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Abstract:	Communications Server on Linux for xSeries and zSeries provide SNA/IP integration solutions for networks and branch environments that contain an aging SNA infrastructure. These Linux based SNA solutions are important for all customers who wish to simplify their network infrastructure to a single IP network transporting both their SNA and IP application traffic. The recent announcement on the 3745/3746 left many wondering when IBM will terminate service on this product. Similarly, the OS/2 product in the branch office environment is nearing its end of life and this adds to the concern. z/OS supports Enterprise Extender technology to carry SNA traffic over IP networks directly between the branch and z/OS, but both VM and VSE lack native Enterprise Extender (EE) both on xSeries and on zSeries. This permits significant network infrastructure simplification with EE being used to carry SNA traffic between the Branch and the Data Center utilizing the latest technology in IP networks.







Today's enterprise network: a mixed IP and SNA network infrastructure >Branch applications are in many cases a mix of SNA and IP applications residing on workstations, A complex network environment branch processors, regional processors, and in the data center >SNA and IP traffic flows are often carried over separate networks using a complex set of infra structure components and technologies, that all need to be managed and maintained Some of the SNA network infrastructure components are nearing end-of-life ► 3745 incl. SNI to business partners SNA IF SNI Core Core Cisco CIP ESCON channel attachments Token-ring hardware components AnyNet >Maintaining parallel network infrastructures is expensive Transforming all SNA applications to native IP applications is either a long-term strategy or in some cases not cost efficient © Copyright International Business Machines Corporation 2004. All rights reserved.

Branch transformation - network optimization and consolidation





Branch network access simplification using CS Linux for zSeries

- ≻ Consolidation of branch SNA traffic
 - Remove dependency on physical SNA wide area network completely to reduce network TCO
 - Consolidate/migrate gateway server applications onto Linux for zSeries using downstream IP communication, but retaining upstream SNA communication with zSeries SNA applications
 - -Business applications
 - Standard applications such as distributed TN3270 servers
 - Use Enterprise Extender and other SNA functions to transport native SNA over an IP network:
 - Use Linux for zSeries as an intranet same-NETID Enterprise Extender enabler for zSeries operating systems that do not natively support Enterprise Extender
 - VSE/VTAM
 - VM/VTAM
- Consolidate at a regional level using Linux for zSeries on a z800 or Linux for Intel
 - Upstream can be Enterprise Extender







From a zSeries perspective: CS Linux on zSeries adds choice and capabilities



➤From a z/OS operating system perspective:

Alternatives to existing SNA - IP integration technologies on z/OS:

- z/OS supports Enterprise Extender natively today and can transport SNA flows in/out of z/OS using Enterprise Extender IP flows - CS Linux on zSeries provides an alternative EE termination end-point on zSeries
- z/OS also supports a rather advanced TN3270 server implementation that provides native IP connectivity from TN3270 clients right into z/OS - CS Linux on zSeries provides an alternative placement of the TN3270 server function on zSeries
- New capabilities to z/OS environments:
 - -Linux-based gateway applications consolidated onto zSeries for optimal performance
 - Linux-based remote SNA API server providing the capability to collapse SNA protocol stacks all the way into zSeries

> From a z/VM operating system perspective:

- ► Alternatives to existing SNA IP integration technologies on z/VM:
- z/VM does today support a TN3270 server CS Linux on zSeries provides an alternative placement of the TN3270 server function on zSeries for z/VM
- New capabilities to z/VM environments:
 - -CS Linux extends the values of the Enterprise Extender technology to z/VM
 - -Linux-based gateway applications consolidated onto zSeries for optimal performance
 - -Linux-based remote SNA API server providing the capability to collapse SNA protocol stacks all the way into zSeries

➤From a VSE/ESA operating system perspective:

- Alternatives to existing SNA IP integration technologies on VSE/ESA:
- VSE/ESA Version 1.5 does today support a TN3270 server CS Linux on zSeries provides an alternative placement of the TN3270 server function on zSeries for VSE/ESA
- New capabilities to VSE/ESA environments:
 - -CS Linux extends the values of the Enterprise Extender technology to VSE/ESA
 - -Linux-based gateway applications consolidated onto zSeries for optimal performance
 - Linux-based remote SNA API server providing the capability to collapse SNA protocol stacks all the way into zSeries

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WebSphere Host Access Transformation Services and Communications Server for Linux on zSeries When migrating 3270-based workstation solutions off an SNA network infrastructure, one can today bypass the intermediate step with TN3270 emulation software on each workstation: • Use a universal client on the user workstation (a Web browser) No additional workstation software deployment or management All workstation environments that support a Web browser are supported by this solution -Windows, Linux, Mac OS, etc. Use HTTP(S) protocols to communicate with a central WebSphere Application Server environment that hosts the IBM Host Access Transformation Services • HATS uses HTTP(S) downstream to users Firewall traversal simplified • HATS uses Host On-Demand (TN3270 client) upstream communicating with existing 3270-based SNA applications on z/OS, z/VM, or VSE/ESA -No changes to existing SNA applications HATS transforms the outbound 3270 data stream to HTML, and the inbound HTML to a 3270 data stream • Simple out-of-the-box transformation with no or minimal customization • Opportunity to modernize user dialog without redesigning and redeveloping host applications The WebSphere HATS technology can be deployed on Linux on zSeries in combination with Communications Server for Linux on zSeries: • IP network infrastructure all the way into zSeries (high-speed IP network connectivity using zSeries **OSA-Express technology**) No or minimal configuration changes to z/OS, z/VM, or VSE/ESA SNA definitions zSeries availability, scalability, capacity, and performance characteristics © Copyright International Business Machines Corporation 2004. All rights reserved.

Accessing VSE/ESA using CS Linux on zSeries and WebSphere Host Access Transformation Services



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VSE/ESA and Enterprise Extender gateway on Linux on zSeries











Summary and reference information

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Consolidating distributed TN3270 servers onto Linux for zSeries







Consolidating SNA application gateway programs to Linux for zSeries



Application gateway platform and remote SNA API server >Consolidate SNA application gateway programs from: ► OS/2 Windows ► Various SNA implementations on Tandem, Stratus, SUN, HP, etc. ► AIX > Benefits of consolidation onto Linux for zSeries: Replace heterogenous, proprietary solutions with Linux-based solution Centralize configuration and management Provide a migration path off OS/2 that will not tie the customer into yet another proprietary operating system platform Stepwise deployment possible - greater deployment flexibility: - Deploy the gateway application on CS Linux initially - Consolidate the gateway application onto CS Linux for zSeries • IP flows all the way into the data center and into zSeries -Wide area network infrastructure simplification (no or reduced SNA skills needed in wide area network) - Gigabit Ethernet (QDIO) capacity connectivity to zSeries Opportunity to remove all SNA protocol stacks in the network outside the data center - Significant network infrastructure simplification benefits © Copyright International Business Machines Corporation 2004. All rights reserved



Appendix
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Installation prerequisites
 Linux distributions: RedHat Enterprise Linux 3 for S/390 RedHat Enterprise Linux 3 for zSeries SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 8 for IBM Mainframes (SLES8) SuSE Linux Enterprise Server 8 for IBM zSeries (SLES8)
For each supported Linux distribution, you may need to install one or more optional RPMs (see the release notes file for details)
 CS Linux uses a component called "Linux Streams" - LiS. LiS must be at a specific level Obtain LiS from the following URL: ftp://ftp.gcom.com/pub/linux/src/LiS/LiS-2.16.??.tgz The patch file is supplied with CS Linux for zSeries Follow the detailed instructions in the release notes file for preparing for and installing LiS
 OpenMOTIF is required by the GUI administration functions For RedHat Enterprise Linux 3 and for SuSE SLES8, you need to install the optional openmotif-2.2.2 RPM
 Java JDK is needed - the latest Java 1.4.1 SDK is recommended For RedHat Enterprise Linux 3 you need to install the optional IBMJava2-SDK-1.4.1-1.0.s390.ibm RPM For the other distribution you can download the SDK from http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/java/jdk
 If you plan to use SSL (with the TN3270 server), you will need to install a couple of optional RPMs compat-libstdc++-?? (level depends on distribution)
➤When all prerequisites are resolved, then you can install CS Linux for zSeries
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CS Linux configuration overview



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Communications Server for Linux on zSeries – part one



>Advanced Peer-to-Peer Networking (APPN)

- Brings APPN network node and end node support, with the benefits of peer networking including simplified configuration, high availability, dynamic routing, and easier maintenance
- Branch extender to simplify APPN networks containing a large number of branch end nodes
- ► Offers a way for existing APPC and CPI-C applications to take advantage of peer networks
- Allows 3270 applications to flow over APPN networks, with dependent LU requester (DLUR) enablement

> High-Performance Routing (HPR) and Enterprise Extender (EE)

- Increases data routing performance and reliability
- ► Offers nondisruptive routing around network outages SNA gateway support
- Allows many SNA clients to access multiple zSeries computers through one or more physical connections
- ▶ Brings large computer resources to many users, while keeping adapter and line costs down
- Extends the reach of SNA applications over IP networks and provides the level of reliability and performance enjoyed by SNA users

➤TN3270E server

- Allows TCP/IP users easy access to IBM 3270 applications and print services through TN3270E server
- Supports Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) authentication and encryption, providing secure access across the TCP/IP network

➤Telnet Redirector

- ▶ Provides passthru TCP/IP host access to TN3270, TN3270E, TN5250 and VT clients
- Allows you to use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) security checking where necessary, and not on the entire user-to-host

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► SSL data encryption scalability

Ensures that the data flowing between the Telnet server and telnet emulator client is protected

➤Client Authentication

- Helps assure communication with the intended server
- More robust security for e-business

► Application programming support

- Provides an excellent platform for programming and application integration
- Extension of CPI-C to support Java applications as well as standard C-language applications
- Includes Host Access Class library (Host Access API) for Java that provides a core set of classes and methods that allow the development of platform-independent applications that can access host information at the data stream level.
- Provides LUA request unit interface (RUI) and session level interface (SLI) APIs, supporting dependent LU types 0, 1, 2, 3.
- Provides CPI-C and APPC APIs supporting both dependent and independent LU 6.2. This commonly used interface makes it easier to develop cross-platform applications.
- Provides node operator facility (NOF) API, which allows custom applications to be written to perform system administration tasks.
- Includes an APPC Application Suite, a set of applications that demonstrates the distributed processing capabilities of APPN networks, including AFTP, APING, AREXEC, ATELL, ACOPY, and ANAME.
- ► Remote SNA API client/server technology (2Q2004)

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Со	mmunications Server for Linux on zSeries – part three
> Ac	Ivanced program-to-program communication (APPC) Delivers distributed processing capabilities by enabling different network nodes to share resources and tasks Provides for peer-to-peer interaction and communication among various IBM and non-IBM systems Supports multiple logical units and multiple concurrent links Includes persistent verification to improve security
>Cc 	Orders the function of APPC in a consistent form across multiple system platforms for CPI-C Permits smooth movement of applications from one system platform to another (for example, from a Linux platform to a Communication Server for Windows platform) Supports CPI-C, Release 2
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≻Pr	oblem determination and systems management Offers quick access to integrated problem determination functions Allows problem determination and systems management functions to be performed under program control through the use of the NOF API Facilitates management of remote servers: local operators need not be

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