Metal to Cloud on an IBM z15 T02

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Topics

- Planning
- Implementation
- Results



Planning

- Planning is critical to efficient implementation
- Hardware
 - Physical site including data center and layout
 - What hardware: z15-T02, DS8910F, miscellaneous routers, switches, server
 - Numbers and types of I/O cards
 - Cables
 - Purchase and shipping
 - LPAR definitions
- Watch out for the Unplanned
 - Coronavirus



Planning

Software

- I/O cabling plan; CHPID Mapping Tool; IOCP
- Driver Exception Letter
- PSP buckets: DEVICE8562, subset 8562/ZVM & 8562/ZOS
- Install software support required for hardware
- VM-specific configuration
 - SYSTEM CONFIG
 - SYSTEM NETID
 - VSWITCH configurations



Install the hardware

Rack, networking, miscellaneous:
 A few hours over several days



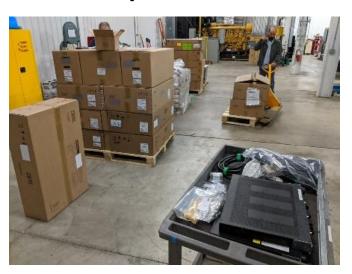
- z15: Four hours
 - Sometimes things happen and require time to resolve
 - This was a hardware ESP







- DS8910F
 - Most of one day











Z = Simplicity Our Entire Data Center

What's not needed?

- Lots of racks
- Lots of expensive network switches for SAN and multiple network interfaces
- Lots of environmental support: space, power, cooling





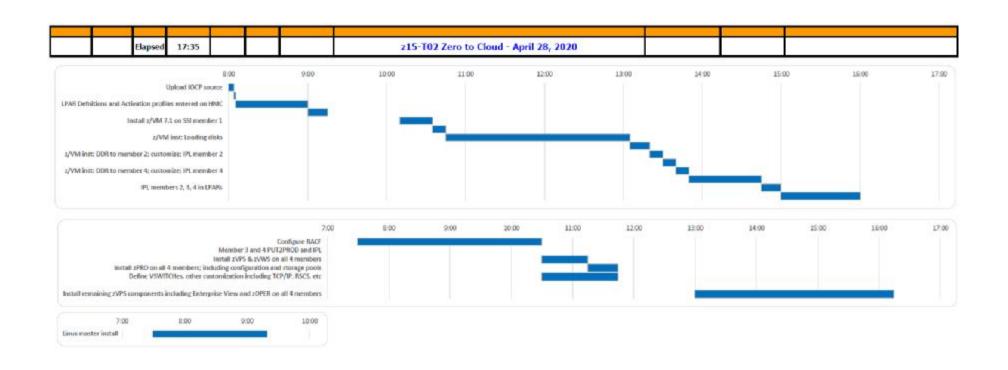


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- z/VM four member Single System Image cluster
 - Five hours
 - Some components require a lot of effort or have difficult documentation RACF
- z/VM Service
 - Zero or more hours; base install includes one RSU additional RSU & COR may be needed
- Velocity Suite
 - Installer, zVWS, zPRO, zVPS performance components 4 ½ hours
- Linux master image
 - 2 hours



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Results

- z15 is...
 - Fast three generations newer than zBC12 it replaced
 - Feature rich
 - · On chip data compression
 - We achieved 80% reduction in data passing from z/OS to z/VM
 - System Recovery boost
 - Crypto Express 7
 - Others...
- DS8910F
 - All solid state; compact
 - Feature rich
 - Flashcopy, Global Mirror, etc
- Early Ship Program
 - Work with IBM labs
 - Access to new hardware before it is generally available

