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Virtual Partition Manager
for IBM System i

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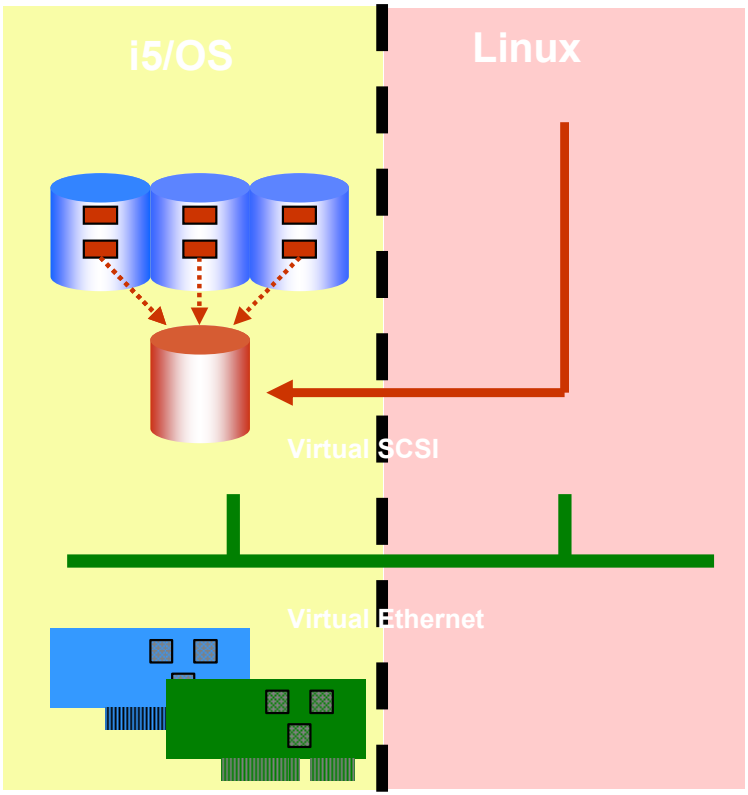
Virtual Partition Manager



- **i5/OS V5R3+ tool to create simple Linux partitions**
  - Supported on System i5
  - HMC not required or present
- **Maximum of one i5/OS partition with up to 4 Linux partitions**
- **Linux partitions must use all virtual I/O**
  - Up to 4 Virtual Ethernets
- **Dynamic LPAR not supported**
  - Resource movement requires restart of Linux partitions
- **Uncapped partitions supported**
- **Processor resources can automatically move between partitions**

•V5R3 PTF MF34753 (or its supersede)

•Latest firmware level (SF230_113 or later)

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VPM and HMC Comparison

	VPM	HMC
OS Supported	i5/OS and Linux	i5/OS, Linux, and AIX 5L
Max# of Partitions	5 (1 i5/OS + 4 Linux)	254
Uncapped Partition Support	Yes	Yes
Dynamic Resource Movement	No	Yes
I/O Support for Linux	Virtual	Virtual and Direct
Max# of Virtual Ethernet	4	4096
Max Virtual Disk per Partition	64TB	64TB

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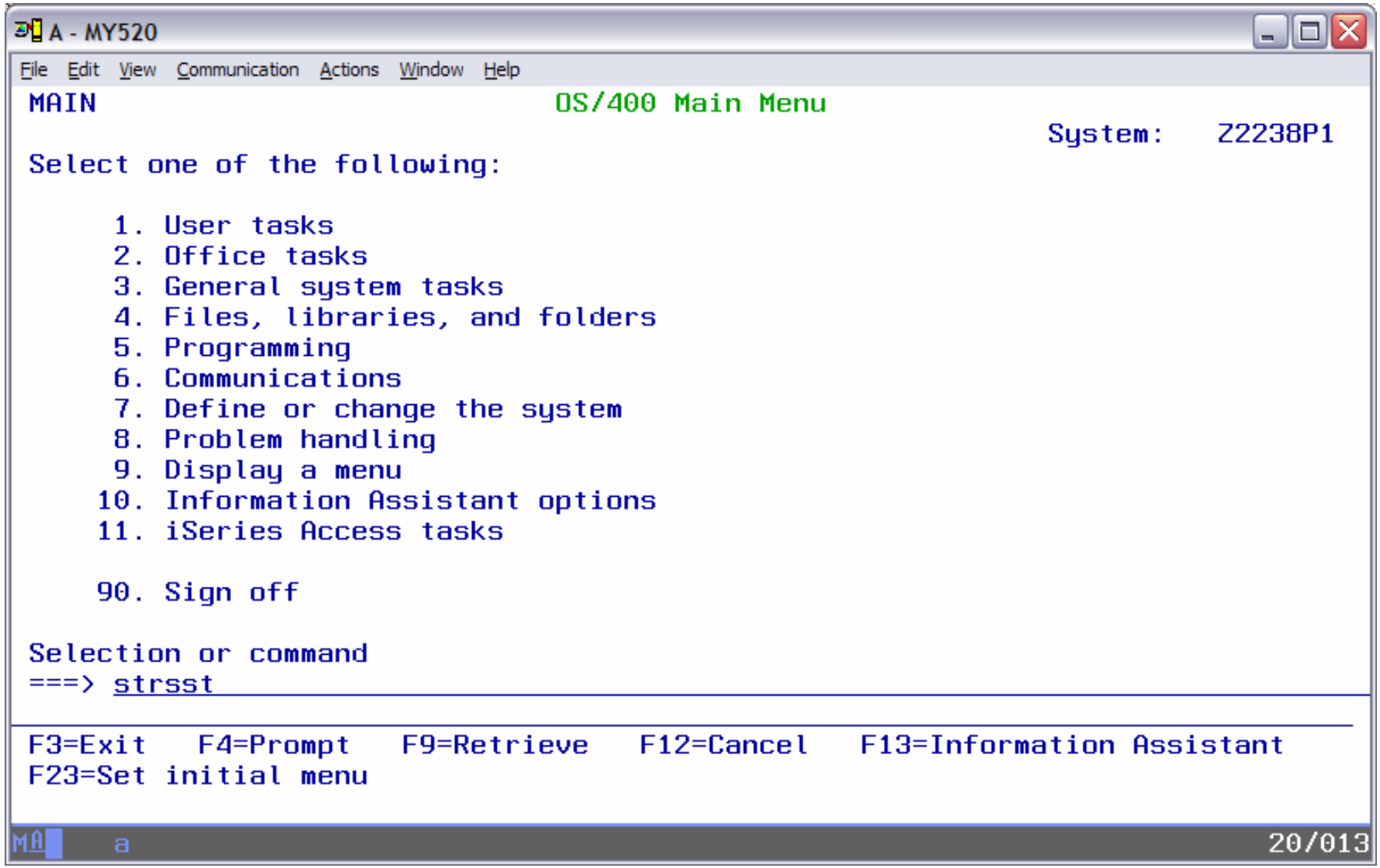
Start Service Tools

Ensure you already have a service profile



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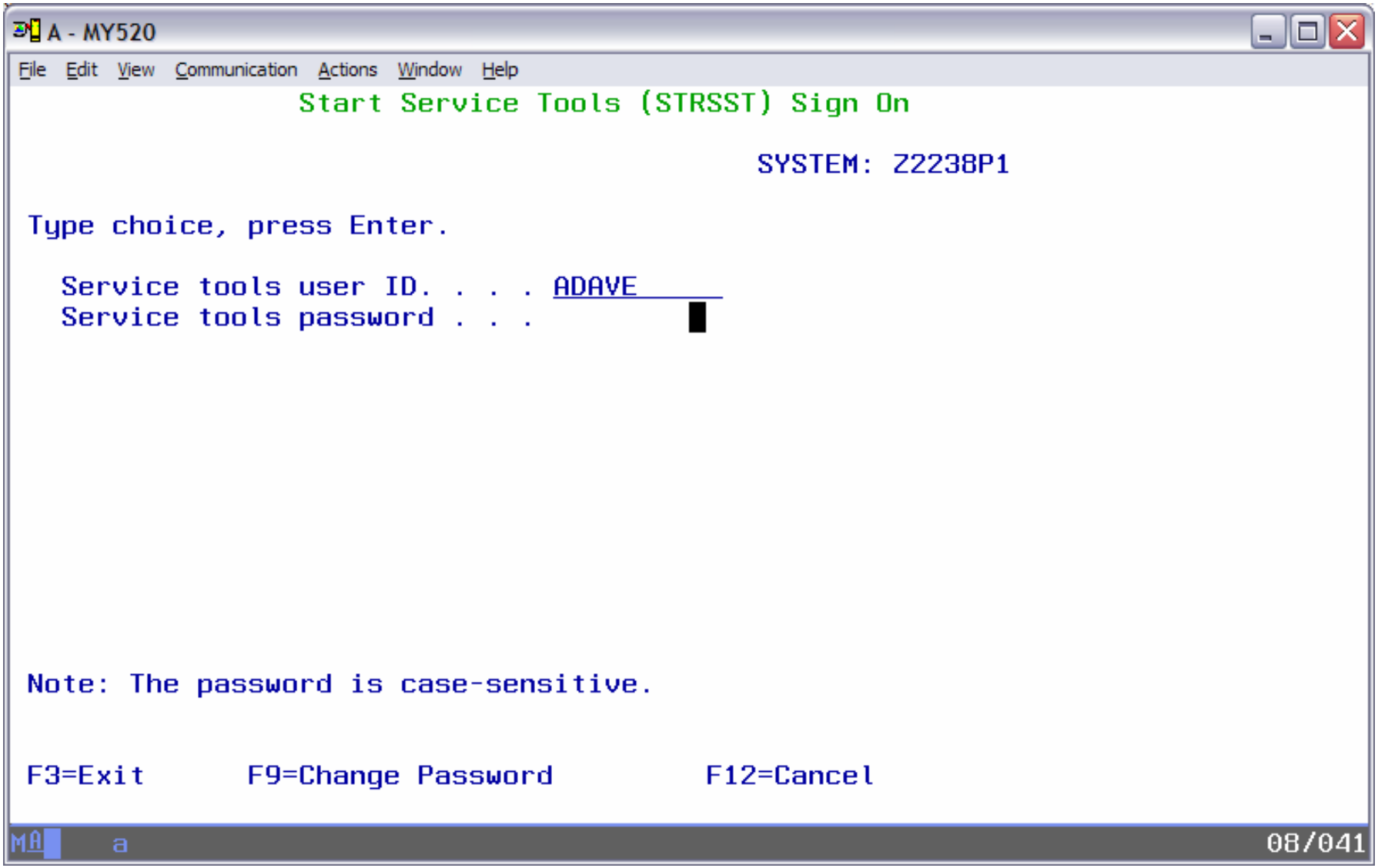
Enter Service Profile and Password



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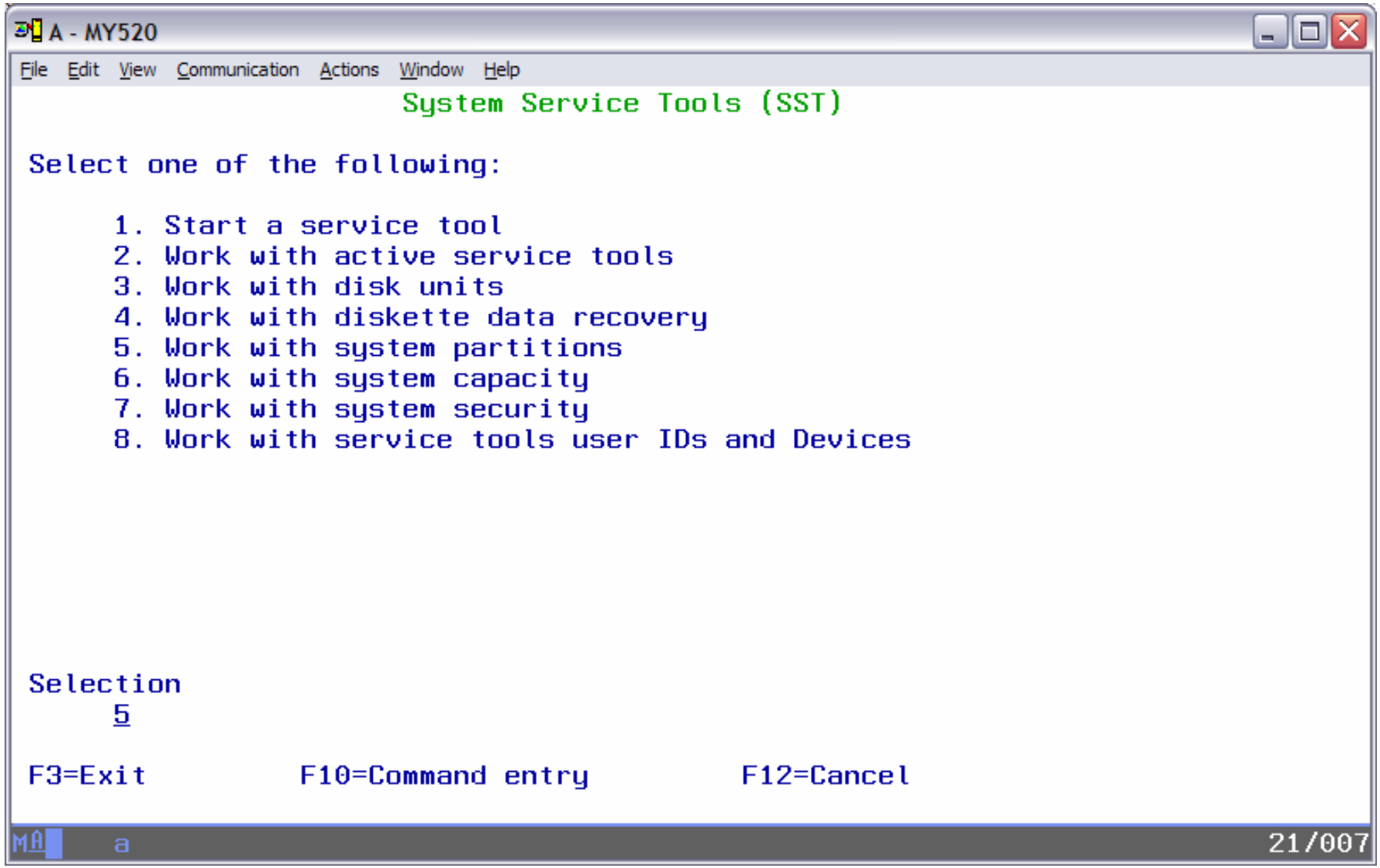
Select Work with system partitions



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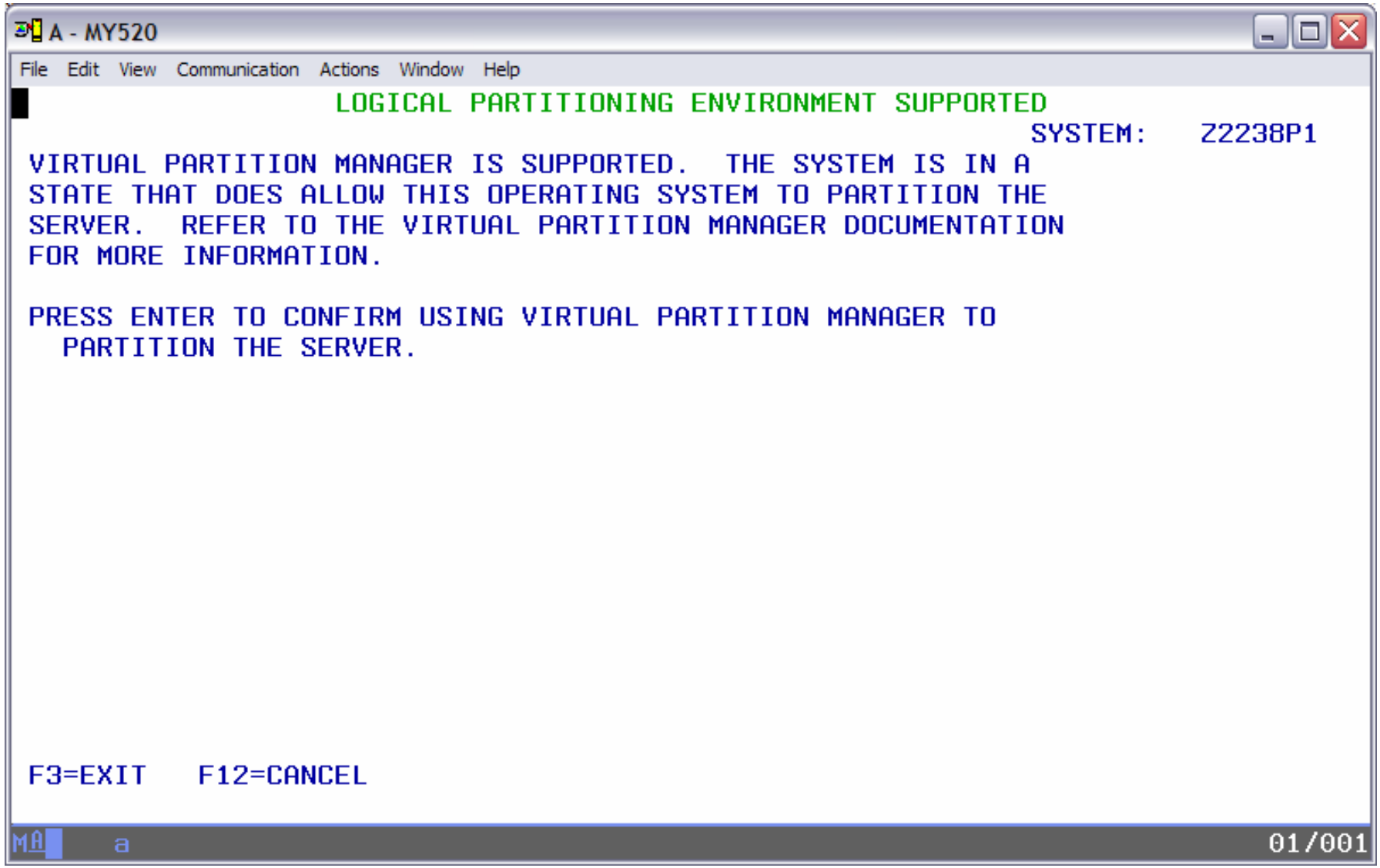

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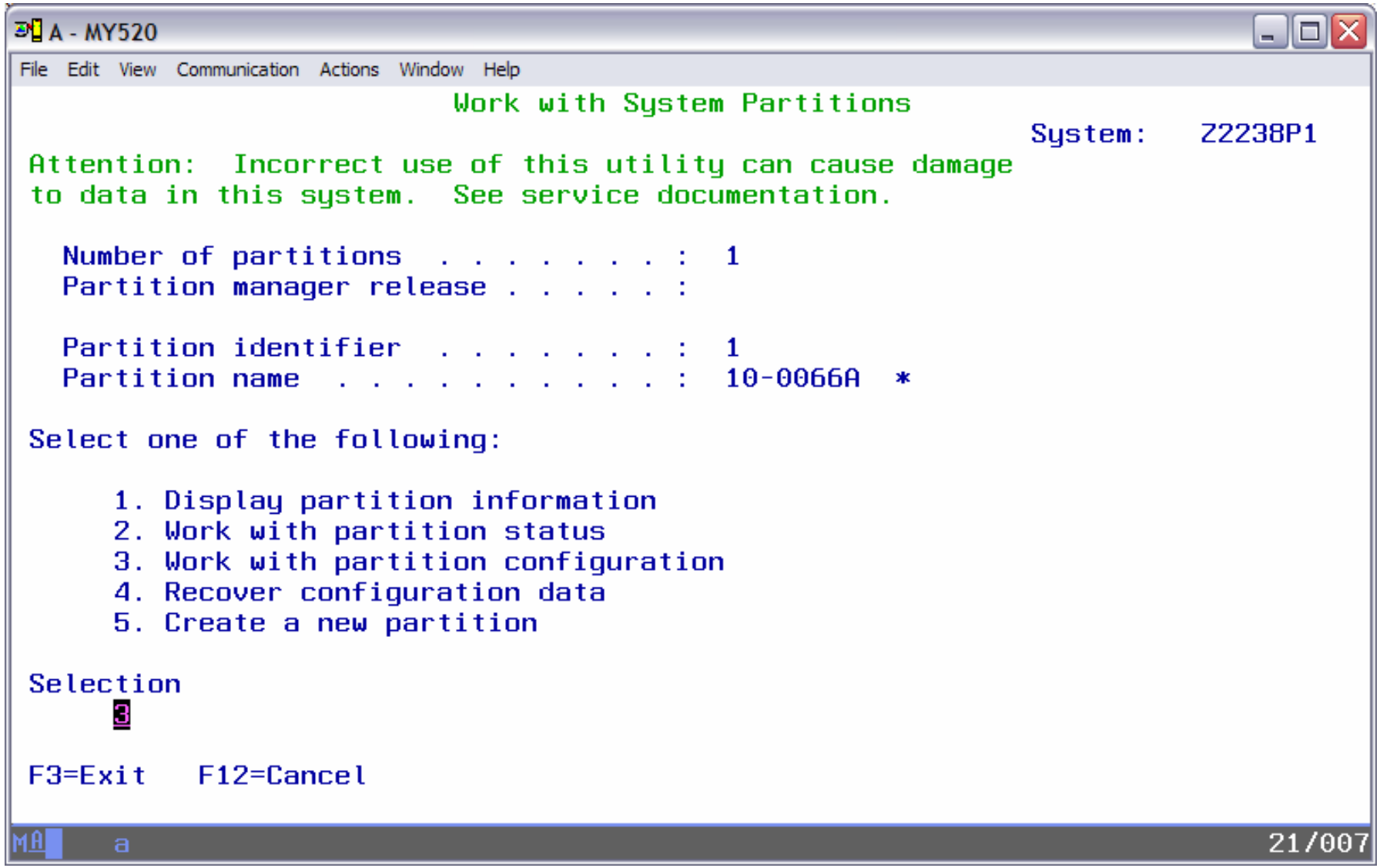
Work with Partition Configuration



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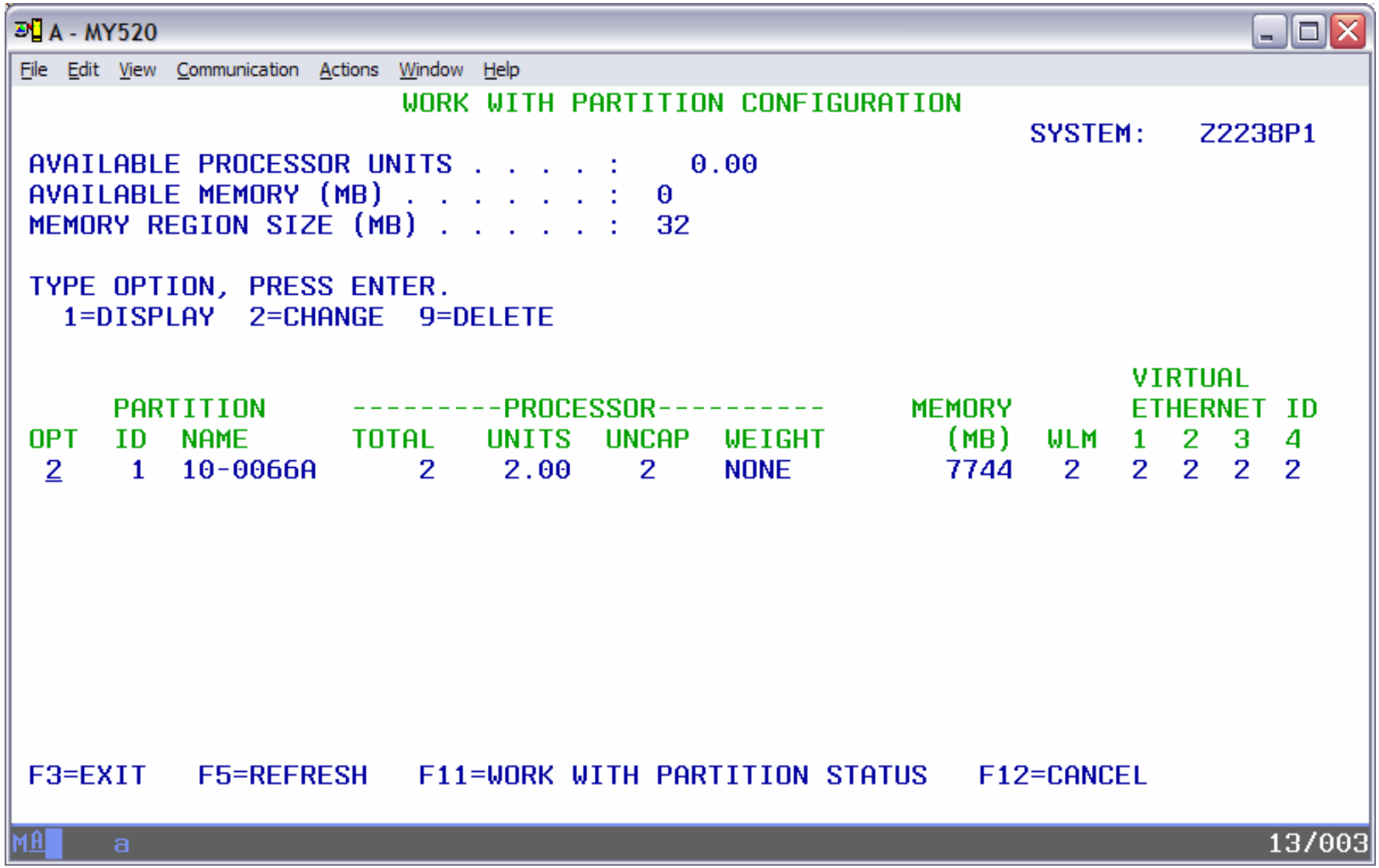
Select Option to Remove Resources from i5/OS



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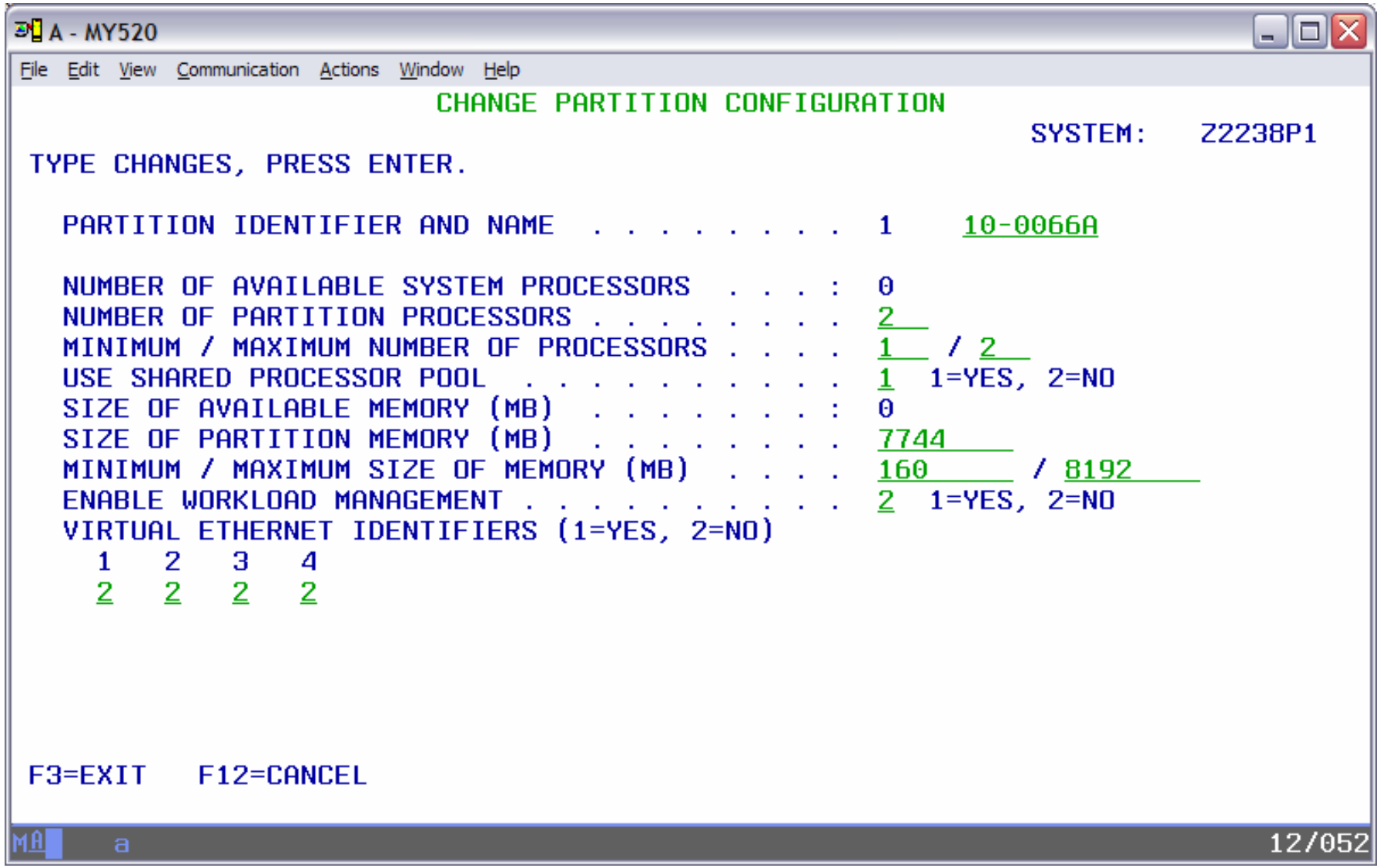
Change Partition Configuration



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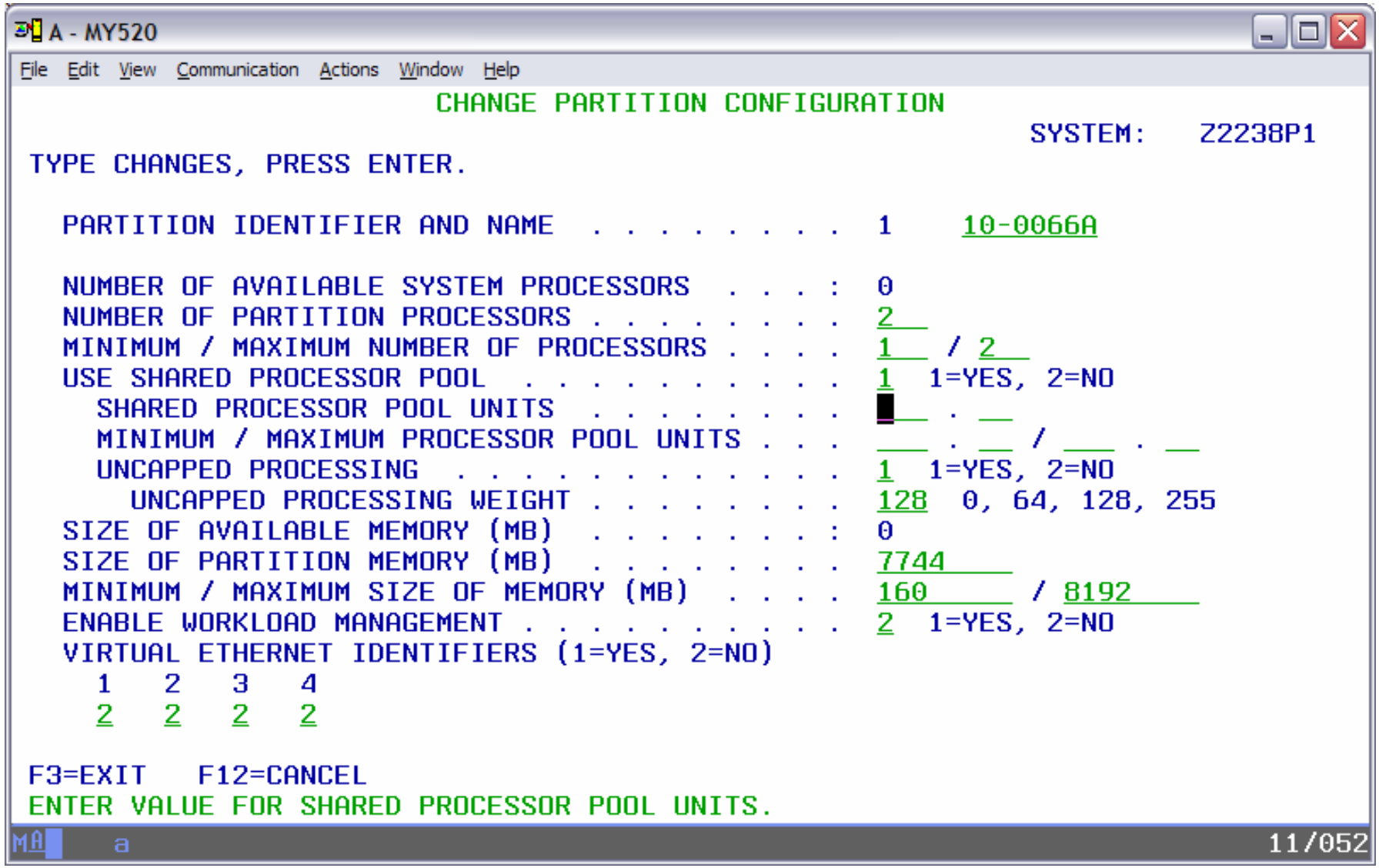
Change from Dedicated to Shared



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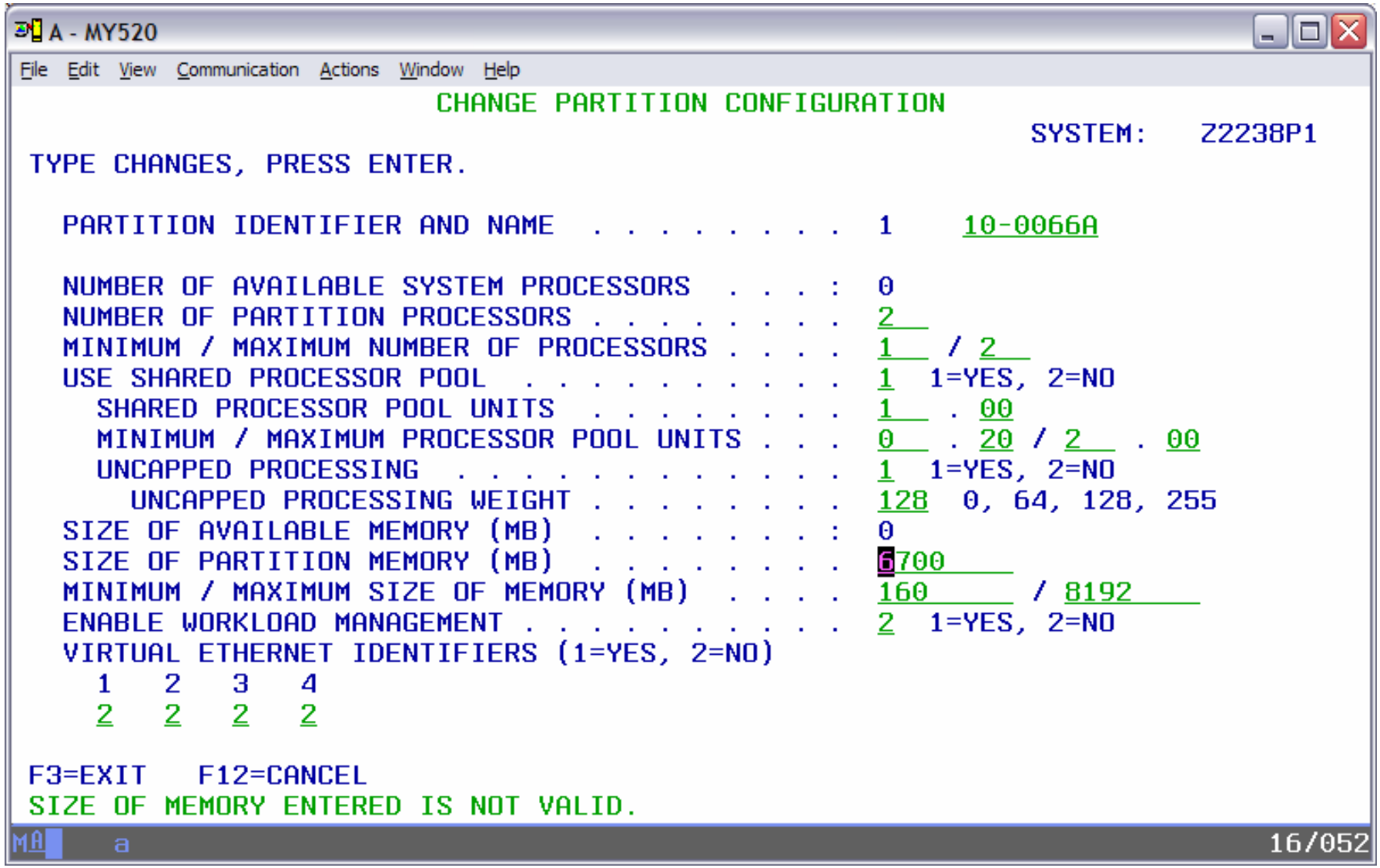
Memory Assignment Error



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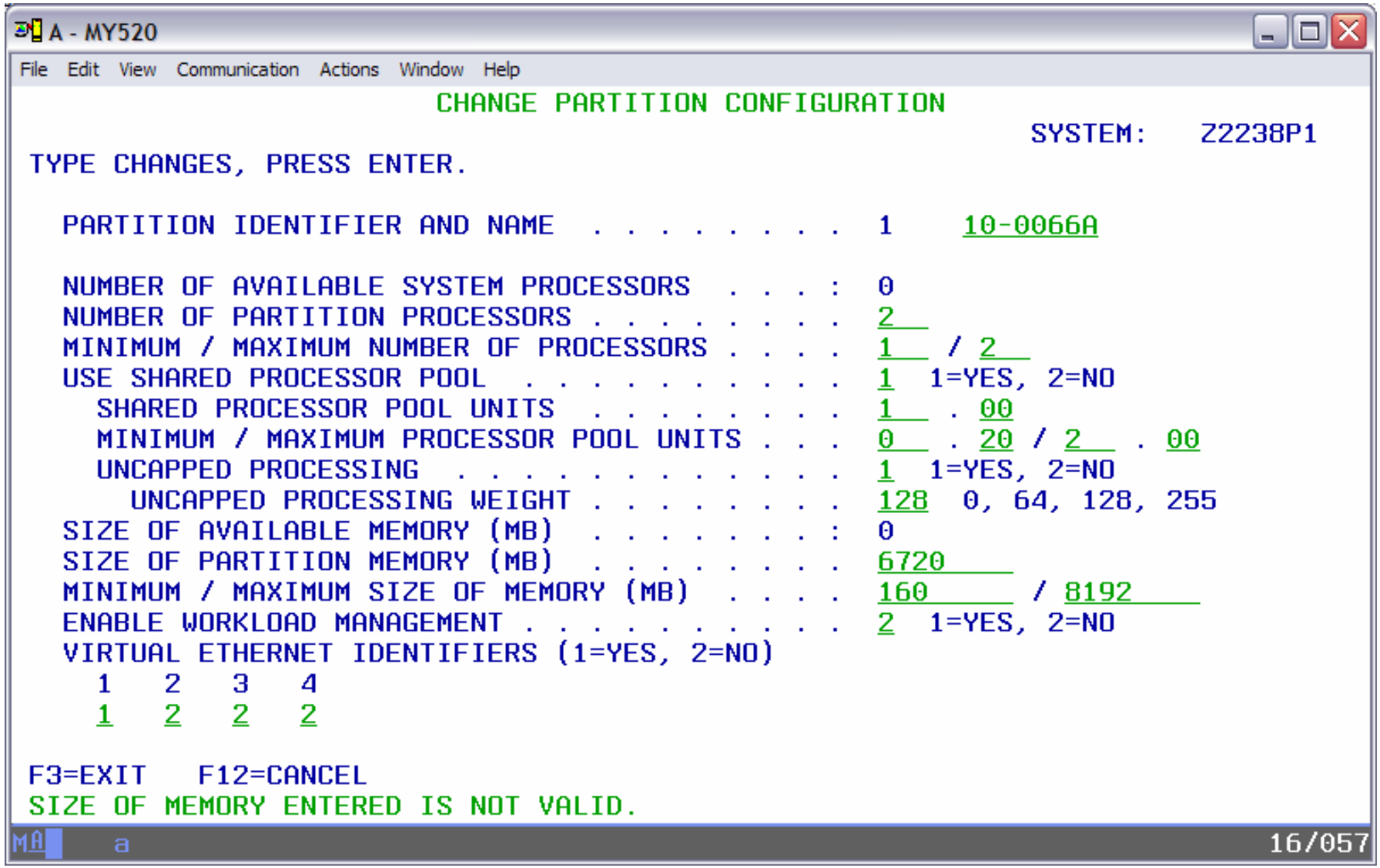
Correct Memory Assignment (32Mb multiples)



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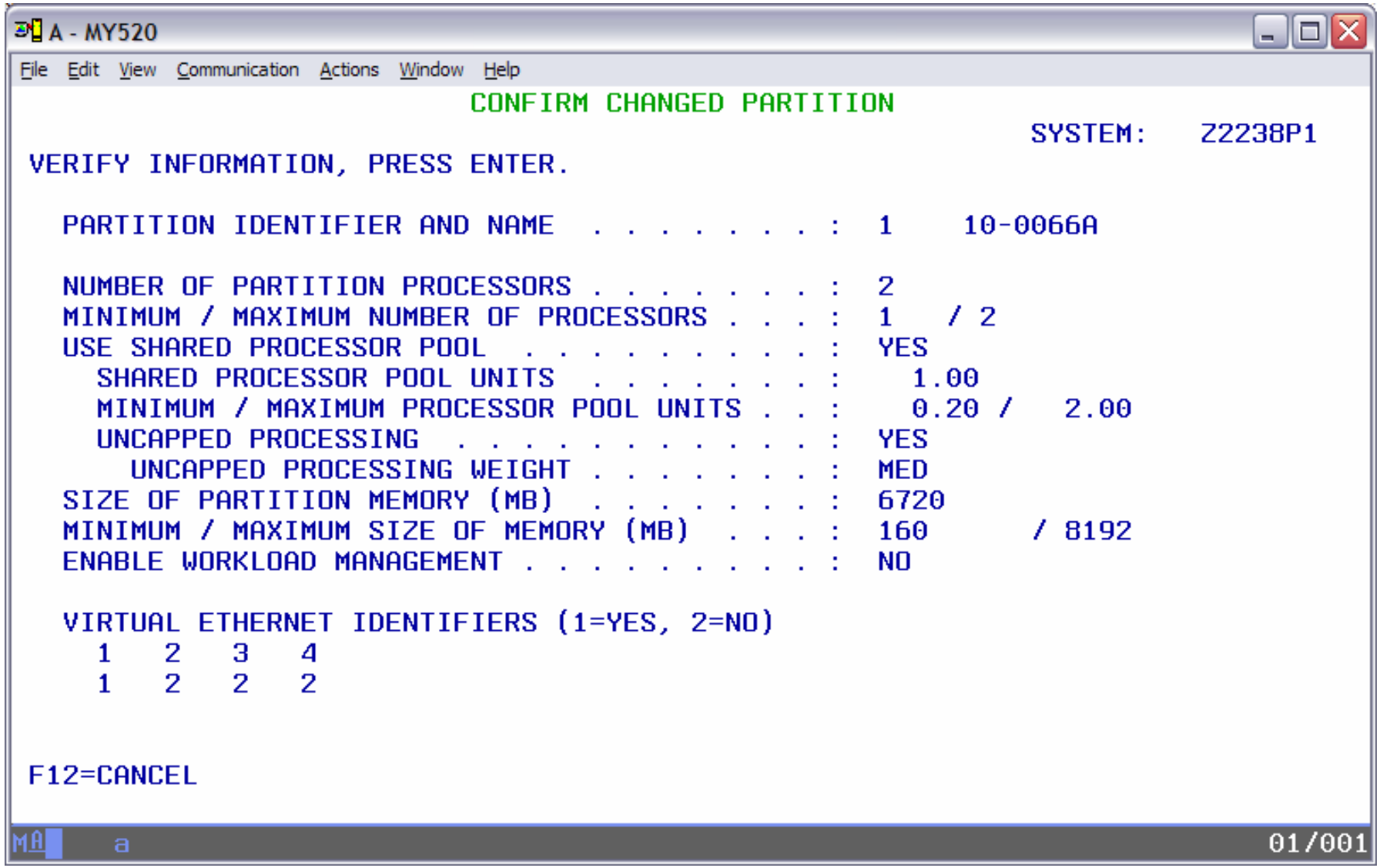
Confirm Changed Partition Resources



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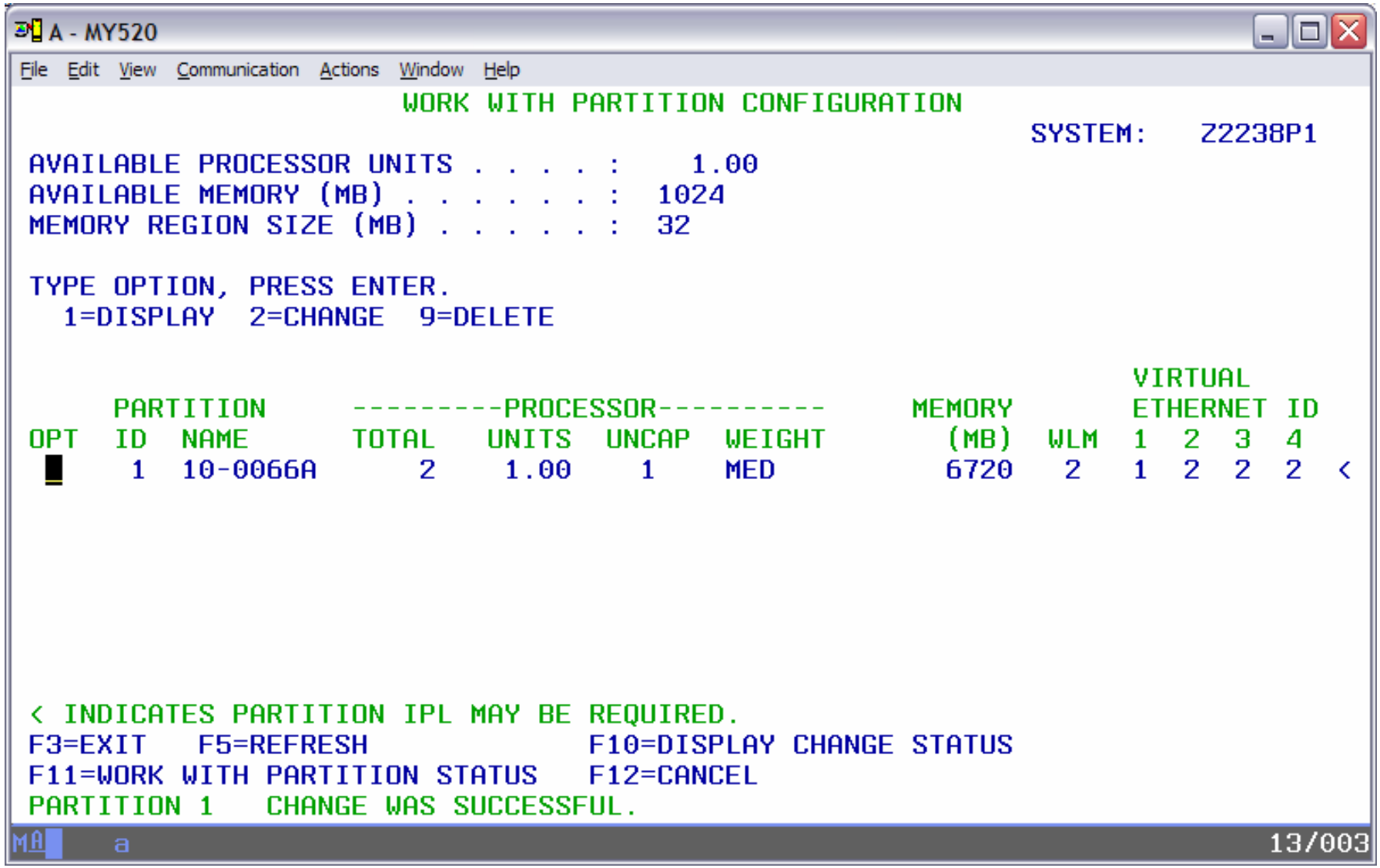
Updated Partition Configuration Status



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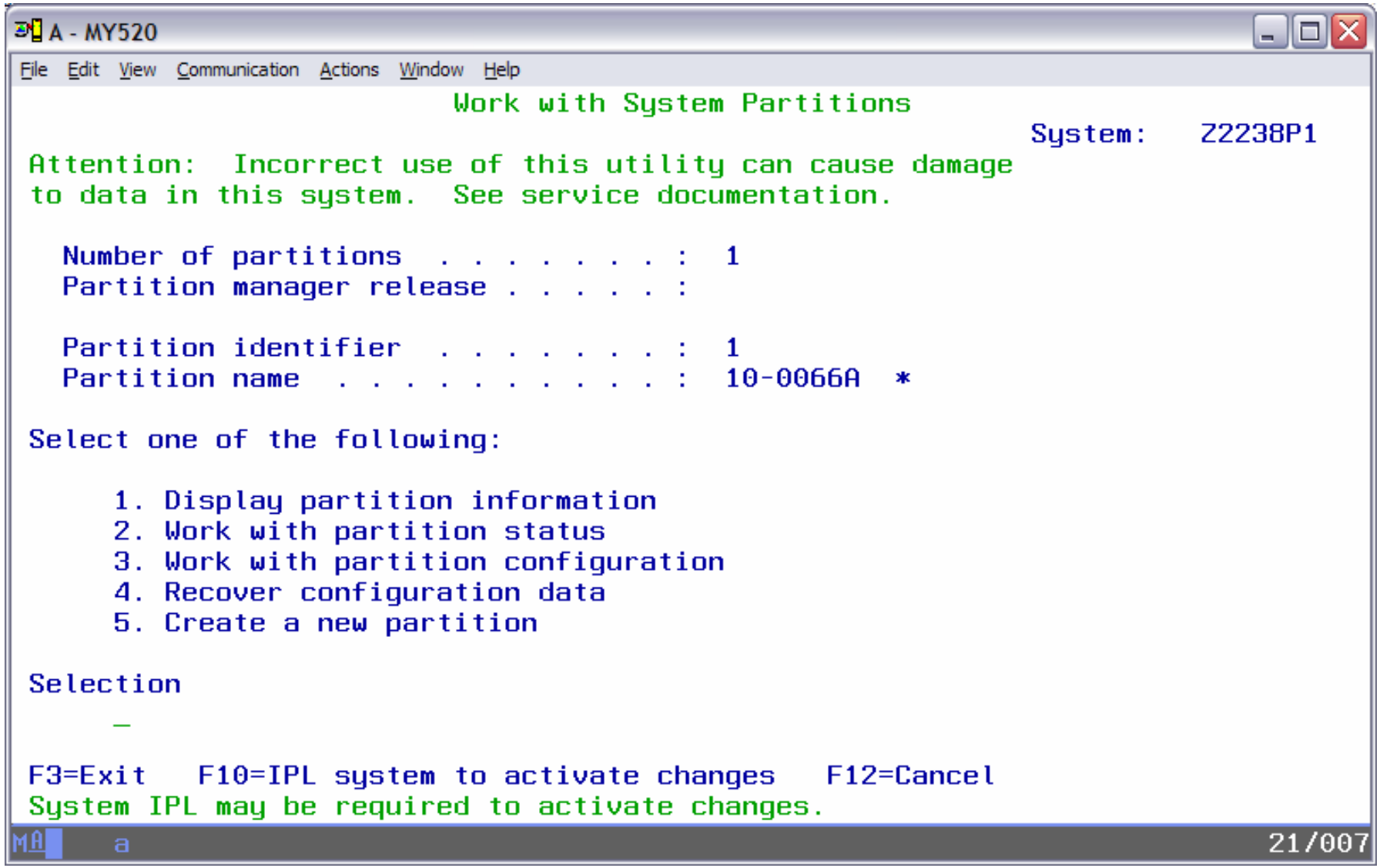

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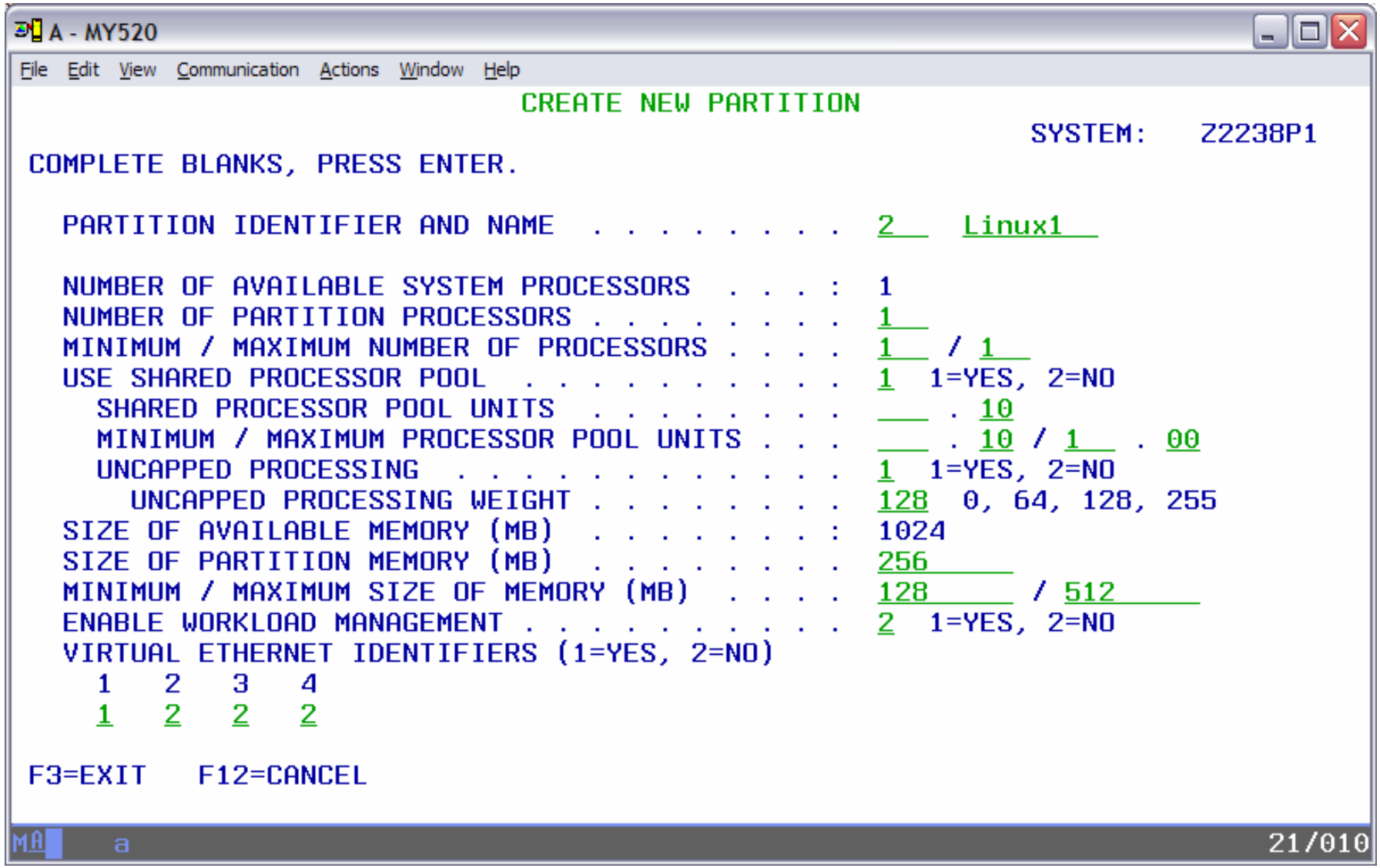
Create a New Partition



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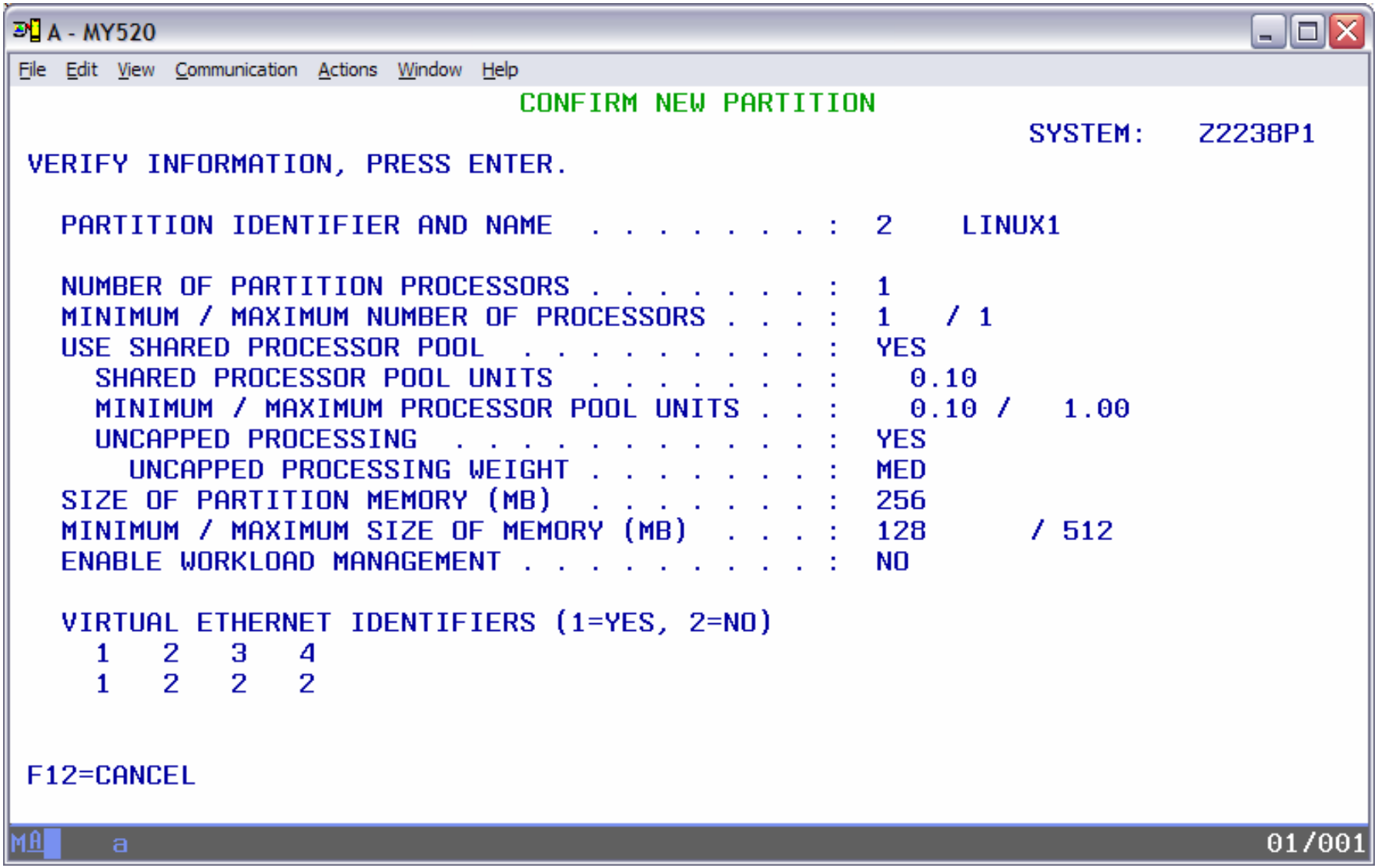
Confirm New Partition Creation



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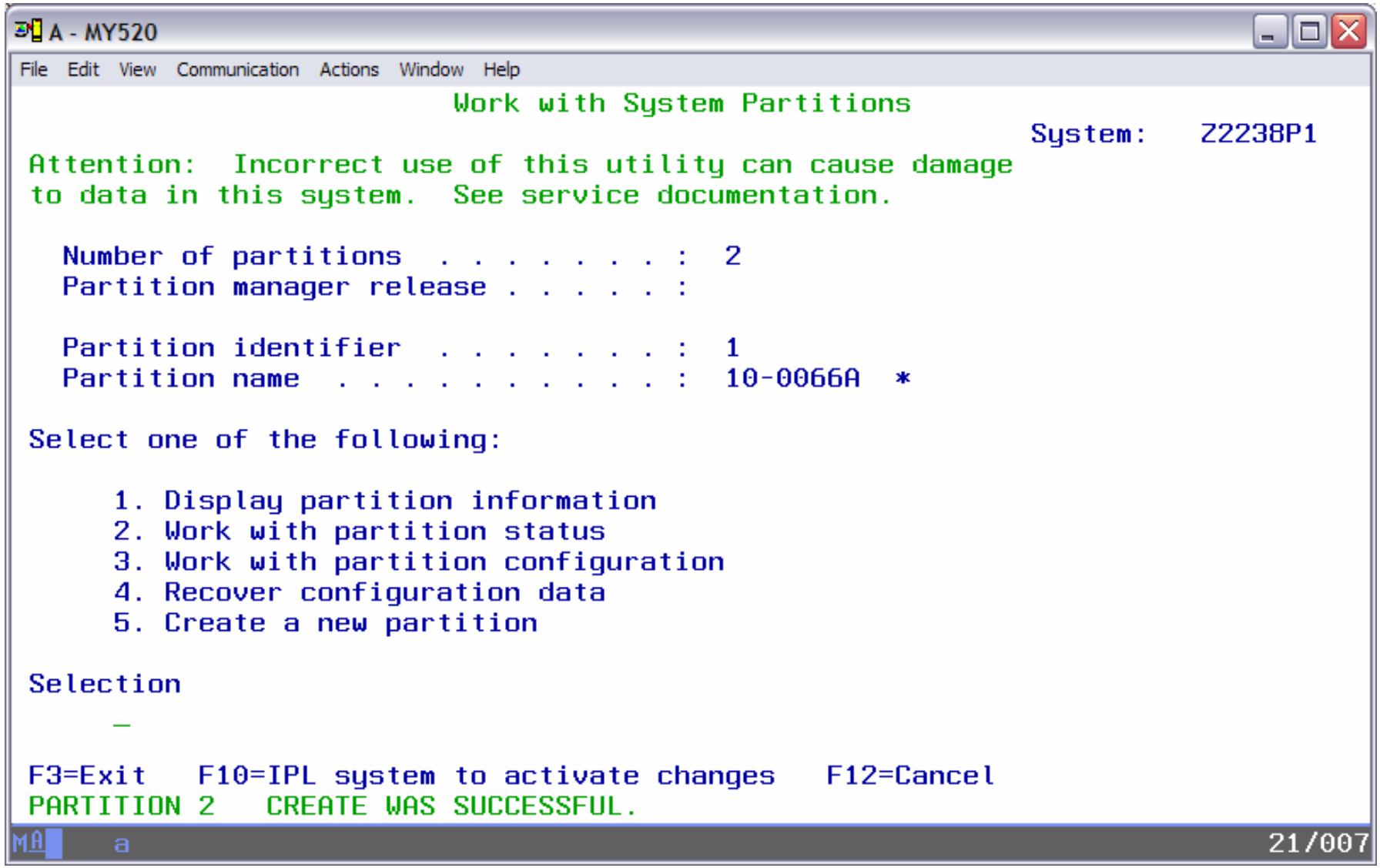
Partition Creation Successful



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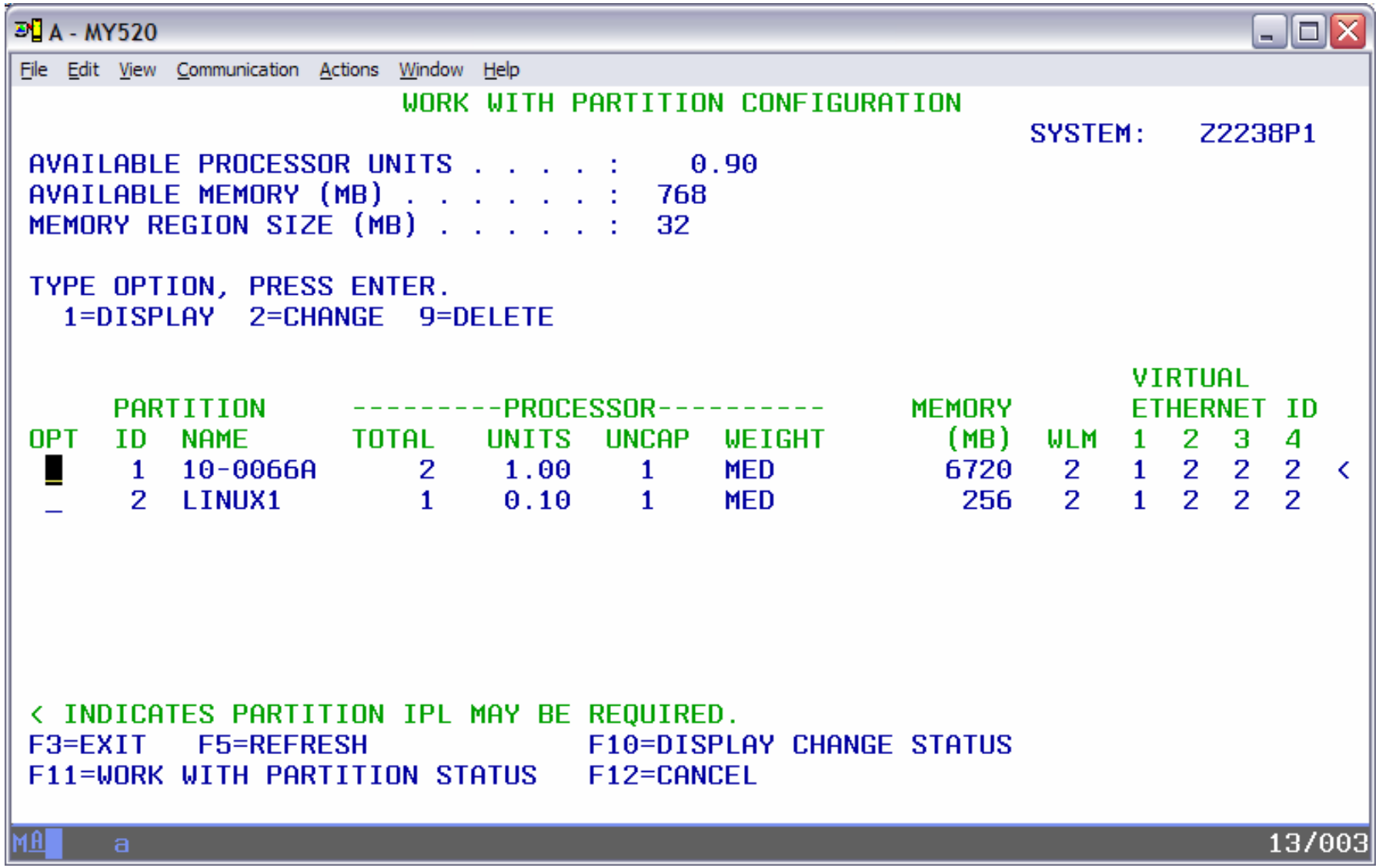

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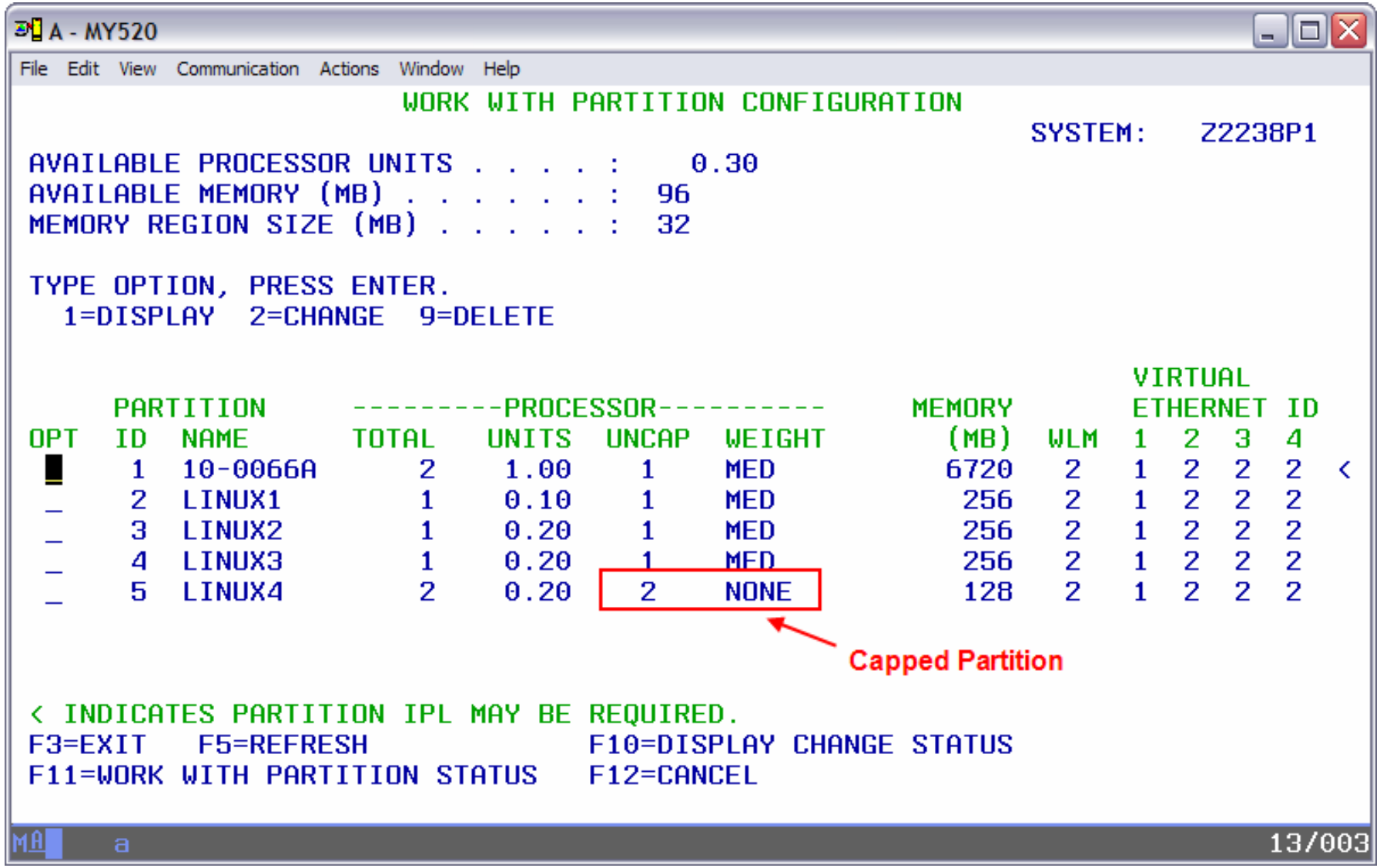
Status after All Linux Partitions Defined



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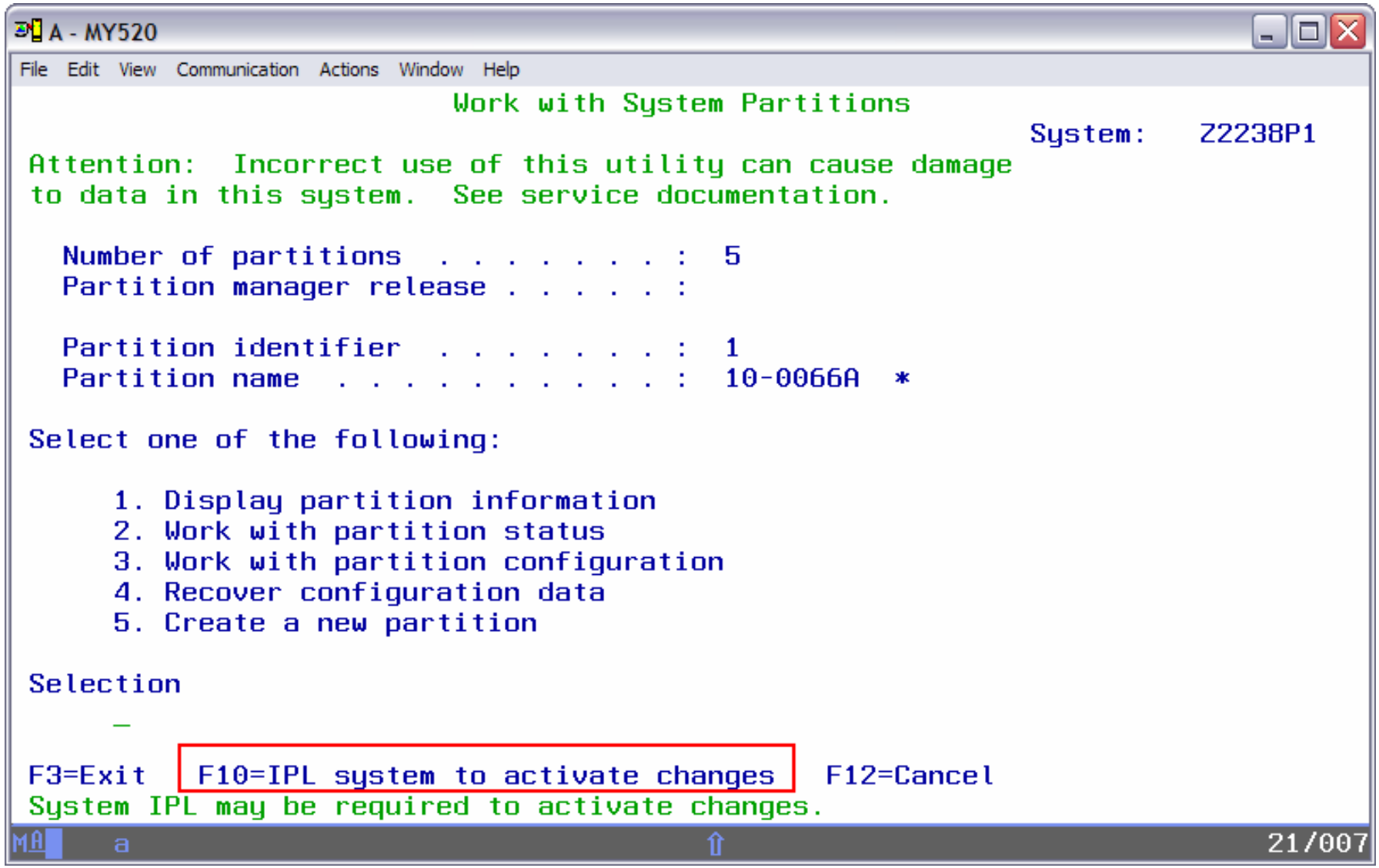
Restart System After All Partitions are Created



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Error Messages

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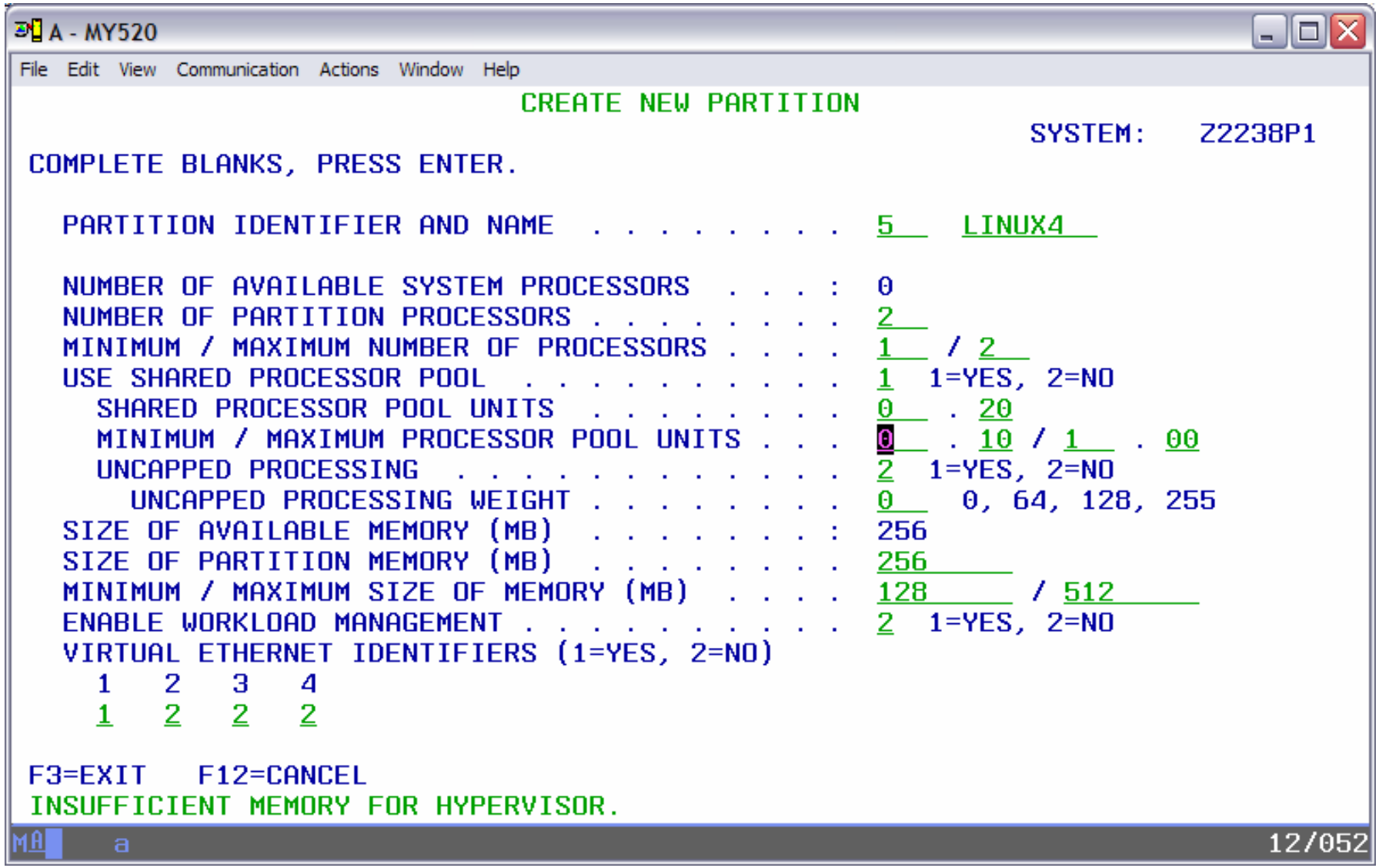
Error Message During Partition Creation



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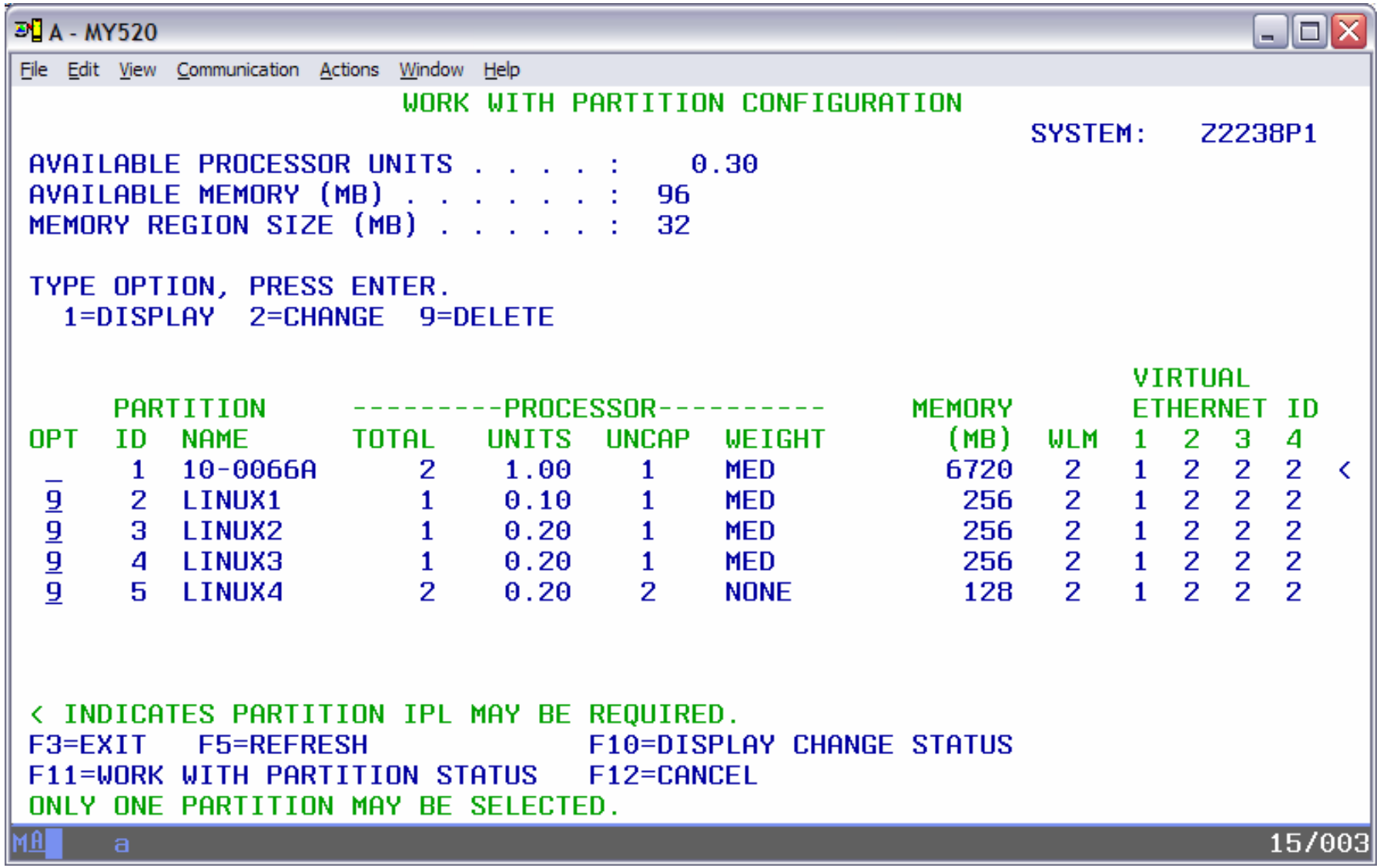
Error Message During Deletion of Partitions



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- **Redpaper**
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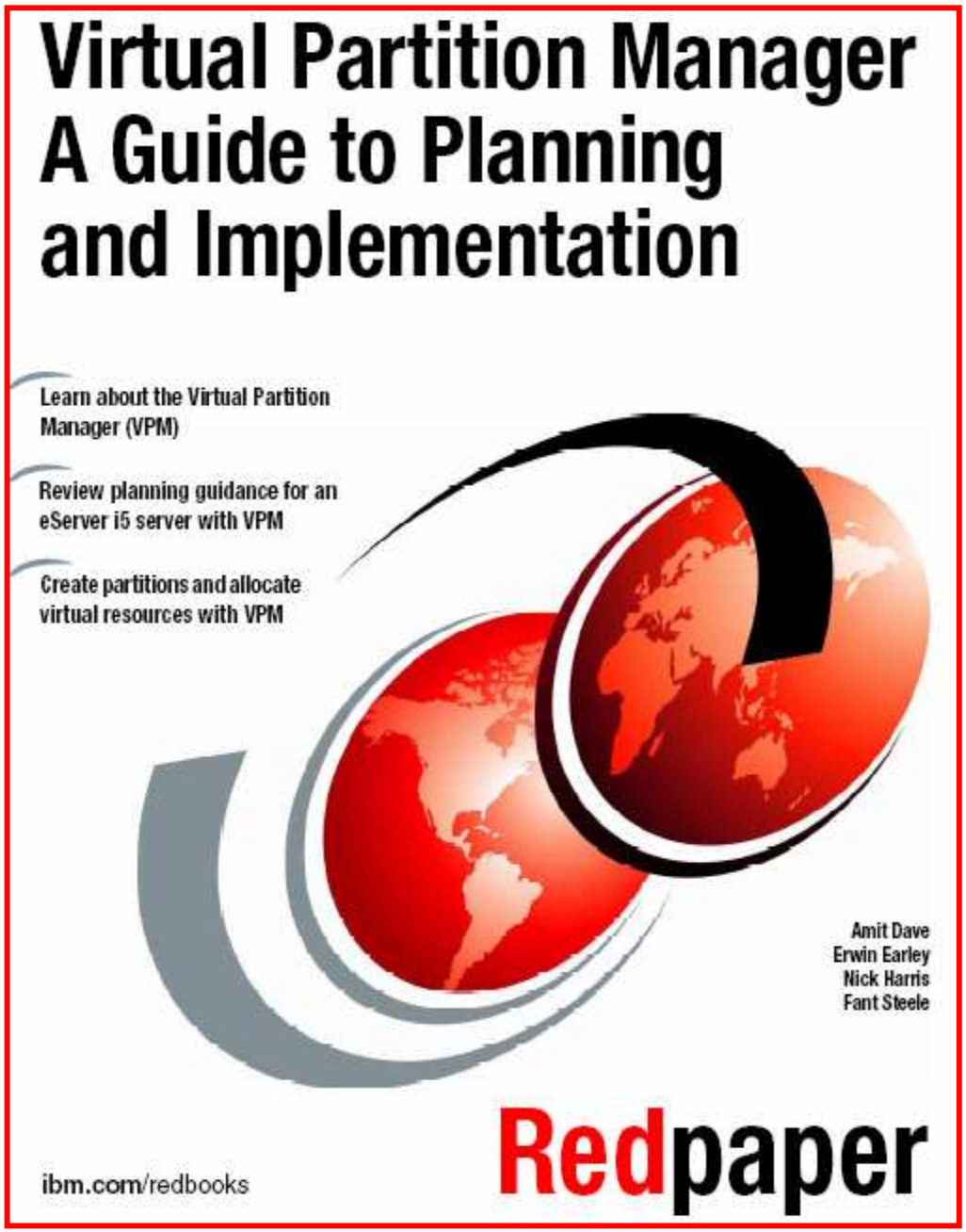

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