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Performance Analysis and Tuning – Part I

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Agenda: Performance Analysis Tuning Part I

- Part I
  - RHEL Evolution 5->6->7 , Hybrid Clouds / OSE / OSP tuned / CVE
  - NonUniform Memory Access (NUMA)
  - What is NUMA, RHEL Architecture, Auto-NUMA-Balance
  - HugePages
    - Static, Transparent, variable sized 4K/2MB/1GB
  - Control Groups
- “Meet The Experts” - Free as in Soda/Beer/Wine

Agenda: Performance Analysis Tuning Part II

- Part II
  - Disk and Filesystem IO - Database Throughput-performance
  - Network Performance Latency-performance
    - Tuned w/ cpu_partition profile
  - System Performance/Tools
    - Perf, and Tuna, PCP
  - Realtime RHEL7, KVM-RT and NFV w/ DPDK
- “Meet The Experts” - Free as in Soda/Beer/Wine

Red Hat Enterprise Linux Performance Evolution (fix)

RHEL5

Hugepages
Static
Ktune – on/off

CPU Affinity (taskset)

NUMA Pinning (numactl)
Irqbalance

RHEL6

HugePages
Transparent
Tuned – choose profile

CPU Affinity (ts/numactl)
NUMAD – uerspace tool
Cgroups -
irqbalance – NUMA enhanced

RHEL7

Transparent Hugepages
Tuned – throughput-performance (default)
CPU Affinity (ts/numactl)
Autonuma-Balance
LXC – Container/Docker
irqbalance – NUMA enhanced

RH Cloud Suites

RHV – out-of-the-box
virt-host/guest
RH OSP – blueprints
Tuned, Numa pining
NIC – jumbo sriov
RH OpenShift v3
RH Sat 6
RH Cloud Forms

Tuned Overview

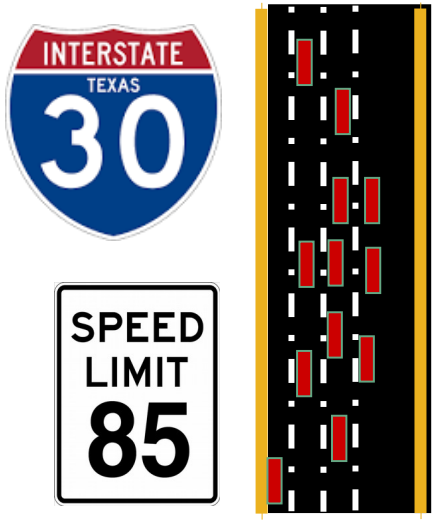
- Installed by default
- Auto-set Profiles
- Single config file
- Inheritance/Hooks
- bootloader/cmdline configs

- New Profiles since last ye
  - Realtime
  - NFV - cpu-partitioning
  - RHEL Atomic Host
  - OpenShift
  - Oracle

See `man tuned-profiles` for profile definitions

Performance Metrics

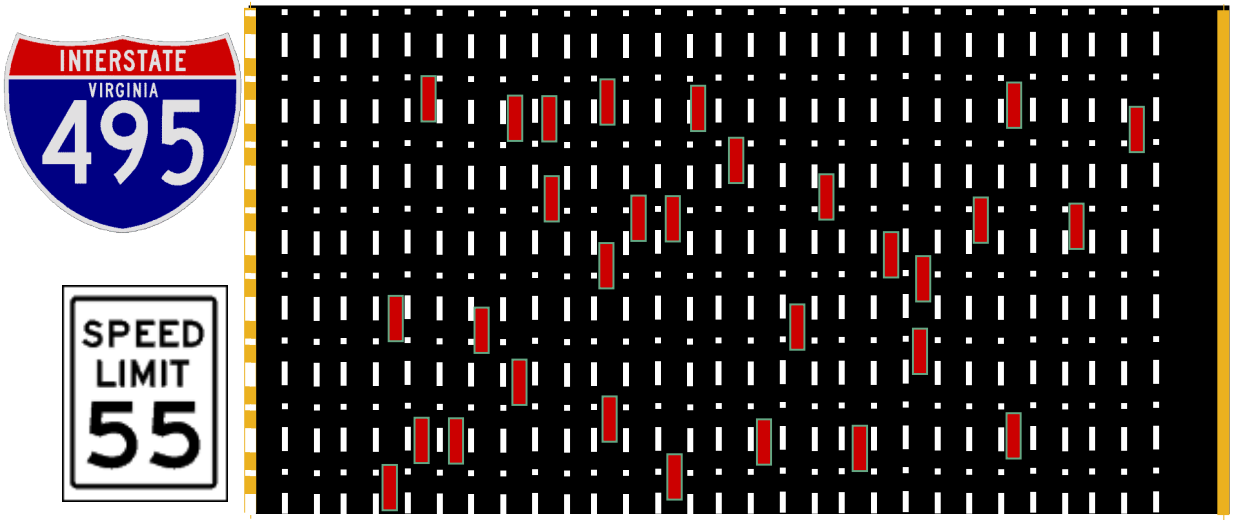
Latency==Speed



Latency – Speed Limit

- Ghz of CPU, Memory PCI
- Small transfers, disable aggregation – TCP nodelay
- Dataplane optimization DPDK

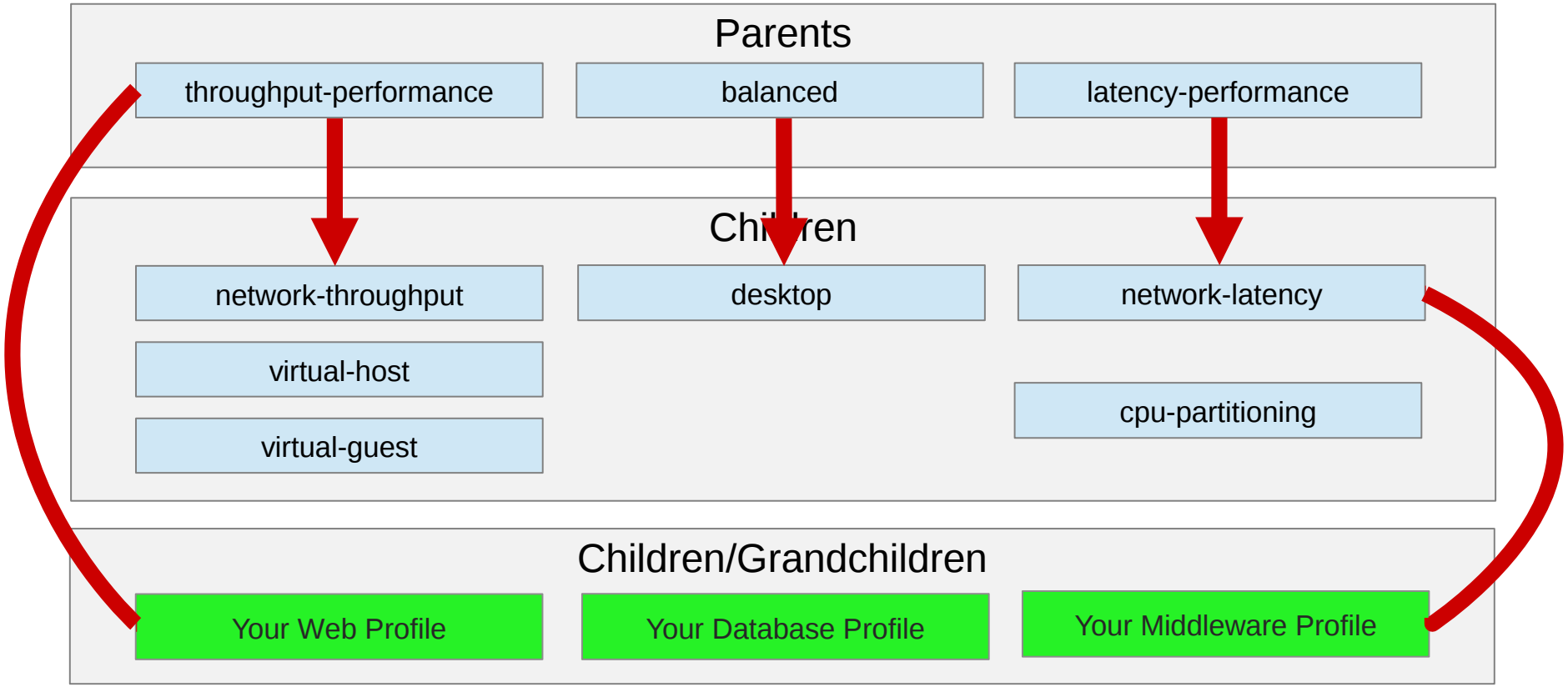
Throughput==Bandwidth



Throughput: Bandwidth: # lanes in Highway

- Width of data path / cachelines
- Bus Bandwidth, QPI links, PCI 1-2-3
- Network 1 / 10 / 40 Gb – aggregation, NAPI
- Fiberchannel 4/8/16, SSD, NVME Drivers

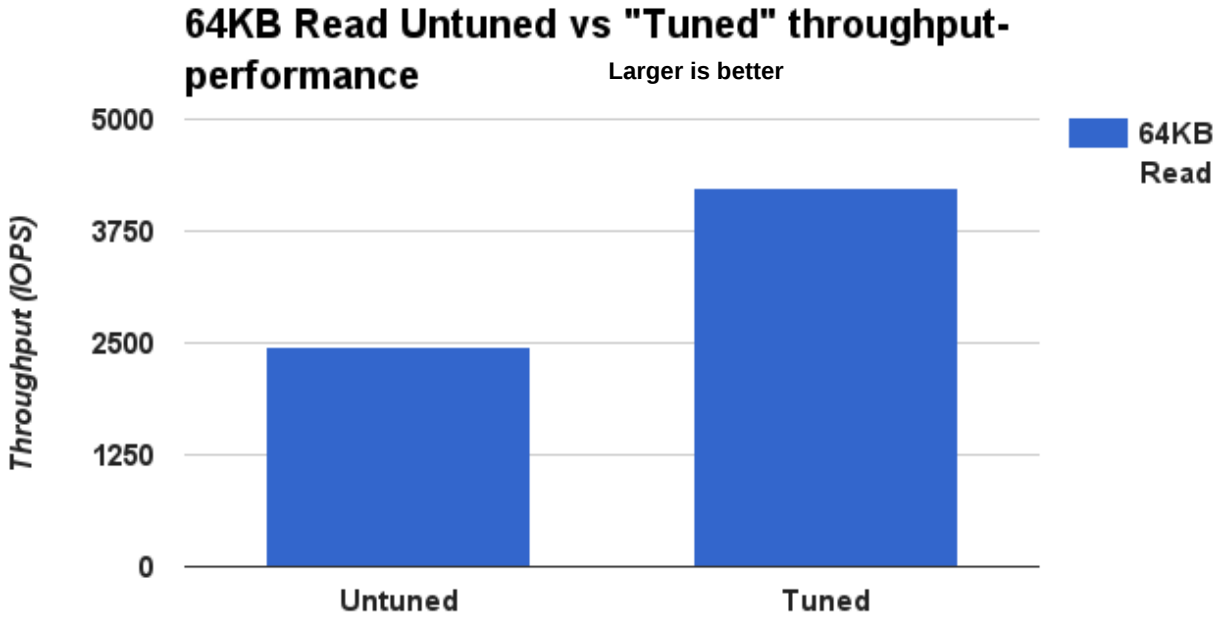
Tuned: Your Custom Profiles



Tuned - Profiles

RHEL Desktop/Workstation **balanced**	RHEL Server/HPC **throughput-performance**	RHEL for Real Time **realtime**
RHV Host, Guest **virtual-host/guest**	RHV **virtual-host**	RHEL for Real Time KVM/NFV **realtime-virtual-host/guest**
Red Hat Storage **rhs-high-throughput, virt**	OSP (compute node) **virtual-host**	RHEL + SAP **sap / sap-hana**
RHEL Atomic **atomic-host, atomic-guest**	OCP – Open Shift **openshift-master, node**	RHOP - NFV (compute node) **cpu-partitioning**

Tuned: Storage Performance Boost: throughput-performance (default in RHEL7)



RHEL Security mitigation for Meltdown / Spectre

Spectre

- **Variant 1: Bounds check bypass**
  - Addressed through speculative load barriers (lfence/new nops).
  - Mitigation cannot **be disabled.**

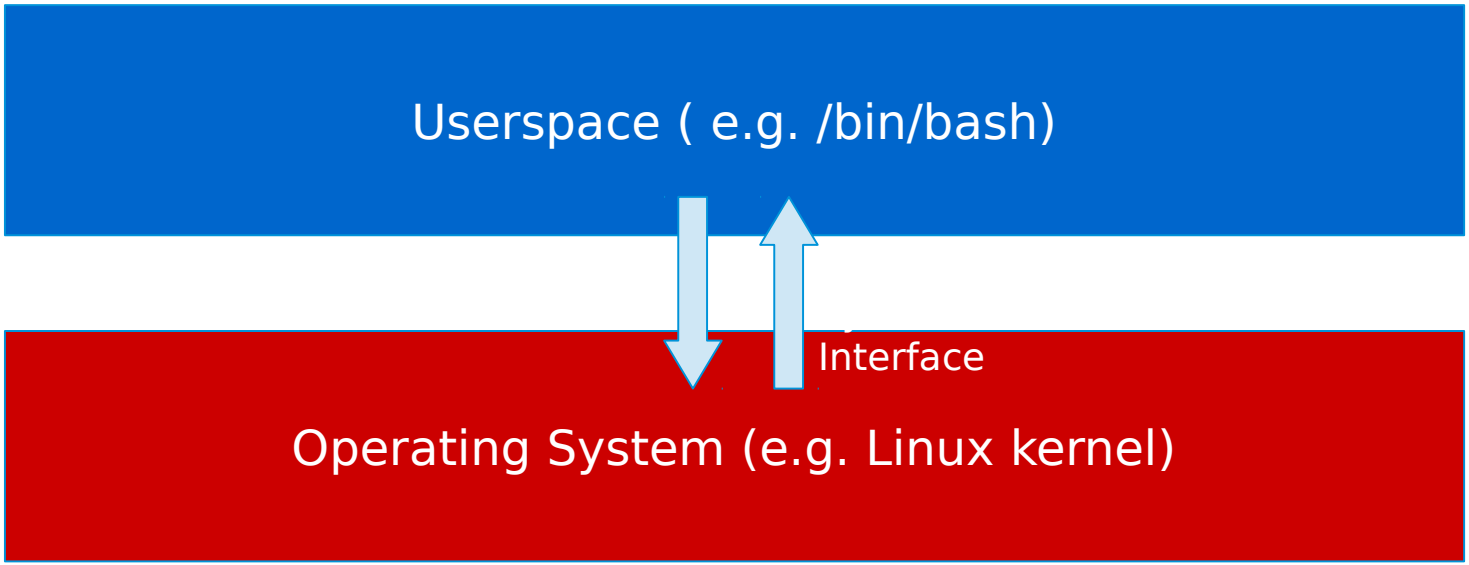
- **Variant 2: Indirect Branch Predictor poisoning**
  - Addressed through disabling the indirect branch predictor when running kernel code to avoid influence from application code.
  - Requires **microcode/millicode/firmware** updates from vendor.
  - Mitigation can be disabled, defaults to being enabled.

Meltdown

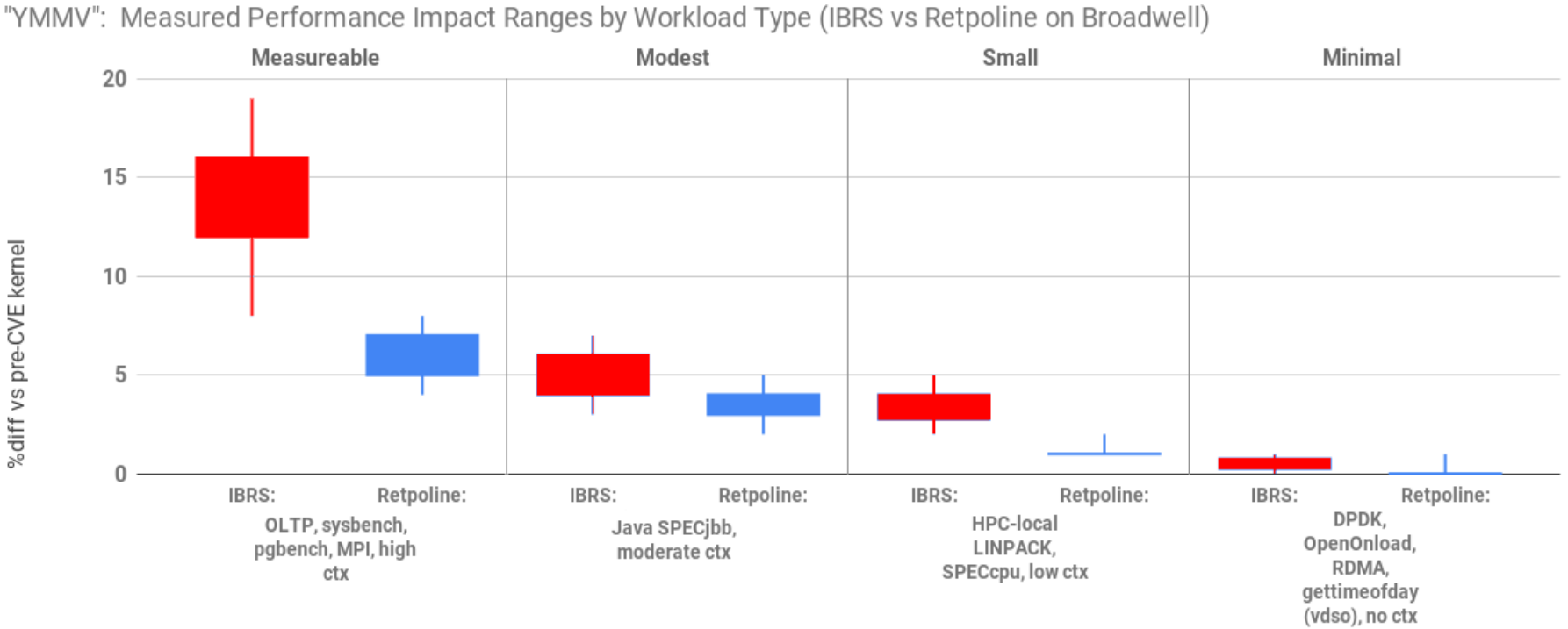
- **Variant 3: Rogue cache data load**
  - Addressed through Page Table Isolation (pti - preventing kernel data and VA/PA translations from being present in certain CPU structures).
  - Mitigation can be disabled, **defaults to being enabled.**

Spectre / Meltdown performance impact

func[user to kernel transitions & time in kernel]290139



Spectre / Meltdown Impact VARIES BY WORKLOAD



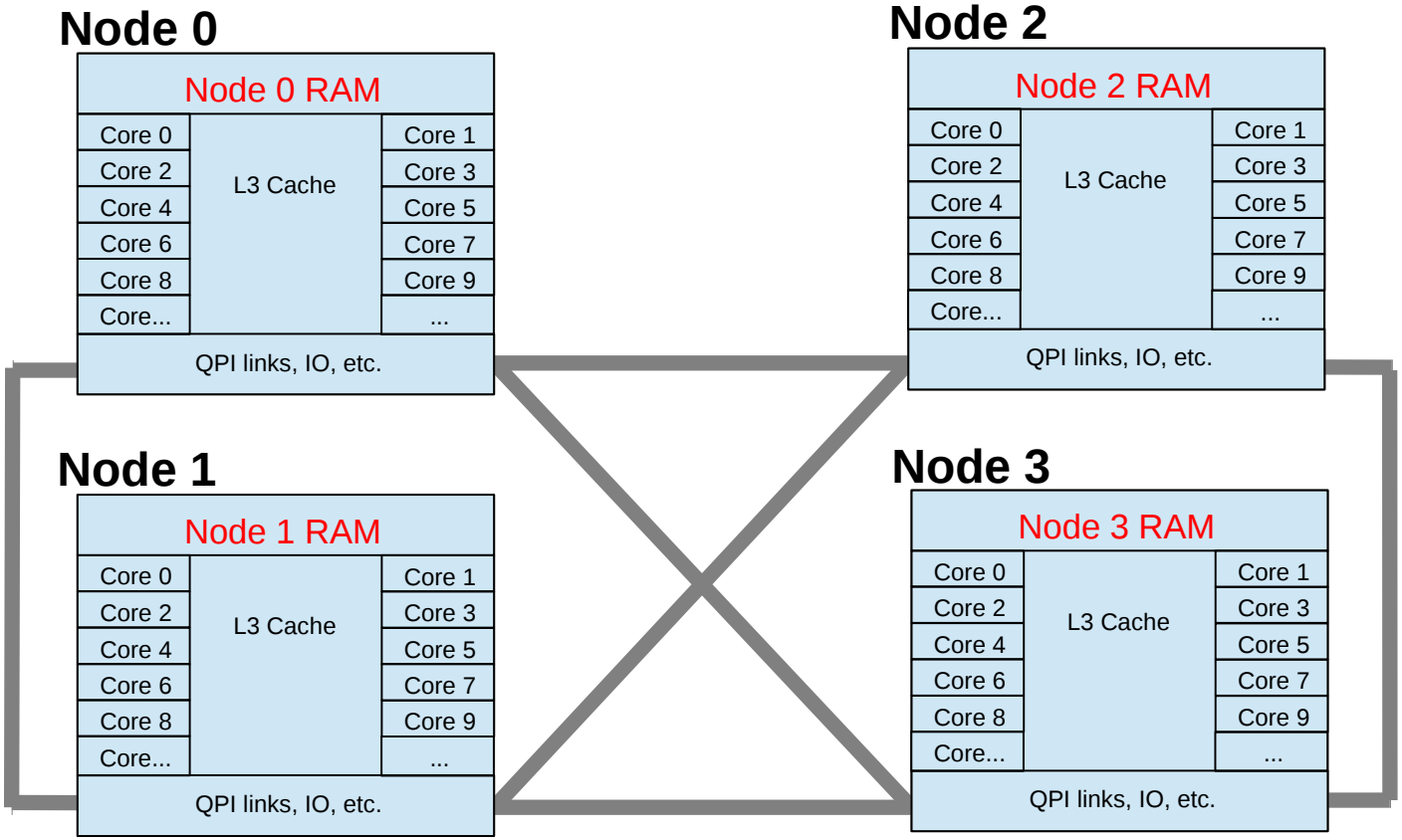
Spectre / Metldown Managing Perf Impact

- RHEL has transparent (thp) and static ***hugepages***
  - Reduces amount of TLB entries and thus total flush impact
- RHEL uses ***PCID*** support where possible to reduces impact of TLB flushes by tagging/tracking
- RHEL has ***runtime knobs*** to disable patches (no reboot)

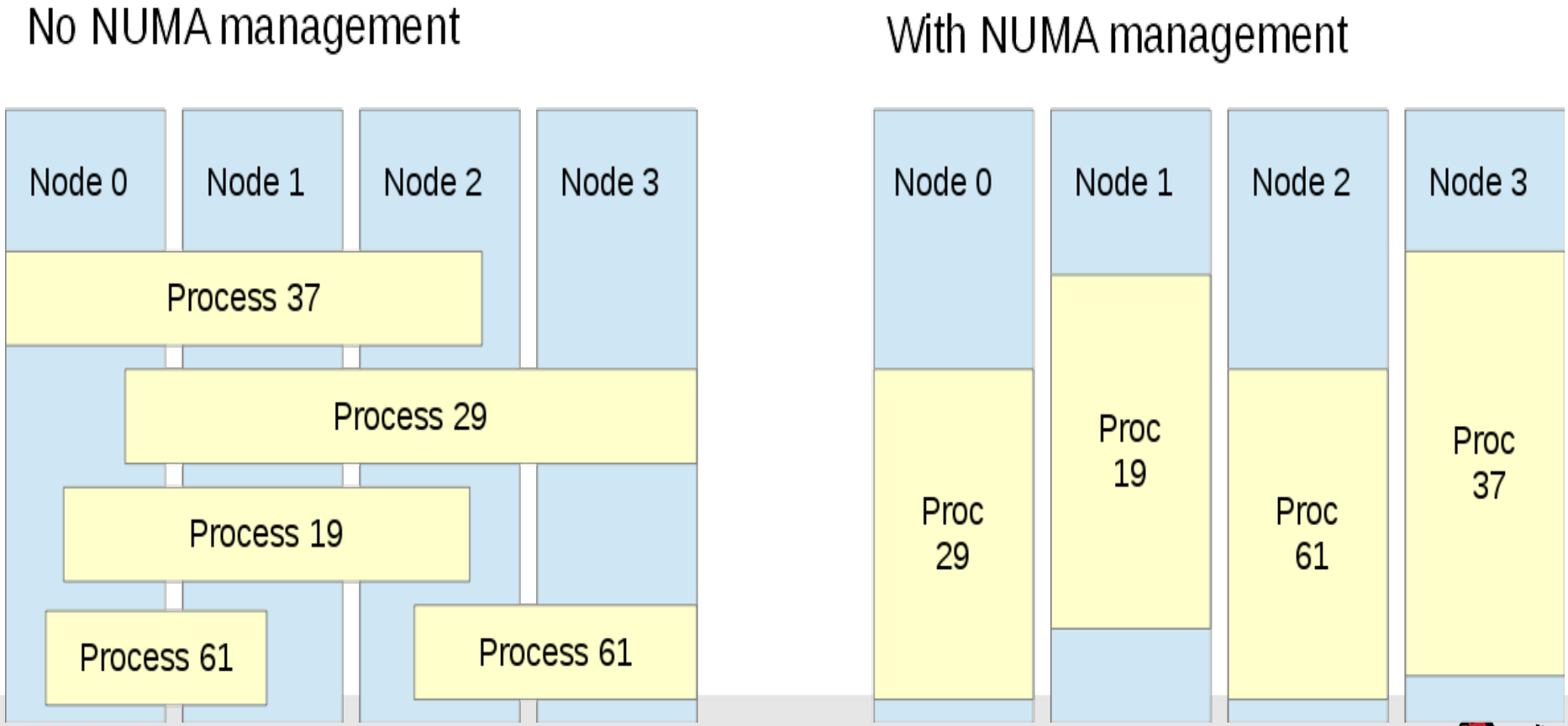
```
echo 0 > /sys/kernel/debug/x86/pti_enabled
echo 0 > /sys/kernel/debug/x86/ibrs_enabled
echo 0 > /sys/kernel/debug/x86/retp_enabled
```

RHEL 6/7 Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA)

Typical Four-Node NUMA System

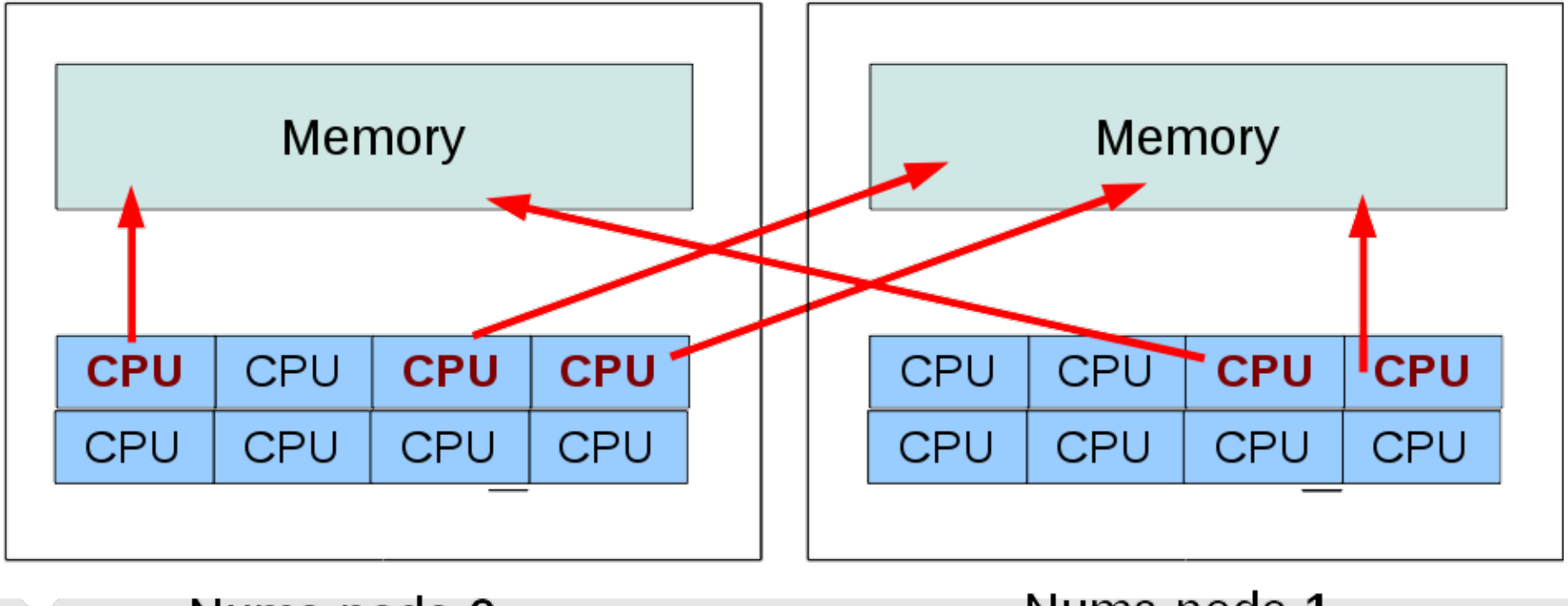


Four Node memory placement NUMA System



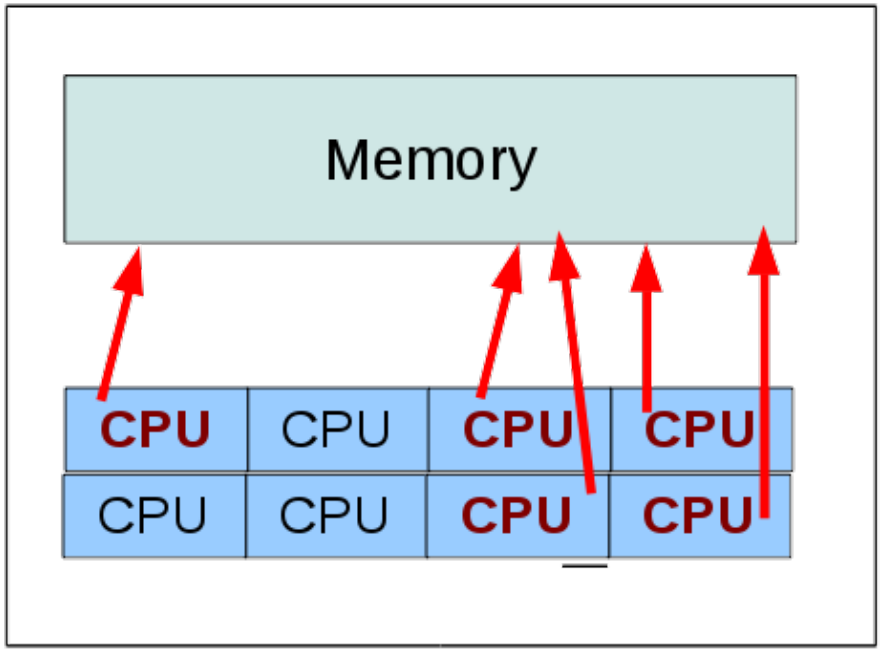
Non-optimal numa setup

Process 1 in **red**, 5 threads

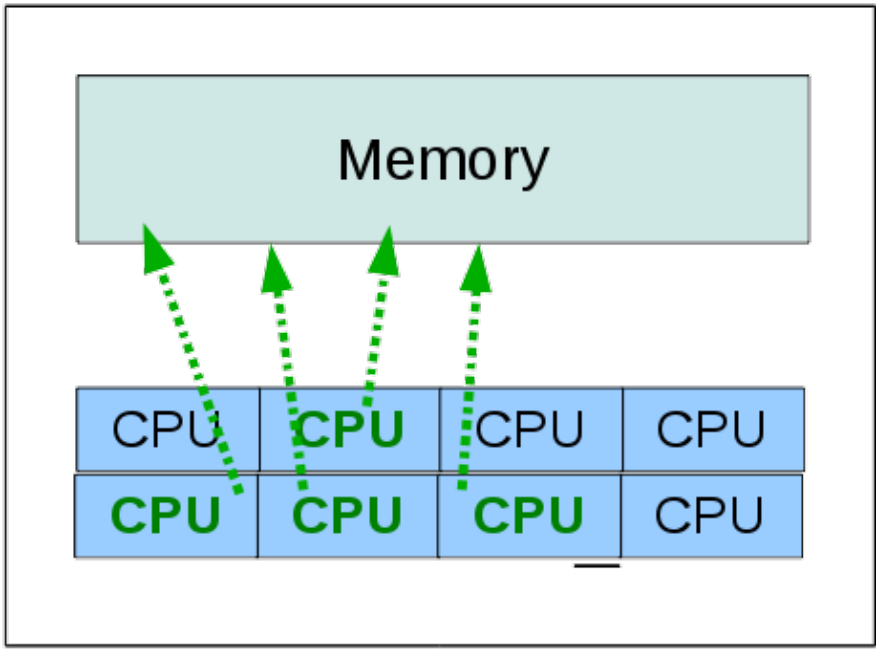


Optimal numa setup

Process 1 in green, 4 threads
Process 2 in red, 5 threads

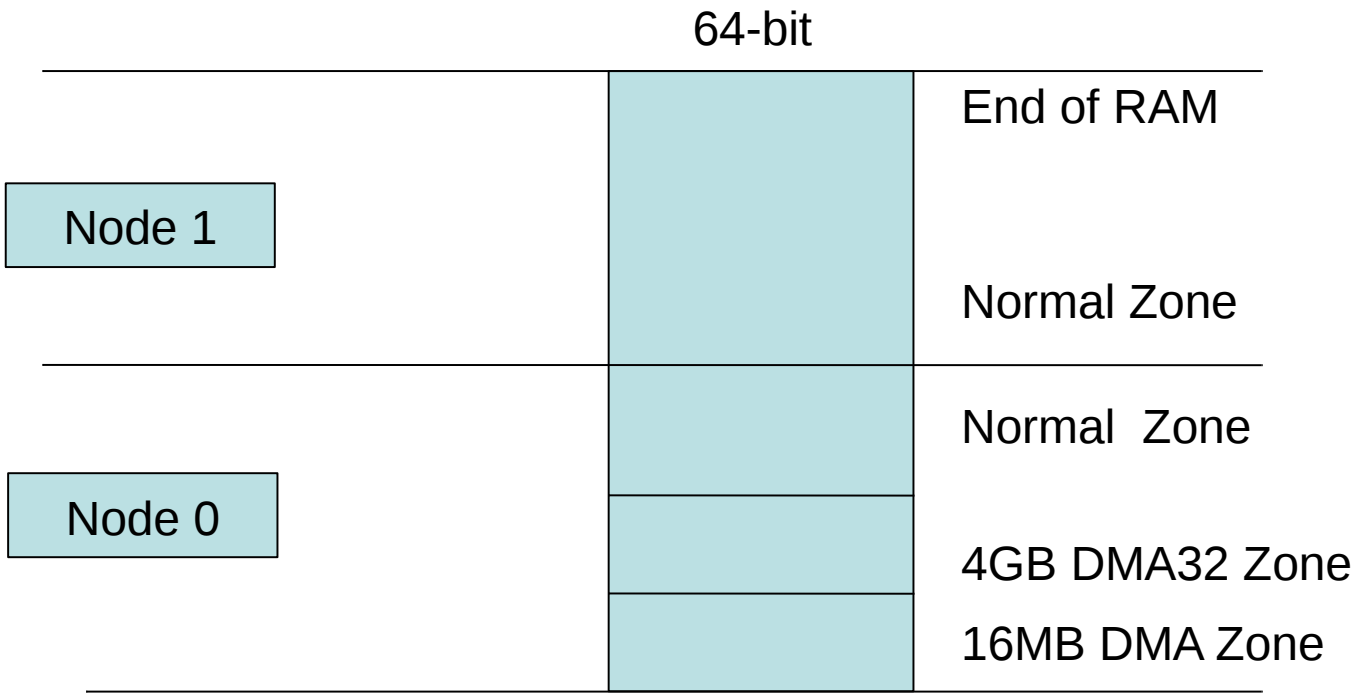


Numa node 0

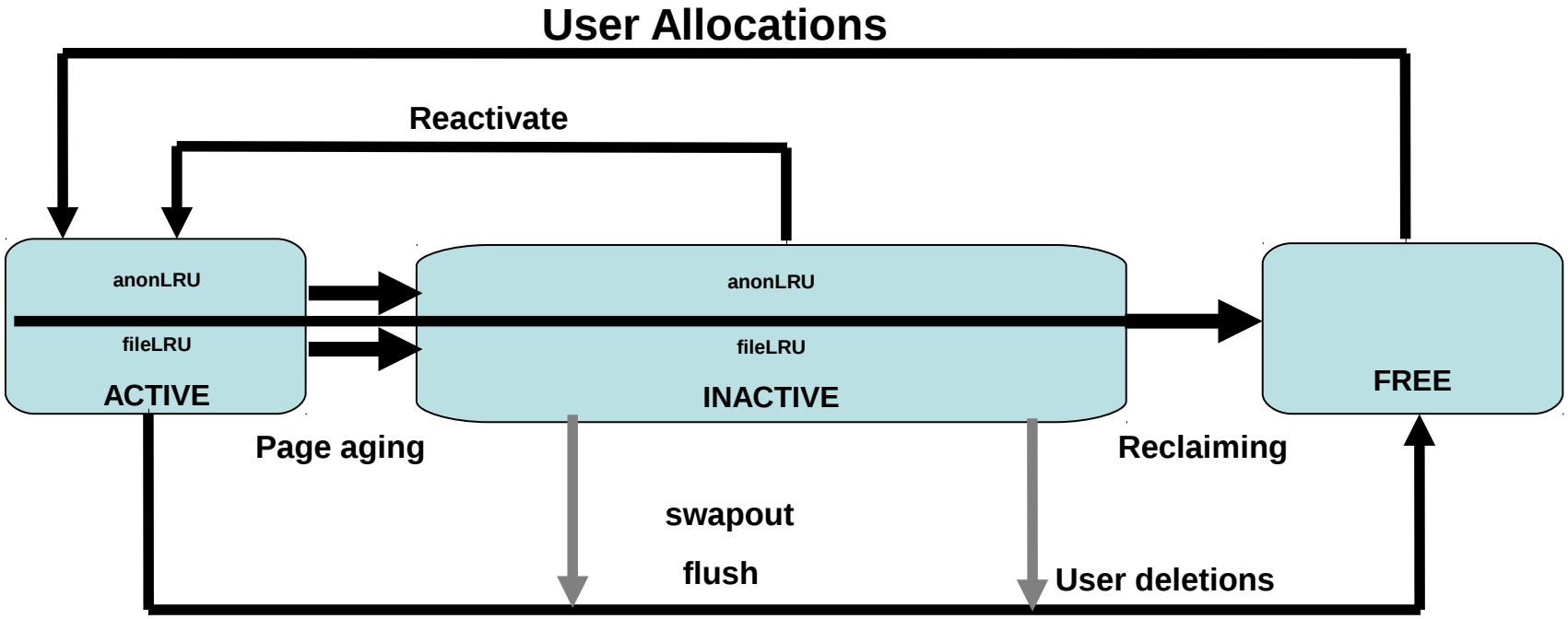


Numa node 1

NUMA Nodes and Zones



Per Node / Zone split LRU Paging Dynamics



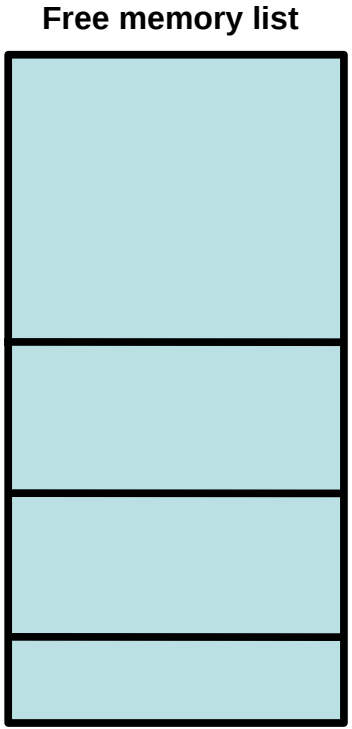
Interaction between VM Tunables and NUMA

- Dependent on NUMA: Reclaim Ratios
  - /proc/sys/vm/swappiness
  - /proc/sys/vm/min_free_kbytes
  - /proc/sys/vm/zone_reclaim_mode
- Independent of NUMA: Reclaim Ratios
  - /proc/sys/vm/vfs_cache_pressure
- Writeback Parameters
  - /proc/sys/vm/dirty_background_ratio
  - /proc/sys/vm/dirty_ratio
- Readahead parameters
  - /sys/block/<bdev>/queue/read_ahead_kb

swappiness

- Controls how aggressively the system reclaims anonymous memory versus pagecache memory:
  - Anonymous memory – swapping and freeing
  - File pages – writing if dirty and freeing
  - System V shared memory – swapping and freeing
- Default is 60
- Decrease: more aggressive reclaiming of pagecache memory
- Increase: more aggressive swapping of anonymous memory
- Can effect Numa nodes differently.
- Tuning not as necessary on RHEL7 than RHEL6 and even less than RHEL5

Memory reclaim Watermarks



min_free_kbytes

Directly controls the page reclaim watermarks in KB
Distributed between the Numa nodes
Defaults are higher when THP is enabled

```
# cat /proc/sys/vm/min_free_kbytes
90100
------------------------------------------------------------
Node 0 DMA     min:80 low:100kB high:120kB
Node 0 DMA32 min:15312kB low:19140kB high:22968kB
Node 0 Normal min:29600kB low:37000kB high:44400kB
Node 1 Normal min:45108kB low:56384kB high:67660kB
------------------------------------------------------------

echo 180200 > /proc/sys/vm/min_free_kbytes
------------------------------------------------------------
Node 0 DMA     min:160kB low:200kB high:240kB
Node 0 DMA32 min:30624kB low:38280kB high:45936kB
Node 0 Normal min:59200kB low:74000kB high:88800kB
Node 1 Normal min:90216kB low:112768kB high:135320kB
------------------------------------------------------------
```

zone_reclaim_mode

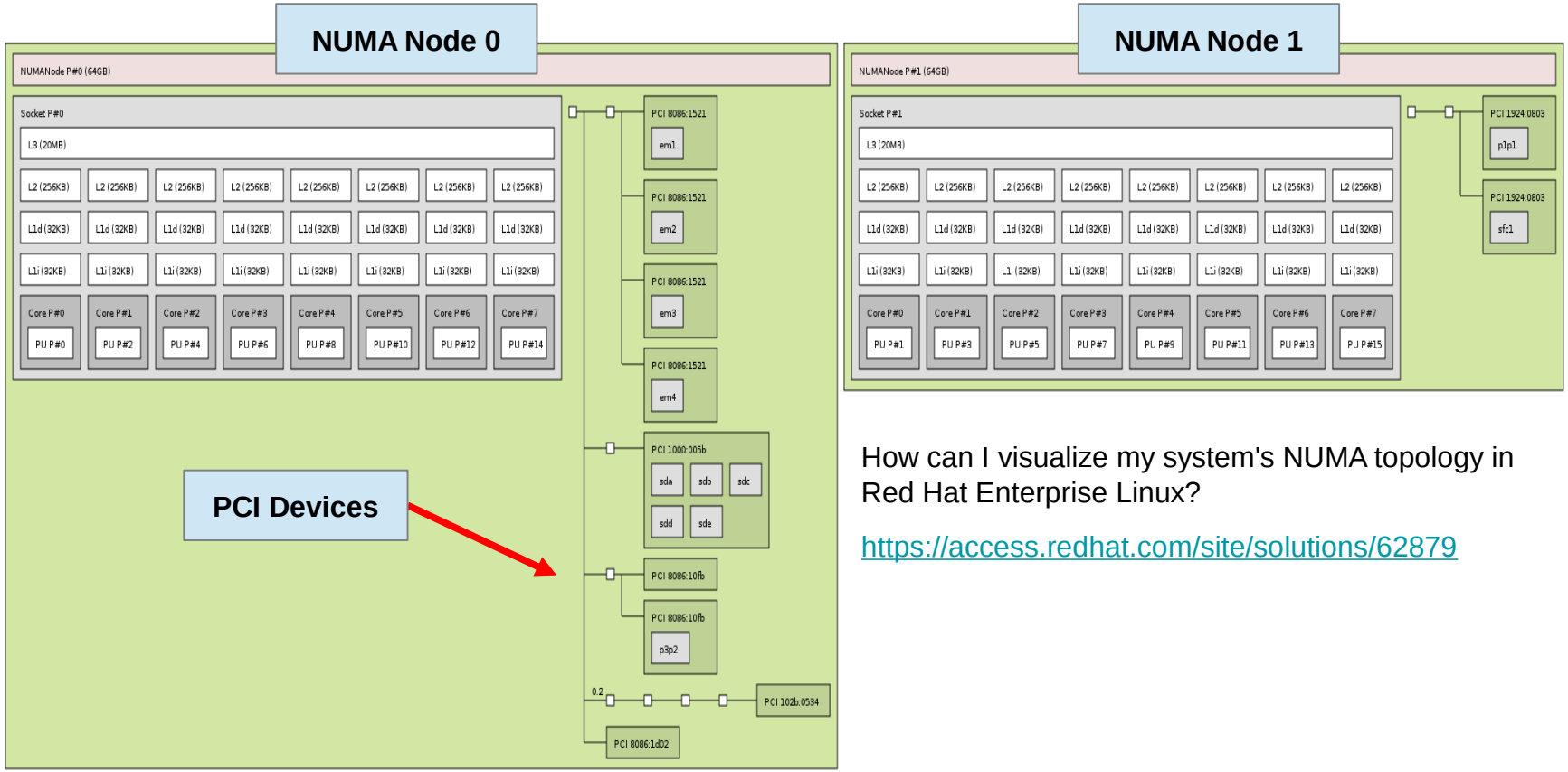
- Controls NUMA specific memory allocation policy

- To see current setting: cat /proc/sys/vm/zone_reclaim_mode
  - # echo 1 > /proc/sys/vm/zone_reclaim_mode
  - Reclaim memory from local node vs allocating from next node

  - #echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/zone_reclaim_mode
  - Allocate from all nodes before reclaiming memory

- Default is set at boot time based on NUMA factor
- In Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.6+ and 7+,
  - Default is usually 0 – because this is better for many applications

Visualize NUMA Topology: lstopo



How can I visualize my system's NUMA topology in Red Hat Enterprise Linux?

https://access.redhat.com/site/solutions/62879

Tools to display CPU and Memory (NUMA)

```
# lscpu
Architecture:          x86_64
CPU op-mode(s):        32-bit, 64-bit
Byte Order:            Little Endian
CPU(s):                40
On-line CPU(s) list:   0-39
Thread(s) per core:    1
Core(s) per socket:    10
CPU socket(s):         4
NUMA node(s):          4
 . . . . .
L1d cache:             32K
L1i cache:             32K
L2 cache:              256K
L3 cache:              30720K
NUMA node0 CPU(s):     0,4,8,12,16,20,24,28,32,36
NUMA node1 CPU(s):     2,6,10,14,18,22,26,30,34,38
NUMA node2 CPU(s):     1,5,9,13,17,21,25,29,33,37
NUMA node3 CPU(s):     3,7,11,15,19,23,27,31,35,39
```

cpu, core, socket, node info

The cpu numbers for each node

Tools to display CPU and Memory (NUMA)

```
# numactl --hardware
available: 4 nodes (0-3)
node 0 cpus: 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36
node 0 size: 65415 MB
node 0 free: 63482 MB
node 1 cpus: 2 6 10 14 18 22 26 30 34 38
node 1 size: 65536 MB
node 1 free: 63968 MB
node 2 cpus: 1 5 9 13 17 21 25 29 33 37
node 2 size: 65536 MB
node 2 free: 63897 MB
node 3 cpus: 3 7 11 15 19 23 27 31 35 39
node 3 size: 65536 MB
node 3 free: 63971 MB
node distances:
node   0   1   2   3
  0:  10  21  21  21
  1:  21  10  21  21
  2:  21  21  10  21
  3:  21  21  21  10
```

cpus & memory for each node

Relative “node-to-node” latency costs.

Numactl

- The numactl command can launch commands with **static** NUMA memory and execution thread alignment
  - # numactl -m <NODES> -N <NODES> <Workload>
- Can specify devices of interest to process instead of explicit node list
- Numactl can interleave memory for large monolithic workloads
  - # numactl --interleave=all <Workload>

```
# numactl -m 6-7 -N 6-7 numactl --show
policy: bind
preferred node: 6
physcpubind: 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78
79
cpubind: 6 7
nodebind: 6 7
membind: 6 7

# numactl -m netdev:ens6f2 -N netdev:ens6f2 numactl --show
policy: bind
preferred node: 2
physcpubind: 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
cpubind: 2
nodebind: 2
membind: 2

# numactl -m file:/data -N file:/data numactl --show
policy: bind
preferred node: 0
physcpubind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
cpubind: 0
nodebind: 0
membind: 0

# numactl --interleave=4-7 -N 4-7 numactl --show
policy: interleave
preferred node: 5 (interleave next)
interleavemask: 4 5 6 7
interleavenode: 5
physcpubind: 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58
59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79
cpubind: 4 5 6 7
nodebind: 4 5 6 7
membind: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

numastat shows need for NUMA management

```
# numastat -c qemu  Per-node process memory usage (in Mbs)

PID              Node 0 Node 1 Node 2 Node 3 Total
---------------  ------ ------ ------ ------ -----
10587 (qemu-kvm)   1216   4022   4028   1456 10722
10629 (qemu-kvm)   2108     56    473   8077 10714
10671 (qemu-kvm)   4096   3470   3036    110 10712
10713 (qemu-kvm)   4043   3498   2135   1053 10730
---------------  ------ ------ ------ ------ -----
Total             11462  11045   9672  10698 42877

# numastat -c qemu

Per-node process memory usage (in Mbs)

PID              Node 0 Node 1 Node 2 Node 3 Total
---------------  ------ ------ ------ ------ -----
10587 (qemu-kvm)      0  10723      5      0 10728
10629 (qemu-kvm)      0      0      5  10717 10722
10671 (qemu-kvm)      0      0  10726      0 10726
10713 (qemu-kvm)  10733      0      5      0 10738
---------------  ------ ------ ------ ------ -----
Total             10733  10723  10740  10717 42913
```

unaligned

aligned

Techniques to control placement (cont):

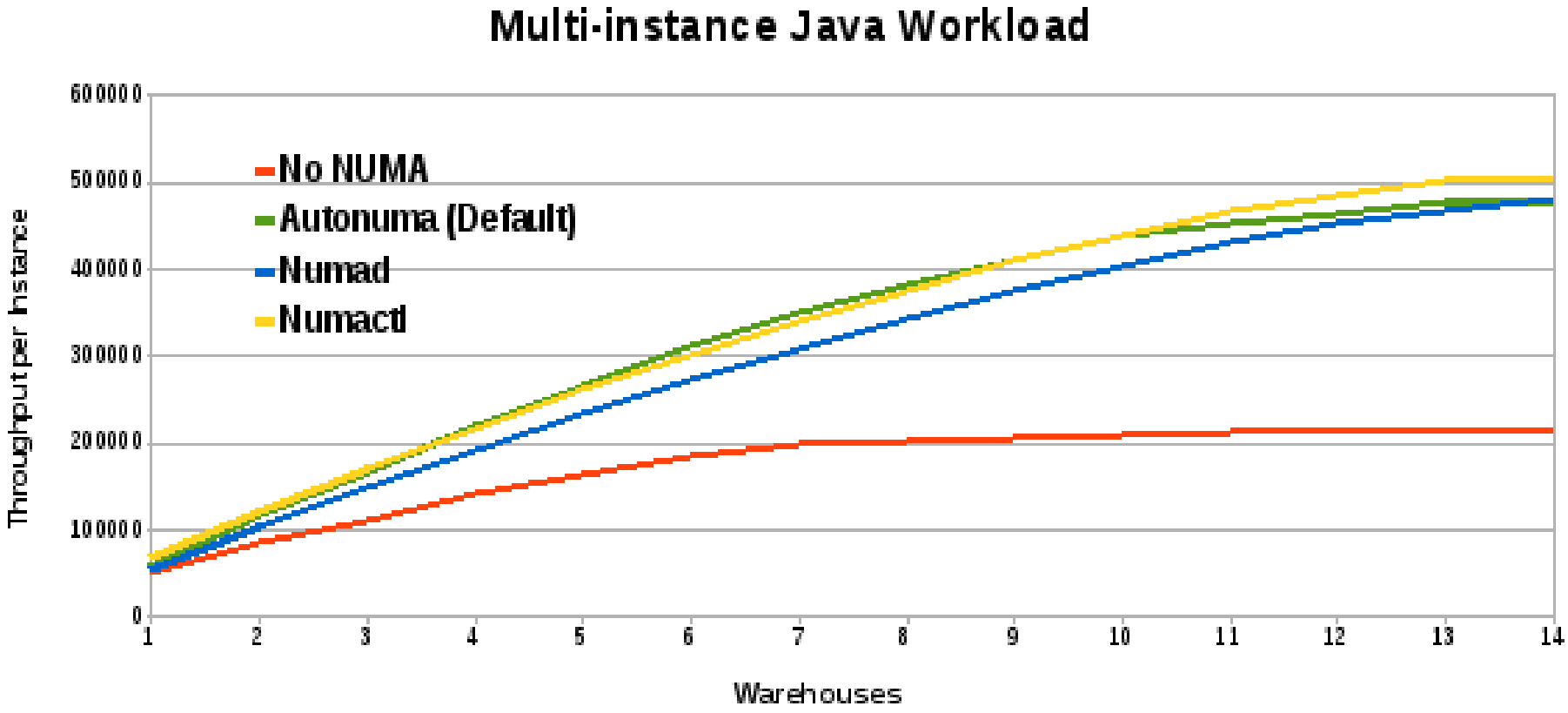
numad:

- User-mode daemon.
- Attempts to locate processes for efficient NUMA locality and affinity.
- Dynamically adjusting to changing system conditions.
- Available in RHEL 6 & 7.

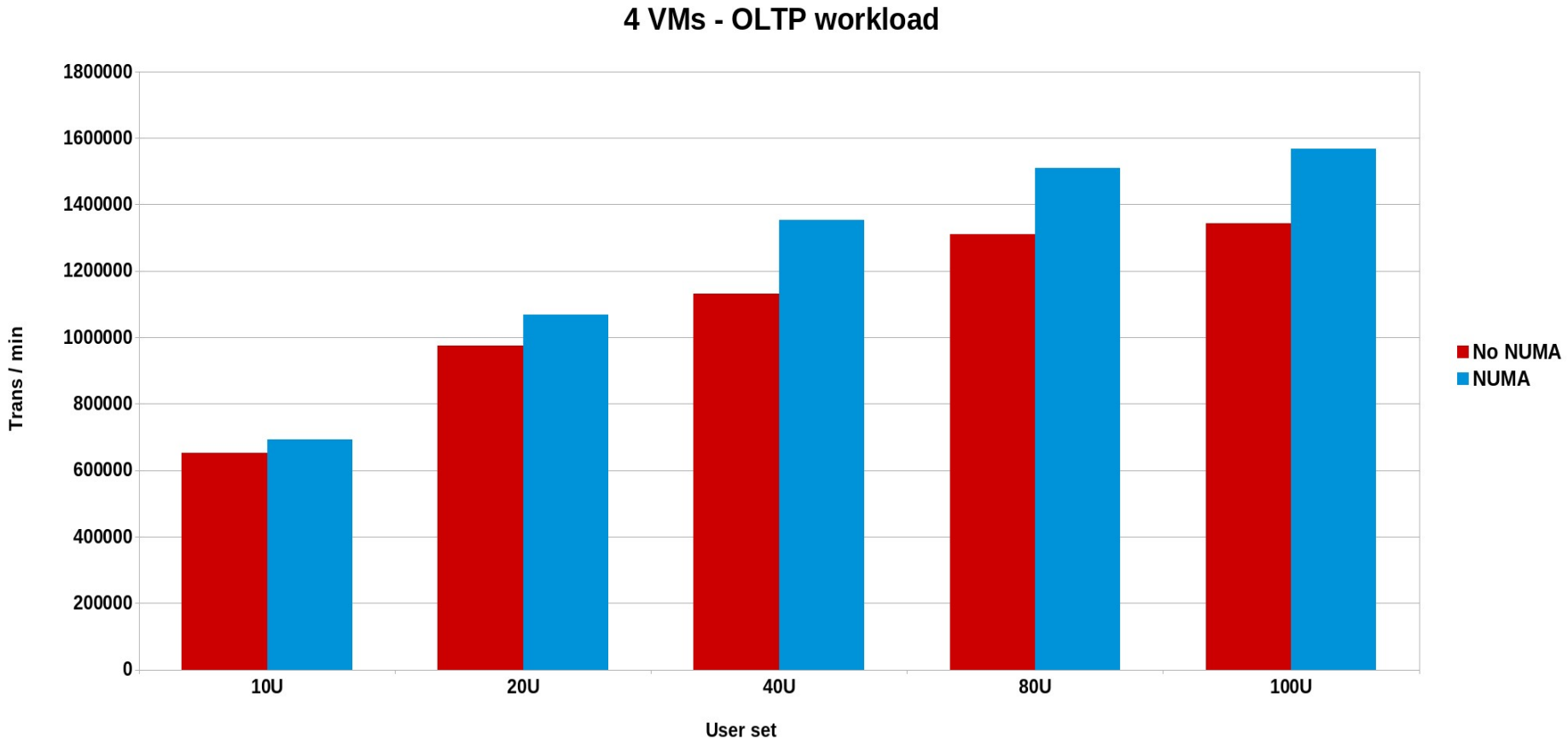
Auto-Numa-Balance kernel scheduler:

- Automatically run programs near their memory, and moves memory near the programs using it.
- Default enabled. Available in RHEL 7+
- Great video on how it works:
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjVw_oe1hEA

Numa Multiple Java Workloads - bare-metal



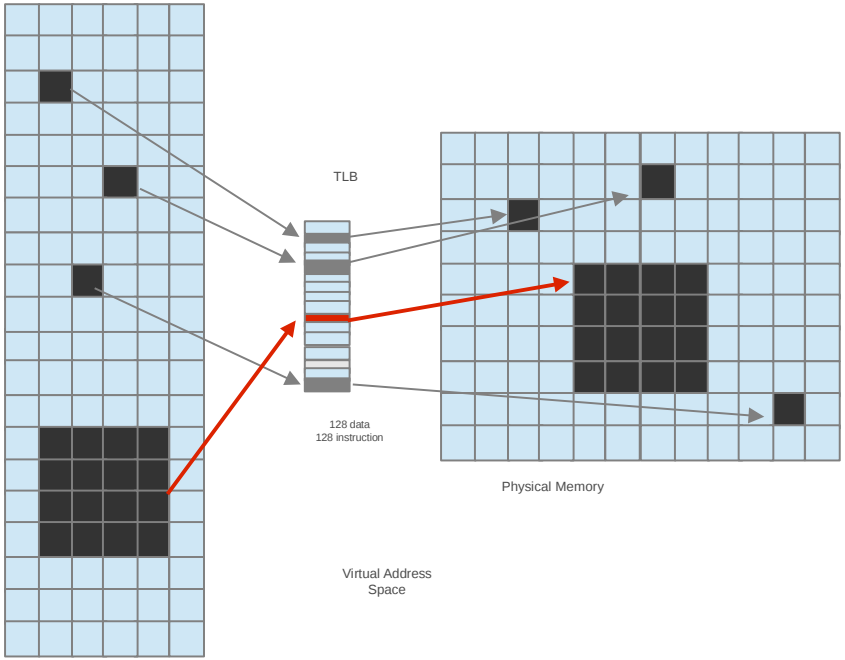
Numa with multiple database KVM VMs



RHEL VM HugePages

RHEL Hugepages/ VM Tuning

- Standard HugePages 2MB
  Reserve/free via
  - /proc/sys/vm/nr_hugepages
  - /sys/devices/node/* /hugepages/*/nrhugepages
  - Used via hugetlbfs
- GB Hugepages 1GB
  - Reserved at boot time/no freeing
  - RHEL7 allows runtime allocation & freeing
  - Used via hugetlbfs
- Transparent HugePages 2MB
  - On by default via boot args or /sys
  - Used for anonymous memory



Transparent Hugepages

- Disable transparent_hugepages

```
#echo never > /sys/kernel/mm/transparent_hugepages=never

#time ./memory 15 0
real    0m12.434s
user    0m0.936s
sys     0m11.416s

# cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:       16331124 kB
AnonHugePages:  0 kB
```

- Boot argument: transparent_hugepages=always (enabled by default)
- #echo always > /sys/kernel/mm/redhat_transparent_hugepage/enabled

```
#time ./memory 15GB
real    0m7.024s
user    0m0.073s
sys     0m6.847s

#cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:       16331124 kB
AnonHugePages:  15590528 kB
```

SPEEDUP 12.4/7.0 = 1.77x, 56%

2MB standard Hugepages

```
# echo 2000 > /proc/sys/vm/nr_hugepages
# cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:       16331124 kB
MemFree:        11788608 kB

HugePages_Total:    2000
HugePages_Free:     2000
HugePages_Rsvd:        0
HugePages_Surp:        0
Hugepagesize:       2048 kB

# ./hugeshm 1000

# cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:       16331124 kB
MemFree:        11788608 kB

HugePages_Total:    2000
HugePages_Free:     1000
HugePages_Rsvd:     1000
HugePages_Surp:        0
Hugepagesize:       2048 kB
```

Boot-time allocated 1GB Hugepages

- Boot arguments
  - `default_hugepagesz=1G, hugepagesz=1G, hugepages=8`

```
# cat /proc/meminfo | grep HugePages
HugePages_Total:       8
HugePages_Free:        8
HugePages_Rsvd:        0
HugePages_Surp:        0
```

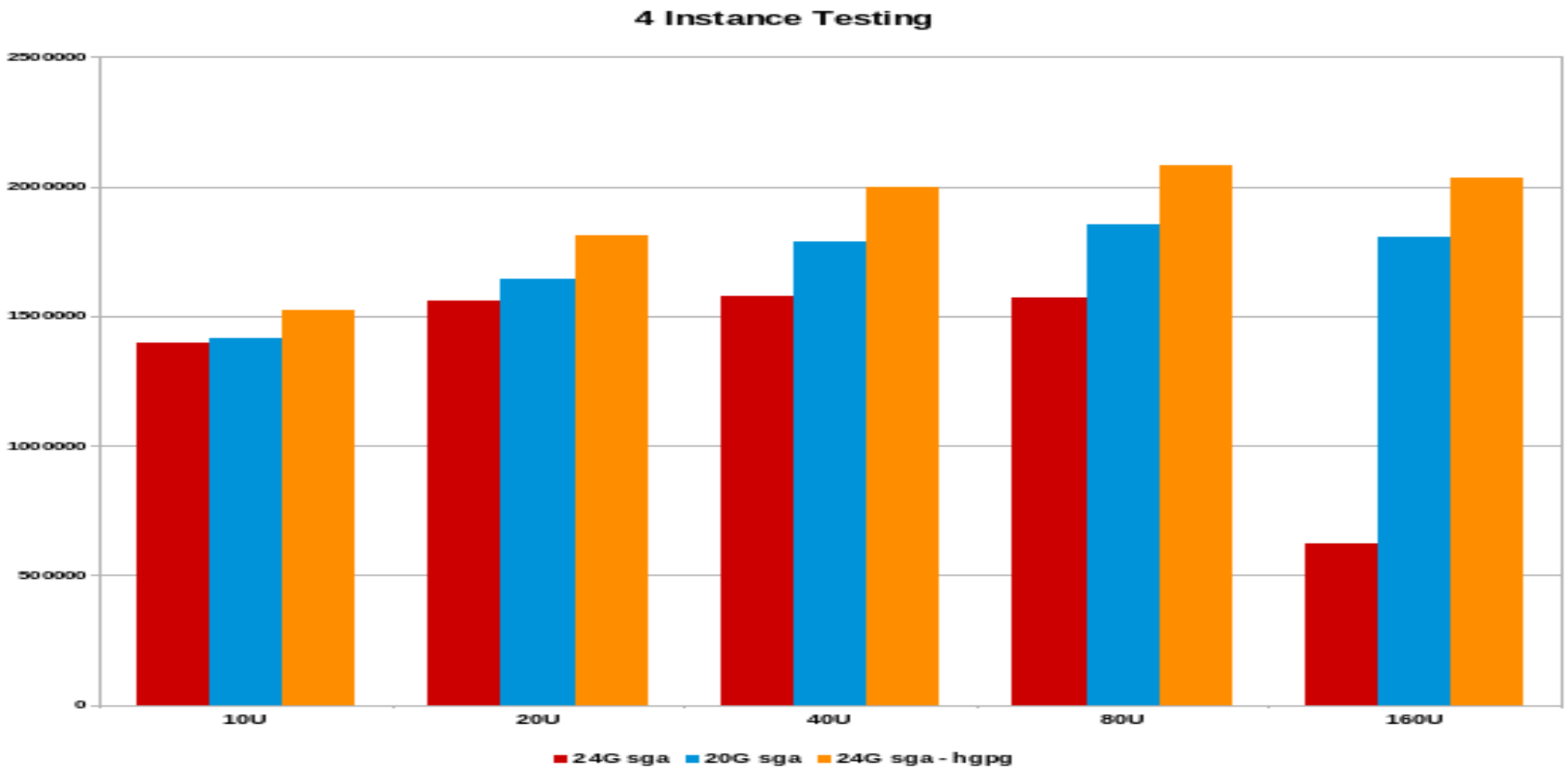
```
#mount -t hugetlbfs none /mnt
# ./mmapwrite /mnt/junk 33
writing 2097152 pages of random junk to file /mnt/junk
wrote 8589934592 bytes to file /mnt/junk
```

```
# cat /proc/meminfo | grep HugePages
HugePages_Total:       8
HugePages_Free:        0
HugePages_Rsvd:        0
HugePages_Surp:        0
```

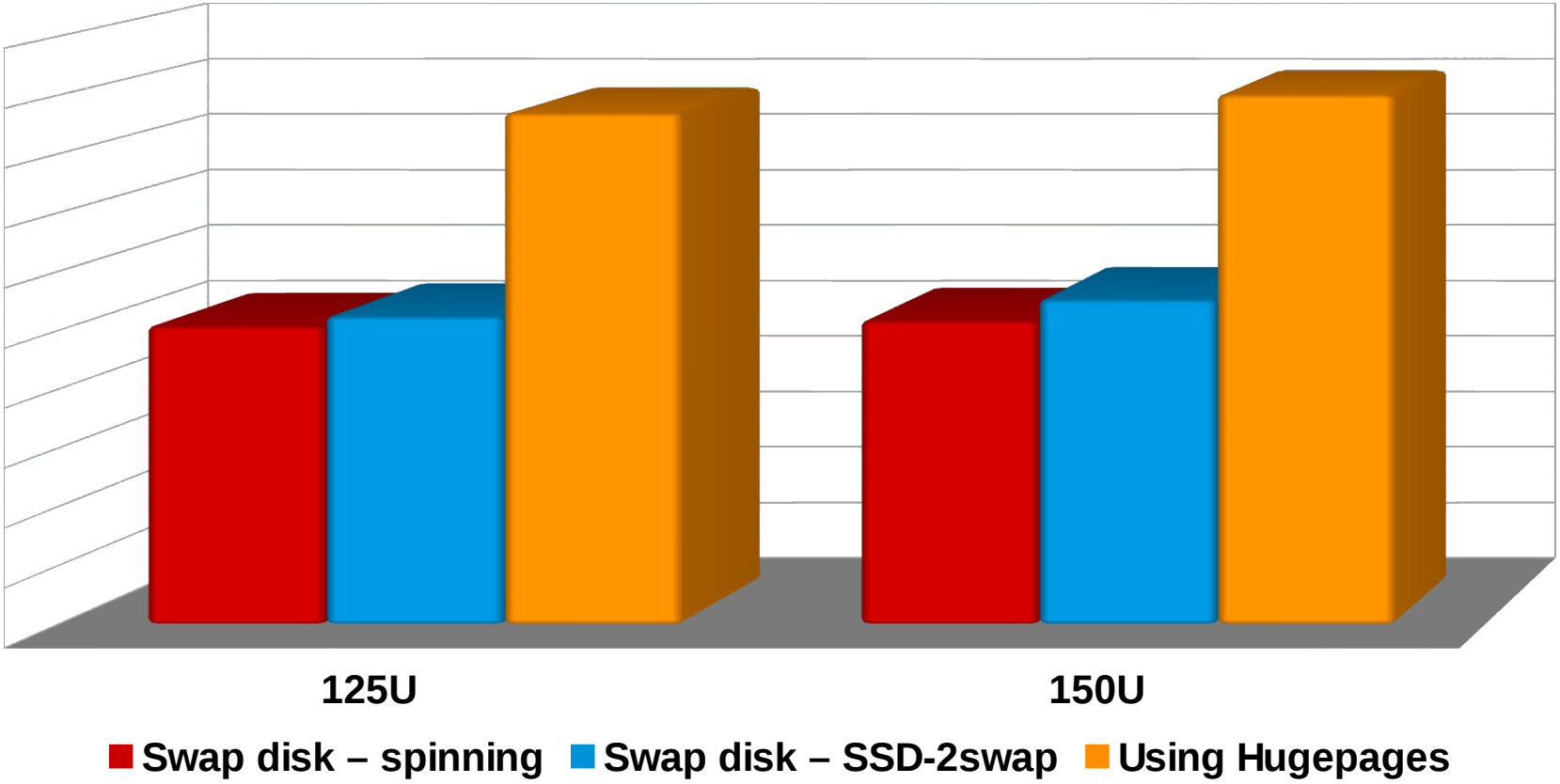
Hugepages - specific node allocation

```
# echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/nr_hugepages
# cat /proc/meminfo | grep HugePages_Free
HugePages_Free:     0

# echo 1000 > /proc/sys/vm/nr_hugepages
# cat /proc/meminfo | grep HugePages_Free
HugePages_Free:     1000
# cat /sys/devices/system/node/node*/hugepages/hugepages-2048kB/nr_hugepages
500
500

# echo 0 > /proc/sys/vm/nr_hugepages
# echo 1000 > /sys/devices/system/node/node0/hugepages/hugepages-2048kB/nr_hugepages
# cat /proc/meminfo | grep HugePages_Free
HugePages_Free:     1000
# cat /sys/devices/system/node/node*/hugepages/hugepages-2048kB/nr_hugepages
1000
0
```

Memory Tuning – huge pages on Bare Metal



Avoid swapping - Use huge pages



RHEL Control Group - Cgroups

Cgroup default mount points

RHEL6

```
# cat /etc/cgconfig.conf

mount {
        cpuset          = /cgroup/cpuset;
        cpu     = /cgroup/cpu;
        cpuacct         = /cgroup/cpuacct;
        memory          = /cgroup/memory;
        devices         = /cgroup/devices;
        freezer         = /cgroup/freezer;
        net_cls         = /cgroup/net_cls;
        blkio   = /cgroup/blkio;
}
```

RHEL7

/sys/fs/cgroup/

RHEL6

```
# ls -l /cgroup
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 blkio
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 cpu
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 cpuacct
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 cpuset
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 devices
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 freezer
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 memory
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 0 Jun 21 13:33 net_cls
```

RHEL7

```
#ls -l /sys/fs/cgroup/
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 blkio
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 cpu,cpuacct
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 cpuset
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 devices
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 freezer
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drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 net_cls
drwxr-xr-x. 2 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 perf_event
drwxr-xr-x. 4 root root  0 Mar 20 16:40 systemd
```

Cgroup how-to

Create a 2GB/4CPU subset of a 16GB/8CPU system

```
# numactl --hardware
# mount -t cgroup xxx /cgroups
# mkdir -p /cgroups/test
# cd /cgroups/test
# echo 0 > cpuset.mems
# echo 0-3 > cpuset.cpus
# echo 2G > memory.limit_in_bytes
# echo $$ > tasks
```

cgroups

```
# echo 0-3 > cpuset.cpus
# runmany 20MB 110procs &
# top -d 5
top - 12:24:13 up  1:36,  4 users,  load average: 22.70, 5.32, 1.79
Tasks: 315 total,  93 running, 222 sleeping,   0 stopped,   0 zombie
Cpu0  : 100.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni,  0.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Cpu1  : 100.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni,  0.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Cpu2  : 100.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni,  0.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Cpu3  : 100.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni,  0.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Cpu4  :  0.4%us,  0.6%sy,  0.0%ni, 98.8%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.2%si,  0.0%st
Cpu5  :  0.4%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni, 99.2%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.4%si,  0.0%st
Cpu6  :  0.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni,100.0%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.0%si,  0.0%st
Cpu7  :  0.0%us,  0.0%sy,  0.0%ni, 99.8%id,  0.0%wa,  0.0%hi,  0.2%si,  0.0%st
```

Correct NUMA bindings

```
# echo 0 > cpuset.mems
# echo 0-3 > cpuset.cpus
# numastat
                           node0           node1
numa_hit                1648772          438778
numa_miss                 23459         2134520
local_node              1648648          423162
other_node                23583         2150136

# /common/lwoodman/code/memory 4G
faulting took 1.616062s
touching took 0.364937s

# numastat
                           node0           node1
numa_hit                2700423          439550
numa_miss                 23459         2134520
local_node              2700299          423934
other_node                23583         2150136
```

Incorrect NUMA bindings

```
# echo 1 > cpuset.mems
# echo 0-3 > cpuset.cpus
# numastat
                           node0           node1
numa_hit                1623318          434106
numa_miss                 23459         1082458
local_node              1623194          418490
other_node                23583         1098074

# /common/lwoodman/code/memory 4G
faulting took 1.976627s
touching took 0.454322s

# numastat
                           node0           node1
numa_hit                1623341          434147
numa_miss                 23459         2133738
local_node              1623217          418531
other_node                23583         2149354
```

cpu.shares default

 # cat cpu.shares
1024

top - 10:04:19 up 13 days, 17:24, 11 users, load average: 8.41, 8.31, 6.17

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME
20104	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.4	0.0	12:35.83 useless
20103	root	20	0	4160	356	284	R	91.4	0.0	12:34.78 useless
20105	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	90.4	0.0	12:33.08 useless
20106	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	88.4	0.0	12:32.81 useless
20102	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	86.4	0.0	12:35.29 useless
20107	root	20	0	4160	356	284	R	85.4	0.0	12:33.51 useless
20110	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	84.8	0.0	12:31.87 useless
20108	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	82.1	0.0	12:30.55 useless
20410	**root**	**20**	**0**	**4160**	**360**	**284**	**R**	**91.4**	**0.0**	**0:18.51 useful**

cpu.shares throttled

 # echo 10 > cpu.shares

top - 09:51:58 up 13 days, 17:11, 11 users, load average: 7.14, 5.78, 3.09

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME
20102	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	100.0	0.0	0:17.45 useless
20103	root	20	0	4160	356	284	R	100.0	0.0	0:17.03 useless
20107	root	20	0	4160	356	284	R	100.0	0.0	0:15.57 useless
20104	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.8	0.0	0:16.66 useless
20105	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.8	0.0	0:16.31 useless
20108	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.8	0.0	0:15.19 useless
20110	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.4	0.0	0:14.74 useless
20106	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	99.1	0.0	0:15.87 useless
20111	**root**	**20**	**0**	**4160**	**356**	**284**	**R**	**1.0**	**0.0**	**0:00.08 useful**

cpu.cfs_quota_us unlimited

 # cat cpu.cfs_period_us
100000
 # cat cpu.cfs_quota_us
-1
top - 10:11:33 up 13 days, 17:31, 11 users, load average: 6.21, 7.78, 6.80

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
20614	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	**100.0**	0.0	0:30.77	useful

 # echo 1000 > cpu.cfs_quota_us

top - 10:16:55 up 13 days, 17:36, 11 users, load average: 0.07, 2.87, 4.93

PID	USER	PR	NI	VIRT	RES	SHR	S	%CPU	%MEM	TIME+	COMMAND
20645	root	20	0	4160	360	284	R	**1.0**	0.0	0:01.54	useful

Cgroup OOMkills

```
# mkdir -p /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/test
# echo 1G > /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/test/memory.limit_in_bytes
# echo 2G > /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/test/memory.memsw.limit_in_bytes
# echo $$ > /sys/fs/cgroup/memory/test/tasks

# ./memory 16G
size = 10485760000
touching 2560000 pages
Killed
# vmstat 1
...
 0  0  52224 1640116    0 3676924    0    0       0     0   202  487  0  0 100  0  0
 1  0  52224 1640116    0 3676924    0    0       0     0   162  316  0  0 100  0  0
 0  1 248532 587268     0 3676948   32 196312    32 196372   912  974  1  4 88   7  0
 0  1 406228 586572     0 3677308    0 157696     0 157704   624  696  0  1 87  11  0
 0  1 568532 585928     0 3676864    0 162304     0 162312   722 1039  0  2 87  11  0
 0  1 729300 584744     0 3676840    0 160768     0 160776   719 1161  0  2 87  11  0
 1  0 885972 585404     0 3677008    0 156844     0 156852   754 1225  0  2 88  10  0
 0  1 1042644 587128    0 3676784    0 156500     0 156508   747 1146  0  2 86  12  0
 0  1 1169708 587396    0 3676748    0 127064     4 127836   702 1429  0  2 88  10  0
 0  0  86648 1607092    0 3677020  144    0     148     0   491 1151  0  1 97   1  0
```

Cgroup OOMkills (continued)

```
# vmstat 1
...
 0  0  52224 1640116      0 3676924    0    0       0     0   202  487  0  0 100  0  0
 1  0  52224 1640116      0 3676924    0    0       0     0   162  316  0  0 100  0  0
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 0  0  86648 1607092      0 3677020  144    0     148     0   491 1151  0  1 97   1  0
...
```
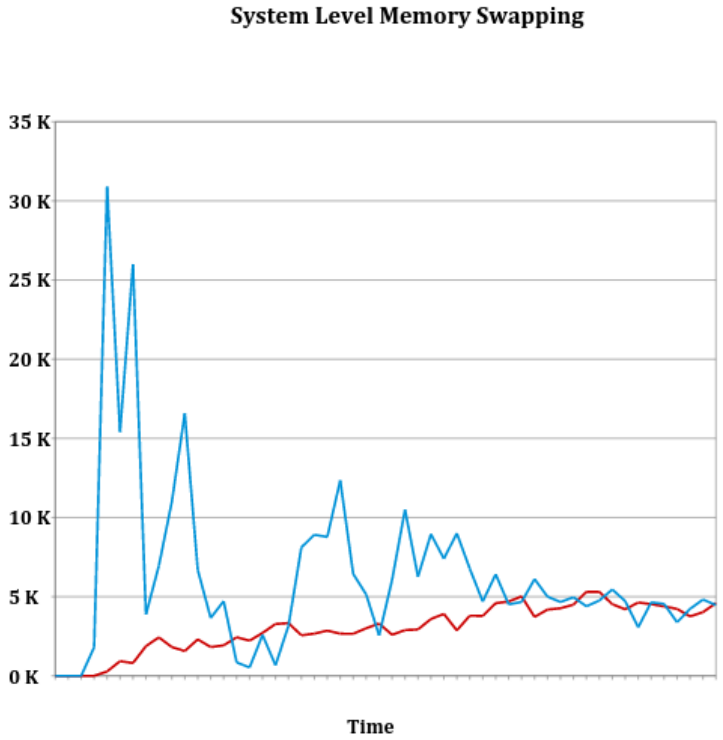
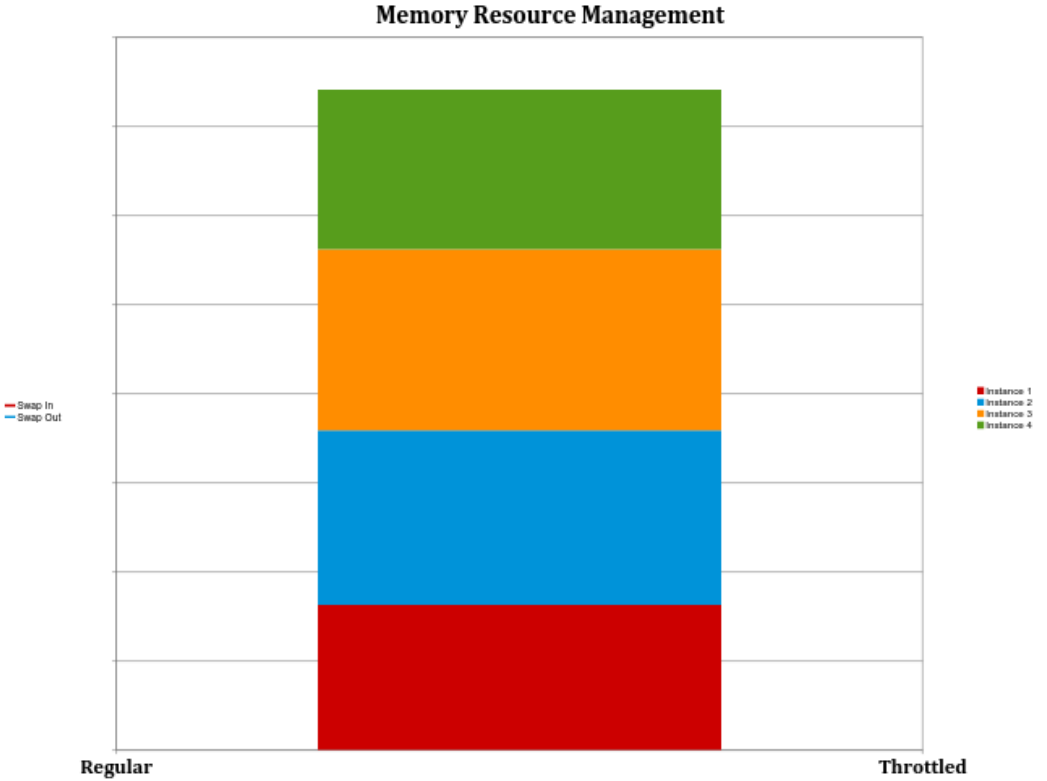

```
# dmesg
...
[506858.413341] Task in /test killed as a result of limit of /test
[506858.413342] memory: usage 1048460kB, limit 1048576kB, failcnt 295377
[506858.413343] memory+swap: usage 2097152kB, limit 2097152kB, failcnt 74
[506858.413344] kmem: usage 0kB, limit 9007199254740991kB, failcnt 0
[506858.413345] Memory cgroup stats for /test: cache:0KB rss:1048460KB rss_huge:10240KB
mapped_file:0KB swap:1048692KB inactive_anon:524372KB active_anon:524084KB inactive_file:0KB
active_file:0KB unevictable:0KB
```

Cgroup – Application Isolation





Even though one application does not have resources and starts swapping, other applications are not affected

Summary - Red Hat Enterprise Linux NUMA

- **RHEL6 – NUMAD - With Red Hat Enterprise Linux**
  - NUMAD can significantly improve performance and automate NUMA management on systems with server consolidation or replicated parallel workloads.

- **RHEL7, Auto-NUMA-Balance**
  - Works well for most applications out of the box!
  - Use NUMAstat and NUMActl tools to measure and/or fine control your application on RHEL.
  - Use HugePages for wired-down shared-memory (DB/Java), 2MB or 1GB

- **Q+A at “Meet The Experts” - Free as in Soda/Beer/Wine**

Performance Whitepapers

- Performance Tuning of Satellite 6.1 and Capsules
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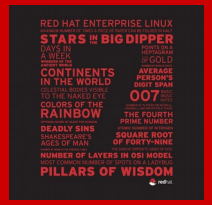

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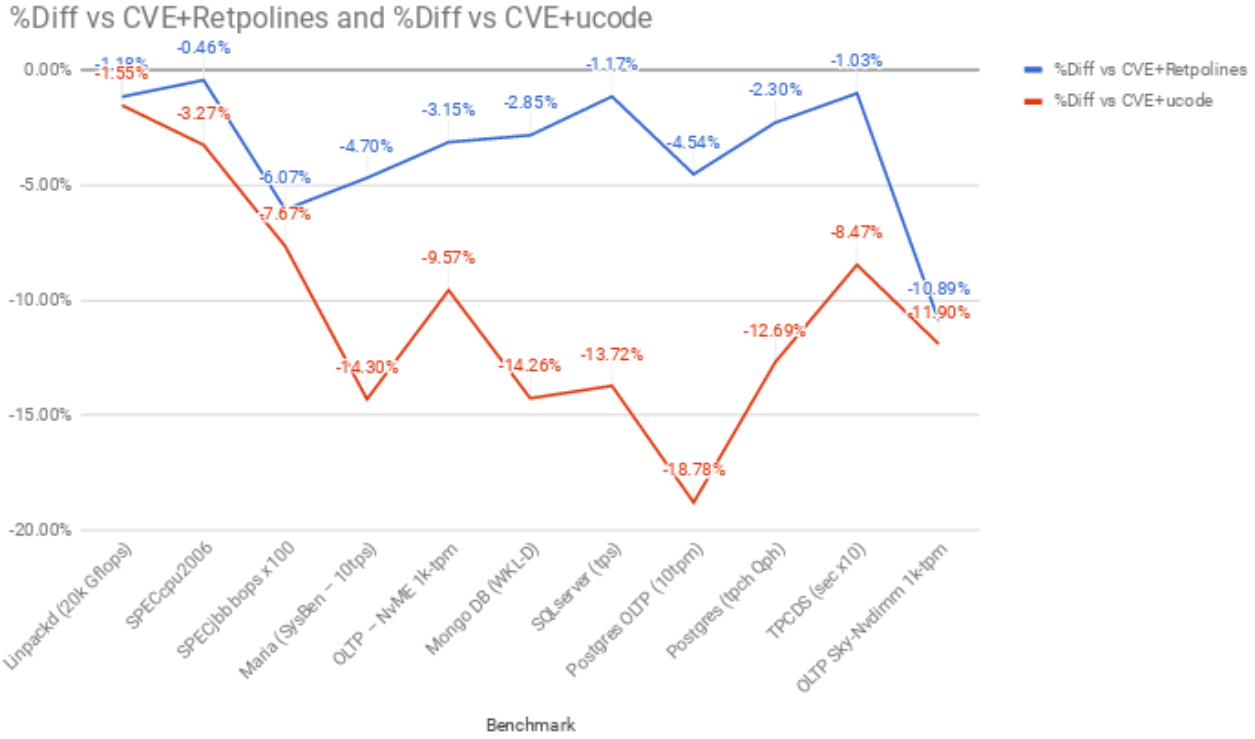
Spectre and Meltdown Application Perf Impact (kbase article - https://access.redhat.com/articles/3307751)

- Measureable: Ucode only 8-19%, **updated with retpoline (4-10%)**
  - Highly cached random memory, with buffered I/O, OLTP database workloads, and benchmarks with high kernel-to-user space transitions are impacted now within 10%. Scale out HPC MPI environments with significant message passing fall into this category. Examples include OLTP Workloads (tpc), sysbench, pgbench, tpm.
- Modest: Ucode only 3-7%, **updated with retpoline (2-5%)**
  - Database analytics, Decision Support System (DSS), and Java VMs are impacted less than the "Measurable" category. These applications may have significant sequential disk or network traffic, but kernel/device drivers are able to aggregate requests to moderate level of kernel-to-user transitions. Examples include SPECjbb2005, Queries/Hour and overall analytic timing (sec).
- Small: Ucode only 2-5%, **updated with retpoline (1-3%)**
  - HPC (High Performance Computing single system) Single system CPU-intensive workloads are affected the least with only 1-3% performance impact because jobs run mostly in user space and are scheduled using cpu-pinning or numa-control. Examples:Linpack NxN on x86 and SPECcpu2006.

Spectre / Meltdown Application Perf Impact in RHEL7.4z



RHEL Performance Workload Coverage

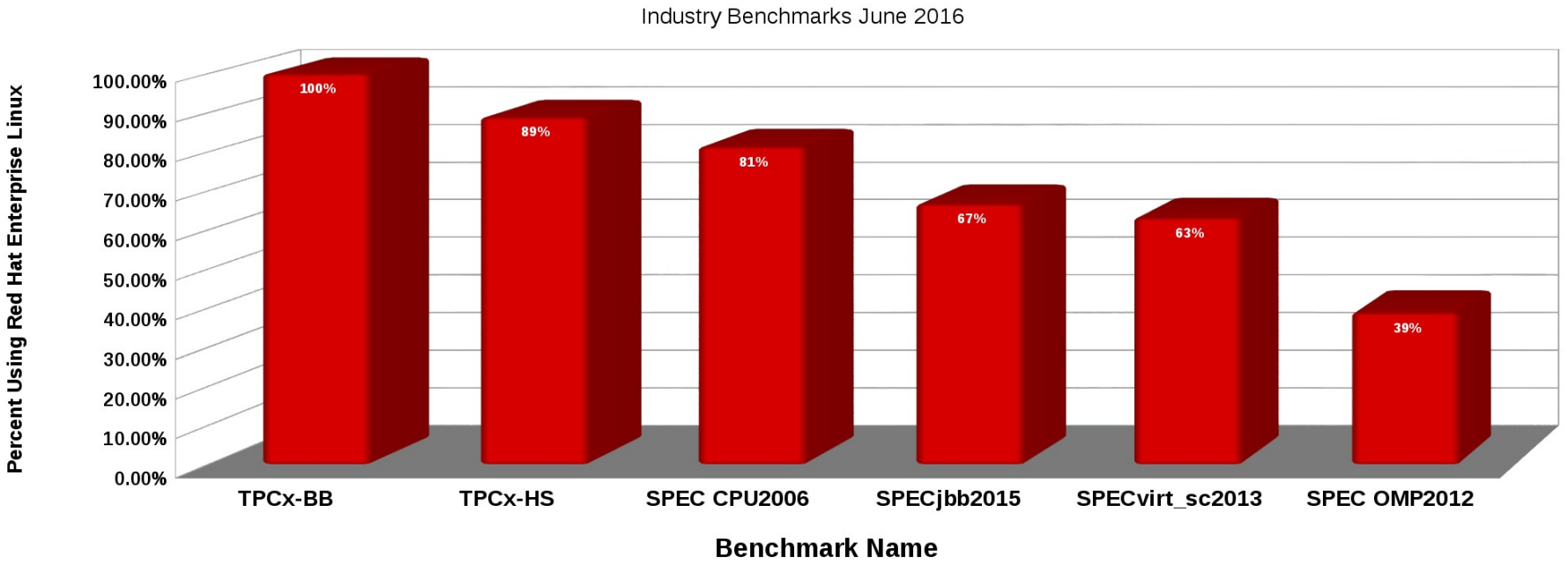
(bare metal, KVM virt w/ RHEV and/or OSP, LXC Kube/OSEand Industry Standard Benchmarks)

- **MicroBenchmarks – code path coverage**
  - CPU – linpack, lmbench
  - Memory – lmbench, McCalpin STREAM
  - Disk IO – iozone, fio – SCSI, FC, iSCSI
  - Filesystems – iozone, ext3/4, xfs, gfs2, gluster
  - Networks – netperf – 10/40Gbit, Infiniband/RoCE, Bypass
  - Bare Metal, RHEL6/7 KVM, Atomic Containers
  - White box AMD/Intel, with our OEM partners
- **Application Performance**
  - Linpack MPI, HPC workloads
  - AIM 7 – shared, filesystem, db, compute
  - Database: DB2, Oracle 11/12, Sybase 15.x , MySQL, MariaDB, Postgrs, MongoDB
  - OLTP – TPC-C, TPC-VMS
  - DSS – TPC-H/xDS
  - Big Data – TPCx-HS, Bigbench
  - SPEC cpu, jbb, sfs, virt, cloud
  - SAP – SLCS, SD
  - STAC = FSI (STAC-N)
  - SAS mixed Analytic, SAS grid (gfs2)

RHEL / Intel Benchmarks Broadwell EP/EX

(http://rhelblog.redhat.com/2016/06/06
/red-hat-delivers-high-performance-on-critical-enterprise-workloads-with-the-latest-intel-xeon-e7-v4-processor-family/)

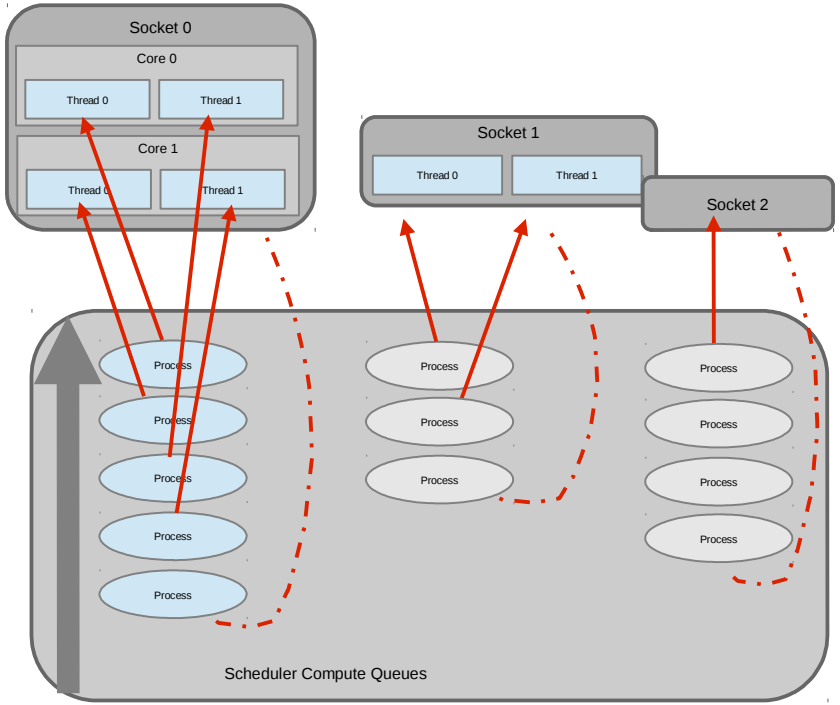
Benchmark publications using Red Hat Enterprise Linux over past 24 months



RHEL CFS Scheduler

RHEL Scheduler Tunables

- Implements multiple red/black trees as
- run queues for sockets and cores (as opposed to one run queue per processor or per system)
- RHEL tunables
  - sched_min_granularity_ns
  - sched_wakeup_granularity_ns
  - sched_migration_cost
  - sched_child_runs_first
  - sched_latency_ns



Finer Grained Scheduler Tuning

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- RHEL6/7 Tuned-adm will increase quantum on par with RHEL5
  - echo 10000000 > /proc/sys/kernel/sched_min_granularity_ns
    - Minimal preemption granularity for CPU bound tasks.
    - See sched_latency_ns for details. The default value is 4000000 (ns).
  - echo 15000000 > /proc/sys/kernel/sched_wakeup_granularity_ns
    - The wake-up preemption granularity.
    - Increasing this variable reduces wake-up preemption, reducing disturbance of compute bound tasks.
    - Decreasing it improves wake-up latency and throughput for latency critical tasks, particularly when a short duty cycle load component must compete with CPU bound components. The default value is 5000000 (ns).
  - .
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Load Balancing

- Scheduler tries to keep all CPUs busy by moving tasks form overloaded CPUs to idle CPUs
- Detect using “perf stat”, look for excessive “migrations”
- **/proc/sys/kernel/sched_migration_cost_ns**
  - Amount of time after the last execution that a task is considered to be “cache hot” in migration decisions. A “hot” task is less likely to be migrated, so increasing this variable reduces task migrations. The default value is 500000 (ns).
  - If the CPU idle time is higher than expected when there are runnable processes, try reducing this value. If tasks bounce between CPUs or nodes too often, try increasing it.
- Rule of thumb – increase by **2-10x** to reduce load balancing (tuned does this)
- Use 10x on large systems when many CGROUPs are actively used (ex: RHEV/ KVM/RHOS)

fork() behavior

- sched_child_runs_first
  - Controls whether parent or child runs first
  - Default is 0: parent continues before children run.
  - Default is different than RHEL5