

STLCMG Quarterly Meeting Review for August 13, 2013

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The St. Louis CMG chapter (STLCMG) held its third quarterly meeting of 2013 at the MetLife campus just south of downtown St. Louis, Missouri. There were **17** in attendance. Our thanks to **Softwareonz** for sponsoring the meeting.

Morning Sessions

A2C of Capacity – Maturing an Existing Capacity Function

Presenter: **Saurabh Singh, Infosys Technologies Ltd.**

Saurabh shared how most organizations already have an IT capacity function in some form. However, with new age infrastructure, rapid go-to-market and the increasing move towards global delivery, organizations are remodeling this critical function to be a step ahead of business. The key areas he covered included the typical challenges in an existing capacity function, our view of what works and what doesn't work, and a detailed implementation experience at a large life-sciences organizations.

Manage Your IBM Sub Capacity Pricing – Are You STILL Paying Too Much?

Presenter: **Craig Mullins, Softwareonz**

Craig informed the audience that in October of 2000 IBM added the "Define Capacity" setting for Sub-Capacity customers. How does this affect each LPAR, WLM and the 4 hour rolling average (R4H)? What are the dynamics of this, and what it will cost you if this is not managed correctly? Every month companies could be paying less for software costs if the 4-hour rolling average is reduced (and managed more effectively). This session discussed ideas on managing WLM to reduce costs and to improve performance by ensuring the right MSU's are in the right place, at the right time and for the right cost.

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Auto Soft Capping (ASC) – What is Your Sub Capacity Pricing Strategy?

Presenter: **Brian Hoare, Softwareonz**

Brian told us that the Mainframe community is strong and still growing thanks to high investment and highly skilled people. By implementing soft capping and vWLC (variable Workload License Charge) you can take advantage of the Value statement of IBM's Mainframe Charter. vWLC has the customer invoiced on the capacity of the machine used, not the "full capacity." But how can you reduce your vWLC charge? The solution available that allows the customer to control these costs is AutoSoftCapping (ASC). ASC can enable you to better control your monthly software costs. The product has been licensed by organizations worldwide, which use it to better manage their environment and reduce their software costs. The solution has a fast return on investment (ROI) 3 - 9 months, since it reduces these software costs.

Afternoon Session

Green IT based Performance Measurement

Presenter: **Arvind Raman & Mitesh Desai, Infosys Technologies Ltd.**

Modern business' high reliance on IT has led to rapid growth in their IT estate. With rising energy costs and global regulations, it is important for IT organizations to reduce their environmental impact. Measurements and improvements have to be carried out in the following areas: Data Center, End user computing, People, IT Service and IT Asset Management. Arvind and Mitesh shared their experiences of designing and implementing a Green IT based optimization exercise based on this approach, which has reduced carbon footprint up to 80% for some of their clients

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 15, 2013** at the MetLife campus.

Contact **Chris Althen** or **Wayne Allen** with questions or about reaching the speakers that presented at STLCMG.

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