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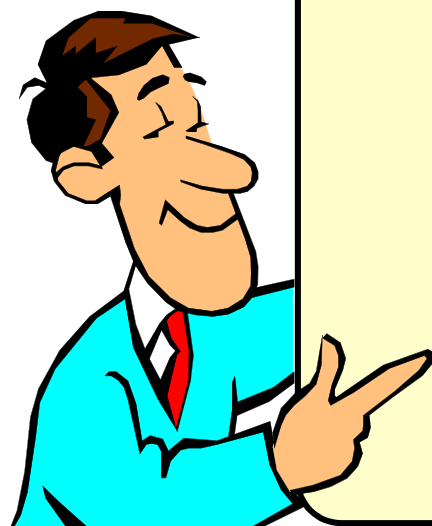
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Agenda



- Introduction
- Security
- Simplification
- Economics and Platform Efficiency
- Availability
- Application/Middleware/Workload Enablement
- EE/SNA



**z/OS V1R13 -
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What will the z/OS community need from z/OS networking in 2011-2013?



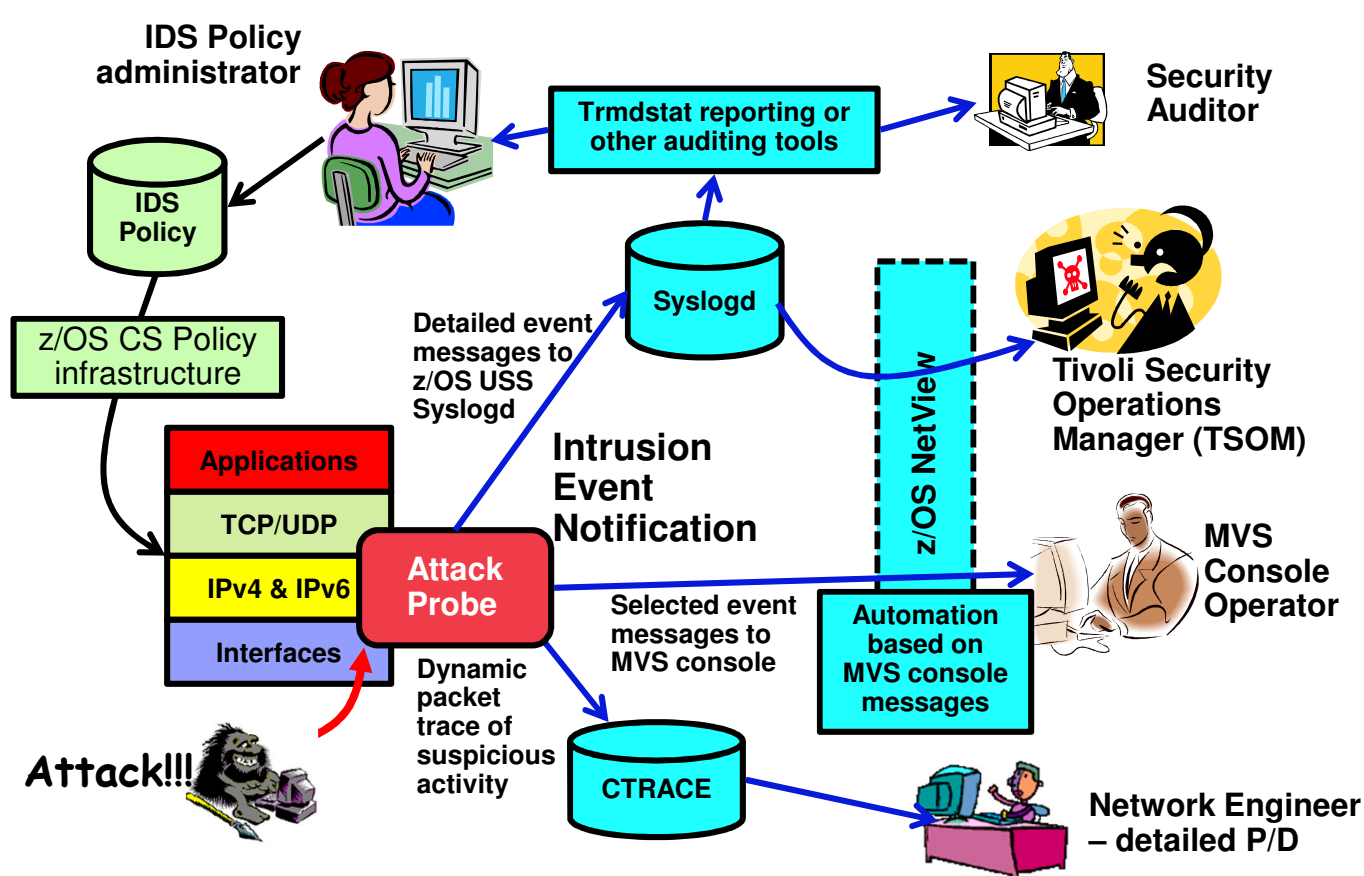
- **System z technology is expected to continue to evolve**
 - Networking software need to support new technologies such as zEnterprise
- **Access to System z system-level skills will continue to be an issue**
 - Retiring existing people, who grew up with system z
 - New people becoming responsible for the overall system z environment – including z/OS networking
 - Note: follow the IBM Academic Initiative
 - <https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/university/academicinitiative/>
- **Security will continue to be a hot topic**
 - Per customer survey, over 50% of network traffic will need encryption within the next few years
 - Trade organizations and governments continue to establish security and privacy compliance requirements that must be met
- **Price/performance requirements are high priority**
 - Continued demand for reduced cost in combination with increased performance and scalability on system z
- **Demand for increased “autonomic” system integration capabilities**
 - Continued demand for improved integration with other hardware and software platforms for more complex heterogeneous solutions
- **IANA has already run out of IPV4 addresses. Regional registries expected to follow 3Q2011**
 - IPv6 compliance (USGv6, IPv6-Ready, TAHI test suite, etc.)

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Security



Review: Intrusion Detection and Prevention services on z/OS



- ❑ **Events detected**
 - Scans
 - Attacks against stack
 - Flooding (both TCP and UDP)
- ❑ **Defensive methods**
 - Packet discard
 - Limit connections
- ❑ **Reporting**
 - Logging
 - Event messages to local console
 - IDS packet trace
 - Notifications to Tivoli NetView and Risk Manager
- ❑ **IDS Policy**
 - Samples supplied with z/OS CS Configuration Assistant

The current IDS support is for IPv4 traffic only!

Intrusion Detection Services enhanced to include IPv6 traffic

- **Attack types supported for both IPv4 and IPv6**

- **Scan**

- TCP and UDP scan event rules
- ICMP scan event rule – unchanged
- ICMPv6 scan event rule – new
- Scan exclusion list

- **Traffic regulation (TR)**

- TCP TR – IPv4 and IPv6 connection requests monitored
- UDP TR – IPv4 and IPv6 packets monitored

- **Attack types extended to IPv6**

- Malformed packet events – IPv6 packets dropped due to malformed headers, options, or values.
- UDP perpetual echo
- ICMP redirect restrictions – extended to apply to ICMPv6 redirects

- **Flood attacks**

- SYN flood – extended to IPv6 connection requests
- Interface flood

- **Plus, new attack types for IPv6-specific vulnerabilities**

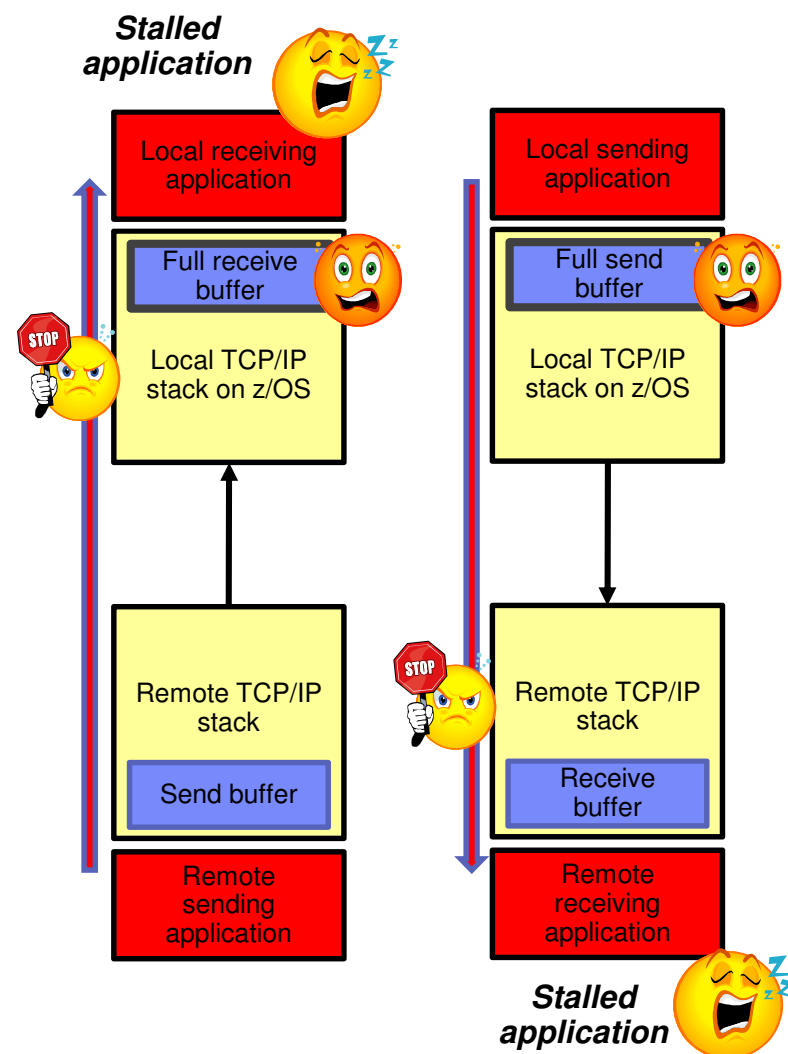
- Restricted IPv6 Next Header
- Restricted IPv6 Hop-by-hop Options
- Restricted IPv6 Destination options

- **Note:** Defense Manager daemon already supports IPv6 and does not need upgrading



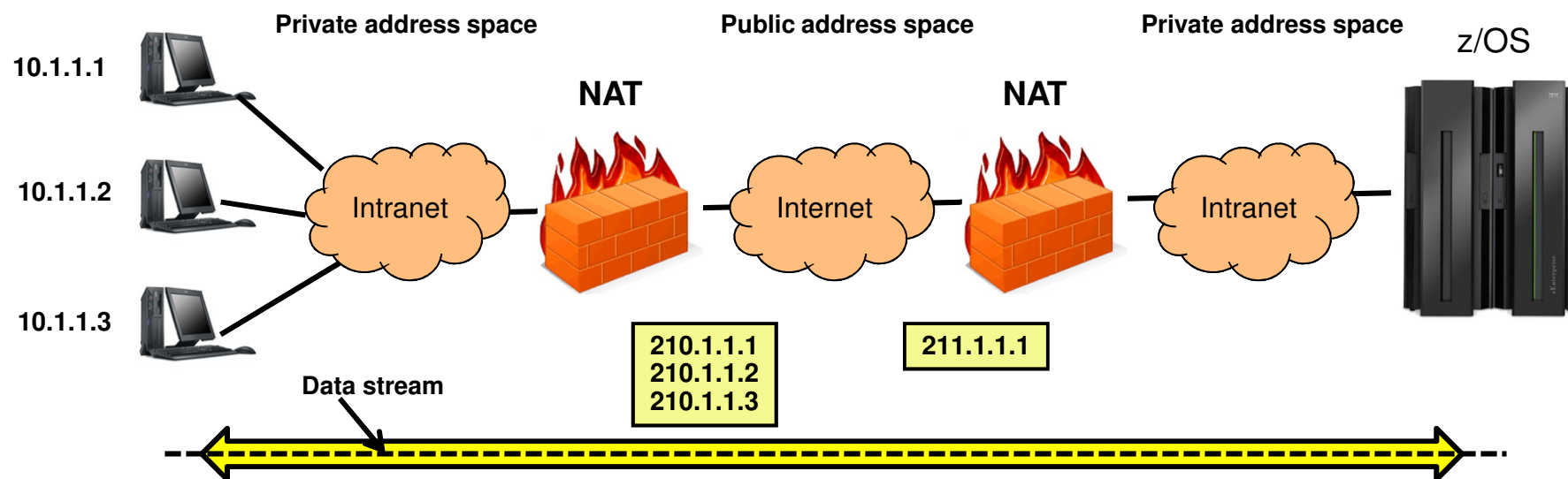
New IDS attack types implemented for both IPv4 and IPv6

- **TCP Window Attack – global stall attack**
 - Prevents an attacker from creating multiple connections with zero window sizes and keeping them open indefinitely
- **Data Hiding**
 - Prevents an attacker from hiding data in reserved fields
 - PadN options in IPv6, reserved fields in IPv4 headers
- **TCP Queue Size**
 - Helps you manage the amount of storage TCP can take up for the queues used for holding sent and received data
 - For example, out of order packets awaiting re-sequencing
 - Provides user control over storage constraint availability improvements added in z/OS V1R11
 - Helps avoid TCP causing storage constraint situations
 - IDS policy enables dropping of connections that exceed specified limits



Support for Network Address Translation when using IKEv2

- Network address translation (NAT) is commonly used in enterprises to conserve IPv4 addresses
- In z/OS V1R12 we added support for IKEv2, which was required for IPv6 currency
 - IKEv2 supports both IPv4 and IPv6
- We encourage our customers to move to IKEv2, but for many IPv4 customers, NAT is a requirement
 - Currently supported on IKEv1, support being added to IKEv2 to encourage migration
 - Enables end to end network encryption in NAT configurations!



Password phrase support in selected servers

- Password
 - One to eight characters
 - Limited range of characters allowed (for example, no blanks in the password)
- Password phrase
 - Nine to one hundred characters
 - Can contain any characters allowed in the EBCDIC 1047 code page
 - Includes spaces and punctuation characters
 - But not a NULL character
 - Case sensitive
- Every user ID with a password phrase also has a password (since V1R10)
 - Applications that use passwords to validate users in RACF need to accept and use these longer passwords
 - Current z/OS Communications Server functions that verify password, restrict the password to be no longer than 8 characters
 - Support for password phrases added to FTP and TN3270 in z/OS V1R13
 - TN3270 support is for solicitor screen only.
 - Application password controls not affected
 - Enables applications and users that use these servers to exploit password phrases
 - For example, applications that call FTP through an API and want to use password phrases



Enhanced Dynamic VIPA binding security

- Application-specific Dynamic VIPAs are virtual IP addresses that are created when applications request (bind to) them and removed when they give them up.
 - Provides improved availability, for example dynamic VIPA can move around in the Sysplex, following the application when it moves, so clients are uninterrupted.
- Currently there is global security around creation and destruction of dynamic VIPAs.
 - An application can be permitted to create and destroy all dynamic VIPAs
 - EZB.BINDDVIPARANGE.sysname.tcpname – all VIPARANGE defined VIPAs
 - EZB.MODDVIPA.sysname.tcpname – ability to issue MODDVIPA or SIOCSVIPA
- z/OS V1R13 adds more granularity by providing ability to control which applications can create and remove specific DVIPAs or DVIPA ranges.
 - Allow an application to create/remove its own DVIPAs but prevent it from interfering with other applications' ranges.
 - Prevent an application from inadvertently removing another application's DVIPA
 - New keyword "SAF rename" supported on the VIPARANGE statement
 - Identifies a VIPARANGE statement using this profile
 - If keyword not present, VIPARANGE statement uses existing profiles
 - EZB.BINDDVIPARANGE.sysname.tcpname.rename

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VIPARANGE DEFINE 255.255.255.255 20.20.20.1 SAF APPL1
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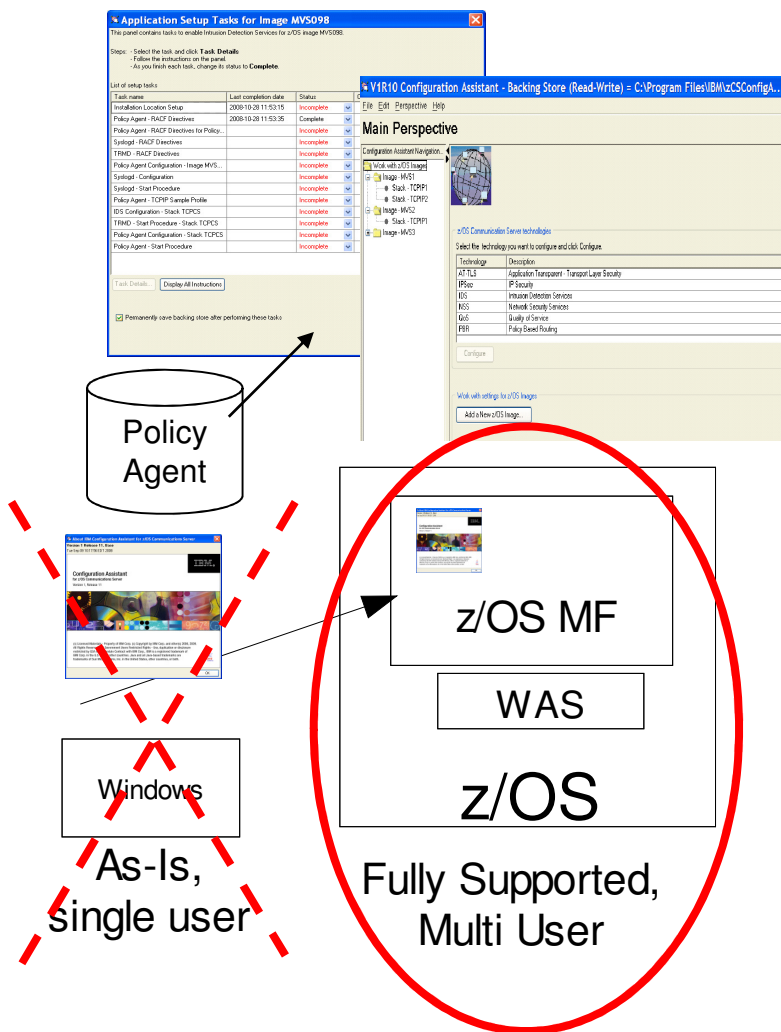
To Bind to 20.20.20.1 – user must be permitted to EZB.BINDDVIPARANGE.sysname.tcpname.APPL1
To MODDVIPA 20.20.20.1 – user must be permitted to EZB.MODDVIPA.sysname.tcpname.APPL1

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Simplification



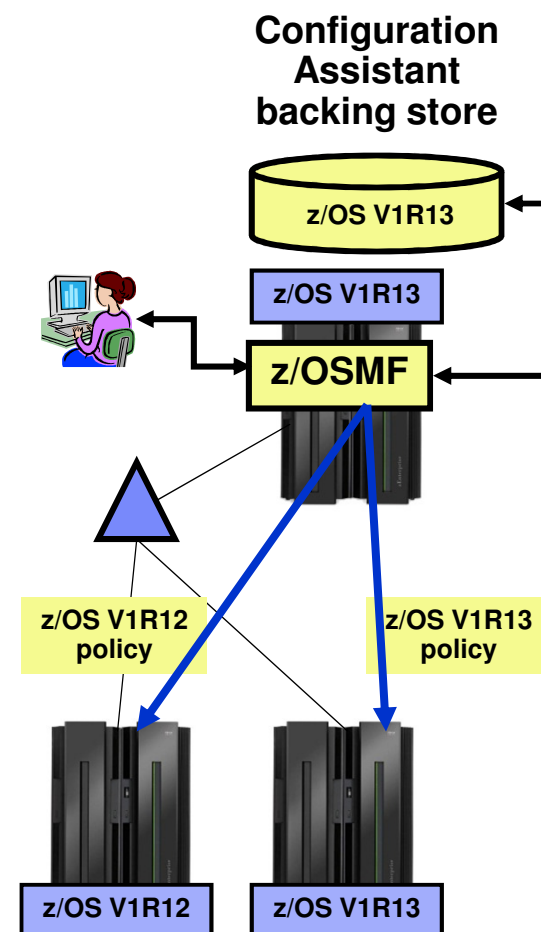
Review: IBM Configuration Assistant for z/OS Communications Server review



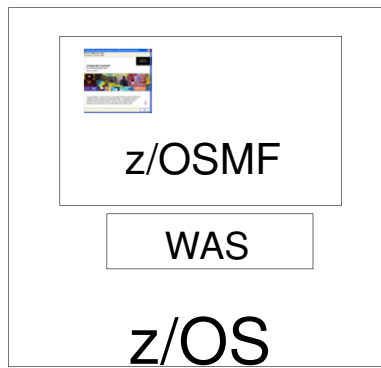
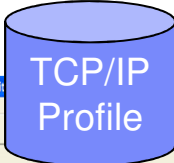
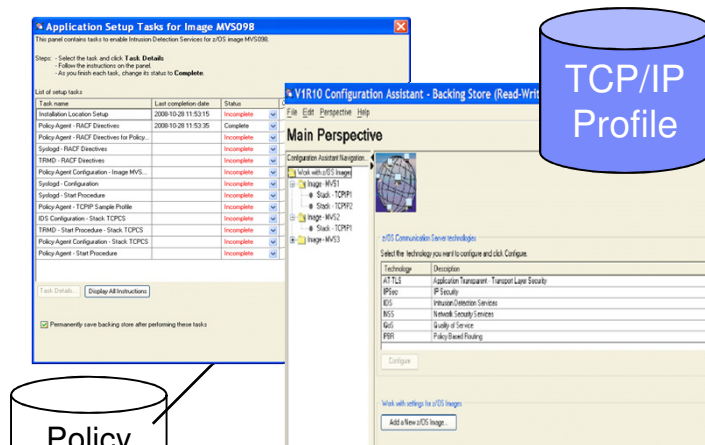
- As of z/OS V1R11, IBM Configuration Assistant for z/OS Communications Server is integrated with z/OS Management Facility (z/OSMF)
 - z/OSMF version is integrated into the product and runs on z/OS.
 - z/OSMF version is officially supported.
- The standalone Windows version is still available, but is made available as-is, without any official support:
 - http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=852&context=SSSN3L&dc=D400&uid=swg24013160&loc=en_US&cs=UTF-8&lang=en&rss=ct852other
 - Or
 - <http://tinyurl.com/cgoqsa>

Configuration Assistant support for multiple releases

- z/OSMF direction is for one instance in a sysplex
 - For customers who have a mixed-release environment, this means that one instance has to manage multiple releases
 - Currently, the version of Configuration Assistant that ships with a release of Communications Server can only update that version
 - Multiple release support will allow one instance of Configuration Assistant to manage hosts in a mixed-release sysplex environment.
 - Releases z/OS V1R12 and z/OS V1R13 supported in z/OS V1R13
 - z/OSMF version only – multiple release support not provided in as-is Windows version
 - When creating a new operating system image, the user can now set the release of that image
 - The release of the operating system image can be changed at any time
 - Options that only apply to the higher-level release, are ignored if the image is currently at the lower level
 - New IDS attach types are ignored if the z/OS image is z/OS V1R12, but included if the image is z/OS V1R13



Configuration Assistant import of TCP/IP configuration information



Fully Supported,
Multi User

- For z/OS V1R13, Configuration Assistant will import profile information from running TCP/IP stacks
 - Will be used to help develop policy configuration
 - Examples: Learn home addresses, suggest address groups, etc.
- Long-term goal is to be able to configure all of Communications Server with the Configuration Assistant
 - Ability to import TCP/IP configuration information is the first step in that direction
- This function will be provided for the z/OSMF version only
 - Not supported in windows configuration assistant
- Along with this support will be support for defining a policy rule once for multiple stacks, without having to individually define every policy rule for every stack

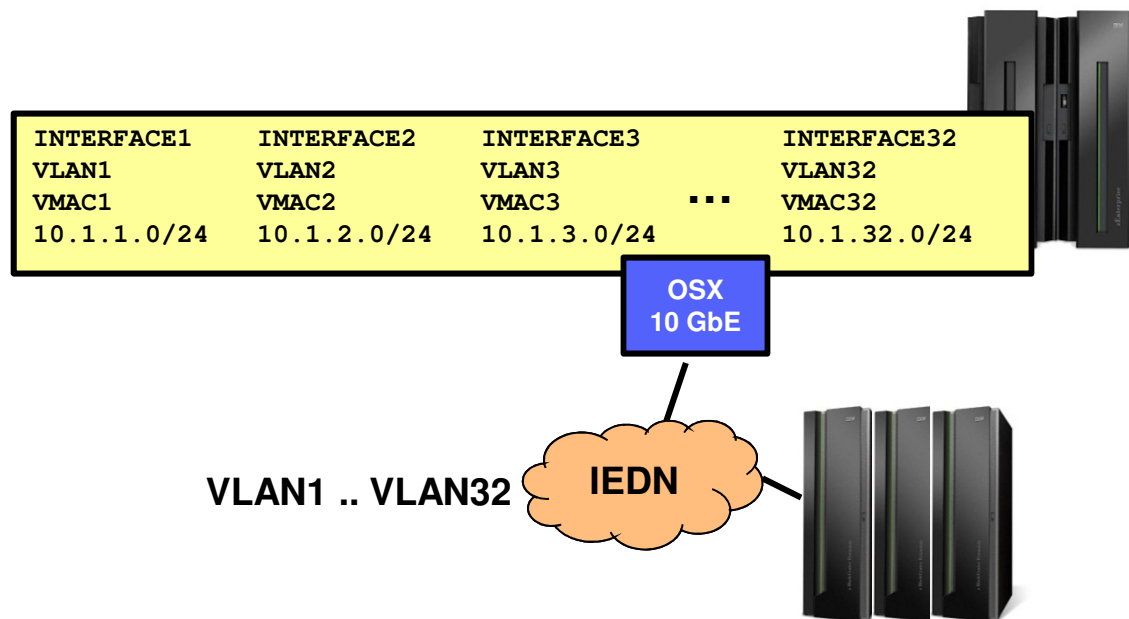
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Economics and platform efficiency

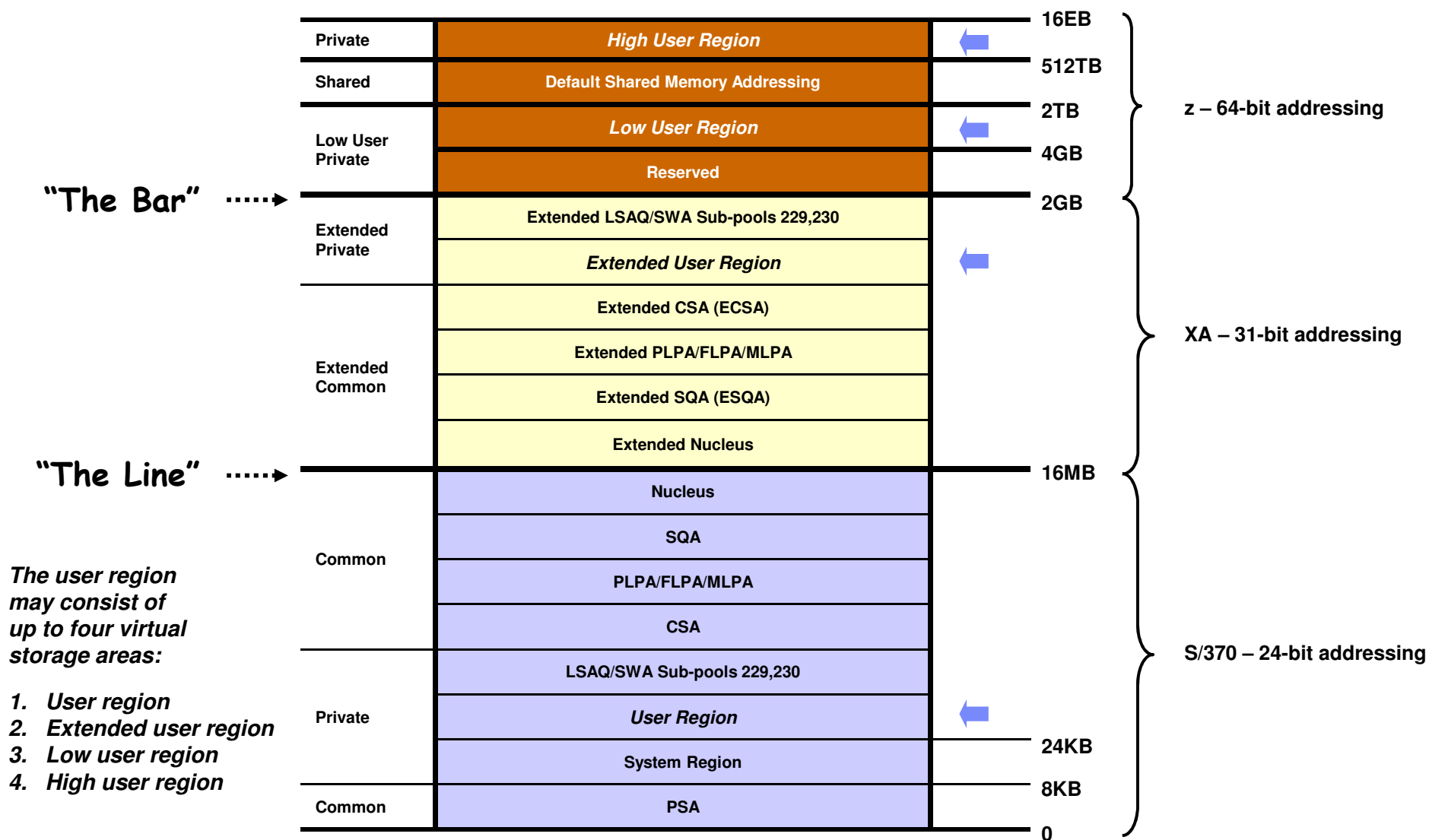


Enhanced support for OSA VLANs

- In z/OS V1R10, Communications Server added multiple VLAN support
 - Up to 8 IPv4 and 8 IPv6 VLANs per OSA port
 - Separate INTERFACE statement and data device per VLAN
 - The value of 8 is a z/OS CS software limitation
- Raise limit from 8 to 32 VLANs per stack per OSA port
 - No impact to OSA
 - Driven by emphasis on VLANs for network isolation in the zEnterprise IEDN



z/OS virtual storage map



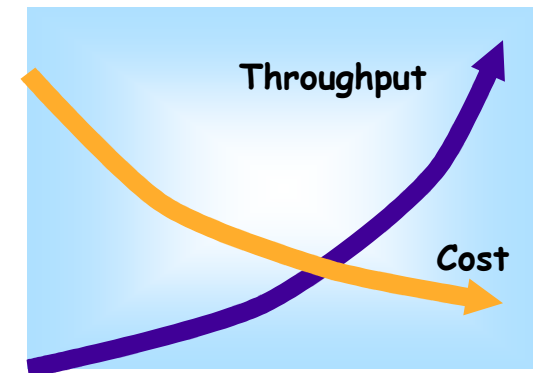
Additional 64-bit exploitation

- Multiple trace buffers relocated to take advantage of 64 common storage
 - VTAM internal trace (VIT) is moved from ECDSA to 64 bit common storage
 - Transparent to you if you use external VIT to obtain trace records
 - Multiple CTRACE components are moved from data-spaces to 64 bit common storage. The table below summarizes the changes.
 - These moves are transparent to you as long as you use the NMI interface to obtain trace data

<i>CTRACE Component</i>	<i>Current location</i>	<i>z/IOS V1R13 change</i>	<i>User</i>
<i>SYSTCPIP</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>Stack</i>
<i>SYSTCPDA</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>Stack (NMI)</i>
<i>SYSTCPIS</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>Stack</i>
<i>SYSTPCPN</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>Stack (NMI only)</i>
<i>SYSTCPSM</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>Stack (NMI only)</i>
<i>SYSTCPRE</i>	<i>Private SP229</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>RESOLVER</i>
<i>SYSTCPRT</i>	<i>OMPROUTE Private storage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>OMPROUTE</i>
<i>SYSTCPIK</i>	<i>IKE daemon Private storage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>IKESMP</i>
<i>SYSTCPOT</i>	<i>TCPIPDS1 Dataspace</i>	<i>64 bit common</i>	<i>OSAENTA</i>
<i>SYSTCPNS</i>	<i>NSS daemon's private storage</i>	<i>No Change</i>	<i>Security Server</i>

Miscellaneous TCP/IP performance improvements

- Communications Server Development strives to improve performance and throughput in every release by focusing on software pathlength
- Goal is 5% performance improvement in TCP/IP per release
- Examples of improvements planned for z/OS V1R13:
 - More use of compiler optimization
 - Modifying the layout of internal data structures for better caching
 - Separate IPv4 and IPv6 modules (reduces “IF IPv6” checking)
 - Improved TN3270 performance for long data streams (> 90 bytes)



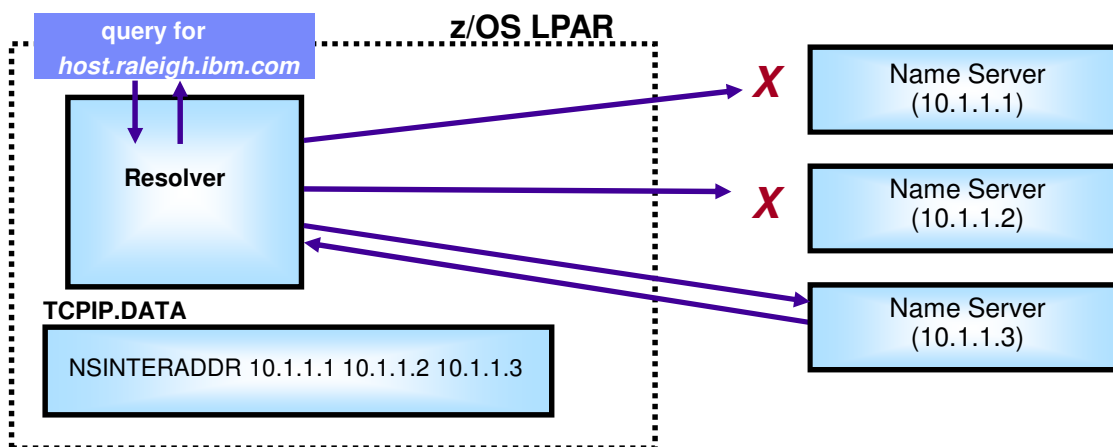
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Availability



Resolver autonomics for unresponsive name servers

- In z/OS V1R12, the resolver monitors name servers for responsiveness to queries
 - Network operator notification when a name server becomes unresponsive
 - Responsiveness is calculated on a sliding 5-minute window of statistics
 - Although the resolver detected the unresponsive name server, new queries were still sent to that name server
- In z/OS V1R13, the resolver may be configured to stop sending queries to unresponsive name servers
 - The resolver polls the unresponsive name server to detect when it becomes responsive again
 - Operator notified of condition using messages similar to those used in V1R12



V1R12: Operator notification
 V1R13: Autonomic quiescing

The autonomic quiescing function must be explicitly enabled in the resolver setup file.

- You specify what “unresponsive” means by coding a threshold failure rate in the resolver setup file
- A global TCPIP.DATA file is required.

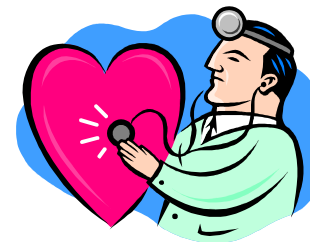
Resolver autonomics for unresponsive name servers – main differences between z/OS V1R12 and z/OS V1R13 support

	Network Operator Notification (V1R12)	Autonomic Quiescing (V1R13)
Frequency of statistical calculation?	60 seconds	30 seconds
Number of intervals used to determine responsiveness?	5	1 or 2
Minimum sample size?	1 to become unresponsive, 0 to become responsive	10
Default setting?	Function active using 25% threshold value	Function not active (network operator notification remains the default)
Application queries sent to unresponsive name server?	Yes	No, with one exception
Vehicle for reporting statistics?	New EZZ9310I message issued every five minutes that a name server remains unresponsive	MODIFY RESOLVER command displays most recent failure rate for each name server
GLOBALTCPIPDATA required?	No	Yes

	Failure Rate (FR) < 1%	1% <= FR < Threshold	FR >= Threshold
Resolver polling name server?	No	Yes, to ensure proper sample set is available at next checkpoint	Yes, to determine whether name server is now responsive
Application queries forwarded to name server?	Yes	Yes	No, unless all name servers are considered to be unresponsive

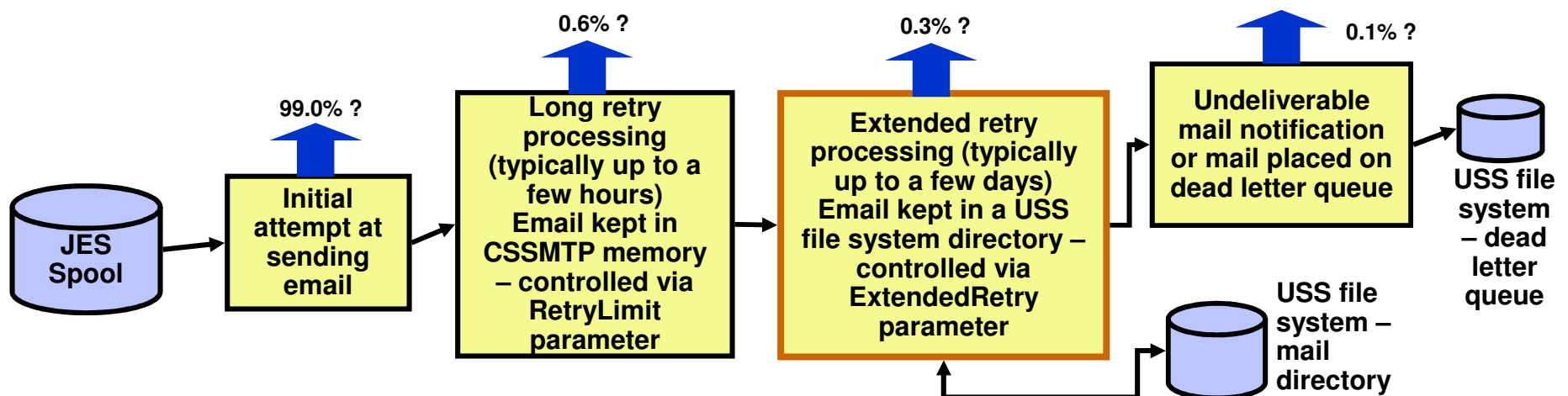
Health Checker for the autonomic quiescing function

- Three new checks were added to Health Checker for the autonomic quiescing function:
 - **CSRES_AUTOQ_GLOBALTCPDATA**
 - Checks that you have coded the GLOBALTCPDATA setup statement if AUTOQUIESCE is coded on the UNRESPONSIVETHRESHOLD setup statement
 - **CSRES_AUTOQ_TIMEOUT**
 - Checks, by default, if you have specified a value greater than five (seconds) for RESOLVERTIMEOUT when autonomic quiescing is enabled
 - You can change the check to have a different value than five seconds if your installation uses a larger timeout value
 - **CSRES_AUTOQ_RESOLVEVIA**
 - Checks if you have specified RESOLVEVIA TCP when autonomic quiescing is enabled
- These checks are performed when the resolver is started and when a MODIFY RESOLVER,REFRESH command is issued



CSSMTP enhanced send error recovery

- CSSMTP sends batch email to the internet from z/OS JES spool files
- If target relays fail to acknowledge mail, will retry for configured interval up to 5 days (default 5 minutes) then drop the message, and return undeliverable notice, however:
 - Spool files cannot be deleted until all messages in the spool file are delivered
 - A spool file could contain thousands of messages but only a few are being retried
 - Messages being retried are retained in CSSMTP memory
- z/OS V1R13 provides file system storage of messages being retried for an extended interval (beyond initial retry limit), so that JES spool files and CSSMTP memory can be released.
 - Will continue to retry from memory and spool until initial retry limit reached
 - New parameter to indicate how long beyond existing interval to retry from file system



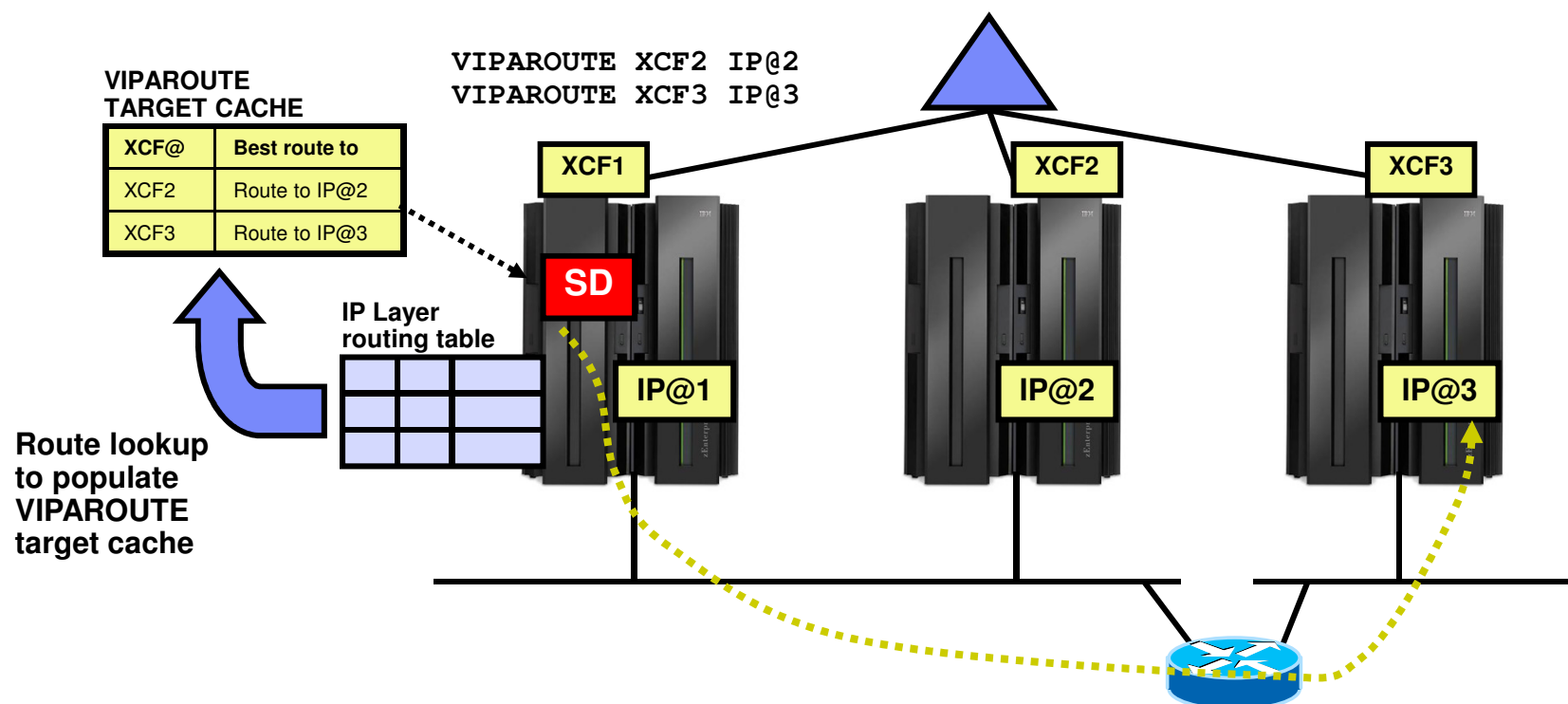
CSSMTP translate code page support enhanced

- The '@' character has special meaning in SMTP mail messages
 - MUST be translated correctly!
- CSSMTP currently supports only a fixed set of single byte code pages.
 - Some installations use a code page that is not supported by the CSSMTP TRANSLATE statement
- Allow the TRANSLATE statement to define additional code pages
 - Allow the specification of a code page by its CCSID.
 - Currently code pages must be a character string “IBM-XXXX”, where XXXX is a subset of possible code pages.
 - Expand the list of supported code pages
 - Allow a user defined code page to be used
- The code page must be an EBCDIC code page.
 - The target ASCII code page is always ISO-8859-1 (or in reality, the US-ASCII subset of that code page)
- The code page must support roundtrip translations between the IBM-1047(EBCDIC) and the ISO-8859-1 (ASCII) code pages.
- The carriage return and line feed characters (CRLF) used to end the lines of commands and mail messages must translate properly to ISO-8859-1 (x'0D0A')

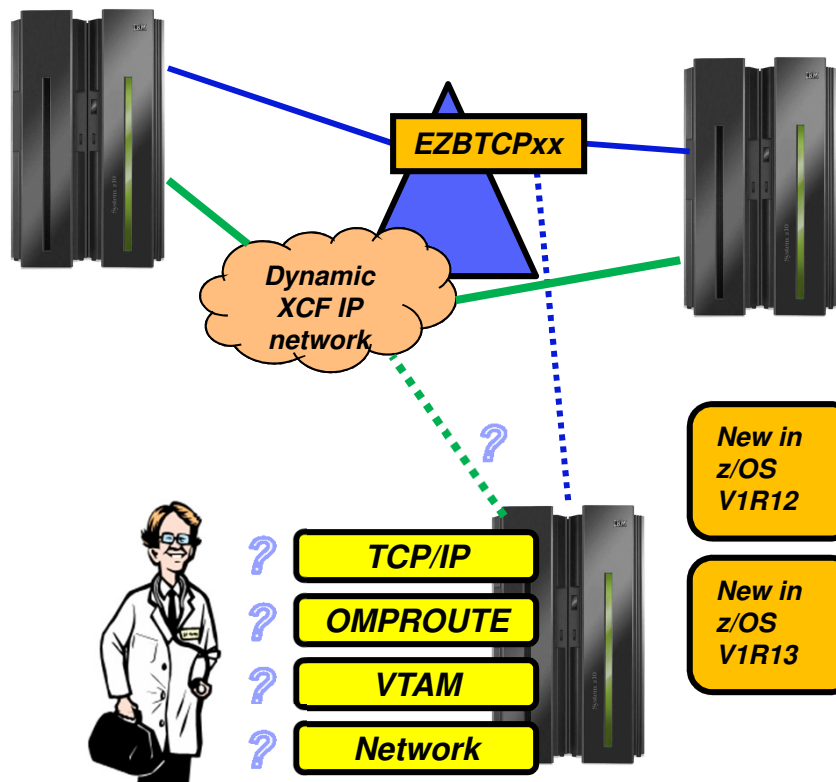
Code Page	CCSID	@	§
IBM-1047 (EBCDIC)	1047	0x7C	0xB5
ISO-8859-1 (ASCII)	819	0x40	0xA7
IBM-273	273	0xB5	0x7C

VIPAROUTE target cache update during initialization

- When using VIPAROUTE, a VIPAROUTE target cache is used to minimize the time it takes to route a Sysplex Distributor packet
- The target cache is updated every 60 seconds, which in some cases have caused delays during a primary stack's take-back of a distributed DVIPA
- z/OS V1R13 shortens the interval for VIPAROUTE route lookups in situations where the stack joins a Sysplex, or OMPROUTE is restarted
 - Will now start with 5 seconds, and gradually increase to 60 seconds



Sysplex autonomics extended with CSM storage constrained monitoring



- **Monitoring:**
 - Monitor CS health indicators
 - Storage usage critical condition (>90%) - CSM, TCPIP Private & ECSA
 - For more than TIMERSECS seconds
 - Monitor dependent networking functions
 - OMPROUTE availability
 - VTAM availability
 - XCF links available
 - Monitor for abends in Sysplex-related stack components
 - Selected internal components that are vital to Sysplex processing
 - Does not include "all" components
 - Selected network interface availability and routing
 - Monitor for repetitive internal abends in non-Sysplex related stack components
 - 5 times in less than 1 minute
 - **Detect when CSM FIXED or CSM ECSA has been constrained (>80% utilization) for multiple monitoring intervals**
 - **For 3 times the TIMERSECS value**

- **Actions:**
 - Remove the stack from the IP Sysplex (manual or automatic)
 - Retain the current Sysplex configuration data in an inactive state when a stack leaves the Sysplex
 - Reactivate the currently inactive Sysplex configuration when a stack rejoins the Sysplex (manual or automatic)



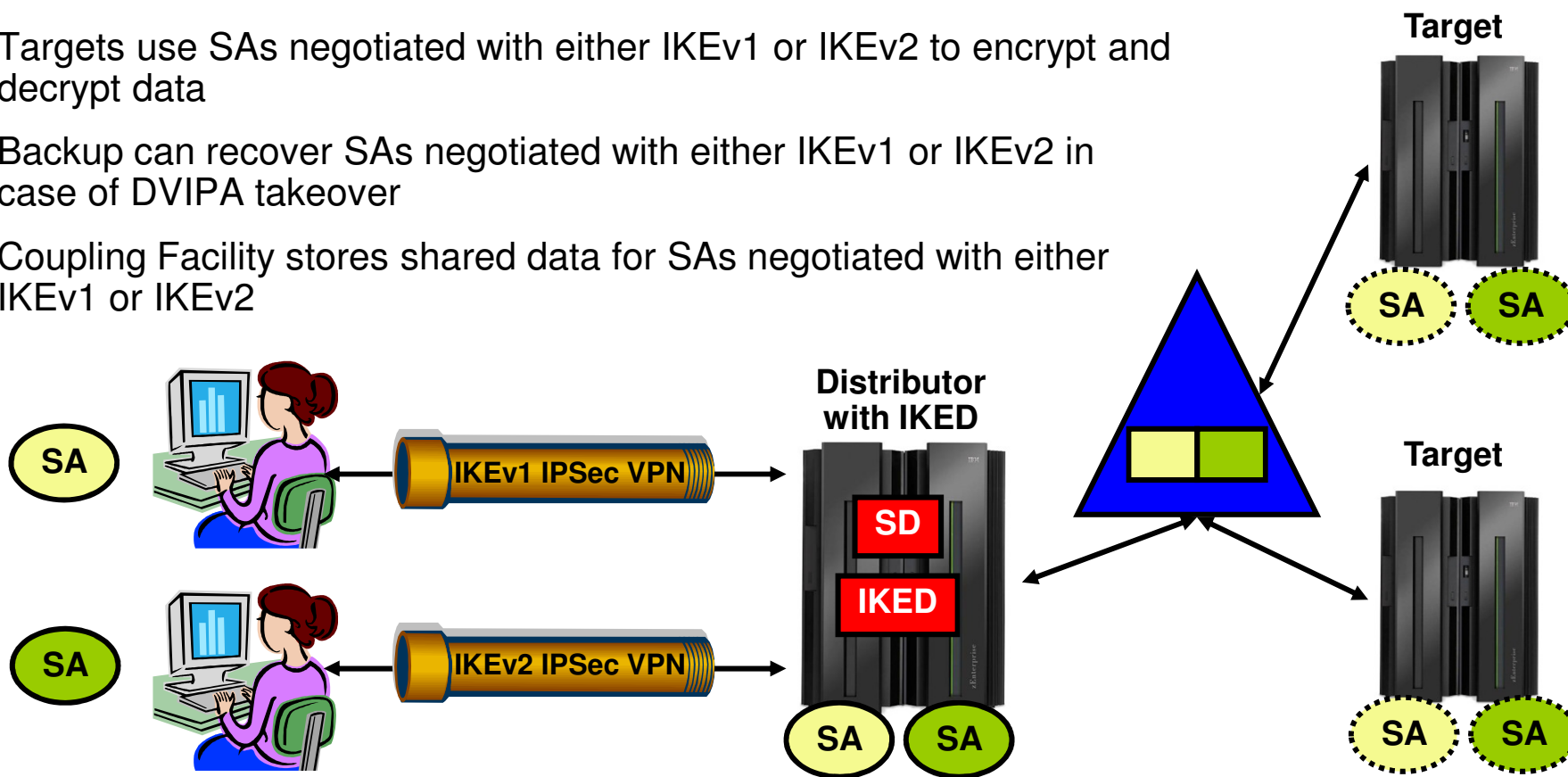
Sick? Better remove myself from the IP Sysplex!



Feeling better? Maybe it's time to rejoin the IP Sysplex

Sysplex-wide Security Associations (SWSA) for IKEv2

- Sysplex Distributor
 - Negotiates SAs with remote Client using the Internet Key Exchange protocol, IKE version 1 or IKE version 2
 - Sends copies of SAs (shadows) to Targets for VPNs negotiated with either version of IKE
- Targets use SAs negotiated with either IKEv1 or IKEv2 to encrypt and decrypt data
- Backup can recover SAs negotiated with either IKEv1 or IKEv2 in case of DVIPA takeover
- Coupling Facility stores shared data for SAs negotiated with either IKEv1 or IKEv2



What's Coming in z/OS Communication Server

Application / Middleware / Workload enablement



z/OS FTP's journey to extended address volumes

▪ z/OS V1R10

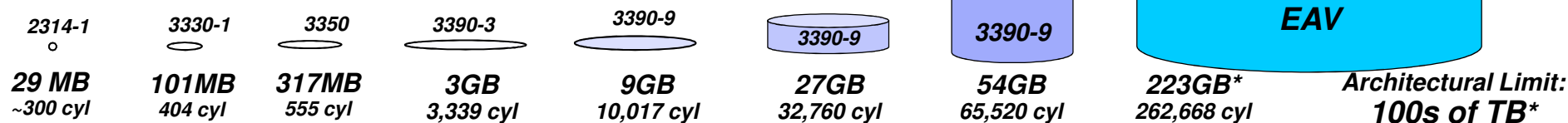
- DFSMS added support for VSAM data sets in Extended Addressing Space (EAS)
- FTP doesn't support VSAM data set, so no impact

▪ z/OS V1R11

- DFSMS added support for extended format sequential data sets eligible to reside in the EAS
- FTP added support for reading/writing to/from existing EAS data sets, but not creating them (toleration mode)
 - FTP to understand Format-8 DSCBs
 - FTP to use TRKADDR for track calculations
 - FTP qdisk option for SITE/LOCSITE output format will change to (sample)

▪ z/OS V1R13

- Full FTP support for extended address volumes without requiring use of SMS data class
 - Currently can use EAV for SMS managed datasets if set up properly in SMS data class



Physical sequential data set formats

- Large format physical sequential datasets
 - Can have more than 64K tracks per volume
 - But don't have to. Can have fewer than 64K tracks per volume and still be large format
- DFSMS has offered large format physical sequential datasets since z/OS V1R7
 - Access methods supported: BSAM, QSAM, EXCP
 - Language Environment (LE) Runtime Library Large format dataset support completed in z/OS V1R13 now enables z/OS FTP support for these datasets

Sequential data sets	BASIC FORMAT	LARGE FORMAT	EXTENDED FORMAT
DSNTYPE	BASIC	LARGE	EXTREF, EXTREQ
Max tracks per volume	65,535	16,777,215	2,147,483,647 (theoretical)
Max extents per volume	16	16	123
Why choose this format?	Maximum compatibility	Can be larger than basic	Can be larger than basic. Can be compressed or striped.

FTP support for large format physical sequential datasets

- FTP support means
 - Send from large format data sets
 - Allocate and store into large format data sets
 - configuration options to explicitly create large format data sets
 - In block mode, restart failed transfer to and from large format data sets

New client and server FTP.DATA keyword controls how FTP allocates physical sequential datasets. Displayable using SITE and LOCSITE

Value of SYSTEM uses SMS data class or system default value

```

.-DSNTYPE SYSTEM-----
>>+-----+-----+-----><
' -DSNTYPE----+-BASIC-----+
      +-LARGE-----+
      ' -SYSTEM----- '

```

- Support also added for transfers to and from z/OS UNIX files larger than two gigabytes
 - Send from and allocate and store into z/OS UNIX files larger than two gigabytes
 - No additional FTP configuration needed, “just works”
 - Can restart failed transfers

Command to display all TN3270 servers

- A new D TCPIP, TELNET console command added to display the list of TN3270E servers that are or have been active on the system
- This can be a starting point for performing automation on TN3270E servers
 - After all, you have to know what's there before you can operate on it!
- Display example:

```
D TCPIP, TELNET
EZAOP60I TELNET STATUS REPORT
TELNET NAME    VERSION      STATUS
-----
TELNET         CS V1R13    ACTIVE
TELNET5        CS V1R13    INACTIVE (STOP CMD)
TELNET4        CS V1R13    INACTIVE (STOP CMD)
*** END TELNET STATUS REPORT ***
```

Retrieving System Resolver configuration data through NMI

- You can use the MODIFY RESOLVER,DISPLAY command to display the contents of the resolver setup file.
- However, there is no resolver command available to display the contents of the global TCPIP.DATA settings.
 - Currently, you must collect Trace Resolver output to see the global TCPIP.DATA settings dynamically, or alternatively, you can dump the resolver and examine the internal control blocks.
- The new resolver function in z/OS V1R13 to monitor and quiesce unresponsive name servers, depend on a global TCPIP.DATA
 - Only name servers specified in this global TCPIP.DATA will be monitored
- z/OS V1R13 Communications Server implements a resolver callable NMI (EZBREIFR)
 - Provides a high-speed, low-overhead callable programming interface for network management applications to access data related to the resolver
 - One request type:
 - GetResolverConfig
 - Returns:
 - The contents of the resolver configuration file and
 - The contents of the global TCPIPDATA file, if it's in use

TMI copy buffer interface improvement

- The TMI copy buffer interfaces currently require the caller to be APF authorized
 - EZBTMIC1, EZBTMIC4, and TMI_Copybuffer()
 - Causes problems for applications that want to fork().
 - APF authorization is not inherited
 - APF authorization gives application broad range of authority
- In z/OS V1R13, network management applications that use these TMI copy buffer interfaces will no longer have to be APF authorized
 - As an alternative to APF Authorization, the user ID that the applications are running under can be authorized to the appropriate SAF resource:
 - EZB.NETMGMT.systemname.tcprocname.SYSTCPxx
 - SYSTCPxx can be:
 - SYSTCPDA, which provides access to packet trace data.
 - SYSTCPCN, which provides access to ongoing information about opening and closing TCP connections.
 - SYSTCPSM, which provides access to ongoing information about FTP and Telnet activity.
 - SYSTCPOT, which provides access to OSA Network Traffic Analyzer data.

PORTRANGE wildcard option

- A wildcard option was allowed for the jobname specified on a PORT statement since z/OS V1R5
 - PORT statement allows jobname to end in asterisk (*)
 - Characters before the asterisk define a prefix
 - Any applications with a jobname matching the prefix can access the specified port
- Similar wildcard support was not provided for the PORTRANGE statement
- PORTRANGE statement in z/OS V1R13 allows a wildcard jobname
 - Job name can end in an *
 - Characters before the * define a prefix
 - Only applications with job names that match the prefix have access to the specified port range
- As a result of this, the GetProfile request of the EZBNMIFR API can now include a wildcard value in the NMTP_PORTJobName field for entries that represent a PORTRANGE statement.

PORTRANGE				
111	1	UDP	PORTMAP	
111	1	TCP	PORTMAP	
500	5	UDP	USER1	
500	5	TCP	USER2	
700	4	TCP	ABCD*	

What's Coming in z/OS Communication Server

Enterprise Extender / SNA



Enterprise Extender firewall-friendly connectivity test

- DISPLAY EEDIAG,TEST=YES provides information about an Enterprise Extender partner and all the routers in between. But if a firewall in between is blocking ICMP messages, there can be a long delay before getting results
 - Because of timeouts waiting for ICMP messages that never come
 - Delay is (Number of router hops past the firewall) x (9 seconds)

- LIST=SUMMARY will provide quick test of partner reach-ability. Probe is sent to partner with TTL=255 so it doesn't probe any intermediate hops
 - No intermediate hop information provided
 - Hop count determination omitted

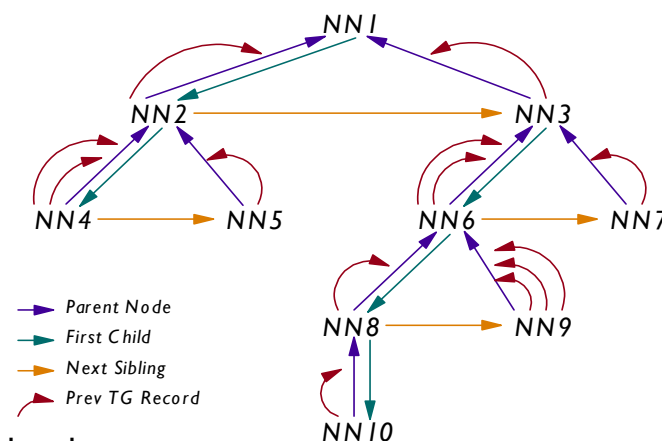
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D NET,EEDIAG,TEST=YES,IPADDR=(9.67.1.1,9.67.1.5),LIST=SUMMARY
IST097I DISPLAY ACCEPTED
IST350I DISPLAY TYPE = EEDIAG
IST2119I ENTERPRISE EXTENDER DISPLAY CORRELATOR: EE000001
IST2067I EEDIAG DISPLAY ISSUED ON 08/29/05 AT 15:41:22
\********************************************************************************
IST1680I LOCAL IP ADDRESS 9.67.1.1
IST1680I REMOTE IP ADDRESS 9.67.1.5
IST924I -----
IST2133I INTFNAME: LTRLE1A                                INTFTYPE: MPCPTP
IST2134I CONNECTIVITY SUCCESSFUL                          PORT: 12000
IST2137I *NA 9.67.1.5                                     RTT:      6
IST2134I CONNECTIVITY SUCCESSFUL                          PORT: 12001
IST2137I *NA 9.67.1.5                                     RTT:      6
IST2134I CONNECTIVITY SUCCESSFUL                          PORT: 12002
IST2137I *NA 9.67.1.5                                     RTT:      6
IST2134I CONNECTIVITY SUCCESSFUL                          PORT: 12003
IST2137I *NA 9.67.1.5                                     RTT:      6
IST2134I CONNECTIVITY SUCCESSFUL                          PORT: 12004
IST2137I *NA 9.67.1.5                                     RTT:      7
IST924I -----
IST2139I CONNECTIVITY TEST RESULTS DISPLAYED FOR 1 OF 1 ROUTES
IST314I END

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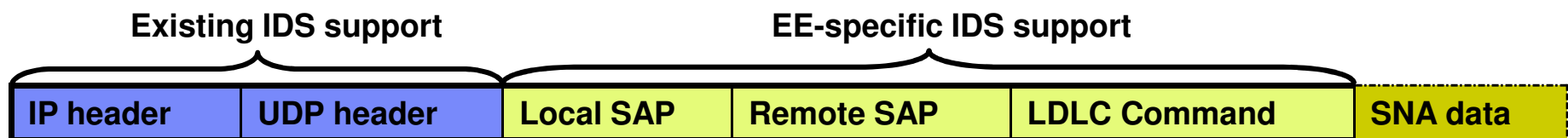

Improved APPN routing resilience

- APPN session routes are selected by APPN Topology and Routing Services (TRS)
 - Directed search routes used to locate resources
 - Routes for LU-LU sessions
- Optimal route determined by specified criteria
 - Line speed, Cost of data transmitted, and Security
- TRS builds complex routing trees to determine best path
 - Tree records represent nodes along preferred route
 - Transmission groups (TGs) between nodes are associated with tree records
- Recursive abends can occur if a pointer in a routing tree is compromised
 - Every time session route is requested using that tree, abends occur and session fails
 - Possible session setup failures with sense codes
 - 80140001, 087F0001, 087D0001, 08400007
 - Has so far required VTAM be restarted to recover
- Recovery routine for route selection abends is improved in z/OS V1R13 to prevent recursive abends – by removing the entire storage area that contains the routing tree and dynamically rebuild it
 - Existing sessions are not affected
 - Can temporarily impact VTAM performance in large APPN networks as routing tree is being rebuilt
 - Topology database is unaffected, so no network impact due to TDU flows
- For the rare case where the routing tree is corrupted, but no abends occur, a new command can be used to perform the same process as described above:
 - MODIFY TOPO,FUNCTION=CLRTREES



Intrusion Detection Services for Enterprise Extender traffic

- Implements four new IDS attack types:
 - EE Malformed Packet (Discard / Notify)
 - Checking for inbound LDLC packets with invalid lengths.
 - EE LDLC Check (Discard / Notify)
 - Checks that inbound LDLC control packets are received on the signaling port (12000)
 - EE Port Check (Discard / Notify)
 - Checks that the source port and destination port match in inbound EE packets.
 - EE XID Flood (Notify)
 - Checks if a threshold is met for inbound XIDs within one minute.
- Allow exclusion list for each attack type
- Notifications
 - System console message
 - Syslogd message
 - IDS Trace(SYSTCPIS)- NO IDS packet tracing done for EE XID flood
 - Statistics gathering



z/OS CS Configuration Assistant support for the new Intrusion Detection Services for Enterprise Extender

New Requirement Map - Attacks
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Use this panel to indicate if you want attack protection

Enable attack protection

Steps

1. Select the action for each enabled attack type.
2. To disable protection for an attack type, select the row from the Enabled protection table and click the "Disable" button.
3. To enable protection for a specific attack type, select a row from the Attack type table and click the "Enable" button.

You will be prompted for additional details related to your attack type selection. Fill in the details and click OK.

Attack type

- Data Hiding Attack
- Flood Attack
- Global TCP Stall Attack
- ICMP Redirect Attack
- IPv4 Fragment Attack
- IPv4 Options Attack
- IPv4 Outbound Raw Attack
- IPv4 Protocols Attack
- IPv6 Destination Options Attack
- IPv6 Hop-by-Hop Options Attack
- IPv6 Next Header Attack
- IPv6 Outbound Raw Attack

Enable -->

<-- Disable

Enabled protection

Attack Type	Rule Name	Action
EE Malformed Packet Attack	EEMalformedPacket	Report Events
EE LDLC Check Attack	EELDLCCheck	Drop Packets or Connection
EE Port Check Attack	EESPortCheck	Both Drop and Report
EE XID Flood Attack	EEXIDFlood	Report Events

Modify...

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Default Report Settings for Attacks...

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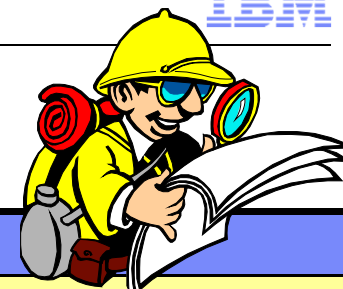
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