

Linux and z Systems in the Datacenter

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Available Architectures for SUSE Linux Enterprise Server

- X86, z Systems, Power
- Common Source Code for all architectures

Running a Datacenter

- Requirements:
 - RAS
 - Scalability
 - I/O
 - Network
 - Disk
 - Main Memory
 - Computing power
 - Multi-tenancy
 - Monitoring

What is different with Mainframes?

Characteristics of a Mainframe

- RAS Criteria
- Up to 10 TB of main memory
- I/O up to 832 GB/s
- Scalability up to 141 CPUs
- Virtualization up to 8000 Servers
- Integrated multi-tenancy

Mainframe Operating Systems

- z/OS
- z/VM
- KVM
- Linux for z Systems

Mainframe Scalability

- License only the CPUs you need
- Increase capacity on demand
- Designed to run at 100% load
- Add additional CPU and memory without service interruption
- Add new I/O paths during normal operation

The Mainframe Designed for Virtualization

Levels of Virtualization

First Level Virtualization

- LPAR
 - Hardware Virtualization Features
 - Minimal Overhead
 - Number of available LPARs
 - I/O Virtualization (disk, network)
 - LPAR compares to a virtualization Server
- Operating Systems:
 - z/VM
 - KVM
 - Linux

Levels of Virtualization

First Level Virtualization

- Linux on LPAR
 - HMC as management interface
 - Deployment methods
 - DVD in HMC
 - Boot from remote
 - Virtual Appliances?
 - Hipersockets
 - Highest level of separation (up to Common Criteria with level EAL 5)
 - Physical Hardware interfaces (OSA, FICON, FCP)

Levels of Virtualization

Second Level Virtualization

- z/VM
 - Amount of virtual machines only limited by available Ressources
 - Huge memory overcommit possible
 - Easy administration and self-service for Guests
 - Seamless serviceability with SSI and LGR
- KVM
 - Very similar to KVM on other platforms
 - Disk and network access provided with virtio

Levels of Virtualization

Second Level Virtualization

- Linux on z/VM
 - Optimal integration with hardware
 - Provides Dynamic I/O
 - Direct attachment of FCP, FICON, and OSA
 - Emulated DASD with multipath of FCP
 - Hardware supported VSWITCH
 - Link aggregation provided by z/VM
 - Multiple consoles for guests
 - Software defined interconnect between guests
 - Needs additional skills

Levels of Virtualization

Second Level Virtualization

- Linux on KVM
 - Any linux admin with KVM experience can manage this.
 - Coexists with other Linux and z/VM LPARs
 - Uses “Start Interpretive Execution” SIE instruction in hardware:
 - Describes the state of a virtual CPU
 - Uses “Dynamic Address Translation” DAT

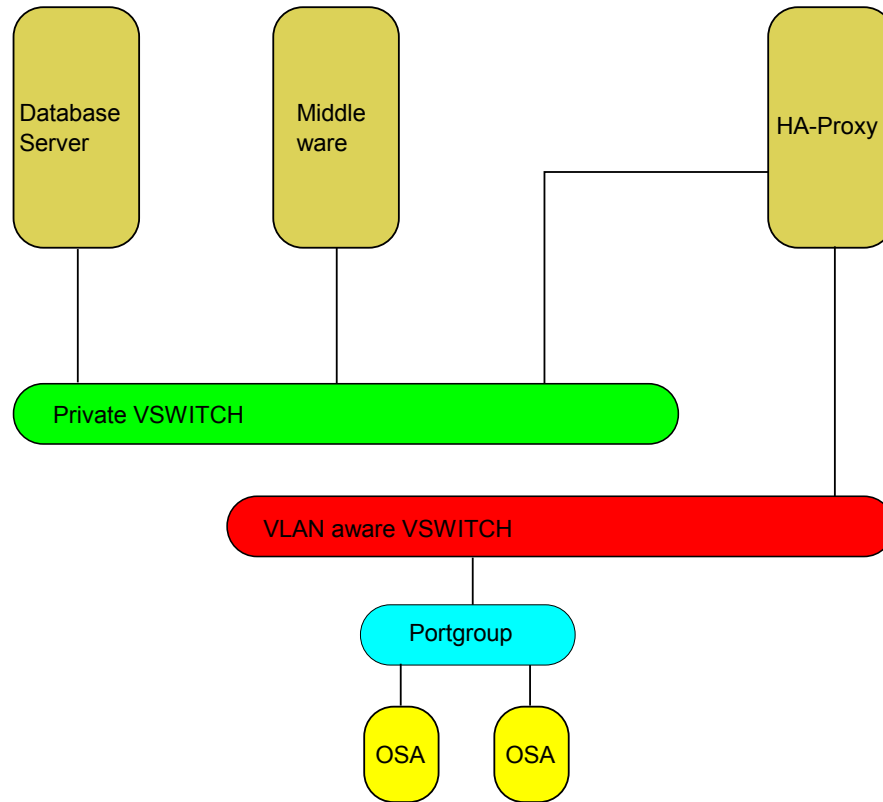
Multi Tenancy

Multiple admins running the same hardware

- Get the privileges you need
 - HMC: multiple users have access to their resources on LPAR level
 - z/VM:
 - Users have immediate access to their servers
 - System programmer, operator, security specialist, and auditor are prepared as different users

Example Scenarios or How to setup a virtual Appliance

Web Application with Database Backend

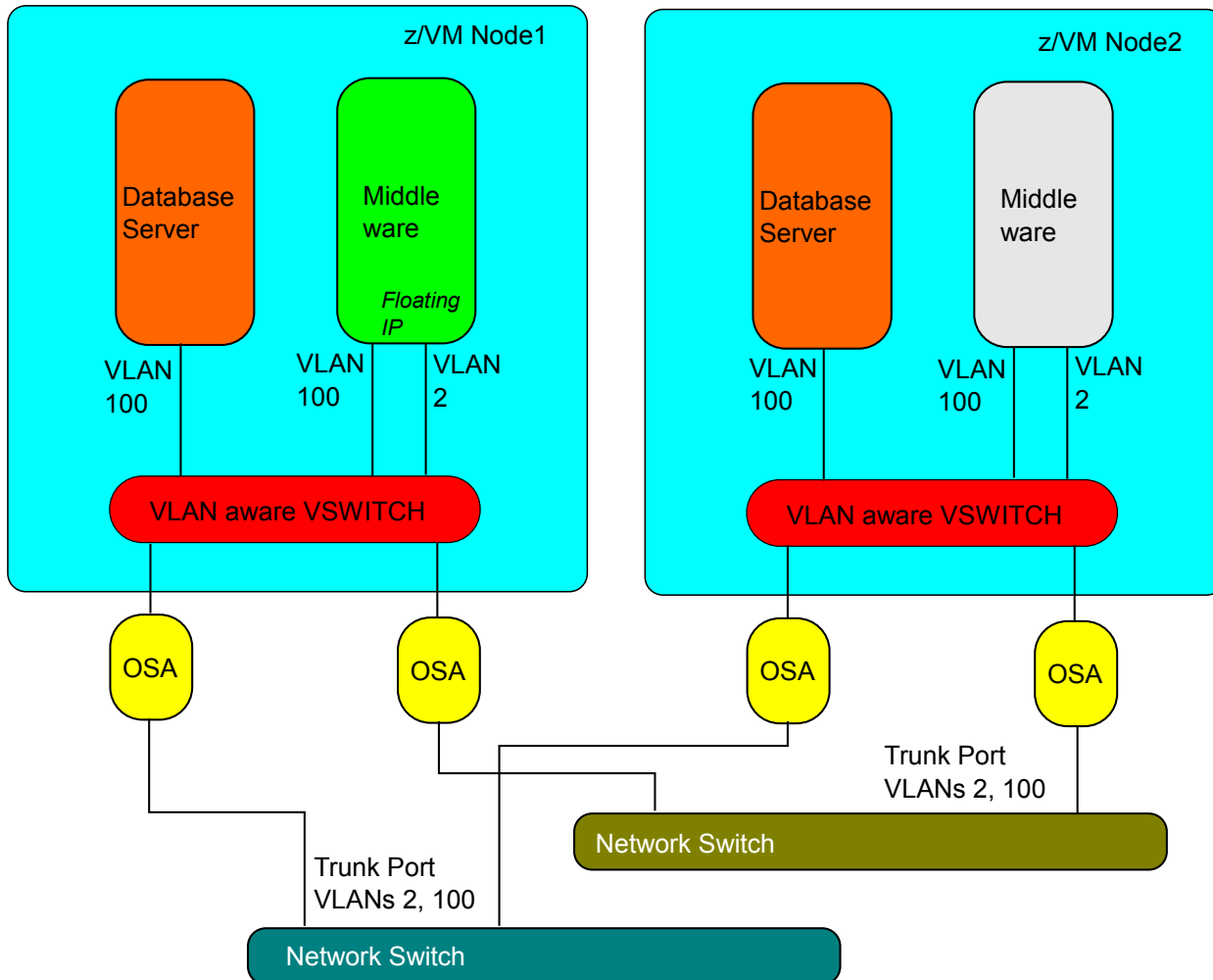


- private VSWITCH without external device that connects involved machines
- HA-Proxy acts separation from external net

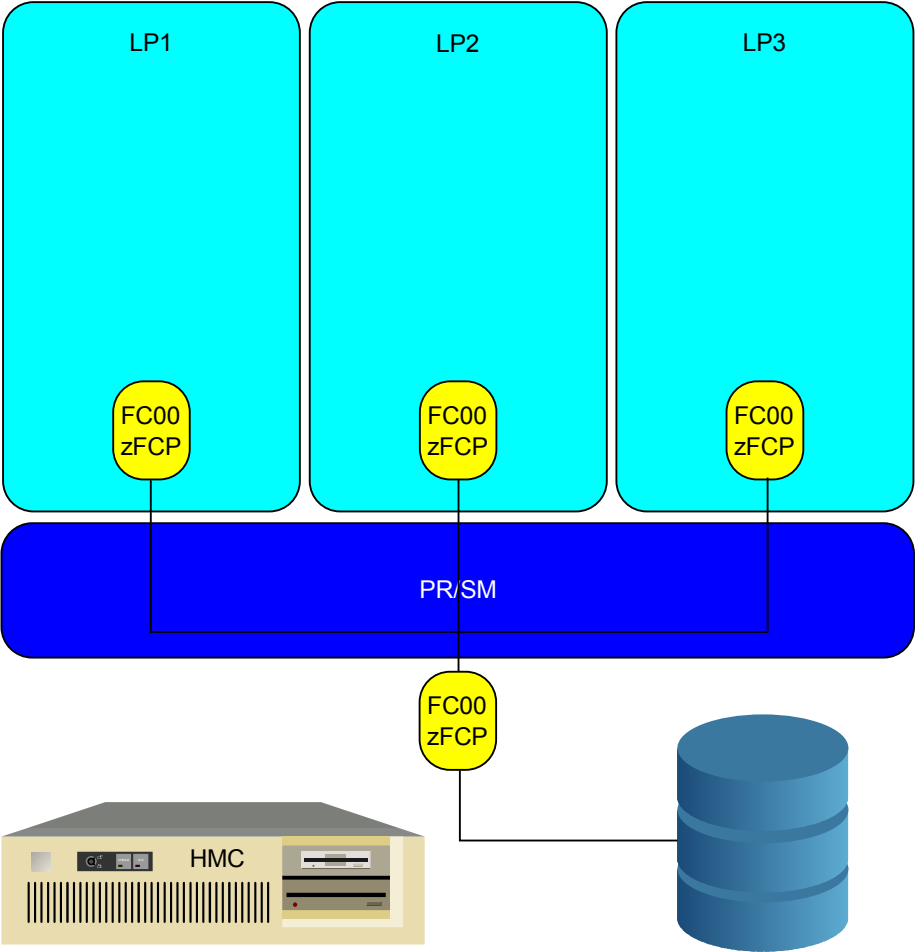
HA Setup with SUSE Linux Enterprise

- Interconnect to Backend Server over VLAN aware VSWITCH
- Use VLANs to separate private interconnects
- Example with SSI

HA Setup with SUSE Linux Enterprise



Virtual Appliance on LPAR



More Linux on Mainframe @SUSECon

- CAS19992 - What's Old is New Again: Consolidation and Innovation with Linux on the Mainframe at Sparda DV
- BOV19372 - KVM and Linux on z Systems
- BOV19919 - SUSE Manager on z Systems
- BOV19995 - 15 Years of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server on the Mainframe: Control, Optimize, Innovate!
- TUT19925 - Linux High Availability on Mainframe
- TUT20511 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server on IBM z Systems, the Highly Scalable Hub for Mobile Workloads in the Enterprise
- FUT20719 - SUSE Linux Enterprise Server for System z Roadmap: Building enterprise IT with SUSE Linux Enterprise on IBM Mainframes



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