel** buttons at the bottom.

Figure 4. Excel form prompting for chart details and DB2 connection details

Fields	Guidance
Transaction IDs	These are the transaction IDs for which you want to see charts.
Date	The date you are interested in. When the data source is DB2, the SQL query contains a clause <code>WHERE START DATE = <this date></code> . When the data source is CSV, the date is used only as the date to place in the title of charts; the CSV is not filtered based on date.
From hour and To hour	To get a chart covering the hours from 8am to 6pm, specify 8 as the "from" hour and 17 as the "to" hour (where 17 represents 5pm; the start of the last hour that you want to chart, "5-6pm").
Service-level agreement response time	Response times above this number of seconds will be highlighted.
CSV or DB2 input	You must select either CSV or DB2 . The first time you run this scenario, select CSV and use the supplied CSV file, CICS PA scenario 1.csv. Subsequently, you can create and use your own CSV file, or DB2 if you prefer.
DB2 for z/OS connection	See "Creating an ODBC Data Source for DB2" for the DB2 details.

Table 3. Fields in Chart Response Time Form

Be careful to specify valid argument values. For the sake of readability of the code, the supplied macro performs only limited error-checking on argument values. Invalid values can cause the macro to crash.

2. Fill in the form, and click **OK**.

The macro uses the details that you enter to create the charts, and then displays a Save As dialog box, prompting you to save the charts as an Excel workbook or a Web page.

3. Save the Excel workbook containing the charts, or click **Cancel** on the Save As dialog box if you do not want to save it.

Understanding the Excel macro

To view the macro source in Excel:

1. Open the file "CICS charts - macros.xlsm" (if it is not already open).
2. Click **Tools > Macro > Macros... > Visual Basic Editor**
3. In the Project window, expand the Modules folder, and then double-click the DB2Code module. The macro source appears in the main window area.

The first procedure, SampleResponseSLAChartSet, is an example of a call to the procedure that does the actual work, ResponseSLAChartSet. The ResponseSLAChartSet procedure:

1. Displays the form.
2. Creates a new blank workbook.
3. Calls the ResponseSLAChartByTran procedure to create a chart for each transaction.
4. Calls the ResponseSLAChartAllTrans procedure to create the combined chart for all transactions.
5. Calls the SaveOutput procedure (defined in the CommonCode module) to save the charts either as an Excel workbook or as a Web page.

The `ResponseSLAChartByTran` and `ResponseSLAChartAllTrans` procedures both call the `CreateSLAChart` procedure, which performs the following steps:

1. Creates a new worksheet.
2. Calls the `importCSV` procedure or the `QueryDB2` procedure to get the data from CSV or DB2, and populate the worksheet with the results.
3. Calls the `CreateChart` procedure (defined in the `ChartCode` module) to create the chart.
4. Calls the `DrawSLALine` procedure to draw a horizontal line across the chart, indicating the SLA response time value.

Note: A long-running transaction that did not terminate in a reporting period has a `TaskCnt` value of 0. To avoid 'divide by zero' errors, when the macro is calculating average response time, `TaskCnt` is set to 1 for these transactions.

Running the macro from scripts and batch files

The supplied files include several other methods for running this macro:

To run the macro without opening the Excel workbook: in Windows Explorer:

- Double-click the supplied file "Run Excel macro.vbs". (To see how this script works, open it in a plain-text editor, such as Notepad.)

To run the macro without any interactive prompts or messages:

1. Open the supplied batch file "CICS charts - scenario 1.bat" in a plain-text editor.
2. Edit the argument values on the `wscript` command line. Specify values for all arguments.

To set the macro to use a CSV file as input, set the `csv` parameter to the path name for the CSV file, and set the `csvoption` parameter to 1.

3. Append the switch `//B` to the end of the command line.
4. Save the file (to a new `.bat` file, if you like).
5. Run the updated batch file (double-click it in Windows Explorer).

This batch file calls a Windows script file, "CICS charts -scenario 1.wsf". The `//B` switch sets the value of the Windows script `WScript.Interactive` property to `False`. The Windows script uses this property to set the value of the `blnInteractive` argument for the `ResponseSLAChartSet Excel` macro, which creates the charts. The macro uses the value of the `blnInteractive` argument to determine whether to display interactive prompts.

Terminating unwanted Windows script or Excel processes

If a Windows script that calls an Excel macro crashes, then it may leave behind an orphan Excel process. To check for, and terminate, this process:

Start the Windows Task Manager. To do this, either: right-click the Windows taskbar, and then select **Task Manager**, or press the key combination `Ctrl+Alt+Del`, and then click **Task Manager**.

On the **Processes** tab, click the **Image Name** column heading. This sorts entries by image name.

Look for an `EXCEL.EXE` process. Unless you have the Excel application open "deliberately" in a window, then any such process is an orphan left behind by the crashed Windows script.

Click the `EXCEL.EXE` process and then click **End Process**.

Similarly, if a Windows script hangs (for example in an endless loop) without actually crashing, you can terminate it by ending its `wscript.exe` process.

Scenario 2. Why is a transaction slow?

Suppose that you are a CICS administrator for a large organization with thousands of CICS users. The help desk has forwarded complaints to you from users about slow response times from a particular CICS transaction.

To begin analyzing the problem, and confirm that the problem exists, you want a summary of transaction performance data for the relevant time interval:

- Response time
- CPU time
- Suspend time
- Dispatch time
- Total storage

To get this summary, you extract a comma-separated value (CSV) file from a CICS PA summary HDB, and then use an Excel macro to create graphical charts of the data.

This is one of the charts created by the supplied Excel macro:

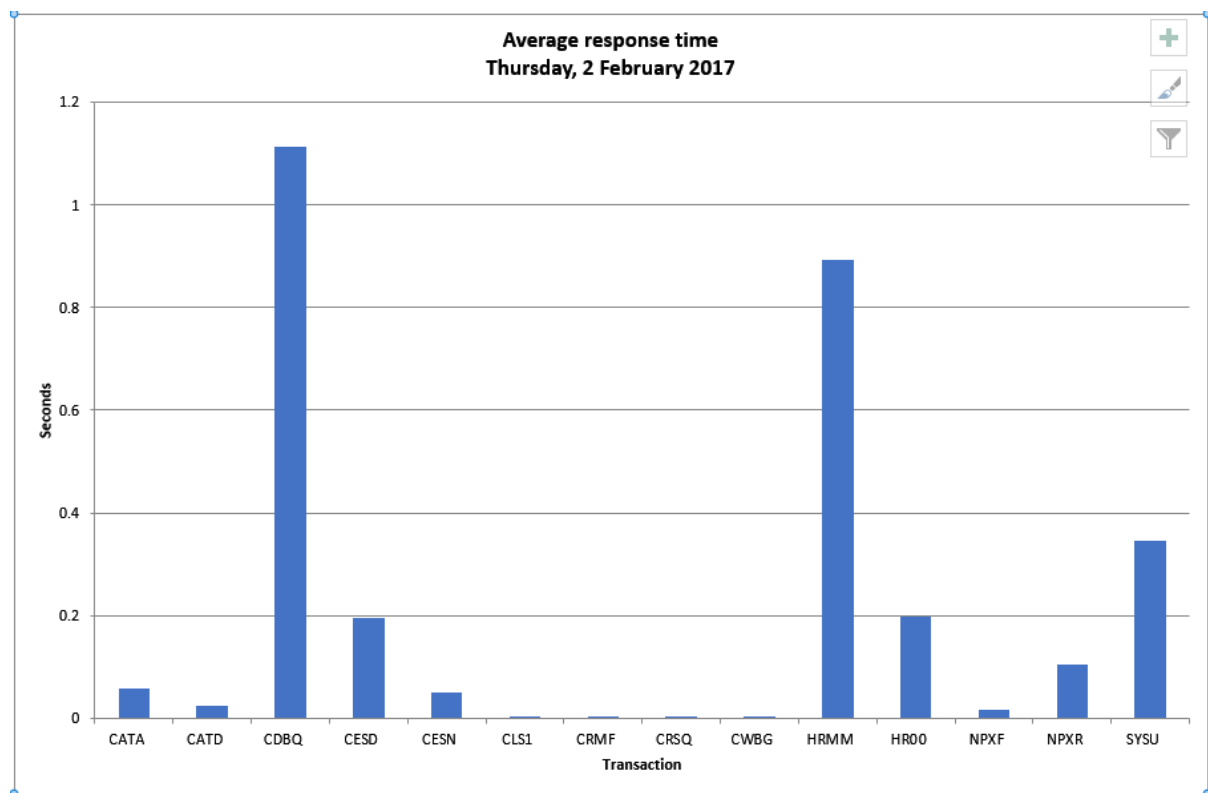


Figure 5. Transaction response time chart

To see a complete set of charts created by the macro, open the supplied file "CICS charts - scenario 2 - example.xlsx".

Creating the charts

To create these charts:

1. Define a summary HDB template (option **5.1 Historical Database > Template**, enter NEW) with the following two key fields, in this order:

- a. START
- b. TRAN

Then include at least the following non-key fields in the template, in this order:

- Miscellaneous:
 - TASKCNT
- Task Storage:
 - SC24CHWM
 - SC24UHWM
 - SC31CHWM
 - SC31UHWM
- Program Storage:
 - PC24CHWM
 - PC24RHWM
 - PC24SHWM
 - PC31CHWM
 - PC31RHWM
 - PC31SHWM
- Time:
 - DISPATCH
 - SUSPEND
 - RESPONSE
 - CPU
 - DISPWAIT
- File access:
 - FCTOTAL

Set the time interval to one day (24:00:00).

2. Define an HDB using this template.
3. Load the HDB with SMF data from the affected CICS systems.
4. Extract a CSV data set from the HDB:
 - Set the time interval processing option to one day (24:00:00).

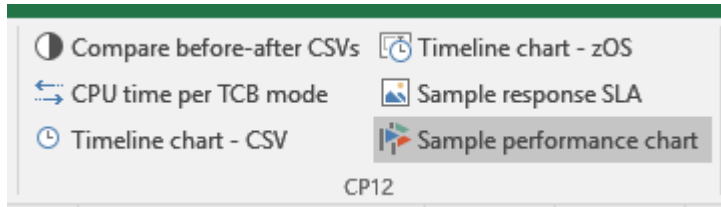
This combination of summary time interval and extract report interval ensures that the CSV data set contains exactly one row per CICS transaction, with summarized performance data for the extracted 24-hour interval. This is a deliberately simplistic choice to simplify the coding of the supplied Excel macro.

- Specify a comma (,) as the delimiter character, not the CICS PA default semicolon (;).
- Include field labels.
- Do not select the (z/OS host-specific) float format for numeric fields.

5. Transfer the CSV data set to a PC file with extension .csv.

See “Appendix A Transferring CSV files interactively” for one way to transfer the data set.

6. Open the supplied file "CICS charts - macros.xlsm" in Excel, and run the macro SamplePerformanceChartSet.



You can either select it on the Home tab, CP12 group, or press F8 and run it from the list of available macros.

The macro displays a File Open dialog box prompting you for the CSV file, and then prompts you for a list of transaction identifiers to exclude from the charts (separate multiple identifiers with spaces).

The macro uses the details that you enter to create the charts, and then displays a Save As dialog box, prompting you to save the charts as an Excel workbook or a Web page. If you do not want to save the charts, click **Cancel** on the Save As dialog box.

7. When prompted for a CSV file, use the supplied sample file "CICS charts - scenario 2 - sample performance data.csv".

By running this once successfully with the sample CSV file, you will see the charts that are supposed to be produced. You can then run the macro again using your own CSV file.

The following figure illustrates these steps:

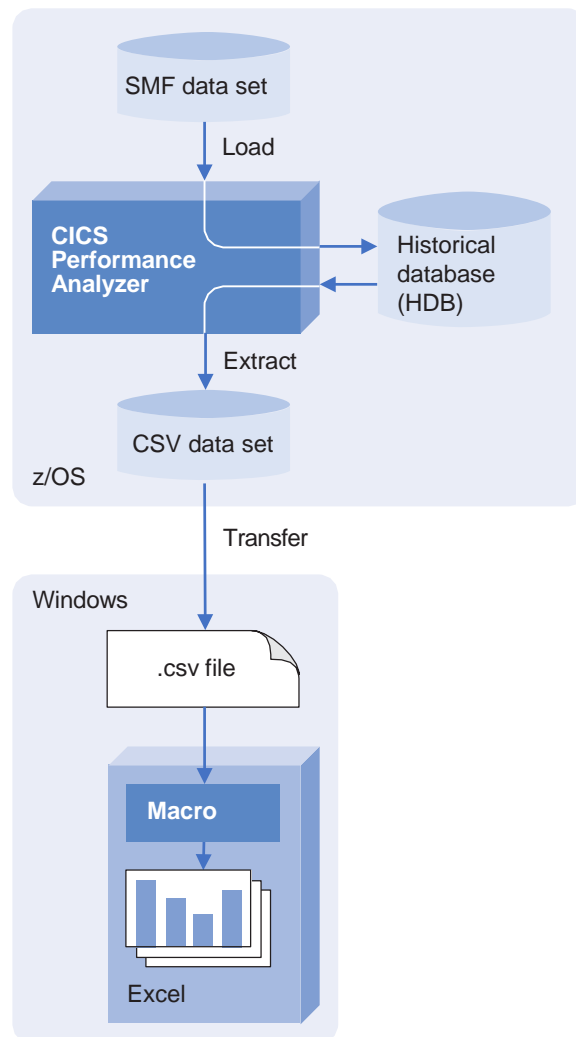


Figure 6. Using a Microsoft Excel macro to create graphical charts from a CSV file

Understanding the Excel macro

To view the macro source in Excel:

1. Open the file "CICS charts - macros.xlsm" (if it is not already open).
2. Click **Tools > Macro > Macros... > Visual Basic Editor**
3. In the Project window, expand the Modules folder, and then double-click the CSVCode module. The macro source appears in the main window area.

The first procedure, `SamplePerformanceChartSet`, is an example of a call to the procedure that does the actual work, `PerformanceChartSet`. The `PerformanceChartSet` procedure:

1. Displays the File Open dialog box for a CSV file.
2. Opens the selected CSV file.
3. Prompts for the list of transaction identifiers to exclude.
4. Appends new columns to the CSV data, using formulas to calculate values from existing columns:
 - The "Storage Total" column aggregates the storage-related columns. This provides the data for the "Storage" chart.

- The "Wait Total" column aggregates the suspend time and dispatch time columns. This provides the data for the "Wait time" chart.
5. Calls the `CreateChart` procedure (defined in the `ChartCode` module) to create the charts.
 6. Calls the `SaveOutput` procedure (defined in the `CommonCode` module) to save the charts either as an Excel workbook or as a Web page.

Scenario 3. Tuning LSR buffer pools

This scenario is only applicable to customers who use DB2. In this scenario, you create a daily report for a specified CICS system (APPLID) running on a specified MVS system (MVSID).

Suppose that you are a CICS administrator, and you want to ensure that your local shared resource (LSR) buffer pools are providing optimal performance to CICS applications. In particular, you want to maximize the number of "lookasides" (file read requests satisfied by the buffers), and minimize costly direct "execute channel program" (EXCP) file requests.

For each buffer pool, you want a report of buffer activity including a "lookaside ratio": the number of lookasides as a percentage of all read requests. For optimal performance, you want this ratio to be as close to 100% as possible (some direct file access is required to populate the buffers, so this ratio can never actually reach 100%). You also want to see details for each file, to identify which files are responsible for poor lookaside ratios. Files with high EXCP figures may require reorganization.

```

1LSR buffer pool statistics
-----
Generated 2005-12-21 20.19.56

  CICS  MVS  Start  Start  Stop  Stop
  applicat system date   time   date   time
-----
1YK3Z7BA M2C  2004-11-09 01.02.35 2004-11-09 03.08.12
-----
1
Pools:

  LSR  Max  Start  Max  Total  Peak
  pool key  date   active string string
  pool length strings strings waits waits
-----
1      22  1178    3      0      0
3      100  90      3      0      0
-----
1
Buffers:

  LSR  Type  Buffer  Number  Lookaside  Buffer  Buffer  Writes  Lookaside
  pool Type  size  of buffers hits  reads  writes non-user ratio
-----
1 BOTH  512      0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  512      8      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  512     208    3749    112    103    0     97%
1 BOTH  1024     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  1024     4    2065    301     0      0     87%
1 BOTH  2048     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  2048     4      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  2048    298    2322    254    617    0     90%
1 BOTH  4096     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  4096     3      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  8192     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  12288    0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  16384    0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  20480     4     789    509     99     0     61%
1 BOTH  20480    40     810    14    673    0     98%
1 BOTH  24576     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  28672     0      0      0      0      0      0%
1 BOTH  32768     0      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  512      0      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  1024     0      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  2048     3    365     40     61     1     90%
3 BOTH  4096     3      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  8192     3      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  12288    3     15     2     3     0     88%
3 BOTH  16384     3      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  20480     3     92     4     64     0     96%
3 BOTH  24576     3      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  28672     3      0      0      0      0      0%
3 BOTH  32768     3      0      0      0      0      0%
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1
Files:

  File  LSR  Data  Index  Peak  Peak  Peak  Data  Index  Total  %  %  %  %  %  %
  pool buffer  buffer  Buffer  buffer  string  string  EXCPs  EXCPs  requests  Get  Get  Brw  Add  Upd  Del
  size size size  waits  waits  waits  waits  Data  Index  %  %  %  %  %  %
  -----
AFILIST 4  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  -  -  -  -  -  -  THNGSDT.MASTER.AFILIST
QMTA1 3  2048 2048 0  0  18  18  444  42  1182  2  11  52  16  3  14  FUDATAB.CCSA.ENVELOP.LEA
QMTA1 3  2048 2048 0  0  18  18  408  54  1688  1  8  71  10  2  8  FUDATAB.CCSA.ENVELOP.LEA
QMTB1 3  12288 12288 0  0  0  0  3  0  33  3  0  96  0  0  0  FUDATAB.CCSA.ENVELOP.LEB
QMTB1 3  12288 12288 0  0  1  1  1  1  33  3  0  96  0  0  0  FUDATAB.CCSA.ENVELOP.LEB
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  -  -  -  -  -  -  FENTOND.CCSPB.RAPO.CSD
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  2140  321  4708  13  13  40  4  4  22  FVCOMA.CCSA1.RAPO.CSD
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  135462  37343  10780462  1  0  98  0  0  0  FUDATAB.RAPO.CSD
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  14652  214  1297482  2  0  97  0  0  0  FUDATAB.RAPO.CSD
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  5778  856  275846  5  0  94  0  0  0  REGRUN.VMPC2A1.APO.CSD
DFH-CSD 1  20480 1024 0  0  0  0  6634  963  294250  5  0  93  0  0  0  REGRUN.VMPC2A1.APO.CSD
DFH-LRQ 1  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  0  -  -  -  -  -  -
  
```

Figure 7. Tuning LSR buffer pools: example report

Overview

CICS statistics provide the raw data for this report. To create this report, we will:

1. Use CICS PA to:
 - a. Define and load a statistics HDB with the required LSR pool and file statistics (from an SMF data set).
 - b. Export the HDB to DB2 tables.
2. Use DB2 Query Management Facility for z/OS (QMF) to:
 - a. Define queries (SQL SELECT statements) to return the data that we want from the DB2 tables, and also calculate derived statistics (such as the lookaside ratio).
 - b. Define forms to enhance the layout of the statistics returned by the queries.
 - c. Define a procedure to run the queries with their forms, and print the results.

For this report, we will define: four queries, each with their own form, and a single procedure to run the queries. This procedure will print the formatted query results to a single file, giving the appearance of a single report.

3. Write JCL to run the QMF procedure as a batch job.

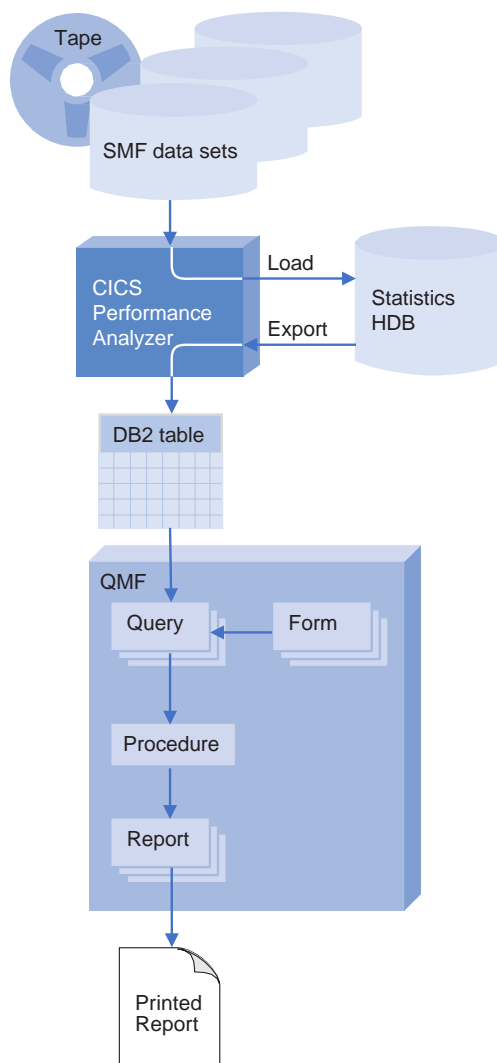


Figure 8. Using QMF to create a report from CICS statistics

Detailed procedure

Here is the detailed procedure for creating the report (this assumes that you have an SMF data set that contains LSR pool and file statistics). The QMF objects that you use in these steps are described under "QMF Objects" after this procedure.

1. In CICS PA Define and load a statistics HDB.

When defining the HDB, specify that you want the following statistics to be collected (these appear under the "Files and Databases" category):

- Files
- VSAM LSR Pools
- VSAM LSR Pool Buffers
- VSAM LSR Pool Files

2. In CICS PA, export the statistics collected in the HDB to DB2 tables.

Select only the statistics (listed above) that have been collected in the HDB.

This exports data to four DB2 tables, one for each type of statistic selected:

- **database.CPA_HST067A** for Files
- **database.CPA_HST039A** for VSAM LSR Pools
- **database.CPA_HST039B** for VSAM LSR Pool Buffers
- **database.CPA_HST040A** for VSAM LSR Pool Files

where **database** is the database name (in DB2 terms, the "authorization ID") that you specified in CICS PA.

Next, you will define some QMF objects. Rather than defining these objects in QMF yourself, you can save some typing by using the supplied .qmf files. These contain QMF objects that have been exported from QMF to data sets on z/OS, and then transferred as text files to PC. To use these files, you must transfer them to z/OS, and then import them into QMF. A Windows script and a QMF procedure have been supplied to help automate these steps.

3. Define the QMF queries, forms, and procedure:

- a. In Windows Explorer, open the folder containing the following supplied files:

- CPA_LSR_BUFFERS_F.qmf
- CPA_LSR_BUFFERS_Q.qmf
- CPA_LSR_FILES_F.qmf
- CPA_LSR_FILES_Q.qmf
- CPA_LSR_HEADER_F.qmf
- CPA_LSR_HEADER_Q.qmf
- CPA_LSR_ID_Q.qmf
- CPA_LSR_P.qmf
- CPA_LSR_POOLS_F.qmf
- CPA_LSR_POOLS_Q.qmf
- CPA_LSR_PORT_P.qmf

- b. Double-click the Windows script file "Transfer QMF objects - put onto host.wsf".

This transfers all the .qmf files (that are in the same folder as the script) onto the host.

This script strips the .qmf extension from the file names, replaces underscores with periods, prepends the high-level qualifier that you specify, and then uses the FTP login details that you specify to transfer the files to z/OS.

For example, if you specify the high-level qualifier MYID.QMF, then the script transfers the PC file CPA_LSR_PORT_P.qmf to the z/OS data set 'MYID.QMF.CPA.LSR.PORT.P'.

- c. Confirm that the expected data sets have been created on z/OS.

One of the supplied QMF objects is a procedure that automates the importing of other QMF objects. In the following steps, we are going to manually import this procedure into QMF, and then run the procedure to import the other QMF objects.

- d. Start QMF.

- e. On the QMF command line, enter:

```
IMPORT PROC CPA_LSR_PORT_P FROM 'hlq.CPA.LSR.PORT.P'
```

where *hlq* is the high-level qualifier that you specified.

Note: QMF object names are case-sensitive: the supplied objects names are uppercase.

- f. Display the procedure:

```
DISPLAY PROC CPA_LSR_PORT_P
```

- g. Run the procedure (press F2).

For each supplied CPA_LSR_*.qmf file, there should now be a matching CPA_LSR_* object in QMF.

- h. To check this, enter LIST ALL on the QMF command line.

4. Create a member containing the following JCL, replacing the data set high-level qualifiers to match your system, and replacing the variables in the QMF OPTIONS sections similarly.

This JCL is also supplied with CP12 in the file batch-QMF-JCL.txt.

```
-----
//BATCHQMF JOB CLASS=X,MSGCLASS=X,NOTIFY=&SYSUID
//*****
//          EXPORT SYMLIST=*          ,SYMBOLS=(JCLONLY)
//*****
//* HIGH-LEVEL QUALIFIERS:
// SET DB2=db2-hlq
// SET QMF= qmf-hlq
// SET ISPF= ispf-hlq
// SET GDDM= gddm-hlq
//*****
//* QMF OPTIONS
//*****
// SET IWANT='authid.CPA_LSR_P'
// SET DB2ID=db2-authid
// SET SSID=db2 ssid
// SET APPL=applid
// SET MVS=mvsid
//*****
//* QMF STEP
//*****
//QMFSTEP EXEC PGM=IKJEFT01,
//          TIME=1440,
//          DYNAMNBR=30,
```

```

//          REGION=4M
//*****
//* PROGRAM LOAD LIBRARIES
//*****
//STEPLIB   DD   DSN=&ISPF..SISPPENU,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQLOAD,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&DB2..SDSNEXIT,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&DB2..SDSNLOAD,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&GDDM..SADMMOD,DISP=SHR
//*****
//* SYSEXEC USED BY QMF
//*****
//SYSEXEC   DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQEXCE,DISP=SHR
//*****
//* DATASETS USED BY ISPF
//*****
//ISPPLIB   DD   DSN=&ISPF..SISPPENU,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQPLBE,DISP=SHR
//ISPMLIB   DD   DSN=&ISPF..SISPMENU,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQMLBE,DISP=SHR
//ISPSSLIB  DD   DSN=&ISPF..SISPSENU,DISP=SHR
//          DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQSLBE,DISP=SHR
//ISPTLIB   DD   DSN=&ISPF..SISPTENU,DISP=SHR
//ISPPROF   DD   UNIT=SYSDA,SPACE=(TRK,(9,1,4)),
//          DCB=(LRECL=80,BLKSIZE=3120,RECFM=FB)
//SYSUDUMP  DD   SYSOUT=A
//*****
//* QMF/GDDM MAPS
//*****
//ADMGGMAP  DD   DSN=&QMF..SDSQMAPE,DISP=SHR
//*****
//* DATASETS USED BY QMF
//*****
//DSQPNLE   DD   DSN=&QMF..DSQPNLE,DISP=SHR
//DSQPRINT  DD   SYSOUT=A,DCB=(RECFM=FBA,LRECL=133,BLKSIZE=1330)
//DSQDEBUG  DD   SYSOUT=A,DCB=(RECFM=FBA,LRECL=121,BLKSIZE=1210)
//DSQDUMP   DD   SYSOUT=A,DCB=(RECFM=VBA,LRECL=125,BLKSIZE=1632)
//SYSTSPRT  DD   SYSOUT=A
//SYSTSIN   DD   *,SYMBOLS=(JCLONLY)
ISPSTART PGM(DSQQMF) +
PARM(M=B,+
S=&SSID,+
I=&IWANT.(+
&&DATABASE=&DB2ID.,+
&&APPLID='&APPL.' ,+
&&MVSID='&MVS.' +
)) +
NEWAPPL(DSQE)
/*

```

Figure 9. Tuning LSR buffers: JCL to call a QMF procedure

Variable	Description
<i>authid</i>	Authorization ID that you used to create the QMF procedure, queries, and forms (unless you explicitly defined this in QMF, this defaults to your TSO user ID).
<i>db2-authid</i>	In DB2 terms, the "authorization ID" that you specified in CICS PA when you exported the HDB to DB2.
<i>db2-ssid</i>	The 4-character DB2 subsystem ID.
<i>applid</i>	CICS application that you want to report on.
<i>mvsid</i>	MVS ID of the system running the CICS application that you want to report on.

Table 4. Variables for QMF JCL

Notice that there are single quotes around the *applid* and *mvsid* variable values, but not the *database* variable value. This is because of the different ways in which these values are substituted in the SQL queries.

5. Submit the JCL. The job outputs the report to the DSQPRINT ddname.

```

LSR buffer pool statistics
-----
Generated 2017-04-19 14.45.50

      CICS      MVS      Start      Start      Stop      Stop
      application  system  date      time      date      time
      -----
      IYCVU001    MV2B    2017-04-14 11.35.45 2017-04-14 11.37.21

Pools:

      LSR      Max      Max      Total      Peak
      pool     key    active  string    string
      -----  length  strings  waits     waits
      -----
      3         22      12       1         0         0

Buffers:

      LSR      Type      Buffer      Number      Lookaside      Buffer      Buffer
      pool     Type      size      of buffers  hits           reads      write
      -----
      3  BOTH         512         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH        1024         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH        2048         4           537           14          0
      3  BOTH        4096         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH        8192         4           184           124         0
      3  BOTH       12288         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH       16384         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH       20480         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH       24576         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH       28672         0           0             0           0
      3  BOTH       32768         0           0             0           0

Files:

```

QMF Objects

Queries

CPA_LSR_ID_Q

A "pre-report" query. This lists the application ID and MVS ID combinations in the DB2 tables. This is not used in the report itself, but it is useful because the queries used in the report require you to specify values for an application ID and an MVS ID:

```

-----
SELECT MVSID, APPLID
   FROM CPA_HST040A
   GROUP BY MVSID, APPLID
-----

```

Figure 10. Tuning LSR buffers: pre-report query

The report consists of formatted output from the following queries:

CPA_LSR_HEADER_Q

Report header:

```

-----
SELECT APPLID,
       MVSID,
       DATE(START_DATE) AS START_DATE,
       TIME(START_DATE) AS START_TIME,
       DATE(STOP_DATE) AS STOP_DATE,
       TIME(STOP_DATE) AS STOP_TIME
FROM   (SELECT APPLID,
              MVSID,
              MIN(TIMESTAMP(START_DATE, START_TIME)) AS START_DATE,
              MAX(TIMESTAMP(START_DATE, START_TIME)) AS STOP_DATE
        FROM   &DATABASE.CPA_HST039A
        WHERE  APPLID=&APPLID AND
              MVSID=&MVSID
        GROUP BY
              APPLID,
              MVSID
        ) AS DUMMY;
-----

```

Figure 11. Tuning LSR buffers: report header query

CPA_LSR_POOLS_Q

Buffer pool statistics:

```

-----
SELECT
  LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
  MAX(MAX_KEY_LENGTH) AS MMAX_KEY_LENGTH,
  SUM(STRINGS) AS SUM_STRINGS,
  MAX(STRINGS_ACTIVE_PK) AS MAX_ACTIVE_PK,
  SUM(STRING_WAITS_TOTAL) AS SUM_WAITS_TOTAL,
  MAX(STRING_WAITS_PEAK) AS MAX_WAITS_PK
FROM
  &DATABASE.CPA_HST039A
WHERE
  APPLID = &APPLID AND
  MVSID = &MVSID
GROUP BY
  LSR_POOL_NUMBER;
-----

```

Figure 12. Tuning LSR buffers: pool statistics query

CPA_LSR_BUFFERS_Q

Buffer statistics:

```

-----
SELECT
  LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
  BUFFER_TYPE,
  BUFFER_SIZE,

```

```

BUFFERS,
SUM(LOOKASIDES)
  AS SUM_LOOKASIDES,
SUM(BUFFER_READS)
  AS SUM_BUFFER_READS,
SUM(USER_WRITES)
  AS SUM_USER_WRITES,
SUM(NONUSER_WRITES)
  AS SUM_NONUSER_WRITES,
CASE
  WHEN -- AVOID DIVISION BY ZERO; SET RESULT TO ZERO
    SUM(BUFFER_READS) + SUM(LOOKASIDES) = 0 THEN 0.0
  ELSE -- DERIVE PERCENTAGE OF LOOKASIDES
    DECIMAL(100 *
      FLOAT(SUM(LOOKASIDES)) /
      (SUM(LOOKASIDES) + SUM(BUFFER_READS)),
      5,1) -- FLOAT FORCES NON-INTEGER DIVISION
END
  AS LOOKASIDE_RATIO
FROM
  &DATABASE.CPA_HST039B
WHERE
  APPLID = &APPLID AND
  MVSID = &MVSID
GROUP BY
  LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
  BUFFER_TYPE,
  BUFFER_SIZE,
  BUFFERS;

```

Figure 13. Tuning LSR buffers: buffer statistics query

CPA_LSR_FILES_Q

File statistics:

```

-----
SELECT
  FILE_NAME,
  LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
  MAX_D_BUF_SIZE,
  MAX_I_BUF_SIZE,
  SUM_BUFFER_WAITS,
  SUM_BUF_WAITS_PEAK,
  SUM_STR_WAITS_TOT,
  SUM_STR_WAITS_PEAK,
  SUM_EXCP_REQ_DATA,
  SUM_EXCP_REQ_INDX,
  TOTAL_REQ,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_GET_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_GET,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_GETUPD_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_GETUPD,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_BROWSE_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_BROWSE,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_ADD_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_ADD,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_UPDATE_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_UPDATE,
  INT(100 * FLOAT(SUM_DELETE_REQ) / NULLIF(TOTAL_REQ, 0)) AS PC_GET,
  DATA_SET_NAME
FROM (SELECT
  &DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.FILE_NAME AS FILE_NAME,
  &DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.LSR_POOL_NUMBER AS LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
  MAX(DATA_BUFFER_SIZE) AS MAX_D_BUF_SIZE,

```



```

MAX(INDEX_BUFFER_SIZE) AS MAX_I_BUF_SIZE,
SUM(BUFFER_WAITS) AS SUM_BUFFER_WAITS,
SUM(BUFFER_WAITS_PEAK) AS SUM_BUF_WAITS_PEAK,
SUM(STRING_WAITS_TOTAL) AS SUM_STR_WAITS_TOT,
SUM(STRING_WAITS_PEAK) AS SUM_STR_WAITS_PEAK,
SUM(VSAM_EXCP_REQ_DATA) AS SUM_EXCP_REQ_DATA,
SUM(VSAM_EXCP_REQ_INDX) AS SUM_EXCP_REQ_INDX,
SUM(GET_REQUESTS) AS SUM_GET_REQ,
SUM(GET_UPDATE_REQ) AS SUM_GETUPD_REQ,
SUM(BROWSE_REQUESTS) AS SUM_BROWSE_REQ,
SUM(ADD_REQUESTS) AS SUM_ADD_REQ,
SUM(UPDATE_REQUESTS) AS SUM_UPDATE_REQ,
SUM(DELETE_REQUESTS) AS SUM_DELETE_REQ,
SUM(GET_REQUESTS) +
SUM(GET_UPDATE_REQ) +
SUM(BROWSE_REQUESTS) +
SUM(ADD_REQUESTS) +
SUM(UPDATE_REQUESTS) +
SUM(DELETE_REQUESTS) AS TOTAL_REQ,
DATA_SET_NAME
FROM
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A INNER JOIN &DATABASE.CPA_HST067A
ON
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.FILE_NAME = &DATABASE.CPA_HST067A.FILE_NAME
WHERE
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.APPLID = &APPLID AND
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.MVSID = &MVSID
GROUP BY
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.FILE_NAME,
&DATABASE.CPA_HST040A.LSR_POOL_NUMBER,
DATA_SET_NAME
) AS DUMMY;

```

Figure 14. Tuning LSR buffers: file statistics query

(Notice the use of the subquery to define the column TOTAL_REQ for use in the main query.)

Forms

One form for each of the four queries used in the report. The supplied forms have the same names as their matching queries, but with an _F suffix instead of a _Q suffix.

If you prefer to define these forms yourself, rather than importing the supplied objects, then refer to the "*_F.qmf" supplied files for formatting details. Save the forms using similar names as their matching queries: replace the _Q suffix with _F.

Procedure

One procedure, CPA_LSR_P, to concatenate the formatted query results into a single report:

```

SET PROFILE (CONFIRM=NO
SET GLOBAL (DATABASE=&DATABASE
SET GLOBAL (APPLID=&APPLID
SET GLOBAL (MVSID=&MVSID
-- Header
RUN QUERY CPA_LSR_HEADER_Q (
+&&DATABASE=&DATABASE,
+&&APPLID=&APPLID,
+&&MVSID=&MVSID,
+FORM=CPA_LSR_HEADER_F
PRINT REPORT (PRINTER=' ',WIDTH=165,
+LENGTH=CONT,DATETIME=NO,PAGENO=NO

```

```

-- Pools
RUN QUERY CPA_LSR_POOLS_Q (
+&&DATABASE=&DATABASE,
+&&APPLID=&APPLID,
+&&MVSID=&MVSID,
+FORM=CPA_LSR_POOLS_F
PRINT REPORT (PRINTER='',WIDTH=165,
+LENGTH=CONT, DATETIME=NO, PAGENO=NO
-- Buffers
RUN QUERY CPA_LSR_BUFFERS_Q (
+&&DATABASE=&DATABASE,
+&&APPLID=&APPLID,
+&&MVSID=&MVSID,
+FORM=CPA_LSR_BUFFERS_F
PRINT REPORT (PRINTER='',WIDTH=165,
+LENGTH=CONT, DATETIME=NO, PAGENO=NO
-- Files
RUN QUERY CPA_LSR_FILES_Q (
+&&DATABASE=&DATABASE,
+&&APPLID=&APPLID,
+&&MVSID=&MVSID,
+FORM=CPA_LSR_FILES_F
PRINT REPORT (PRINTER='',WIDTH=165,
+LENGTH=CONT, DATETIME=NO, PAGENO=NO

```

Figure 15. Tuning LSR buffers: report procedure

If you use your own naming convention for QMF objects, then replace the query and form names shown in the procedure listing above.

Notice how the commands that set or pass variable values refer to variable names (indicated by an ampersand prefix) instead of actual values. This is because we will call the procedure from batch JCL that sets the variable values.

This is an example of a linear QMF procedure: it contains no REXX logic. If you begin a QMF procedure with a REXX comment line, you can use REXX features such as subroutines to eliminate repetitive code. This is shown in the supplied procedure for importing and exporting QMF objects (CPA_LSR_PORT_P), in Appendix B, "Distributing QMF for z/OS objects via PC".

QMF tips

- To define a new query in QMF:
 1. On the QMF command line, enter RESET QUERY.
 2. Begin typing the query on the QMF panel, or enter EDIT to use the ISPF editor. If you choose to use the ISPF editor, then exit the editor when you have finished typing (you cannot enter QMF commands on the ISPF editor command line).
 3. To test the query, enter RUN.
 4. On the QMF command line, enter SAVE AS name (up to 16 characters: we recommend that you use uppercase only).
- To display an existing QMF object (such as a query), enter DISPLAY objectname.
- Use a consistent naming convention for QMF objects (such as standard suffixes for object types: _Q for query, _F for form, _P for procedure).
- To begin defining a new procedure in QMF, enter RESET PROC.

Scenario 4. Comparing current and previous CICS performance

To compare the performance of your CICS systems before and after migrating from one CICS TS release to another, you can use the CICS PA Transaction Profiling report. The Transaction Profiling report can show differences between the before and after data as a "delta" (after minus before values) or as a percentage change.

To supplement the CICS PA Transaction Profiling report, you can use the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in supplied with this SupportPac to provide a graphical representation of the before and after data. To use this add-in, you need two CSV files from CICS PA: one containing a summary of performance data for a time period before migration, the other containing a similar summary of performance data for a time period after migration. The add-in creates an Excel workbook that shows differences between the two CSV files, with increases highlighted in red and decreases highlighted in green: the greater the percentage difference, the deeper the intensity of color. The following figure illustrates this approach to comparing before and after performance data:

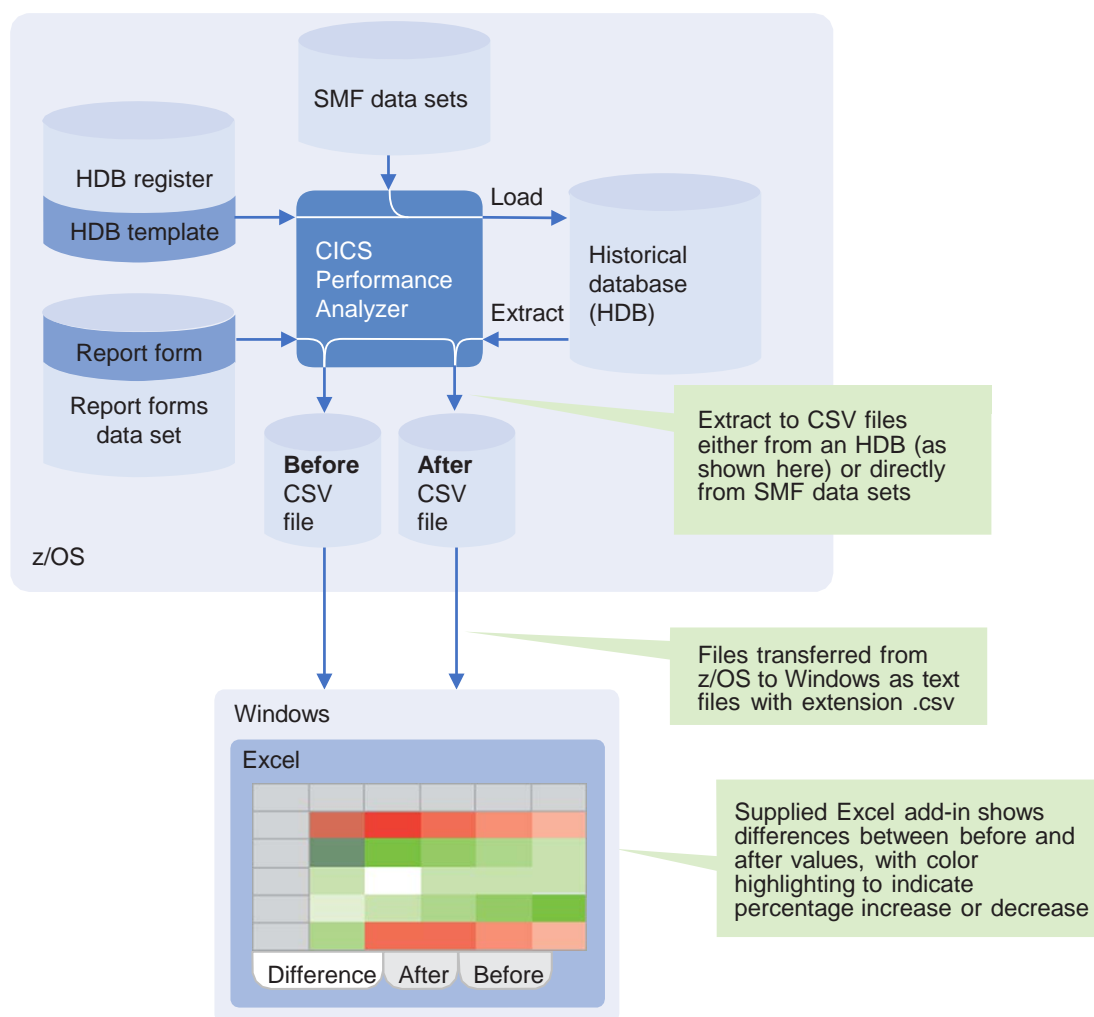


Figure 16. CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in: overview

Here is a sample comparison created by the add-in:

Tran	#Tasks	Response Time Avg	Dispatch Time Avg	User CPU Time Avg	Suspend Time Avg	QR CPU Time Avg	KY8 CPU Time Avg	L8 CPU Time Avg
A101	-15	0.010186	0.011222	0.002082	-0.00291	-4.00E-05	7.00E-05	0.001558
A102	8	-0.01501	0.003454	0.001642	-0.01973	-1.00E-05	-3.90E-04	0.00105
A103	7	6.48E-03	6.13E-03	0.002096	-0.00138	0	-1.40E-04	0.001504
A104	6	-8.05E-03	8.31E-03	0.00133	-0.01808	-1.90E-04	-9.60E-04	8.76E-04
A105	0	6.51E-03	0.009418	0.001992	-0.0044	0	-1.00E-05	0.001394
A106	24	8.11E-03	0.008484	0.0029	-0.00186	-1.00E-05	6.50E-04	0.002354
A109	2	0.016988	0.014272	0.003016	0.00112	-1.00E-05	5.90E-04	0.002454
A110	0	-9.30E-03	0.004936	0.001496	-0.01728	-0.00015	-0.00037	0.00101
A115	-6	-4.48E-03	-2.05E-03	0.001734	-0.00293	-8.00E-05	-0.00027	0.00111
A116	0	0.013184	0.012018	0.001216	2.50E-04	-1.00E-05	-2.00E-05	0.000792
A117	-1	0.001882	0.00163	0.00139	-7.00E-04	1.60E-04	7.00E-05	0.00077
A118								
A124	-1	0.001362	0.000976	0.0007	0.00018	-7.00E-05	-0.00003	0.000446

Figure 17. CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in: sample comparison

In this sample, we can see that L8 CPU times have increased, possibly indicating issues related to DB2 or threadsafe processing. (Note that this sample was generated using data from systems in a development environment, and does not reflect typical before/after migration differences in a production environment.)

A sample workbook created by this add-in is supplied with this SupportPac in the file "CICS PA Compare Before-After - sample.xlsx".

When you run the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in, you specify the locations of the before and after CSV files, and also a minimum and a maximum percentage difference for highlighting. Percentage differences less than the minimum value are not highlighted. Percentage differences up to the maximum value are highlighted in colors of increasing intensity. The deepest intensity color indicates percentage differences greater than the maximum value. The following figure shows the "Key to colors" sheet in a workbook created by this add-in, illustrating how these minimum and maximum values determine the highlighting:



Figure 18. CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in: sample comparison: how minimum and maximum percentage differences affect color highlighting

Note: This add-in was initially presented as a macro in the IBM redbook *Migration Considerations for CICS Using CICS CM, PA, and IA SG24-7294-00*.

Distributing Excel macros in add-ins versus workbooks

The macros for this scenario are provided in an Excel add-in (.xlam) file. Add-in files offer several benefits over workbook (.xlsx) files as a way of distributing macros to other users:

- Users can run macros in add-ins without lowering their macro security level.
- If your macros add interactive features to a workbook, then rather than embedding the macros in each workbook, you can run them from an add-in. As you introduce new features to your macros, users can simply install an updated add-in, rather updating or recreating each workbook.

To save a workbook as an add-in, click **File > Save As... > Save as type: Excel Add-In (*.xlam)**.

Installing the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in

The add-in consists of a single file, "CICS PA Compare Before-After.xlam". If you know how to install Excel add-ins, skip the detailed procedure below and just install the add-in; it has no special installation requirements.

To install the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in:

1. Close any open Excel windows.
2. Copy the add-in file "CICS PA Compare Before-After.xlam" to your Excel add-ins folder.

Typical path of add-ins folder for Excel 2010 and Excel 2016 users:

C:\Users\\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\AddIns

If you cannot see the AppData folder

Windows classifies your AppData folder as a “hidden” folder. If you cannot see this folder in Windows Explorer, you need to adjust your View options: in Windows Explorer, click **File > Options... > View > Hidden files and folders > Show hidden files, folders and drives.**

About the Excel add-ins folders

Storing add-in files in your Excel add-ins folder has two benefits:

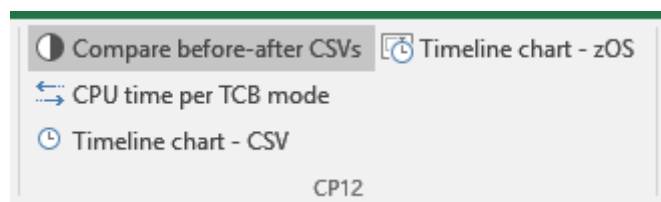
- In the Excel security model, your Excel add-ins folder is known as a “trusted location”.
- To install an Excel add-in, you select it from a list of available add-ins displayed by the Excel Add-Ins dialog box (we will do this in a later step). If the add-in is already in your Excel add-ins folder, the add-in automatically appears in this list; otherwise, you must click a Browse button on the dialog box to locate the add-in.

3. Start Excel.
4. For Excel 2010 or Excel 2016 users: select **File > Options > Add-ins > In the Manage list in the lower left select Excel Add-ins > click Go.**

The Add-In dialog box appears, showing the list of available add-ins. A selected checkbox next to an add-in indicates that the add-in is installed. An unselected checkbox indicates that an add-in is available for installation, but is not currently installed.

5. Select the checkbox next to the **CICS PA Compare Before-After** Excel add-in (if this add-in does not appear in the list of available add-ins, click the **Browse** button to locate it).
6. Click **OK** to close the Add-Ins dialog box.

An option for the macro appears on the **Home** tab, CP12 group.



Using the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in

To use the add-in:

1. Use CICS PA to create two performance data extracts.

If you want to try the add-in before using your own data, use the sample files "CICS PA Compare Before-After - before.csv" and "CICS PA Compare Before-After - after.csv" supplied with this SupportPac.

To ensure that the extracts you create are compatible with the add-in:

- Specify a comma (,) as the delimiter character, not the CICS PA default semicolon (;).
- Include field labels.
- Do not select the (z/OS host-specific) float format for numeric fields.
- Transfer the CSV file to your PC as an ASCII text file with file extension .csv.
- Use a summary report form that has only one key field, such as transaction ID (TRAN). For example, use the sample summary report form CPU5SUM supplied with CICS PA.

Note: If you are extracting from an HDB, you cannot use any field with the MAX function because MAX values are not stored in the HDB. In that situation, change MAX to TOT or remove the MAX field from the form before you perform the extract.

- The two extracts should use the same field for the first column, and some of the same fields for other columns (so that there is some data to compare!), but the extracts do not need to have the same number of columns or rows.

The add-in compares cells that have the same row and column headings, and marks with diagonal hatching any cells that appear in one extract but not the other. Except for the first column heading, the column and row headings do not need to be in the same order in the two extracts: the comparison is based on matching column and row headings, not on ordinal cell positions. For example, although the “before” and “after” extracts must use the same field, such as transaction ID, for their first column (the row headings), the “after” extract does not need to contain all the transaction IDs that appear in the “before” extract.

2. Start Excel, and then click **Compare before-after CSVs** in the CP12 group on the **Home** tab.
3. Select the two CSV files, specify minimum and maximum percentage differences, and then click **Compare**.

The add-in creates a new workbook like the one shown at the start of this scenario. You can save this workbook and make it available to users who do not have the add-in installed; the add-in is only required for creating the workbook.

After using this add-in to highlight differences in before and after data, you can use the formatted reports provided by CICS PA to identify the issues that caused those differences.

Other uses for the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in

While this add-in is useful for comparing performance differences before and after migration to a new CICS TS release, the before and after CSV files can contain data for any two time periods. For example, you could create a CSV file summarizing CICS performance for the last year, and compare that with a CSV file summarizing CICS performance for the last week. Or you could create a “benchmark” CSV file containing values required to meet a service-level agreement, and use that as a “before” CSV file to compare with current performance. In fact, you can use this add-in to compare any two CSV files containing numerical data with row and column headings, where at least some of the headings in the two files match. For example, you could use this add-in to compare CSV files generated by IBM IMS™ Performance Analyzer for z/OS (IMS PA).

Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes

To tune the performance of threadsafe CICS applications, or to review which of your CICS applications are candidates for being defined as threadsafe, it is useful to know how many times your CICS transactions switch between task control block (TCB) modes, and how much CPU time they spend in each TCB mode.

In this scenario, we create charts of this TCB mode data, first using a CICS PA performance summary data extract to get an overview, and then, for more a detailed view, a performance list data extract. For more information on analyzing the data in these charts, see the IBM redbook Threadsafe Considerations for CICS, SG24-6351-04.

To chart the summary data, we use the **CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis** Excel add-in supplied with this SupportPac. This add-in requires an extract that you have created using the sample summary report form CPU5SEXT supplied with CICS PA. The report form contains the TCB mode-related fields that we are interested in, summarized by transaction ID. Here is an example summary chart generated by the add-in:

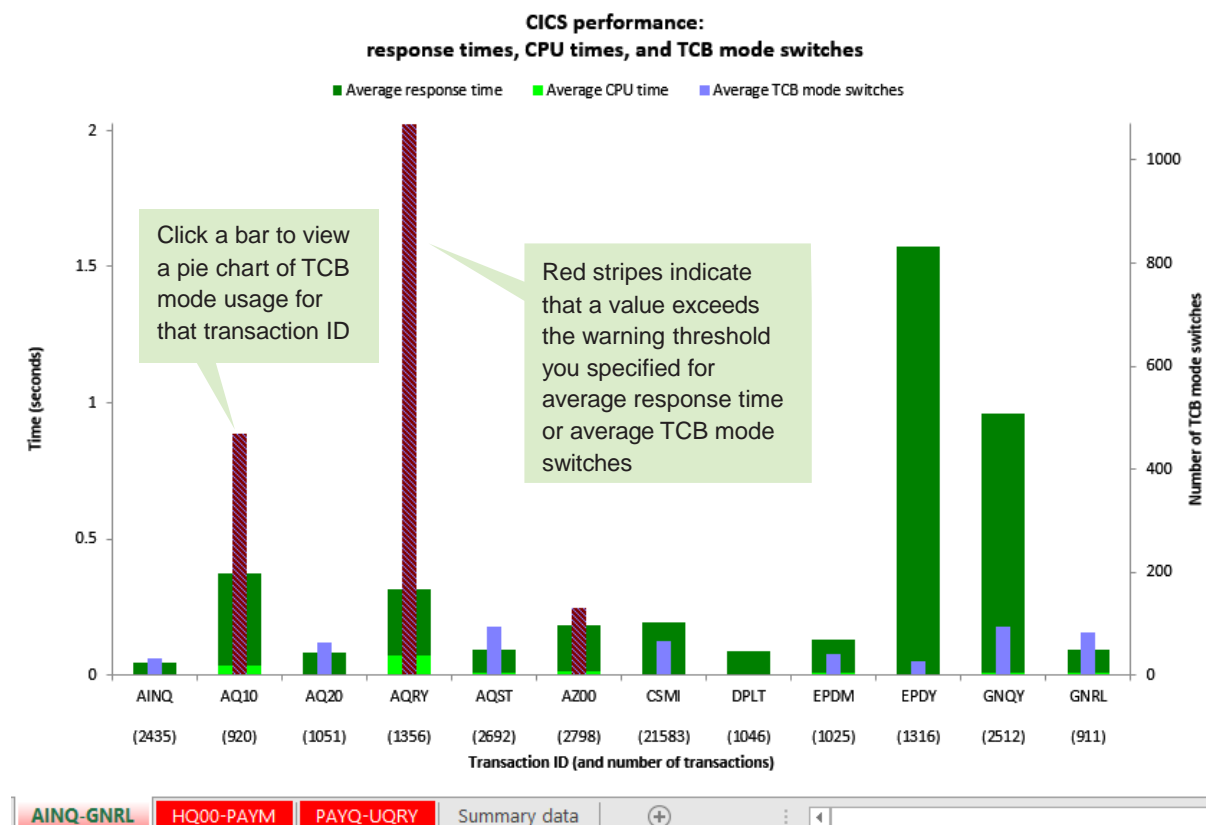


Figure 19. CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in: summary chart

You can click a bar in the summary chart to display a pie chart of average CPU time per TCB mode for that transaction ID:

CICS transaction ID: EPDY
Average CPU time per TCB mode

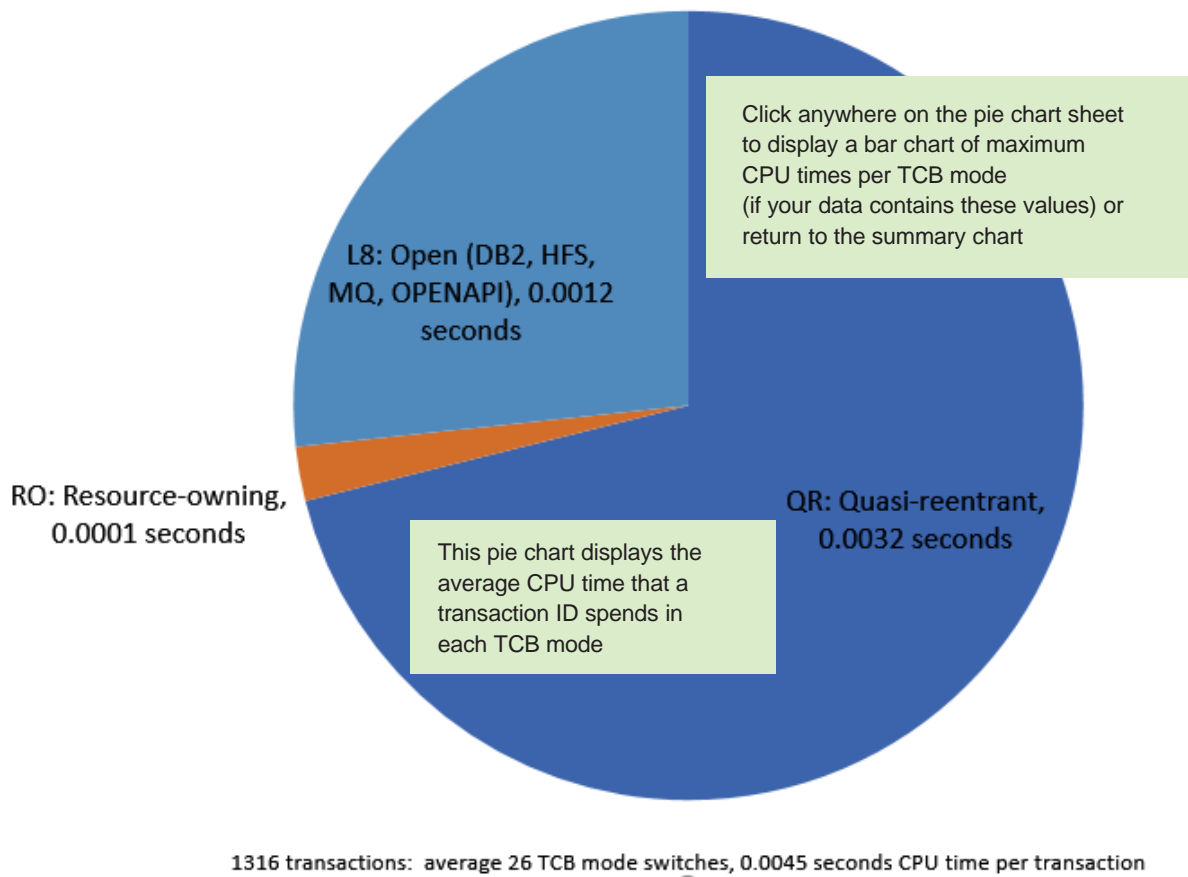


Figure 20. CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in: pie chart of average CPU time per TCB mode for a particular transaction ID

High numbers of TCB mode switches indicate that the application code for a transaction might require tuning.

Click anywhere on the pie chart to see a bar chart of maximum CPU time per TCB mode for that transaction.

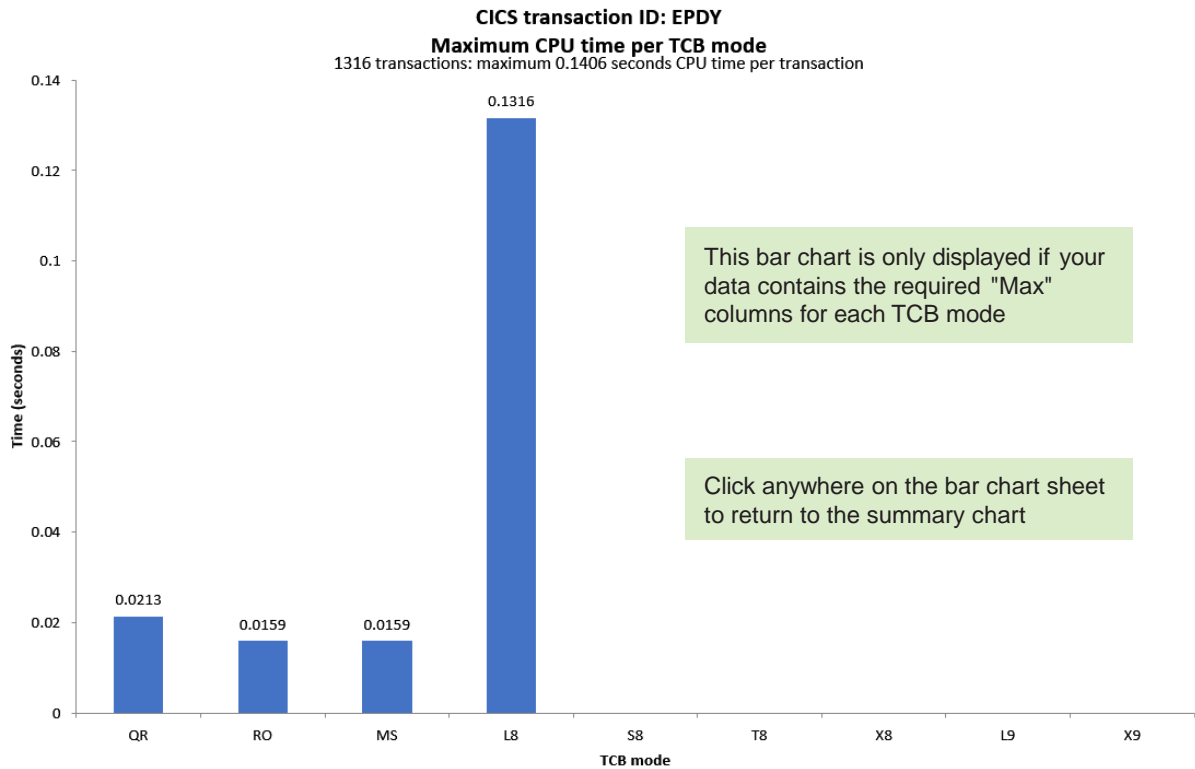


Figure 21. CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in: bar chart of maximum CPU time per TCB mode for a particular transaction ID

To chart the list data, we use the **CICS PA Timeline Chart** Excel add-in supplied with this SupportPac. This add-in, which you can use to chart any CICS PA performance or statistics extract that contains a timestamp field, charts timestamp values along the X-axis and data values along the Y-axis. To chart the list data for this scenario, we use an extract created using the sample list report form CPU5LEXT supplied with CICS PA. This extract contains TCB mode-related fields for individual transaction instances. Here is an example chart generated by the add-in:

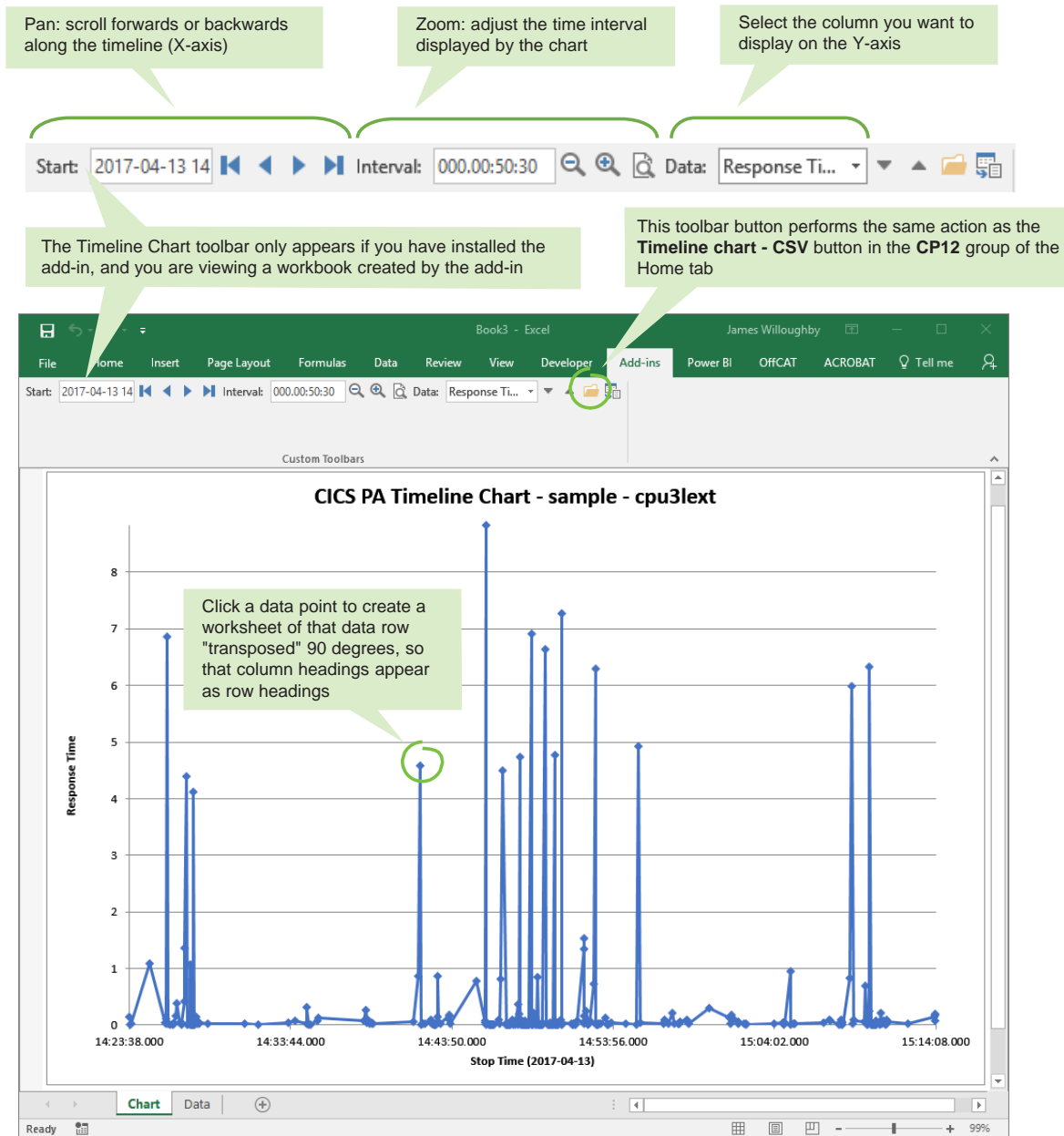


Figure 22. CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in: charting a performance list data extract

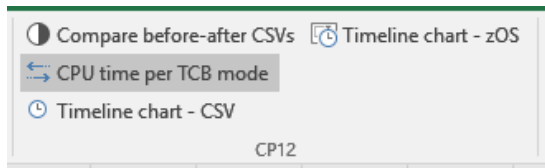
Creating TCB mode analysis charts

To create the TCB mode analysis charts:

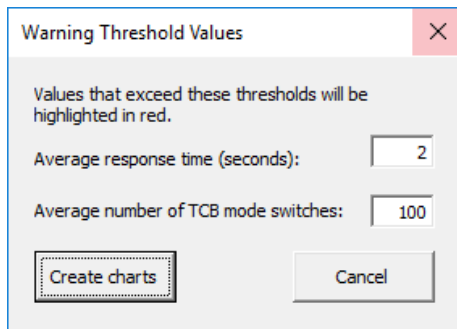
1. Install the **CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis** Excel add-in. For details, see the equivalent procedure for "Installing the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in".
2. Use CICS PA to create a performance summary data extract:
 - Base the extract on the sample summary report form CPU5SEXT.
 - Specify a comma (,) as the delimiter character, not the CICS PA default semicolon (;).
 - Include field labels.
 - Do not select the (z/OS host-specific) float format for numeric fields.
 - Transfer the CSV file to your PC as an ASCII text file with file extension .csv.

See the sample file "CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis - sample.csv".

- In Excel, select the **CPU time per TCB mode** option in the **CP12** group on the **Home** tab.



- Select the CSV file.
- Specify warning threshold values for average response time and TCB mode switches (or leave the default values unchanged), and then click **Create charts**.



- When prompted, save the produced spreadsheet as an Excel (.xlsx) file.

Note: In CICS TS 4.1 and 4.2, processor time can be recorded to the J8 or J9 TCB, but the fields for the J8 and J9 TCB modes were removed in CICS TS 5.1. The Excel macros for this scenario are designed with the assumption that the J8 and J9 fields are not present, and therefore any processor time recorded to the J8 or J9 TCBS is not shown in the charts for this scenario.

Creating a timeline chart

This timeline chart shows individual records and uses a list report form rather than a summary report form to provide the CSV extract. So that Excel has a manageable amount of data to work with, try to limit the number of records by choosing a narrow date/time range for **Report Interval** when you extract the data.

To create a timeline chart for detailed analysis of TCB mode CPU times:

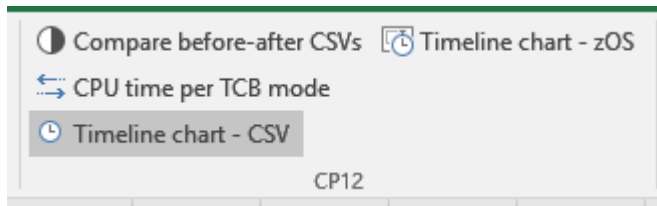
- Install the **CICS PA Timeline Chart** Excel add-in. For details, see the procedure for "Installing the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in".
- Use CICS PA to create a performance list data extract:
 - Base the extract on the sample list report form CPU5LEXT.
 - Specify a comma (,) as the delimiter character, not the CICS PA default semicolon (;).
 - Include field labels.
 - Do not select the (z/OS host-specific) float format for numeric fields.
 - Choose a narrow date/time range for **Report Interval** when you extract the data, to limit the number of records to be charted.

A sample extract "CICS PA Timeline Chart - sample - cpu5lext.csv" is provided.

In the following step, you can choose to either transfer the extract to your PC (using whatever transfer method you normally use), or have the add-in transfer the extract for you (and, optionally, submit the job on z/OS to create the extract).

- To transfer and then use the extract on your PC:

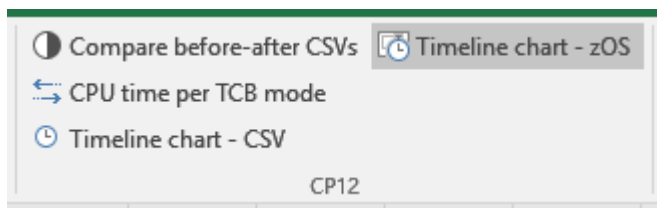
- a. Transfer the extract to your PC as an ASCII text file with file extension .csv.
- b. In Excel, click **Timeline chart – CSV** on the toolbar.



- c. Browse to the extract CSV file.
A spreadsheet containing the timeline chart is created.

4. To have the add-in transfer the extract for you from z/OS:

- a. In Excel, click **Timeline chart - zOS** on the toolbar.



- b. Use the dialog box to specify the file transfer protocol (FTP) details:

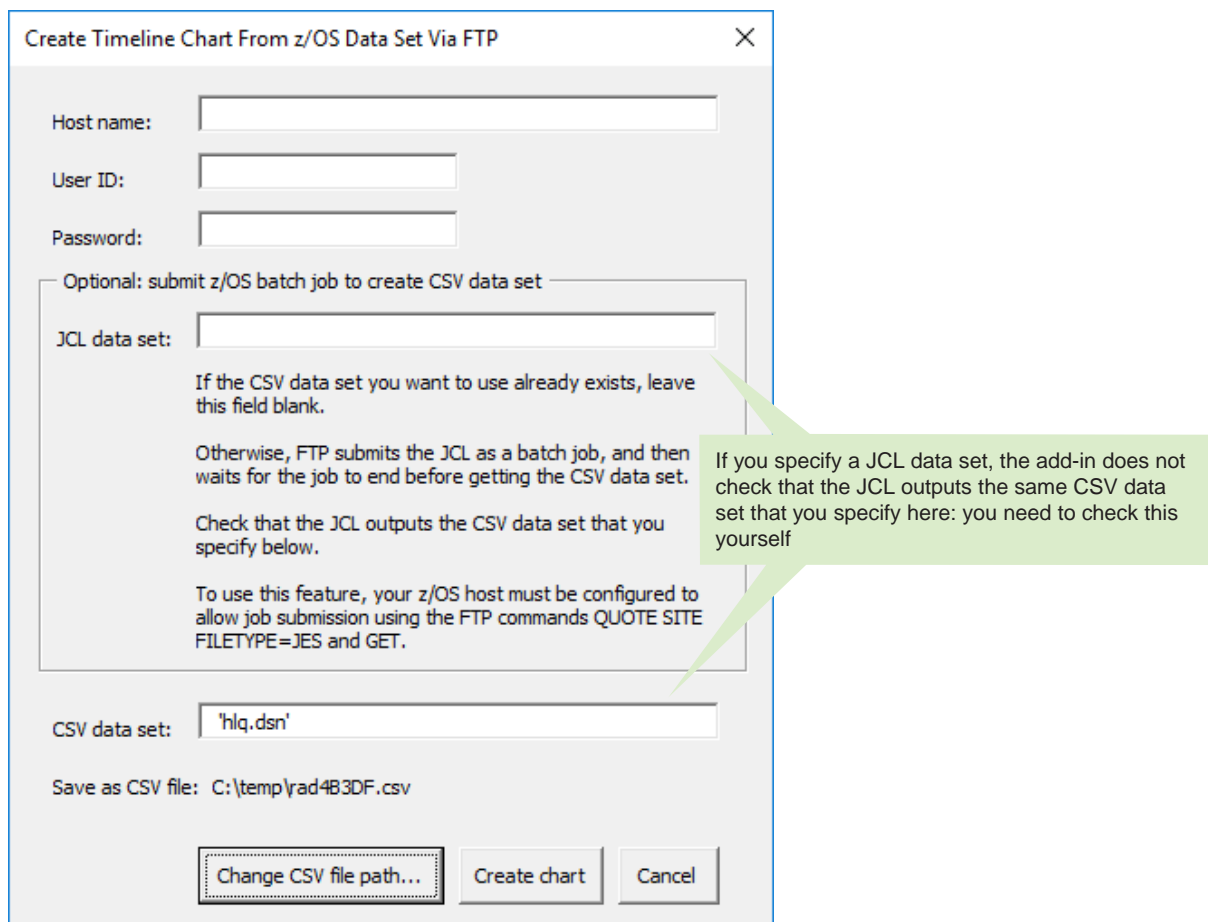
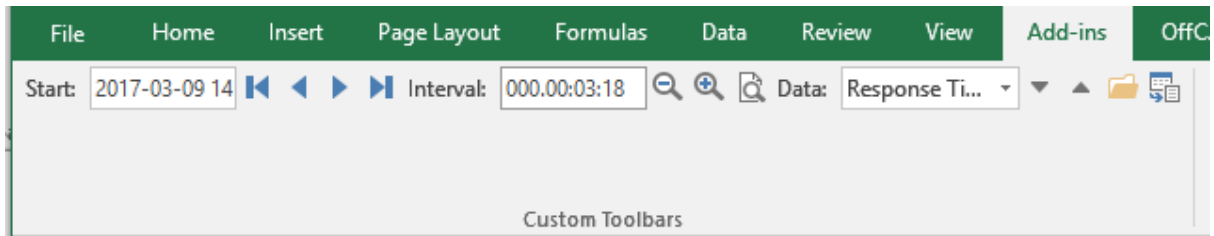


Figure 23. CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in: creating timeline chart from a z/OS data set via FTP

- c. If you want, click **Change CSV file path** to change the pathname of the CSV file to which the z/OS data set will be saved.
- d. Click **Create chart**.

A spreadsheet containing the timeline chart is created.

5. Click the **Add-ins** tab to see and use the **Timeline** toolbar.



Usage notes for the CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in:

1. When charting a CSV file of performance data:

- The CSV file must contain a timestamp field for the chart's X-axis, such as the CICS PA performance field START (which appears in the CSV file with the column heading "Start Time"), and at least one numeric or clock field for charting on the Y-axis, such as RESPONSE ("Response Time").
- This add-in bases the chart X-axis on the first field, or pair of fields, in the CSV file whose values look like a timestamp:

- First, the add-in looks for a column that contains date and time values in the format yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss (CICS PA DATETIM presentation format: ISO 8601 date format and time format, separated by a space), optionally followed by .thm (decimal fractions of a second).
- Otherwise, the add-in looks for a column that contains date values in the format yyyy-mm-dd (CICS PA DATEISO presentation format) immediately followed by a column that contains time values in the format hh:mm:ss.thm (TIMET) or hh:mm:ss (TIMES).

To achieve this, you use a CICS PA report form containing two consecutive timestamp fields: the first specifying DATEISO format (resulting in a column with a heading such as "Start Date"), the second specifying TIMET or TIMES format ("Start Time"). The add-in combines the date and time into a single column (in the previous example, "Start Time") with the date and time values separated by a space.

- If the add-in finds a time column before it finds a date column, it prompts the user to enter a date, and then prepends that date to the values in the time column. The add-in does not try to detect whether the time values cross date boundaries: it prepends the same date to all time values. This method is provided to support extracts created using report forms that do not include the date portion of the timestamp. It is recommended that you use report forms that include the date.
- If the add-in does not find any of the above, it displays a box, and does not create a chart.
- This add-in does not currently support date-only timestamps.
- By default, the chart displays the first numeric or clock column on the Y-axis. So, if you use a report form to create the CSV file, place the fields that you are most interested in (such as response time) ahead of less important fields.

2. When charting a CSV file of statistics data: the add-in bases the chart X-axis on the values under the "Start Time" column heading. values represent the statistics interval collection start time in a combined date/time format.
3. Before creating the chart, the add-in sorts the data by the timeline (X-axis) column.
4. The add-in opens your CSV file as a single worksheet.
5. After using the add-in to create a timeline chart from the CSV file, you can save the generated workbook as an Excel workbook (.xlsx), and then re-open it later. The custom "Timeline Chart" toolbar only appears when the active workbook contains a timeline chart.
6. You can send a workbook created by this add-in to other Excel users: if they also have this add-in installed, then they will be able to navigate the timeline chart using the custom toolbar. Otherwise, they will only see the chart in the state you last saved it.
7. The add-in is not designed to support changes to the original data, with one exception: you can add new formula-based columns to the sheet, and then chart those columns by selecting their headings from the **Data** dropdown list of the custom toolbar, just like original data columns. For details on adding formula-based columns to a timeline chart, see "Scenario 6. Transaction statistics".
8. The add-in excludes "TaskNo" and "VRM" from the dropdown list of chartable columns.
9. To filter the chart data, click the AutoFilter arrows in the column headings on the Data sheet.

Lost Timeline toolbar?

If you cannot see the **Timeline** toolbar in a workbook that you created when doing this scenario, do the following steps:

1. In Excel, choose **File**, on the right side, choose **Properties > Advanced Properties**, and click the **Custom** tab.
2. Make sure there is a custom property called **Timeline Chart**, with a value of Yes.
3. Close and reopen the Excel workbook.

When you open the workbook, Excel checks whether this property is set to Yes, and if so displays the **Timeline** toolbar. You also need to have the **CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis** Excel add-in installed.

Scenario 6. Transaction statistics

You can use the **CICS PA Timeline Chart** Excel add-in introduced in the previous scenario to chart CICS statistics data. This can help you to identify anomalies or patterns of activity in your CICS transactions.

Here is an example timeline chart of Transaction Manager global statistics extracted from a CICS PA statistics HDB. To extract the same data, in a report set, under **Extracts > Statistics**, under **Extract Focus**, select **Statistics Reports**, and then activate **Regions > Transaction Manager**.

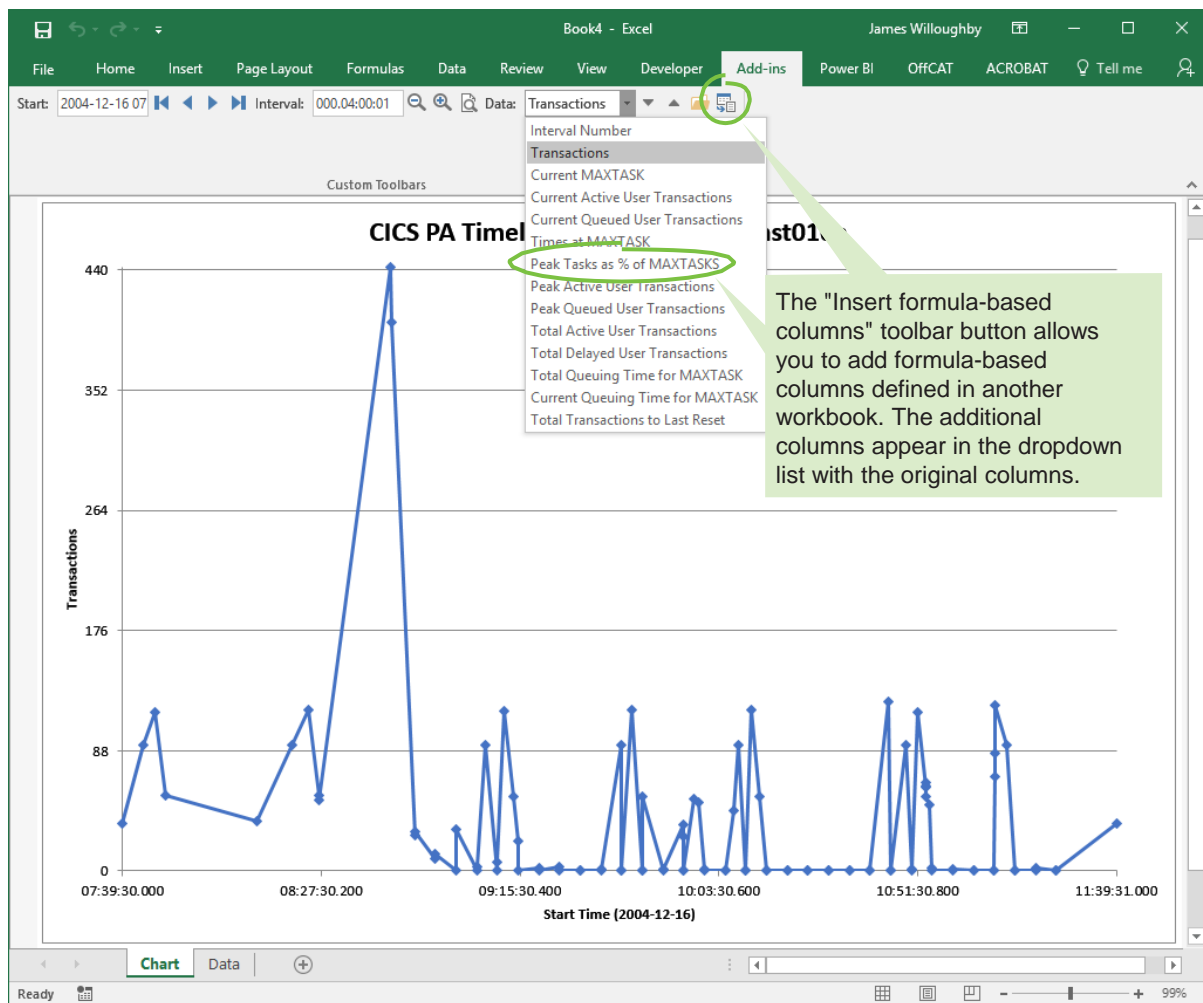


Figure 24. CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in: charting a statistics data extract

Notice the data column heading "Peak Tasks As % Of MAXTASKS" highlighted in the figure. This column does not exist in the CSV file originally created by CICS PA: we added it later.

To add a new column to the Data sheet of a timeline chart workbook:

1. Display the Data sheet in Excel.
2. Insert a new blank column: select an existing column (for example, by clicking the letter above the column heading), right-click and click **Insert > Columns**.
3. Enter a column heading in the first row of the new column.
4. Enter a formula into the second row of the new column. For example, if Column N is Peak Active User Transactions and column I is Current MAXTASK, enter:

$$=N2/I2*100$$

Note: In Excel 2007, the Accept Labels in Formulas property was deprecated so, in subsequent versions of Excel, you cannot refer to columns using their column headings; you must use cell references such as N2 instead.

5. Double-click the fill handle (the small black square in the lower right corner) of the selected cell. This copies the formula and format to all used rows in the sheet.
6. Click the "Chart" sheet tab to display the timeline chart sheet. The add-in automatically updates the dropdown list of chartable columns to include the new column.

If you have previously saved a workbook that contains formula-based columns, and you now want to add these columns to a timeline chart that you have just created from a CSV file created by CICS PA:

1. Open the timeline chart workbook to which you want to add the formula-based columns. The **Data** sheet in this workbook must not contain any formula-based columns.
2. On the **Timeline** toolbar, click the **"Insert formula-based columns..."** button, which is the last button on the right.
3. Select a workbook containing a worksheet that has the same headings as the Data sheet in the open timeline chart workbook, in exactly the same order, but with additional formula-based columns (these can appear in any column position; for example, in between original column headings).

The workbook that you select could be a timeline chart workbook to which you have added formula-based columns, or it could be a workbook that you have created separately. If the workbook does not contain a sheet named "Data", the add-in uses the first sheet in the workbook. This sheet must contain at least two rows: headings on the first row, and formulas for the derived columns on the second row. For original columns, the second row can contain example values to test the formulas in the derived columns; otherwise, the values in the original columns are not significant.

The add-in inserts the derived column headings and formulas from the selected workbook into the Data sheet of the open timeline chart. You can then select these new columns from the dropdown list of chartable columns, just like any of the original columns.

To test this toolbar button, create a timeline chart from the supplied CSV file "CICS PA Timeline Chart - sample - hst010a.csv", click the **"Insert formula-based columns..."** button, and then select the supplied workbook "CICS PA Timeline Chart - derived column definitions - hst010a.xlsx". This inserts the new derived column "Peak Tasks As % Of MAXTASKS".

When charting CICS statistics data, you will typically want to filter the data by the statistics interval collection type: for example, to only show INT intervals. To do this, click the AutoFilter arrows on the Data sheet:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
	Start Time	APPLID	MVSID	VRM	Interval Type	Interval Duration	Interval Number	Transactions	Current MAXTASK	Current Active User Tr
1								0	35	32
2	2004-12-16 07:39:30.000	CICSPAC1	CS01	6	Sort Ascending					32
3	2004-12-16 07:44:24.000	CICSP4A1	CS01	6	Sort Descending					32
4	2004-12-16 07:47:23.000	CICSP4A1	CS01	6	(All)					32
5	2004-12-16 07:49:44.000	CICSP4A1	CS01	6	(Top 10...)					32
6	2004-12-16 08:12:01.000	CICSPAC1	CS01	640	EOD			0	30	32

Figure 25. CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in: filtering statistics data by interval collection type

Appendixes

Appendix A. Transferring CSV files interactively

To transfer a CSV file from the host to your PC interactively:

1. Click the **Start** button on the Windows taskbar.
2. Click **Run...**

The Run dialog box appears.

3. Enter **cmd**

A command-line window appears.

4. Enter **ftp**

The **ftp>** prompt replaces the Windows command prompt.

5. Enter **open host**

where *host* is the computer name, IP address, or IPv6 address your /OS host.

The FTP client attempts to open a connection to your z/OS host. If successful, a "Connected to..." message appears, followed by a prompt for your user ID. (If the "Connected to..." message does not appear, contact your system administrator.)

6. Enter your TSO user ID, and then your password.
7. Enter **ascii**

This instructs FTP to transfer files as text, and to perform any character set conversion necessary: in this case, we want to transfer our EBCDIC-encoded CSV data set to the PC as an ASCII-encoded (plain text) file.

Now we are ready to transfer the file from the host.

8. Enter **get host_dsn local_file_path**

where:

host_dsn

Fully qualified data set name of the CSV data set (or PDS member) that you want to transfer, including enclosing single quotes. (If you omit the enclosing quotes, then FTP prepends your user ID as a high-level qualifier.)

local_file_path

Absolute path of the destination file on your PC. If the path contains spaces, then enclose the path in double quotes.

For example:

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get 'MYID.CICSPA.CSV(TEST0001)' "C:\My Downloads\test0001.csv"
```

If the transfer is successful, a "Transfer completed successfully" message appears.

9. Enter **quit**

This ends the FTP session, and returns you to the Windows command prompt.

10. Enter **exit**

This closes the command-line window.

Appendix B. Distributing QMF for z/OS objects via PC

Some of the supplied files have the extension ".qmf". These are QMF for z/OS objects that have been exported to data sets, and then transferred as text files to PC, so that they can be distributed to you in a .zip file. To use these .qmf files, you must transfer them to z/OS, and then import them into QMF. A Windows script and a QMF procedure are supplied to help automate these steps, as described in "Scenario 3. Tuning LSR buffer pools".

To enable you to distribute your own QMF for z/OS objects, the supplied files also include the scripts for exporting QMF objects and transferring them to your PC. This provides you with the ability to "round-trip" QMF objects between your z/OS host and your Windows PC.

You can use the QMF procedure (supplied in CPA_LSR_PORT_P.qmf) to import or export QMF objects.

To put a set of .qmf files onto a z/OS host via FTP, run the supplied Windows script "Transfer QMF objects - put onto host.wsf". The script must be in the same folder as the .qmf files.

To get all the data sets under a specified high-level qualifier from a z/OS host via FTP, and save them as .qmf files, run the supplied Windows script "Transfer QMF objects - get from host.wsf". This saves the .qmf files to the same folder as the script.

Both Windows scripts rely on a common VBScript code module, "Transfer QMF objects - code.vbs".

Appendix C. List of supplied sample files

Here is a list of the files supplied with this SupportPac:

Licenses/Lic_*.txt

Software license agreement in various languages, in plain-text. The English version is Lic_en.txt.

cp12.pdf

This document, in Adobe PDF format.

CICS charts - macros.xlsm

Excel workbook containing macros that create the charts for "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?" and "Scenario 2. Why is a transaction slow?"

CICS charts - scenario 1 - example.xlsx

Excel workbook containing example charts for "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?"

CICS charts - scenario 1 - example.csv

Plain-text comma-separated value (CSV) file containing sample data for "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?"

CICS charts - scenario 1.bat

Batch file that calls the Windows script file (below) that calls the Excel macro for "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?". Together with the Windows script file, this demonstrates how to automate chart creation without any user interaction. For details on this approach, see "Running the macro from scripts and batch files".

CICS charts - scenario 1.wsf

Windows script file that calls the Excel macro for "Scenario 1. Are we meeting service-level agreements?"

CICS charts - scenario 2 - example.xlsx

Excel workbook containing example charts for "Scenario 2. Why is a transaction slow?"

To create these charts yourself, open "CICS charts -macros.xlsm", run the macro SamplePerformanceChartSet, and select the supplied CSV file "CICS charts - scenario 2 – sample performance data.csv".

CICS charts - scenario 2 - sample performance data.csv

Plain-text comma-separated value (CSV) file containing sample data for "Scenario 2. Why is a transaction slow?"

CPA_LSR_*.qmf

Plain-text files containing exported QMF objects for "Scenario 3. Tuning LSR buffer pools".

batch-QMF-JCL.txt

Sample JCL for "Scenario 3. Tuning LSR buffer pools".

CICS PA Compare Before-After.xlam

CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in for "Scenario 4. Comparing current and previous CICS performance".

CICS PA Compare Before-After - after.csv

Sample CSV file for use with the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in.

CICS PA Compare Before-After - before.csv

Sample CSV file for use with the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in.

CICS PA Compare Before-After - sample.xlsx

Excel workbook created by the CICS PA Compare Before-After Excel add-in.

CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis.xlam

CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in for "Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes".

CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis - sample.csv

Sample CSV file of performance summary data for use with the CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in. This CSV file was created using the sample report form CPU5SEXT supplied with CICS PA.

CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis - sample.xlsx

Excel workbook created by the CICS PA TCB Mode Analysis Excel add-in.

CICS PA Timeline Chart.xlam

CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in for "Scenario 5. Threadsafe performance issues: TCB CPU usage and change modes" and "Scenario 6. Transaction statistics".

CICS PA Timeline Chart - derived column definitions - hst010a.xlsx

Excel workbook containing a worksheet with columns that match a CSV file created by CICS PA from Transaction Manager statistics (for example, CICS PA Timeline Chart - sample - hst010a.csv), plus a new "derived" column whose values are defined by a formula. This workbook is for use with the "Insert formula-based columns..." button on the Timeline toolbar.

For details, see "Scenario 6. Transaction statistics".

CICS PA Timeline Chart - sample – cpu5lxt.csv

Sample CSV file of performance list data for use with the CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in. This CSV file was created using the sample report form CPU5LXT supplied with CICS PA.

CICS PA Timeline Chart - sample - hst010a.csv

Sample CSV file of statistics data for use with the CICS PA Timeline Chart Excel add-in. This CSV file contains Transaction Manager statistics extracted from a CICS PA statistics HDB.

Query zOS-based DB2 table.xlsm

Excel workbook containing a rudimentary macro function for querying a z/OS-based DB2 table. You can use this function to test your connection to DB2 tables on z/OS. For details, see "Testing the connection from Excel to DB2".

Transfer QMF objects - *.*

Scripts to transfer exported QMF objects between z/OS and Windows. For details, see Appendix B, "Distributing QMF for z/OS objects via PC".

Appendix D: Notices and Trademarks

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