Performance Visualizations

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... also known as “shouting guy”
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癮科技小劇場：硬碟也會鬧情緒

由 Flow Yu 於 1 year 之前發表

文章分類: 儲存裝置

這可不是開玩笑來著，而是經過實驗證明的唷！來自 Sun Fishworks 團隊的 Brendan Gregg，或許是在機房裡待久了，於是突發異想跑去對機房中的磁碟陣列大吼大叫一陣，結果就這麼發現了一個真理，那就是：硬碟就跟員工一樣，吼叫並不會讓他們的效率變高，反而還會讓它們心生不爽而降低士氣，私底下就開始搞罷工。

http://chinese.engadget.com/2009/01/05/video-shouting-at-disk-drive-causes-high-latency-low-r/
I do performance analysis
and I’m a DTrace addict
Agenda

• Performance
  • Workload Analysis and Resource Monitoring
  • Understanding available and ideal metrics before plotting

• Visualizations
  • Current examples
    • Latency
    • Utilization
  • Future opportunities
    • Cloud Computing
Visualizations like these

- The “rainbow pterodactyl”

- ... which needs quite a bit of explanation
Primary Objectives

• Consider performance metrics before plotting

• See the value of visualizations

• Remember key examples
Secondary Objectives

• Consider performance metrics before plotting
  • Why studying latency is good
  • ... and studying IOPS can be bad

• See the value of visualizations
  • Why heat maps are needed
  • ... and line graphs can be bad

• Remember key examples
  • I/O latency, as a heat map
  • CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map
Content based on

- “Visualizing System Latency”, Communications of the ACM July 2010, by Brendan Gregg
- and more
Understanding the metrics before we visualize them
Performance Activities

- Workload analysis
  - Is there an issue? Is an issue real?
  - Where is the issue?
  - Will the proposed fix work? Did it work?

- Resource monitoring
  - How utilized are the environment components?
  - Important activity for capacity planning
Workload Analysis

- Applied during:
  - software and hardware development
  - proof of concept testing
  - regression testing
  - benchmarking
  - monitoring
Workload Performance Issues

• Load

• Architecture
Workload Performance Issues

- **Load**
  - Workload applied
  - Too much for the system?
  - Poorly constructed?

- **Architecture**
  - System configuration
  - Software and hardware bugs
Workload Analysis Steps

- Identify or confirm if a workload has a performance issue
  - Quantify
- Locate issue
  - Quantify
- Determine, apply and verify solution
  - Quantify
• Finding a performance issue isn’t the problem ... it’s finding the issue that matters
## bugs.mysql.com “performance”

### MySQL Bugs: Search

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• ... and those are just the known performance bugs

• ... and usually only of a certain type (architecture)
How to Quantify

- Observation based
  - Choose a reliable metric
  - Estimate performance gain from resolving issue

- Experimentation based
  - Apply fix
  - Quantify before vs. after using a reliable metric
Observation based

• For example:
  • Observed: application I/O takes 10 ms
  • Observed: 9 ms of which is disk I/O
  • Suggestion: replace disks with flash-memory based SSDs, with an expected latency of ~100 us
  • Estimated gain: 10 ms -> 1.1 ms (10 ms - 9 ms + 0.1 ms) =~ 9x gain

• Very useful - but not possible without accurate quantification
Experimentation based

• For example:
  
  • Observed: Application transaction latency average 10 ms
  
  • Experiment: Added more DRAM to increase cache hits and reduce average latency
  
  • Observed: Application transaction latency average 2 ms
  
  • Gain: 10 ms -> 2 ms = 5x

• Also very useful - but risky without accurate quantification
Metrics to Quantify Performance

• Choose reliable metrics to quantify performance:
  • IOPS
  • transactions/second
  • throughput
  • utilization
  • latency

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generally better suited for:
  • Capacity Planning
  • Workload Analysis
Metrics Availability

• Ideally (given the luxury of time):
  • design the desired metrics
  • then see if they exist, or,
  • implement them (eg, DTrace)

• Non-ideally
  • see what already exists
  • make-do (eg, vmstat -> gnuplot)
Assumptions to avoid

• Available metrics are implemented correctly
  • all software has bugs
    • eg, CR: 6687884 nxge rbytes and obytes kstat are wrong
  • trust no metric without double checking from other sources

• Available metrics are designed by performance experts
  • sometimes added by the programmer to only debug their code

• Available metrics are complete
  • you won’t always find what you really need
Getting technical

• This will be explained using two examples:
  • Workload Analysis
  • Capacity Planning
Example: Workload Analysis

• Quantifying performance issues with IOPS vs latency
  • IOPS is commonly presented by performance analysis tools
  • eg: disk IOPS via kstat, SNMP, iostat, ...
• Depends on where the I/O is measured
  • app -> library -> syscall -> VFS -> filesystem -> RAID -> device

• Depends on what the I/O is
  • synchronous or asynchronous
  • random or sequential
  • size

• Interpretation difficult
  • what value is good or bad?
  • is there a max?
Some disk IOPS problems

• IOPS Inflation
  • Library or Filesystem prefetch/read-ahead
  • Filesystem metadata
  • RAID stripes

• IOPS Deflation
  • Read caching
  • Write cancellation
  • Filesystem I/O aggregation

• IOPS aren’t created equal
IOPS example: iostat -xnz 1

• Consider this disk: 86 IOPS == 99% busy

```text
extended device statistics
r/s w/s kr/s kw/s wait actv wsvc_t asvc_t %w %b device
86.6 0.0 655.5 0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 11.5 0 99 c1d0
```

• Versus this disk: 21,284 IOPS == 99% busy

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• ... they are the same disk, different I/O types
  • 1) 8 Kbyte random
  • 2) 512 byte sequential (on-disk DRAM cache)
Using IOPS to quantify issues

• to identify
  • is 100 IOPS an problem? Per disk?

• to locate
  • 90% of IOPS are random. Is that the problem?

• to verify
  • A filesystem tunable caused IOPS to reduce. Has this fixed the issue?
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    Has this fixed the issue? (probably, assuming...)
  • We can introduce more metrics to understand these, but standalone IOPS is tricky to interpret
Using latency to quantify issues

- to identify
  - is a 100ms I/O a problem?

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Using latency to quantify issues

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  • 90ms of the 100ms is lock contention. Is that the problem? (yes)

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• Latency is much more reliable, easier to interpret
Latency

• Time from I/O or transaction request to completion
• Synchronous latency has a direct impact on performance
  • Application is waiting
  • higher latency == worse performance
• Not all latency is synchronous:
  • Asynchronous filesystem threads flushing dirty buffers to disk eg, zfs TXG synchronous thread
  • Filesystem prefetch
    no one is waiting at this point
  • TCP buffer and congestion window: individual packet latency may be high, but pipe is kept full for good throughput performance
Turning other metrics into latency

- Currency converter (* -> ms):
  - random disk IOPS == I/O service latency
  - disk saturation == I/O wait queue latency
  - CPU utilization == code path execution latency
  - CPU saturation == dispatcher queue latency
  -...

- Quantifying as latency allows different components to be compared, ratios examined, improvements estimated.
Example: Resource Monitoring

• Different performance activity
  • Focus is environment components, not specific issues
  • incl. CPUs, disks, network interfaces, memory, I/O bus, memory bus, CPU interconnect, I/O cards, network switches, etc.
  • Information is used for capacity planning
  • Identifying future issues before they happen

• Quantifying resource monitoring with IOPS vs utilization
• Another look at this disk:

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IOPS vs Utilization

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- IOPS (r/s + w/s): ???
- Utilization (%b): yes (even considering NCQ)
- Latency (wsvc_t): no

- Latency will identify the issue once it is an issue; utilization will forecast the issue - capacity planning
Performance Summary

• Metrics matter - need to reliably quantify performance
  • to identify, locate, verify
  • try to think, design

• Workload Analysis
  • latency

• Resource Monitoring
  • utilization

• Other metrics are useful to further understand the nature of the workload and resource behavior
Objectives

• Consider performance metrics before plotting
  • Why latency is good
  • ... and IOPS can be bad

• See the value of visualizations
  • Why heat maps are needed
  • ... and line graphs can be bad

• Remember key examples
  • I/O latency, as a heat map
  • CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map
Current Examples

Latency
Visualizations

- So far we’ve picked:
  - Latency
    - for workload analysis
  - Utilization
    - for resource monitoring
Latency

- For example, disk I/O

- Raw data looks like this:

  ```
  # iosnoop -o
  DTIME UID PID D BLOCK SIZE COMM PATHNAME
  125 100 337 R 72608  8192 bash /usr/sbin/tar
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  2262 100 337 R 13600  1024 tar /etc/default/cron
  76  100 337 R 13616  1024 tar /etc/default/devfsadm
  
  [...many pages of output...]
  ```

- `iosnoop` is DTrace based
  
  - examines latency for every disk (back end) I/O
Latency Data

- tuples
  - I/O completion time
  - I/O latency
- can be 1,000s of these per second
Summarizing Latency

- `iostat(1M)` can show **per second average**:

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$ iostat -xnz 1

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Per second

- Condenses I/O completion time
- Almost always a sufficient resolution
  - (So far I’ve only had one case where examining raw completion time data was crucial: an interrupt coalescing bug)
Average/second

- Average loses latency outliers
- Average loses latency distribution
- ... but not disk distribution:

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$ iostat -xnz 1
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- only because iostat(1M) prints this per-disk
  - but that gets hard to read for 100s of disks, per second!
Latency outliers

- Occasional high-latency I/O
- Can be the sole reason for performance issues
- Can be lost in an average
  - 10,000 fast I/O @ 1ms
  - 1 slow I/O @ 500ms
  - average = 1.05 ms
- Can be seen using max instead of (or as well as) average
Maximum/second

- iostat(1M) doesn’t show this, however DTrace can
- can be visualized along with average/second
- does identify outliers
- doesn’t identify latency distribution details
Latency distribution

• Apart from outliers and average, it can be useful to examine the full profile of latency - all the data.
  • For such a crucial metric, keep as much details as possible

• For latency, distributions we’d expect to see include:
  • bi-modal: cache hit vs cache miss
  • tri-modal: multiple cache layers
  • flat: random disk I/O
Latency Distribution Example

- Using DTrace:

```bash
# ./disklatency.d
Tracing... Hit Ctrl-C to end.
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not why we are here, but before someone asks...

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#pragma D option quiet

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{
    printf("Tracing... Hit Ctrl-C to end.\n");
}

io:::start
{
    start_time[arg0] = timestamp;
}

io:::done
/this->start = start_time[arg0]/
{
    this->delta = (timestamp - this->start) / 1000;
    @[args[1]->dev_statname, args[1]->dev_major, args[1]->dev_minor] =
        quantize(this->delta);
    start_time[arg0] = 0;
}

dtrace:::END
{
    printa("   %s (%d,%d), us: @d
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- ... but can we see this distribution per second?
- ... how do we visualize a 3rd dimension?
Column Quantized Visualization aka “heat map”

- For example:
Heat Map: Offset Distribution

- x-axis: time
- y-axis: offset
- z-axis (color scale): I/O count for that time/offset range

- Identified random vs. sequential very well
- Similar heat maps have been used before by defrag tools
Heat Map: Latency Distribution

• For example:

![Heat Map Example](image)

• x-axis: time
• y-axis: latency
• z-axis (color saturation): I/O count for that time/latency range
• Heat Map: Latency Distribution

• ... in fact, this is a great example:

• reads served from:
  - DRAM
  - disk
  - flash-memory based SSD
  - disk

- ZFS “L2ARC” enabled
Heat Map: Latency Distribution

... in fact, this is a great example:

- reads served from:
  - DRAM disk
  - disk
  - flash-memory based SSD
  - ZFS “L2ARC” enabled
• A color shaded matrix of pixels

• Each pixel is a time and latency range

• Color shade picked based on number of I/O in that range

• Adjusting saturation seems to work better than color hue.

Eg:

  • darker == more I/O

  • lighter == less I/O
Pixel Size

- Large pixels (and corresponding time/latency ranges)
  - increases likelihood that adjacent pixels include I/O, have color, and combine to form patterns
  - allows color to be more easily seen

- Smaller pixels (and time/latency ranges)
  - can make heat map look like a scatter plot
  - of the same color - if ranges are so small only one I/O is typically included
Color Palette

- Linear scale can make subtle details (outliers) difficult to see
  - observing latency outliers is usually of high importance
  - outliers are usually < 1% of the I/O
  - assigning < 1% of the color scale to them will washout patterns
- False color palette can be used to emphasize these details
  - although color comparisons become more confusing - non-linear
• Heat maps show these very well
• However, latency outliers can compress the bulk of the heat map data
  • eg, 1 second outlier while most I/O is < 10 ms
• Users should have some control to be able to zoom/truncate details
  • both x and y axis
Data Storage

• Since heat-maps are three dimensions, storing this data can become costly (volume)

• Most of the data points are zero
  
  • and you can prevent storing zero’s by only storing populated elements: associative array

• You can reduce to a sufficiently high resolution, and resample lower as needed

• You can also be aggressive at reducing resolution at higher latencies
  
  • 10 us granularity not as interesting for I/O > 1 second

  • non-linear resolution
Other Interesting Latency Heat Maps

- The “Icy Lake”
- The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”
- Latency Levels
The “Icy Lake” Workload

• About as simple as it gets:
  • Single client, single thread, sequential synchronous 8 Kbyte writes to an NFS share
  • NFS server: 22 x 7,200 RPM disks, striped pool
• The resulting latency heat map was unexpected
The “Icy Lake”
"Icy Lake" Analysis: Observation

• Examining single disk latency:

• Pattern match with NFS latency: similar lines
  • each disk contributing some lines to the overall pattern
Pattern Match?

• We just associated NFS latency with disk device latency, using our eyeballs
  • see the titles on the previous heat maps

• You can programmatically do this (DTrace), but that can get difficult to associate context across software stack layers (but not impossible!)

• Heat Maps allow this part of the problem to be offloaded to your brain
  • and we are very good at pattern matching
“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

- Same workload, single disk pool:
  - No diagonal lines
  - but more questions - see the line (false color palette enhanced) at 9.29 ms? this is < 1% of the I/O. (I’m told, and I believe, that this is due to adjacent track seek latency.)
“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

• Same workload, two disk striped pool:

• Ah-hah! Diagonal lines.
  • ... but still more questions: why does the angle sometimes change? why do some lines slope upwards and some down?
“Icy Lake” Analysis: Experimentation

- ... each disk from that pool:
“Icy Lake” Analysis: Questions

• Remaining Questions:

  • Why does the slope sometimes change?
  • What exactly seeds the slope in the first place?
“Icy Lake” Analysis: Mirroring

- Trying mirroring the pool disks instead of striping:
Another Example: “X marks the spot”
The “Rainbow Pterodactyl” Workload

- 48 x 7,200 RPM disks, 2 disk enclosures
- Sequential 128 Kbyte reads to each disk (raw device), adding disks every 2 seconds
- Goal: Performance analysis of system architecture
  - identifying I/O throughput limits by driving I/O subsystem to saturation, one disk at a time (finds knee points)
The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”
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The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”: Analysis

• Hasn’t been understood in detail
  • Would never be understood (or even known) without heat maps
• It is repeatable
The “Rainbow Pterodactyl”: Theories

• “Beak”: disk cache hit vs disk cache miss -> bimodal
• “Head”: 9th disk, contention on the 2 x4 SAS ports
• “Bulge”: ?
• “Neck”: ?
• “Wing”: contention?
• “Shoulders”: ?
• “Body”: PCI-gen1 bus contention
Latency Levels Workload

- Same as “Rainbow Pterodactyl”, stepping disks
- Instead of sequential reads, this is repeated 128 Kbyte reads (read -> seek 0 -> read -> ...), to deliberately hit from the disk DRAM cache to improve test throughput
Latency Levels
Latency Levels Theories

• ???
• This time we do know the source of the latency...
硬碟也會鬧情緒

由 Flow Yu 於 1 year 之前發表

文章分類: 儲存裝置

這可不是開玩笑來著，而是經過實驗證明的哦！來自 Sun Fishworks 團隊的 Brendan Gregg，或許是在機房裡待久了，於是突發異想跑去對機房中的磁碟陣列大吼大叫一陣，結果就這麼發現了一個真理，那就是：硬碟就跟員工一樣，吼叫並不會讓他們的效率變高，反而還會讓它們心生不爽而降低士氣，私底下就開始搞罷工。
Latency Heat Maps: Summary

• Shows latency distribution over time
• Shows outliers (maximums)
• Indirectly shows average
• Shows patterns
  • allows correlation with other software stack layers
Similar Heat Map Uses

• These all have a dynamic y-axis scale:
  • I/O size
  • I/O offset
• These aren’t a primary measure of performance (like latency); they provide secondary information to understand the workload
Heat Map: I/O Offset

- y-axis: I/O offset (in this case, NFSv3 file location)
Heat Map: I/O Size

- y-axis: I/O size (bytes)
Heat Map Abuse

• What can we ‘paint’ by adjusting the workload?
• How was this done?
• How was this done?
• How was this done?
Current Examples

Utilization
CPU Utilization

- Commonly used indicator of CPU performance
- eg, `vmstat(1M)`

```bash
$ vmstat 1 5
```

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```
• Easy to plot:
CPU Utilization: Line Graph

- Easy to plot:

- Average across all CPUs:
  - Identifies how utilized all CPUs are, indicating remaining headroom - provided sufficient threads to use CPUs
## CPU Utilization by CPU

- mpstat(1M) can show utilization by-CPU:

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$ mpstat 1
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- can identify a single hot CPU (thread)
  - and un-balanced configurations
CPU Resource Monitoring

- Monitor overall utilization for capacity planning
- Also valuable to monitor individual CPUs
  - can identify un-balanced configurations
  - such as a single hot CPU (thread)
- The virtual CPUs on a single host can now reach the 100s
  - its own dimension
  - how can we display this 3rd dimension?
Heat Map: CPU Utilization

- x-axis: time
- y-axis: percent utilization
- z-axis (color saturation): # of CPUs in that time/utilization range
• Single ‘hot’ CPUs are a common problem due to application scaleability issues (single threaded)

• This makes identification easy, without reading pages of mpstat (1M) output
Heat Map: Disk Utilization

• Ditto for disks

• Disk Utilization heat map can identify:
  • overall utilization
  • unbalanced configurations
  • single hot disks (versus all disks busy)

• Ideally, the disk utilization heat map is tight (y-axis) and below 70%, indicating a well balanced config with headroom
  • which can’t be visualized with line graphs
• Are typically used to visualize performance, be it IOPS or utilization

• Show patterns over time more clearly than text (higher resolution)

• But graphical environments can do much more
  • As shown by the heat maps (to start with); which convey details line graphs cannot

• Ask: what “value add” does the GUI bring to the data?
Resource Utilization Heat Map Summary

• Can exist for any resource with multiple components:
  • CPUs
  • Disks
  • Network interfaces
  • I/O busses
  • ...
• Quickly identifies single hot component versus all components
• Best suited for physical hardware resources
  • difficult to express ‘utilization’ for a software resource
Visualizations

Future Opportunities
So far analysis has been for a single server

What about the cloud?
From one to thousands of servers

Workload Analysis:
- latency I/O x cloud

Resource Monitoring:
- # of CPUs x cloud
- # of disks x cloud
- etc.
Heat Maps are promising for cloud computing observability:

- additional dimension accommodates the scale of the cloud
- Find outliers regardless of node
  - cloud-wide latency heat map just has more I/O
- Examine how applications are load balanced across nodes
  - similar to CPU and disk utilization heat maps
- mpstat and iostat’s output are already getting too long
  - multiply by 1000x for the number of possible hosts in a large cloud application
Proposed Visualizations

• Include:
  
  • Latency heat map across entire cloud
  • Latency heat maps for cloud application components
  • CPU utilization by cloud node
  • CPU utilization by CPU
  • Thread/process utilization across entire cloud
  • Network interface utilization by cloud node
  • Network interface utilization by port
  • lots, lots more
Cloud Latency Heat Map

- Latency at different layers:
  - Apache
  - PHP/Ruby/...
  - MySQL
  - DNS
  - Disk I/O
  - CPU dispatcher queue latency
  - and pattern match to quickly identify and locate latency
Latency Example: MySQL

- Query latency (DTrace):

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- Spike of MySQL query latency: 8 - 16 ms
- `innodb` thread concurrency back-off sleep latency: 8 - 16 ms
- Both have a similar magnitude (see “count” column)
- Add the dimension of time as a heat map, for more characteristics to compare
- ... quickly compare heat maps from different components of the cloud to pattern match and locate latency
Cloud Latency Heat Map

- Identify latency outliers, distributions, patterns
- Can add more functionality to identify these by:
  - cloud node
  - application, cloud-wide
  - I/O type (e.g., query type)
- Targeted observability (DTrace) can be used to fetch this
- Or, we could collect it for everything
  - ... do we need a 4th dimension?
Bryan Cantrill @Joyent coded this 11 hours ago

- assuming it’s now about 10:30am during this talk
- ... and I added these slides about 7 hours ago
4th Dimension Example: Thread Runtime

- x-axis: time
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“Dimensionality”

- While the data supports the 4th dimension, visualizing this properly may become difficult (we are eager to find out)
  - The image itself is still only 2 dimensional
- May be best used to view a limited set, to limit the number of different hues; uses can include:
  - Highlighting different cloud application types: DB, web server, etc.
  - Highlighting one from many components: single node, CPU, disk, etc.
- Limiting the set also helps storage of data
More Visualizations

• We plan much more new stuff
  • We are building a team of engineers to work on it; including Bryan Cantrill, Dave Pacheo, and mysqlf
  • Dave and I have only been at Joyent for 2 1/2 weeks
Beyond Performance Analysis

• Visualizations such as heat maps could also be applied to:

• Security, with pattern matching for:
  • robot identification based on think-time latency analysis
  • inter-keystroke-latency analysis
  • brute force username latency attacks?

• System Administration
  • monitoring quota usage by user, filesystem, disk

• Other multi-dimensional datasets
Objectives

• Consider performance metrics before plotting
  • Why latency is good
  • ... and IOPS can be bad

• See the value of visualizations
  • Why heat maps are needed
  • ... and line graphs can be bad

• Remember key examples
  • I/O latency, as a heat map
  • CPU utilization by CPU, as a heat map
Heat Map: I/O Latency

- Latency matters
  - synchronous latency has a direct impact on performance
- Heat map shows
  - outliers, balance, cache layers, patterns
Heat Map: CPU Utilization

- Identify single threaded issues
  - single CPU hitting 100%
- Heat map shows
  - fully utilized components, balance, overall headroom, patterns
Tools Demonstrated

• For Reference:

• DTraceTazTool
  • 2006; based on TazTool by Richard McDougall 1995. Open source, unsupported, and probably no longer works (sorry).

• Analytics
  • 2008; Oracle Sun ZFS Storage Appliance

• “new stuff” (not named yet)
  • 2010; Joyent; Bryan Cantrill, Dave Pacheco, Brendan Gregg
• Thank you!

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