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## Managing z/VM and Linux on System z (and Other Guests)

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# Agenda

- **System and performance management, automating operations**
  - OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux (separate presentation)
  - Operations Manager for z/VM
- **Storage management**
  - Backup and Restore Manager for z/VM
  - Tape Manager for z/VM
  - Archive Manager for z/VM
- **Recommended practices**
- **Demos**
  - Automation scenarios
  - Backup and recovery scenarios, including automation
- **Reference information**



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Automating Operations  
*Operations Manager for z/VM*

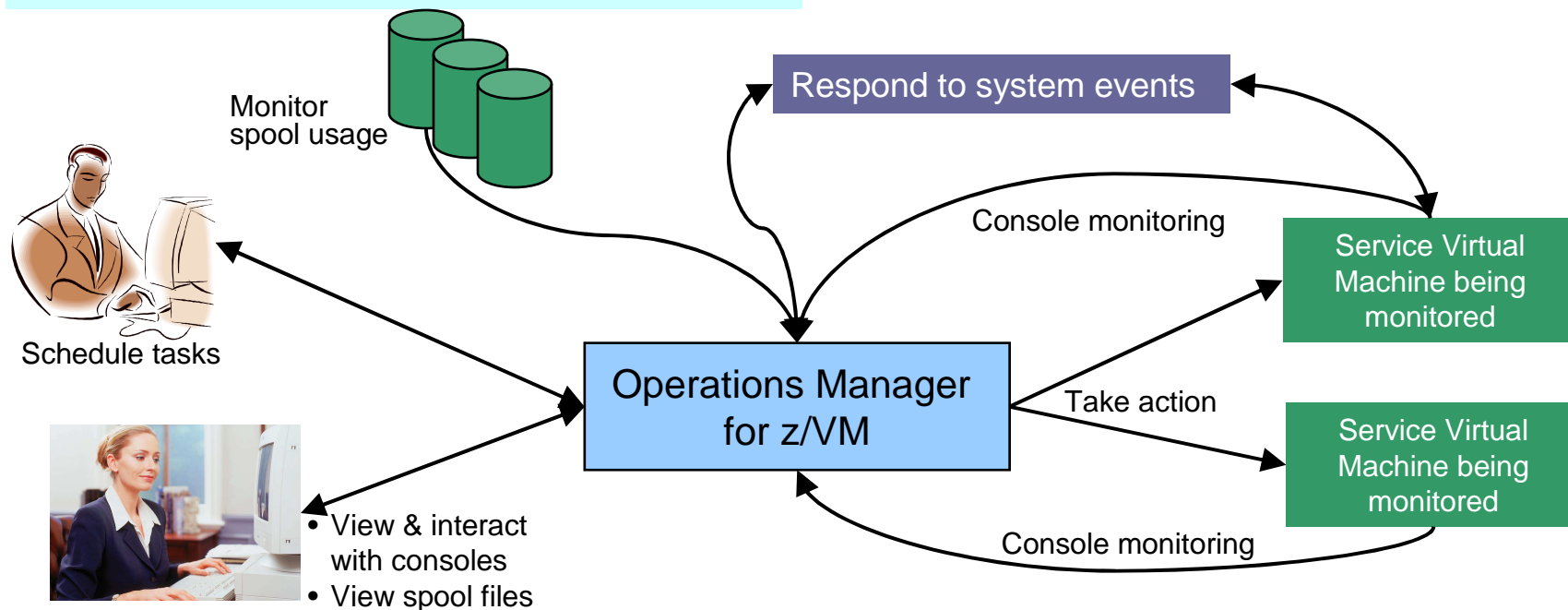
# Operations Manager for z/VM

## Increase productivity

- Authorized users view and interact with monitored virtual machines without logging onto them
- Multiple users view/interact with a virtual machine simultaneously

## Improve system availability

- Monitor virtual machines and processes
- Take automated actions based on console messages
- Reduce problems due to operator error



## Automation

- Routine activities done more effectively with minimal operations staff
- Schedule tasks to occur on a regular basis

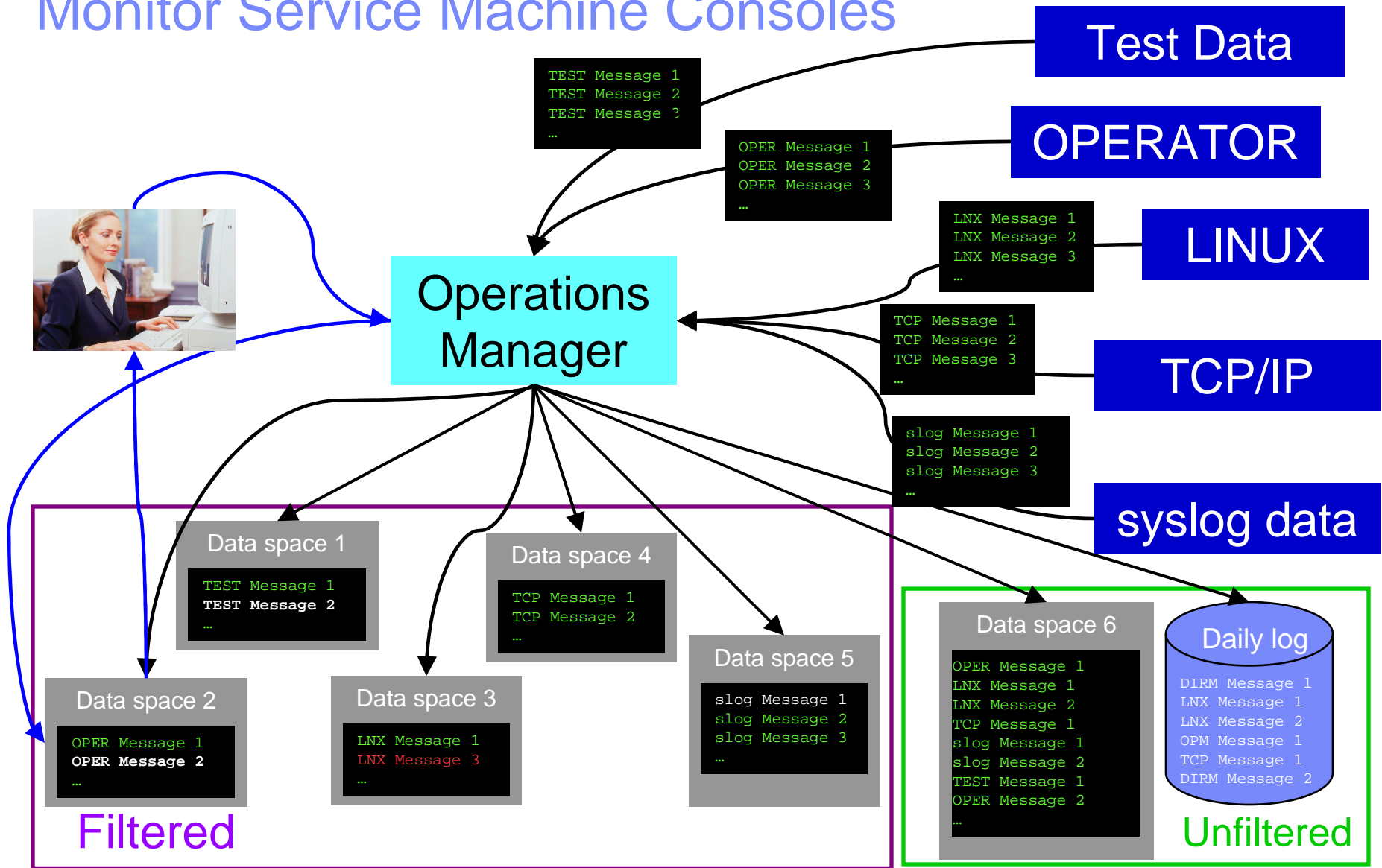
## Integration

Fulfill take action requests from OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux

## Features and Functions

- **Monitor service machine consoles**
- **Monitor spool usage**
- **Monitor system events**
- **View and interact with monitored consoles from authorized user IDs**
- **Find and view spool files**
- **Schedule events/actions**
- **Dynamic configuration**
- **Separation of access control**

# Monitor Service Machine Consoles



## Monitor Service Machines

- **Define rules to**
  - Scan console messages for text matching
    - Includes column, wildcard, and exclusion support
    - Optionally restrict to specific user ID(s)
  - Take actions based on matches
- **Multiple rules can apply to one message**
  - Rules processed in order of definition in the configuration file
  - FINAL option available to indicate no additional rules should be evaluated

## View and Interact with Consoles

- **Authorized users can view live consoles of monitored service machines and guests**
  - Multiple users can view the same console simultaneously
  - No need to logon to the service machine to see its console
  - Test data and Linux syslog data treated as a “console”
  - Views can be defined to look at a group of consoles in one view
- **Full screen mode**
  - Scroll up and down to view and search historical data
  - Auto scroll (on or off) as new output is displayed on the console
  - From command line, issue commands back to the monitored console
- **Amount of data that is visible depends on specified or default data space size**
- **Rules/actions may modify the view**
  - Suppress messages from the console
  - Hold or highlight messages with color, blinking, etc.
- **Authorized users can view the log file**
  - Can also request a copy of the log file from today or a previous day



## Monitor and View Spool Files

- **Create spool monitors to trigger actions when**
  - Percent of spool usage falls within a specified range
  - Percent of spool usage increases at a specified rate
- **Actions triggered can be the same actions used by console monitoring**
- **Authorized users can**
  - Display a list of spool files based on one or more attributes
    - Owner
    - Size
    - Date created
  - From the list the user can
    - View the contents of an individual spool file
    - Transfer, change, or purge a spool file

# Schedule Events and Actions

- **Define schedules**
  - Hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, or yearly, nth weekday of the month
  - Once on specified month, day, year, and time
  - At regular intervals
    - Every x hours and y minutes
  - Within a specified window of time
    - Specify start time
    - Specify conflicting schedules
    - Specify maximum time to defer this schedule
  - Within limits
    - Restrict to specific days of the week: Monday through Sunday plus holidays
    - Restrict to certain hours of the day
  
- **Specify the action associated with the schedule**
  - Actions specified are the same as those for console and spool monitoring

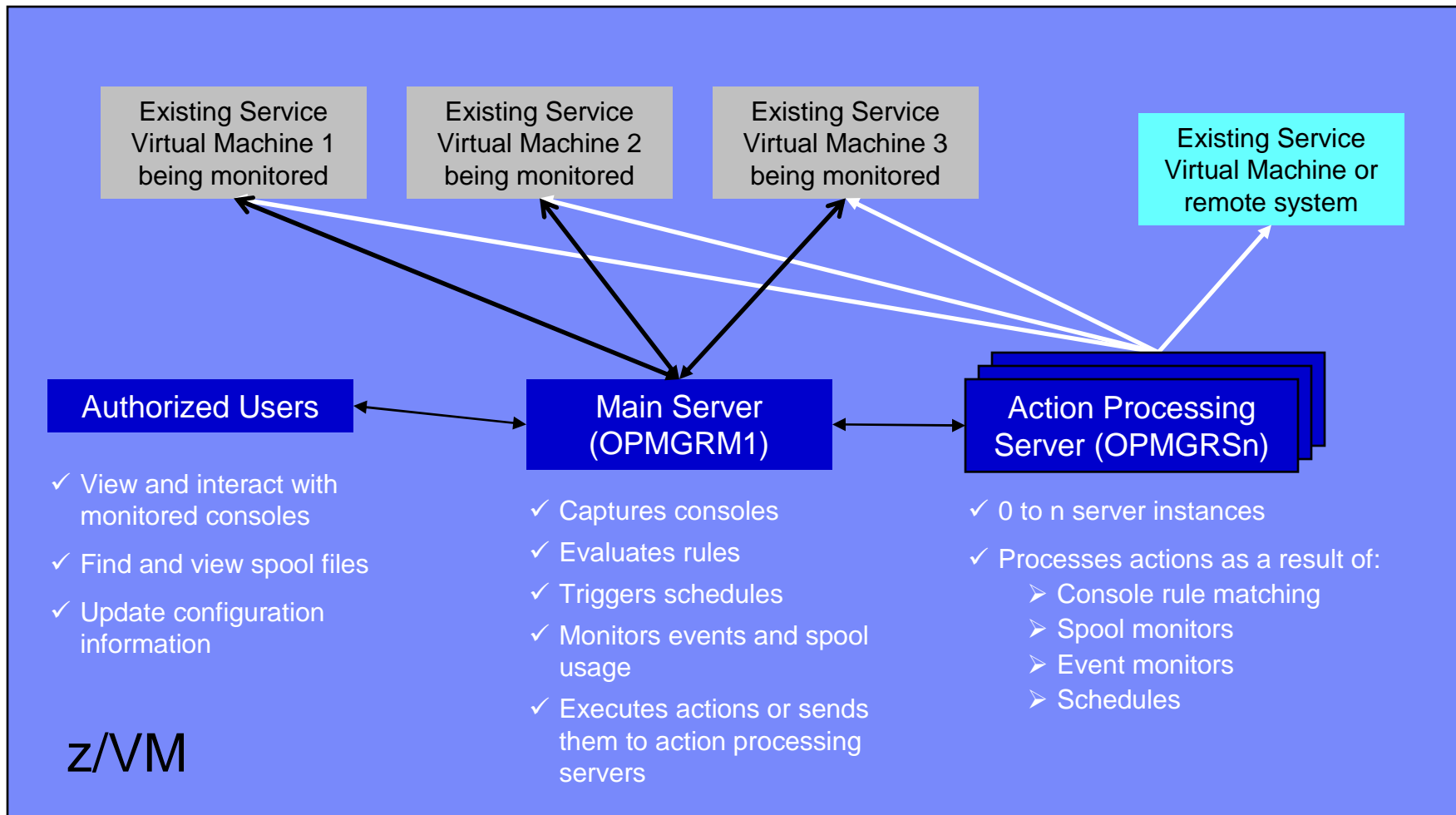
## Respond to System Events

- **Create monitors for z/VM system events (\*VMEVENT) related to user IDs**
  - Logon
  - Logoff
  - Failure condition (typically CP READ)
  - Logoff timeout started
  - Forced sleep started
  - Runnable state entered (VM READ)
  - Free storage limit exceeded
- **Optionally restrict to specific user ID(s)**
- **Specify the action associated with the event**
  - Actions specified are the same as those for schedules and console and spool monitors

## Dynamic Configuration

- **Initial configuration file loaded at startup**
  - May imbed other configuration files
- **Most configuration options can be updated while Operations Manager is running**
  - Add, delete, or change:
    - Rules, actions, monitors, schedules, holidays, groups, user authorization
  - Suspend or resume rules, monitors, schedules
- **Multiple methods**
  - GOMCMD command interface
  - Load a new or updated configuration file
  - Commands in DEFACTN statements

# Operations Manager



## Summary

- **Use Operations Manager to**
  - Automate daily operations
  - Prevent problems rather than react to them
  - Automate reactions to problems when they can't be prevented
  - Improve problem determination procedures
  - Increase programmer and operator productivity



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# Managing Backup and Recovery

## *Backup and Restore Manager for z/VM*

## Product Overview

### ▪ Backup

- Requested by administrators
- Full or incremental
- Flexible selection of disks and files to back up
- Review job before submitting for backup

### ▪ Restore

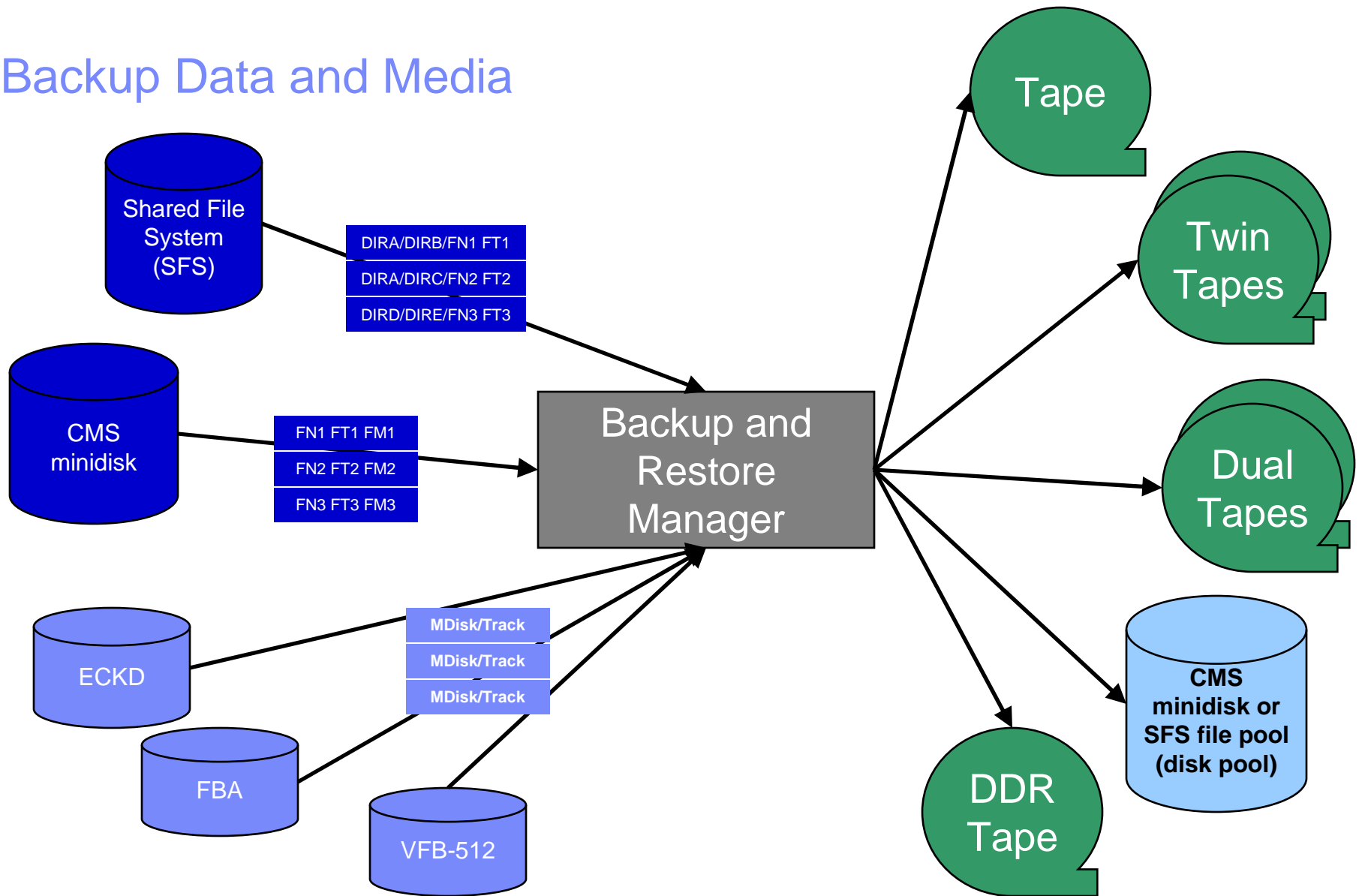
- Performed by users for their own data
- Extending to other users available via exit
- Performed by administrators for any data
- Selection of data to restore
  - Full screen interface or commands

**Catalog in Shared File System (SFS) – presentation on web site for installation and setup**

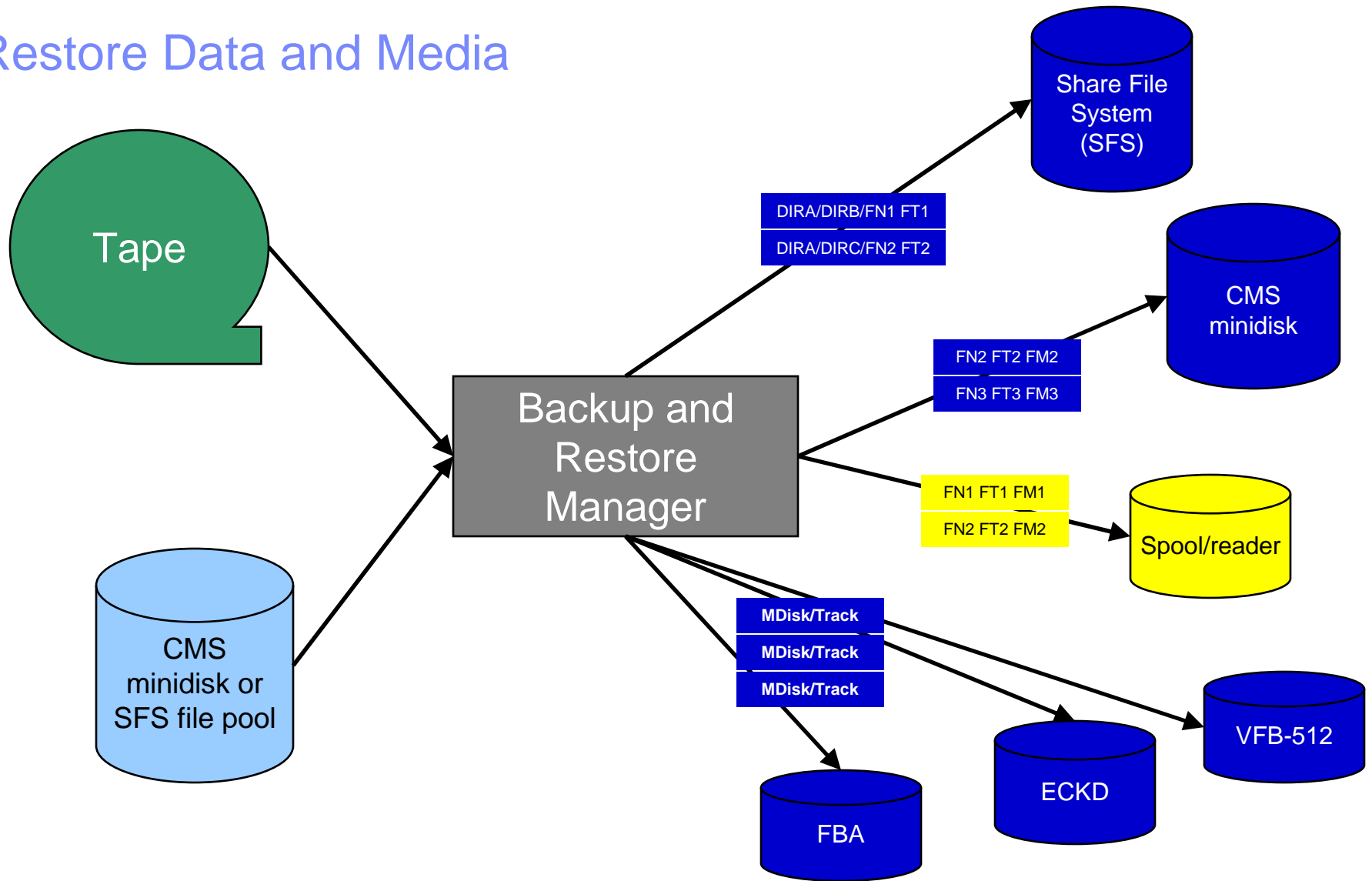
- **Integration with Tape Manager for z/VM**
- **Optional compression of data during backup via exits**
  - Call your own compression algorithm
  - Use IBM provided routine
- **Encryption exits available**
  - Call your own routine
  - Use vendor-written routine, such as V/Soft Software's Encrypt/Backup for z/VM



# Backup Data and Media



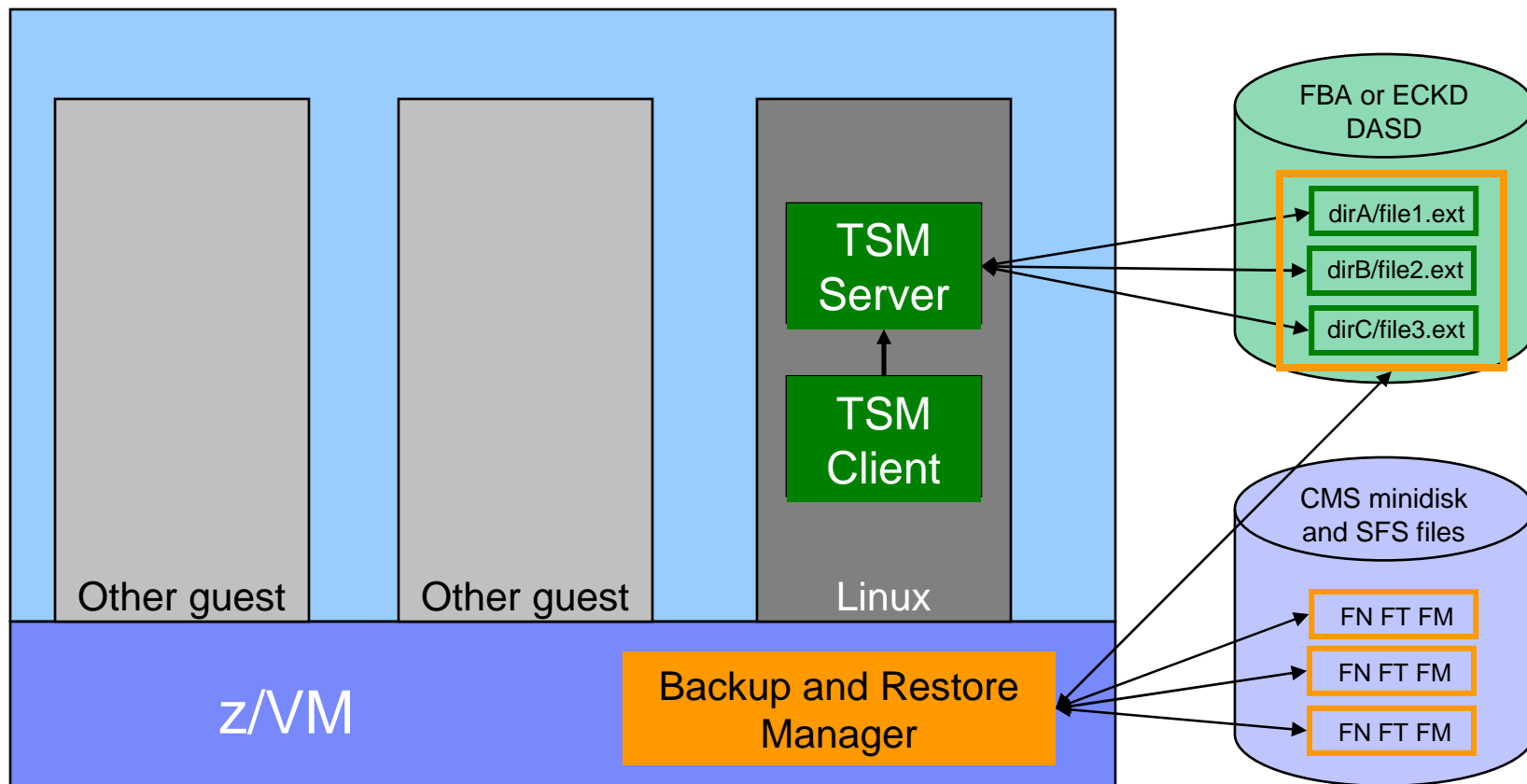
# Restore Data and Media



## Backup and Restore Manager and Linux Guests

### *Using Backup and Restore Manager with Tivoli Storage Manager*

*Choose the solution that meets your needs – or combine for file recovery and DR*



## Key Benefits

- **System backups available for Disaster Recovery**
  - Option to restore using DDR or Backup and Restore Manager
  - Manage retention of DR backups
  - Retrieve a list of tapes associated with a specific backup
    - Pull list for movement to off-site storage
- **Guest backups available for restoring to a previous state or level**
- **Backups of user data available for**
  - Restoring to a previous state or level
  - Replacing files accidentally erased or corrupted
- **Users restore their own data**
  - No administrator interaction required

## Key Benefits Cont...

- **Flexible selection of data to back up**
  - Include/exclude
    - Minidisks, directories
    - Real device addresses or volsers
    - Extents
  - Mask by filename, filetype, or SFS path
  - Review a defined backup job before submission
- **Management of backup data**
  - Retention set as part of the backup job
  - Automatic aging and pruning of the backup catalog
    - Including associated tapes and disk pools
  - View/query the list of expired backups
- **Reduced backup window with concurrent processing**
  - Multiple worker service machines sharing the job
  - Suggest one worker service machine for each available tape drive

# Defining a Backup Job

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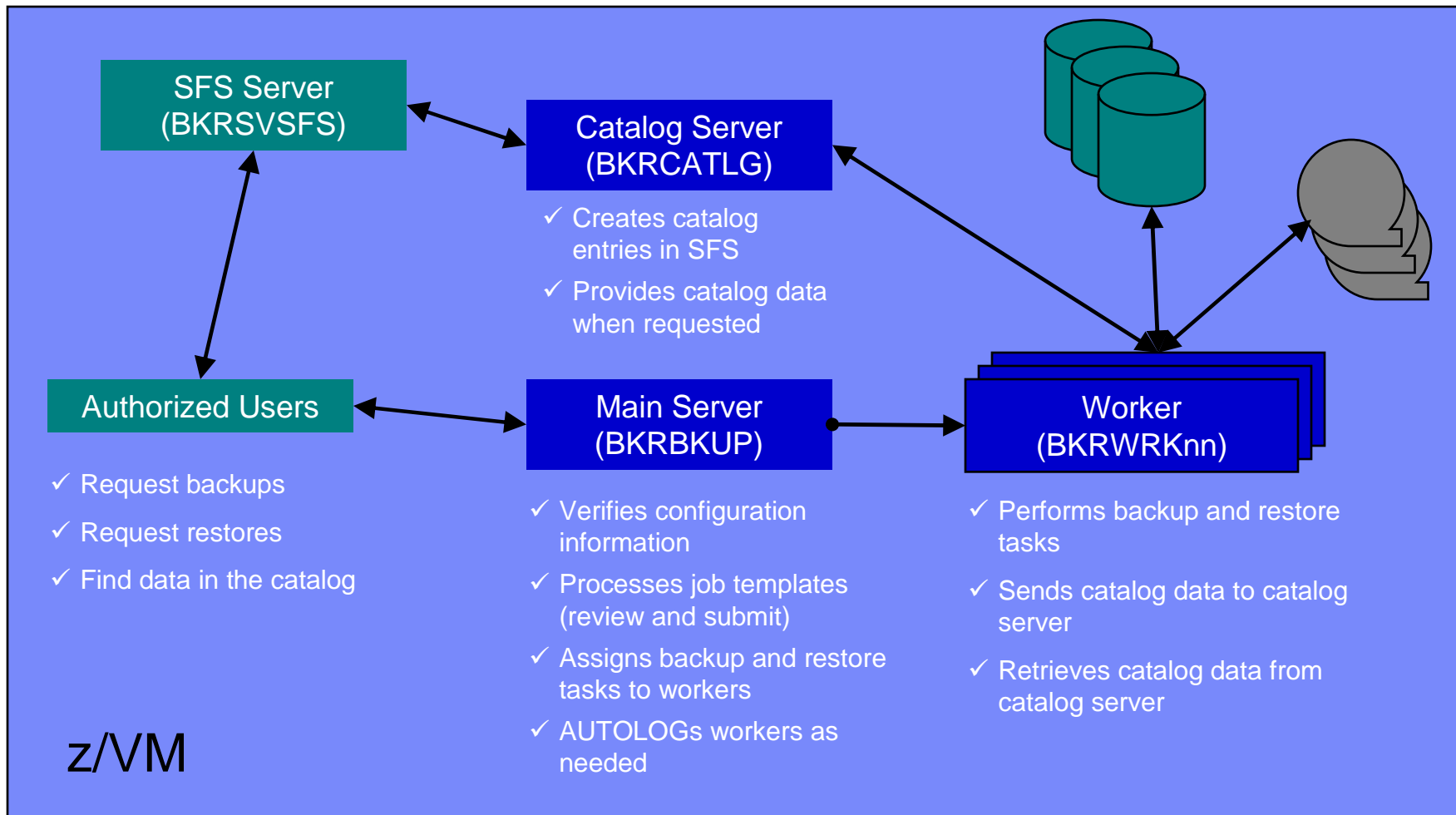
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/*****/
FUNCTION MEDIATYPE OWNER VDEV VOLUME DEVTYPE START END SIZE
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*SELECT MINIDISK MAINT 0123 0-0,1-20,391.45,436-480,3230.4,3238-end
*SELECT MINIDISK MAINT 0124 0-End

FUNCTION MEDIATYPE ADDRESS
|-----|-----|-----|
INCLUDE RDEVICE 900-90F

FUNCTION MEDIATYPE VOLSER
|-----|-----|-----|
INCLUDE RDEVVOL 530*

FUNCTION MEDIATYPE POOLNAME OWNER FS
|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
INCLUDE SFS VMSYSU: * SFS
EXCLUDE SFS VMSYSU: VMSERVU SFS
    
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# Backup and Restore Manager Service Machines



## Summary

- **Use Backup and Restore Manager to**
  - Perform file-level backups of z/VM data
  - Perform image level backups on non-z/VM guest data
  - Perform disaster recovery backups of entire system
  - Easily find and restore data as needed
  - Manage retention of backup data





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# Managing Tapes and Tape Devices

## *Tape Manager for z/VM*

# Product Overview

## ■ Manage tapes

- Define tapes in a catalog, including:
  - Free or used
  - Retention/expiration information
  - ATL/VTS or manual mount
  - Data Security Erase
- Group tapes together into pools
  - Ownership and access control
  - Media type

## ■ Manage devices

- Define available devices
  - Dedicated or assignable
- Group devices together into device pools
  - ATL/VTS or manual mount
  - Any other grouping you choose  
(read only vs. write, location, etc.)
- Share devices with other systems

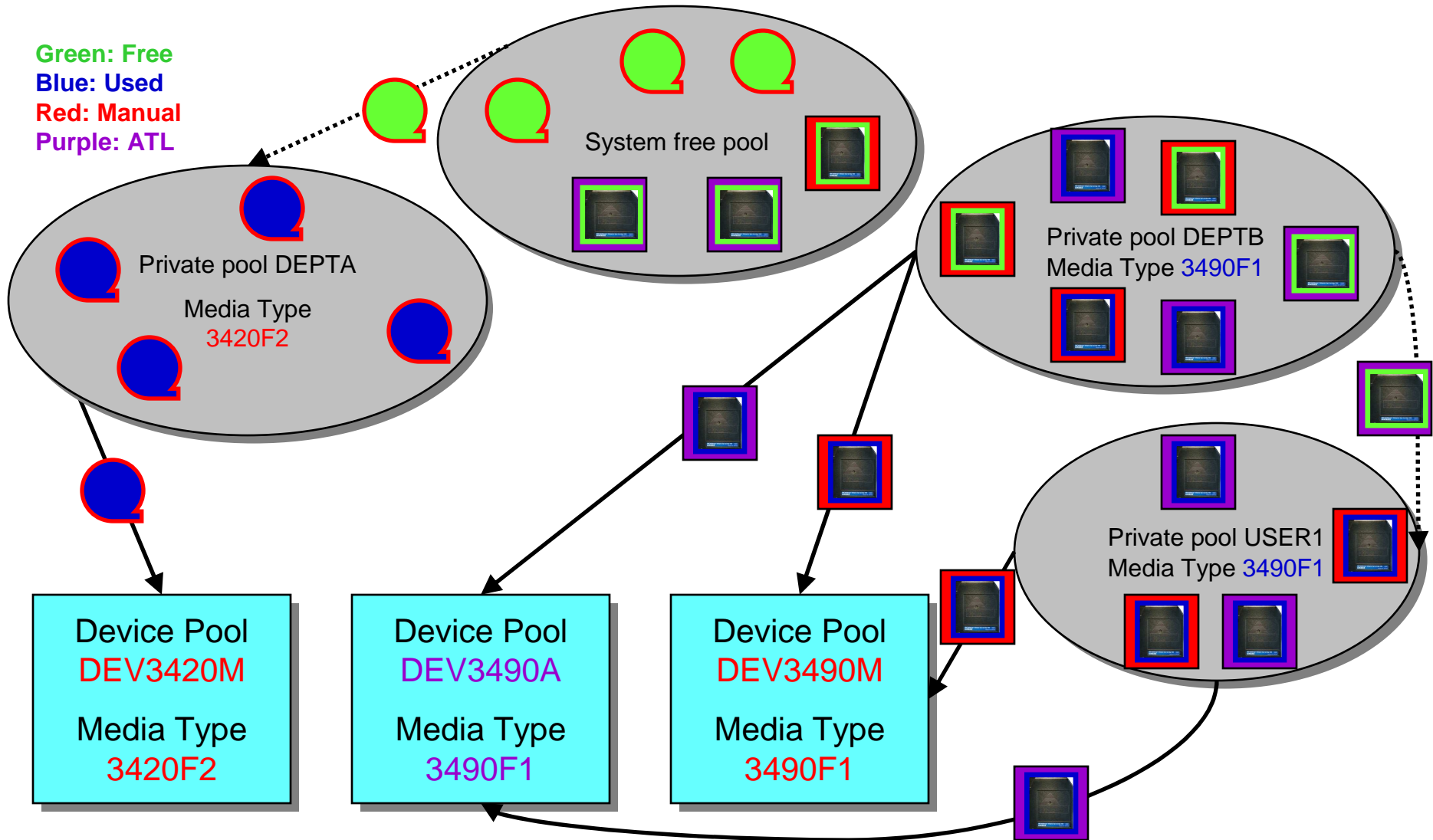
## ■ Manage mount requests

- Volume specific and scratch requests
  - Standard Label
  - Non-Label
  - Bypass Label Processing

## Key Benefits

- **Effective management of tapes in ATL or VTS**
  - Granular access control
  - Expiration processing
  - Notification for low threshold for tape resources
  - Interacts with devices through DFSMSRMS on z/VM
  
- **Improved accuracy of manual tape processing**
  - Granular access control
  - Automated interface to Operator for manual mounts
  - Internal label verification at attach/give and detach (SL only)
  - Read/Write verification at attach/give
  
- **Integrated management of z/OS and z/VM tapes using DFSMSrmm on z/OS**
  - Optionally use RMM on z/OS as the tape catalog for z/VM and z/OS tapes
  - Tapes, access control, and retention managed by the existing RMM catalog
  - Accessible via Tape Manager on z/VM
  - Tapes managed by RMM
  - Devices managed by Tape Manager

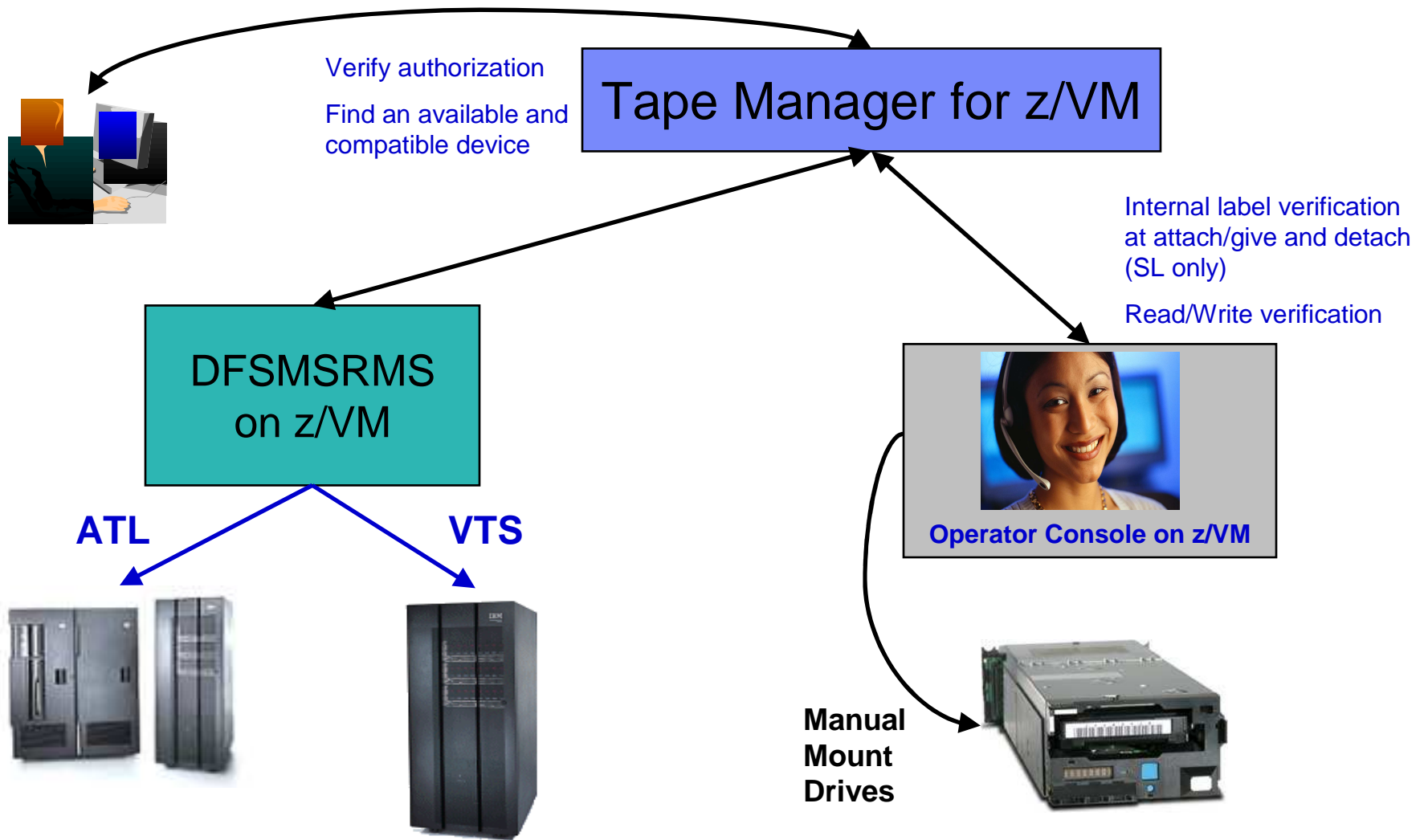
# Tape Volumes, Tape, Pools, and Device Pools



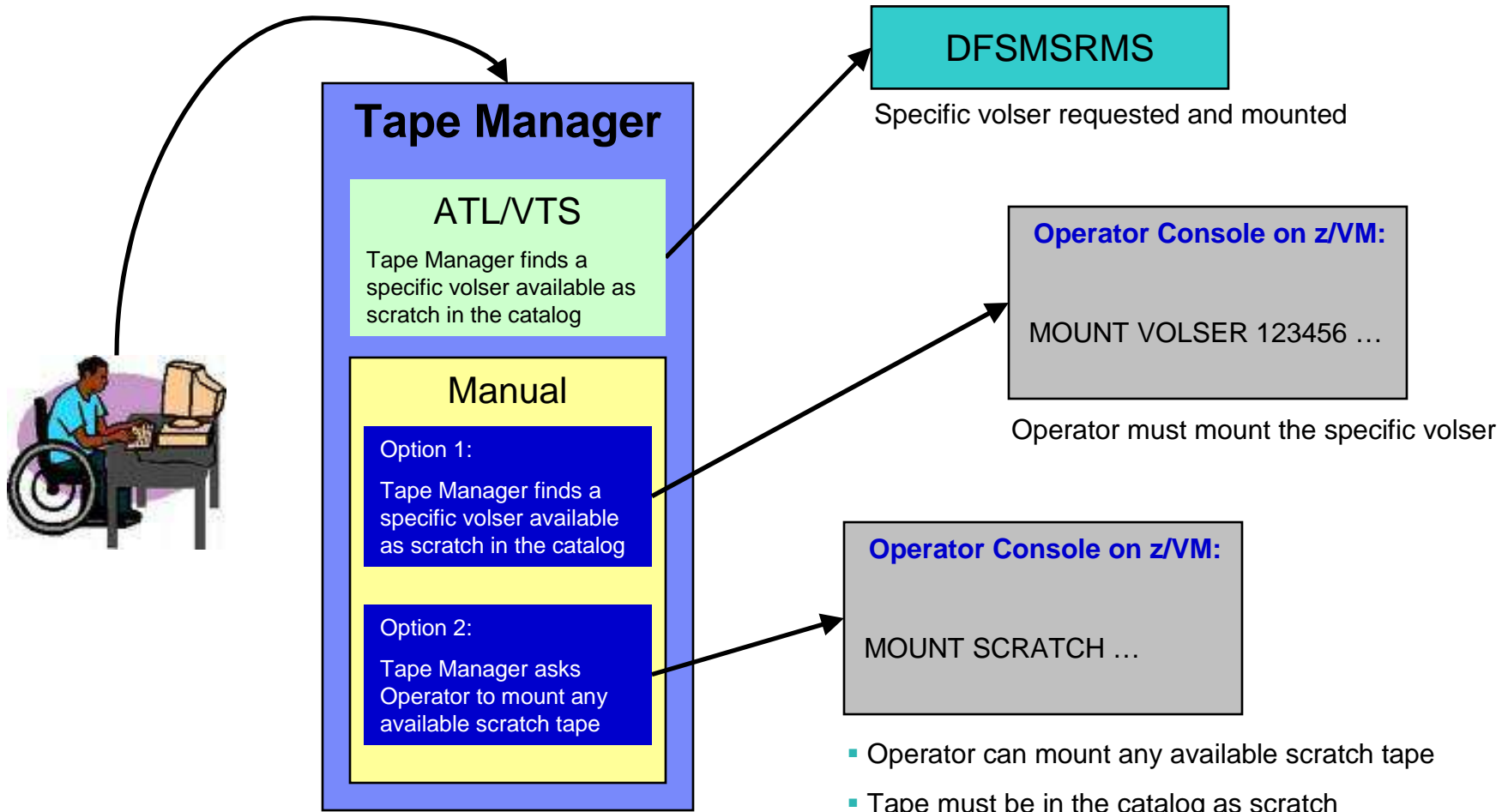
# Access Control

| Authority         | Modify Pool Attributes and Delete Pool | Modify Tape Attributes | Add Tapes to the System Inventory (System Free Pool or Private Pools) | Delete Tapes from the System Inventory | Transfer Tapes into or out of this Pool; Delete External Tapes from this Private Pool | Modify Tapes | Read Tapes | Tape Attributes Modified Only as a Byproduct of Other Commands | Use Tape Pool as a Free Pool | Receive messages related to this pool   |
|-------------------|--|------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| Sys Admin         | ✓                                      | ✓                      | ✓   | ✓                                      | ✓   | ✓            | ✓          | ✓  |                              |   |
| Pool Admin        | ✓                                      | ✓                      |   |  | ✓   | ✓            | ✓          | ✓  |                              |   |
| Tape              |  |                        |   |  | ✓   | ✓            | ✓          | ✓  |                              |   |
| Write             |  |                        |   |  |   | ✓            | ✓          | ✓  |                              |   |
| Read              |  |                        |   |  |   |              | ✓          | ✓  |                              |   |
| None              |  |                        |   |  |   |              |            |  |                              |   |
| Free              |  |                        |   |  |   |              |            |  | ✓                            |   |
| ExceptID          |  |                        |   |  |   |              |            |  |                              | Threshold messages                      |
| MntID1 and MntID2 |  |                        |   |  |   |              |            |  |                              | Mount messages, query and cancel mounts |

# Tape Mount Support: ATL, VTS, Manual



# Scratch Mount Requests in Standard Mode



- Operator can mount any available scratch tape
- Tape must be in the catalog as scratch
- Tape must be in requesting mount pool or free pool

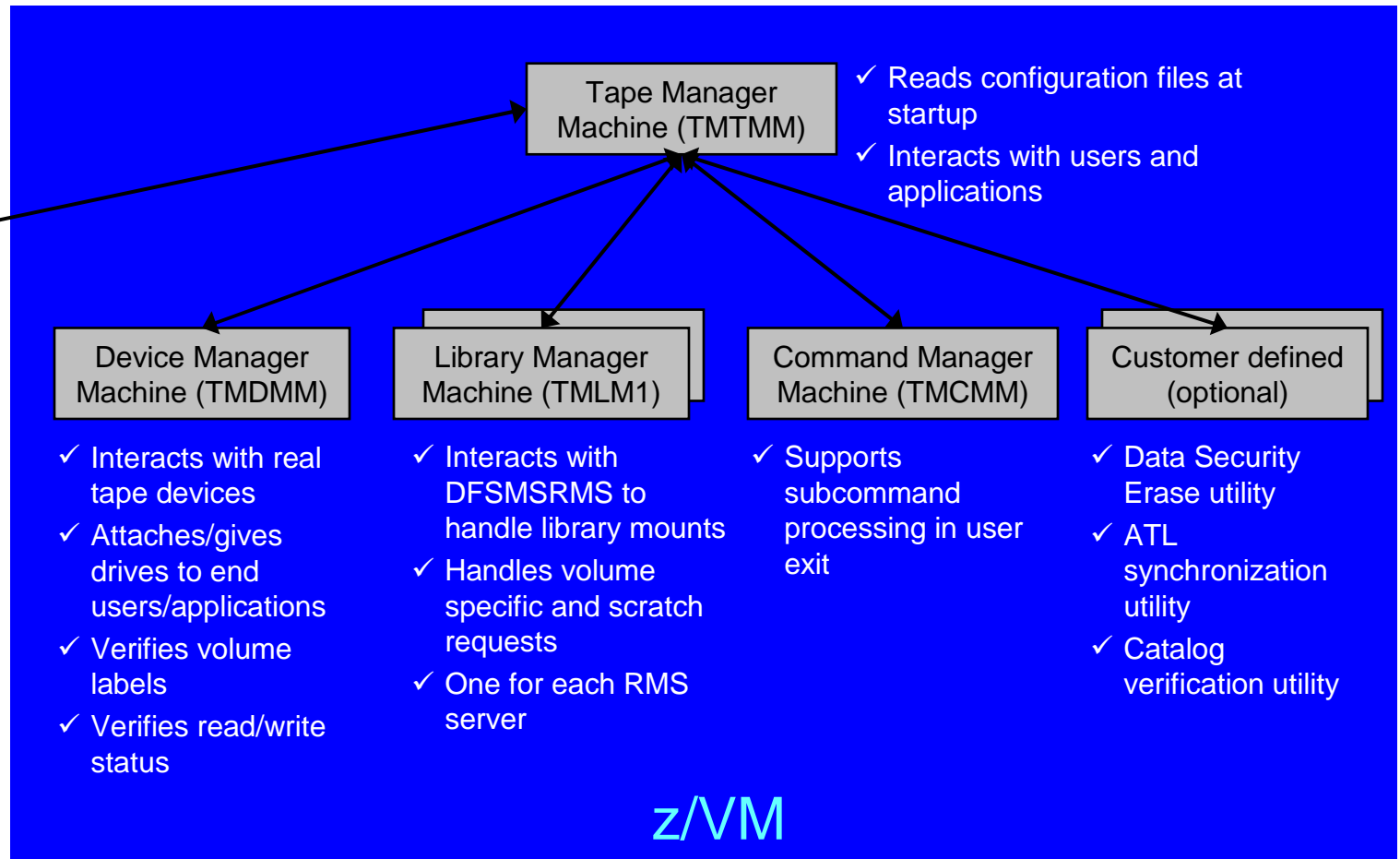
Option 1 vs. Option 2 controlled by GENSCRATCH statement in SYS CONFIG

## Data Security Erase (DSE)

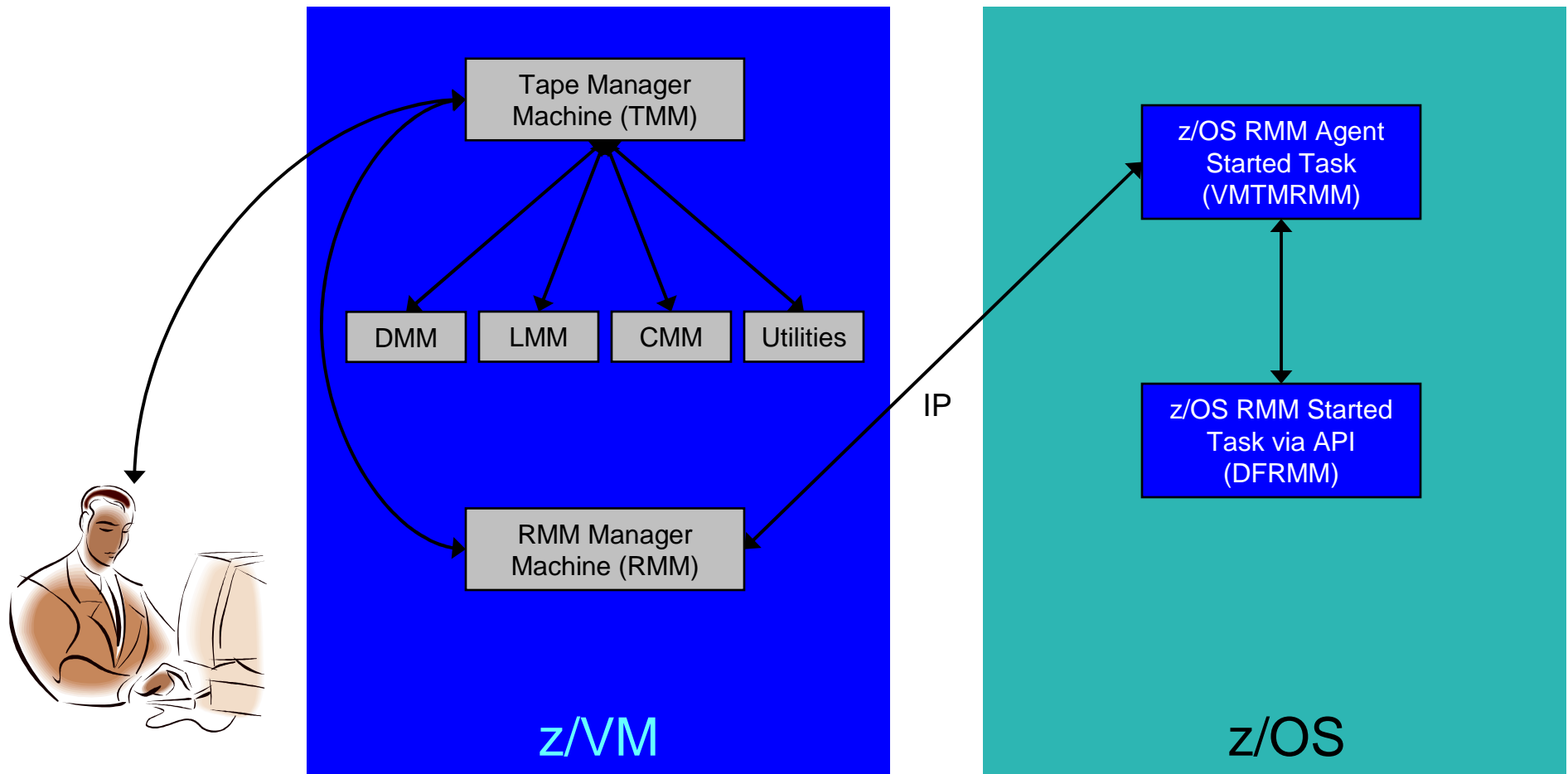
- **Erase (sensitive) data before tape is reused**
- **Option to enable DSE at tape pool or individual tape level**
  - DSE-enabled flag included in each catalog entry
- **DSE-enabled tapes marked as DSE-ready when freed**
- **Tape Manager DSE utility (TMDSE) executed on a separate user ID**
  - Started manually or automatically with Operations Manager
  - Queries the catalog to find all tapes with DSE-ready flag on
  - Mounts each tape
    - Verifies volume label if possible
      - Configuration option to perform DSE on NL tapes or not
    - Erases tape
    - Turns off DSE-ready flag in catalog
  - Tape is now available for scratch unless its HOLD flag is on



# Tape Manager in Standard Mode

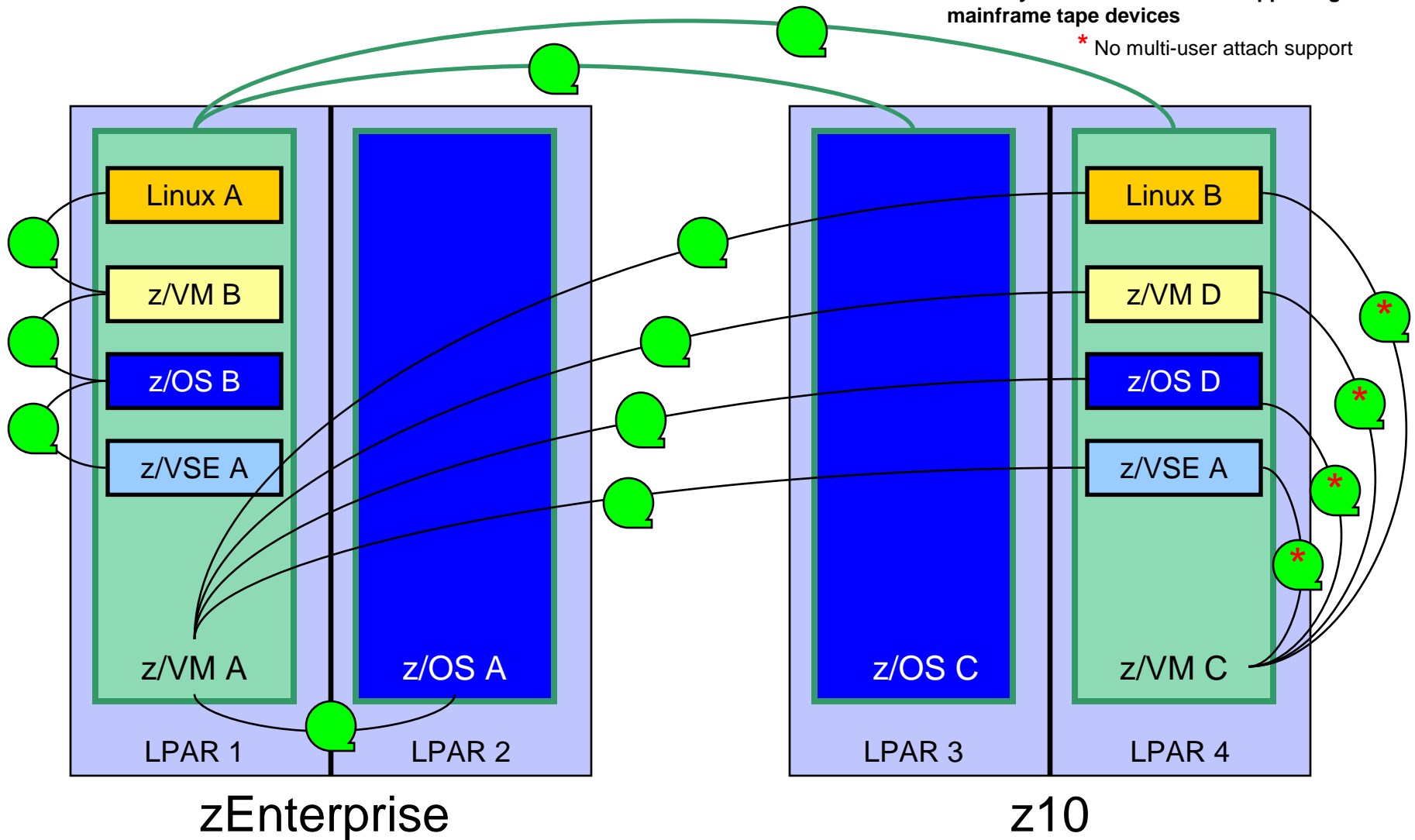


# Tape Manager in RMM Mode



# Sharing of Tape Devices

- z/VM systems with IBM Tape Manager
  - z/OS systems with IBM Automated Tape Allocation Manager
  - Linux systems with software supporting mainframe tape devices
- \* No multi-user attach support



## Summary

- **Use Tape Manager to**
  - Manage and share devices
  - Manage tape volumes
    - Access control
    - Retention
    - Data Security
  - Improve accuracy of mount requests

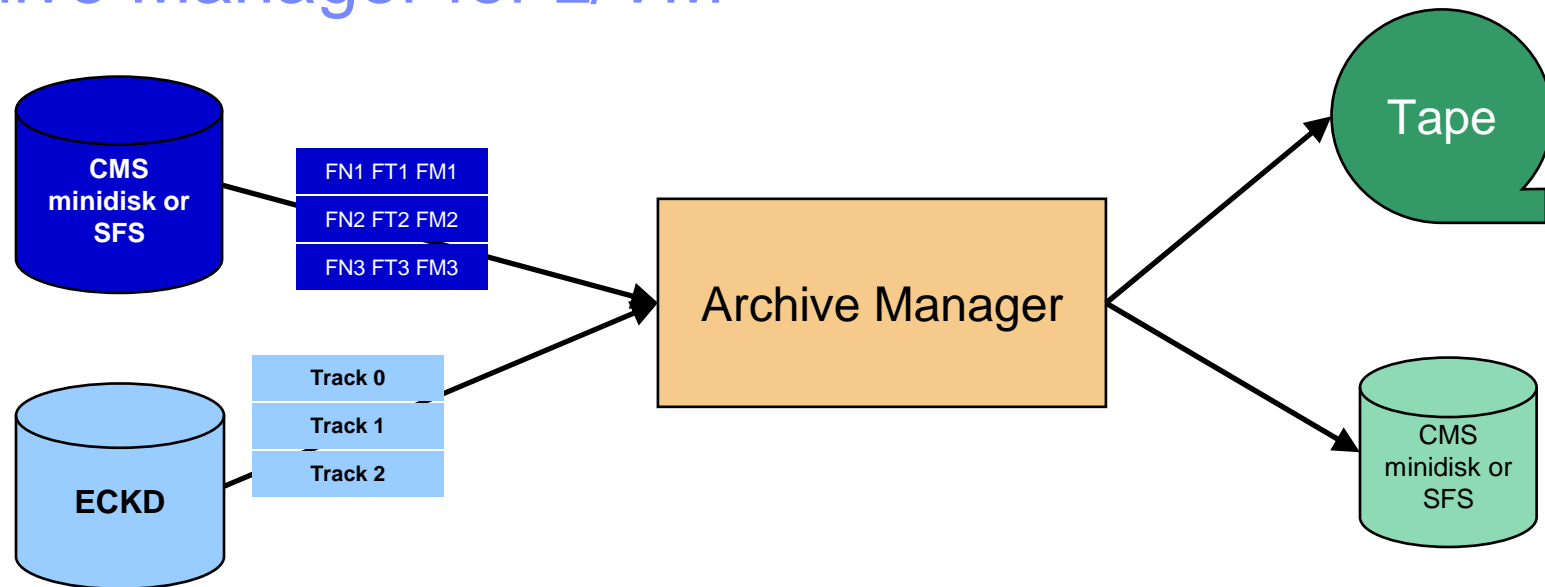


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# Managing Disk Space

## *Archive Manager for z/VM*

## Archive Manager for z/VM



- **Improve end user satisfaction and productivity**

- Users manage their own disk space
- Move infrequently used files to tape or other disk
- Archive and recall functions are controlled by the user
  - No administrator intervention required
- Archived data staged to DASD, then tape if applicable
  - Users don't wait for a tape mount for archive request to complete

- **Reduce DASD space requirements**

- Archive older files to less expensive storage media
- Continue to provide users access to the archived data/files

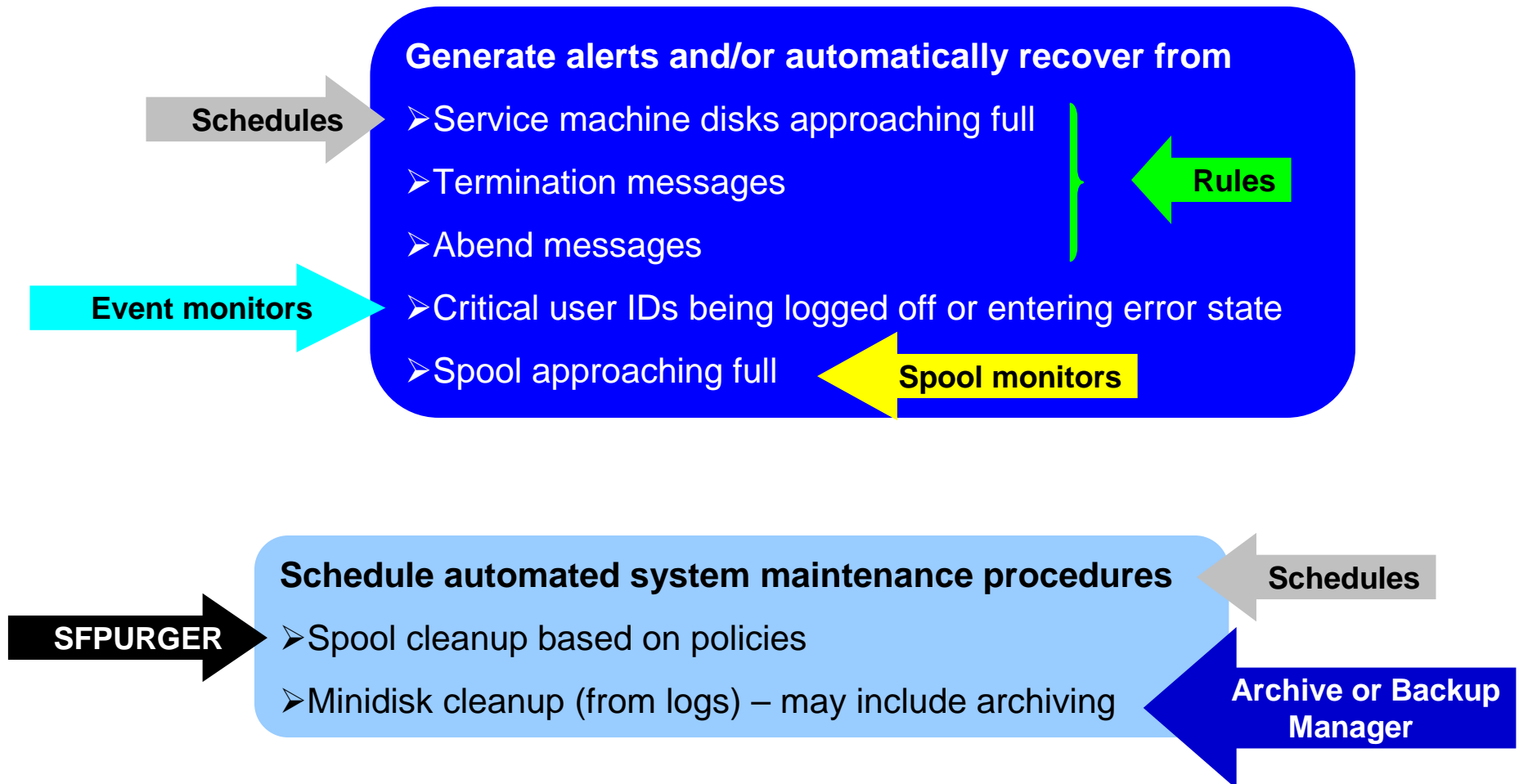
- **Control location, retention, and access to archived data**

- **Integration with Tape Manager for z/VM**

## Summary

- **Use Archive Manager to**
  - Improve management of disk space
  - Easily and immediately archive data when a disk is approaching full
  - Manage retention of archived data

## Recommended Practices – Operational Management





# Recommended Practices – Backup and Recovery

## File level backup of z/VM data

- Directory information
- Configuration files
- Log files
- Tools – REXX EXECs, automation scripts, etc.

**INCLUDE MINIDISK**

**INCLUDE MINIDISK  
INCLUDE RDEVICE  
INCLUDE RDEVVOL**

## Image level backup of Linux guests

- Operating system
- Applications
- Application data (maybe)

## Disaster recovery of z/VM system, including Linux guest

- Dependence on z/OS versus
- Independent recovery in parallel with z/OS

**Back up from z/OS**

**Backup Manager using  
DDRTAPE output spec**

## Summary

- **Management of z/VM systems with Linux guests requires monitoring and management tools**
- **IBM solutions exist**
  - OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux
  - Operations Manager for z/VM
  - Tape Manager for z/VM
  - Backup and Restore Manager for z/VM
  - Archive Manager for z/VM
- **Demos are available**

## Demos Available

1. **Send an e-mail based on a console message**
2. **Send an alert to Netcool/OMNIBus based on a console message**
  - a. Using POSTZMSG interface to Netcool/OMNIBus
  - b. Using SNMP interface to Netcool/OMNIBus
3. **Send a message or e-mail based on spool usage**
4. **View and clean up spool files**
5. **Automated spool cleanup**
6. **Archiving DIRMAINT's log files when disk gets full**
7. **Process a file of test messages as a console**
8. **Process Linux syslog data as a console**
9. **Create a central operations console on one z/VM system**
10. **Create a central operations console across multiple z/VM systems**
11. **Integration with OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux - take action based on CPU usage of a Linux guest**
12. **Monitor service machines for logoff – and autolog them**
13. **Perform an incremental backup**
14. **Find and restore a file from the backup catalog**
15. **Automatically shut down, back up, and restart a Linux guest**
16. **Reviewing a disaster recovery backup**
17. **Reviewing other ways to find data in the backup catalog**

## Reference Information

- **Product Web site**
  - Start at <http://www.ibm.com/software/stormgmt/zvm/>
  - Product pages include
    - Publications
    - Pre-requisites
    - Announcements
    - Presentations
    - White papers
    - Support
- **e-mail**
  - Mike Sine, [sine@us.ibm.com](mailto:sine@us.ibm.com), Technical Marketing
  - Tracy Dean, [tld1@us.ibm.com](mailto:tld1@us.ibm.com), Product Manager
- **White paper for routing Linux syslog data**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atmastr.nsf/WebIndex/WP101379>
- **White paper for sending alerts from Operations Manager to Netcool/OMNibus**
  - <http://www.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atmastr.nsf/WebIndex/WP101492>

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