

Using Proactive Analytics to Better Manage Your IT Operations

Track 5 Session 2 :

Search and analyze logs to perform faster root cause analysis and avoid problems by detecting emerging problems.





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Rapid growth of data from next generation technologies can be supported seamlessly on z Systems

System z scaling model and security to manage and optimize both



- Business Transactions
- Quality of Service
- Command & Control
- Facts and data "source of truth"
- z Systems

- Mobile and Social
- Dynamic
- Interactions and Collaboration
- Insight, trends, analytics
- Linux on z



Organizations using analytics have been shown to outperform competition and improve business results

More organizations are using analytics to create a competitive advantage

> Respondents who believe analytics creates a competitive advantage



Source: The New Intelligent Enterprise, a joint MIT Sloan Management Review and IBM Institute of Business Value analytics research partnership.

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And leaders are outperforming their competitors in key financial measures

1.6X Revenue growth

2.0X EBITDA growth (pre-tax net income growth)

2.5X Stock price appreciation

Source: Outperforming in a data-rich, hyper-connected world, IBM Center for Applied Insights study conducted in cooperation with the Economist Intelligence Unit and the IBM Institute of Business Value. 2012



Analytics strategy is now mission critical and impact bottom line results across all industries and IT



Banking Increase account profitability

Insurance

Retain policy holders with better service & marketing

Retail Understand sales patterns

Telecommunications Reduce churn with custom retention offers Industrial

Operations

Predict maintenance issues before occur

Retail

Improve store performance with P&L reports

Telecommunications

Understand & manage network traffic

Insurance Streamline claims process

Government Reduce fraud and waste



Analytics for z Systems addresses predict, search and optimize requirements on impact from new technology

Higher amount of IT operational data (SMF, log, journal) compared to distributed only environments.

- Focus on problem determination/time to resolution and placing a premium on availability of services and applications.

By 2016, **20% of Global 2000 enterprises will have IT operations analytics** architecture in place, up from < 1% today, looking to integrate across their enterprise to reduce outages (Gartner).

90% of the Fortune 1000 companies are running z and have System of Record dependencies for transactional processing and data serving applications .

- Regulatory requirements prevent the offloading of most data from the z platform.



IBM focused on managing end-to-end analytics for improved performance and workload management





Search for and rapidly analyze unstructured data to assist in and accelerate problem identification, isolation and repair

SmartCloud Analytics – Log Analysis



Differentiating Capabilities

Locate component error messages from system, configuration, or software logs via rapid indexed search

Isolate issues across various domains including customer session, performance and system faults

Link support documentation and operations notes dynamically to log/warning messages or

events to resolve problems quickly

Visualize search results with analytic tools to rapidly perform root cause analysis







Delivering Business Results

Reduce mean time to repair by identifying and isolating service impacting issues quickly

Resolve problems more efficiently with faster access to all pertinent information

Improve service availability by leveraging expert knowledge of applications and infrastructure

Built on IBM's leading Big Data platform

IBM expertise built-in

Download and install in minutes for quick timeto-value



IBM SmartCloud Analytics – Log Analysis z/OS Insight Packs & SCA-LA Server



 z/OS Insight Packs for WebSphere and SYSLOG are installed on the SCA-LA server



Solution Components

IBM SmartCloud Analytics - Log Analysis z/OS Insight Pack for SYSLOG v1.2.0

- IBM SmartCloud Analytics Log Analysis (SCA-LA) 1.2.0.3
 - Provides data collection, analytics and storage capabilities, as well as search interface
 - Runs on Linux on z Systems and Linux on x86
- z/OS SYSLOG Insight Pack
 - An Insight Pack that extends SCA-LA so it can ingest and perform searches against DB2, CICS, MQ and IMS for z/OS log data and other log data from the SYSLOG

z/OS Log Forwarder

- A specialized SCA-LA data collector client that monitors and forwards z/OS SYSLOG and/or WAS for z/OS log data to SCA-LA
 - Executes independently on each z/OS LPAR that is monitored
 - Configurable to specify which WAS for z/OS jobs (if any) to monitor and whether to monitor the z/OS SYSLOG

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Sample dashboard





All IBM support site documents that reference

Quickly and easily access IBM Support Portal based Expert Advice from Log Analysis

Search for expert advice with the click of a button





Out of the Box Quick Searches



MS DB Recovery Control Errors

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- MQ Messages
- MQ Action, Decision or Error
- MQ Buffer Pool Errors
- MQ Channel Errors
- MQ Channel Initiator Errors
- MQ Interesting Informational
- MQ Key Messages
- MQ Logs Start and Stop
- MQ Queue Manager Storage
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 - WAS Error Messages
 - WAS Exceptions



DB2 and WebSphere Application Server Quick Searches

DB2 Messages

This sample searches for all DB2 messages that occurred during the last day.

DB2 Action, Decision or Errors

- This sample searches for any DB2 messages that occurred during the last day and that indicate any of the following situations:
 - Immediate action is required.
 - A decision is required.
 - An error occurred.

DB2 Critical Data Set Messages

This sample searches for messages that indicate that DB2 log data sets are full, are becoming full, or could not be allocated during the last day.

WAS Error Messages

This sample searches for any WebSphere Application Server for z/OS messages that occurred in the last day and that indicate an error occurred.

WAS Exceptions

This sample searches for any occurrences of Java[™] exceptions in the WebSphere Application Logs during the last day.



CICS Quick Searches

CICS TS Messages

This sample searches for all CICS Transaction Server messages that occurred during the last day.

CICS TS Abend or Severe

- This sample searches for CICS Transaction Server messages that have all of the following characteristics:
 - The messages occurred during the last day.
 - The messages have the format DFHCCXXXX, where cc represents a component identifier (such as SM for Storage Manager), and XXXX is either 0001 or 0002 (which indicates an abend or severe error in the specified component).
- CICS Action, Decision or Error
 - This sample searches for any CICS messages that occurred in the last day and that indicate that immediate action is required or that a decision is required or that an error occurred.

CICS TS Key Messages

This sample searches for a set of predefined message numbers to determine whether any of the corresponding messages occurred during the last day.

IMS Quick Search



IMS Messages

This sample searches for all IMS messages during the last day.

IMS Action, Decision or Error

This sample searches for any IMS messages that occurred in the last day and that indicate that immediate action is required **or** that a decision is required **or** that an error occurred.

IMS Security Violations

This sample searches for error messages that indicate security violations that have been detected during the last day.

IMS Abend Messages

This sample searches for all messages that indicate abends that have been detected during the last day.

IMS Common Queue Server Msgs

This sample searches for all messages in the IMS Common Queue Server component during the last day.

IMS Resources in Waiting Error

This sample searches for error messages that indicate that a resource is waiting on other resources to become available during the last day.

IMS DB Recovery Control Errors

This sample searches for all error messages in the DB Recovery Control component during the last day.

IMS Connect Messages

This sample searches for all messages in the IMS Connect component during the last day.



IMS search results from out-of-the-box searches



Quick and easy search with out-of-box log analysis



WebSphere MQ Quick Searches

MQ Messages

This sample searches for all WebSphere MQ messages during the last day.

MQ Action, Decision or Error

This sample searches for any WebSphere MQ messages that occurred in the last day and that indicate that immediate action is required or that a decision is required or that an error occurred.

MQ Queue Manager Storage

This sample searches for messages that indicate that Websphere MQ Queue Manager is short of storage or is no longer short of storage during the last day.

MQ Logs Start and Stop

This sample searches for messages related to the starting, stopping and flushing of the WebSphere MQ log data sets during the last day.

MQ Key Messages

This sample searches for a set of predefined message numbers to determine whether any of the corresponding messages occurred in the last day.

MQ Interesting Informational

This sample searches for a set of predefined information message numbers that might warrant attention to determine whether any of the corresponding messages occurred in the last day.

MQ Channel Initiator Errors

This sample searches for error messages that indicate Websphere MQ Channel Initiator errors during the last day.

MQ Channel Errors

This sample searches for error messages that indicate Websphere MQ Channel errors during the last day.

MQ Buffer Pool Errors

This sample searches for error messages that indicate Websphere MQ Buffer Pool errors during the last day.



MQ search results from out-of-the-box searches



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Application Views

For each supported z/OS domain, a set of custom applications is provided that graph out incidents over time:

- Message Counts Top 5 over last day
- Messages by Hostname Top 5 over Last Day
- Message Type Counts Top 5 over Last Day
- Message Types by Hostname Top 5 over Last Day
- Message Counts over Last Day
- Total Messages by Hostname over Last Day



Installation Planning

z/OS Log Forwarder

Supported software platforms:

- IBM z/OS 1.13 or later
 - The z/OS Log Forwarder can run with JES2 or JES3 <u>Note:</u> If using JES3, DLOG must be disabled

Required software components:

- IBM Java[™] Runtime Environment (JRE) V6 or later
- <u>Reminder:</u> SDSF is no longer required

SmartCloud Analytics – Log Analysis (server)

Supported software platforms:

- RHEL 5 & 6, SLES 11 on x86 (64-bit)
- RHEL 5 & 6, SLES 11 on z Systems (64-bit)

Hardware requirements:

- Depend on daily log volume to be ingested, as well as duration of log data retention
- Detailed hardware sizing guidance to be made available
- For sample hardware configurations, see SCA-LA v1.2.0.3 documentation (link)



Send us your logs!

- Request a product demo using logs from your own test, development or production environments
- IBM will load your logs into a SCALA server, then demo the results back to you
 - A secure, dedicated drop box will be assigned to you
 - You will be sent detail upload instructions via email

-Any file uploaded will be automatically moved to a dedicated SCALA environment within 24 hours

-All log data will be purged from the SCALA environment within 48 hours after the demo event

To request your hosted demo, visit:

http://services-useast.skytap.com:18280/WebDemo/



