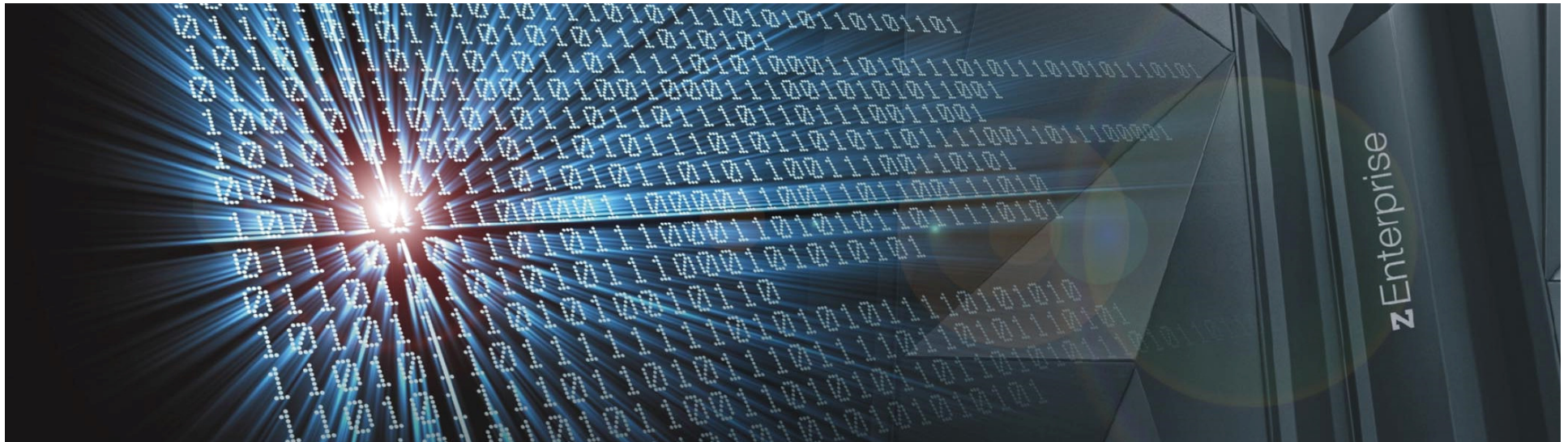


## z/VSE SCSI Support and Migration Options

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## Why SCSI?

- SCSI (Small Computer System Interface) disks are widely used in ‘open’ systems
- SCSI controllers supporting the FCP (Fibre Channel Protocol) can be attached to IBM System z
- z/VSE SCSI support was introduced with z/VSE 3.1 (GA March 2005)
  - z/VSE manages the relationship with SCSI hardware
- Offers more storage choices
- Hybrid systems are part of z/VSE’s ‘PIE’ strategy
  - z/VSE SCSI support fits well in hybrid environments
  - SCSI controllers can be shared by z/VSE, Linux, or z/VM
- Disk controllers qualified for use with z/VSE SCSI:
  - IBM System Storage DS8000 Series
  - IBM Storwize V7000, V5000, V3700, V3500
  - IBM SAN Volume Controller (SVC)
  - IBM XIV Storage System
  - DS6000 (EOM), some models of IBM Total Storage ESS (EOM)

## What is supported

- SCSI disks can be used as system and/or data disks
- z/VSE supports SCSI only systems (DOSRES and SYSWK1 on SCSI)
  - Installation on SCSI
- z/VSE can use SCSI disks in an LPAR
  - z/VSE's SCSI support is used to access FCP-attached SCSI disks
- z/VSE can use SCSI disks in a z/VM guest environment
  - Using z/VSE's SCSI support or
  - Using z/VM's SCSI support via emulated FBA disks
    - For z/VSE these are real FBA disks
    - Maximum size is 2GB (real FBA size supported by z/VSE)
- High availability through Multi-Pathing (failover)
- DASD sharing
- N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV)

## Integrating SCSI in z/VSE

- z/VSE's SCSI implementation is transparent to application programs
- SCSI disks are seen in z/VSE as FBA disks
  - Both SCSI and FBA (Fixed Block Architecture) disks have an underlying (512-bytes) block structure
  - Few configuration commands are needed to define and work with SCSI disks
  - Once configured, z/VSE application and system programs see SCSI disks as FBA disks
  - SCSI (FBA) disks are accessed by system and user programs using FBA interfaces
  - FBA I/O channel commands are internally translated into SCSI commands
- User applications, vendor and system programs will run unchanged
  - Provided they are device-independent or use FBA channel programs
- SCSI disk size when using z/VSE's SCSI support
  - 8MB up to 24GB, VSE/VSAM can use first 16GB of a SCSI disk
- z/VSE applications can not use SCSI commands

# SCSI Configuration

- Hardware
  - IBM System z server
    - FCP adapter (FICON Express card configured as CHPID type FCP)
    - FCP adapter passes SCSI commands to the SCSI disk
    - FCP adapter is connected to the switch or controller
  - FCP-capable switch (switched network)
    - Offers greatest flexibility and reliability
    - Required by SCSI only disk systems (Storwize, SVC, XIV)
  - Alternative: Point-to-Point Connection (no switch)
    - FCP adapter is directly attached to the disk controller
    - Disadvantage: Less flexibility
  - Qualified disk controller - define your SCSI disks
    - Define the LUN (Logical Unit Number), gives e.g. LUN= 4020402600000000
- Software
  - z/VSE running in an LPAR or as z/VM guest

## System z Configuration

- FICON Express adapter configured as CHPID type FCP in the IOCDS
- In the IOCDS for each CHPID the IODEVICEs are configured
  - Example: CHPID 9D, IODEVICE FA0,FA1, ...
  - IODEVICE is the FCP device used by z/VSE to access the FCP adapter
- Associated with the FCP CHPID is a unique physical WWPN (World Wide Port Name)
  - same for all IODEVICEs on the CHPID
- WWPN is used within the Storage Area Network (SAN) to grant access to SCSI disks
  - when the physical WWPN is used: all IODEVICEs are allowed to access a SCSI disk
- N\_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) allows to define virtual WWPNs
- Recommendation: Always use NPIV
  - Each IODEVICE has its own virtual WWPN – grant access on a IODEVICE base
  - Provides better access control - prevents unauthorized access of LUNs (SCSI disk)
  - Requires System z9 or later



## Steps to configure SCSI in z/VSE

- All I/O devices used by z/VSE must be ADDED during IPL
  - ADD FA0,FCP Add the FCP device (FA0) defined in the IOCDS.  
It carries the SCSI commands
  - ADD FB0,FCP Add the FCP device (FB0) as defined in the IOCDS.  
Needed for multi-pathing only
  - ADD 700:702,FBA Add (virtual) FBA devices under which the SCSI devices are known to z/VSE.  
FBA device (cuu) must not be defined in the IOCDS or z/VM guest.
- Connect the FBA device with the SCSI device – define the connection path
  - (IPL) DEF SCSI command required for system disks (DOSRES,SYSWK1,DLF,DPD..)
    - DEF SCSI,FBA=700,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=4020406700000000
    - DEF SCSI,FBA=701,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=4020406800000000
  - (JCL/AR) SYSDEF SCSI command can be used for data disks - recommended
    - SYSDEF SCSI, FBA=702,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=4020406900000000
- Now the SCSI disks can be used

## IPL z/VSE from SCSI

- IPL the FCP device (not the SCSI device)
- Connection path must be defined prior to IPL

### Initiating IPL of z/VSE (when running as z/VM guest)

- SET LOADDEV PORT 50050763 00C295A5 LUN 40204067 00000000
- IPL FA0 (IPL fcp\_device\_number)

### Initiating IPL of z/VSE (when running in an LPAR)

In the Load Panel select SCSI and specify:

World Wide Port Name	5005076300C295A5
Logical Unit Number	4020406700000000
LOAD Address	FA0

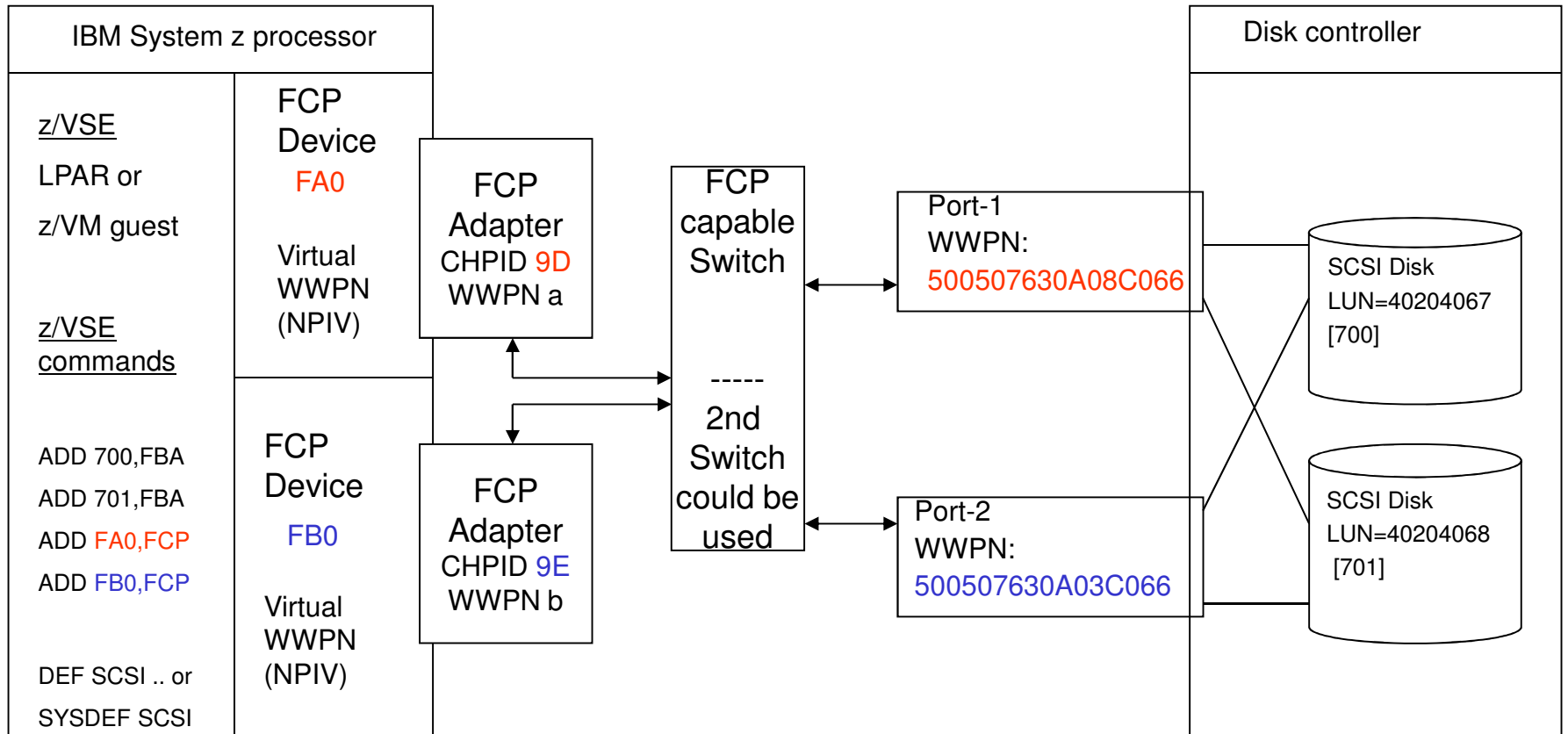
## Delete a SCSI device

- Delete a SCSI device
  - (AR) OFFLINE cuu command
    - OFFLINE 700 (FBA cuu)
    - Rejected if I/O is ongoing
  - SYSDEF SCSI,DELETE,FBA=
    - Either delete one connection path
    - Delete the SCSI device (all connection pathes)

## High-Availability through Multi-Pathing

- More than one connection path to the same SCSI device is defined
- Protects the z/VSE system against potential outages of
  - FCP adapter and/or disk controller port and thus enhances availability
- I/O against the SCSI device is repeated on the alternate path in case of failure
  - Failure not presented to the application program
- Failing connection path is automatically recovered by z/VSE
- Multi-Pathing is not used for workload balancing
- Example:
  - DEF SCSI,FBA=700,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=40204067
  - DEF SCSI,FBA=700,FCP=FB0,WWPN=500507630A03C066,LUN=40204067

## z/VSE SCSI Configuration using a Disk Controller - Example



DEF SCSI,FBA=700,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=40204067

DEF SCSI,FBA=700,FCP=FB0,WWPN=500507630A03C066,LUN=40204067

DEF SCSI,FBA=701,FCP=FA0,WWPN=500507630A08C066,LUN=40204068

DEF SCSI,FBA=701,FCP=FB0,WWPN=500507630A03C066,LUN=40204068

## Switch Configuration

- When SVC is used
  - Connect the FCP adapter, the SVC and the disk controller with the switch
  - FCP and SVC must be in the same zone
  - SVC and storage controller must be in the same zone
  
- When disk controller is used
  - Connect the FCP adapter and the disk controller with the switch
  - FCP and disk controller must be in the same zone

# Controller Configuration

## ■ IBM Disk Controller

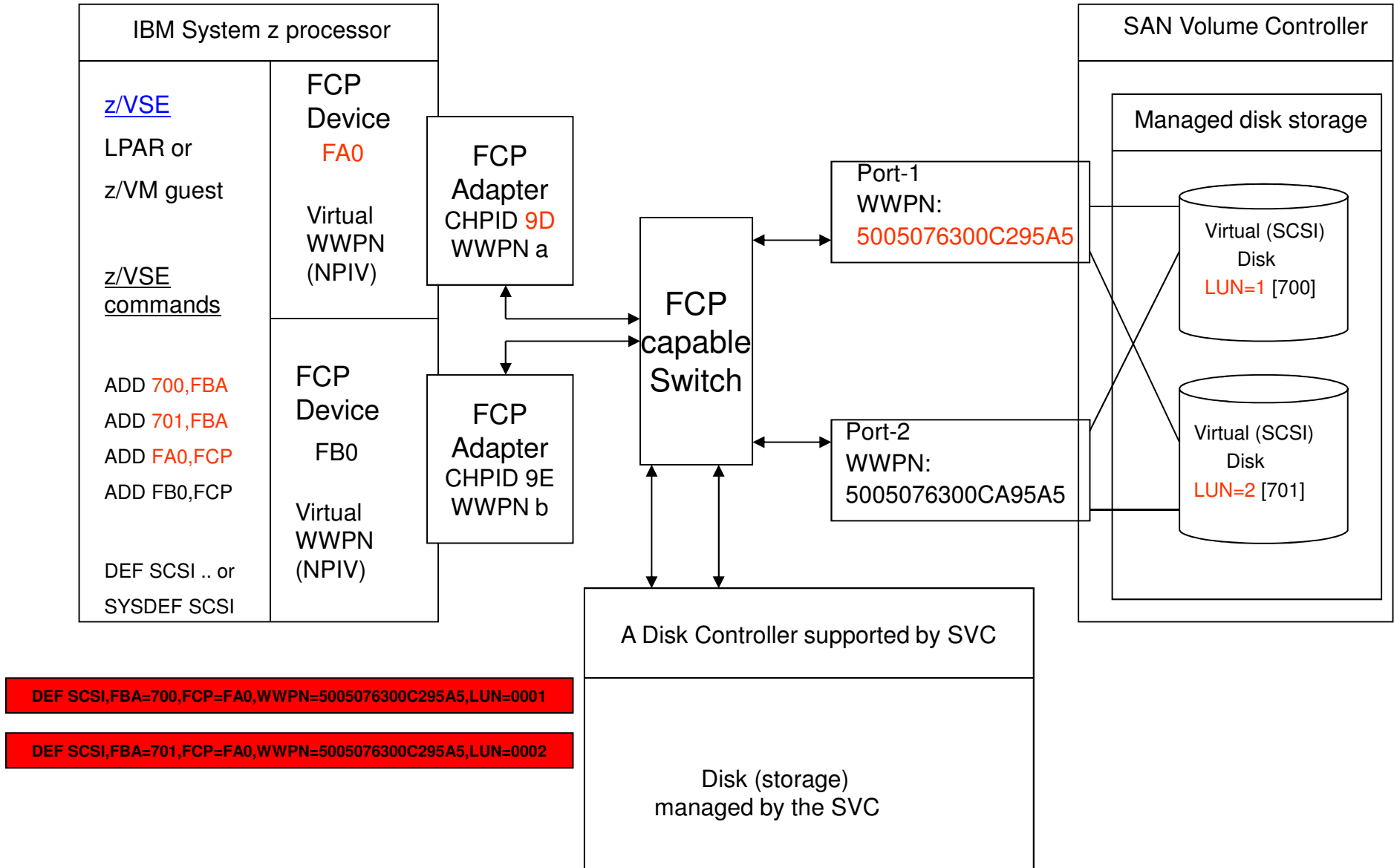
- Define the LUN (Logical Unit Number), gives e.g. 40204067, 40204068
- Configure which ports of the controller (port WWPNs) are allowed to access the LUNs
- Configure which FCP adapters (FCP WWPNs) are allowed to access the LUNs
- Use NPIV instead of physical WWPN of FCP adapter:
  - Each FCP IODEVICE has its own virtual WWPN – grant access on IODEVICE base
  - Provides better access control – prevents unauthorized access of LUNs (SCSI disks)
  - Access restricted to an FCP IODEVICE (and not the whole FCP CHPID)

## ■ SVC (similar for Storwize)

- Define disk storage in the disk controller, managed by the SVC
- Use the SVC ‘Create VDISKS’ (to create a LUN)
- Define the FCP adapter as host in the SVC (use the WWPN of the FCP adapter)
  - Since FCPs are not automatically detected use ‘Additional Ports’ to type in the WWPN
- Use ‘Map VDISKS to a Host’ to assign the VDISK to the host (FCP adapter)
  - This gives the SCSI LUN IDs 1,2,3,...
  - These LUN IDs relate to LUN 0001, 0002, 0003 .. in z/VSE

The terminology for the configuration may change

### z/VSE SCSI Configuration using a SAN Volume Controller - Example





## General Recommendations for z/VSE systems

- Run your system with NOPDS
  - z/VSE supports up to 32GB processor storage
  - Exploit processor storage of IBM zEnterprise servers
  - Results in improved performance since no page I/O is done
  
- Shared Systems – Lock file on SCSI
  - Place the lock file (DLF statement) on a separate disk
  - Do not specify a multi-path connection to the lock file disk

## Useful Commands

### QUERY SCSI

AR 0015 FBA-CUU FCP-CUU WORLDWIDE PORTNAME LOGICAL UNIT NUMBER PORT-STATUS

AR 0015	700	FA0	5005076300C295A5	0001000000000000	-
AR 0015	700MP	FB0	5005076300CA95A5	0001000000000000	-
AR 0015	701	FA0	5005076300C295A5	0002000000000000	-
AR 0015	701MP	FB0	5005076300CA95A5	0002000000000000	-

### VOLUME 700

AR 0015	CUU	CODE	DEV.-TYP	VOLID	USAGE	SHARED	STATUS	CAPACITY
AR 0015	700	90	1732-FCP	DOSRES	USED			4194304 BLK

### STATUS (FCP) cuu

AR 0015 SCHIB DEV INT-PARM ISC FLG LP PNO LPU PI MBI PO PA CHPID0-3

AR 0015 000E 0FA0 00004650 3 83 80 00 80 80 0000 FF 80 9D000000

...

REQUEST IS STARTED            DEVICE IS BUSY

### STATUS (FBA) cuu

AR 0015 DEVICE IS AN FCP-CONTROLLED SCSI DEVICE

AR 0015 PUB=00004608 PUBX=000B0510 PUB2=000ADE82 POWN=00006520

AR 0015 VCTE=000AD9D0 POWNX=002B6DF4

## Migration from ECKD to SCSI

- Initial Installation
  - z/VSE system on SCSI requires initial installation
  - Fast Service Upgrade (FSU) from ECKD to SCSI is not supported
- Device Structure
  - (E)CKD devices are cylinder / track oriented
  - FBA and SCSI devices are block oriented
- IPL Procedure
  - At least one ADD statement for FCP device
  - Each SCSI disk requires an ADD statement for an FBA device
  - DEF SCSI for each system disk
  - SYSDEF SCSI for each data disk
- SYS BUFSIZE value – copy blocks
  - FBA channel programs might have different need of copy blocks compared to ECKD
- IPL/JCL Statements and VSE/VSAM definitions
  - File, catalog, and space definitions, extent statement
    - Replace cylinder / track specification by block specification
  - Calculation:
    - One (3390) track (cylinder) is about 112 (1680) blocks on SCSI
    - A library VSE library block is 1024 bytes, requires 2 blocks on SCSI

## Data Migration from ECKD to SCSI

- Use the utilities provided by the components (DB2, DL/1, VSAM,.. )
- Adapt your JCL definitions (e.g. replace cylinder/track by block specification)
- Adapt your VSAM definitions
  - replace cylinder/track by block / record specification
  
- VSE Libraries
  - Librarian Backup / Restore function
  
- Sequential (SAM) files
  - DITTO copy function
  
- Migration of VSAM data
  - VSAM LISTCAT function shows size of currently used clusters
  - VSAM Backup / Restore: defines clusters in target catalog and moves data
  - VSAM Export / Import: defines one cluster and moves data
  - VSAM Repro: only moves data, cluster has to be defined
  
- Migration of VSE Power Queues
  - POFFLOAD command

## Data Migration from ECKD to SCSI cont.

- Migration of DB2 data
  - Increase copy blocks prior to initialize / extend DB2 database on target system
    - SYS BUFSIZE =12000
  - Decrease afterwards
  - Define VSAM catalogs and clusters
  - DBSU UNLOAD / RELOAD
  - DB2 application programs: no changes required.
  
- Migration of DL/I data
  - Define VSAM catalog and clusters
  - New DBD generation with adapted DATASET statement
    - Specify FBA in the DEVICE parameter
    - Adapt BLOCK parameter to CISIZE depending on KSDS or ESDS HD database
  - CISIZE BLOCK parameter
  - New ACB generation (DLZUACB0 utility) with DMB=YES on BUILD control statement
  - DL/I Image Copy and DL/I Recovery utilities
  - DL/I Unload and DL/I Reload utilities
  - DL/I application programs: no changes required

# Applications

- Vendor programs
  - Contact your vendor if updates are required when using FBA / SCSI disks
- Device independent programs
  - No change required
- Device dependent programs
  - Change channel programs and/or language specifications
  - Use FBA interfaces instead of (E)CKD interfaces
- COBOL – RPG – PL/1 Programs
  - COBOL/VSE fully compliant with ANSI-85 COBOL, compiled with COBOL/VSE should run unchanged
  - ‘Older’ COBOL programs with device specific language elements might need migration
  - RPG programs with device specific language elements might need migration
  - PL/1 programs using regional datasets need to be migrated
  - Details can be found in language documentation.

## What is not supported

- Standalone dump on SCSI disk
- z/VSE Flashcopy for SCSI disks
  - Copy services offered by the disk controller can be used
- Attachment of non-disk SCSI devices (for example SCSI tapes)
- Concurrent microcode upgrade for FCP-attached SCSI disks
- z/VSE installation disk on SCSI (for tapeless initial installation)

## Performance

- Test jobs with heavy I/O load showed improved elapsed times compared with ECKD disks
  
- CPU utilization may increase for jobs using SCSI disks:
  - FBA to SCSI command translation
  - Check your CPU utilization before migrating to SCSI
  
- Results may vary depending on environment



## Summary

- Transparent to applications
- Easy to setup
- Offers more storage choices
- Fits well in hybrid environments
- May reduce elapsed times of your jobs

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## Documentation

- z/VSE Administration publication
- z/VSE Planning publication
- z/VSE SCSI Support and Migration Options (Whitepaper)

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