

# New Networking Options with z/VSE



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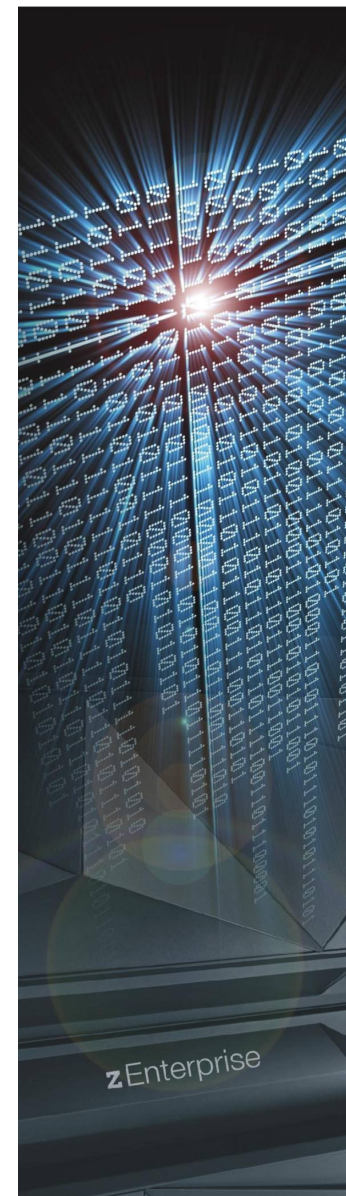
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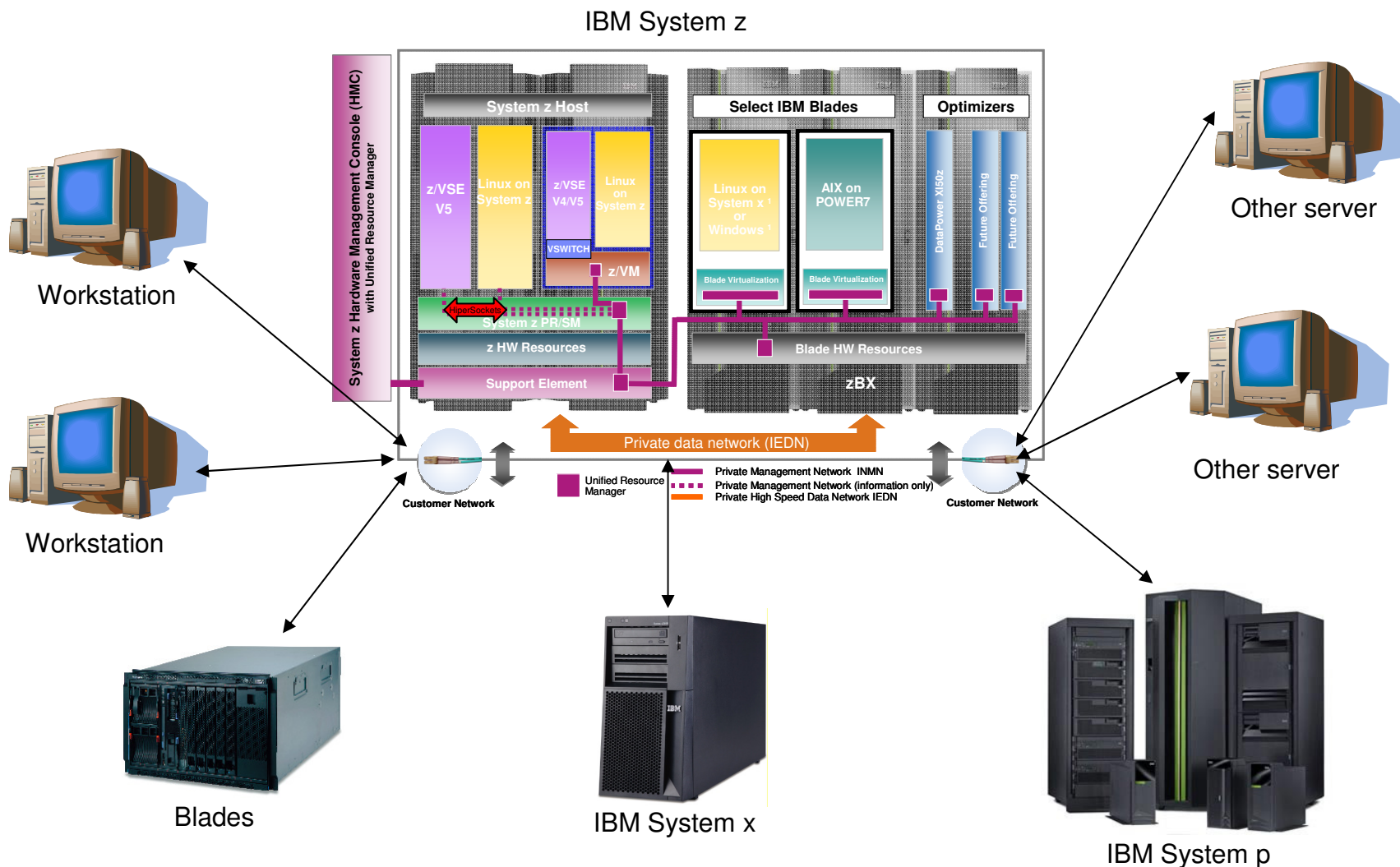


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# Networking with z/VSE - Overview



## TCP/IP Products

### ■ IPv6/VSE V1.1 (licensed from Barnard Software, Inc)

- IPv6/VSE provides:
  - An **IPv6 TCP/IP stack**
  - IPv6 application programming interfaces (APIs)
  - IPv6-enabled applications
- The IPv6 TCP/IP stack of IPv6/VSE can be run concurrently with an IPv4 TCP/IP stack within one z/VSE system
- The IPv6/VSE product also includes
  - A **full-function IPv4 TCP/IP stack**
  - IPv4 application programming interfaces
  - IPv4 applications.
- The IPv4 TCP/IP stack does not require the IPv6 TCP/IP stack to be active.
- With **z/VSE V5.1** IPv6/VSE became a **base product**. With z/VSE V4.3 it is an optional product
- Supports Layer 2 and 3 mode (z/VSE V5.1)
- Supports Virtual LAN (VLAN) (z/VSE V5.1)



### ■ TCP/IP for VSE/ESA V1.5 (licensed from CSI International)

- Supports IPv4 only
- Layer 3 mode only



### ■ Fast Path to Linux on System z (part of z/VSE V4.3 or later)



## IPv6 Basics

### ■ IPv6 Addresses

- 128 Bits in length (16 bytes)
  - 4 times larger than a IPv4 address
- Up to  $2^{128}$  (about  $3.4 \times 10^{38}$ ) unique addresses
  - That's approximately  $5 \times 10^{28}$  (roughly  $2^{95}$ ) addresses for each of the roughly 6.8 billion ( $6.8 \times 10^9$ ) people alive in 2010.
  - In another perspective, this is the same number of IP addresses per person as the number of atoms in a metric ton of carbon!
- IPv6 address are usually written as eight groups of four hexadecimal digits (each group representing 16 bits, or two bytes), where each group is separated by a colon (:).
  - Example: `2001:0db8:85a3:08d3:1319:8a2e:0370:7344`
- Leading zeroes in a group may be omitted (but at least one digit per group must be left):
  - `2001:0db8:0000:08d3:0000:8a2e:0070:7344` is the same as `2001:db8:0:8d3:0:8a2e:70:7344`
- A string of consecutive all-zero groups may be replaced by two colons. In order to avoid ambiguity, this simplification may only be applied once:
  - `2001:db8:0:0:0:0:1428:57ab` is the same as `2001:db8::1428:57ab`



## IPv6 Basics - addressing

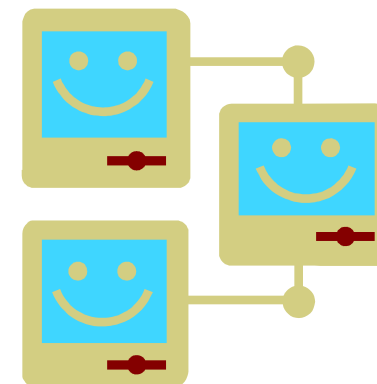
- IPv6 Addresses gets assigned to interfaces (network adapters)
- One interface (network adapter) can have multiple IPv6 addresses
  - Assigned address
  - Link local address (FE80::/10)
    - typically built using the MAC address
- Every IPv6 address has a "scope":
  - Link local
  - Site local
  - Global
- IPv6 addresses are typically composed of two logical parts:
  - Routing prefix
    - The length of the prefix is specified with the address separated by a slash: /64
  - Interface identifier
    - Usually automatically determined from the MAC address of the interface
  - Internet service providers (ISPs) usually get assigned the first 32 bits (or less) as their network from a regional internet registry (RIR)



## IPv6 Basics – auto configuration

### Goal: Plug 'n' Play network

- An IPv6 endpoint needs at least 3 pieces of information to be able to communicate:
  - IPv6 address
  - IPv6 network
  - IPv6 gateway
- Right after the start, an endpoint only knows its link local address
  - E.g. determined from the MAC address of the interface
  - With that, it can only communicate within its local network segment
- The interface then uses [Neighbor Discovery Protocols](#) to search for routes in its local network segment
  - It sends requests to the multicast address FF02::2, which all routes are reachable at (Router Solicitation)
  - Available routes then reply with information about the network
- Router also send [Router Advertisements](#) in regular intervals to all hosts in the network(s) segment they are responsible for
- [ICMPv6](#) (Internet Control Message Protocol) provides essential functions in an IPv6 network
  - Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is replaced by Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP)





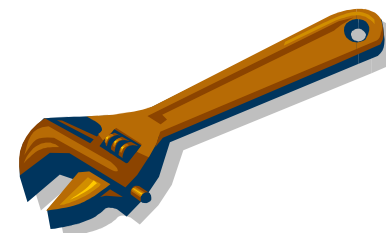
## Migration from IPv4 to IPv6

- Contrary to popular belief, **IPv6 is not backward compatible** !
- But: IPv4 and IPv6 networks can be used concurrently over the same cable and with the same endpoint

### Transition methods:

- **Dual IP Stacks**

- That's the easiest possibility
- The IP stack supports both protocols concurrently
  - Examples: Linux since Kernel 2.6, Windows since XP SP1
- Existing IPv4 applications can continue to run unchanged
  - Applications can be IPv6-enabled over time, one after the other



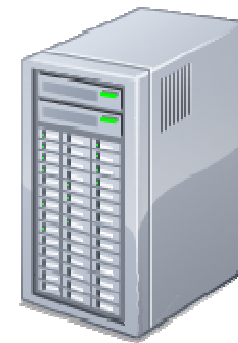
- **Tunneling**

- IPv6 packets are sent as payload of other protocols (usually IPv4) to a tunneling broker, which is located in an IPv6 network. The broker extracts the IPv6 packet from the payload and sends it as IPv6 packet through IPv6 routing to the final destination.
  - Example: **6in4** using Tunneling-Broker



## Migration from IPv4 to IPv6

Which infrastructure parts needs to be migrated?



- **Layer 1 devices (e.g. hubs)**
  - Those are completely transparent for IPv6
  
- **Layer 2 devices (switches)**
  - Devices which have been purchased within the last 10 years most likely support IPv6 already
  
- **Layer 3 devices (routers)**
  - Usually not required for local LANs
  - Today most router manufacturer provide IPv6 capable routers
  - Routers that use Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) are protocol independent
  
- **Endpoints (PCs, Server, etc.)**
  - Most modern operating systems support IPv6
  
- **Applications**
  - May have to be adapted (IPv6-enabled) to be able to work with IPv6 addresses



## Why should a z/VSE customer care about IPv6?

Independent on your concrete benefits

→ You will have to care about IPv6, sooner or later!



### Why?

- Your [internet service provider](#) (ISP) migrates to IPv6
- On 3 February 2011, the Number Resource Organization (NRO) announced that the free pool of [available IPv4 addresses is now fully depleted](#).
- Your customers or partners are only reachable via IPv6 (e.g. China)
- Governmental organizations may only allow manufacturers of IPv6 capable products and applications to participate in advertised biddings
  - Example: The US Department of Defense (DoD) only allows products that are on the “Unified Capabilities Approved Products List” (UC APL) for its advertised biddings.
    - “This list is used by procurement offices in the DoD and the U.S. Federal agencies for ongoing purchases and acquisitions of IT equipment”



## IPv6 Products for z/VSE



### IPv6/VSE Version 1 Release 1

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Extract from  
Announcement Letter 210-066

- The IPv6/VSE V1 product is designed to provide an IPv6 solution for z/VSE to:
  - Allow z/VSE users to participate in an IPv6 network
  - Bring the benefits of IPv6 functionality to z/VSE users
  - Help z/VSE users to meet the requirements of the commercial community and governmental agencies and thus fulfills the statement of direction in Software Announcement 209-319, dated October 20, 2009
- IPv6/VSE V1 is designed to provide an IPv6 TCP/IP stack, IPv6 application programming interfaces (APIs), and IPv6-enabled applications.
- The IPv6/VSE product also includes a **full-function IPv4 TCP/IP stack**, IPv4 application programming interfaces and IPv4 applications. The IPv4 TCP/IP stack does not require the IPv6 TCP/IP stack to be active.
- IPv6/VSE V1 supports the IPv6 and IPv4 protocols, while TCP/IP for VSE/ESA V1.5 supports the IPv4 protocol only.

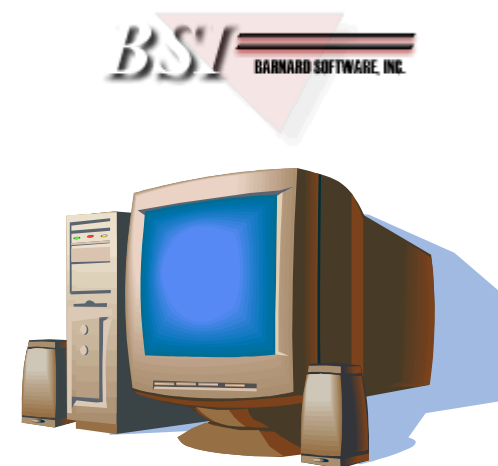
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## IPv6 enabled applications

The following applications and tools are part of the IPv6/VSE product:

- FTP Server (POWER queues, VSAM catalogs, SAM file, z/VSE libraries, ...)
- Batch FTP Client
- TN3270E server (TN3270/TN3270E Terminal & TN3270E Printer Sessions)
- Network Time Protocol Server (NTP server)
- Network Time Protocol Client (NTP client)
- System Logger Client
- Batch Email Client
- Batch LPR
- Batch Remote Execution client (REXEC)
- Batch PING
- GZIP data compression
- REXX automation



Home grown applications may need to get adapted (IPv6 enabled)



## Dual Stack Support



### The IPv6/VSE product contains 2 TCP/IP stacks:

#### ■ IPv6 Stack

- Provides support for the IPv6 protocol
- IPv6 application programming interfaces (APIs)
- IPv6-enabled applications.
- Supports **IPv6 only, no IPv4**

#### ■ IPv4 Stack

- Provides support for the IPv4 protocol
- IPv4 application programming interfaces (APIs)
- IPv4-enabled applications.
- Supports **IPv4 only, no IPv6**



### To allow applications to use IPv4 and IPv6 at the same time

- Run both stacks (in separate partitions)
  - **COUPLE** the 2 stacks together
- The 2 coupled stacks **act as one dual stack**, supporting IPv6 and IPv4



## IPv6 Products for z/VSE



### TCP/IP for VSE (CSI)

Statement of direction from September 13, 2011:

<http://www.tcpip4vse.com/csi-products/TCPIP/>

Statement\_of\_Direction\_for\_IPv6\_in\_TCP-IP\_for\_VSE\_rev%2002\_20110913.pdf

| Capabilities                                       | Introduced in this release of TCP/IP FOR VSE |
|--|--|
| IP address parsing for both IPv4 and IPv6          | 1.5G   |
| IP address de-parsing into the shortest valid form |  |
| Improved debugging and tracing information         |  |
| More control of stack processes by applications    |  |
| Access to flow-control information                 |  |
| IPv6-enabled CSI applications: telnet, FTP, etc.   | 1.5H   |
| Full IPv6 support                                  | 2.0  |



## OSA Express

### OSA Express 4s, OSA Express 3, OSA Express 2

- **OSA Express supports various features such as:**

- 10 Gigabit Ethernet
- Gigabit Ethernet
- 1000BASE-T Ethernet



- **CHPID types**

- **OSC** [OSA-ICC](#) (for emulation of TN3270E and non-SNA DFT 3270)
- **OSD** Queue Direct Input/Output ([QDIO](#)) architecture
- **OSE** [non-QDIO](#) Mode (OSA-2, for SNA/APPN connections)
- **OSN** [OSA-Express for NCP](#): Appears to z/VSE as a device-supporting channel data link control (CDLC) protocol.
- **OSX** [OSA-Express for zBX](#). Provides connectivity and access control to the Intra-Ensemble Data Network (IEDN) from z196 and z114 to Unified Resource Manager functions.





## OSA Express in QDIO Mode

- For an OSA Express adapter in QDIO mode, you need 3 devices
  - A read device
  - A write device
  - A datapath device

- Add the devices in the IPL procedure as device type OSAX:
  - ADD cuu1-cuu3, OSAX

- In TCP/IP for VSE define a LINK:
  - DEFINE LINK, ID=... , TYPE=OSAX,  
DEV=cuu1 (or DEV=(cuu1, cuu2)),  
DATAPATH=cuu3,  
IPADDR=addr,  
...

- In IPv6/VSE define a DEVICE:
  - DEVICE device\_name OSAX cuu1 portname cuu3

- For each LINK of an OSAX device, the TCP/IP partition requires 1050K partition GETVIS (ANY) space and 1050K for SETPFIX (ANY)



## OSA Express Multi-Port support

- **OSA Express 3 or later provides 2 ports per CHPID for selected features**

- Default is port 0
- To use port 1, you must specify this at the DEFINE LINK or DEVICE/LINK statement:

- **TCP/IP for VSE:**

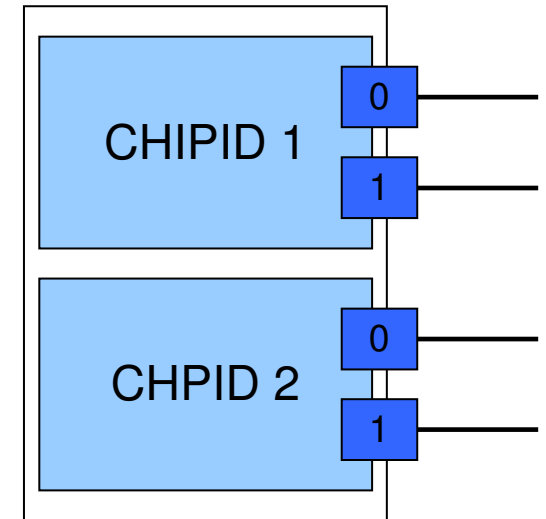
```
DEFINE LINK, ID=... , TYPE=OSAX,
      DEV=cuu1 (or DEV=(cuu1, cuu2)),
      DATAPATH=cuu3,
      OSAPORT=1,
```

...

- **IPv6/VSE:**

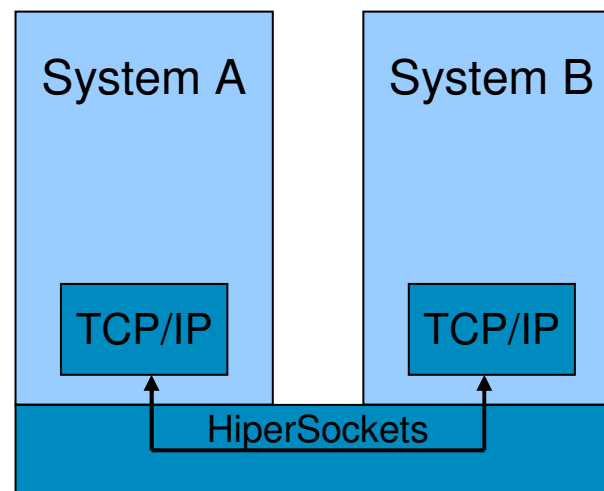
```
DEVICE device_name OSAX cuu1 portname cuu3
LINK device_name adapter_no IPv6_addr netmask mtu
```

- For CHPID type OSE (non-QDIO mode) you must use OSA/SF to select the OSA port



## HiperSockets

- **“Network within the box” functionality**
  - allows high speed any-to-any connectivity among operating systems
  - without requiring any physical cabling
  
- **CHPID type IQD**
  - Uses the QDIO (Queue Direct I/O) architecture
  - For an HiperSockets adapter, you need 3 devices
    - A read device
    - A write device
    - A datapath device
  - Add the devices in the IPL procedure as device type OSAX with mode 01:
    - **ADD cuu1-cuu3, OSAX, 01**
  - Frame size is defined via CHPARM parameter (formerly OS=nn):
    - CHPARM=00 (default): 16K (MTU=8K)
    - CHPARM=40                24K (MTU=16K)
    - CHPARM=80                40K (MTU=32K)
    - CHPARM=C0                64K (MTU=56K)



## Layer 2 vs. Layer 3 Mode

- **Layer 2:**
  - TCP/IP stack passes a **frame** to the network card
  - Addressing uses **MAC addresses**
  - TCP/IP stack must perform ARP to translate IP to MAC
  
- **Layer 3:**
  - TCP/IP Stack passes an (IP) **packet** or **datagram** to the network card
  - Addressing uses IP addresses (IPv4 or IPv6)
  - The network card performs ARP to translate IPv4 to MAC

### OSI Model:

|                     |                              |                           |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Data                | <b>7. Application Layer</b>  | Application               |
|                     | <b>6. Presentation Layer</b> | representation encryption |
|                     | <b>5. Session Layer</b>      | Inter host comm.          |
| Segment             | <b>4. Transport Layer</b>    | Flow control              |
| Packet/<br>Datagram | <b>3. Network Layer</b>      | Logical addressing        |
| Frame               | <b>2. Data Link Layer</b>    | Physical addressing       |
| Bit                 | <b>1. Physical Layer</b>     | Media                     |



## Layer 2 vs. Layer 3 Mode (continued)

### ■ Layer 2:

- Supported by **IPv6/VSE** product (BSI) with **IPv6** OSA Express adapter (OSD, OSX) only, no HiperSockets



### ■ Layer 3:

- Supported by **IPv6/VSE product** (BSI) with **IPv4 and IPv6**
- Supported by **TCP/IP for VSE** product (CSI) with **IPv4**



### ■ VSWITCH:

- z/VM allows to define VSWITCH in Layer 2 or layer 3 mode
- z/VSE V4.2 and 4.3:
  - Supports Layer 3 VSWITCH (IPv4 only)
- z/VSE V5.1:
  - Supports Layer 2 VSWITCH (IPv4 and IPv6)
  - Supports Layer 3 VSWITCH (IPv4 only)

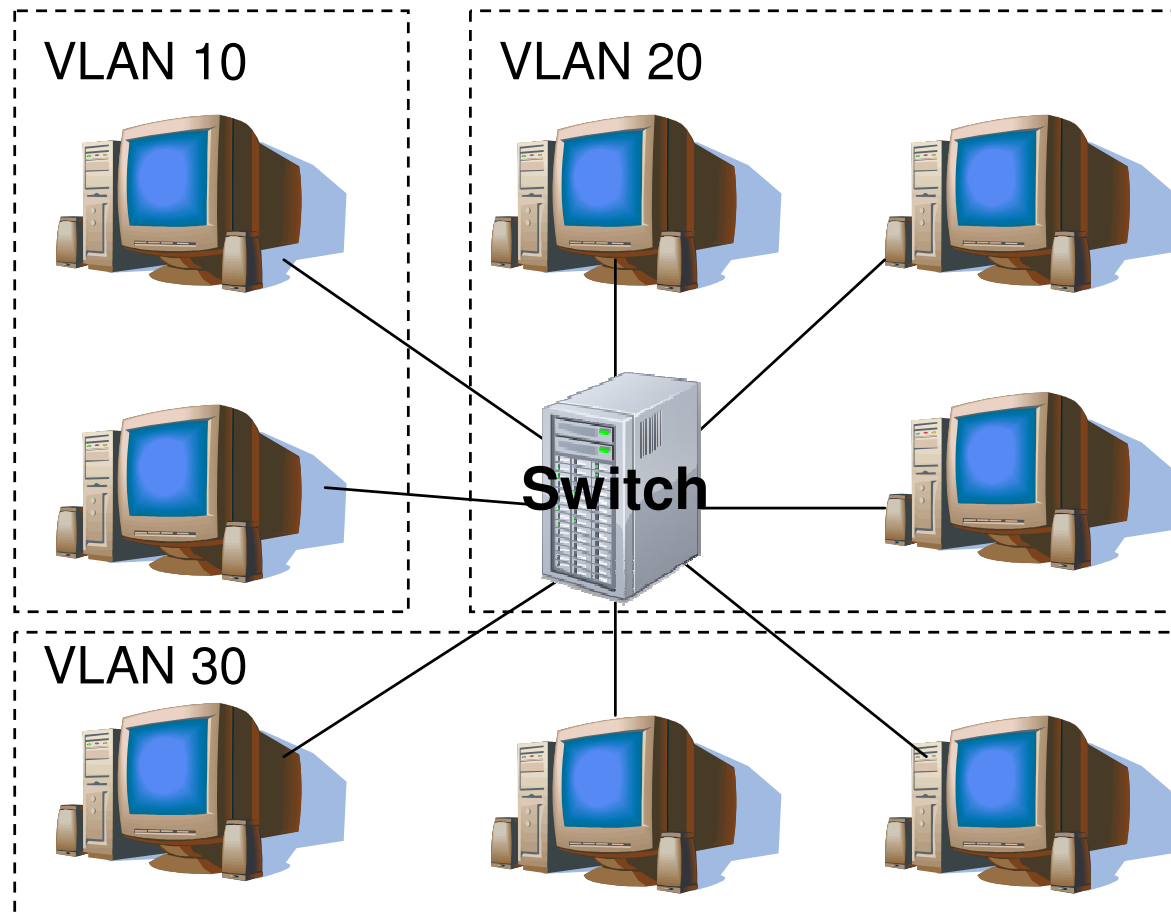


→ Be carefully when connecting z/VSE systems to already existing VSWITCHes



## Virtual LAN (VLAN) - Overview

- VLAN allows a physical network to be divided administratively into separate logical networks
- These logical networks operate as if they are physically independent of each other



# Virtual LAN (VLAN) – Trunc Port / Access Port

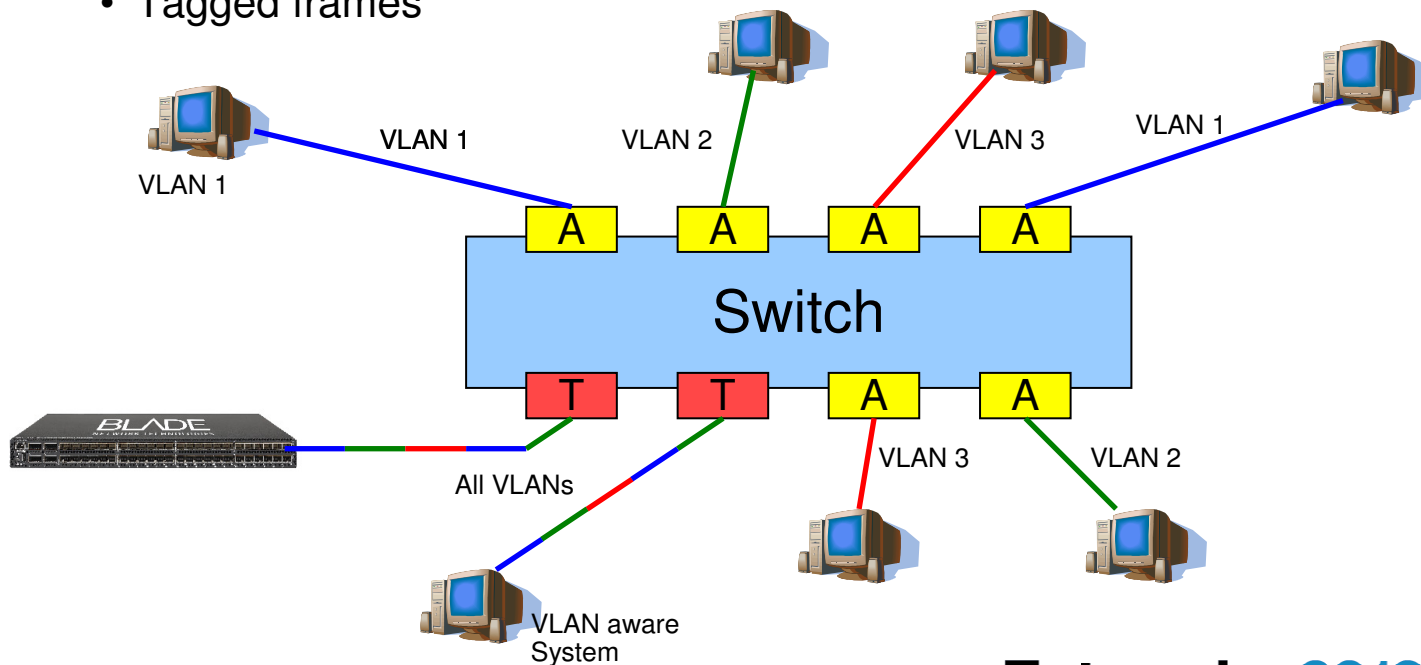
- Switches have different types of ports

- Access Port

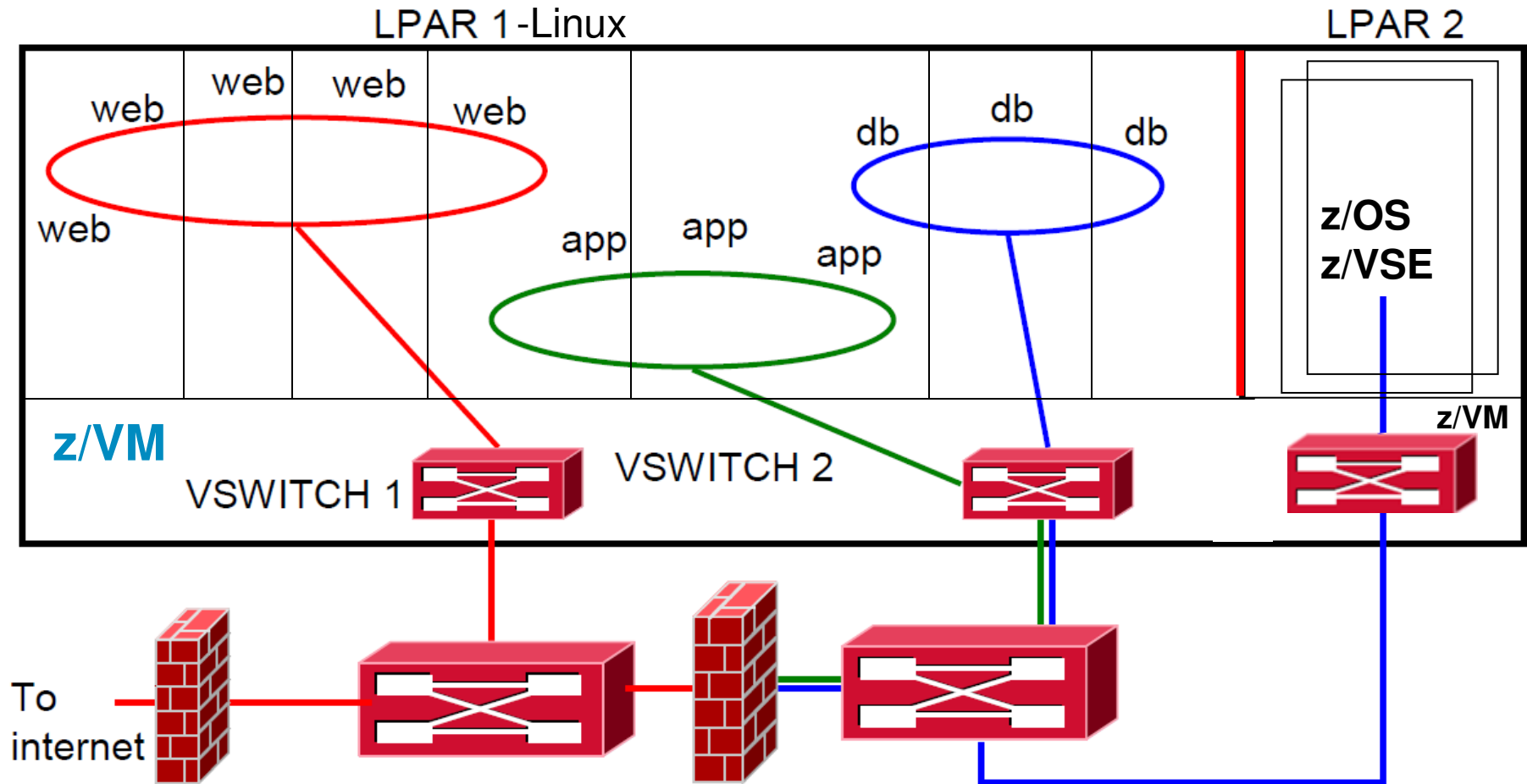
- Not VLAN-aware
    - Un-tagged frames

- Trunc Port

- VLAN-aware
    - Tagged frames



## z/VM Multi-zone Network VSWITCH (red - physical isolation)



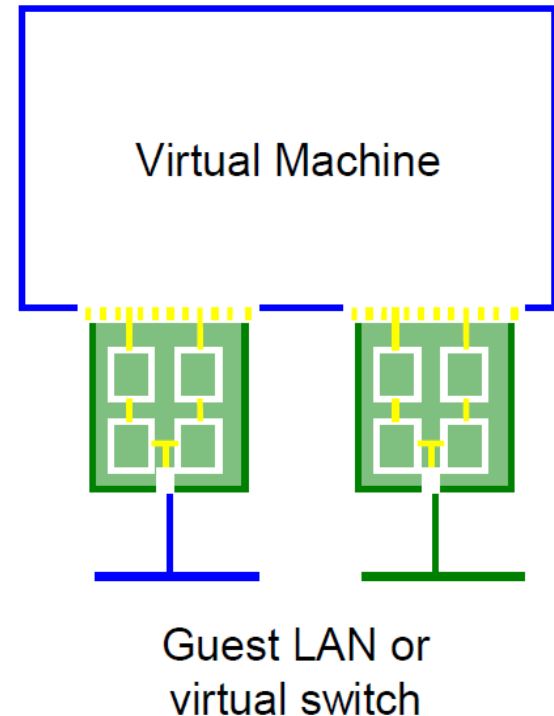
With 2 VSWITCHes, 3 VLANs, and a multi-domain firewall





## Virtual Network Interface Card (vNIC)

- A simulated network adapter
  - OSA-Express QDIO
  - HiperSockets
  - Must match LAN type
- Usually 3 devices per NIC
- Provides access to Guest LAN or VSWITCH
- Created by directory or *CP DEFINE NIC*



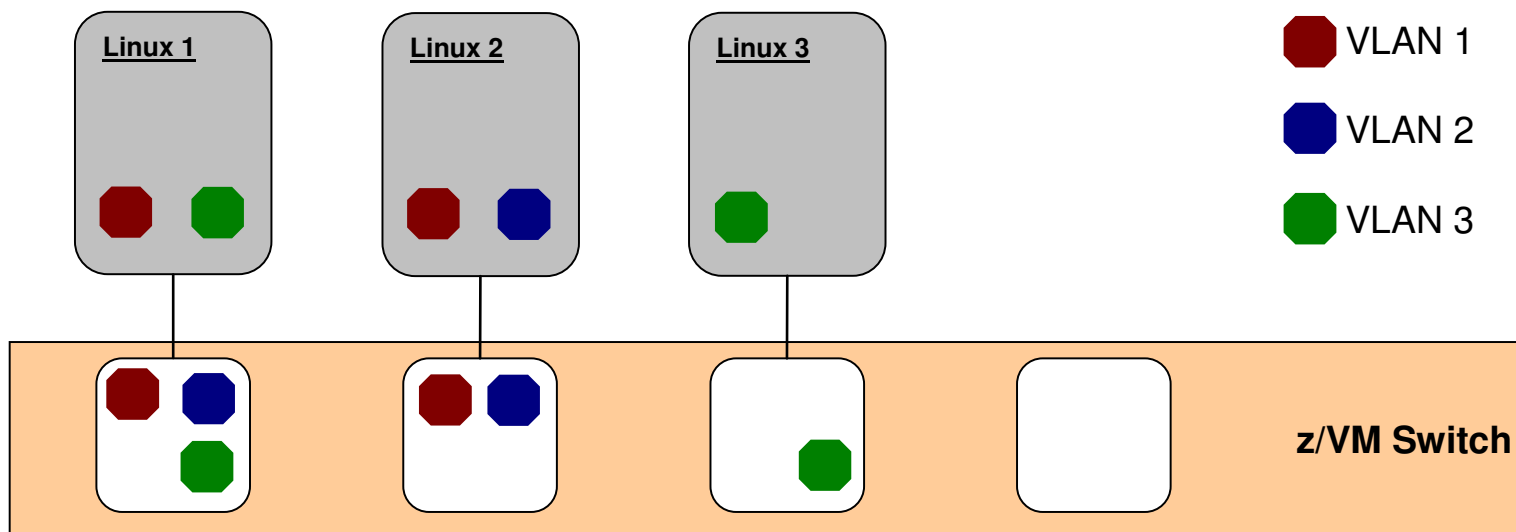
### **z/VM guests (Linux, z/OS, z/VSE,... )**

```
DEF NIC 600 TYPE QDIO  
COUPLE 600 SYSTEM VSWITCH1
```



## Virtual LAN (VLAN) Support

- IEEE Standard 802.1Q
- Reduce broadcast traffic
- Divide LANs logically into subnets to optimize bandwidth utilization
- Network devices supporting VLAN:
  - real OSA card, HiperSockets, z/VM GuestLAN, z/VM VSWITCH



## VSWITCH Definition for multiple VLANs

Prior to z/VM 6.2 if a Guest required access to multiple VLANs there were two ways to define this connectivity.

1. Have the Guest connect to multiple VSWITCHes.
  - Each VSWITCH would provide the Guest an ACCESS Port
  - Each vNIC would have a unique vMAC.
2. Have the Guest GRANT to a Vswitch with a TRUNK Port.
  - The Guest would load the 8021Q module
  - Configure a VLAN with VCONFIG there is one vMAC.

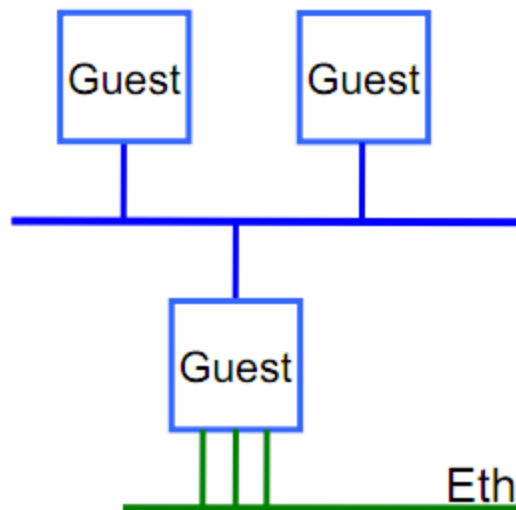
For ease-of-use it would be desirable to have this connectivity with one VSWITCH where the Guest vNICs are GRANTED as ACCESS Ports

- Each vNIC would have a unique vMAC.

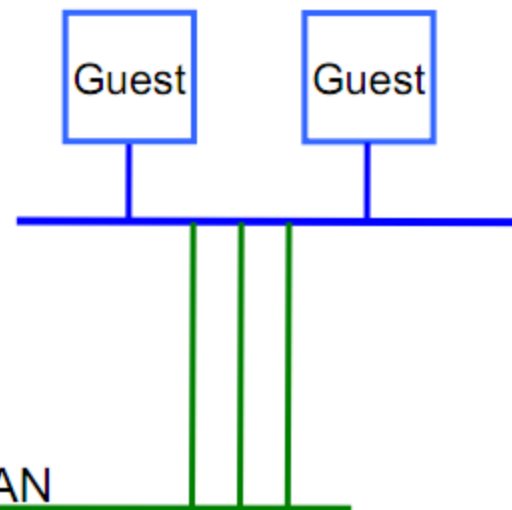


## Guest LAN vs. Virtual Switch

Guest LAN



Virtual Switch



- Virtual router is required
- Different subnets
- External router awareness
- Guest-managed failover

- No virtual router
- Same subnets
- Transparent bridge
- CP-managed failover



## Virtual LAN (VLAN) – z/VSE support

- **z/VSE provides VLAN support for OSA Express (CHPID type OSD and OSX) and HiperSockets devices**
  - In a **Layer 3** configuration, VLANs can be **transparently** used by **IPv6/VSE** and **TCP/IP for VSE/ESA**
  - If you wish to configure VLANs for OSA-Express (CHPID type OSD and OSX) devices in a **Layer 2** configuration that carries **IPv6 traffic**, you require the **IPv6/VSE** product
  
- **You can use one of the following two ways to configure your system to use VLAN:**
  1. **Configure** one or more VLANs in the **TCP/IP stack** of **IPv6/VSE**
    - For details of IPv6/VSE commands, refer to IPv6/VSE Installation Guide
  2. **Generate** and catalog phase **IJBOCONF** containing the **Global VLANs** to be used with your OSAX devices
    - z/VSE provides skeleton SKOSACFG to generate phase IJBOCONF
    - The VLANs contained in IJBOCONF can be **transparently** used for **Layer 3** links by **IPv6/VSE** and **TCP/IP for VSE/ESA**



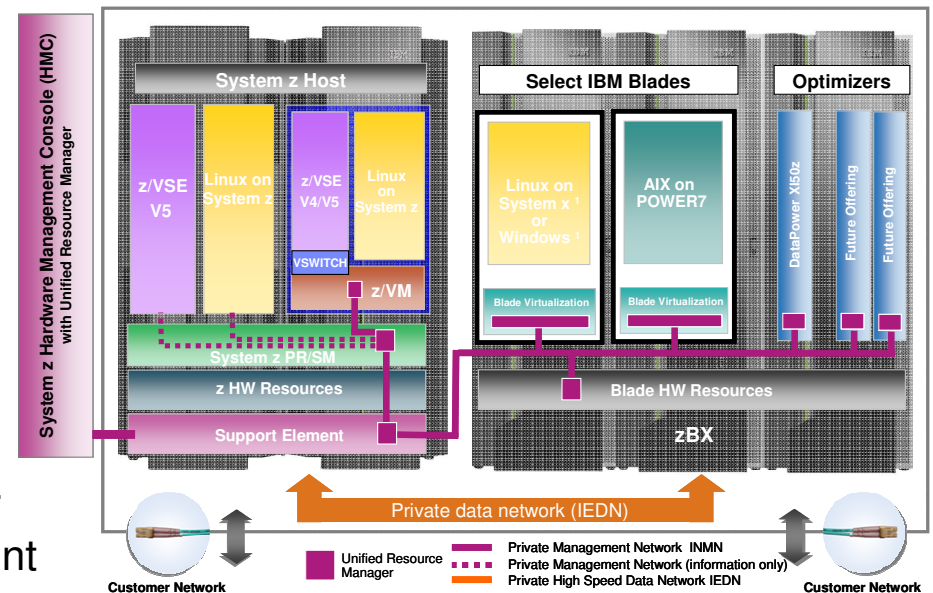
## Intra-Ensemble Data Network (IEDN) support

- **OSA-Express for zBX (CHPID type OSX)**

  - Provides connectivity and access control to the Intra-Ensemble Data Network (IEDN) from zEnterprise 196 and 114 to Unified Resource Manager functions
  
- **An Intra-Ensemble Data Network (IEDN) provides connectivity between:**

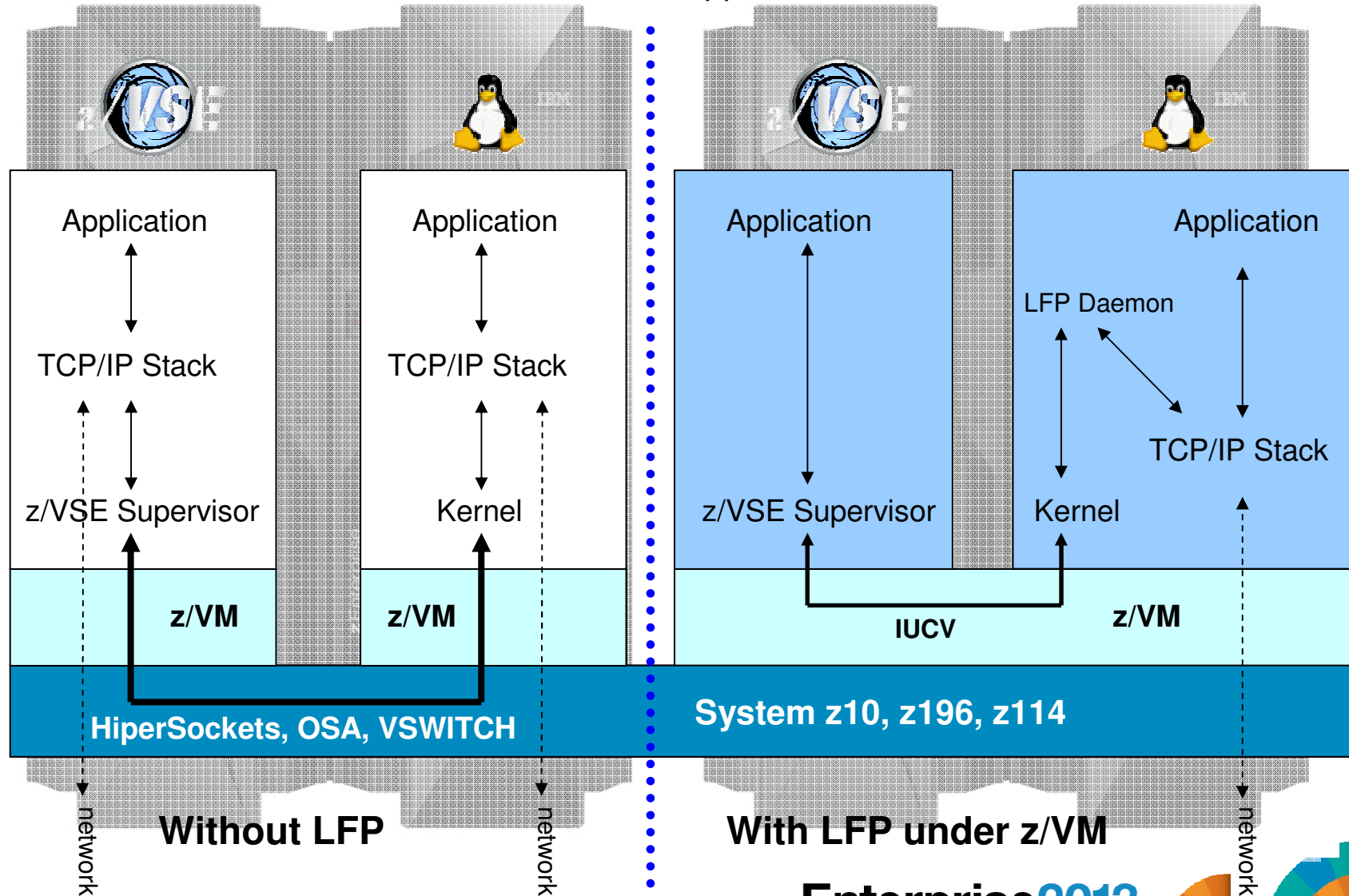
  - A zEnterprise CEC (Central Electrical Complex) and System z Blade Center Extensions (zBXs)
  - Two or more zEnterprise CECs
  
- **z/VSE supports the IEDN network of a zEnterprise 196 or 114**

  - **z/VSE V4.2, V4.3 and V5.1:**
    - z/VM VSWITCH and **OSDSIM** mode in a **z/VM 6.1** guest environment
  - **z/VSE V5.1:**
    - **OSA Express for zBX** devices either in an **LPAR** or **z/VM** guest environment with **dedicated OSAX** devices
    - This requires **VLAN** support



# Linux Fast Path in a z/VM environment (z/VSE 4.3 or later)

Faster communication between z/VSE and Linux applications

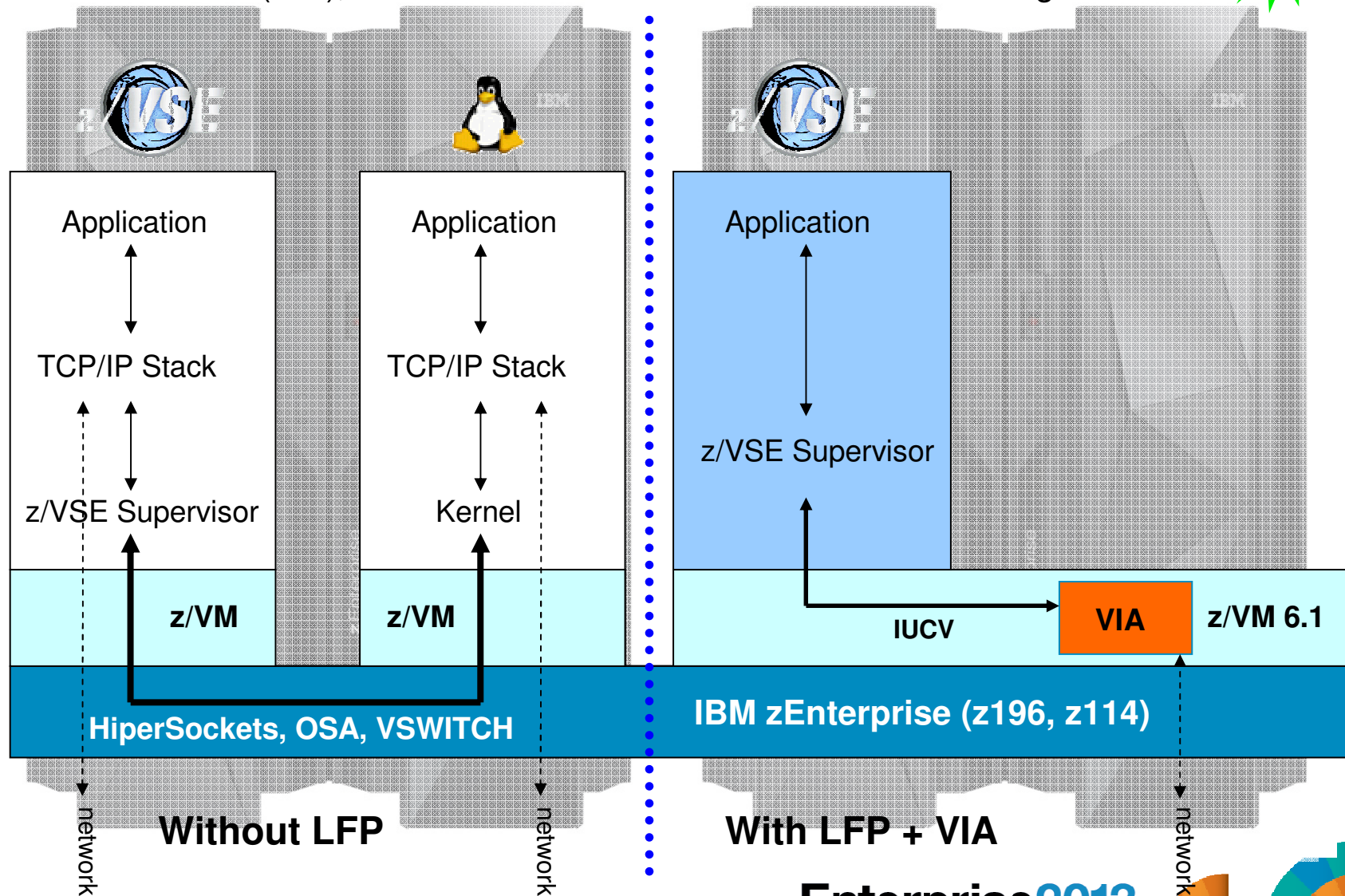




# New: z/VSE z/VM IP Assist (VIA) (z/VSE 5.1 + z/VM 6.1)



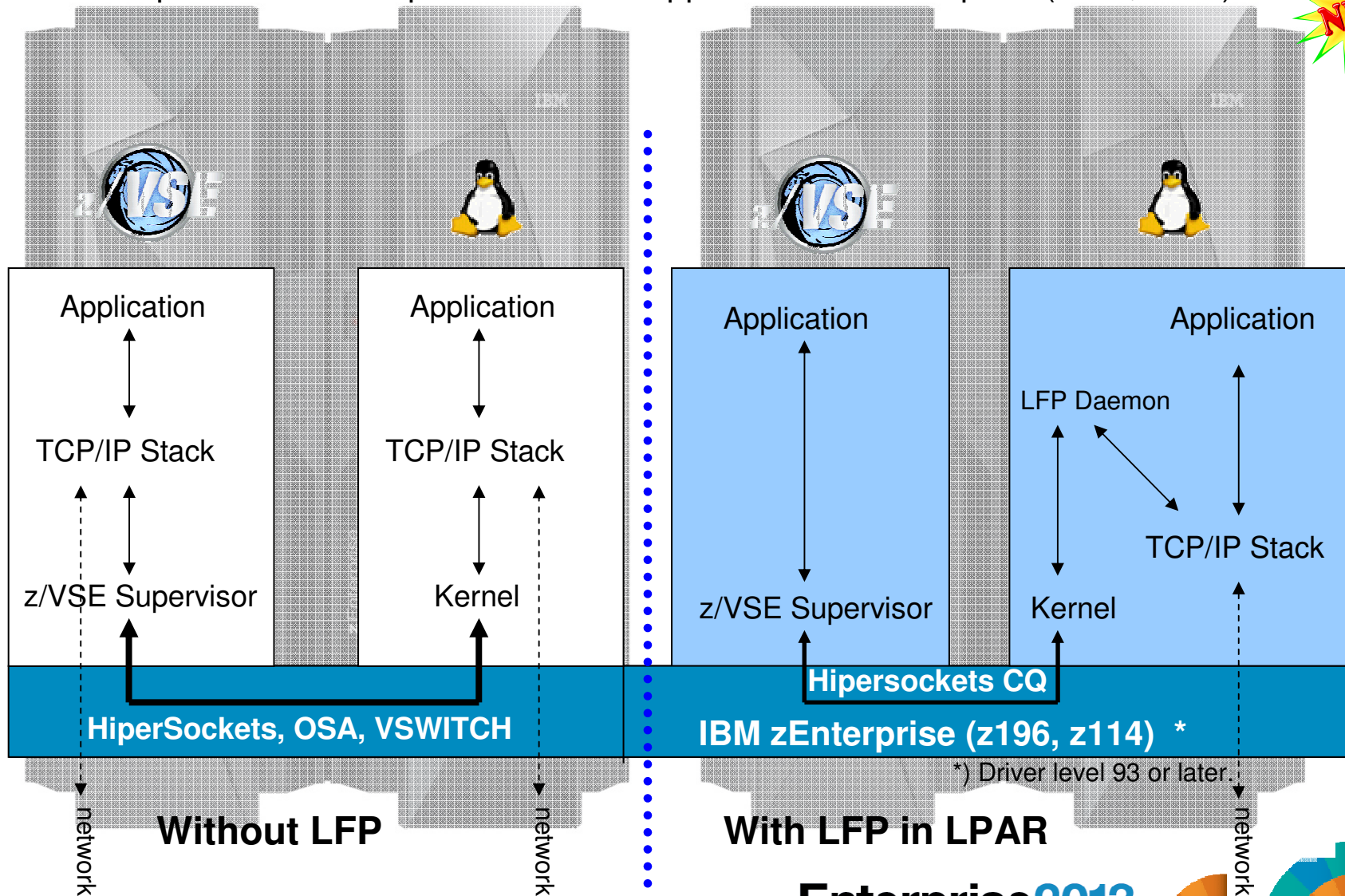
With z/VM IP Assist (VIA), no Linux is needed to utilize the LFP advantage





# New: Linux Fast Path in an LPAR environment (z/VSE 5.1 + PTFs)

Exploits the HiperSockets Completion-Queue support of IBM zEnterprise (z196, z114)



IBM zEnterprise (z196, z114) \*

\*) Driver level 93 or later.



## Performance measurements using Linux Fast Path

### Comparison TCP/IP for VSE versus Linux Fast Path (z/VM Environment):

| Workload  | TCP/IP for VSE  | Linux Fast Path (LFP)  | Difference   |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>FTP (BSI FTP server)</b><br>■ VSE → Linux (1GB)<br>(NULL file, no I/O)<br><br>■ Linux → VSE (1GB)<br>(NULL file, no I/O) | 19 MB/sec<br>29% CPU (5% App + 24% TCPIP)   | 72 MB/sec<br>20% CPU (App)   | 3.7 times faster<br>9% less CPU                      |
|   | 21 MB/sec<br>55% CPU (11% App + 44% TCPIP)  | 70 MB/sec<br>20% CPU (App)   | 3.3 times faster<br>35% less CPU                     |
| <b>Socket Application (running 3 times)</b><br>■ VSE → Linux (100MB)<br>■ Linux → VSE (100MB)                               | 4.6 MB/sec (*3 = 13.8 MB/sec)<br>9.7 MB/sec (*3 = 29.1 MB/sec)<br>26% CPU (3*1% App + 23% TCP/IP) | 14.6 MB/sec (*3 = 43.8 MB/sec)<br>16.2 MB/sec (*3 = 48.6 MB/sec)<br>9 % CPU (3*3% App) | 3.2 times faster<br>1,7 times faster<br>17% less CPU |


Environment: IBM System z10 EC (2097-722). TCP/IP connection via shared OSA adapter.

- Significant benefits in transfer rate as well as CPU usage
- Reduced Sub Capacity Cost



## z/VSE Fast Path to Linux on System z (LFP)

### ■ Most existing applications run unchanged with Linux Fast Path

- Provided they use one of the supported Socket API (LE/C, EZA or ASM SOCKET)
  - And they do not use any CSI or BSI specific interface, features or functions
  - Since z/VSE V5.1: LFP supports IPv6 

### ■ IBM Applications supporting Linux Fast Path

- VSE Connector Server
- CICS Web Support
- VSE Web Services (SOAP) support (client and server)
- CICS Listener
- DB2/VSE Server and Client
- WebSphere MQ Server and Client
- VSAM Redirector
- VSE VTAPE
- VSE LDAP Support
- VSE Script Client
- POWER PNET
- TCP/IP-TOOLS included in IPv6/VSE product (e.g. FTP Server/Client)

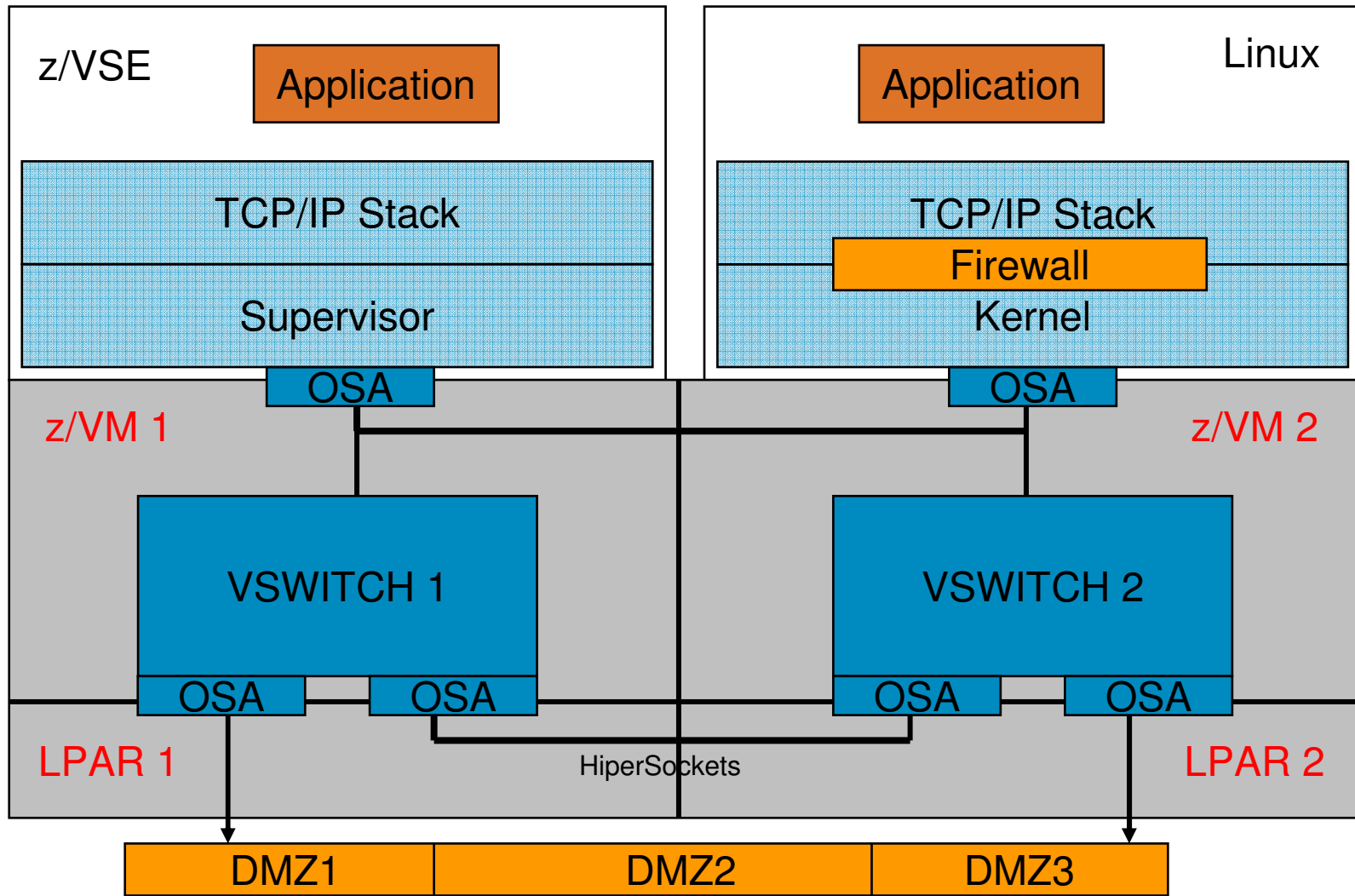


### ■ Customer applications should run unchanged:

- Provided they use one of the supported Socket API (LE/C, EZA or ASM SOCKET)



# TCP/IP Tuning: A simple picture might not be that simple in reality



## Shared OSA Adapter versus HiperSockets

To connect a z/VSE system with a Linux on System z you have 2 options:

### 1. Using a shared OSA Adapter

- All traffic is passed through the OSA Adapter
- The OSA Adapter has **its own processor**
  - Processing occurs asynchronous
  - Processing in OSA Adapter does not affect host processors



### 2. Using HiperSockets

- Direct memory copy from one LPAR/Guest to the other
- Memory copy is **handled by the host processors**
  - Processing occur synchronous
  - Consider mixed speed processors (full speed IFLs and throttled CPs)
    - Memory copy performed by throttled CP is slower than memory copy performed by full speed IFL



## TCP/IP Tuning: Performance tuning for HiperSockets

- **When using HiperSockets to communicate between z/VSE and Linux, you may run into a “Target Buffer Full” condition**
  - This happens when z/VSE sends faster/more than Linux can receive
  - Per default Linux has 16 inbound buffers (64K per buffer = 1M per link)
  - To **increase the number of buffers on Linux**, use QETH option “**buffer\_count=128**”
    - Use YAST to configure, or sysconfig scripts
    - Maximum of 128 buffers require 8MB of storage per link
- **When TCP/IP for VSE encounters this situation (BUSY), it waits 500 msec until it retries to send the packet**
  - Any additional packets to be sent are queued up
  - Problem can become dramatic, if more than 16 packets are queued up to be sent after BUSY situation
    - The resend will immediately flood the Linux buffers again, leading to the next BUSY situation, and so on....
- **You can check via **QUERY STATS, LINKID=xxxx [,RESET]** if you have ever run into the BUSY situation (RESET resets the counters)**

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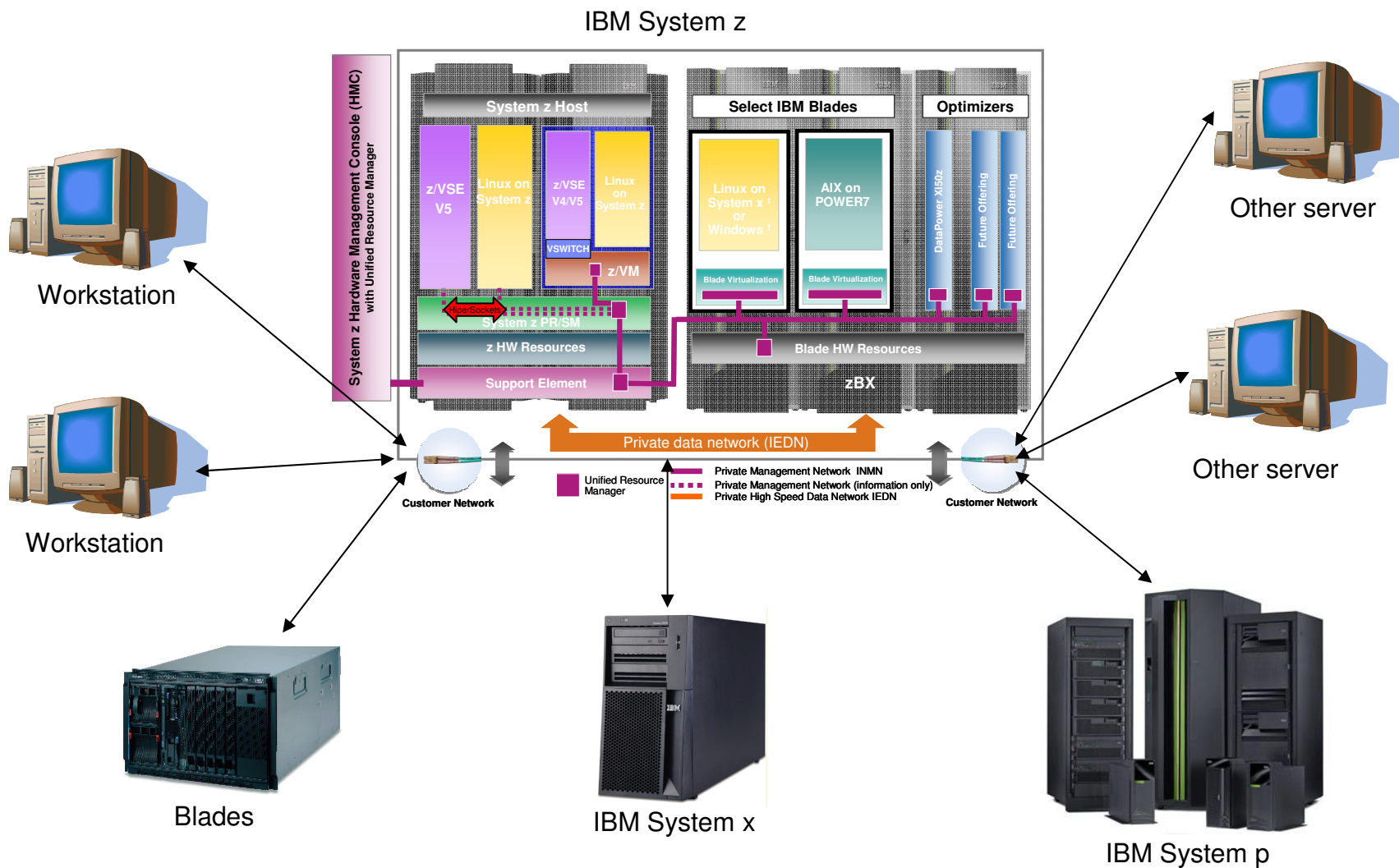
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- **You can configure a shorter BUSY wait time via DEFINE LINK command**
  - **BUSY=nnn** (shortest possible wait time is 100 msec)





# Networking with z/VSE - Summary



## Questions ?



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