

Implementing the new z/VSE Network Appliance in IBM z13 and z/VSE's z/VM IP Assist function

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New: z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA)



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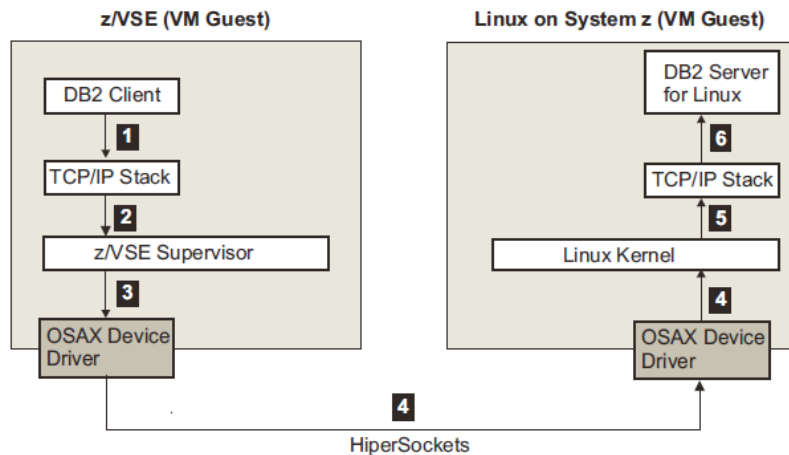
- The z/VSE Network Appliance **builds on the z/VSE Linux Fast Path** (LFP) function and provides TCP/IP network access without requiring a TCP/IP stack in z/VSE
 - The appliance utilizes the new **z Appliance Container Infrastructure** (zACI) introduced on **z13 and z13s** servers
- The z/VSE Network Appliance is an extension of the **z/VSE - z/VM IP Assist** (VIA) function introduced on z114 and z196 servers
 - **VIA** provides network access for TCP/IP socket applications running on z/VSE as a **z/VM guest**
 - With the new **z/VSE Network Appliance** this is available for z/VSE systems running in an **LPAR**
 - When available, the z/VSE Network Appliance will be provided as a downloadable package
 - It can then be deployed with the appliance installer
- **In summary:**
 - The **VIA** function is available for z/VSE systems running as **z/VM guests**
 - The **z/VSE Network Appliance** is available for z/VSE systems running without z/VM in **LPARs**
 - Both provide network access for TCP/IP socket applications that use the Linux Fast Path
 - However, no TCP/IP stack is required on the z/VSE system, and no Linux on z Systems needs to be installed
- The z/VSE Network Appliance can be used with **z/VSE V5** and later
- Planned availability date: **June 30, 2016**

Fast Path to Linux on z Systems (LFP)

- **Allows selected TCP/IP applications to communicate with the TCP/IP stack on Linux without using a TCP/IP stack on z/VSE**
 - **All socket requests are transparently forwarded to a Linux on z Systems system running in the same z/VM**
- **Linux Fast Path in a z/VM environment**
- Both z/VSE and Linux on z Systems run as **z/VM Guests** in the same z/VM-mode LPAR on IBM z10, z114 or z196, z13 or z13s
 - Uses an **IUCV connection** between z/VSE and Linux
- **Linux Fast Path in an LPAR environment**
- Both z/VSE and Linux on z Systems run in their own **LPARs** on a zEnterprise server or IBM z13/z13s
 - A **HiperSockets connection** is used between z/VSE and Linux on z Systems
 - LFP requires the **HiperSockets Completion Queue** function that is available on a z114, z196, zBC12, zEC12, z13 or z13s
- **The fast path to Linux on z Systems provides standard TCP/IP socket APIs for programs running on z/VSE**
 - Other than the basic socket API, no other tools are provided
 - **Since z/VSE V5.1: LFP supports IPv6**
- **Possible performance increase due to:**
 - Less overhead for TCP/IP processing on z/VSE (TCP, sequence numbers and acknowledging, checksums, resends, etc)
 - More reliable communication method (IUCV) compared to HiperSockets, which is a network device, with all its packet drops, resends, etc.

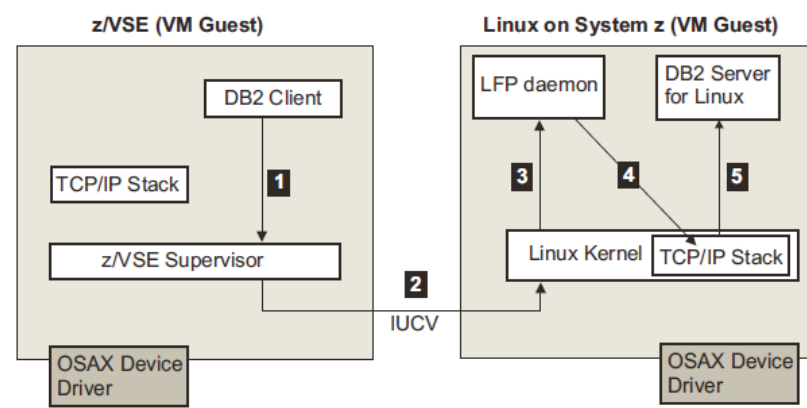
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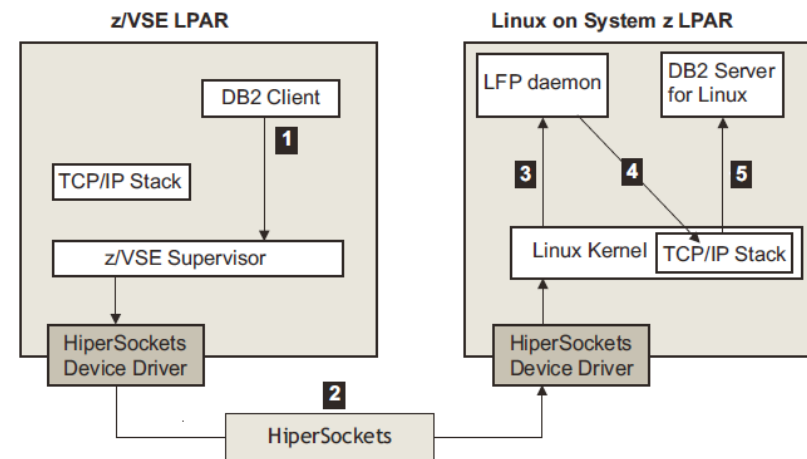


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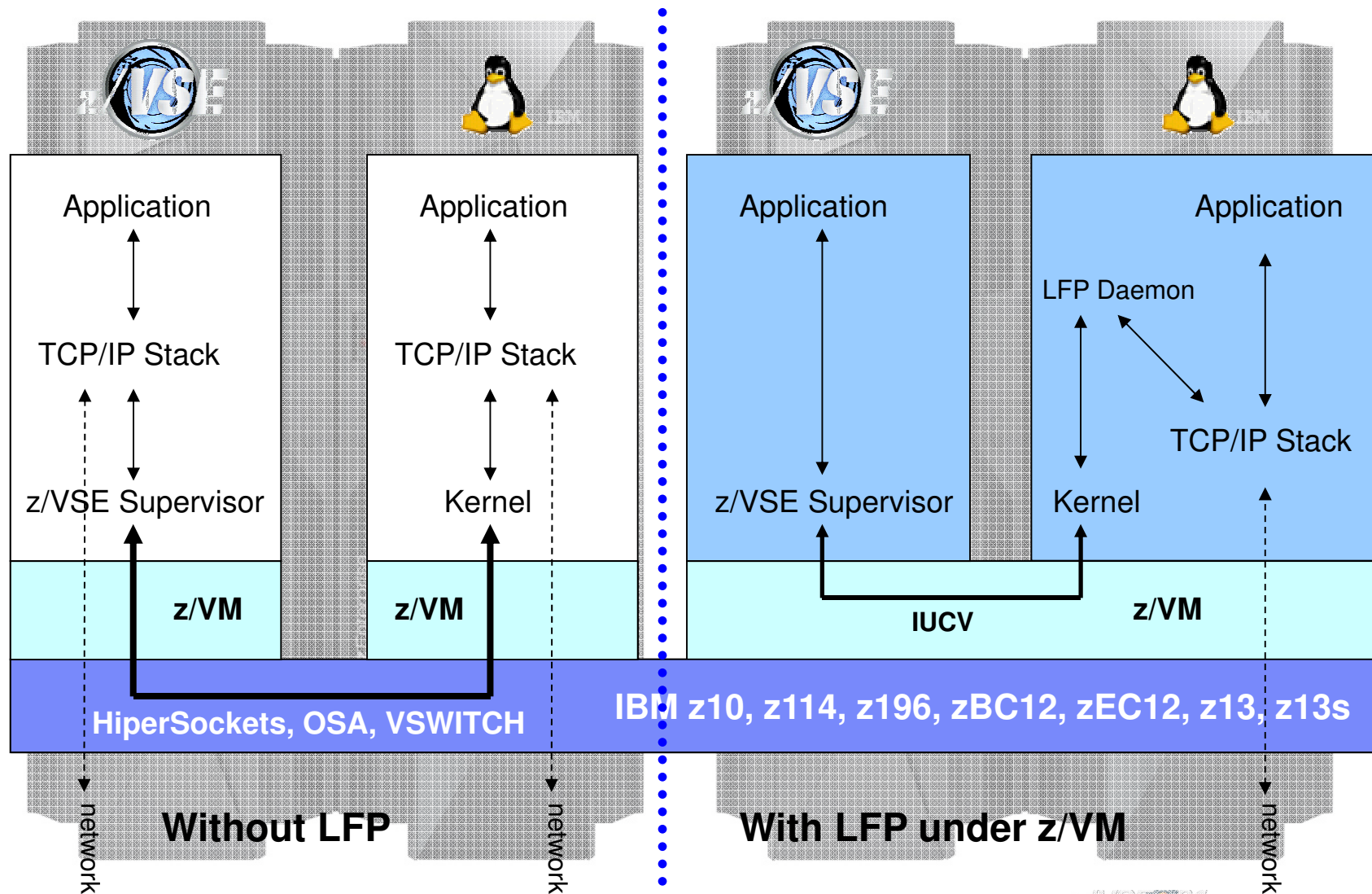


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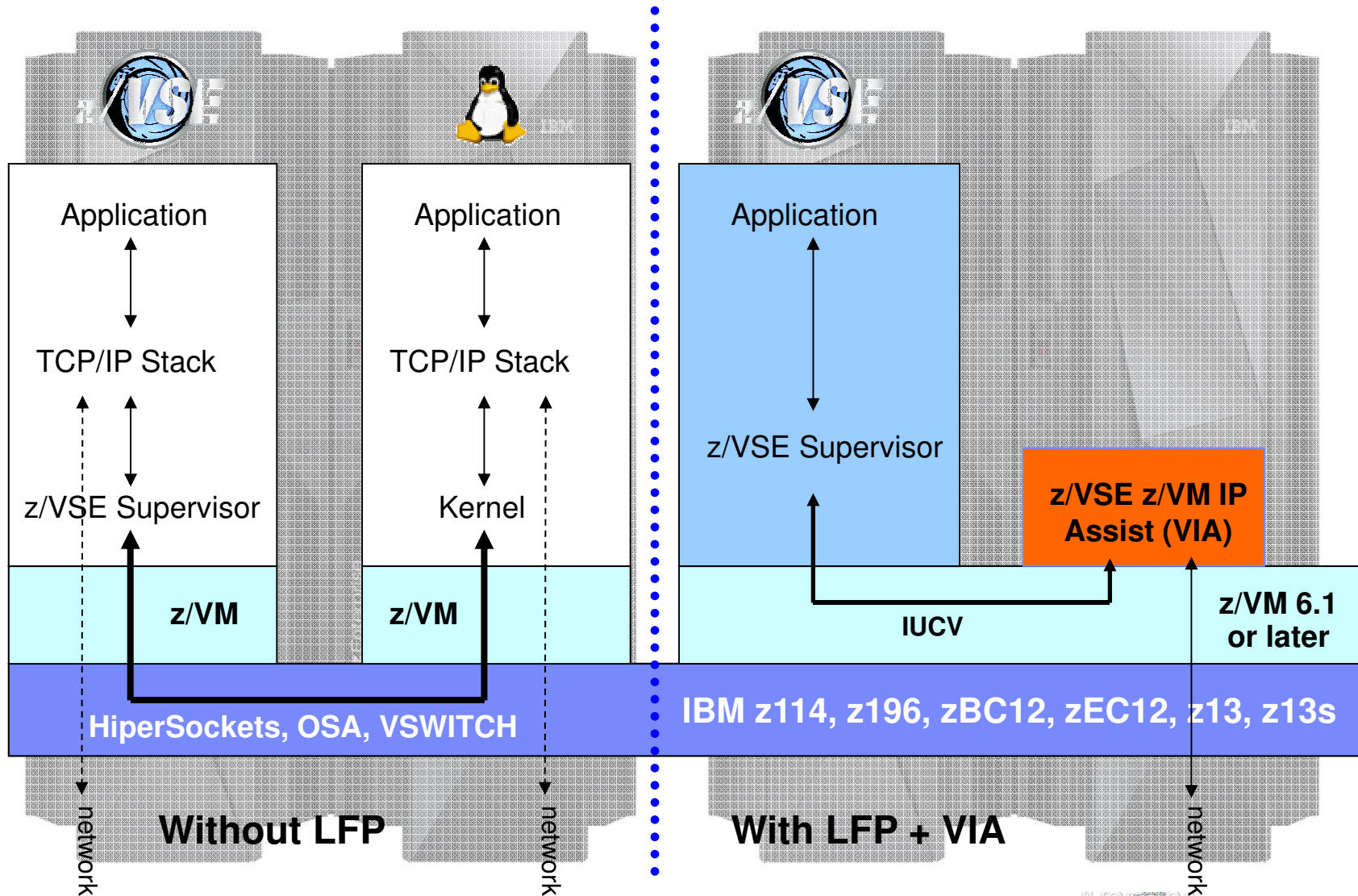
Linux Fast Path in a z/VM environment

Faster communication between z/VSE and Linux applications



z/VSE z/VM IP Assist (VIA)

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

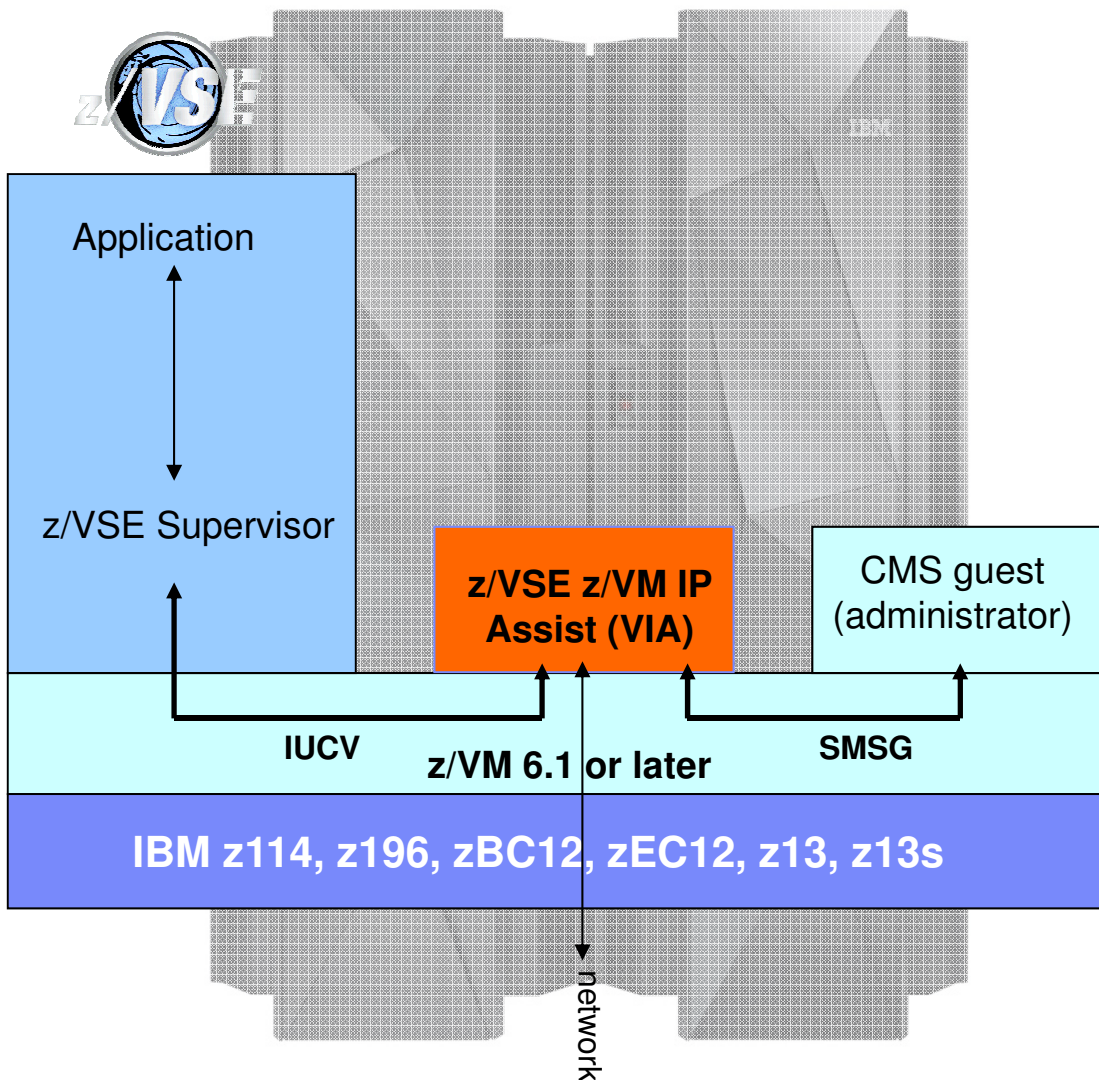


z/VSE z/VM IP Assist (VIA)

- The z/VSE VIA guest image is configured using the SCPDATA parameter of the LOADDEV directory control statement of a z/VM directory entry
 - specifies the network configuration for the z/VSE VIA guest.
 - formatted in JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

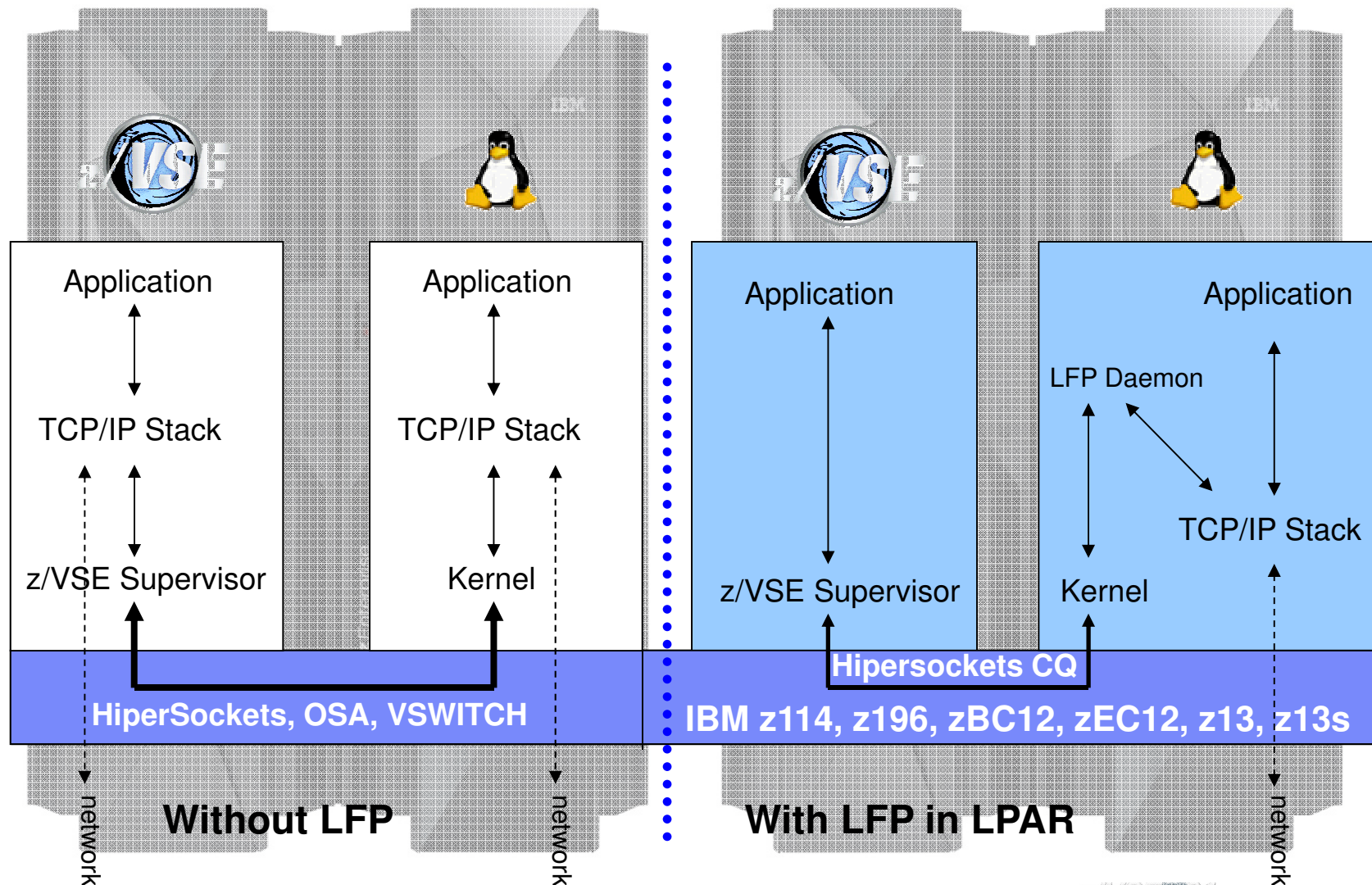
```
* Network adapters and configuration
LOADDEV SCPDATA '{',
  "profiles":["zVSE-VIA"],',
  "networkCards": ['],
  { "OSM": "all", "linkLocalIPv6": null},',
  { "OSA": "2408", "staticIPv4": "9.152.11.86/24"},',
  { "OSX": "110", "staticIPv6": "2001:0db8:85a3::7334/64"},',
  { "hipersockets": "9000", "linkLocalIPv6": null},',
],',
  "defaultGateway":"y.y.y.y/nn",',
  "DNS":["y.y.y.y/nn","z.z.z.z/nn"],',
  "hostName":"myServer',
}'
```

- The z/VSE VIA guest is configured to have access to 2 CMS minidisks:
 1. Configuration disk (0D4C)
 - LFP instance configuration files
 - SENDERS.ALLOWED
 2. Data disk (0D4D) - optional
 - For trace output



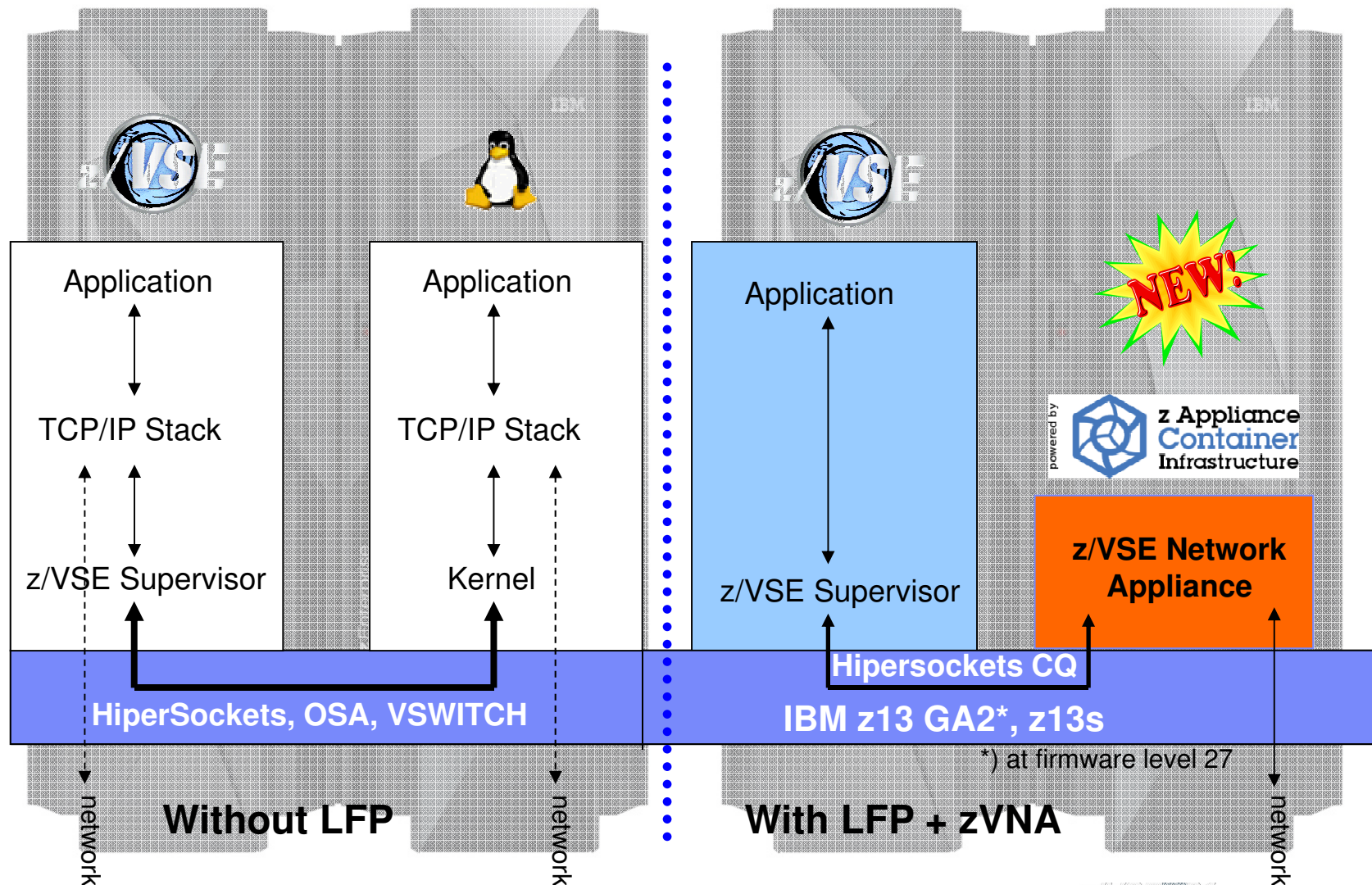
Linux Fast Path in an LPAR environment

Exploits the **HiperSockets Completion-Queue** support of IBM z Systems



New: z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA)

Exploits the **z Appliance Container Infrastructure (zACI)** introduced on the z13 platform

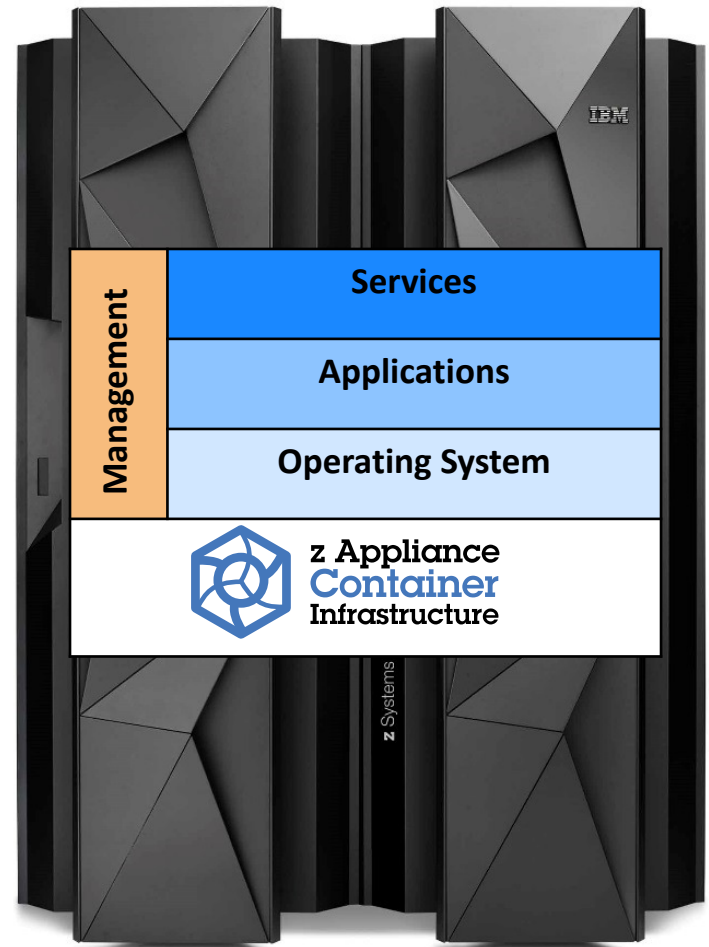


z Appliance Container Infrastructure

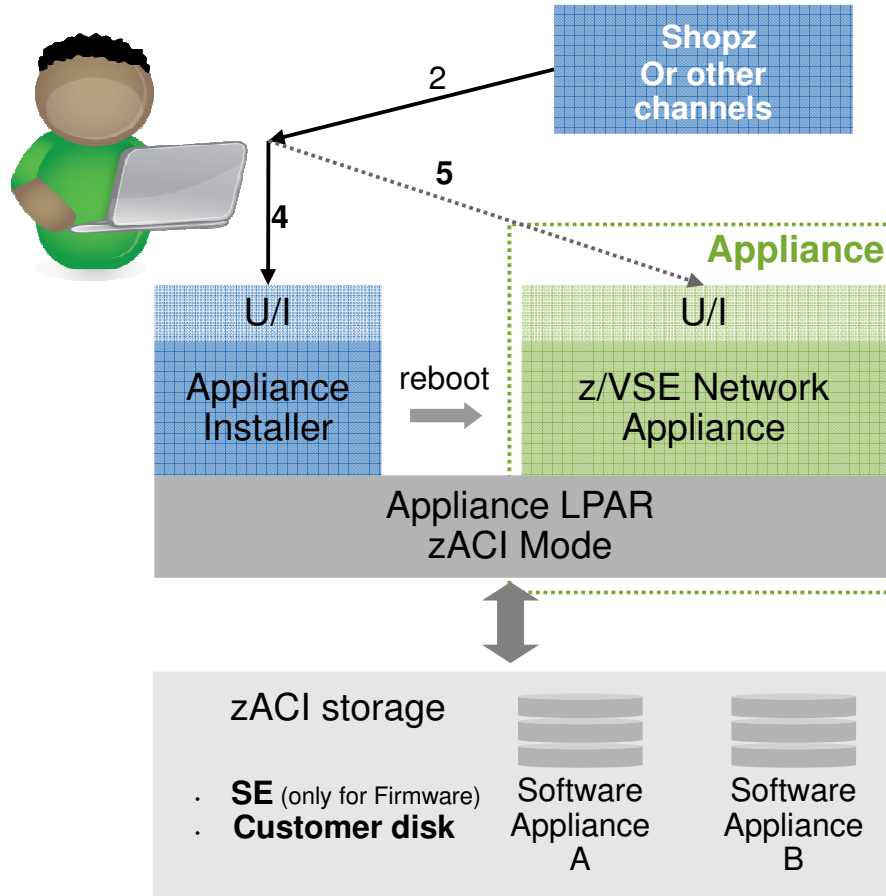
The base infrastructure to host and build software appliances

» A z Systems Appliance is an **integration** of operating system, middleware and software components that work **autonomously** and provide **core services and infrastructures** focusing on **consumability** and **security** «

» The **z Appliance Container Infrastructure** (zACI) provides the **base infrastructure** needed to create appliances: Operating System, middleware, SDK and firmware support «



Deploying a Software Appliance



1. Purchase a Software Appliance (e.g. z/VSE Network Appliance)
2. Download the z/VSE Network Appliance image from distribution channel
3. Create and activate an appliance (zACI) LPAR
4. Deploy z/VSE Network Appliance using zACI Appliance Software Installer
5. Configure and use z/VSE Network Appliance through web UI

Infrastructure
 (Software) Appliance

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – LPAR activation profile

Customize Image Profiles: S35:S35LP77 : S35LP77 : General

S35:S35LP77

- S35LP77
 - General
 - Processor
 - Security
 - Storage
 - Options
 - Crypto
 - zACI

Profile name: S35LP77

Description: S35LP77 VSE

Partition identifier: 52

Mode: ESA/390, ESA/390 TPF, Coupling facility, LINUX only, z/VM, **zACI**

- Set LPAR mode to **zACI**
- Processor can be **IFL(s)** or a CP(s)
- The LPAR needs a minimum of **4GB** of storage

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – LPAR activation profile

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- [-] S35:S35LP77
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Boot selection:

z Appliance Container Infrastructure installer

z Appliance Container Infrastructure

Master user ID:

Master password:

Confirm master password:

Host name:

Network Adapters

--- Select Action ---

Select ^	CHPID ^	VLAN ^	IP address ^	Mask/Prefix ^
<input type="radio"/>	77		9.152.131.82	24
<input type="radio"/>	ab		10.0.0.15	24
<input type="radio"/>	ab		10.0.0.155	24

Default gateway:

DNS Servers

--- Select Action ---

Select ^	IP address ^

Cancel
Save
Copy Profile
Paste Profile
Assign Profile
Help

➤ Set Boot selection to **z Application Container Infrastructure installer**

➤ Configure **Logon settings** and **network settings** for the appliance

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Activate LPAR

- Activating the LPAR will load the zACI installer.
- No explicit Load needed

Operating System Messages - S35:S35LP77

Message

Preparing system.

Starting system.

First boot loader version 1.13.7 start.

Load Installer per override.
Booting 'BCInstaller' image ...

Operating System Messages - S35:S35LP77

Message

Preparing system.

Starting system.

System version 8.

Running 'BCInstaller' level 'D27I.D27I_025'.

Please connect to the zACI Installer web UI via your browser
The server is listening on: 9.152.131.82

Network Interface Summary:

Interface	IP Address
enccw0.0.0540	[IPv4] 9.152.131.82
enccw0.0.0540	[IPv6] fe80::ff:fe83:d9eb
enccw0.0.0560	[IPv4] 10.0.0.15
enccw0.0.0560	[IPv6] fe80::ff:fe6a:2116

- When completely loaded the network configuration is shown in the **Operating System Messages** in the HCM

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Login to installer


Login

Welcome to Appliance Installer

Please login with your credentials.

User ID*

Password*



- Connect with your web browser to the IP address shown in Operating System Messages in the HMC
- Logon with user-id and password that you configured in the LPAR activation profile

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Select appliance to install

Welcome, master!

You are logged in to the **z Appliance Container Infrastructure(zACI) Installer**. In this panel you can select a **zACI** appliance to be installed. Appliances with valid license are marked with a key symbol(). In addition you can install image files from local media by clicking the plus icon().

Available Appliances	Version	Description
IBM zAware	2964	IBM zAware is an analytics engine for z/OS.

- Click on the Add icon to install a z/VSE Network Appliance from an image file

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Select appliance to install

Install Software Appliance

To use a Software Appliance you can upload an image file from the local machine to a target disk on the server or attach a disk with an already installed Software Appliance.

Upload image to target disk

Attach existing disk

Local Installation Image*

zVSE_Network_Appliance

Image Details

Name: z/VSE Network Appliance
Version: 1.0
Description: The z/VSE Network Appliance provides a TCP/IP stack based on the LFP functionality for z/VSE running under LPAR.

Target Disk on Server*

0.0.9bd9 (3390/0c)

➤ Select the image file for the z/VSE Network Appliance

➤ Enter the disk (ECKD, 3390-9) where the appliance is to be installed on

z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Reboot after installation

Reboot

Welcome to z/VSE Network Appliance

 **Server s35lp77 is currently rebooting.**

You will be routed to the login page as soon as the server gets available.

Accustomed time: **10m 00s**

Elapsed time: **0m 23s**



z/VSE Network Appliance (zVNA) – Login to appliance

Login


Welcome to z/VSE Network Appliance

Please login with your credentials.

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Password*

Login

powered by 

- Logon with user-id and password that you configured in the LPAR activation profile

z/VSE Network Appliance – Home screen

z/VSE Network Appliance V1.0 master ▾

Home | Devices | Dumps | Log | Networks | Ex-/Import

LFP Configurations

Filter

Configuration	System Name	IP	Status	Actions
VSE61	VNA01	9.152.131.166	● Connected to S35LP79	

Total: 1

z/VSE Network Appliance – LFP configuration

z/VSE Network Appliance V1.0
master ▾

Home
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Edit the configuration VSE61

The configuration is running and must be restarted to make changes active.
Please notice that the *Application name* of an existing configuration can not be changed.
Because the configuration is running, the *System name* can not be changed. Stop the running configuration to change the system name.

? System name (HiperSocket device) *	VNA01 (0.0.0506) ▾
? Application name *	VSE61
? Peer system name	<input type="text"/>
? Peer application name	<input type="text"/>
? TCP/IP network device *	0.0.0560 (CHPID AB) ▾
? IPv4 address *	9.152.131.166 ▾

Advanced configuration options

? HiperSocket message limit	<input type="text"/>
? Window size *	65535
? Window threshold *	25
? Initial I/O buffer count	<input type="text"/>
? Maximum socket count	<input type="text"/>
? Maximum z/VSE task count	<input type="text"/>
? Codepage of z/VSE system *	EBCDIC-US
? Support getxxxent() socket functions *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Save
Cancel

z/VSE Network Appliance – Devices screen

z/VSE Network Appliance V1.0

Home

Devices

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HiperSocket Devices for LFP

Filter

Device Name	System Name	Use Count
0.0.0506	VNA01	1

Total: 1 Selected: 0

z/VSE Network Appliance – Configure a device

z/VSE Network Appliance V1.0

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Configure a HiperSocket Device for LFP

? HiperSocket device *

? System name *

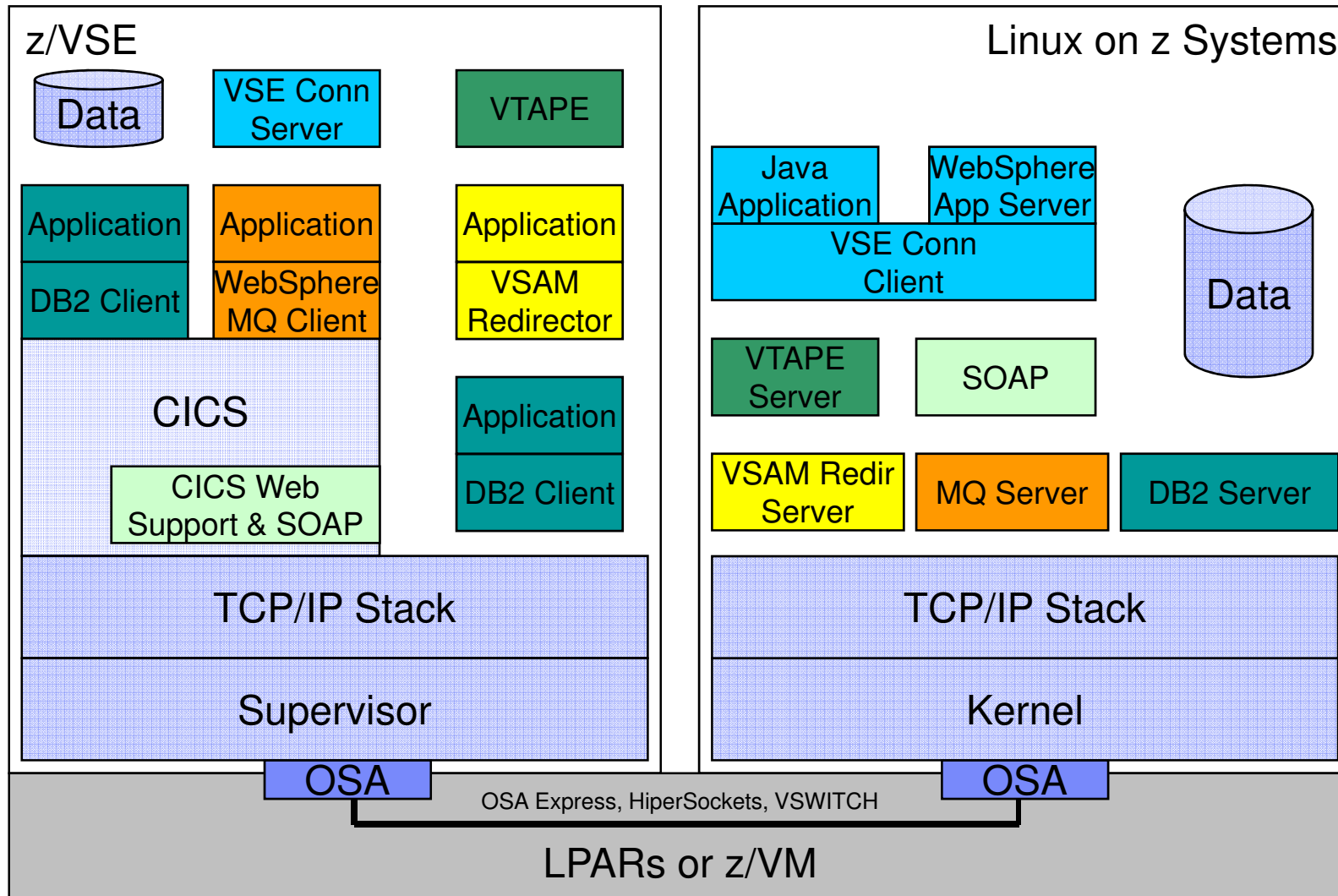
Add Cancel

z/VSE Fast Path to Linux on z Systems

Basics & Configuration
with 'run-your-own' Linux



z/VSE Applications communicating with Applications on Linux



z/VSE Applications communicating with Applications on Linux

- **Communication is mostly based on TCP/IP**

- Although z/VSE and Linux run on the same box

- **TCP/IP**

- Allow reliable communication over a non-reliable network

- Uses sequence numbers, acknowledges, checksums

- To protect against packet loss, duplicate packets, packet sequence errors, damaged or incomplete packets, etc.

→ **Time consuming processing**

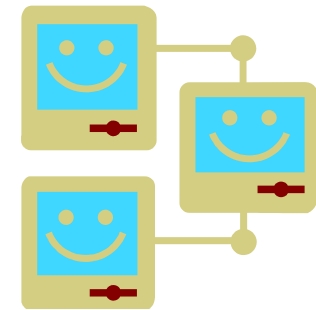
- **When z/VSE and Linux run side by side on the same box**

- Why do we need all this expensive processing in this case?

- There should be a more direct communication method !

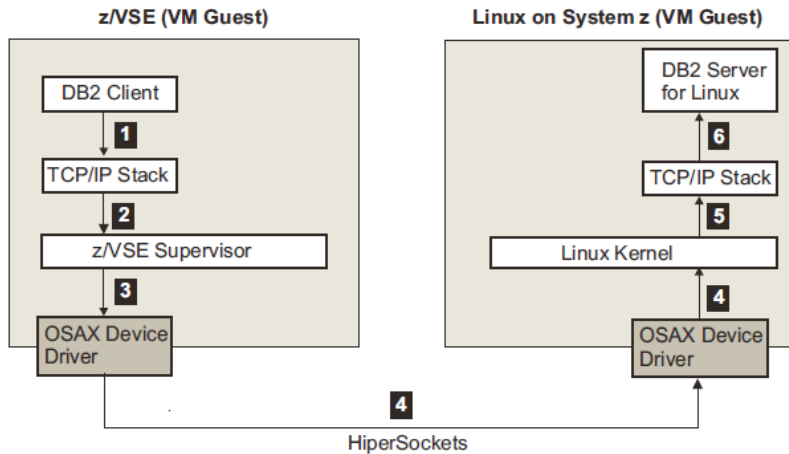
→ **z/VSE Fast Path to Linux on z Systems**

(for short: **Linux Fast Path** or just **LFP**)



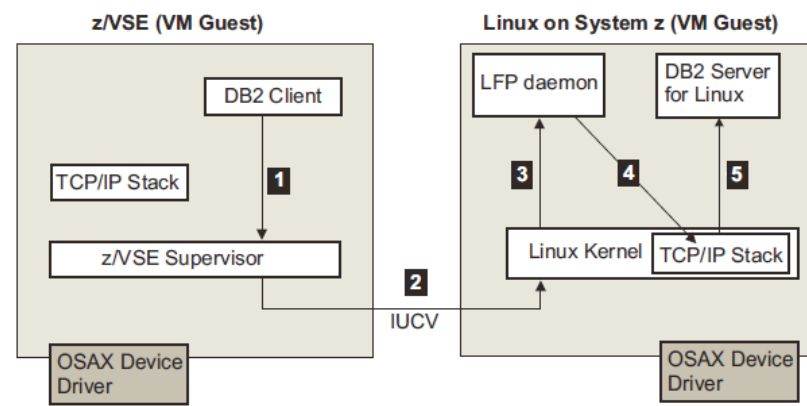
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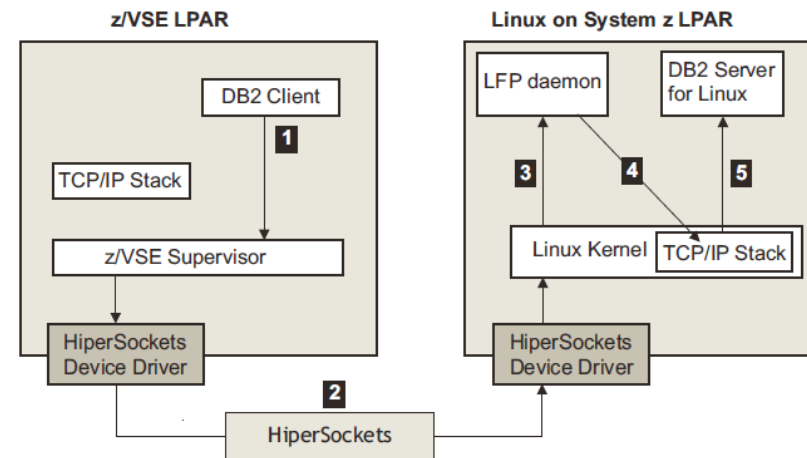


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Using Linux Fast Path in a z/VM environment:



Using Linux Fast Path in an LPAR environment:



Prerequisites for using the Linux Fast Path

In a **z/VM environment**:

- Any IBM z Systems server supported by z/VSE
- Any supported z/VM version/release
- The use of a **z/VM-mode LPAR is recommended**
 - z/VM-Mode LPAR is only available on **z10** or later and **z/VM 5.4** or later
- **z/VSE 5.1 or later**
- **One of these Linux on z Systems operating systems:**
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 10 Service Pack 3 together with security update kernel 2.6.16.60-0.57.1
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Service Pack 1
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5 Update 5
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6
- **z/VSE and Linux on z Systems are configured as z/VM guests within the same LPAR**
- The **IUCV** (“Inter-User Communication Vehicle”) is configured and enabled in both z/VM guests (z/VSE and Linux on z Systems)



Prerequisites for using the Linux Fast Path

In an **LPAR environment**:

- **A zEnterprise server at driver level 93 or later, zBC12, zEC12, z13, z13s**
 - LFP requires the HiperSockets Completion Queue function, which is only available with a zEnterprise server



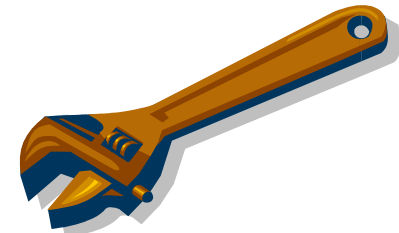
- **z/VSE 5.1 + PTFs**
- **One of these Linux on z Systems operating systems:**
 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 Service Pack 2
 - Red Hat: A current RHEL version
- **z/VSE and Linux on z Systems both run in LPAR mode**
- **A HiperSockets Connection between z/VSE and Linux systems**



Preparing the system for Linux Fast Path in z/VM environment

▪ Preparing the LPAR

- For use with [LFP in z/VM environment](#), the Linux on z Systems and z/VSE must run under [the same z/VM system](#)
- The use of a [z/VM Mode-LPAR](#) is recommended
 - Allows you to mix CPs and IFL in one z/VM Installation
 - Linux runs on IFLs
 - z/VSE runs on CPs
- Change the LPAR Mode to z/VM-Mode and add the IFLs to it



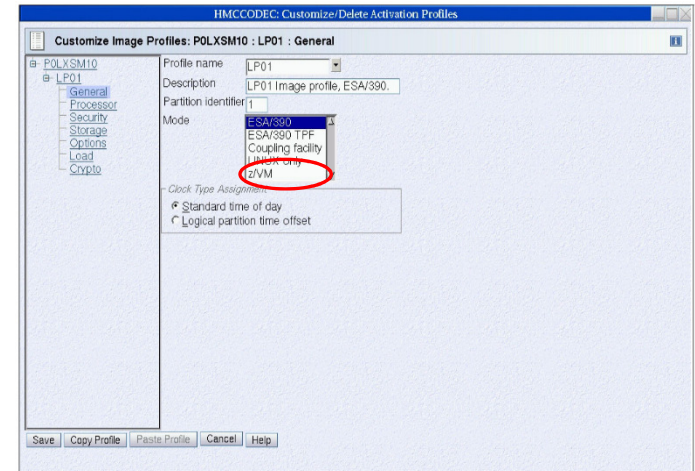
▪ Preparing z/VM

- LFP uses IUCV as the underlying communication vehicle. Therefore the z/VSE and the Linux on z Systems guests on the z/VM system need to be configured for IUCV.
- The following z/VM parameters for the guest systems are relevant:
 - IUCV ALLOW
 - IUCV ANY
 - IUCV MSGLIMIT
 - OPTION MAXCONN *maxno*
- For details about the parameters check the z/VM documentation.

z/VM-Mode LPAR

LPAR Modes on z10 and later:

Logical partition mode	PU type	Operating systems	PUs usage
ESA/390	CPs	z/Architecture operating systems ESA/390 operating systems Linux	CPs DED <i>or</i> CPs SHR
	CPs <i>and</i> zAAPs <i>or</i> zIIPs	z/OS z/VM (V5.3 and later, for guest exploitation)	CPs DED <i>and</i> zAAPs DED, <i>and/or</i> zIIPs DED <i>or</i> CPs SHR <i>and</i> zAAPs SHR <i>and/or</i> zIIPs SHR
ESA/390 TPF	CPs	TPF z/TPF	CPs DED <i>or</i> CPs SHR
Coupling facility	ICFs <i>or</i> CPs	CFCC	ICFs DED <i>or</i> ICFs SHR, <i>or</i> CPs DED <i>or</i> CPs SHR
Linux only	IFLs <i>or</i> CPs	Linux z/VM	IFLs DED <i>or</i> IFLs SHR, <i>or</i> CPs DED <i>or</i> CPs SHR
z/VM	CPs, IFLs, zAAPs, zIIPs, ICFs	z/VM V5.4 or later	All PUs must be either SHR <i>or</i> DED



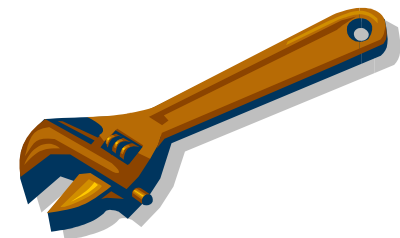
Preparing to use Linux Fast Path

▪ Preparing Linux on z Systems

- Download and install the LFP Daemon
 - Part of the “z/VSE Connector Workstation Code” component 5686-CF8-38 / 51P
 - Member IJBLFPLX.W from PRD2.PROD or download from Internet
 - This ZIP file contains an RPM (RPM Package Manager) that can be used to install the LFPD
- Configure one or multiple LFPD Instances
 - Textual configuration files in /etc/opt/ibm/vselfpd/confs-available and /etc/opt/ibm/vselfpd/confs-enabled
- It is recommended to use [separate \(virtual\) network adapters or at least separate IP addresses](#) for each LFPD Instance (give each VSE its own IP address)
- Start LFP daemon using lfpd-ctl or automatically at boot via init.d start script

▪ Preparing z/VSE

- The LFP code is part of the z/VSE system, no installation step needed
- Start and configure an LFP Instance
 - Textual configuration statements in LIBR member or SYSIPT of start job
 - LFP Instance operation via IJBLFPOP tool
- LFP does not require a partition to run
- Every LFP Instance is identified by a 2 digit number (System ID)
 - Same concept as used by TCP/IP stacks



Sample configuration on z/VSE



For LFP in z/VM Environment:

```

* $$ JOB JNM=LFPSTART,CLASS=0,DISP=L
// JOB LFPSTART
// EXEC IJBLFPOP,PARM='START DD:SYSIPT LOGALL'
ID = 01
MTU = 8192
IucvMsgLimit = 1024
InitialBufferSpace = 512K
MaxBufferSpace = 4M
IucvSrcAppName = TESTV
IucvDestAppName = LINR02
IucvDestVMId = LINLFP
WindowSize = 65535
WindowThreshold = 25
/*
/&
* $$ EOJ

```

IJBLFPOP will read
input from SYSIPT

IUCV Name of LFP
on z/VSE

IUCV Name of LFPD
on Linux

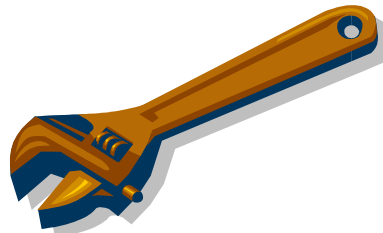
Guest name where
Linux runs

z/VSE Skeletons for use with LFP



- **The following skeletons are available in ICCF library 59 for use with LFP:**

Skeleton	Description
SKLFPSTA	Start an LFP Instance
SKLFPSTO	Stop an LFP Instance
SKLFPPLST	List all active LFP Instances
SKLFPINF	Query information about an active LFP Instance
SKLFPACT	Contains control statements to activate LFP you may need to include into the JCL of your applications



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▪ List active LFP Instances

```
- // EXEC IJBLFPOP,PARM='LIST'
- LFPB025I ACTIVE LFP INSTANCES: 1
      INSTANCE 01 HAS 3 ACTIVE TASKS
LFPB026I END OF ACTIVE LFP INSTANCES LIST
```

▪ Display information about an active instance

```
- // EXEC IJBLFPOP,PARM='INFO <INSTID> [SHOWTASKS] [LOGALL]'
- LFPB023I INFO ABOUT LFP INSTANCE '01':
  *** INSTANCE ***
  STATUS ..... : UP
  WINDOW SIZE ..... : 65,535
  ...
  *** DEVICE ***
  DEVICE STATUS ..... : ACTIVE
  PACKETS WAITING FOR MSG COMPLETE : 0
  MAXIMUM PACKETS USED ..... : 37
  ...
  *** TASKS ***
  ACTIVE TASK COUNT ..... : 3
  -- TASK #1 --
  TASK ID (PARTITION ID)..... : 2E (Z1)
  SOCKET COUNT ..... : 1
  L2 SOCKET LIST COUNT ..... : 1
  ...
LFPB024I END OF INFO ABOUT LFP INSTANCE '01'.
```

Sample configuration on Linux on z Systems

lfpd-LINR02.conf:

```
# lfpd configuration file
IUCV_SRC_APPNAME = LINR02
# ensure that only TESTV from VSER05 can connect
PEER_IUCV_VMID = VSER05
PEER_IUCV_APPNAME = TESTV
IUCV_MSGLIMIT = 1024
MTU_SIZE = 8192
MAX_SOCKETS = 1024
INITIAL_IO_BUFS = 128
WINDOW_SIZE = 65535
WINDOW_THRESHOLD = 25
VSE_CODEPAGE = EBCDIC-US
VSE_HOSTID = 10.0.0.1
RESTRICT_TO_HOSTID = yes
LOG_INFO_MSG = no
```

IUCV Name of LFPD
on Linux

Guest name where
z/VSE runs

IUCV Name of LFP
on z/VSE

This is the IP address
VSE will appear under



Note: The configuration file must be named “lfpd-XXX”, where XXX is the IUCV_SRC_APPNAME specified in the configuration file !
The XXX characters in the filename must be specified in uppercase !

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▪ Display LFP daemon status

```
- lfpd-admin <--iucv_appname|-i appname> <--status|-s>
```

```
Status:
```

```
-----
z/VSE instance is connected.
Peer VM ID ..... : VSER05
Peer IUCV Appl. name : TESTV
Applied host id .... : 10.0.0.1
Applied host name .. : linlfp
Allocated I/O buffers ..... : 128
...
Number of active z/VSE tasks : 1
Number of active sockets : 1
```

```
Trace Status:
```

```
-----
Running in daemon mode
No trace is running
```

```
Configuration:
```

```
-----
LOCAL_IUCV_APPNAME = LINR02
PEER_IUCV_VMID = VSER05
PEER_IUCV_APPNAME = TESTV
MAX_VSE_TASKS = 512
MTU_SIZE = 8192
MAX_SOCKETS = 1024
INITIAL_IO_BUFS = 128
WINDOW_SIZE = 65536
WINDOW_THRESHOLD = 25% (16384 bytes)
...
-----
```

Socket API Support of Linux Fast Path

▪ Linux Fast Path supports the following Socket APIs

- LE/C Socket API
- EZA SOCKET and EZASMI
- CSI's SOCKET Macro (limited support)



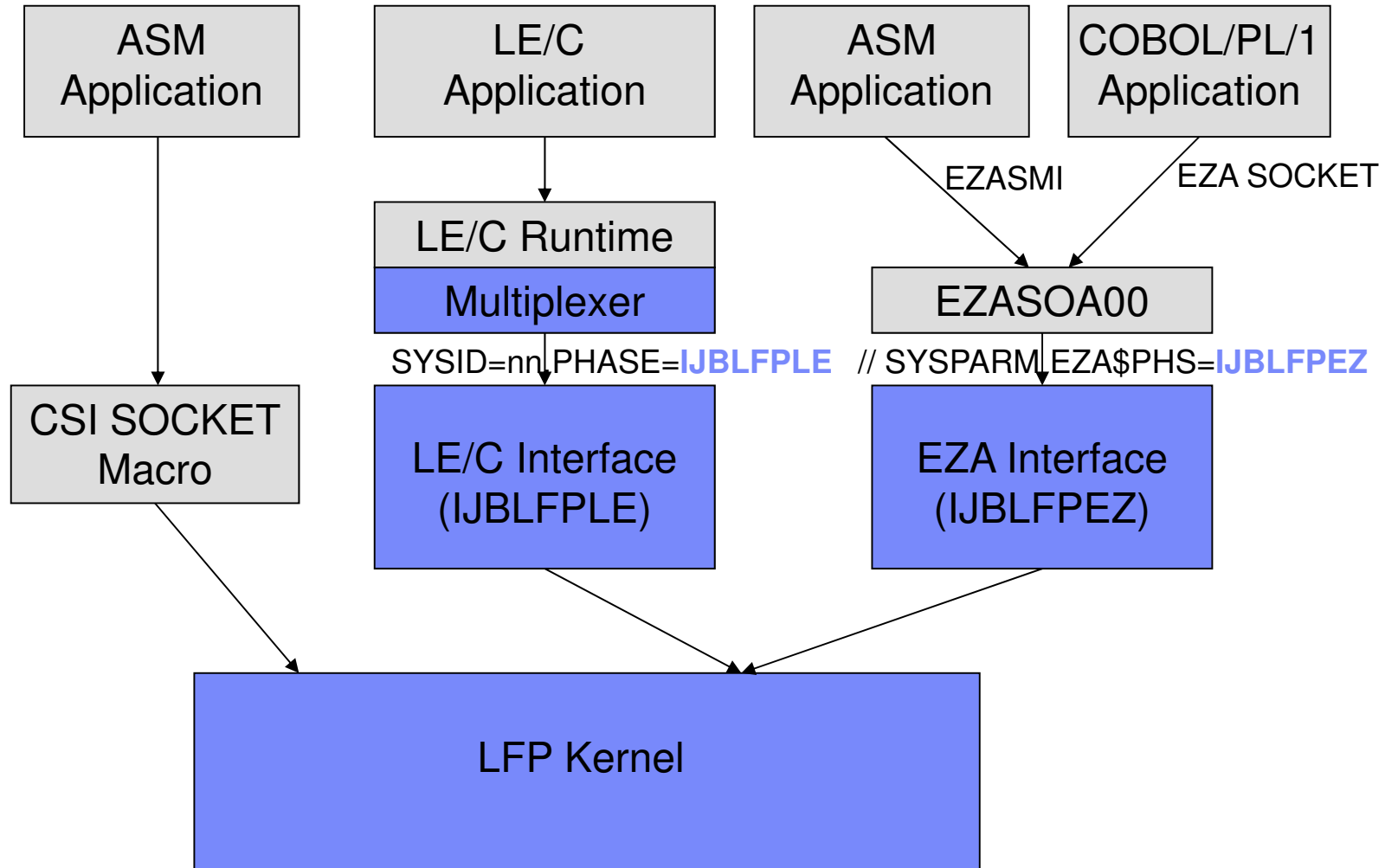
▪ LE/C Socket API considerations

- The LE/C interface phase for LFP is shipped as IJBLFPLE.PHASE in IJSYSRS.SYSLIB
- You must configure the [LE/C TCP/IP Socket API Multiplexer](#) to use the LFP LE/C TCP/IP interface phase IJBLFPLE for the IDs of all LFP instances that are running
- To configure the multiplexer, use skeleton EDCTCPMC in ICCF library 62
- You can add entries for all your LFP instances with the following statement:
 - EDCTCPME SYSID='01',PHASE='IJBLFPLE'

▪ EZA SOCKET and EZASMI considerations

- With the EZA socket and EZASMI interfaces you can specify which interface module is to be used
- For LFP, you must use the EZA interface module IJBLFPEZ
- You must set the JCL parameter “EZA\$PHA” in all your jobs that you want to use LFP
- To do so use the following statement in your jobs:
 - `// SETPARM [SYSTEM] EZA$PHA=IJBLFPEZ`
- If you are using the EZA SOCKET or EZASMI interface under CICS, you need to activate the EZA 'TASK-RELATED-USER-EXIT' (TRUE)

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LE/C Socket API Multiplexer

- **Different Stacks use different Interface routines**

- TCP/IP for VSE (CSI/IBM): \$EDCTCPV
- Linux Fast Path: IJBLFPLE
- IPv6/VSE (BSI/IBM): BSTTTCP6

- **Avoid complicated setup using specific LIBDEFs for different stacks**
- **Interface phase is selected by System ID**
- **Use skeleton EDCTCPMC in ICCF library 62**

```
// EXEC ASMA90, SIZE=(ASMA90, 64K), PARM='EXIT(LIBEXIT(EDECKXIT)), SIZE(MAXC
      -200K, ABOVE) '
EDCTCPMC CSECT
EDCTCPMC AMODE ANY
EDCTCPMC RMODE ANY
*
      EDCTCPME SYSID='00', PHASE='$EDCTCPV'
      EDCTCPME SYSID='01', PHASE='IJBLFPLE'
      EDCTCPME SYSID='02', PHASE='BSTTTCP6'
*
      END
/*
```



Specifying the System ID (Instance ID)

- **Using the System ID, you specify which Stack or LFP Instance an application will use**
- **The following table shows how to specify instance IDs and where they can be applied**
 - The settings are checked from top to bottom as listed in the table

	LE/C Socket API	EZA SOCKET and EZASMI APIs	CSI SOCKET Macro
'LFP\$ID' (environment variable)	X		
// SETPARAM [SYSTEM] LFP\$ID=NN	X	X	
'SYSID' (environment variable)	X		
IDENT.TCPNAME passed to INITAPI call		X	
ID parameter on SOCKET macro			X
// OPTION SYSPARM='NN'	X	X	X
Default '00'	X	X	X

CICS task isolation options



- **LFP isolates CICS tasks from each other**

- This means that sockets that are allocated by one CICS task, **can not be used by another CICS task**
 - except the socket is passed to the other CICS task via **GIVESOCKET/TAKESOCKET** calls
- When a CICS task ends, all sockets allocated by this task will be **closed (terminated) automatically**
 - Except it has been given to another task prior to task termination

- **Some programs rely on passing sockets from one CICS task to another without the use of GIVESOCKET/TAKESOCKET**

- For example, **DB2 (client or server) application requestor**, requires socket sharing, if running under CICS

- **To allow such programs to work with LFP, you need to specify the following JCL statement for the program:**

- **// SETPARM [SYSTEM] LFP\$CIC=SHARE**
- This setting applies to the LE/C socket interface as well as the EZA interfaces

- **If socket sharing is active, the applications are responsible to close sockets that are no longer needed**

- No automatic cleanup will be performed at end of CICS task
- If the applications miss to do proper cleanup, dead sockets may be left over

CSI SOCKET macro considerations



- For the **CSI SOCKET macro**, the **Linux Fast Path** only supports the following connection types:
 - TCP
 - UDP
 - CONTROL
 - Other connection types (such as CLIENT, TELNET, FTP, RAW, and so on) are not supported and will be rejected if used with the Linux Fast Path.

- For **CONTROL** type connections, the only commands supported are:
 - GETHOSTBYNAME
 - GETHOSTBYADDR
 - GETHOSTNAME
 - GETHOSTID
 - For details, refer to the individual macro descriptions in the "TCP/IP for VSE V1R5F Programmers Guide" manual.

- For **CONTROL** type connections, these commands (from **Barnard Software, Incorporated**) are also supported:
 - NTOP
 - PTON
 - GETVENDORINFO
 - For details, refer to the "IPv6/VSE Programming Guide" manual

z/VSE Fast Path to Linux on z Systems (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
 - 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)

Performance measurements using Linux Fast Path

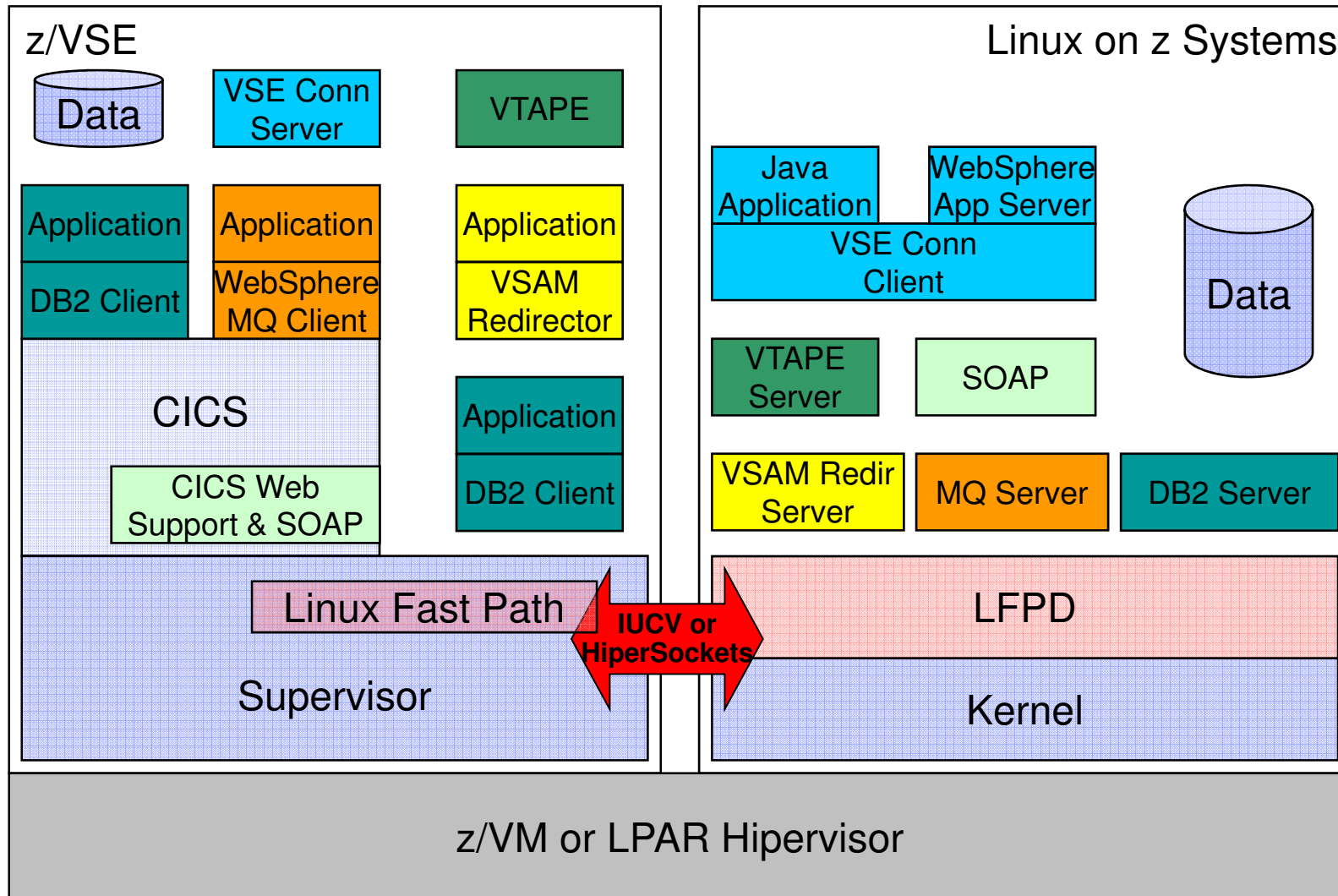
Comparison TCP/IP for VSE versus Linux Fast Path (z/VM Environment):

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

Environment: IBM 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 Applications communicating with Applications on Linux



Questions ?



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