

DTS Software, Inc. announces Predictive Recall, a new product within its prominent Storage Control Center

Predictive Recall shortens your production batch window by recalling migrated datasets prior to their actual use, and facilitates higher DASD efficiency

Raleigh, NC – November 11, 2010 – DTS Software, Inc. announces the introduction of Predictive Recall, a feature of MONitor that minimizes production delays caused by recalls of migrated data. Migrated production datasets will be recalled prior to their actual use, resulting in an overall shorter batch window. To avoid any impact on the production workload, the Predictive Recall job can be scheduled to run when the system is under-utilized, prior to the production cycle.

“Unscheduled production dataset recalls will delay the production cycle since the job will be required to wait for the dataset to be recalled. The delay can be significant, especially for large files; and if there is no VTS, additional delays will be incurred” said Bill Prinzivalli of DTS Marketing. “To avoid these delays, a common and costly practice is to set high migration age levels to ensure the dataset will be available. This inefficient practice keeps production datasets unnecessarily on active DASD, resulting in higher storage costs. With Predictive Recall, the migration age could be set efficiently, e.g., a few days. A dataset used infrequently will be migrated quickly, freeing up DASD space, and then later recalled by the Predictive Recall application before it is actually needed.”

Predictive Recall uses the information from the Job Scheduler to create a list of production datasets that will be accessed in the next production cycle and determines if any of those datasets have been migrated. Appropriate HRECALL commands are generated and passed directly to the Inactive Data Mover.

The Predictive Recall software provides support for the major Job Schedulers, including OPC/TWS, CA-7, Control-M and Zeke. The application supports both DFHSM and FDR/ABR. Support for additional job schedulers and inactive data movers can be easily accommodated.

To determine the current level of thrashing for DFHSM customers, DTS Software offers a free report showing the number of recalls occurring per hour throughout the day. This report will demonstrate the severity level of the problem in your installation.

Although Predictive Recall may be licensed separately, it is one of many functions of the DTS Software MONitor product. Additional features of MONitor will allow your installation to monitor dataset and volume/pool detailed information contained in VTOCs, VVDS, and Catalogues, DFHSM Control datasets and even RMM/CA-1 tape catalogues. Reporting options include email, console messages, TSO messages, printed reports and a robust PC GUI interface. Additionally, Job Automation is provided to perform corrective procedures for volumes and datasets.

About DTS Software

DTS Software, Inc is recognized worldwide as a leader in enterprise storage management technology. Specializing in products for the OS/390, MVS, Hitachi VOS3, and Fujitsu MSP operating systems, DTS Software products provide superior function and features that allow managers and users to more effectively utilize their investment in storage systems. The company was founded in 1991 and currently has over 1000 customers in the US, Canada, Europe, and the Far East.

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