Tips and Tricks to improve system performance and save disk space.

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In this session

In this presentation we will discuss the ways to clean up our disk space, and what you can do to improve performance. While the IBM i may manage itself in some areas, there are many optimization and cleanup techniques that are part of IBM i, yet most shops don't spend the time and effort to implement them. We will learn the "tricks" that can help you reduce your disk I/O, reduce disk utilization, reduce memory faulting, and improve system performance.

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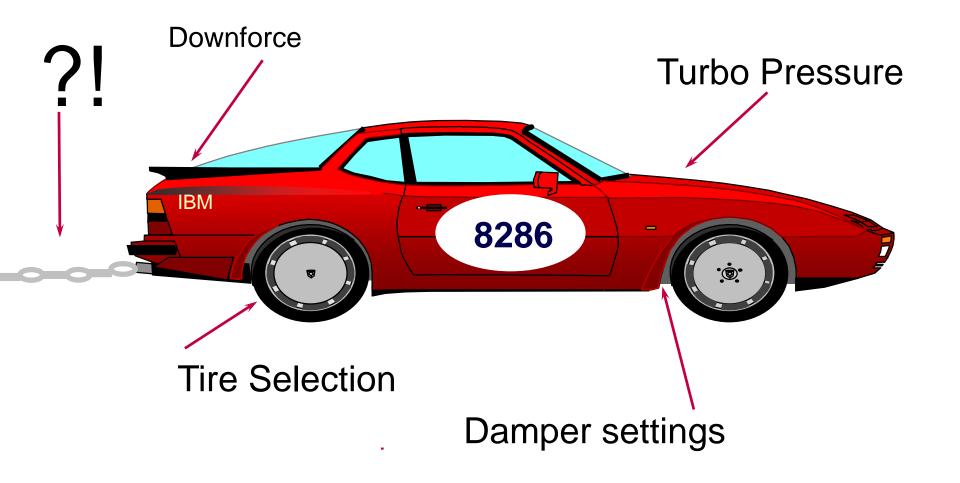
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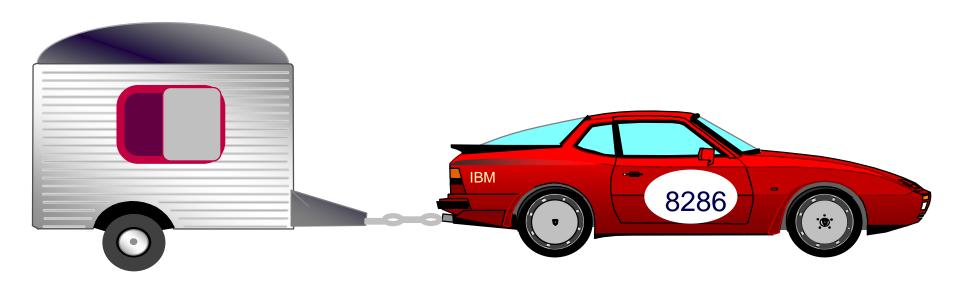
Is This Where to Start Performance Tuning?



Identifying the Problem



Identifying the Problem (cont.)



What Performance can you expect?

Why We Should Be Cleaning

Hidden costs.

"Having a lot of storage is like having children. It can cost you almost nothing to have a child, but the upkeep costs a lot. In fact, Aberdeen's research and other people's research show that there can be an order of magnitude difference between the cost to acquire the storage and the cost to maintain it."

Dan Tanner

Analyst with Aberdeen Group

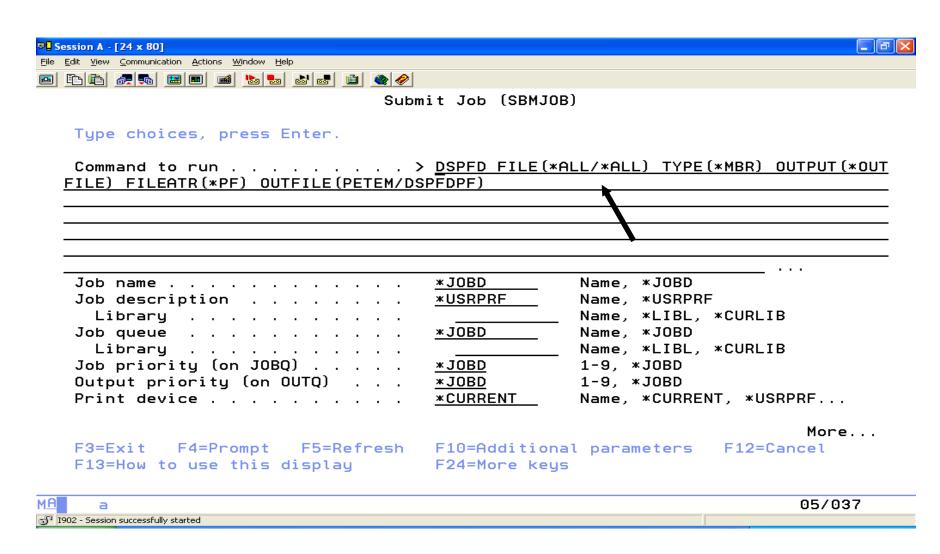
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Generate List of Files



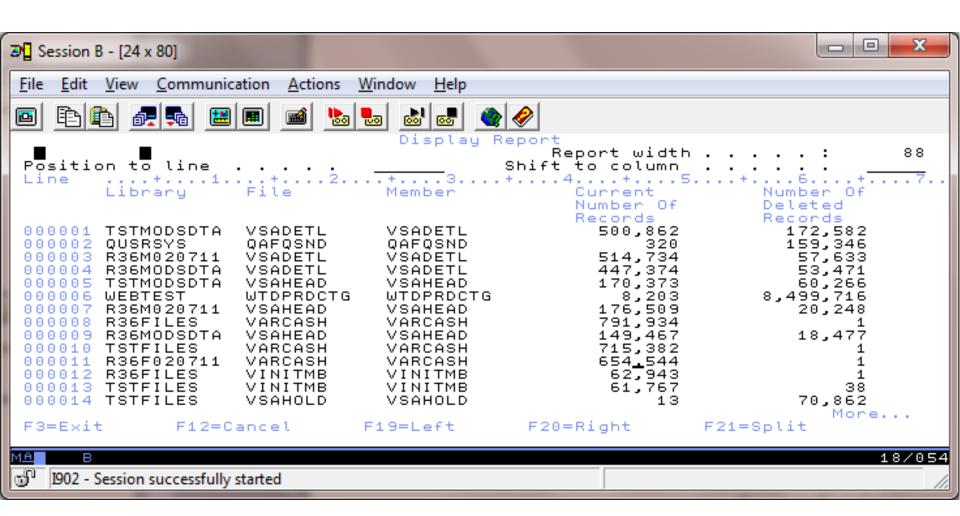
Create Query

- Select input file as yourlib/DSPFDPF
- Select these fields: MBLIB, MBFILE, MBNAME, MBNRCD, MBNDTR, MBDSZ2
- Sort by MBDSZ2 Descending
- Select records by: MBNDTR GT 0 and MBFILE NLIKE 'QADB%'

Use SQL on SysTableStat

```
select table_schema, Table_name, Data_size, Number_Deleted_Rows,
Logical_reads, Physical_reads, Sequential_reads, Random_reads
from qsys2.systablestat Order by Number_Deleted_rows, Logical_reads
DESC Fetch first 25 rows only
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List to Work On



Physical Files

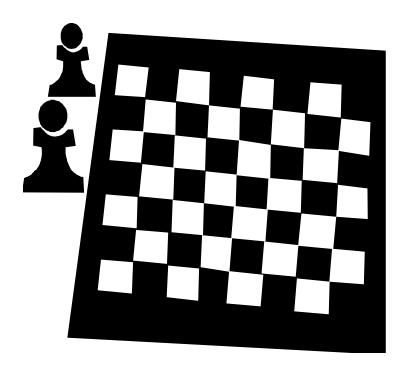
- Size
- Reorganize (normal and while active*)
- Blocking
- Resequence
- Purge & Archive
- 3rd Party Software

RGZPFM

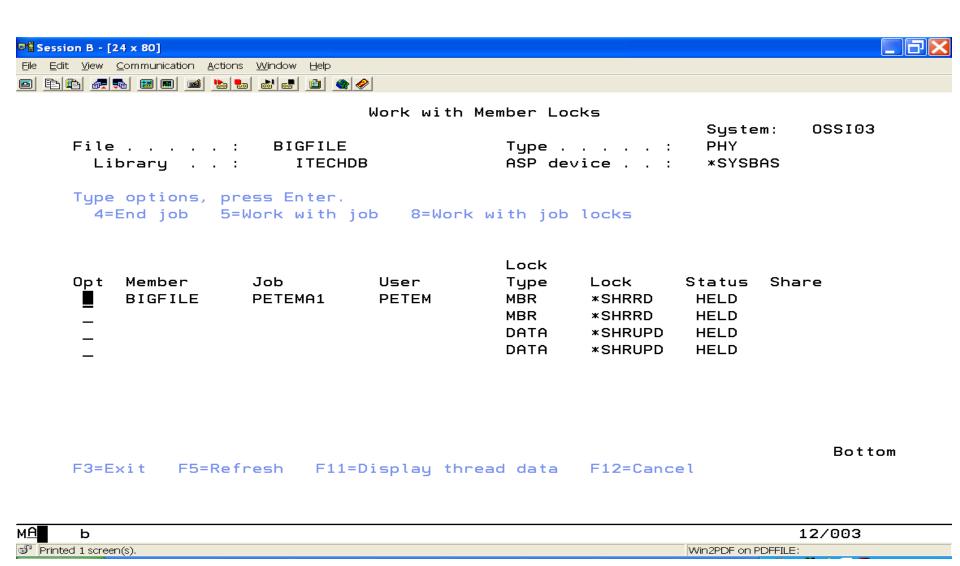
All Records are stored in pages. Think of a page as a chess board containing:

Deleted records

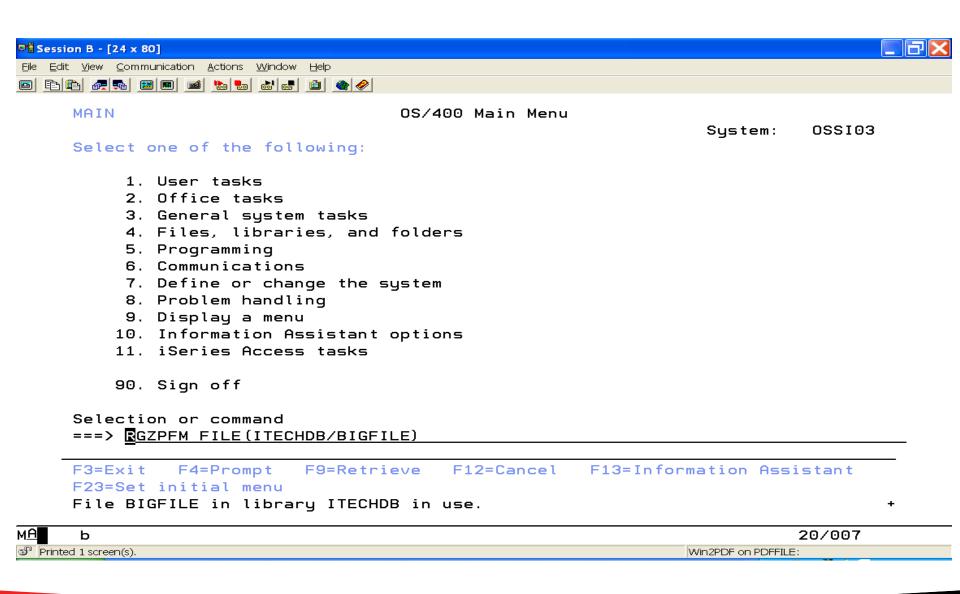
Active records



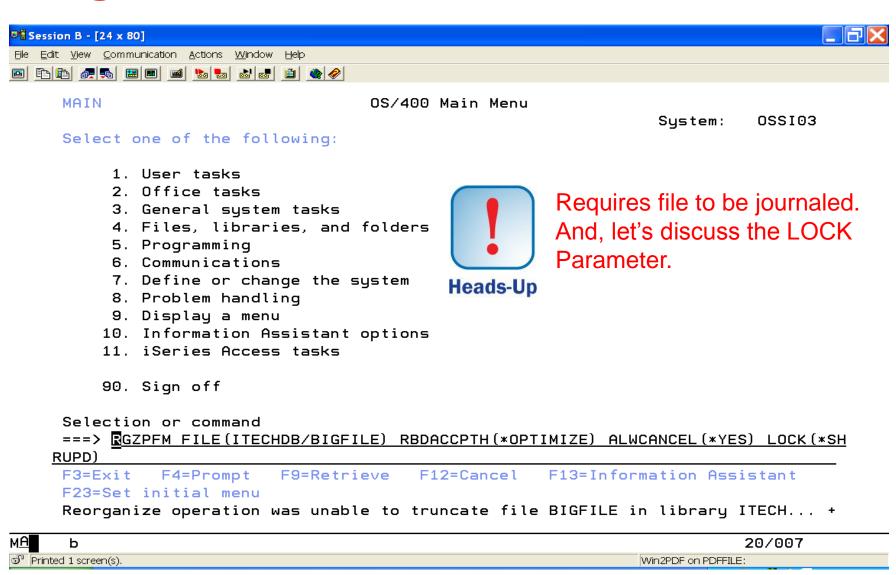
RGZPFM (cont.)



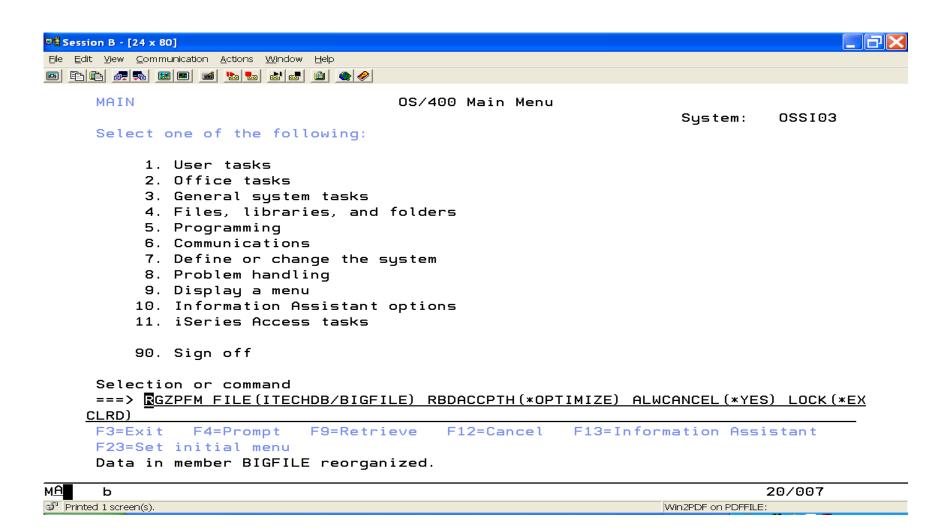
The Old Way



Reorganize While Active



Locked, Others Can Read



Use SQL on SysTableStat – Which files are you using

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select table_schema, Table_name, Data_size, Number_Deleted_Rows,
Logical_reads, Physical_reads, Sequential_reads, Random_reads
from qsys2.systablestat Order by Logical_reads DESC Fetch first 25
rows @nly
```

Use SQL on SysTableStat

LOGICAL_READS	PHYSICAL_READS	SEQUENTIAL_READS
4,547,213,640,645	985,582	4,547,197,786,116
170,444,924,421	89,447	170,446,878,171
165,359,854,071	322,516	152,888,188,150
157,726,773,102	4,446,000	141,302,803,674
134,467,763,922	145,504,964	134,352,917,904
101,949,364,352	1,038,491	101,948,680,803
100,142,334,628	43,183	4,632,253,545
74,906,986,788	1,374,666	74,035,189,475
58,997,662,054	59,281,520	55,777,534,830
50,920,370,758	10,786,870	50,909,291,944
34,765,165,919	14,720,547	32,981,404,486
34,037,661,091	45,873,380	19,093,803,558
33,778,698,449	13,341	33,775,028,979
30,160,893,021	8,322	811,166,753
		More

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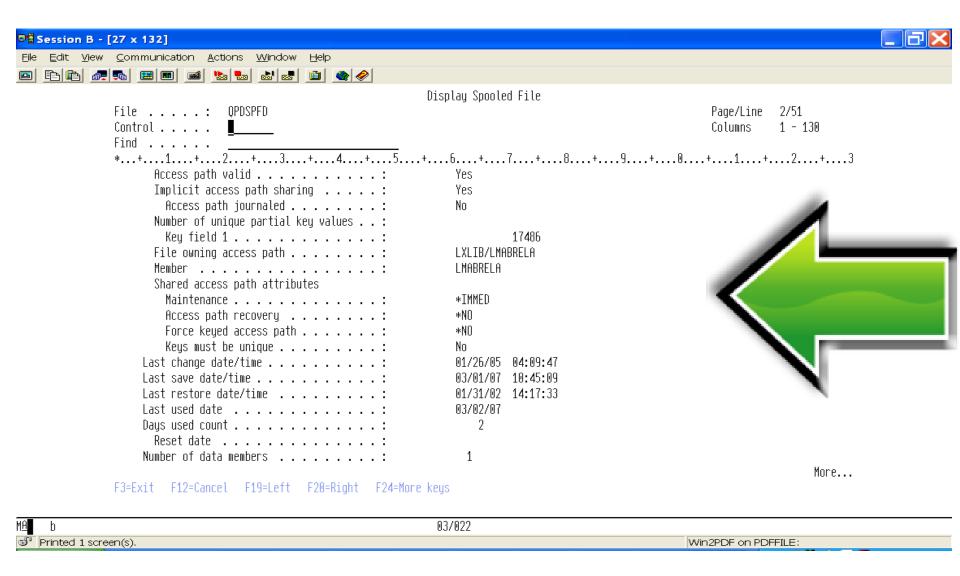
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Logical Files

- Size
- Sharing
- Performance
- Maintenance Level
- Onetime Fixes
- 3rd Party Software

Sharing Access Paths



Sharing Example

- Sales Physical File
- Logical File A
 - Keyed by Country
- Logical File B
 - Key by Country, State

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Programs

- Symbol Table
- Starting in V5R1 Observability & Creation Data
- V6R1 Migrations
 - Analyze Object Convert ANZOBJCVN
- Types of Compression
- Optimization
- Usage

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Removing Excess Baggage — Other Objects

- Device Files
- Menus
- Panel Groups
- Source Files
- Spool Files

Removing Excess Baggage — Other Ways

- Temporary & Spool Storage RCLTMPSTG & RCLSPLSTG
- IFS
- Reclaim Storage RCLSTG *ALL | *DBXREF | *DIR
- Resizing of Objects
- History Logs, Spool Files, Journal Rcvrs

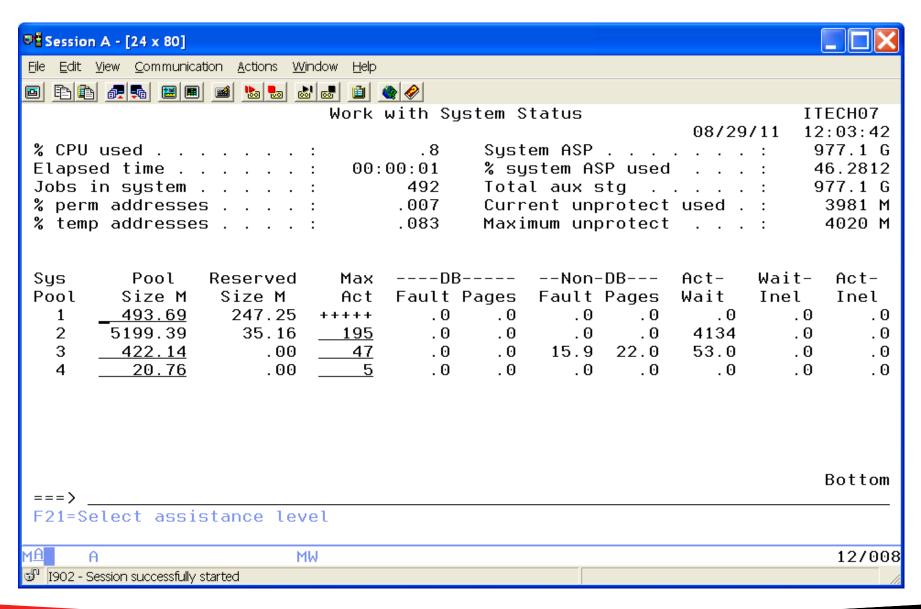
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Performance — Expert Cache

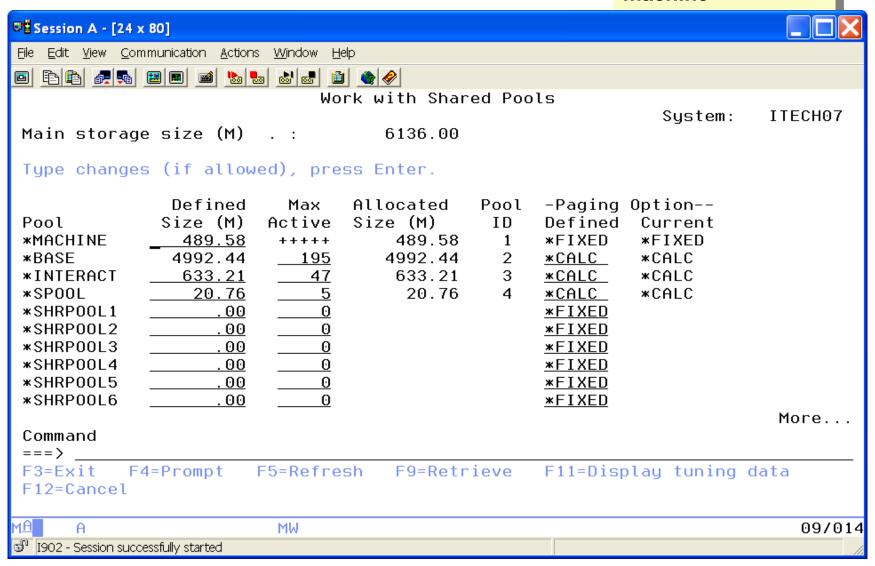
- Part of IBM i
- Look ahead cache
- Used only with Shared Pools
- *CALC Paging Option
- CHGSBSD to use Shared Pools
- WRKSHRPOOL

WRKACTJOB



WRKSHRPOOL (cont.)

Minimum Sizes are not correct for your machine



Performance

QPFRADJ

- 0 No Adjustment
- 1 Adjustment at IPL
- 2 Adjustment at IPL & Automatically
- 3 Automatically

General Performance

- Queries
- Indexes
- Backups
- Balanced Disks STRASPBAL

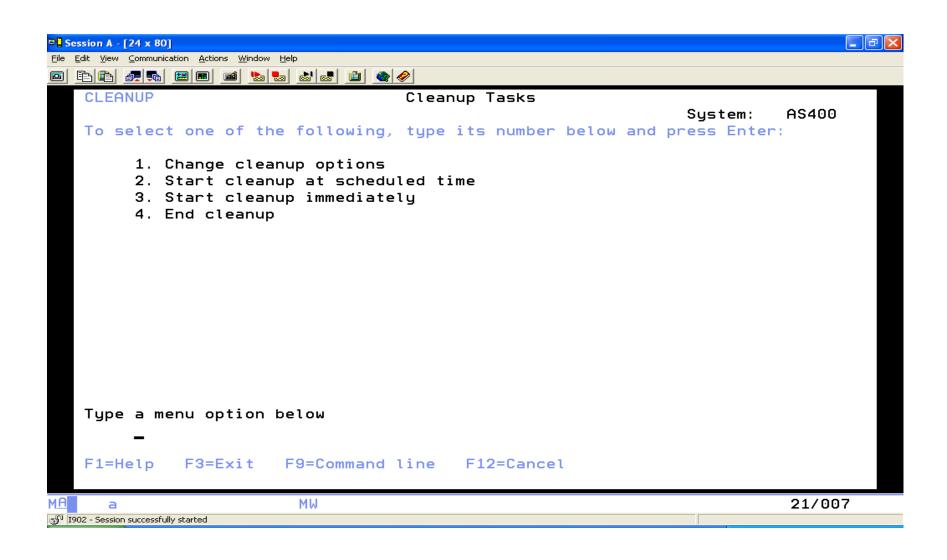
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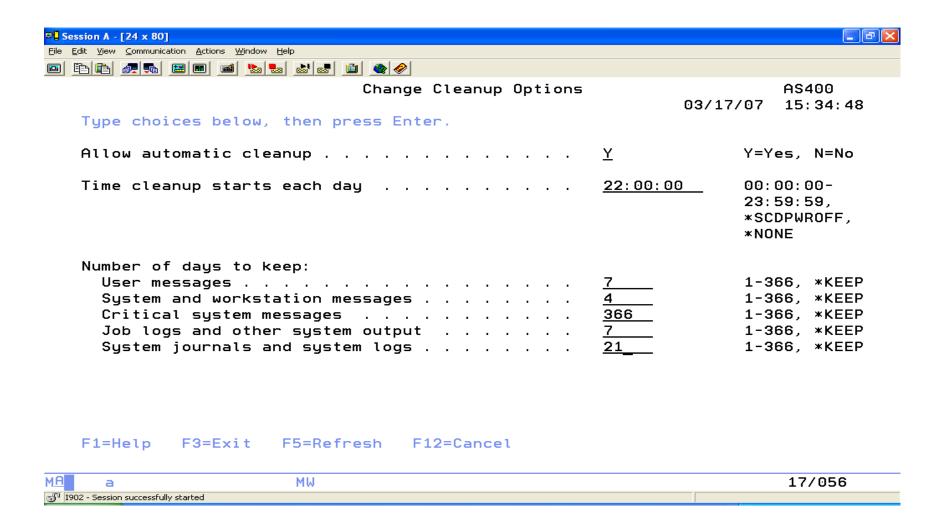
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- Backups
- Performance
- Recovery

Automation



Automation (cont.)



Cleanup

- User MSGQs when not signed on
- QSYSOPR under System & WS
- Only QEZDEBUG & QEZJOBLOG
- System Journals (See next slide for names)
- History Log, Problem Logs, some temporary PTF objects, and Alert DB

System Journals Cleaned

QAOSDIAJRN Journal for DIA files.

QDSNX Journal for DSNX logs.

QSNADS Journal for SNADS files.

QSNMP Journal for SNMP.

QSXJRN Journal for problem databases.

QLYJRN Journal for Application Development Manager transactions.

QPFRADJ Journal for performance adjustment data.

QX400 Journal for OSI Message Services.

QCQJMJRN Journal for Managed System Services.

QO1JRN Journal for Application Enabler OFC files.

ADJRNLO Journal for application program driver files.

QLYPRJLOG Journal for project logs.

QMAJRN Journal for order assistance requests.

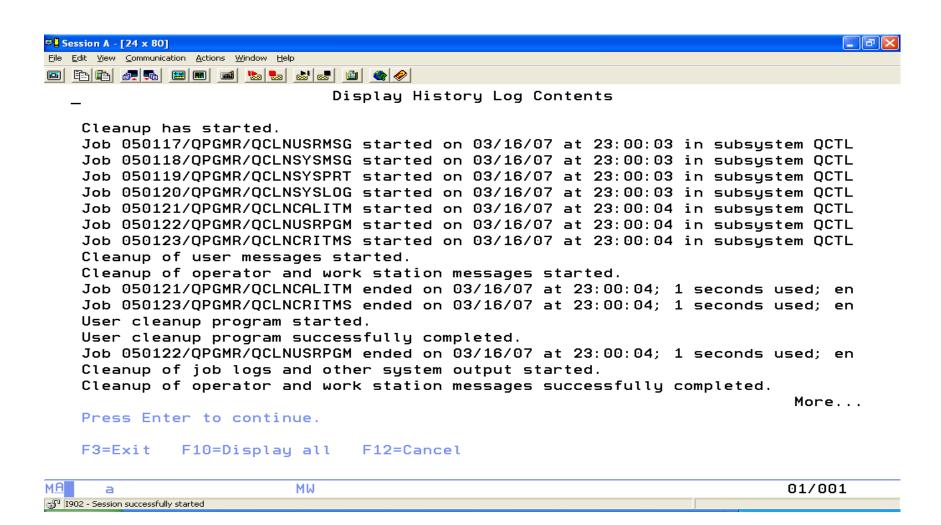
• QZMF Journal for mail server framework log.

QVPN Journal for Virtual Private Networking.

QZCAJRN Journal for the SNMP database.

QACGJRN Journal for job accounting data.

Verify Cleanup Is Cleaning



PTFs

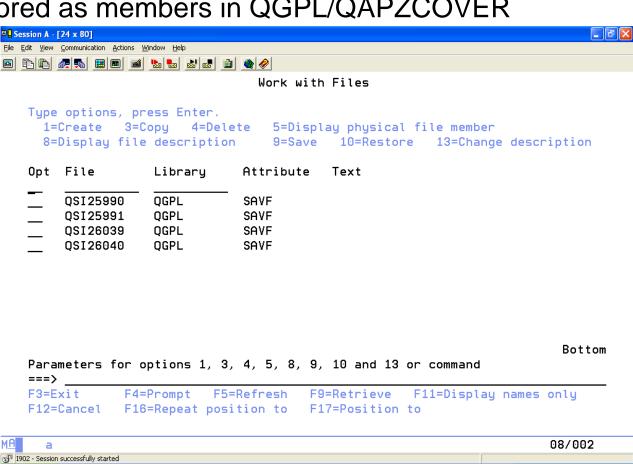
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Display PTF Status
                                                         System:
                                                                   MPERPRD1
5770999
                                        ##MACH#B
IPL source . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
Release of base option . . . . . . :
                                        V7R2M0
                                                 L00
Type options, press Enter.
  5=Display PTF details 6=Print cover letter 8=Display cover letter
  10=Display PTF apply information
    PTF
                                                        IPL
                                                        Action
Opt
    ΙD
             Status
    TL16306
             Permanently applied
                                                        None
    TL16127
                                                        None
             Permanently applied
    TL15311
             Permanently applied
                                                        None
    TL15310
                                                        None
             Permanently applied
    TL15135
                                                        None
             Permanently applied
    TL14276
             Permanently applied
                                                        None
    TL14101
             Superseded
                                                        None
                                                                    More...
F3=Exit F11=Display alternate view F17=Position to F12=Cancel
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Permanently Apply PTFs

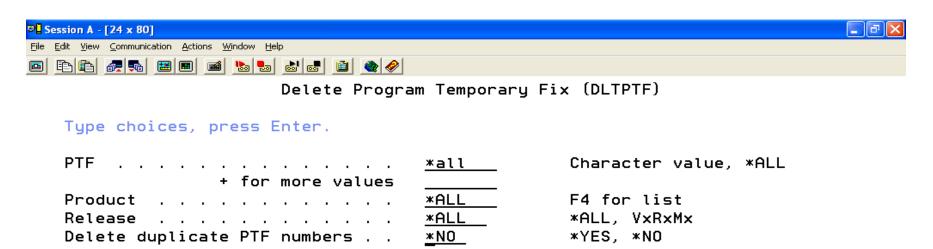
When a PTF is applied, it completely replaces the affected objects in the product. PTFs can be applied temporarily or permanently. If they are applied temporarily, the replaced objects are saved by the system and can later be restored to the product by the Remove Program Temporary Fix (RMVPTF) command. If PTFs are applied permanently, the replaced objects are deleted from the system.

PTFs You Have Downloaded

- Have cover letters stored as members in QGPL/QAPZCOVER
- Save Files in QGPL
 - QMF*
 - QSI*
 - QSF*
- Use DLTPTF



DLTPTF



Bottom

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Licensed Programs You Are NOT Using

Display Installed Licensed Programs

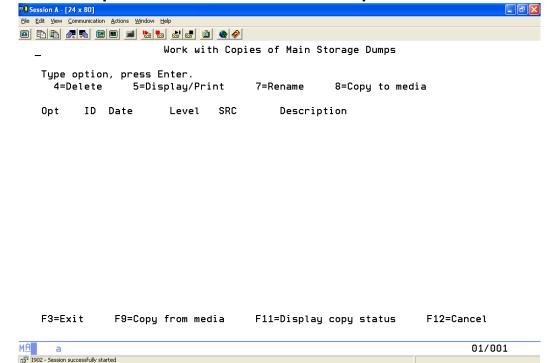
Caroful

Licensed	Installed		Careiui
	Status	Description	Never delete the
Program	Status	•	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Library QGPL	library, always use
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Library QUSRSYS	DLTLICPGM
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	IBM i	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Extended Base Support	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Online Information	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Extended Base Directory Su	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Example Tools Library	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	AFP Compatibility Fonts	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	*PRV CL Compiler Support	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Host Servers	Warning
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	System Openness Includes	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Extended NLS Support	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	ObjectConnect	
5770SS1	*COMPATIBLE	Integrated Server Support	

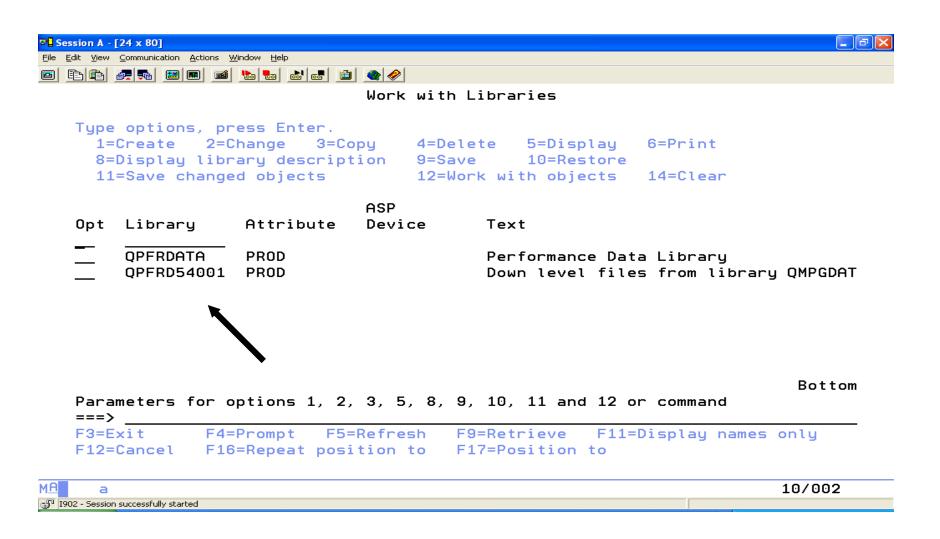
Press Enter to continue.

Remove Old Main Storage Dumps

- STRSST & signon
- Select option 1. Start a Service Tool
- Select option 6. Main Storage Dump Manager
- Select option 2. Work with copies of MSD



Old Performance Data



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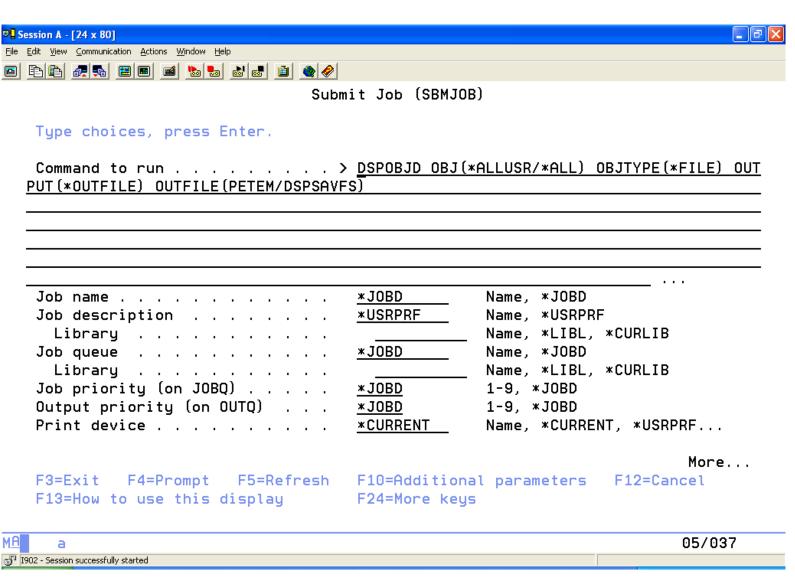
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Save Files

- Can be a big payoff, BUT ...
- You need to decide which ones to keep and which ones to delete.
- Find out Date last used, Date when created, and by what UserID.
- Don't delete any of them in Q libraries.
- DSPSAVF to help you decide.
- Backup to Special Tape before delete.



Generate List of Files on the System

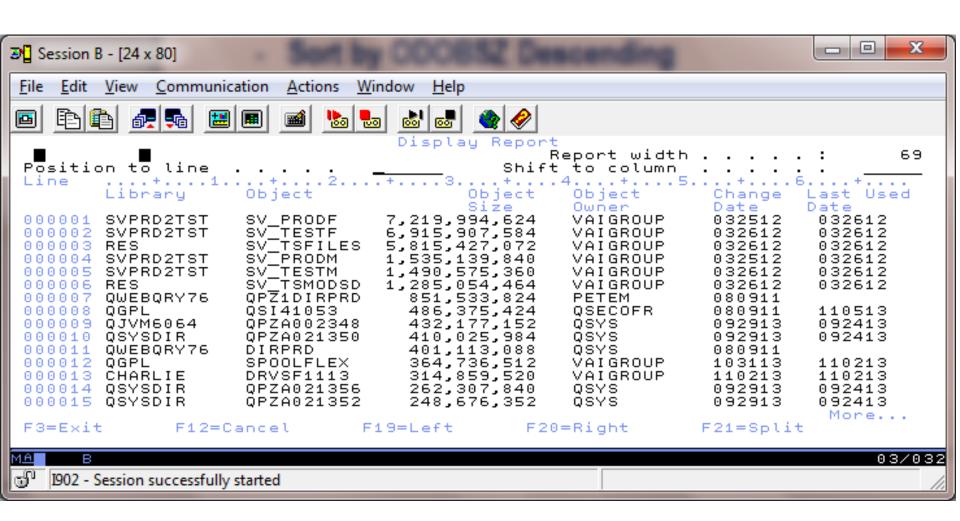


Create Query

- Select input file as yourlib/DSPSAVFS
- Select these fields: ODLBNM, ODOBNM, ODOBSZ, ODOBOW, ODLDAT, ODUDAT
- Sort by ODOBSZ Descending
- Select records by:

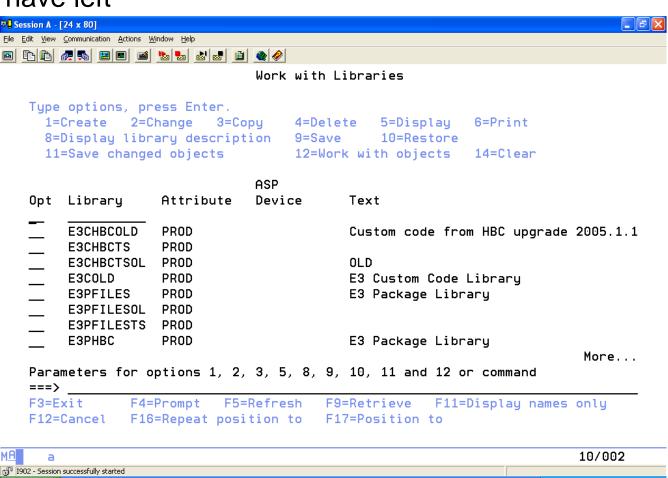
ODOBAT EQ 'SAVF'

List of Save Files



Libraries

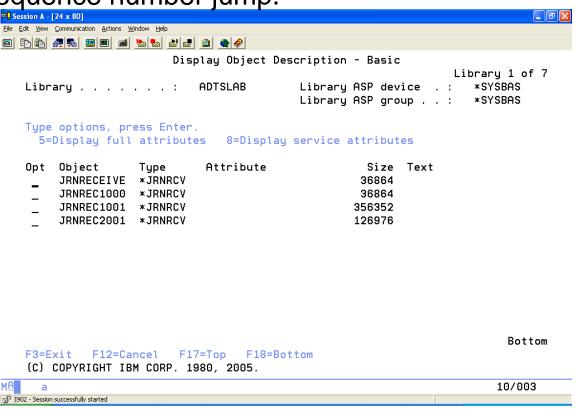
- Programmers who have left
- Old Libraries
- Backup Libraries
- WRKLIB *ALL



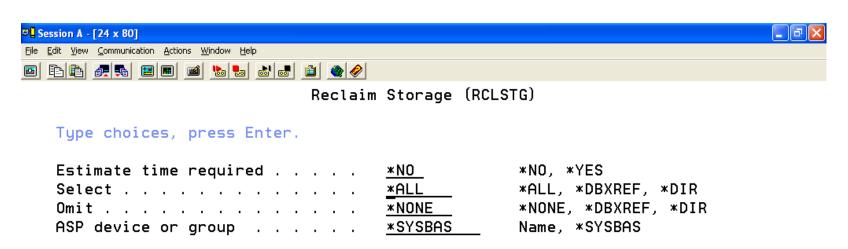
Old Journal Receivers

- DSPOBJD OBJ(*ALL/*ALL) OBJTYPE(*JRNRCV)
- Ones people forgot about and they just grow.

Sequence number jump.



Reclaim Storage



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More on Reclaims

- After RCLSTG look in library QRCL and directory QReclaim
- Subcomponents of RCLSTG
 - RCLLNK OBJ(/)
 - RCLDBXREF (*CHECK or *FIX)
 - RCLOBJOWN USRPRF()
 - RCLDLO DLO(*ALL)
 - RCLLIB LIB()
 - RCLSPLSTG DAYS(1)
- RCLTMPSTG LIB(*ALL) DAYS(1)



Delete Expired Spool Files





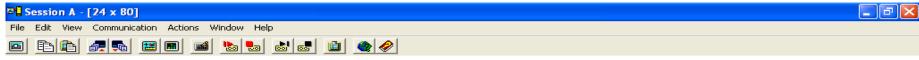
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Set Spool Files to Expire



Change Spooled File Attributes (CHGSPLFA)

Type choices, press Enter.

Additional Parameters

Output queue	*DEV	Name, *SAME, *DEV Name, *LIBL, *CURLIB
File separators	<u>o</u>	0-9, *SAME
Page range to print:		
Starting page	1	Number, $*$ SAME, $*$ ENDPAGE
Ending page	<u>*END</u>	Number, *SAME, *END
File becomes available	*FILEEND	*SAME, *JOBEND, *FILEEND
Save file	*NO	*SAME, *NO, *YES, *IMMED
Expiration date for file	*DAYS	Date, *SAME, *NONE, *DAYS
Days until file expires	21	1-366
Output priority	5	1-9, *SAME, *JOB
User data	'DSPEDTD '	User data, *SAME
Align page	*NO	*SAME, *NO, *YES
		More
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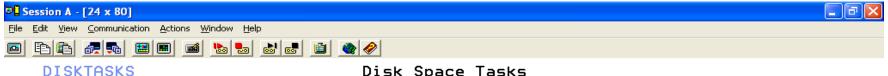
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Collect Disk Information

- You can run RTVDSKINF to Collect Disk Information, or you can use the DISKTASKs Menu.
- You will want to run the RTVDSKINF command in Batch.
- Using the DISKTASKs menu, you can select option 1 to automate the collection of the RTVDSKINF information on a selected interval (Daily, Weekly, or monthly).

GO DISKTASKS



Disk Space Tasks

System: **AS400**

To select one of the following, type its number below and press Enter:

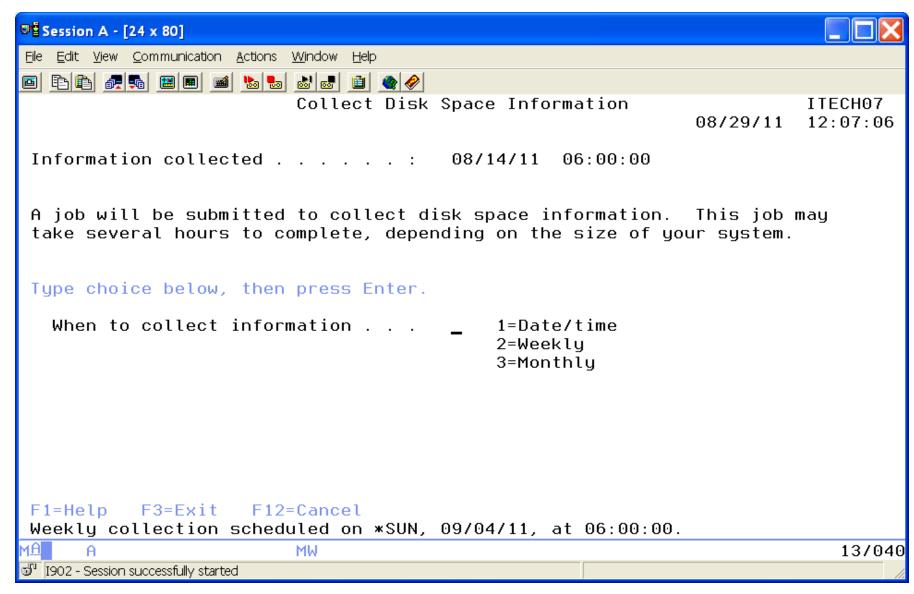
- 1. Collect disk space information
- 2. Print disk space information
- 10. Work with libraries
- 11. Work with folders
- 12. Work with objects by owner

Type a menu option below

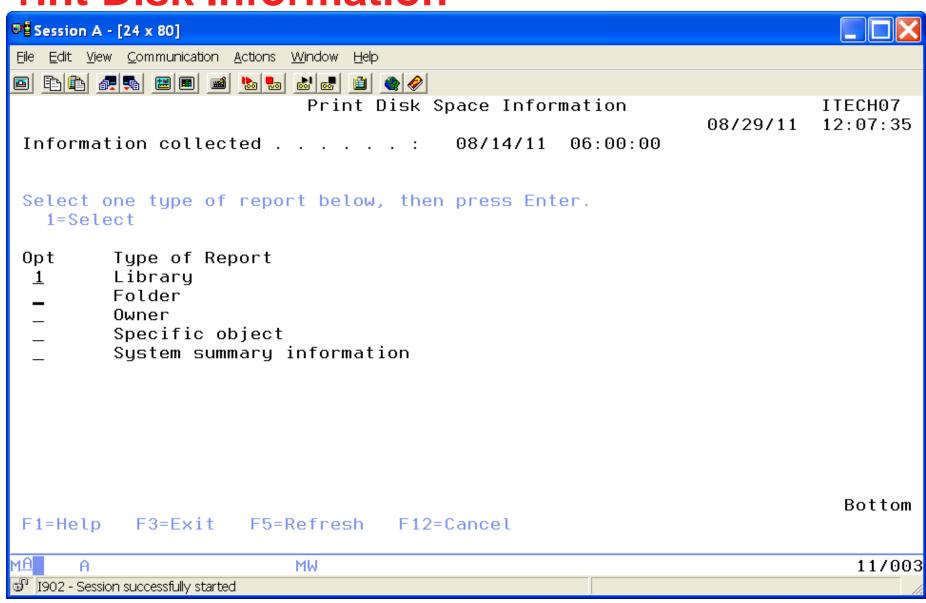
F1=Help F3=Exit F9=Command line F12=Cancel

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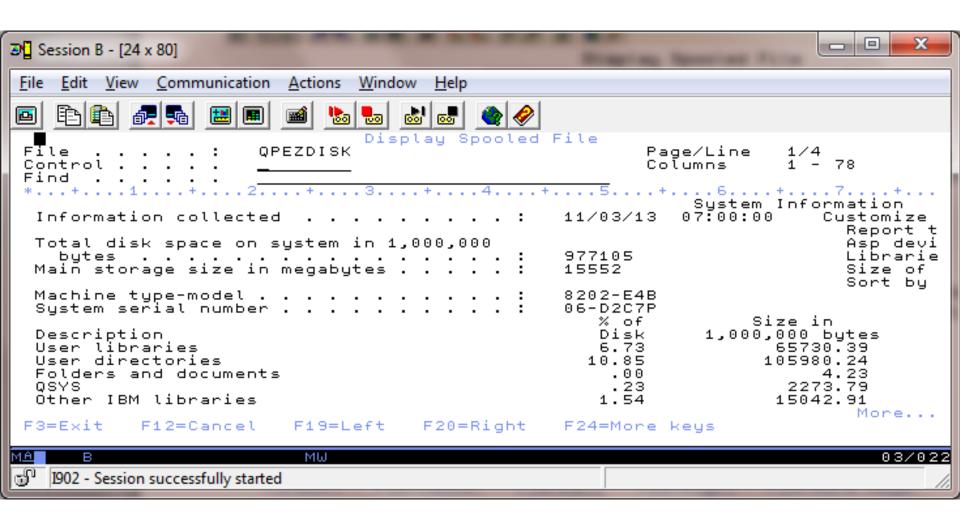
Collect Disk Information



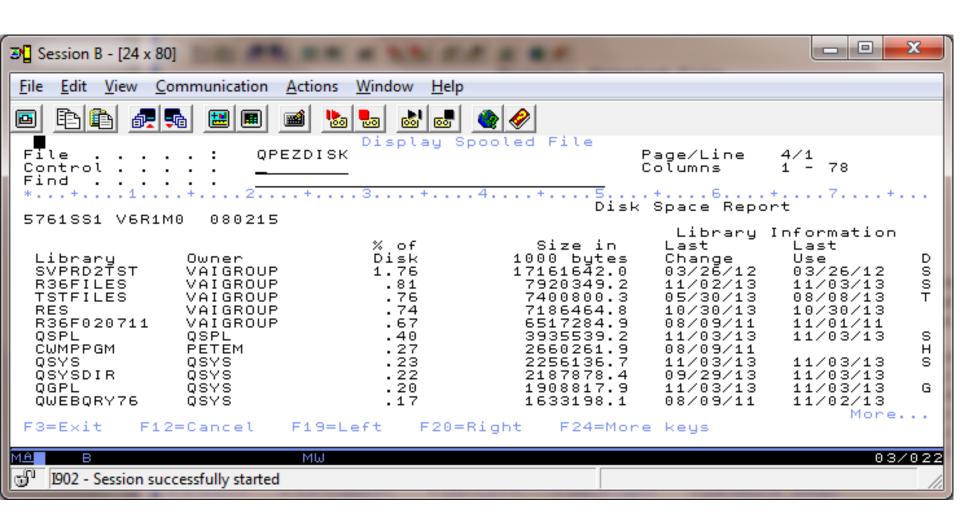
Print Disk Information



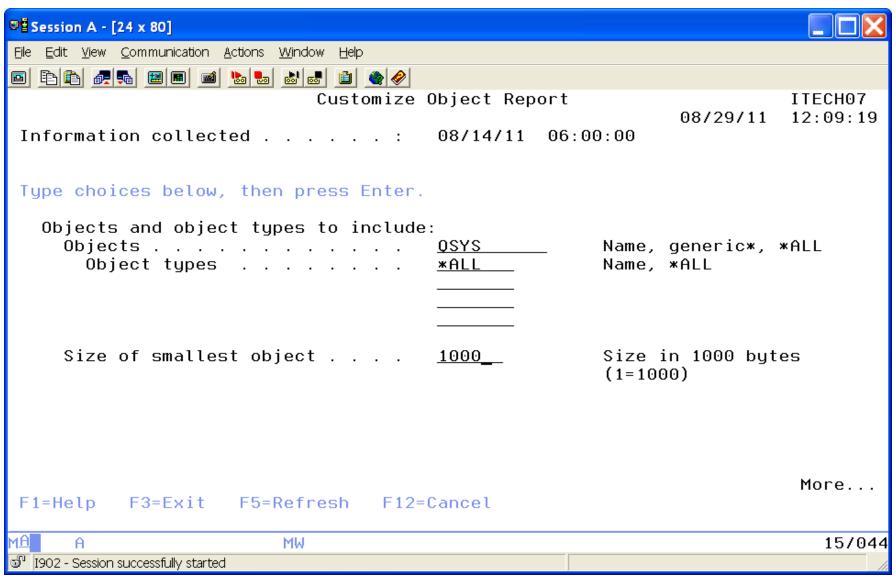
System Level



Library Level



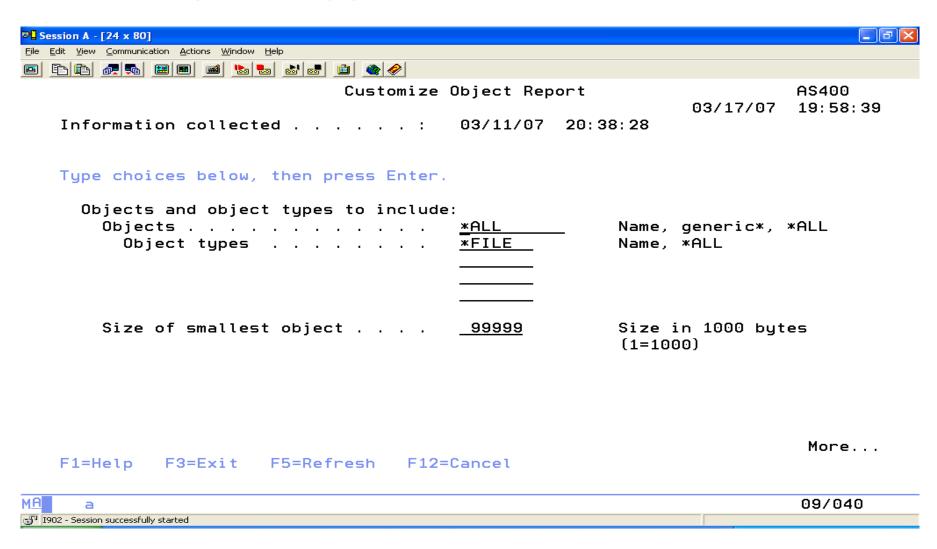
Objects in QSYS Larger Than 1 MB



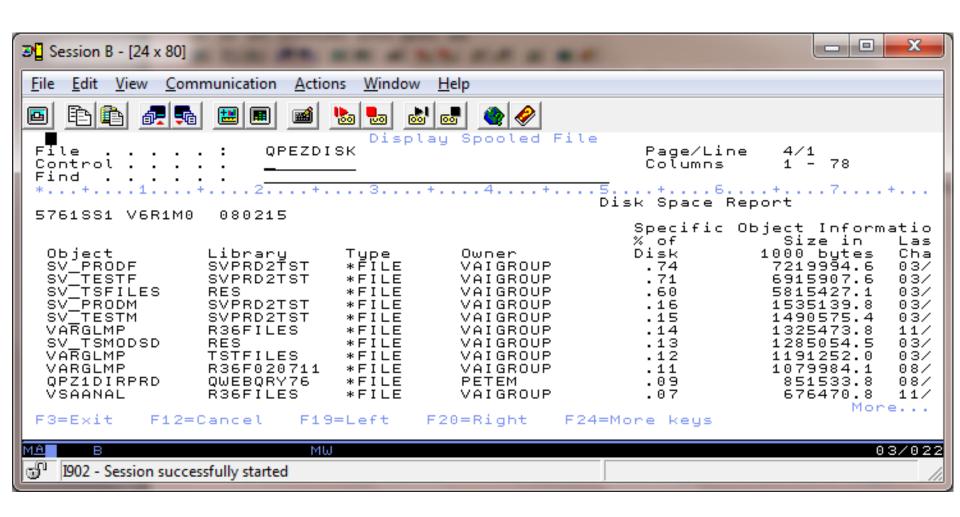
Report on QSYS

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Session A - [24 x 80]
                                                                                    File Edit View Communication Actions Window Help
  Display Spooled File
                         OPEZDISK
                                                            Page/Line
                                                                         4/2
   File
   Control . . . .
                                                            Columns
                                                                         1 - 78
   Find
   *...+...5...+...6...+...7....+...
   5722SS1 V5R4M0
                    060210
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    Library/
                                               % of
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    Object |
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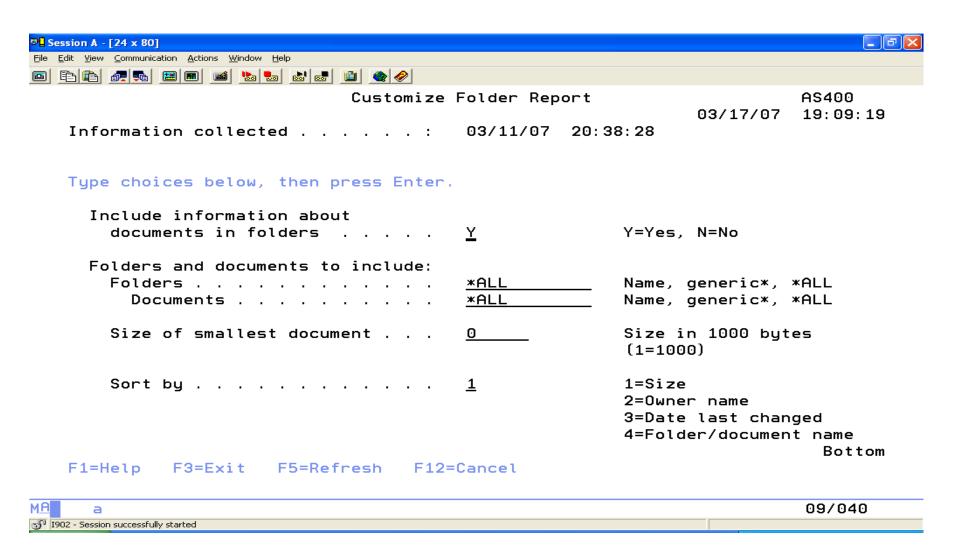
All Files Over 100 MB



All Files Over 100 MB (cont.)



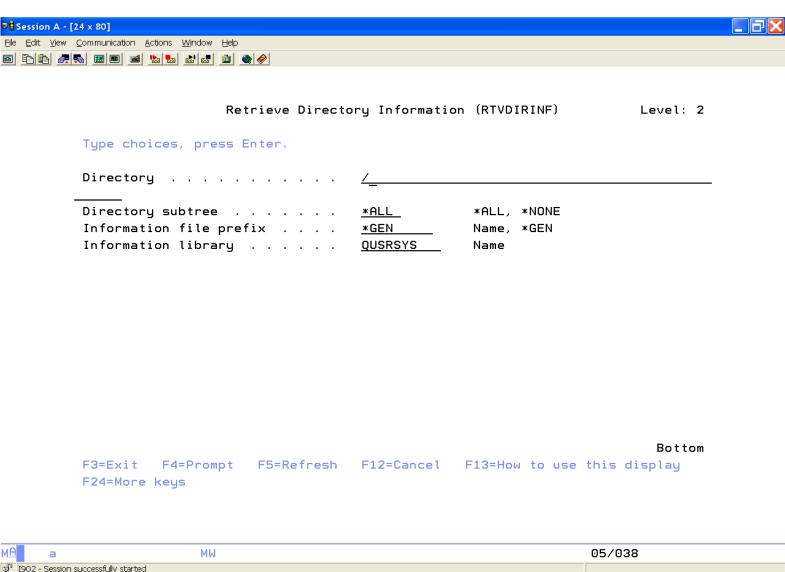
Folders Not the IFS



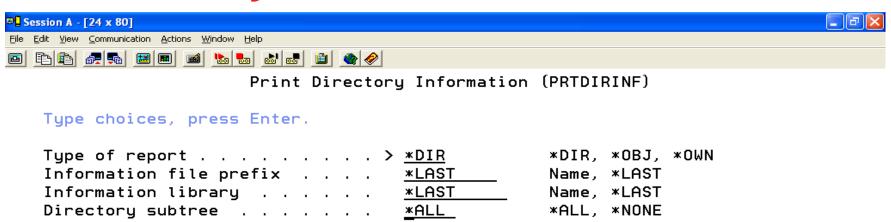
Get the Directory Information

- The Retrieve Directory Information (RTVDIRINF) command is used to collect attributes for directories and files in the Integrated File System. The collected information is stored in database files that are named using the information file prefix specified by the INFFILEPFX parameter. The files are created in the library specified by the INFLIB parameter, defaults to QUSRSYS.
- You will want to run this in batch.
- You can run the Print Directory Information (PRTDIRINF) command to print reports using the retrieved directory information.

Get the Directory Information (cont.)



Print Directory Information



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F3=Exit F4=Prompt F5=Refresh F12=Cancel F13=How to use this display
F24=More keys

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Directory: Size, Number, Subdirectories

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		Objects
this directory		2
objects in this directory and subdirectories		2210
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stream files type 2		0
objects being journaled		0
stream file with sever digital signatures		0
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What We'll Cover ...

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Don't Let Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt (FUD) Stop You!

It can't be true!

You can't do it safely?

What does IBM think?

What will my BP think?

Recovery implications?

What are the alternatives?

Where to Start

Programs

Optimization – CHGPGM Symbol Tables - CPROBJ Compression *ALL | *OBJ

Physical Files

Reorganize - RGZPFM Resequence - keyfile(name) Purge, Purge, Purge

Logical Files

Access Path Sharing Access Path Maintenance -CHGLF

Where to Start (cont.)

Objects

Compress - CP

CPROBJ

Delete

ARCHIVE!!!

Clear

Object Types Logs
Journals
Queues
Oversized Objects

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7 Key Points to Take Home

- Generate a list of files on your system using the DSPFD on slide 10, and then select the largest files with deleted records as the SQL/Query criteria on slide 11. You have your files with the most deleted records, now we know which files need to be reorganized.
- When reorganizing files, don't forget that the ALWCANCEL(*YES) provides the reorganize while active function.
- Figure out which logical files can be shared by examining the keys of the logical files and creating the superset keys first and the subset keys last.

7 Key Points to Take Home (cont.)

- Use Expert Cache to have the next records in memory before you use them, by changing the paging option of the memory pool to *CALC.
- Save files are always big disk hogs; use the procedures on slides 55 and 56 to identify your culprits.
- Automate the collection of object information by setting up weekly disk collections.
- Run Reclaim Storage every 6 12 months to find damaged objects, identify offend objects, and reorganize the QADB* files in QSYS.

Your Turn!





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