

Nearing 24x7 Availability with Structure Changes Too!

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Companies need to make changes to meet ever changing business requirements, but do not have the <u>necessary batch window</u>.

Structure Changes

- Take advantage of available technologies (PDF, HALDB)
 - Exceeding capabilities of technology (size limitations)
- Business application changes (add new areas/partitions/secondary indexes)
- Exceeding performance capabilities (Fast Path DEDB vs. Full Function)

Tuning Changes

- Decrease the likelihood of split segments, excessive RAP synonym chains, Increase the size of the RAA, overflow usage
- Provide best access performance with the least amount of I/O

Space Reclamation

- Space fragmentation within the database data sets causes performance problems when IMS is inserting segments. Too much data can be moved into overflow areas.
- Make best use of available space

The Challenges of 24x7 with IMS



Structure changes

- Convert Database Types (i.e. FF HDAM to PDF HDAM or PHDAM or DEDB)
- Convert HISAM to HIDAM or PDF HISAM
- Convert Access Method (VSAM to OSAM)
 - OSAM 8 GB vs. VSAM 4 GB
 - Shorter path length, OSAM built for IMS
- Add/Change/Delete Secondary Indexes
- Add/Change/Delete partitions in a partitioned Secondary Index
- Add/Change/Delete Logical Relationships
 - Convert Virtually Paired Logical Relationships to Physically Paired <u>required</u> to migrate to PDF or HALDB
- Add/Change/Delete Data Set Groups (DSGs)
- Add/Change/Delete Partitions (PDF, HALDB)
- Add/Change/Delete FP DEDB Areas
- Segment restructuring (more later)

The Challenges of 24x7 with IMS



Tuning Changes

- Add/Change Randomizers
- Alter tuning parameters
 - RAPs
 - Blocks
 - Bytes (contiguous inserts)
 - ROOTs DEDBs
 - UOWs DEDBs
- Add/Change/Delete Partition Selection Exit

Space Reclamation

- Alter data set definitions
 - Increase/Decrease space allocations
 - Move to new STORCLAS
 - Alter block sizes
- **Alter** DASD geometry
 - Convert to/from SMS
 - Increase/Decrease allocation volumes

What's needed to address these 24x7 challenges?



We need a way to keep production databases online and actively being updated by MPP transactions and BMP programs...

while you implement your changes.

High
Availability
Low
Outage

Database types

Full Function

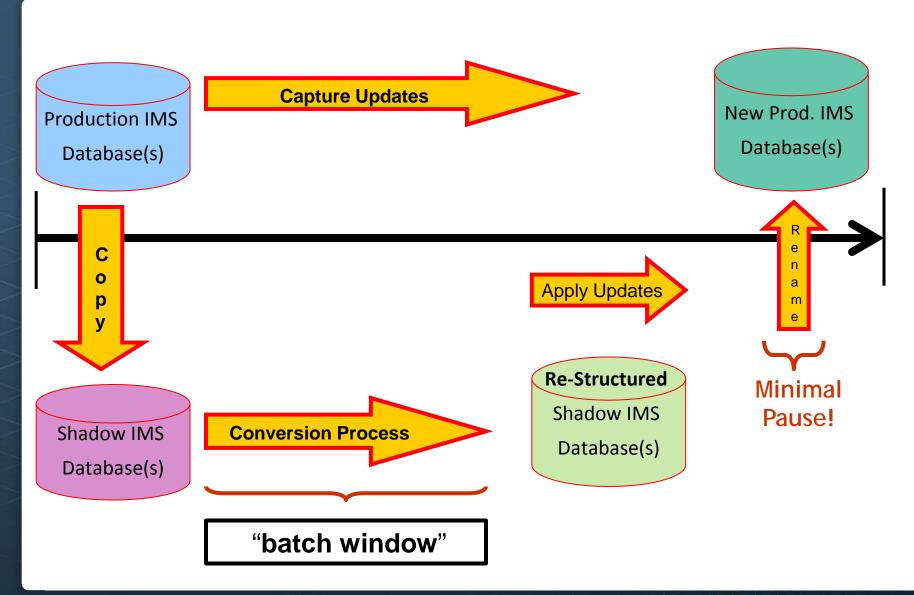
Fast Path DEDBs

HALDB

PDF





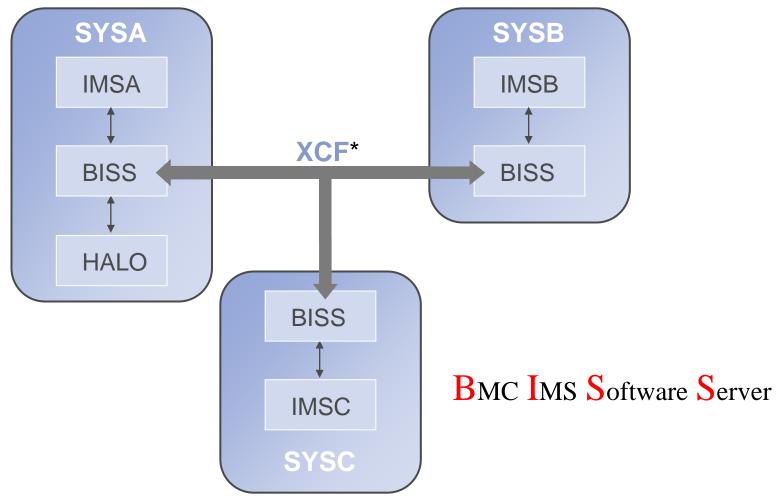




Database Conversion Support

TO FROM	HDAM	HIDAM	HALDB	PDF	SHISAM	HISAM	DEDB
HDAM	N/A	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
HIDAM	Υ	N/A	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
HALDB	Υ	Υ	N/A	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
PDF	Υ	Υ	Υ	N/A	Υ	Υ	Υ
SHISAM	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N/A	Υ	Υ
HISAM	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N/A	Υ
DEDB	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N/A





* Cross-System Coupling Facility Messaging (does not require coupling facility definitions)

BISS – BMC IMS Software Server



- Active Subsystem
- No License Key required to start
- Uses IBM documented interfaces to provide subsystem and sysplex services to BMC products
- One BISS started on each LPAR within the sysplex
- Issues IMS commands to the appropriate IMS region for HALO
 - /DBR
 - /DBD
 - /STA
 - /DIS
- Issues MVS Operator commands for HALO
 - MODIFY
 - REPLY
- (Formerly called NESS)

Data Collection Facility (DCF)



Data Collection Facility

- Data Capture

- Capture database updates while HALO is running
- Runs inside the IMS Control Region and Dependent Regions (MPR, BMP, IFP...etc)

Data Collection

- Collects captured database updates and hardens them to a data set (VSAM LDS)
- Runs inside the server (BISS)

- Data Application

- Applies collected updates in commit time sequence
- Runs inside the HALO job

Data Collection Facility (DCF)



- Dynamically installed when needed by HALO
- Dynamically removed when no longer needed by HALO
- Absolutely no path length when removed... it's simply not there.
- Multiple HALO jobs use the <u>first installed copy of the code</u>
- Always run from whatever is in the HALO product library...maintenance takes effect on next job.

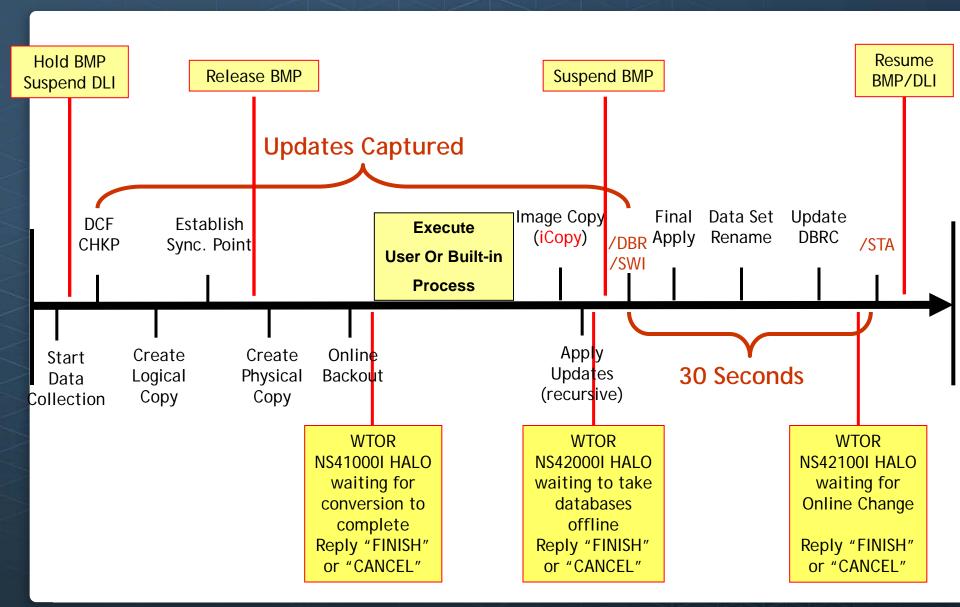
Create Shadow Full Function Databases



- Start Data Collection
- **DCF Checkpoint**
 - Ensure all impacted databases at syncpoint
 Start Log Capture
 Start Data Capture
- **Obtain Logical Copies**
- Establish SyncpointEnsure all impacted databases at syncpointStop Log Capture
- **Physical Copy Completes**
- **Build "temporary" RECONs**
- Perform Dynamic Backout
 Same done by IMS for online transaction update backouts

HALO Full Function Support





Create Shadow Fast Path Databases

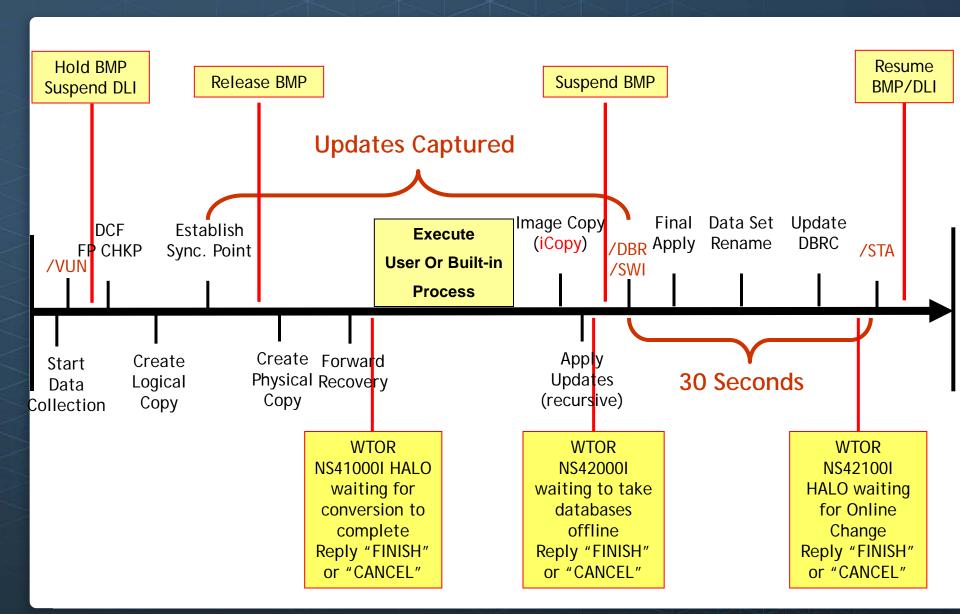


- **Start Data Collection**
- DCF Fast Path Checkpoint
 - /VUN to unload VSO areas

 - Ensure all impacted FP areas at syncpoint
 /CHE Simple Checkpoint to flush SDEP buffers
 - Start Log Capture
- **Obtain Logical Copies**
- **Establish Syncpoint**
 - Ensure all impacted FP areas at syncpoint
 - Stop Log Capture
 - Start Data Capture
- **Physical Copy Completes**
- **Build** "temporary" RECONs and Log data sets
- **Perform Forward Recovery**

HALO Fast Path Support





Execute User or Built-in Process



User Process

- User does normal process for making changes to Shadow databases and the temporary recons:
 - Pre-Reorg (if needed)
 - Unload with old DBD (HALO provides pre-allocated unload file)
 - Delete/Define database data sets
 - Reload with new DBD (HALO provides pre-allocated WF1 file)
 - Build secondary indexes
 - Prefix Resolution / Prefix Update (if necessary)
- Built-in Automated Process
 - HALO Restructure Plug-In (RPI)
 - HALO uses the BMC Eclipse Utilities for IMS™
 - Pre-Reorg (if needed)
 - BMC iUnload for IMS
 - » BMC iExtract for IMS (if necessary)
 - BMC iLoad for IMS (Buildindexes)
 - BMC iBuild for IMS
 - BMC iCheck for IMS
 - BMC Prefix Update for IMS (if necessary)
 - HALO can use the "single step" Eclipse REORG command (pipeline reorg)
- For both methods, HALO takes the image copies (using BMC iCopy for IMS) of the "new" database data sets and registers them to DBRC

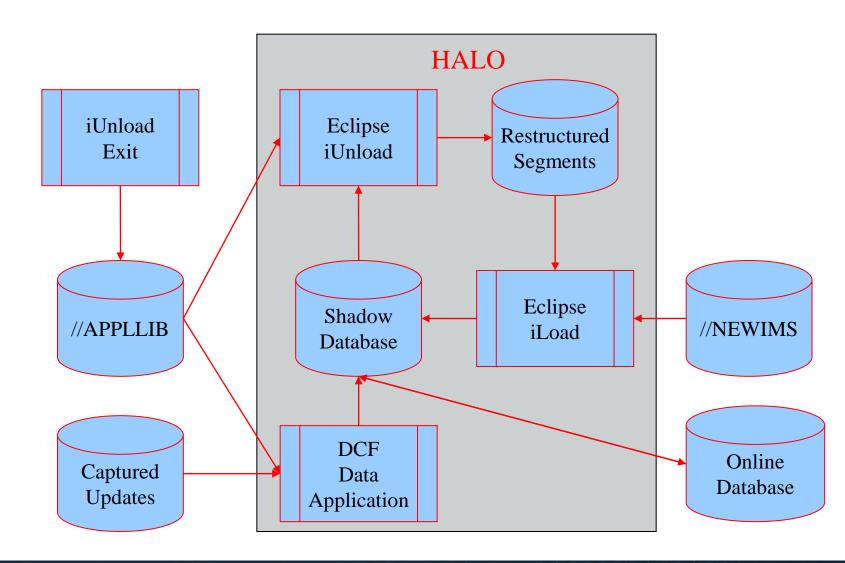
Segment Restructuring Support with HALO



- Increase/Decrease segment length
- Convert segments:
 - fixed-length to variable-length
 - variable-length to fixed length
- Move segment data, including existing key and search fields, within segment
- Add new fields to a segment
- Initialize segment data (i.e., new packed fields)
- Add new segment types
- Others???

Segment Restructuring - Overview





Segment Restructuring

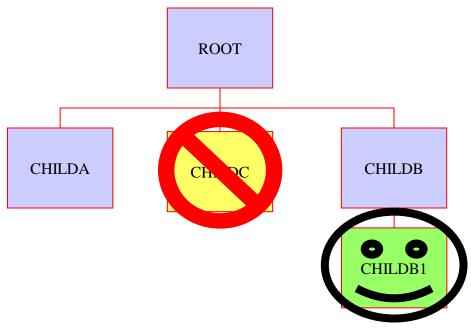


- Eclipse iUnload exit used to <u>restructure database segments</u> used during the iUnload process, and the HALO apply process
 - User provided program, typically coded in Assembler or COBOL
 - Supported exit formats:
 - BMC Unload Plus Exit
 - IBM HSSR FABHFSU Unload Exit
 - IBM HSSR FABHURG1 Unload Exit

- ► Eclipse iUnload exit used to <u>restructure captured database updates</u> for the HALO apply process
 - Alternative: provide a separate HALO I/O Area Exit (Apply side)



Cannot change existing database segment hierarchy.



HALO does not edit for these restrictions!

Apply Updates



- Dynamically build PSB and create an ACB
- Apply collected updates to database(s) using DL/I (DBB) interface for both full function and fast path databases
- ► Apply process is recursive. It can happen as many times as needed... before taking database(s) offline (/DBR)
- Re-apply automatically occurs every hour
- Status (update count and outage duration estimate) occurs every 15 minutes
- ► **Apply occurs** after "FINISH" and before /DBR in order to reduce the number of updates to be applied after the database(s) is offline

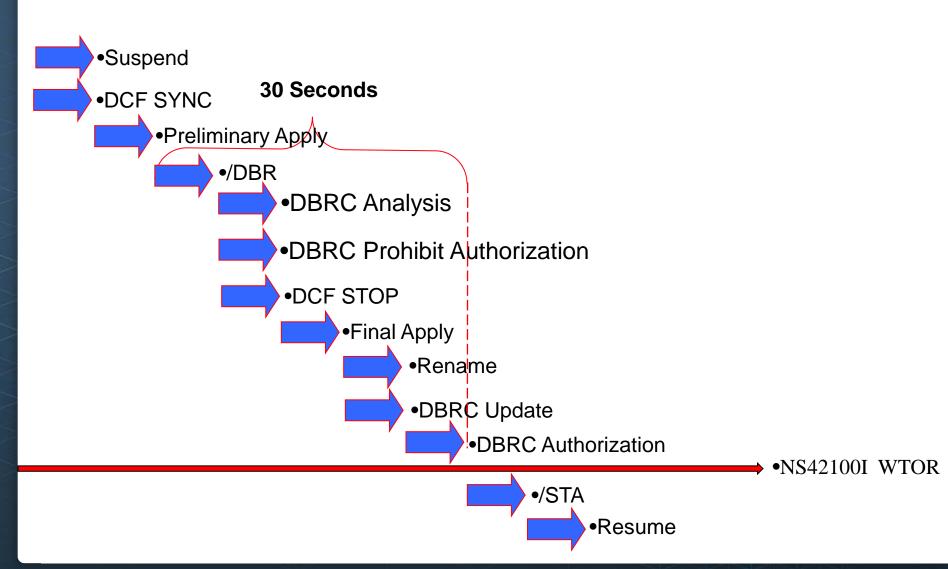
Take databases offline



- When you reply "FINISH" you are committed to going forward with the new databases.
- Cancelling the HALO job after this point may require significant manual intervention on your part to clean up
- DBRC commands both user and HALO generated commands are applied.
- Database data set renames are printed both to-andfrom as they are renamed.

Outage Window





Online Change Process



- ► **HALO** is ready for the online change process NS42100I IMS Online Change required. Reply "FINISH" or "CANCEL"
- Some things you may need to do after this WTOR, depending upon what has changed:
 - STOP MPP programs and transactions
 - Online change for ACBLIB, FMTLIB
 - Copy staging DBDLIB/PSBLIB/MDALIB members to production
 - START MPP programs and transactions
 - **If programs have been modified** (e.g. support larger segment)
 - STOP Message Processing Regions
 - Copy new program(s) to production
 - START Message Processing Regions



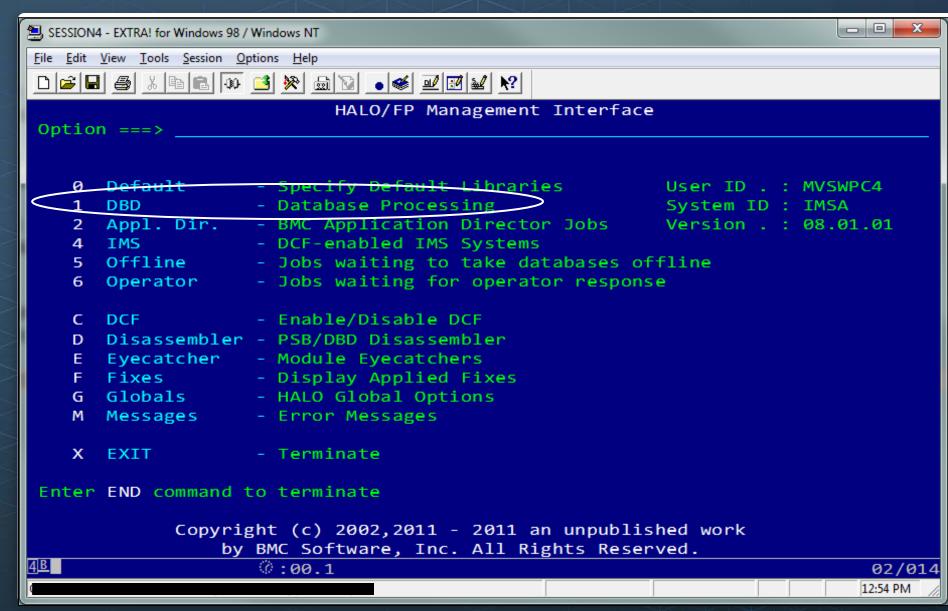
- NS41000I Waiting for conversion to complete
- NS42000I Waiting to take databases offline
- NS42100I IMS Online Change required
- NS43000E Operational Error, intervention required
 - Always receive a WTO indicating the problem along with a WTOR allowing operator to respond:

```
NS40371E Database datasets allocated to 1 other job(s) or user(s)
System ID Job Name
NS40372E SYSA WPCJOB3A
*20 NS43000E DATASET_ALLOCATE command(s) failed. Reply "RETRY" or "CANCEL"
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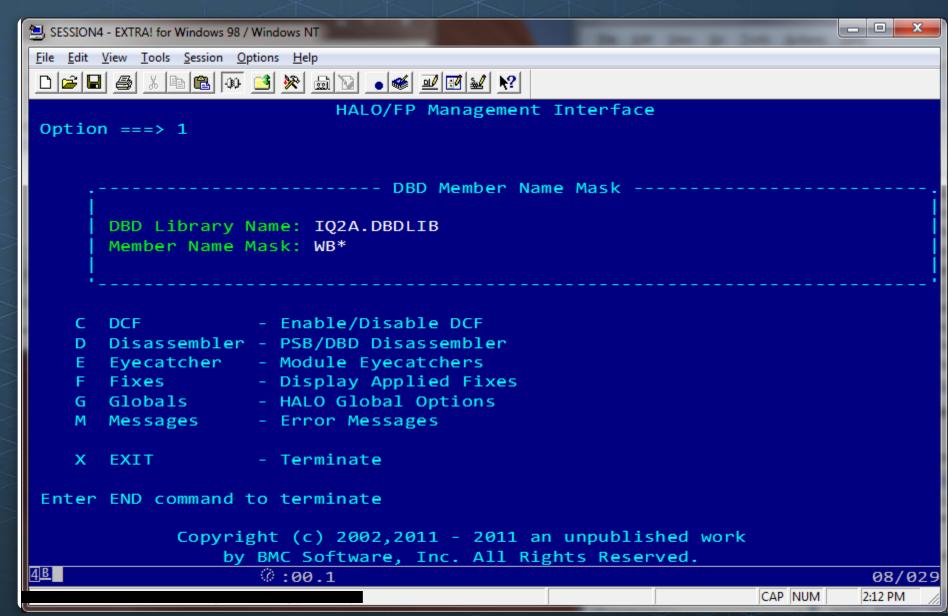
User can reply to these WTOR messages via the HALO Management Interface panels (ISPF opt 6) ...Entered by:

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ex '?bmcihlq.EXEC(NS4MGR)'
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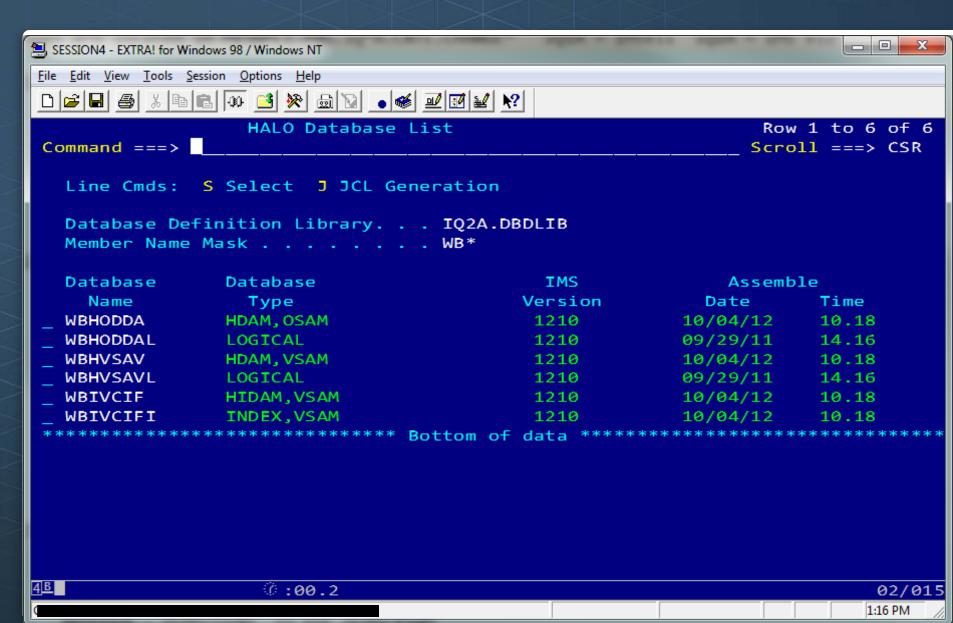












HALO Generated JCL



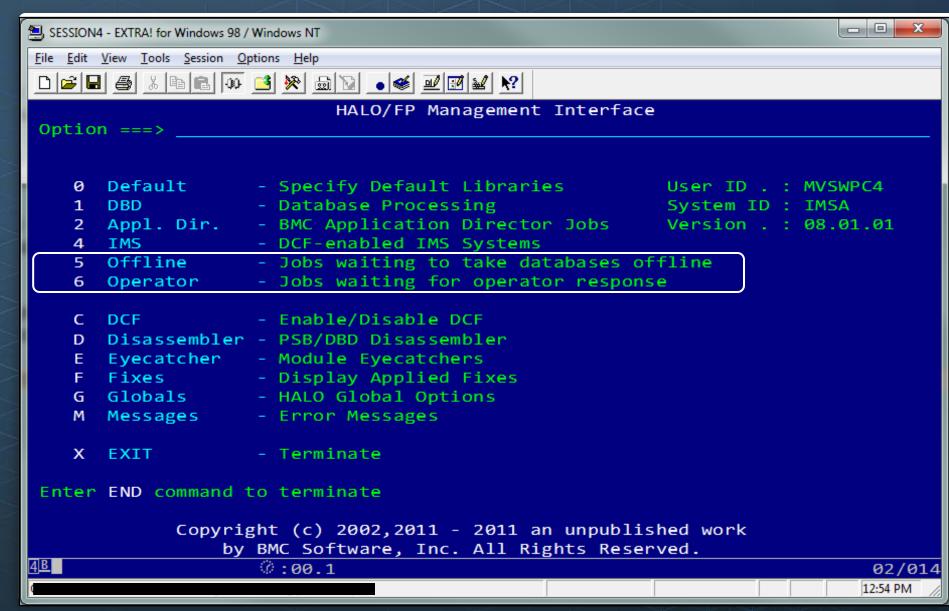
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//HALO
            EXEC PGM=NS4MAIN, REGION=0M, DYNAMNBR=2048
                                                      ← Product load library (HALO / Eclipse Utilities)
//STEPLIB DD DISP=SHR, DSN=BNZ.V8T.LOAD
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=BNB.IMSVS.R12.SDFSRESL
                                                      ← IMS Reslib
//
//IMSDALIB DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A.MDALIB
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=BNB.IMSVS.R12.SDFSRESL
//NEWDALIB DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A.STAGING.MDALIB (STAGING)
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A.MDALIB
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=BNB.IMSVS.R12.SDFSRESL
//IMS
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A. PSBLIB
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A. DBDLIB
//NEWIMS
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IO2A. STAGING. PSBLIB (STAGING)
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A. PSBLIB
//
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A.STAGING.DBDLIB (STAGING)
//
           DD DISP=SHR, DSN=IQ2A.DBDLIB
//*NS4PRLOG DD SYSOUT=*
//*NS4DBRCI DD DUMMY, DCB=BLKSIZE=80 <== SHADOW DB DBRC COMMANDS
//*NS4DBRCE DD DUMMY,DCB=BLKSIZE=80 <== SHADOW REVERSAL COMMANDS
//*NS4HDBUP DD DUMMY,DCB=BLKSIZE=80 <== NEW PROD DB DBRC COMMANDS
//*NS4HDBER DD DUMMY,DCB=BLKSIZE=80 <== PROD REVERSAL COMMANDS
//NS4SYSIN DD *,DCB=BLKSIZE=80
 CONVERT -
                                                 ← HALO CONVERT command
                                                 ← Use HALO RPI keyword
       RESTRUCTURE -
                                                 ← Also: DBLIST(); CAGRP(); DBGROUP()
       DBD(WBHODDA)
                                                          AREALIST, PARTLIST, AREA and PARTITION
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//AMSPDS DD DISP=SHR,DSN=your.AMSPDS

- For VSAM data sets, DEFINE the shadow data sets
- For OSAM data sets, ALLOCATE the shadow data sets

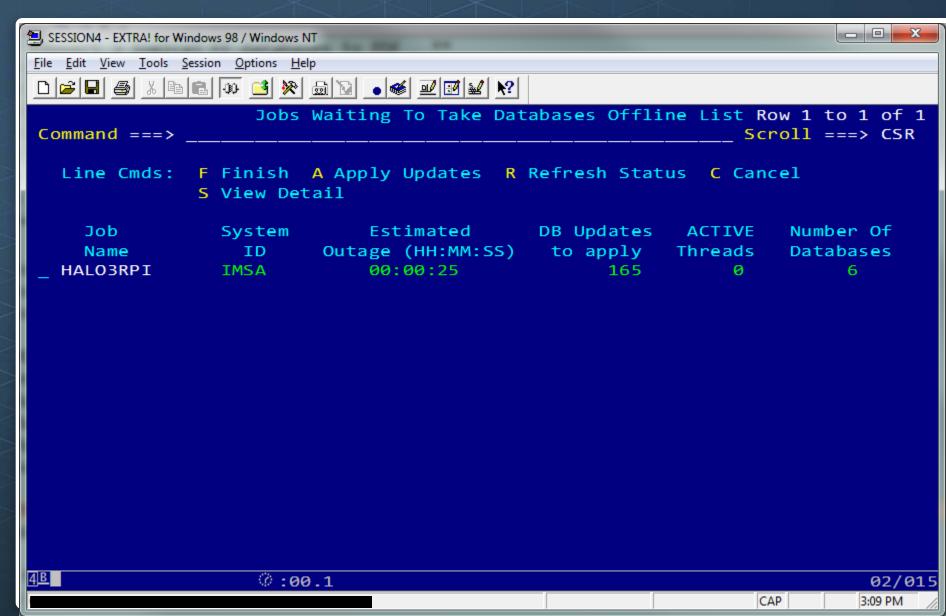
The PDS member, name must match the DD name of the database data set being allocated.





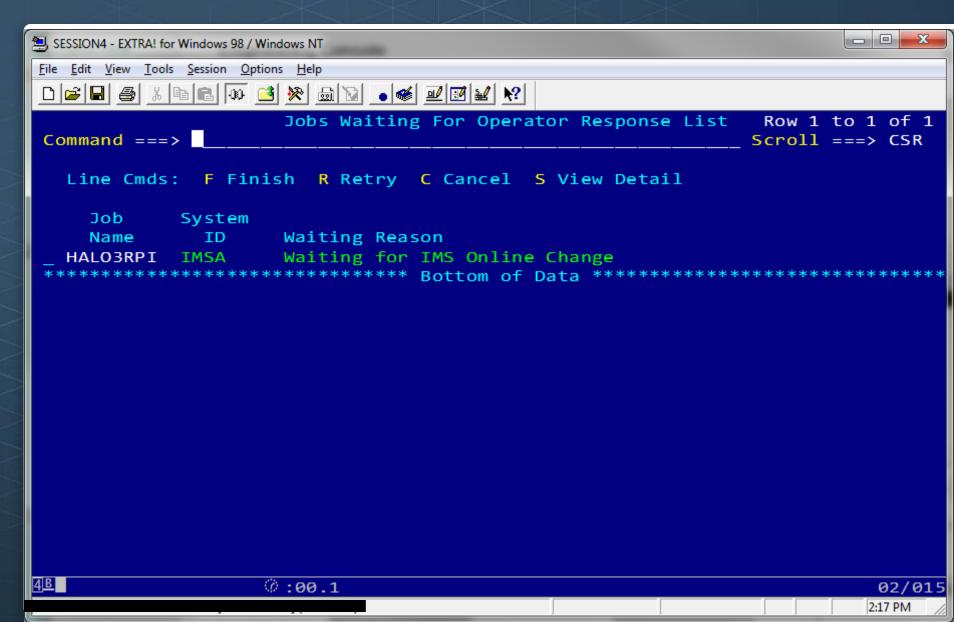
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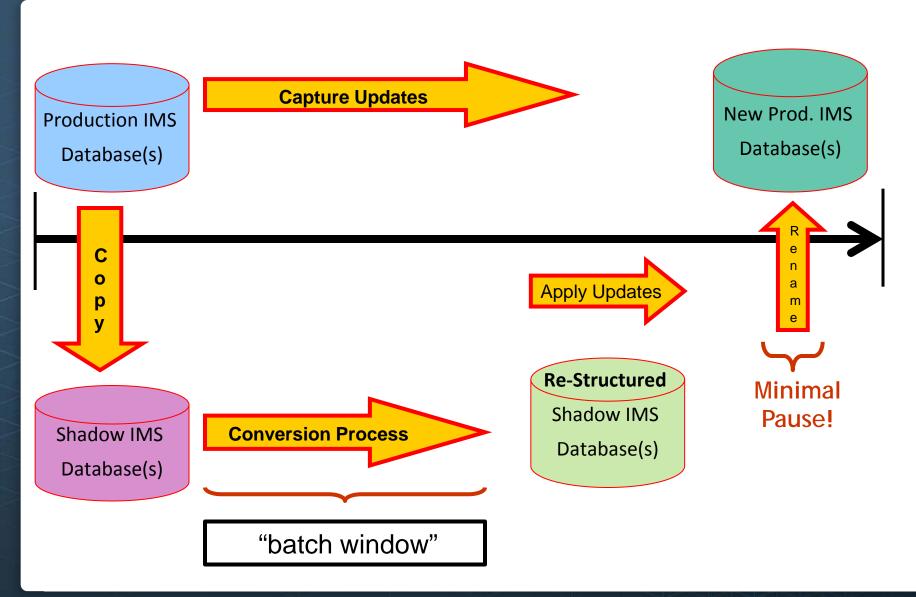
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BMC HALO for IMSTM Process Overview





The Challenges of 24x7 with IMS – Wrap-up



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- Structure Changes
- Tuning Changes
- Space Reclamation

BMC HALO *for IMS* provides the solution to these 24x7 challenges for all these database types:

- Full Function
- PDF
- HALDB
- ► Fast Path DEDB

Want more information?

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Any questions?



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