C05: IMS Connect for Enterprise Workloads

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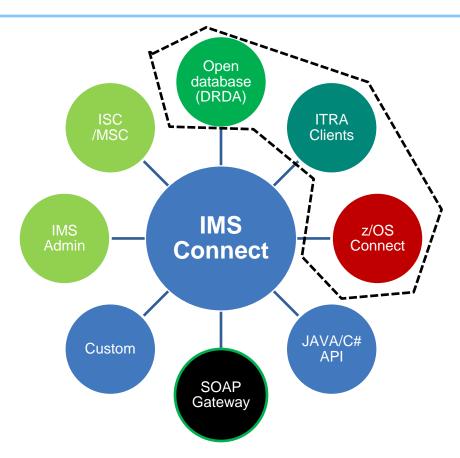
Overview

- Introduction: IMS Connect, why it increasingly matters
- Evolution of typical IMS Connect architectures
- Impact and challenges of growing workloads
- Strategies for addressing these challenges
- Conclusions

IMS Connect History

- 1997 ITOC Get's a User's Guide
- 1998 Visual Age for Java Connecting to IMS using Java ("e-business")
- 2004 IMS V9 "IMS Connect" becomes an integrated component
- WebSphere TM Resource Adapter (from distributed) Support
- 2009 IMS V11 IMS Open Database
- 2011 IMS Management Console
- Now z/OS Connect

IMS Connect: state of the union



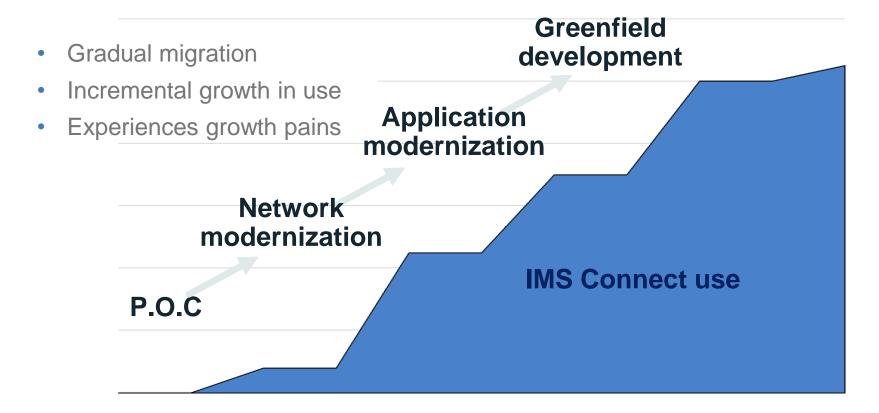
IMS Connect characteristics

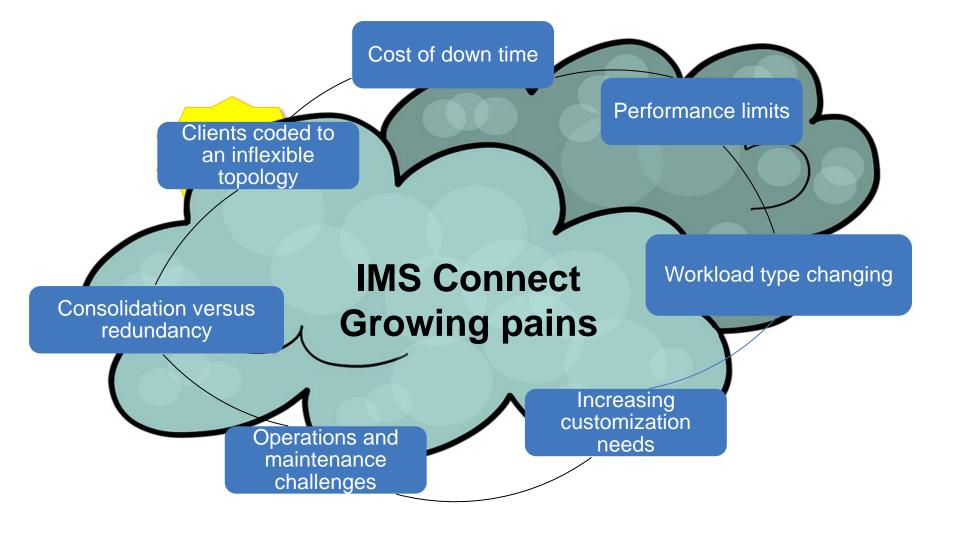
- Lightweight
- Own address space
- Extensible: messages processed via user exits
- Simple to configure and set up
- Propriety IRM protocol (except for open database)

IMS Connect Extensions

- Companion tool for IMS Connect
- Available since just before IMS V9
- Originally developed for routing and exit management
- Used for event collection
- Recent years show a strong shift towards routing and exit management
- Why?

Profile of an IMS Connect customer





With pain comes requirements

- Greater scalability
- Higher availability
- Improved security
- Cost containment: consistency, fewer customizations, greater flexibility
- Requirements must be met while minimizing the disruption to existing client code and existing client instances

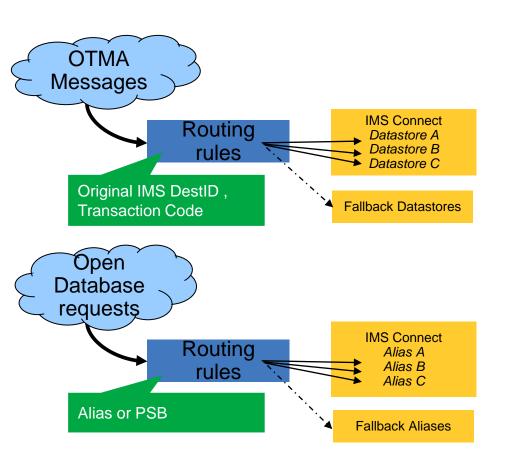
Meeting the challenges

- Use routing to improve parallelism, add redundancy, and provide abstraction (insulation) to clients
- Consider additional security
- Centralize the management of client option
- Centralize operational management
- Use IMS Connect instrumentation to tag the various workloads

Customizing exits

- Can provide a short-term fix for many requirements
- Be mindful of OCO only exits (Java exit in particular)
- Open database offers simple round-robin routing
- Maintenance over time
- Can only refresh BPE Exits, not message exits

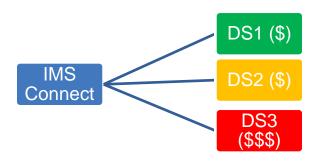
User Story: Manage workload by attributes



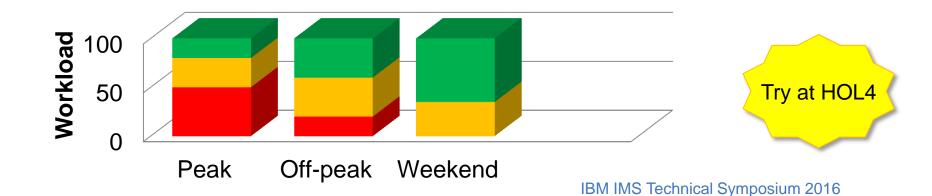
- OTMA routing incudes the ability to qualify by transaction code as well as datastore
- Open Database routing support can qualify by the alias name or PSB
- Generic destinations.
- Parallelism
- Optional fallback (flood or down)



User Story: Manage message distributions



- Capacity weights allow you to dynamically favour certain destinations
- Switch from one plan to another with z/OS Explorer plug-in.
- Or batch automation....



User Story: do not interrupt in-flight work

1. Active IMS system used by three IMS Connects

ICON 2 Datastore for IMSA ICON 3 Datastore for IMSA IMS

In-flight messages

- Drain initiated stopping new transactions to IMS system. Workload is routed to other IMS systems
 - ICON 2 Datastore for IMSA ICON 3 Datastore for IMSA



- Drain in-flight work before IMS shut down.
- Coordinate manually using z/OS Explorer Plugin
- Use commands and batch automation.

3. When all activity has completed the IMS system can be bought down safely

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4. When the IMS system is restarted, IMS Connect Extensions automatically resumes routing workload to it.

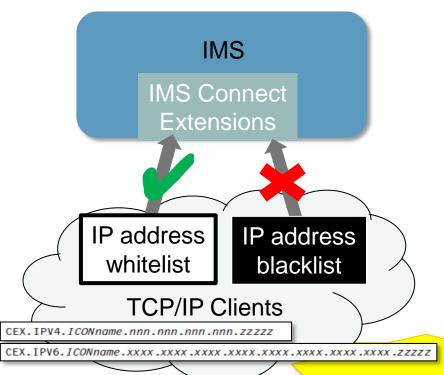
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Security

What does IMS Connect provide?

- Password, Passticket and Password Phrase verification
- ACEE caching
- Automatically monitors RACF Event Notification Facility (ENF) events for changes.
 What additional security could you need?
 - Access control by system name, client IP address and port
 - Consistent implementation for both traditional OTMA clients and Open Database clients

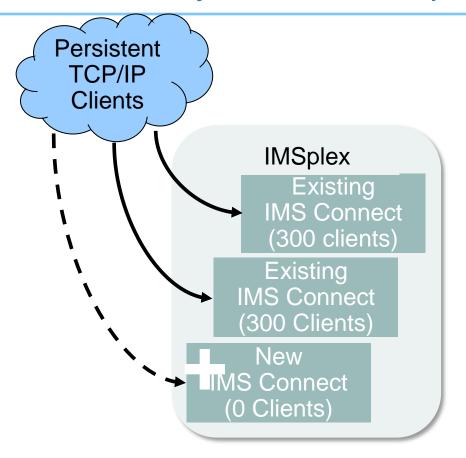
User Story: limit IP address access



- Manage access to IMS Connect systems based on the IMS Connect system a client is connecting through and the IP address they are connecting from.
- Security rules (RACF or other) can be used to produce whitelists
- Rules can be formed to produce blacklists that reject access from certain IP addresses or address ranges.
- Access can be restricted further based on the IMS Connect port being used by the client.

Governance, not just security

User Story: redistribute persistent sessions

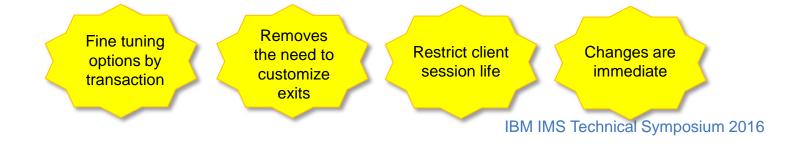


When an IMS Connect system is restarted after maintenance, established persistent socket sessions on other IMS Connect systems remain in place. The newly started IMS Connect is underutilized and the sysplex workload appears out of balance.

You can also drain persistent sessions

Centralized management of client options

- Transaction options (expiration, IRM Timer values, client ID cancellation)
- Duration of persistent sessions
- Message translation between any code pages (such as EBCDIC <=> ASCII)
- Extended RSM feedback



Key features: Centralized monitoring and control



Eclipse or ISPF

```
File Option Help

Stop IMS 1 link
View TOKYO sessions
Stop NY sessions

Help F2 - Scroll
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And REXX for Automation

```
/* REXX */
address LINK "CEXRXENV INIT"
address CEX
"CONNECT HOST=FTSD,"||,
    "PORT=13883,HWSID=HWS1,
"SWITCH TYPE=JOURNAL"
address LINK "CEXRXENV TERM"
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Growing workloads mean more IMS Connect instances

Beyond VIEWHWS

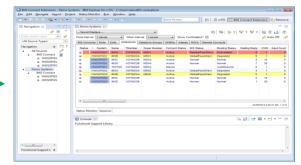
VIEWHWS

- Output in system-specific joblogs.
- Output is cluttered and fills spool.
- Difficult to filter, search, sort, summarize and export.
- Displays don't provide leads to command actions.

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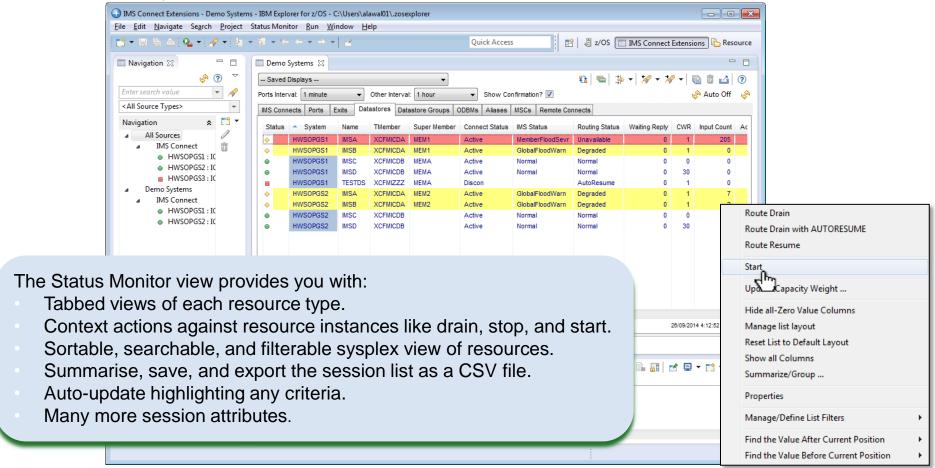
IMS Connect Extensions

- Consolidated output from multiple systems.
- Output is tabulated.
- Built-in filtering and sorting.
- Instant export to spreadsheet applications.
- Context actions: perform commands directly against objects in table.

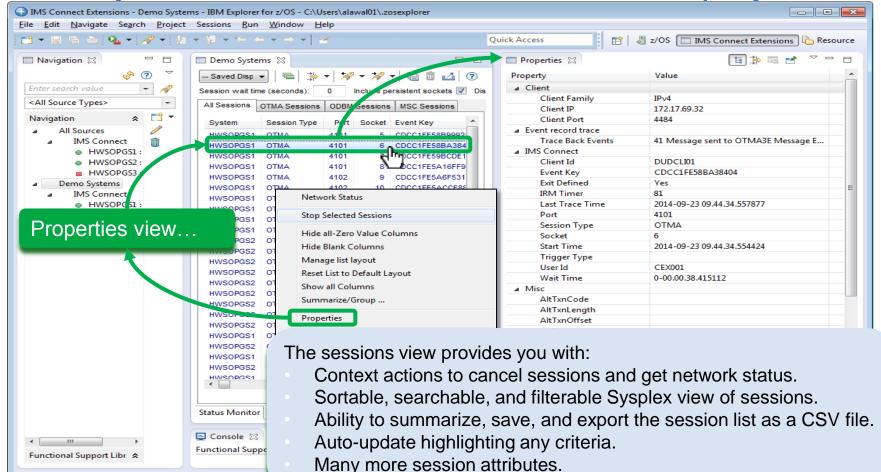


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Move beyond /VIEWHWS with the Status Monitor

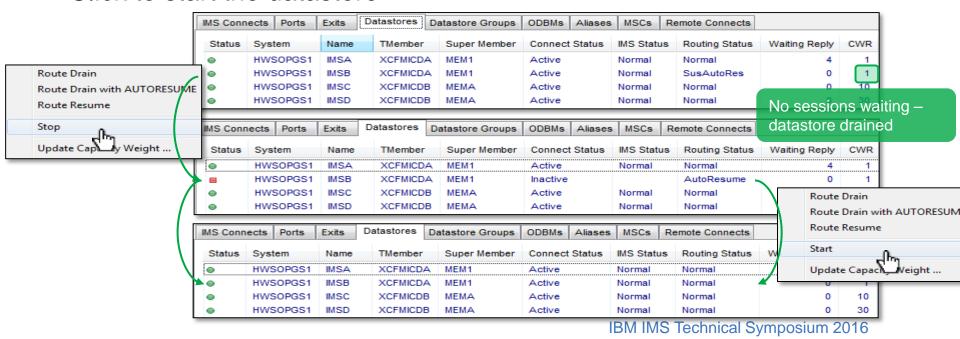


Move beyond /VIEWHWS with Sessions Display



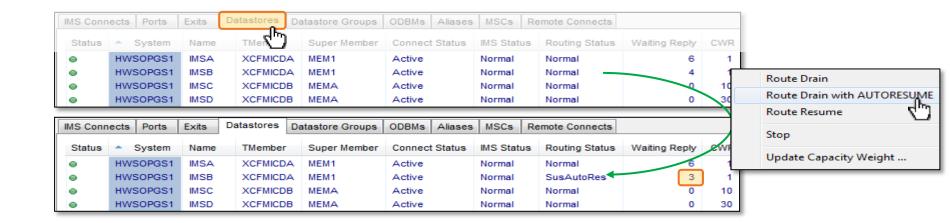
Restart the datastore

- Click to stop the datastore
- Perform maintenance
- Click to start the datastore



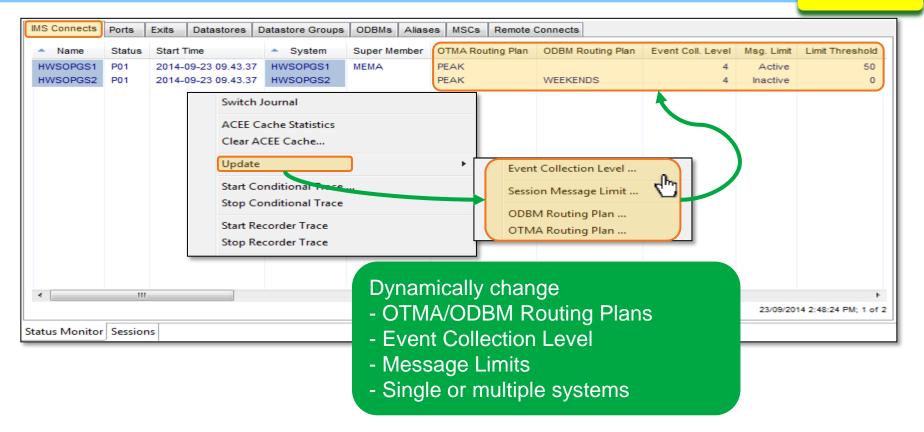
Datastore Drain

- Recall: Take datastores offline without disrupting active sessions
- Mark the datastore as requiring a drain
- Status changed to suspended

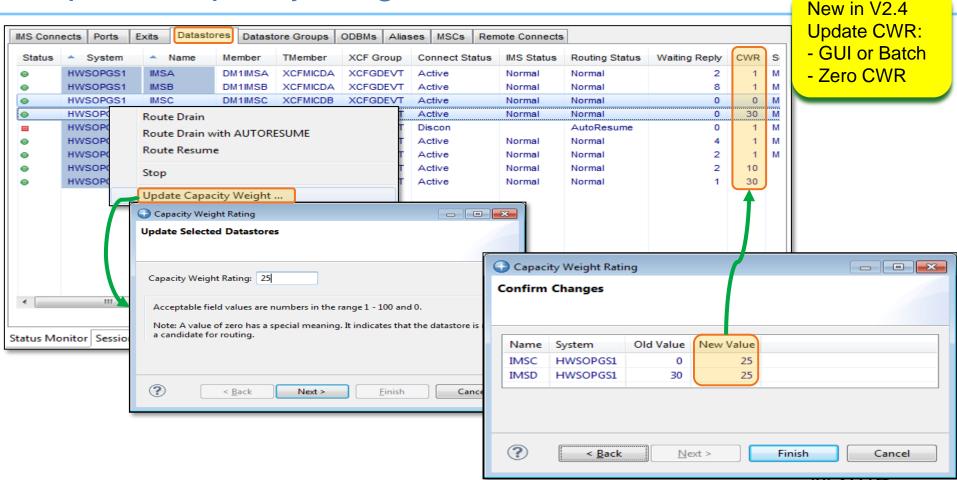


Update Commands: IMS Connect

New in V2.4



Update capacity weight



Use case: But now I want to automate it...

Master your operations with automation

The CEX host command environment for REXX enables IMS Connect Extensions commands to be embedded in REXX programs, which allows more flexible automation of IMS Connect operations.

- Programs can connect to multiple IMS Connects.
- Use REXX features such as variables and conditional logic.
- Integrate with other host command environments (MVS, CONSOLE, TSO).
- Submit programs interactively as well as in batch.



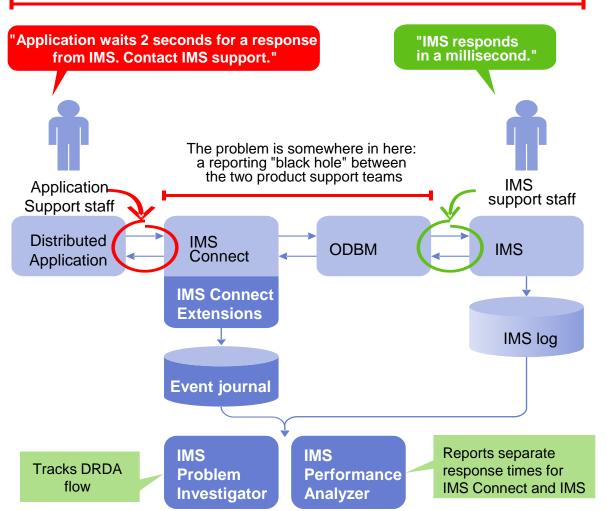
User story: Management reporting

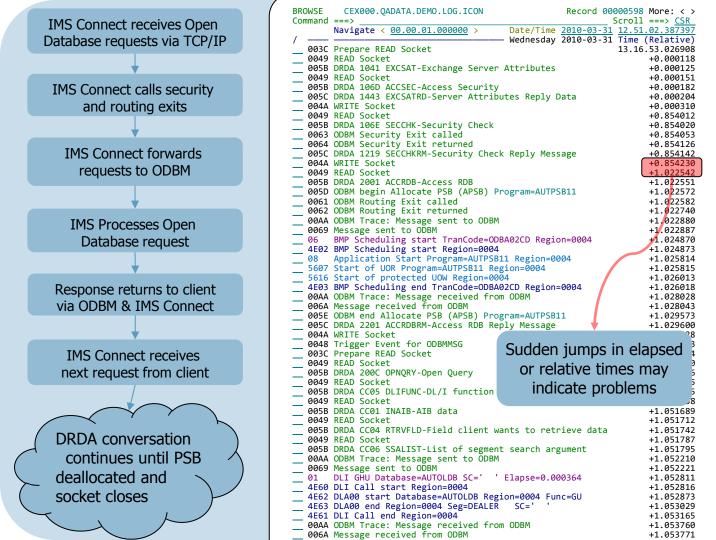
- Why now?
 - Nature of the workload
- Historical summary
- Why focus on IMS Connect (as opposed to IMS or further upstream)?
 - All web facing activity
- Long term trends more important

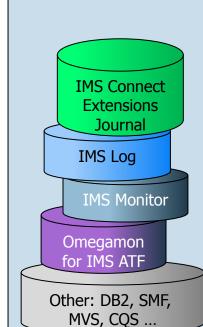
User story: unmasking abstractions

 How do I quickly understand where a problem lies in complex multitiered environment?

Response times over 2 seconds!







DRDA requests and responses

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Command ===>
Filter . . . . DRDAEVTS +
Description . . . DRDA Requests and responses
/ Log Code + Exc Description
 CON 005B
CON 005C
                 ODBM DRDA command issued
                 ODBM DRDA command reply
                 ODBM Send/Receive Trace
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DDM (distributed data management) commands. 'Code points' show flow of DRDA requests and responses

These code points include:

- DRDA V5 Code points as defined by the Open Group
- IMS-specific code points

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| _ | 005B | DRDA | 106D | ACCSEC-Access Security | 09.23.59.653639 | - |
| | 005C | DRDA | 1443 | EXCSATRD-Server Attributes Reply Data | 09.23.59.653656 | - |
| | 005C | DRDA | 14AC | ACCSECRD-Access Security Reply Data | 09.23.59.653663 | - |
| | 005B | DRDA | 106E | EXCSATRD-Server Attributes Reply Data ACCSECRD-Access Security Reply Data SECCHK-Security Check | 09.23.59.690552 | - |
| | 005C | DRDA | 1219 | SECCHK-Security Check SECCHKRM-Security Check Reply Message SYNCCTL-Sync Point Control Request SYNCCRD-Sync Point Control Reply ACCRDB-Access RDB | 09.23.59.691545 | - |
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| | 005C | DRDA | 1248 | SYNCCRD-Sync Point Control Reply | 09.23.59.717859 | - |
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| | 005B | DRDA | CC05 | DLIFUNC-DL/I function | 09.24.00.223344 | - |
| | 005B | DRDA | CC01 | INAIB-AIB data | 09.24.00.223384 | - |
| | | | | | 09.24.00.223414 | - |
| | 005B | DRDA | CC06 | SSALIST-List of segment search argument | 09.24.00.223432 | - |
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| _ | 005C | DRDA | 241B | QRYDTA-Query Answer Set Data | 09.24.00.287945 | - |
| _ | 005B | DRDA | 2006 | CNTQRY-Continue Query | 09.24.00.401372 | |
| _ | 005C | DRDA | 241B | QRYDTA-Query Answer Set Data | 09.24.00.401996 | |
| | 005B | DRDA | 2006 | CNTQRY-Continue Query | 09.24.00.426842 | - |
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| _ | 005C | DRDA | CA01 | DEALLOCDBRM-Name of deallocated PSB | 09.24.00.568680 | 31 |

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_ 00A3 Event Collection OTMA Trace
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35    Input Message Enqueue TranCode=IVTNO
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Conclusions

- Starting with IMS Connect is easy but it can be a poisoned chalice
 - Can be a victim of its own success
- Have a plan for how you will grow your workloads
- Understand that growth is not just more workload but more variety of workload
- Understand what changes impact clients that you cannot control
- Understand the big picture

Thank You





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