How to monitor the DAX

Working with Checkmk @ Deutsche Börse



About me

- Linux User since 1995
- Since 2000 Freelancing Author, Trainer and System Adminstrator
- Since 2017 System Administrator @ Deutsche Börse
- Started with omd in 2012.
- Checkmk RAW user since day 1.



What we really do

• IT company with 11'000 employees with over 50

locations

 Origins tracing back to 1585

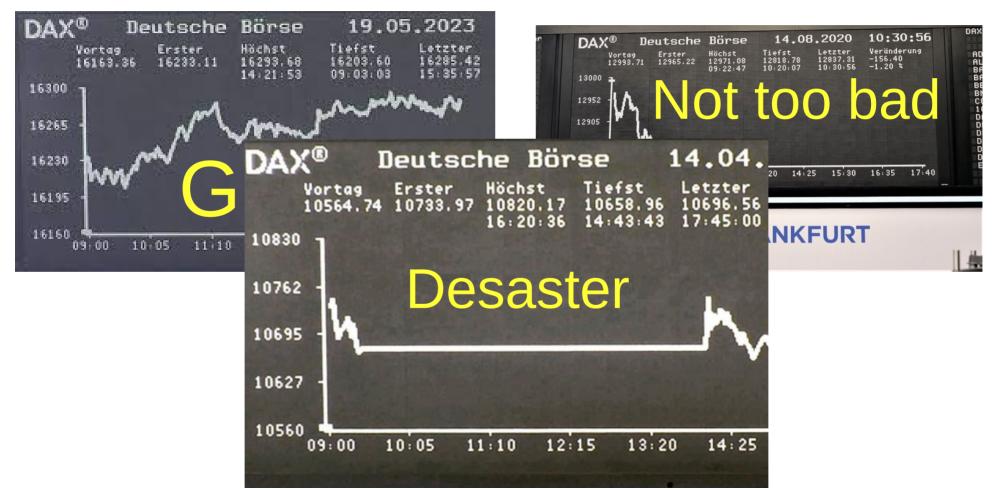
- Develop and Run Trading systems.
- Support the whole value chain



Areas

- Pre-Trading
- Cash (Xetra) & Derivatives (Eurex) Trading
- Clearing
- Post-Trading
- (EEX = Energy Exchange)

How to Explain it to my family



What my Unit does

OS Infrastructure for Trading, Clearing



- RHEL 7-9 (8 main platform at the Moment)
- Monitoring with Checkmk and grafana (telegraf & Influx)
- Logs managed by graylog & Grafana LOKI
- Hosts Managed by ATIX Orcharino with puppet
- Virtualization done be RHV
- Cloud and OpenShift is handled by our colleges



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- Users: ~100/~90 Service: 90000/75000 Hosts: 1500/1500
- Monitoring Hosts: Clustered with RHEL Cluster
 - 2*2*10*1 @2.5GHz 256GB. Load: 4 CPU: ~10%
- Checkmk Team: 2,5 (down from 3,5) + 2 check Developers
- Started with omd, nagios and Checkmk around 2012
- Checkmk Enterprise since 2015
- One of the first customer to monitoring OpenShift with Checkmk
- Clean Reimplementation with the Help from checkmk in 2019
 - Instead of ~60 Cluster rules only 1

Plugins

- Self developed (agent & check plugin):
 - AMQP Broker
 - Infiniband
 - sfptpd
 - 3 of our internal software
- External:
 - hpe_oneview (SVA)
 - Sslcert (heinlein)
- At the moment: git repos in local, plan to move to mkp
- Wishlist: git2mkp

Target: Clean monitoring

- Seperate Sites: Develoment/Prod (no connection)
- Application vs. OS (tags)
- When someone works on a problem, set a ACK.
- Reboot automatically schedule downtime.
- Check ACKed services and remove monitoring when not handeled in a timely manner.
- Main reason: Someone cares (Greetings Spindy)
- Whishlist: Traffic Light and Tag for Logfiles

Regulatory

- Bank and Stock Exchange regulation
- Air gapped Production network
- Configuration changes only on the Weekend
- Created our own Crypto-Policy
- redundant

T7 Trading System Tuning

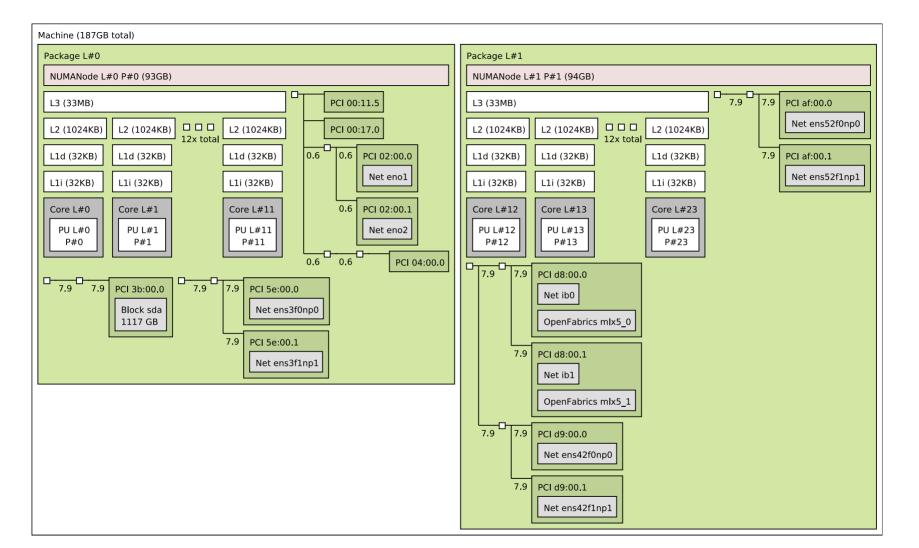
- Tuning Target
 - 1) Fairness equal access for all customers
 - 2) Low Latency Deterministic latency < 1ms most important

- Used Realtime kernel before → necessary patches now in normal RHEL
- Used infiniband for low latency → moving to ethernet

Tuned

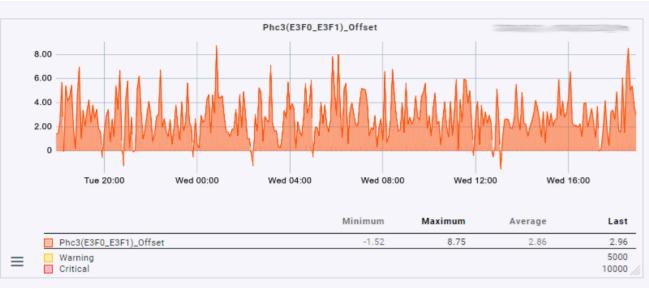
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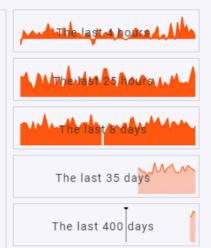
- Selected CPUs and Maschines
- Disable Powersaving state (C states) and HT
- Realtime priority
- Own tuned profiles incl.
 - Limit OS to use only specific CPU cores
 - PIN critical processes to same CPU as the network card

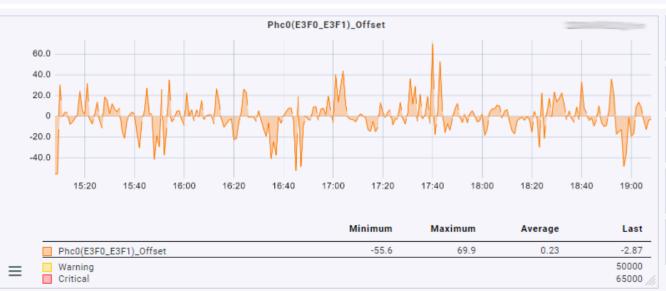


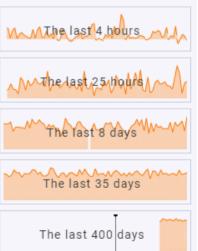
PTP and Cables

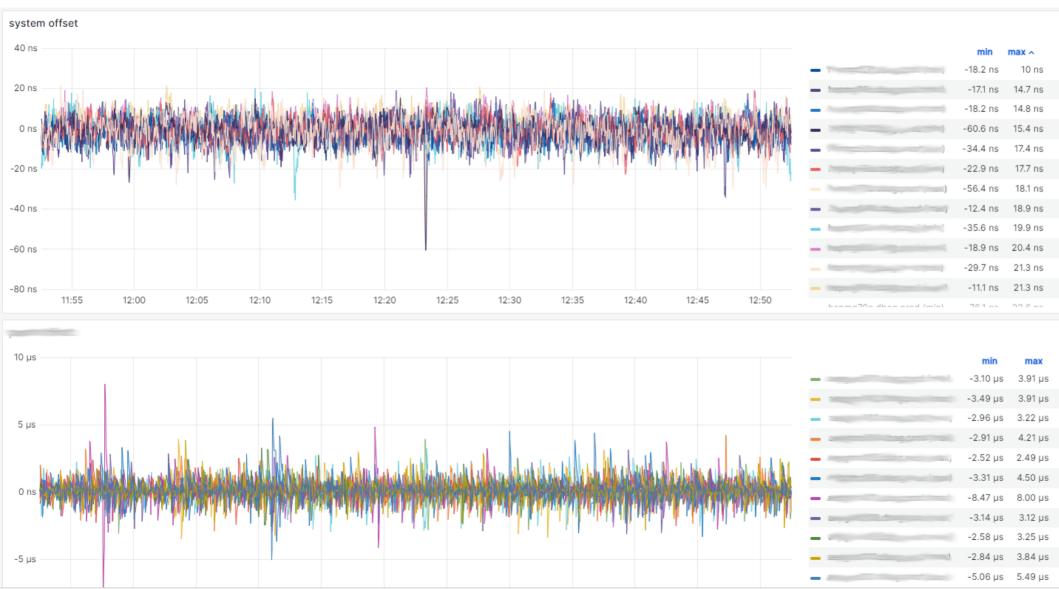
- To guaranty fairness every cable is measured (1m ≈ 2ns)
- Dedicated Network for distributing time information
- Network card has buildin Hardware clocks, synchronised with Precition Time Protocoll (PTP)

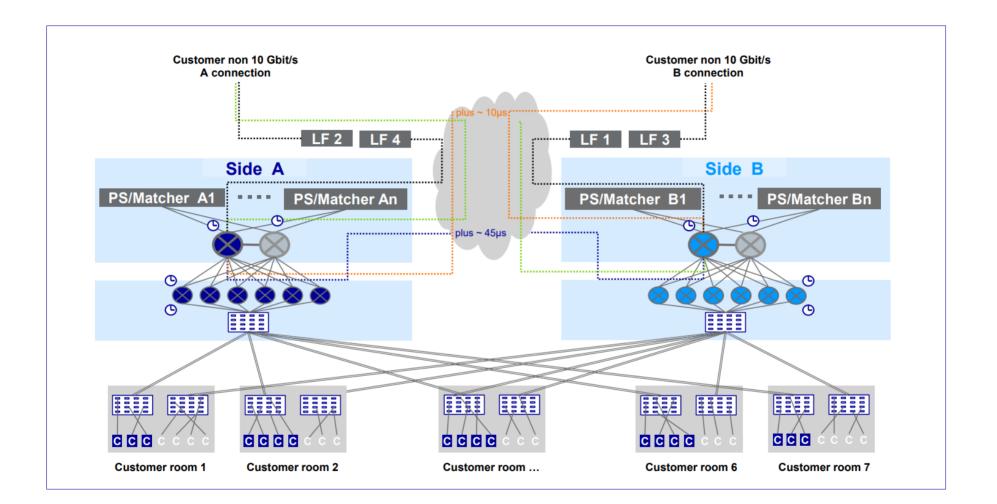












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Questions?

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