

# VM TCP/IP Advanced Configuration

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This presentation provides in-depth information on configuration of the major components of VM TCP/IP FL320.

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# Agenda

- Server configuration architecture review
- Stack configuration
- Application configuration
  - TN3270E
  - FTP
  - SMTP
  - LPR and LPD
  - NFS
  - DNS
- A 2nd TCP/IP stack
- Security
- Common Problems

# Defining a Server

## ■ DTCPARMS file

```
:nick.TCPIP      :type.server      :class.stack
                 :attach.430-431, 320-321
                 :vctc.200 vse 200, 201 vse 201
```

```
:nick.FTPSERVE  :type.server      :class.ftp
                 :anonymous.yes
                 :ESM_Enable.yes
```

```
:nick.FTPSERVA  :type.server      :class.ftp
                 :anonymous.yes
                 :ESM_Enable.yes
```

## ■ *userid, nodeid*, SYSTEM

# Server Startup Parameters

- Server profile exits
  - Global exit called for all servers, TCPRUNXT EXEC
  - Server-specific exit called via :Exit. tag
  - Returns tags
  - Think of it as a dynamic DTCPARMS file

```
arg calltype class .
select
  when calltype = "SETUP" & class = "NFS" then
    return ":ESM_Enable.YES"
  when calltype = "SETUP" & class = "FTP" then
    return ":ESM_Enable.YES"
end
```

# Some Things to Configure

- Stack
- TN3270E
- FTP
- LPR/LPD
- SMTP
- NFS
- Caching DNS server
- A second TCP/IP stack

# Stack Basics

- **Control block pool sizes**
  - Only defines initial size - expansion is dynamic
  - Stack will complain when pool is expanded
  - Watch via NETSTAT POOL
  
- **Link and Device statements**
  - Use the correct port number on the LINK statement
  - OSA has unit address 00-03 unless changed by OSA/SF
  - Don't forget a START statement
  
- **SysContact and SysLocation** used by SNMP

# Stack Basics

- **Home** statement defines IP address on each link
  - Be careful about using same IP address on different links
  - Put connected systems in a different subnet
  
- **Autolog** statement defines servers to start
  
- **Port** statement gives permission to listen on a low port
  - Listed ports are monitored unless NOAUTOLOG specified
  
- **AssortedParms**
  - Look at possible settings and decide what works for you
  - Security is affected
  - Variable subnetting and virtual IP addressing controls



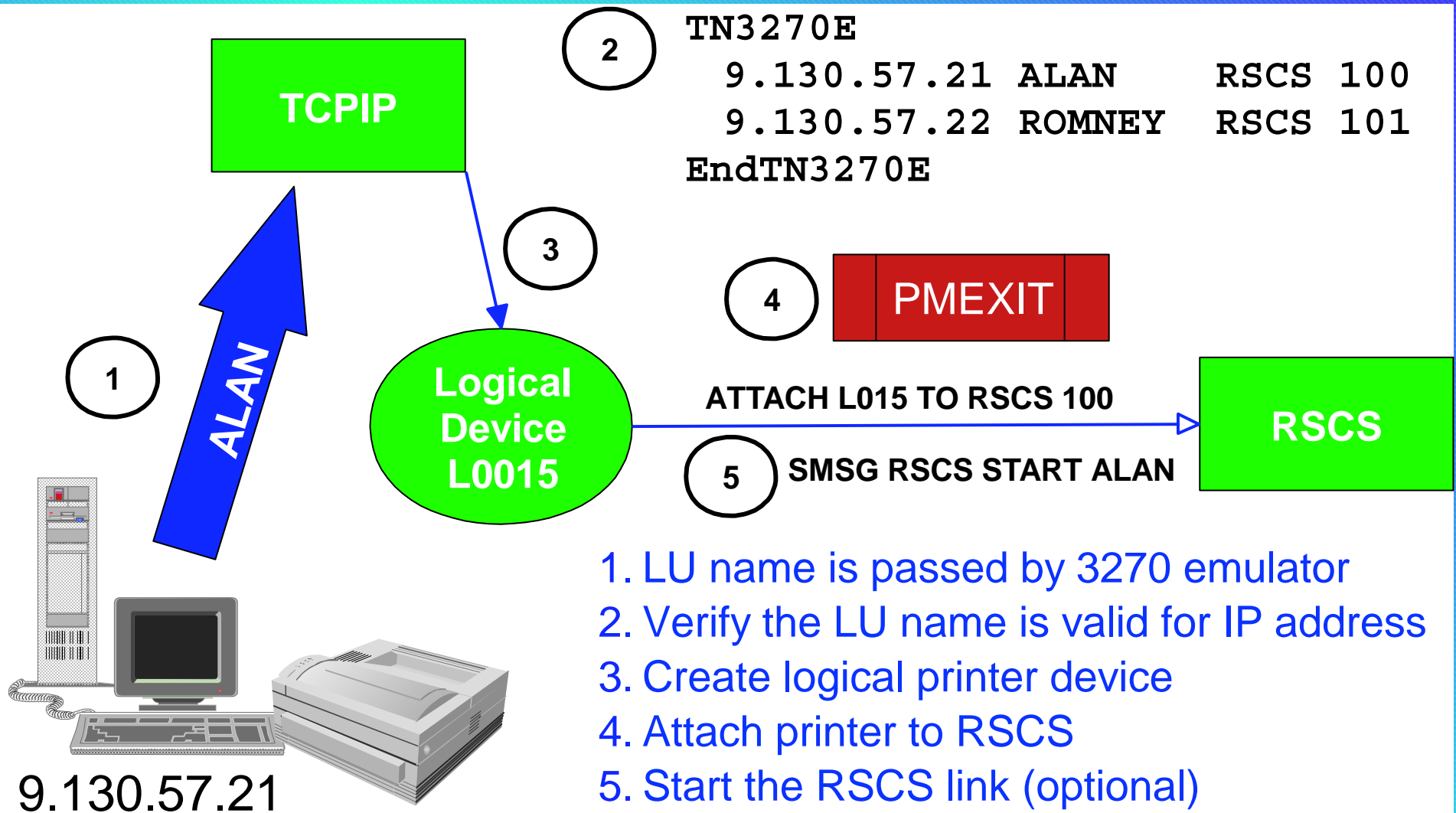
# Routing

- **Gateway** statement used for static routing
  
- **BsdRoutingParms** statement used for dynamic routing
  - **Gateway** statement is ignored
  - Use **ETC GATEWAYS** file to add static routes
  - RouteD server needed
  - Can use RIPv1 or RIPv2
  - Virtual IP Addressing (VIPA)
  - VM can broadcast routes for attached guests

# Static TN3270e

- Define **TN3270Eexit** in **InternalClientParms**
- Define RSCS TN3270E link
- Put link name and device address in **TN3270E** stanza of PROFILE TCPIP
- Use link name as "LU Name" in emulator printer configuration

# Static TN3270e



# Dynamic TN3270e

- Define **TN3270Eexit** in **InternalClientParms**
- Define RSCS TN3270E link
- Use link name as "LU Name" in emulator config
- Update exit to scan RSCS config file to locate LINKDEFINE entry with matching LU name
  - attach Idev to RSCS using correct address
- **TN3270E** stanza in PROFILE not required



# LPD Server

## ■ Use RSCS instead of LPSERVE for LPD

- no charge
- LPD link handles many clients
- Print destination determined by client-specified queue name
  - *userid@nodeid*
  - *linkname*
  - Can be overridden by LPD CONFIG file

## ■ RSCSTCP CONFIG

```
LinkDefine LPD type LPD
```

```
Parm LPD exit=LPDXMANY
```

```
*
```

```
LinkDefine LPD2 type LPD
```

```
Parm LPD2 exit=LPDXMANY eparm='config=LPD'
```

# LPR using RSCS

- Use RSCS to provide asynchronous delivery
  - VM-based print server
  - LPD can redirect to LPR
  - LPR my file a (printer lpt1 host alan.endicott.ibm.com **async**)

## ■ RSCSTCP CONFIG

```
LinkDefine LPR type LPR ast form *
Parm LPR exit=LPRXONE ito=0 user=yes
*
LinkDefine LPRP type LPR ast form *
Parm LPRP exit=LPRXPSE ito=0 user=yes
```

# SMTP Server

## ■ SMTP CONFIG

- Watch out for DNS that resolves addresses outside of your firewall
- SMTP will forward mail to **IpMailerAddress** if and only if the domain name cannot be resolved via DNS.
- Consider private DNS
- Eliminating DNS means all mail is forwarded to IpMailerAddress



# SMTP Server

## ■ SMTP CONFIG

- May need own TCPIP DATA on another disk
  - Have server exit copy TCPIP DATA from I98 to I9I, making the needed changes at each startup
- Enable **VerifyClient** to ensure identity of network clients
  - Can use exit instead if desired
- Don't use STANDARD translation table

# NFS Server

## ■ VMNFS CONFIG

- Export - Makes mounting file systems easier for clients

```
export   Your_191    %userid.191,rw,Lines=ext,Trans=ext
export   home        %fsroot%iwdir,rw,Lines=ext,Trans=ext
export   SFS         VMSYSU:%userid.,rw,Lines=ext,Trans=ext
```

- Client sees **exported** name, server generates **mount string**
- %userid, %fsroot, and %iwdir are substituted based on authentication data and corresponding CP directory entry

- VMfiletype - defines translation options

```
VMfiletype *BIN      translate=no    lines=none
```

# Caching-only DNS server

- Always run DNS server on VM
  - Improves performance by caching name lookups
  - Easy to do

## ■ NSMAIN DATA

```
CachingOnly MYCACHE DNSINFO  
NegativeCaching
```

## ■ MYCACH DNSINFO

```
.                86400  IN  NS   maindns.company.com  
maindns.company.com 86400  IN  A   10.26.43.1
```

## ■ TCPIP DATA

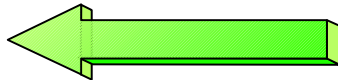
```
NSINTERADDR 127.0.0.1
```

# A Second TCP/IP Stack

- PROFILE TCPIP in 1st stack (TCPIP) with dynamic routing

```

DEVICE  IUCVDEV IUCV 0 0 TCPIP2 A
LINK    TO-SECONDARY IUCV 0 IUCVDEV
HOME
      :
      10.0.0.1      TO-SECONDARY
BsdRoutingParms true
      :
      TO-SECONDARY 4096 0 255.0.0.0 10.0.0.2
START IUCVDEV
  
```

 Note "A"

- ETC GATEWAYS

- broadcasts route to 2nd stack

```
host 10.0.0.2 gateway = metric 1 permanent
```

# A Second TCP/IP Stack

## ■ PROFILE TCPIP in 2nd stack (TCPIP2) with static routing

```
DEVICE  IUCVDEV IUCV 0 0 TCPIP B
LINK    TO-PRIMARY IUCV 0 IUCVDEV
HOME
      10.0.0.2  TO-PRIMARY
```



Note "B"

```
GATEWAY
      10.0.0.1    =          TO-PRIMARY  4096 HOST
      defaultnet 10.0.0.1  TO-PRIMARY  4096 0
```

```
START IUCVDEV
```

# A Second TCP/IP Stack

## ■ DTCPARMS file

```
:nick.TCPIP2           :type.server           :class.stack
```

```
:nick.FTPSERV2        :type.server           :class.ftp  
                      :stack.TCPIP2  
                      :anonymous.yes  
                      :ESM_Enable.yes
```

## ■ :Stack. tag prevents warning message

- value is compared to TCPIPUSERID in TCPIP DATA

## ■ TCPIP DATA

- TCPIPUSERID TCPIP2

# Translation Tables

- Over 200 translations to choose from
  - The one to choose depends on code page used on VM and on client
- TCPXLBIN files on TCPMAINT 592
  - A few file names: 10470819, 09240923, 00371252
- FTP and NFS clients may select the translation to be used
  - `quote site xlate 10470819`
  - `mount /usr/alan vmtest.ibm.com:alan.191,xlate=10470819`
- Other clients will use default translation selected by you

# Translation Tables

- Clients and servers have a default, *preferred*, translation table
  - Name is different for each client and server
- If preferred table not found, STANDARD is loaded
  - Consider replacing STANDARD with your preferred table
  - Don't use STANDARD
  - Don't ignore the euro - it affects the United States, too!
- SMTP server uses two translation tables
  1. mail supposedly restricted to standard 7-bit ASCII characters
  2. mail that indicates it contains 8-bit MIME encodings
    - Suggestion: Make both tables the same



# Translation Tables

- Non-reversible 7-bit ASCII (0x00-0x7F only!) is the default, a.k.a STANDARD
- See <http://www.ibm.com/vm/euro> for a complete discussion of code pages
- See "Using Translation Tables" on page 505 of the TCP/IP FL320 Planning and Administration guide

## ■ AssortedParms

- **RestrictLowPorts** - Control use of well-known ports
- **PermittedUsersOnly** - Control access to stack by VM users
- **IgnoreRedirect** - Do not permit hosts to tell you to use a different router

## ■ Obey list

- Can issue privileged server functions
- Can issue privileged NETSTAT commands, including CP
- Can create own IP packets ("raw")
- Can issue TRACERTE command (uses raw sockets!)

## ■ SMTP server exits

- What to do when IP address and domain name don't match
- Whether or not to act as a mail relay
- Protocol monitor and control
- Sample calls Rexx exec

## ■ FTP server exits

- Auditing, logging, or accounting
- Protocol monitor and control
- Limit user access (e.g. CD, PUT, GET)
- Sample calls Rexx exec

- Telnet server exits
  - Session Connection Exit (SCEXIT)
    - Limit or audit connections
    - Automatically DIAL a guest
    - Can "hide" VM logo
  - Printer Management Exit (PMEXIT)
    - Controls TN3270E printer setup
  - Samples call Rexx exec (surprise!)

## ■ NFS

- EXPORTONLY YES - limits mounts to export list  
DUMPMOUNT NO - prevents listing of mounts
- VMNFSMON EXEC  
Limits what can be mounted and by whom
- VMNFSMSG EXEC  
Limits who can issue SMSG command
- VMNFSCMS EXEC  
Enables use of SMSG CMS subcommand

# External Security Mangers

- Need `:ESM_Enable.YES` in DTCPARMS file or exit
- Called by all servers that check passwords
- FTP and NFS servers also verify minidisk permissions
- Check vendor recommendations
  - RACF requirements documented in VM TCP/IP Planning and Administration
- Servers act on behalf of clients, but they are *not* batch machines
  - different security policy

# Common Hardware-Related Errors

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- Forgot to attach all addresses for a particular adapter (2 or 4)
- Wrong device type on DEVICE statement
- Wrong adapter number on LINK statement
  - Identifies which port on a multiport device
  - '0' and '1' on CTC (or cross-couple, instead)
- Adapter configured for full duplex
  - on shared LAN segment
  - when not supported by hub or switch

# Common Routing Errors

- Incorrect MTU size in routing configuration statements
  - Consult hardware documentation
  - Cannot be larger than smallest MTU used on LAN segment
  
- Using Gateway statement with RouteD
  - Need BsdRoutingParms instead
  
- Wrong subnet masks or values (do the math!)
  
- Subnet vs. Host
  
- Trying to put guest in same subnet as VM



# Common Problems

- FTP, NFS
  - Not an SFS administrator
  - No ESM authorization to act for users (surrogate)
- Missing ESM or CP authorizations
- Outdated CP directory entry (they change!)
- Sample config files may not be optimal

# The #1 Problem: Incorrect TCPIP DATA file

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- Copy on user's A-disk
- Copy on server's A-disk
- Copy on TCPMAINT 198
- Incorrect NSINTERADDR value
  - Ignorance of network changes is no excuse! Get in the loop!
- TCPIPUSERID pointing to wrong TCP/IP stack v.m.

# Summary

- Create a 2nd stack to play with late at night
- Read the manual and follow instructions
- Read RFCs

# Read More About It

- *TCP/IP Planning and Customization*, SC24-5847
  
- *TCP/IP Solutions for VM/ESA*, SG24-5459
  - IBM redbooks at <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com>
  
- IETF RFCs      <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfcsearch.html>
  
- *Internetworking with TCP/IP*, Comer,  
Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-216987-8
  
- *TCP/IP Illustrated, Vol. 1*, Stevens,  
Addison Wesley, ISBN 0-201-63346-9

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