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This is mine

- ▶ I tried ever so hard to get it right
- "Opinions are like Arseholes Everyone has them!"
 - ▶ You are hearing mine, not Common's, not the i-UGs, not IBM's
 - ▶ My opinions are not necessarily right
 - ▶ But then again, neither are yours



You are the lucky ones!



- > So far I have found 52 IBM i user groups
- > I'm told there are many more.
- Support your local IBM i User Group



Health attributes added to SQL Plan Cache

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This helps you to understand if your SQL is running efficiently

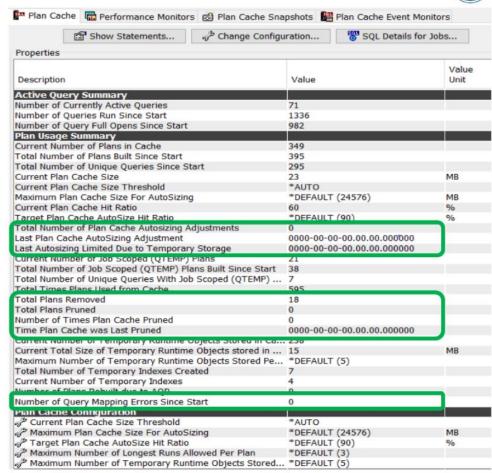
Additional SQL Plan Cache Health Properties



SQL Plan Cache Properties

New fields to show plan cache efficiency (health) and potential issues

- Is my query environment volatile or being limited?
- Total Number of Plan Cache Autosizing Adjustments
- Last Plan Cache Autosizing Adjustment
- Plan Cache Size (Last Autosizing) Limited Due to Temporary Storage
- Total Plans Removed
- Number of Times Plan Cache Pruned
- Time Plan Cache was Last Pruned
- Do I have an issue with excessive bad data (mapping errors) in my environment?
- Number of Query Mapping Errors Since Start

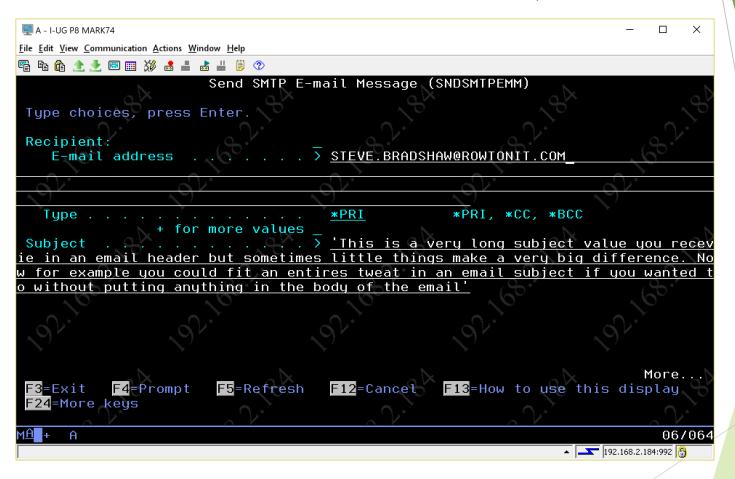




SMTP Email enhancements

SNDSMTPEMM has longer subject & note

Until 7.4 the limit of the subject was 60 characters, now 255 the limit of the email note was 400, now 5000



Sometimes even the smallest requests make a big difference IBM i 7.4 only

Email distribution groups

New CL commands to manage SMTP distribution lists (mailing groups)

Create SMTP Dist List (CRTSDSTL)
Change SMTP Dist List (CHGSDSTL)
Delete SMTP Dist List (DLTSDSTL)
Display SMTP Dist List (DSPSDSTL)
Rename SMTP Dist List (RNMSDSTL)
Work with SMTP Dist List (WRKSDSTL)
Add SMTP Dist List Entry (ADDSDSTLE)
Remove SMTP Dist List Entry (RMVSDSTLE)



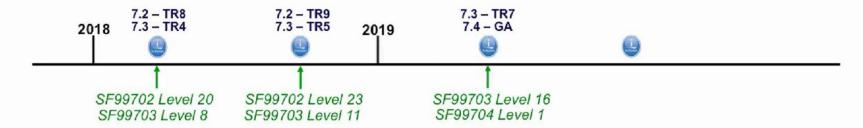
New IBM i Services



What are IBM i Services

- ▶ The new way to monitor and manage your system
- ► A replacement to API Programs based on standard SQL

IBM i Services – Timeline



Services in 40/2017:

- Syslog detail returned from DISPLAY_JOURNAL & HISTORY_LOG_INFO
- ASP_INFO
- ASP_VARY_INFO
- JOB_QUEUE_INFO
- STACK_INFO
- · And more...

Services in 30/2018:

- JOB DESCRIPTION INFO
- ACTIVE_JOB_INFO enhancements
- NETSTAT_INFO & NETSTAT_JOB_INFO enhancements
- And more...

Services in 20/2019:

- · DATA AREA INFO
- ASP JOB INFO
- MESSAGE FILE DATA
- SYSTOOLS.FIRMWARE CURRENCY
- SYSTOOLS.SPLIT
- SYSTOOLS.SPOOLED FILE DATA
- · IBM i 7.4 only services
- And many enhanced services

http://ibm.biz/Db2foriServices

IBM i Service for Message Queues

```
1 --
2 -- Review messages sent to the system operator message queue
3 -- with license expiration details
4 --
5 select message_text, M.*
6 from Qsys2.Message_Queue_Info M
7 where Message_Queue_Name = 'QSYSOPR'
8 and message_text like '%exceeded%';
```

MESSAGE_TEXT	MESSAGE _QUEUE_ LIBRARY	MESSAGE _QUEUE_ NAME	MESSAGE_ID
Usage limit of O exceeded. Grace period expires in 69 days on 14/08/19.	QSYS	QSYSOPR	CPF9E72
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IBM i usage limit exceeded - operator action required.	QSYS	QSYSOPR	CPF9E7F
IBM i usage limit exceeded - operator action required.	QSYS	QSYSOPR	CPF9E7F
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Oops, someone forgot to enter the keys!

IBM i Service for Spool Files

USER_NAME	TOTAL_SPOOL_SPACE	TOTAL_SPOOL_SPACE_FORMATTED
STEVE	41704	41,704
GSTREET	6416	6,416
QIJS	540	540
ROWTON	308	308
RUDI	36	36
III.		

Answers delivered in less than a second!

This service PTF'd back to IBM i 7.3 other OUTQ services go back to 7.2

Why are IBM i Services better?

DSPUSRPRF output for users with *ALLOBJ show below

User	Group	*ALL	*AUD	SYS	*JOB	*SAV	*SEC	*SER	*SPL	User
Profile	Profiles	OBJ	IT	CFG	CTL	SYS	ADM	VICE	CTL	Class
QLPAUTO	*NONE	X		X	X	X	X			*SYSOPR
QLPINSTALL	*NONE	X		X	X	X	X			*SYSOPR
QSECOFR	*NONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*SECOFR
QSECOFR1	*NONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*SECOFR
QSYS	*NONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*SECOFR
ROWTON	*NONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*SECOFR
ZENDADMIN	*NONE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	*SECOFR

IBM i Service Output for the same question – Notice the extra user!

AUTHORIZATION_NAME	STATUS	NO_PASSWORD_INDICATOR	PREVIOUS_SIGNON	TEXT_DESCRIPTION
QLPAUTO	*ENABLED	NO	-	IBM-supplied User Profile
QLPINSTALL	*ENABLED	NO	•	IBM-supplied User Profile
QSECOFR	*ENABLED	YES	2015-09-20 13:05:04.000000	Security Officer
QSECOFR1	*ENABLED	YES	2015-09-20 14:29:08.000000	Security Officer
QSYS	*ENABLED	NO	-	Internal System User Profile
ROWTON	*ENABLED	YES	2015-09-20 13:56:51.000000	Rowton Support
SURPRISE	*ENABLED	YES	2015-09-20 14:29:52.000000	Has AllObj because Rowton is Group Profile
ZENDADMIN	*ENABLED	NO	-	Zend Server Administrator

Note: User SURPRISE does not have *ALLOBJ specified in its own parameters, so does not show up on the PRTUSRPRF

That doesn't stop this user from having full access to every object on the system!

This service is not new to 7.4 but it shows how you can get a better answer

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New Functions in ACS

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Not just for IBM i 7.4, ACS works back to 5.4

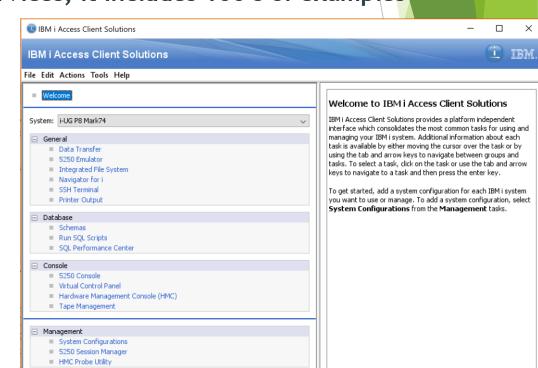
ACS runs in all flavours of Windows, MacOS & Linux

Centralised deployment and updating makes management easy

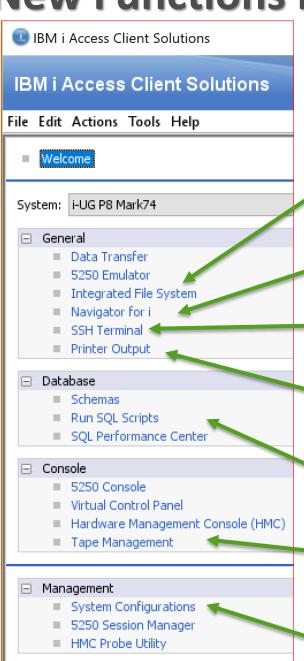
ACS makes configuring TLS Encryption as simple as ticking a box

New functions and faster functions

Best place to start is with IBM i Services, it includes 100's of examples



New Functions in ACS



Faster transfer rate, larger file support & filters to help you find a needle in an IFS haystack

Encryption aware link for ease of access to Nav4i

SSH Emulator Integration

New filters, better language and locale support & new download location options

Major overhaul of SQL interface. Now faster, more intuitive and has auto formatting.

Manage all of your estate not just IBM i HMC, SAN, SAN Switch, Tape Library, etc

Multi system admin view in Sys Config



R – Yet another new language for IBM i

Say Hello to R

No it's not the new name for RPG

R excels at statistical computing, data mining & data analysis

Ideal for real time integration with Google Docs



Available on IBM i 7.3, you will have to check 7.2 support



Native IBM i ODBC Driver

Native IBM i ODBC Driver

This is not a connector to access your IBM i data from a PC It is a connector used in IBM i to access other databases

i.e. You write a program on your IBM i to go read data from a Windows / Linux / IBM i / z based database





Workload Capping by Job Description

Workload Capping by JobD

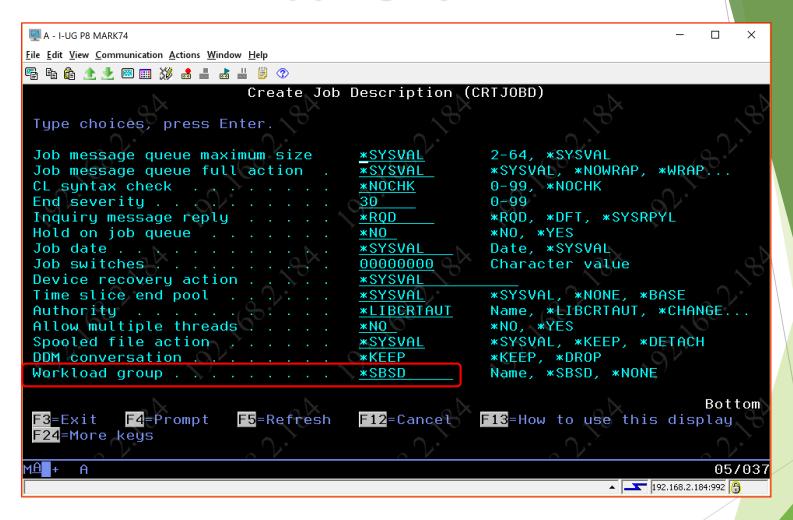
If you don't know what sub capacity licensing is, then lucky you, chances are you don't use it.

If you use IBM products like MQ, Domino, WebQuery then you should, as you are charged more for every core.

Workload Capping means that you limit the amount of processing power a particular job or subsystem uses

Workload Capping saves money on license costs e.g. you have 10 cores on your LPAR but just 1 used by MQ

Workload Capping by JobD



ProTip: You can also use this to limit the processor use of your regular IBM i jobs. Do you have one batch program or ODBC job that runs away with all of your processor?

By JOBD is IBM i 7.4 only but capping by group available from 7.1



DB2 Web Query for i 2.2.1

DB2 Web Query for i

I love Query/400 BUT not all my users do!

If you have never tried Web Query - you should

If you tried v1.x and found it slow - try again at v2

It has been re-written, it's faster and easier to use

Don't know where to start - Use it for System Monitoring

Built-in EZinstall, literally a turnkey solution



EZinstaller upgrade & PTFs available back to IBM i 7.1 (needs Java8)

DB2 Web Query for i

Note From WebQuery 2.2 onwards:

You can now move your reporting back to IBM i

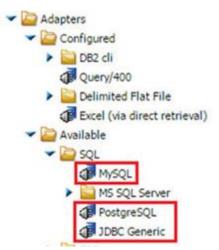
Not just for DB2 for i data but for your entire system

DB2 Web Query Database connectors allow you to

Pull in data from other databases and report on them

No longer do you need to export your IBM i data

Now you can pull data from MS SQL server, PostgreSQL and more





Improved DST/SST Security

Improved SST User Security

Make your SST Passwords more secure

Manage them from IBM i (not just from within SST)

Service tools user ID and password enhancements - IBM i 7.4

Service tools security options now support service tools user ID password composition rules like those allowed for operating system user profile passwords. The following password configured for service tools user IDs:

Limit profile name

Hours to block password change

Minimum password length

Maximum password length

Use chars from three groups

Limit adjacent characters

Limit repeating characters

Limit characters same position

Minimum digits

Maximum digits

Limit adjacent digits

Limit digit first position

Limit digit last position

Minimum letters

Maximum letters

Limit adjacent letters

Limit letter first position

Limit letter last position

Number of mixed case letters

Minimum special characters

Maximum special characters

Limit adjacent special chars

Limit special char first position

Limit special char last position

Service tools password composition rules are configured using DST, SST, or the new SST Security Attribute commands.

- Change SST Security Attributes (CHGSSTSECA)
- Display SST Security Attributes (DSPSSTSECA)

In addition to password rule attributes, the commands support the "service tools password level" attribute and the "allow security-related system values to be changed" attribute.

New commands were added for service tools user ID management. These commands configure the same SST privileges managed through DST or SST.

- Create Service Tools User ID (CRTSSTUSR)
- Change Service Tools User ID (CHGSSTUSR)
- Delete Service Tools User ID (DLTSSTUSR)

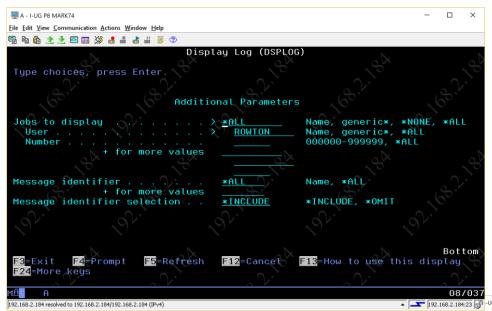
Refer to the Service Tools topic in IBM Knowledge Center for more information.



Improved Searching of QHST

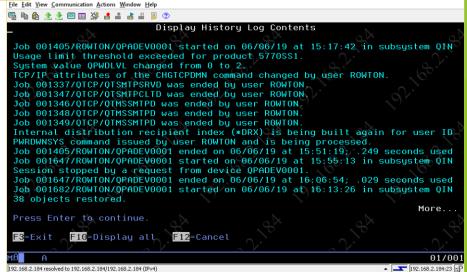
Improved Searching of QHST

No need to know job name & number



DSPLOG JOB(ROWTON/*ALL)

Shows all entries for user Rowton





Improvements to RGZPFM

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Reorganize While Active - Enhancement



- The Reorganize Physical File Member (RGZPFM) command includes:
 - 1. ALWCANCEL(*NO) Data is offline, create a copy of the file
 - 2. ALWCANCEL(*YES) Data is online, delete and insert rows

Problem: If RPG CHAIN is used, a single row can appear to be missing while it is being reorganized (delete/insert)

Enhancement: With IBM i 7.4, the delete/insert occurs as a conjoined operation.

The row won't have a window where it does not exist.

The enhanced behavior applies automatically to any ALWCANCEL(*YES) use.

Note: Assumes that the file is not replicated by Db2 Mirror.



SMB v3 for Netserver

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Protocol used to map a network drive to an IBM i Used by Windows, MAC or Linux clients Also used by /QNTC to access this clients

SMBv1 protocol has so many holes in it it's only useful for draining pasta!

SMBv2 is not really up to standard.

Several implementations that don't always play nicely together

In short SMB is currently a mess.

Which is slightly worrying as it's how the WannaCry virus is spread

I have high hopes that SMBv3, if we a lucky, it will plug security and work uniformly on all platforms

It's also faster, supporting larger read and write block sizes, whilst still providing end to end encryption





New Exit Points on SBMJOB

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QIBM_QWT_SBMJOB

Calls an exit program during SBMJOB, before the job is placed on the job queue.

QIBM_QWT_CHGJOB

Calls an exit program when CHGJOB command or API is used to change a job on a queue.

ProTip: particularly useful on systems that submit a lot of jobs to batch using multiple job queues. These exit points can be used to load balance.



Digital Certificate Manager APIs

Digital Certificate Manager APIsTaking control of your certificates

Digital Certificate Manager APIs

Digital Certificate Manager (DCM) APIs added to automate the management of certificates without using the DCM browser-based user interface. An application written using these APIs can renew a certificate residing in the system certificate store, update an application definition to use the renewed certificate, and update the trust list with the CA that issued the renewed certificate.

These three APIs provide Application Definition certificate assignment capabilities. An Application Definition, also known as Application ID, is created and maintained in DCM for use by System TLS based applications.

- Remove a certificate assignment from an application (QvcdRemoveCertUsage).
- Add a certificate assignment to an application (QycdUpdateCertUsage).
- Retrieve information about the certificate currently assigned to an application (QycdRetrieveCertUsageInfo).

These three APIs provide Certificate Authority (CA) Trust List configuration capabilities. A CA Trust List is an optional configuration for Application Definitions. The list allows individual applications to trust a different set of CAs from other applications.

- Add a CA certificate to the CA certificate trust list (QvcdAddCACertTrust).
- Remove a CA certificate from the CA certificate trust list (QycdRemoveCACertTrust).
- Check if CA certificate is in the CA certificate trust list (QycdCheckCACertTrust).

This API is used in a two-step process to renew an existing certificate residing in the system certificate store.

Request a certificate renewal and import certificate into system store (QycdRenewCertificate).

With the first call, a CSR (Certificate Signing Request) is generated based on an existing certificate. After out of band processing of the CSR is complete, the second call imports the issued certificate into the system certificate store.

Refer to the IBM Knowledge Center documentation for Digital Certificate Management APIs for additional information.

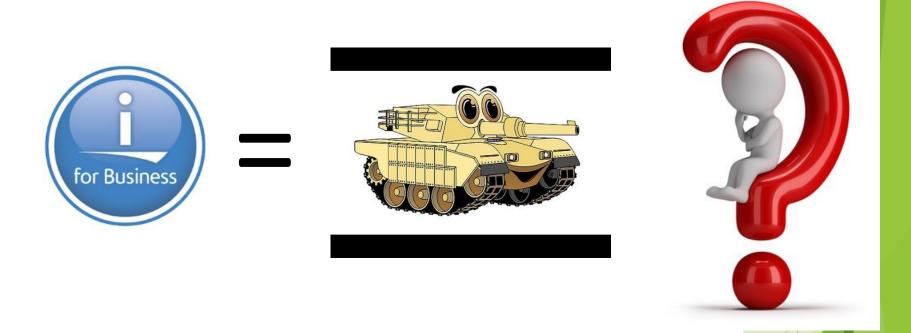
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Authority Collection

What is the problem?

IBM i is the most secure platform in the world right?



Yes - but it has to be configured and security has to be maintained

The million dollar question

How do you know what security you need?



Answer = Authority Collection Bonus Answer = It is Free!

Authority Collector

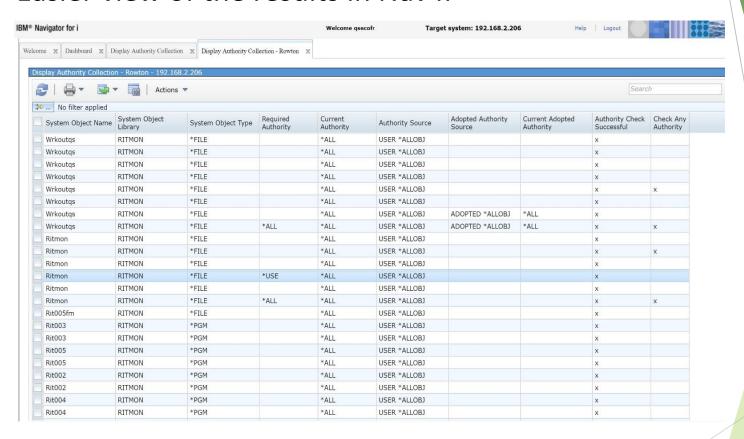
Three simple steps



- 1. Start Authority Collection Enter Library and User
- 2. The user does their job
 Authority Collector monitors their
 access to the objects in the library.
 End monitor when ready to review.
- 3. Display the Collection Database file is created showing what authority they have and what they actually needed

Authority Collection

Easier view of the results in Nav4i



You can use the result file as input file to your own customer authority monitor / remediation tool

Functionality up to this point available in IBM i 7.3

Authority Collection by object

New in 7.4 Changes the focus of collection from a user to object(s)

Security Authority Collection for objects

Authority collection captures data that is associated with the runtime authority checking that is built into the IBM i system. This data is logged to a repository, and interfaces are available to display and analyze the data. A security administrator or application provider can analyze the captured data to determine the minimum authority that is required to the objects to allow the application to run successfully. Setting the minimum authority on the objects improves the security of the objects and provides for better protection from access outside of the application.

The enhanced IBM i 7.4 authority collection support allows the collection of authority information for specific objects when accessed by any user. The IBM i 7.3 support collects authority information for all objects accessed by a specific user.

New command:

Change Authority Collection (CHGAUTCOL)

Updated interfaces:

- Start Authority Collection (STRAUTCOL)
- End Authority Collection (ENDAUTCOL)
- Delete Authority Collection (DLTAUTCOL)
- Display Security Attributes (DSPSECA) command and Retrieve Security Attributes (QSYRTVSA) API show the authority collection for objects active indicator.
 Interfaces that show object attributes now include the authority collection value for the object.

The authority collection value for an object can be set with the new Change Authority Collection (CHGAUTCOL) command. When authority collection for objects is started using the enhanced Start Authority Collection (STRAUTCOL) command, authority information is collected for the specific objects that have an authority collection value set. Authority information is collected for these objects when accessed by any user and is written to the authority collection repository for objects.

New SQL views have been added to display and analyze the authority collection data for objects:

- QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_OBJECT view for QSYS objects; use this when the number of entries in the authority collection is large and you are looking
 for a specific object or objects in a specific library.
- QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_LIBRARIES view for QSYS objects; use this when the number of entries in the authority collection is small or you are looking for all, or most, objects in the authority collection
- QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_FSOBJ view for ile system objects in the "root" (/), QOpenSys, and user-defined file systems.
- QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_DLO view for document and folder objects.

For complete details on the enhanced authority collection support, see the Authority Collection section of the Security reference topic in the IBM Knowledge Center.

Authority Collection by object

New in 7.4 – Integration with IBM i Services

IBM i Service	Type of Service IBM i 7.4		IBM i 7.3	IBM i 7.2				
Security Services								
QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION	View		Base	-				
QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_DLO	View	Base	-	-				
QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_FSOBJ	View	Base		-				
QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_LIBRARIES	View	Base	-	-				
QSYS2.AUTHORITY_COLLECTION_OBJECT	View	Base	(6)	-				

Simplifies the investigation of the Authority Collection data

А	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K
AUTH_NAME	CHECK_TIMESTAMP	SYSTEM_OB	SCHEMA	TYPE	DETAILED_REQUIRED_AUTHORITY	CURRENT_AUTHORITY	JOB_NAME	JOB_USER	JOB_No	CURRENT_USER
ROWTON	2019-06-07 17:25:00	IFSINFO2D	IFSINFO	*FILE	*READ	*ALL	QPADEV0001	ROWTON	002317	ROWTON
ROWTON	2019-06-07 17:25:00	IFSINFO2D	IFSINFO	*FILE	*OBJOPR	*ALL	QPADEV0001	ROWTON	002317	ROWTON
ROWTON	2019-06-07 17:25:00	IFSINFO2D	IFSINFO	*FILE	*OBJOPR	*ALL	QPADEV0001	ROWTON	002317	ROWTON
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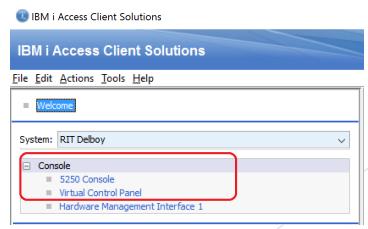
Improved Encryption

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- 7.4 IBM has added support for new ciphers
 TLS 1.3 enabled by default
- 7.4 IBM has removed the older weaker ciphers SSL 2.0, TLS 1.0, TLS 1.1, 3DES, CBC & RSA disabled by default

ProTip: This also applies to Ops Console

If you use Ethernet Ops console you will have to switch to the ACS client



Improved Encryption

Secure SNMPv3 Trap and Inform message support

The IBM i support for Simple Network Management Protocol version 3 (SNMPv3) has been enhanced in IBM i 7.4 with the ability to securely send SNMPv3 Trap and Inform messages. The IBM i local trap manager has also been enhanced with the ability to securely receive and forward SNMPv3 Trap and Inform messages. In addition, traps generated by 3rd party sub-agents can now be sent as SNMPv3 Traps or Informs without any changes to the sub-agent code.

The IBM i local trap manager can now be configured to start and end with the SNMP server using the Change SNMP Attributes (CHGSNMPA) command. With this change, invocations of the Start Trap Manager (STRTRPMGR) and End Trap Manager can be eliminated from programs such as the system start up program. Also, the QIBM_QZCA_SNMPTRAP exit program associated with the IBM i local trap manager will now log received SNMPv3 traps and informs in addition to SNMPv1 traps to the configured data queue.

Refer to the IBM Knowledge Center command documentation for Change SNMP Attributes (CHGSNMPA) for additional information.

NetServer and QNTC updated to SMB3

End to end data encryption for their entire client / server conversations

Why should you care?

These ciphers have known vulnerabilities

They fail security standard like PCI-DSS

So if you process credit cards you have to take note

GDPR is vague on this subject but implies you should use it.

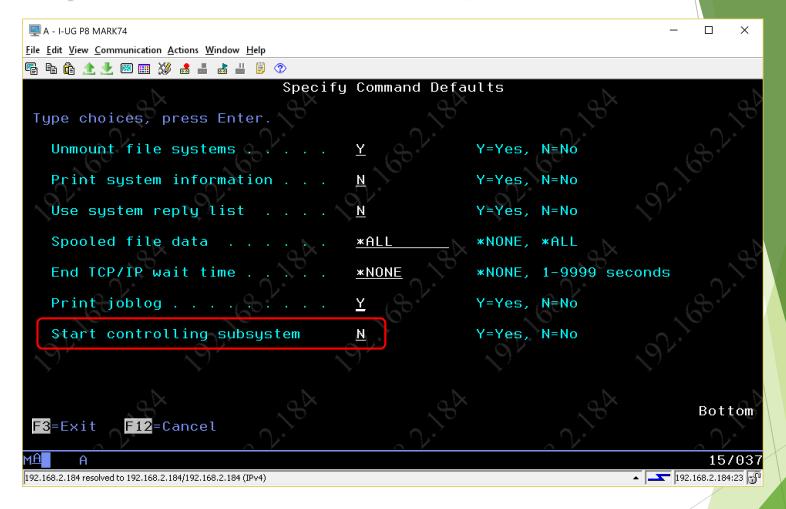
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Improvements in IBM i Save / Restore

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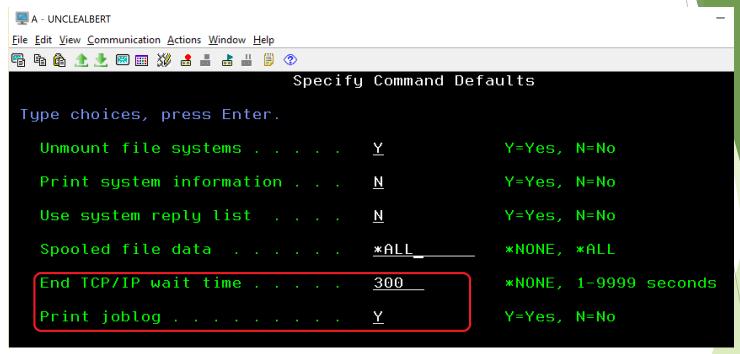
ProTip:

Useful if you want to keep the users off after your backup

IBM i 7.4 only

Improvements in Save / Restore

IBM also added extra options at 7.2 & 7.3



Setting End TCP/IP wait time to *NONE saves 10 minutes on the save Setting Print joblog to Y gives you a nice clean joblog from the save

Reminder about AsyncBring

Just checking you know about ASYNCBRING(*YES)

```
Save Object (SAV)
Type choices, press Enter.
Target release . . . . . . . . *CURRENT
Update history . . . . . . . . .
                                   *NONE
Data compression . . . . . . . .
                                   *DEV
Data compaction . . . . . . . .
                                   *DEV
ASP device . . . . . . . . . . .
                                   *DFT
Scan objects:
 Scan during save . . . . .
                                   *N0
 Save failed objects . . . .
                                   *NOSAVFAILED
Private authorities . . . .
                                   *N0
Asynchronous bring . . . . . . .
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This can dramatically improve save times
Especially when your IFS has a large numbers of small files

This is a 7.1 function, also PTF'd back to 6.1





BRMS Enhancements

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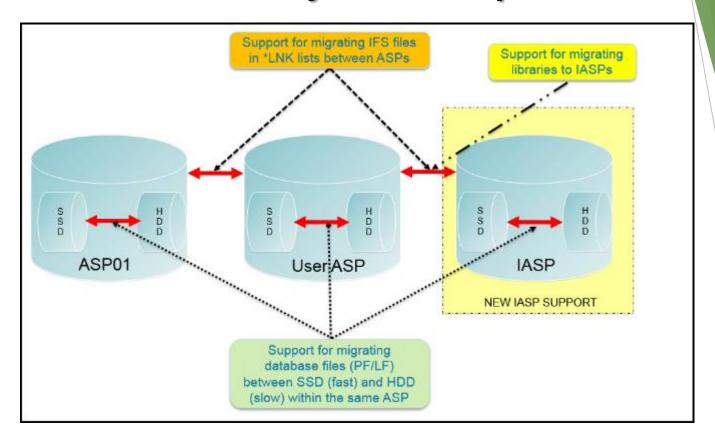
Turnkey cloud control group deployment for easy set-up SAVLIBBRM default now backs up changes to journaled objects Support to easily back up all spooled files,

which improves restore performance

Enhanced logging to help preserve message order when log entries occur at the same second

Support for new 3592 tape device

BRMS is more than just backup



Similar to the IBM Easy Tier, BRMS storage tiering can move data between HDDs, SSDs & Flash.

It can also migrate data between ASPs & iASPs!



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Db2 Mirror for i

Zero downtime is now a reality





Is this the end of third-party HA / DR solutions?

No, not at all, this is NOT an HA solution!

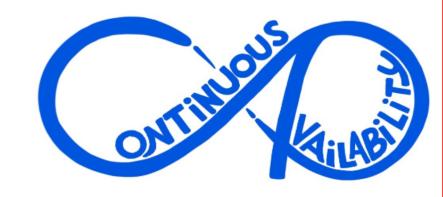
Operating System Synchronous Replication

Continuous Availability

24 x 7 Up Time

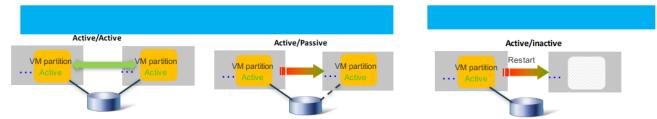
RTO/RPO Near Zero

IBM Db2 Mirror for i(5770-DBM)



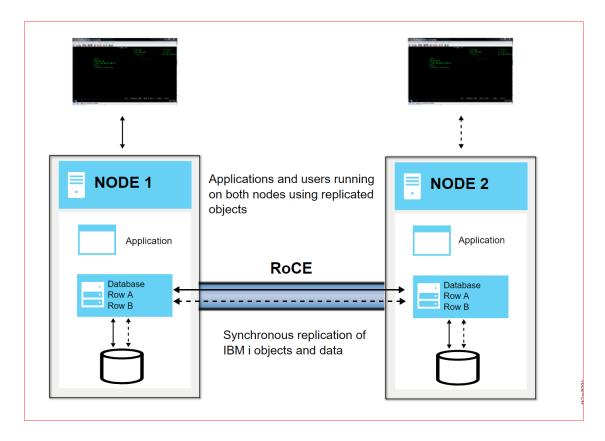
For more details on Db2 Mirror for i: IBM Db2 Mirror for i Knowledge Center.

High Availability topology classification & positioning



Technology	Active/Active Clustering	Active/Passive Clustering	Active/Inactive
Definition	Application level clustering; applications in the cluster have simultaneous access to the production data therefore no app restart upon an app node outage. Certain types enable read-only access from secondary nodes	OS level clustering; one OS in the cluster has access to the production data, multiple active OS instances on all nodes in the cluster. Application is restarted on a secondary node upon outage of a production node.	VM level clustering, One VM in a cluster pair has access to the data, one logical OS, one or two physical copies. OS and applications must be restarted on a secondary node upon a primary node outage event. LPM enables the VM to be moved non-disruptively for a planned outage event.
Outage Types	SW,HW,HA, planned, unplanned RTO 0, limited distance	SW,HW,HA,DR, planned, unplanned, RTO>0, multi-site	HW,HA,DR, planned, unplanned, RTO>0, multi-site
OS integration	Inside the OS	Inside the OS	OS agnostic
RPO	Sync mode only	Sync/Async	Sync/Async
RTO	0	Fast (minutes)	Fast Enough (VM Reboot)
Licensing*	N+N licensing	N+1 licensing	N+0 licensing
Industry Examples	Oracle RAC, Db2 Mirror, pureScale	PowerHA, Redhat HA, Linux HA	VMware, VMR HA, LPM,

- N = number of licensed processor cores on each system in the cluster
- Illustrations represent two-node shared-storage configurations for conceptual simplicity. There are many other topologies and data resiliency combinations



Put simply: You can run your applications on two systems at the same time and access the same data

This is not a copy of your data, it's the same data!

Locks, Constraints, Commitment Control all the same

Db2 Mirror – Other Supported Objects

Other Objects

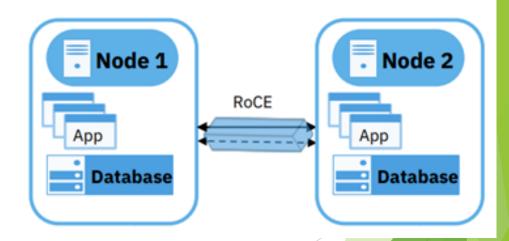
- User profiles
- Authority
- Ownership
- Security
- PGM/SRVPGM
- Data Areas
- Data Queues (DDL Only)
- SYSVALs
- ENVARs
- LIB
- JOBD
- Journals
- Files (also has DDL Only option)

Special Handling

- OUTQ / Spool
- Job Queue

Exceptions

- No User Spaces
- No User Indexes
- No User Queues
- No Journal Receivers





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Free performance boost

IBM i 7.4 has been optimised

Not just a tune up, a major overhaul!

Network stack

Journaling and Commitment control

Program Execution

Security Parsing

SQE Engine

IASP Vary On time

Database access, update and locking

All of the above have been reviewed, optimised and where needed redesigned

The result is a faster, more efficient environment

More Processor and more storage

More processor threads per partition

Maximum has more than doubled in 7.4 to 1536

More disks arms available Roughly 50% more arms with up to 3 times the capacity

Selected Operating System Limits	IBM i 7.3	IBM i 7.4
Disk arms in all basic auxiliary storage pools (ASPs 1 – 32), per partition	2047	3999
Disk arms in all independent auxiliary storage pools (iASPs 33 – 255) in all nodes in a cluster	2047	5999
4160 byte block size LUNs (Note 1): 4K block SAS disks (internal or vSCSI attached)	4 TB	16 TB
4096 byte block size LUNs (Note 1): 4K block SAS disks (vSCSI attached) FlashSystems LUNs	2 TB	16 TB

Note 1 – Actual limit is one block short of the max shown in the table.

Note that for all 512/520 block disks/LUNs, the maximum size is still up to 2 TB. This includes 5xx block SAS disks (internal or vSCSI attached), DS8000 LUNs, and IBM Storwize family LUNs.

For more information about these limits, and others, see IBM Knowledge Center Miscellaneous Limits topic.

IBM i 7.4 only

Programs may even run faster at 7.4

There is talk that programs created for 7.4 may actually run faster too

IBM has found evidence of this but is still reviewing the findings before going public

What does created for 7.4 mean?
Recompilation
Object Conversion - STROBJCVN
Translation - QBNCVTPLST

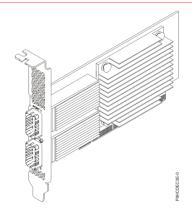
Simple IBM i program and module conversion

No retranslation of programs is required to work with IBM i 7.3 or IBM i 7.2. However, there are times when a retranslation may be beneficial to ensure that programs are using the latest technology updates for performance, efficiency, and so on. For this purpose, IBM is providing the new QBNCVTPGM tool. See the Simple IBM i program and module conversion technical article for more information.

Note: The article references CL program source that can be downloaded. The following link can be used to download the source: QBNCVTPLST CL Program

New hardware support

Hardware



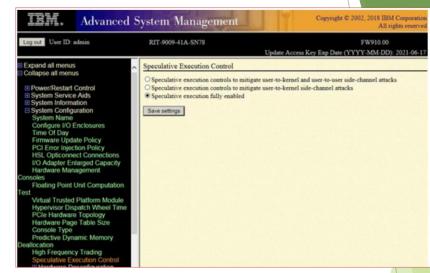
. I/O

- PCIe4 2-port 100 Gb ROCE EN adapter adds dedicated and native SR-IOV NIC, and dedicated and native SR-IOV RoCE
- PCIe 2-port Ethernet adapters add dedicated and native SR-IOV RoCE
- PCle3 6-Slot Fanout Module for PCle3 Expansion Drawer
- PCle x16 to CXP Converter Card
- New Enterprise SSDs
- New Mainstream SSDs

Speed Boost from Spectre / Meltdown

If you don't use cloud, consider turning off Speculative Mitigations

You can do this in hardware using HMC / ASMI



And at the LPAR level in SST

Questions?



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