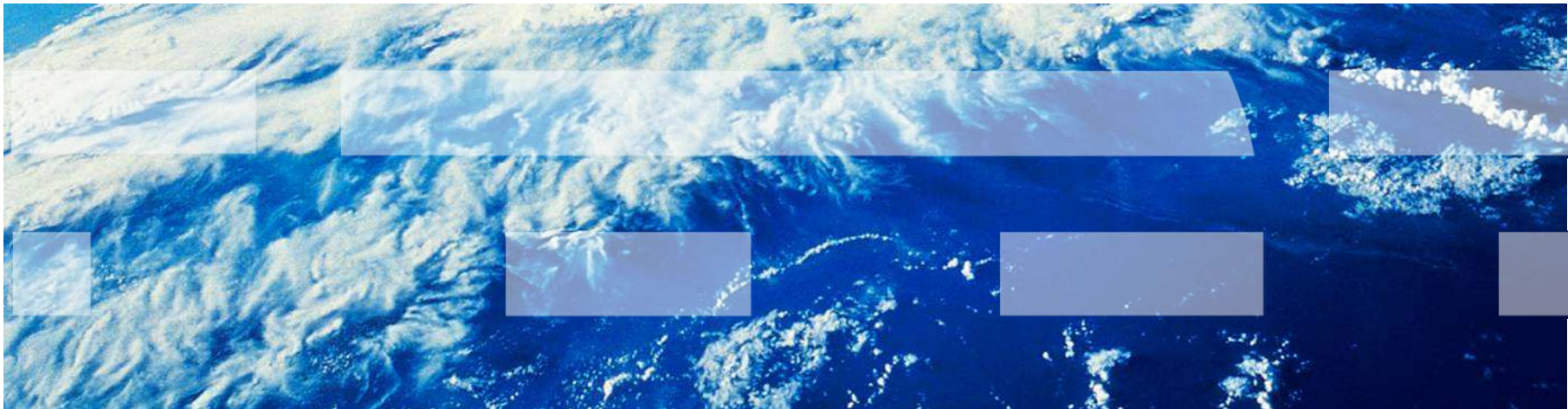


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Agenda

- z/VM Release Review
- A word about z/VM V5.4...
- Introducing z/VM V6.2
- The Future: IBM Statements of Direction

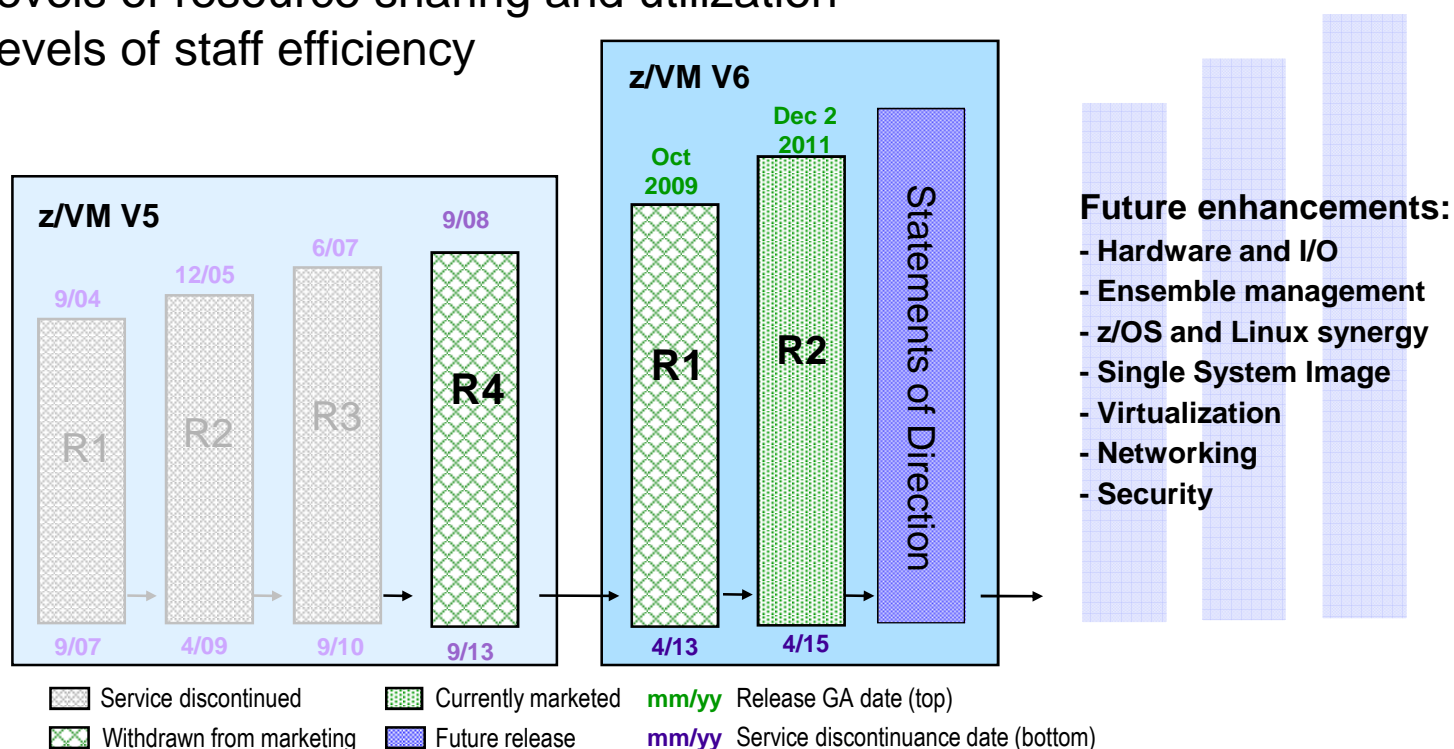
z/VM Release Status

z/VM: helping clients “do more with less”

Higher core-to-core consolidation ratios

Higher levels of resource sharing and utilization

Higher levels of staff efficiency



IBM received EAL 4+ certification of z/VM V5.3 from the German Federal Office of Information Security (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik) for conformance to the Controlled Access and Labeled Security protection profiles (CAPP and LSPP) of the Common Criteria standard for IT security, ISO/IEC 15408. [z/VM V6.1 is currently undergoing evaluation against OSPP with the labeled security extension at EAL 4+.](#)

Overview of z/VM Releases

z/VM Level		GA	End of Service	End of Marketing	Minimum Processor Level	Security Plan
Ver 6	Rel 2	12 / 2011	4 / 2015	TBD	z10	-
	Rel 1	10 / 2009	4 / 2013	12 / 2011	z10	EAL 4+ *1 OSPP-LS
Ver 5	Rel 4	9 / 2008	9 / 2013	3 / 2012	z900 / z800	-
	Rel 3	6 / 2007	9 / 2010	9 / 2010	z900 / z800	EAL 4+ CAPP/LSPP

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End of Service & Marketing

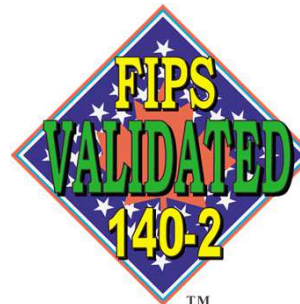
*1 Currently under evaluation

z/VM Version 5 Release 4

- Was the last release of z/VM to support z9 and older processors
- No longer available as of March 12, 2012
- End of Service is September 30, 2013

z/VM Version 6 Release 1 Security Certification Plans

- IBM intends to evaluate z/VM 6.1 under Common Criteria (ISO/IEC 15408)
 - Statement of Direction issued 22 July 2010
 - **Evaluation in progress (BSI-DSZ-CC-0752)**
 - Security Target: Operating System Protection Profile (OSPP) at EAL 4+
 - Virtualization extension
 - Labeled Security extension

 - Federal Information Protection Standard (FIPS) 140-2
 - z/VM 6.1 System SSL is FIPS 140-2 ValidatedTM
 - Enablement requirements for certificate database and servers
- The logo is a diamond-shaped emblem with a blue background and a red border. It features the text 'FIPS' in yellow at the top, 'VALIDATED' in green in the center, and '140-2' in yellow at the bottom. A small 'TM' trademark symbol is located at the bottom right of the diamond.
- <http://csrc.nist.gov/groups/STM/cmvp/documents/140-1/1401val2012.htm#1735>
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- z/VM 6.2 is designed to conform to both Common Criteria and FIPS 140-2 evaluation requirements

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z/VM Version 6 Release 2

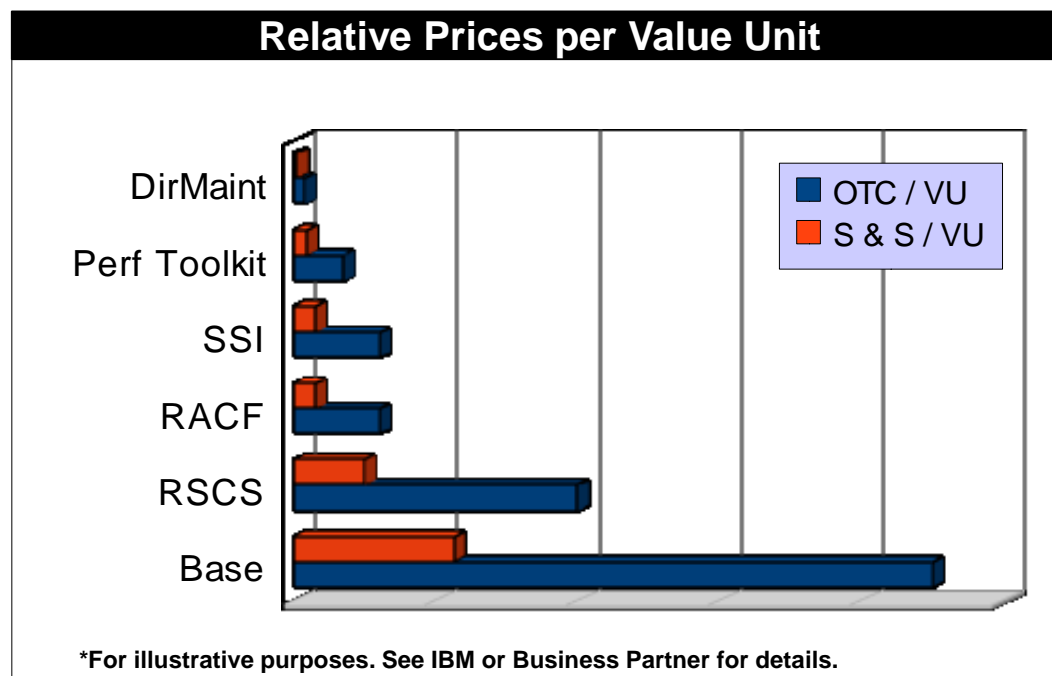


- Announced **October 12, 2011**
- Generally available **December 2, 2011**
- End of service **April 30, 2015**
- Major changes include:
 - Single System Image
 - Live Guest Relocation
 - Turnkey support for Unified Resource Manager
- z/VM V6.1 no longer available
 - End of service April 2013

z/VM Pricing

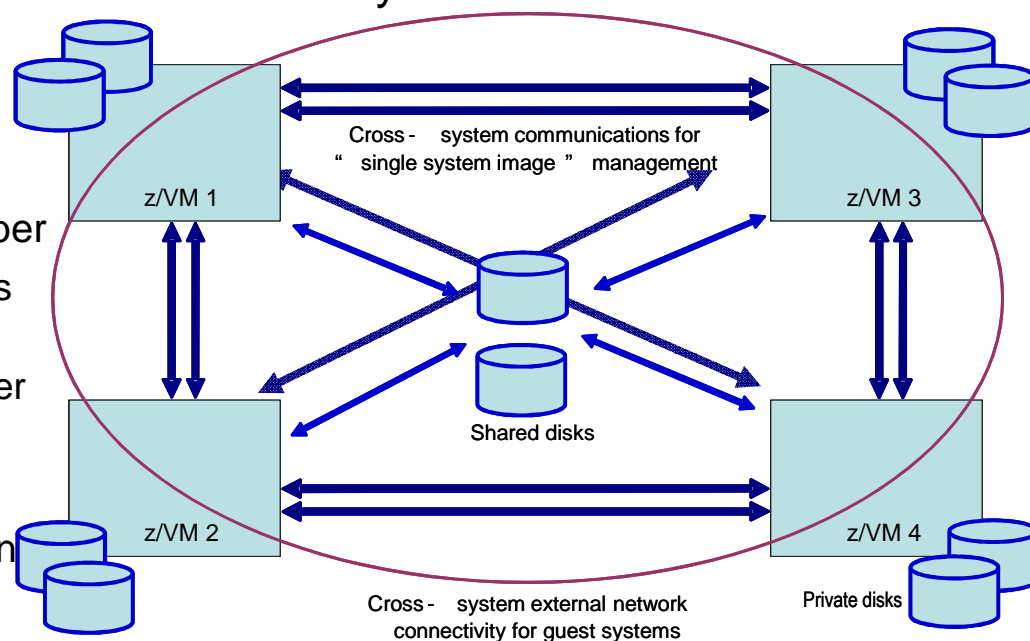
- z/VM pricing consists of:
 - A one-time charge (OTC) per value unit
 - An annual charge for Service & Support, per value unit
- Number of value units is determined by number of engines, shown below on left.
- Prices are set per value unit, relative prices are illustrated below on right.
- The SSI feature includes LGR and it is priced in line with the RACF feature

z/VM Value Unit Schedule	
Number of Engines	Value Units per Engine
1 to 3	10
4 to 6	9
7 to 9	8
10 to 12	7
13 to 16	6
17 to 20	5
21 to 25	4
26 and above	3



Single System Image Feature Clustered Hypervisor with Live Guest Relocation

- Provided as an optional priced feature.
- Connect up to four z/VM systems as members of a Single System Image (SSI) cluster
- Provides a set of shared resources for member systems and their hosted virtual machines
- Cluster members can be run on the same or different System z servers
- Simplifies systems management of a multi-z/VM environment
 - Single user directory
 - Cluster management from any member
 - Apply maintenance to all members in the cluster from one location
 - Issue commands from one member to operate on another
 - Built-in cross-member capabilities
 - Resource coordination and protection of network and disks



SSI Cluster Management – Features for Greater Reliability

- Cross-checking of configuration details as members join cluster and as resources are used:
 - SSI membership definition and identity
 - Consistent definition of shared spool volumes
 - Compatible virtual network configurations (MAC address ranges, VSwitch definitions)

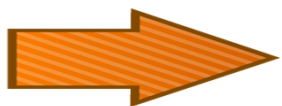
- Cluster-wide policing of resource access:
 - Volume ownership marking to prevent dual use
 - Coordinated minidisk link checking
 - Autonomic minidisk cache management
 - Single logon enforcement

- Communications failure “locks down” future resource allocations until resolved

- Comprehensive checking for resource and machine feature compatibility during relocation:
 - Adjustment of “virtual architecture level” to support customer relocation policy

Single System Image Feature Clustered Hypervisor with Live Guest Relocation

- Dynamically move Linux guests from one member to another with Live Guest Relocation
 - Reduce planned outages
 - Enhance workload management
 - Non-disruptively move work to available system resources and non-disruptively move system resources to work
- When combined with Capacity Upgrade on Demand, Capacity Backup on Demand, and Dynamic Memory Upgrade, you will get the best of both worlds



Bring additional resources to the workload!

Move the workload to the resources!



Safe Guest Relocation

- Eligibility checks done multiple times throughout the relocation process.
- Check more than just eligibility to move the virtual machine, but also check if it is “safe” to move.
 - Overrides are available
- Checks for:
 - Does virtual machine really have access to all the same resources and functions?
 - Will moving the virtual machine over commit resources to the point of jeopardizing other workload on the destination system?
- Pacing logic to minimize impact to other work in more memory constrained environments

Single System Image Feature Clustered Hypervisor with Live Guest Relocation

- Unified Resource Manager does not support SSI and LGR
- IBM Director does not support SSI and LGR
- Suggested best practice is to not combine SSI and LGR with the above offerings
 - Work with your IBM Sales Team, IBM Lab Services, or z/VM Development Lab to determine which technologies are most critical to your environment and business.

z/VM Single System Image and Live Guest Relocation Implementation Services

IBM System z Lab Services Offering:

- In-depth education on the functions of VMSSI
- Cluster planning and deployment assistance
- Operational guidance and recommendations
- Migration assistance for users of CSE
- Demonstrate the technology in your own environment.
- Help you create system configuration files
- Analyze how SSI and LGR will affect your system initialization, recovery, and automation procedures
- Early identification of any inhibitors to use
- Identification of any required z/VM or Linux operating system patches

For more information, contact **systemz@us.ibm.com**

Scalability and Performance Enhancements

Available by PTF to prior releases where shown

- Reduction of memory and CPU resources required to manage larger memory sizes
- Control of the guest page re-ordering process, improving the performance characteristics of guests with large memory footprints (VM64774)
- Reduced system overhead of guest page release function, thereby helping to increase guest throughput (VM64715)
- Improved contiguous frame coalescing algorithms help to increase system throughput (VM64795)

Scalability and Performance Enhancements

Available by PTF to prior releases where shown

- More accurate scheduling algorithm for guests that have LIMITHARD shares (VM64721)
- Reduce LPAR suspend time by reducing the number of DIAGNOSE 0x9C and 0x44 instructions issued when obtaining system locks (VM64927 for z/VM 6.1 only)
- Improve workload dispatch algorithm to eliminate erratic virtual machine pause in busy systems with more than 14:1 total virtual to logical CPU over-commitment (VM64887)

Advances in Processor Performance

- The CPU Measurement Facility is a System z hardware facility that characterizes the performance of the CPU and nest:
 - Instructions, cycles, cache misses, and other processor related information
 - Available on z10 EC/BC, z196, and z114
- IBM will be using data from this facility to influence future processor design and benchmark validation of those designs.
- Will also increase accuracy of future processor capacity sizing tools
- To assist, by providing sample Monwrite data containing the counters, please contact Richard Lewis (rflewis@us.ibm.com)

TCP/IP Enhancements

- Stack
 - RFC 4191: Router selection preferences
 - RFC 5175: IPv6 router advertisement flags extension

- FTP
 - IPv6
 - Passwords suppressed in server traces
 - Wildcards supported for BFS files

- SMTP
 - IPv6
 - Includes IPv6 support in CMS NOTE and SENDFILE

TCP/IP Enhancements

OSA Diagnostics

- The NETSTAT command has been updated to provide details taken from the OSA Address Table (OAT) via new OSAINFO option.
- OSA/SF no longer required to obtain device details
- OSA-Express3 and later

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VM TCP/IP Netstat Level 620          TCP/IP Server Name: TCPIP

Device K4L3VSW6640DEV: data as of 09/23/11 01:05:21
  OSA Generation:                    OSA-Express3
  OSA Firmware Level:                00000766
  Port Speed/Mode:                   1000 Mbs / Full Duplex
  Port Media Type:                   Multi Mode (SR/SX)
  PCHID:                             0291
  CHPID:                             0053
  Manufacturer MAC Address:          00-14-5E-78-17-F2
  Configured MAC Address:             00-00-00-00-00-00
  Data Device Sub-Channel Address:    6640
  CULA:                              00
  Unit Address:                      40
  Physical Port Number:               0
  Number Of Output Queues:            1
  Number Of Input Queues:             1
  Number Of Active Input Queues:      0
  QDIO CHPID Type:                   OSD
  QDIO Connection:                   Not Isolated
  IPv4 L3 VMAC:                      00-00-00-00-00-00
  IPv4 VMAC Router Mode:              No
  IPv4 L3 VMAC Active:                No
  IPv4 L3 VMAC Source:                n/a
  IPv4 L3 Global VLAN ID Active:      No
  IPv4 Global VLAN ID:                0
  IPv4 Assists Enabled:               00001C71
  IPv4 Outbound Checksum:             00000000
  IPv4 Inbound Checksum:              00000000

  IPv4 Address:                      IPA Flags:
  -----
  9.60.29.53                         00000002

  IPv4 Multicast Address:             MAC Address:
  -----
  224.0.0.1                          01-00-5E-00-00-01

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Access controls for dedicated or attached devices

- The CP ATTACH and GIVE commands, as well as the DEDICATE statements in the directory will now engage ESM access controls
- Integrated ASCII console on the HMC is also managed
- Full discretionary and mandatory access controls
- RACF support included

Mandatory access controls for virtual consoles

- SET SECUSER and SET OBSERVER are now available when mandatory access controls (security labels) are active.
- Virtual security zones (“color coding” of users and resources) can now co-exist with system automation functions.
- Also applies to the user ID specified on CONSOLE directory statement.
- Users in different zones cannot see or manage each others' virtual console
 - Console cannot be given
 - Console cannot be taken
 - System administrators and automation solutions can use label SYSNONE to allow them access to all consoles

RACF Security Server

- Single System Image Support
 - Automatic propagation of most RACF commands
 - Also works with multiple RACF servers on same z/VM system
- Protected Users
 - User without a password or password phrase will not be revoked due to too many invalid password attempts or inactivity
- High Level Assembler no longer required for most common customizations
- Real device protection
 - ATTACH, GIVE, DEDICATE
 - New VMDEV class
 - Profiles: *RDEV.device.system_id*
- Support for Diagnose 0xA0 Subcode 0x48
 - Obtain information about any ESM in architected format

z/OS R12 Equivalency Upgrades

- LDAP
 - Change logging of general resources
 - Password expiry management
- Language Environment (LE) runtime libraries
- Program Management Binder
 - COMPAT supports ZOSV1R10, ZOSV1R11, ZOSV1R12
 - New suboptions on RMODE
 - Compiler parameters can be read from IEWPARMS DDNAME
 - New C/C++ API
- Support for **IBM XL C/C++ Compiler for z/VM, V1.3** (5654-A22)
 - Details can be found in US announcement letter 211-369
- MPROUTE

z/CMS

- Previously shipped with z/VM as a sample program, now supported as an optional CMS
 - IPL ZCMS
- Enables CMS programs to use z/Architecture instructions and 64-bit registers
- Existing ESA/390 architecture programs continue to run unchanged
 - CMS does not exploit memory above 2 GB
 - CMS does provide basic memory management API for memory above 2 GB
- Programs that examine or change architecture-sensitive memory locations (NUCON) must be updated in order to use z/CMS
- No architectural support for XC mode
 - VM Data Spaces not available

Installation Improvements

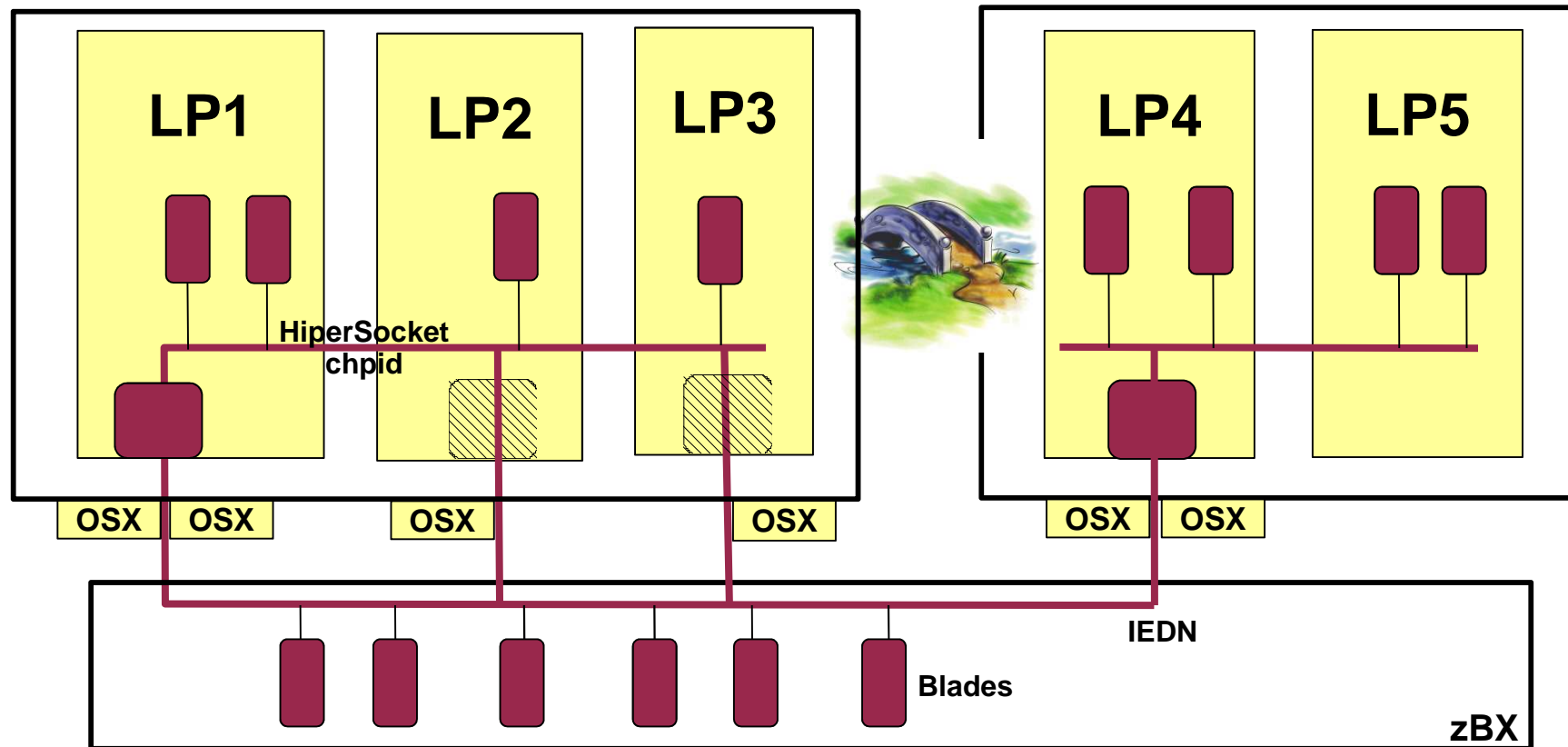
- Significant changes to system layout to support Single System Image
- Choose a non-SSI system or a complete 1- to 4-member SSI cluster
 - First or second level
- All installation information is gathered at one time
- All DASD volumes can be labeled at installation time, including the system residence volume
- Turnkey support for zEnterprise ensembles
 - Enable clients new to z/VM to get started with Unified Resource Manager
 - Those who purchase DIRMAINT or another directory manager, or who require an external security manager, need to perform manual enablement
 - Decline this option during installation

XEDIT – Default changed to mixed case

- For those coming to z/VM from an open system background, the folding of mixed case to upper case is surprising
- Many comments along the lines of “it hurts when you do that”
 - Linux can read CMS files
 - Often case-sensitive
- Default for “other” file types changed to CASE MIXED RESPECT
 - No folding
- You may want to update your PROFILE EXEC to
SET CASE UPPER RESPECT

HiperSocket VSWITCH Integration with zEnterprise IEDN

Available: April 13, 2012



- Built-in failover and failback
- Bridge new IQDX chpid to OSX chpid
- Also works for IQD to OSD

- Same or different LPAR
- One active bridge per CEC
- PMTU simulation

HiperSocket VSWITCH Integration

Available: April 13, 2012

- Virtual Switch bridge between Ethernet LAN and HiperSockets
 - zEnterprise IEDN (OSX) or OSD connections
 - Original Statement of Directions only mentioned IEDN
 - Guests can use simulated OSA or dedicated HiperSockets
 - VLAN aware
 - One HiperSocket chpid only
- Full redundancy
 - Up to 5 bridges per CEC
 - One bridge per LPAR
 - Automatic takeover
 - Optionally designate one “primary”
 - Primary will perform “takeback” when it comes up
 - Each bridge can have more than one OSA uplink
- CP: VM65042 PTF UM33691
- TCP/IP: PM46988 PTF UK77220

High Performance FICON

Available: April 13, 2012

- Enable guests to use High Performance FICON for System z (zHPF)
 - Different I/O model
 - Single and multiple track I/O
 - CP APAR VM65041 PTF UM33646 (z/VM 6.2 Only)
 - DVF: VM65144 PTF UM33647

- Requires host and control unit compatibility
 - Consult a storage specialist for details

- z/OS and Linux provide exploitation

- Performance results available at:
 - <http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/reports/zvm/html/620jb.html>

Removed Functions

- Kerberos authentication system
 - IBM Software Announcement 208-249

- CMS-based Domain Name Server (NAMESRV)
 - IBM Software Announcement 209-207

- RESOURCE option of VMSES/E VMFINS command
 - IBM Software Announcement 210-234

- z/VM Manageability Access Point (zMAP) agent and the platform agent for IBM Systems Director for Linux on System z, previously shipped with z/VM V6.1

z/VM Storage Support - Hints

- z/VM 6.2 supports
 - DS8000 Series
 - DS8100, DS8300, DS8700, DS8800
 - DS6000 Series
 - XIV
 - IBM San Volume Controller
 - IBM Storwize V7000
 - See http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ssg1S1003703#_zvm
 - As well as many of the older storage devices
- The System Storage Interoperation Center (SSIC) support page had some omissions of the above support (as of April 12, 2012)
 - We are working to correct these.
 - <http://www.ibm.com/systems/support/storage/ssic/interoperability.wss>
- The z/VM 6.2 General Information Manual has additional information, but had not been updated for Storwize, see URL above for requirements.

z/VM 6.2 and GDPS Support

- All supported GDPS releases (3.7, 3.8, & 3.9) supported with non-SSI environment
 - See GDPS PSP buckets for required service (z/OS, Linux, & z/VM)
 - If GDPS environment shared with older z/VM releases, z/VM service is required on them before adding z/VM 6.2

- GDPS support in an SSI environment is under evaluation & in MOP solution test
 - Currently targeted for GDPS 3.9 only
 - Current target for full support is 8/2012
 - Design issue when z/OS controlling LPAR must reset z/VM SSI member
 - Development underway to remedy
 - Circumvention available.
 - Contact IBM support to see if circumvention will allow "your" SSI environment to be supported with z/VM Level 2 as first point of contact.

Near Future Red Alert

- z/VM Red Alerts, subscribe on: <http://www.vm.ibm.com/service/redalert/>
- VM65196 opened to address problem at shutdown with CP Owned SCSI disks and corruption
- Problem introduced with VM64905:
 - z/VM 6.2 – in the base
 - z/VM 6.1 – on RSU 1102
 - z/VM 5.4 – not on an RSU
- An error has been discovered in spool file checkpoint processing when SCSI disks are being used for system CPOWNER volumes. Spool files that are still open at SHUTDOWN time are normally written out to the spool volumes. The error in this case is that any uncommitted spool file pages are instead being written to another volume, overlaying existing data.
- If you are running with this APAR applied or on z/VM 6.2 and have CP Owned SCSI disks, you should contact IBM Support.

Statements of Direction

Subject to change or withdrawal without notice,
representing IBM goals and objectives only.

Note for withdrawals: Unless otherwise stated, it is IBM's
intent that z/VM V6.2 will be the last release of z/VM to
support the indicated function.

HiperSockets Completion Queues

z/VM Statement of Direction: New function

- Transfer HiperSockets messages asynchronously
- Used whenever traditional synchronous queues are full
- Automatic enablement; no z/VM configuration required
- Helpful when traffic is “bursty”
- Exploitation by CP VSWITCH only; no guest simulation

z/VM Performance Toolkit: RMFPMS agent
z/VM Statement of Direction: Stabilize existing function

- Performance Toolkit processing of the output from Linux rmfpms agent, part of the z/OS RMF PM offering, will no longer be updated
- Performance Toolkit may give incorrect results as the underlying rmfpms agent evolves
- Support for the Linux rmfpms agent has already been withdrawn, but continues to be available on an as-is basis

HMC non-ensemble z/VM System Management

z/VM Statement of Direction: Withdrawal of existing function

- z/VM V6.2 is the last release of z/VM that will be supported by the non-ensemble z/VM System Management functions of the System z10, z196 and z114
- z/VM virtual server management will continue to be supported using the zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager on the z196 and later

TCP/IP Devices and Daemons

z/VM Statement of Direction: Withdrawal

- A220 HYPERchannel devices
- CLAW devices
- DHCP daemon
- LPSERVE (LPD)
 - RSCS LPD will continue to be provided at no charge
 - Does not affect LPR

User Class Restructure and OVERRIDE utility

z/VM Statement of Direction: Withdrawal

- User Class Restructure (UCR) was first introduced in VM/SP Release 6 to allow changes to the privilege classes associated with CP commands and DIAGNOSE subcodes.
- OVERRIDE utility was a “compiler” used to create special UCR-type files in the spool
- Function was replaced by MODIFY COMMAND capability in VM/ESA
 - Use the CP MODIFY COMMAND command or SYSTEM CONFIG statement

Cross System Extensions (CSE)

z/VM Statement of Direction: Withdrawal

- The z/VM Single System Image (VMSSI) feature replaces the functions provided by CSE:
 - Logon once in the cluster, with exceptions
 - Cross-system MESSAGE and QUERY commands
 - Cross-system LINK (XLINK)
 - Shared spool
 - Shared source directory

- VMSSI brings additional value such as autonomic minidisk cache management and a single point of maintenance

Support for GDPS/PPRC

z/VM Statement of Direction: New function

- Disk subsystem preemptive HyperSwap
 - Storage controllers will notify host when failure is predicted
 - HyperSwap before I/O errors are generated

- HyperSwap scalability
 - Summary “PPRC Suspend” event notification by storage controller
 - Avoid separate notification for each disk

- Future z/VM release support for an alternate subchannel set to place PPRC secondary devices

Previously shipped Functional Enhancements Included in z/VM V6.2

- XRC timestamps
- Hyperswap improvements
- SSL Server Reliability and Scalability
- CPU Measurement Counter Facility Host support
- zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager

APAR numbers shown apply to z/VM 6.1 and z/VM 5.4 unless otherwise stated

XRC Timestamps

VM64814 and VM64816

- CP will sync with STP at IPL and, optionally, obtain time zone and leap seconds from STP
 - No need to deactivate/activate LPAR
- Correct time will be placed in all host and guest I/O
 - CP will monitor STP time signals
- Enabled via SYSTEM CONFIG with option to skip timestamp or delay I/O if CP is unable to sync with STP
- No virtualization of STP
 - Option for 2nd level systems to stamp I/O without use of STP

Hyperswap Improvements

VM64815 and VM64816

- CP HYPERSWAP command now has additional controls for missing interrupt handling
 - Do not trigger automatic quiesce (default)
 - GDPS will not be notified
 - Trigger automatic quiesce after specified number of MI detection intervals
 - GDPS will be notified

- Better management of PAV and HyperPAV devices

- Avoid unnecessary hyperswaps due to normal maintenance activities
 - Concurrent storage controller upgrade

- New wait state 9060 if abend occurs when Hyperswap is in progress
 - no checkpoint taken, no automatic dump
 - restart dump if dedicated dump volume, else standalone dump

SSL Server Reliability and Scalability

PK97437, PK97438, PK75662

- Major rewrite of SSL server
 - Updates to TCP/IP stack, as well
- Multiple SSL servers with 'resume' cache manager and shared database
 - Balance total number of sessions against number of sessions per server
- Significant performance improvements
 - Interactive workloads such as telnet
 - Session establishment costs, particularly during mass reconnect
- Migration required if using pre-PTF version
 - <http://www.vm.ibm.com/related/tcpip/tcsslspe.html>

CPU Measurement Facility Counters – Host Support

VM64961

- Sets of counters for each logical processor that count events such as cycle, instruction, and cache directory-write counts
 - Same COUNTER information as z/OS partitions
- Accumulation is a relatively low-overhead activity and is performed automatically by the machine when the counters are authorized, enabled, and activated
- Authorization controlled by a logical partition's Security settings in its activation profile
- Enablement, activation, and data collection controlled by z/VM MONITOR command

zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager

VM64822, VM64904, VM64917, VM64956, VM64957

- z/VM V6 only
 - Turn-key installation option to enable virtual server management via zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager (z/VM V6.2 only)
 - Only for “kicking the tires”
- Enables Unified Resource Manager to perform system and virtual server management tasks
 - Virtual server configuration
 - Disk storage management
 - Virtual network management
 - Performance monitoring
- CP, CMS, LE, TCP/IP, DIRMAINT, Performance Toolkit, HCD
- <http://www.vm.ibm.com/service/vmrequrm.html>

zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager Ensemble Membership

- If configured to participate in an ensemble, z/VM will automatically join the ensemble at IPL
- Configuration tasks
 - Set up OSM and OSX channel paths
 - Set up controllers for IEDN and INMN networks
 - Pre-defined controllers DTCENS1 and DTCENS2 for exclusive use by ensemble networks
 - DTCENS1 automatically creates a VSWITCH to provide SMAPI connectivity to INMN network
 - Configure directory manager (REQUIRED)
 - Configure SMAPI servers
- See chapter "Configuring z/VM for an Ensemble" in CP Planning and Administration manual



z/VM is turning 40

Check out 40 Reflections on 40 Years:
<http://zvm40for40.blogspot.com/>

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