

DNA Sequencing with the z/VM Virtual Switch

A look at Virtual Switch security and Directory Network Authorization



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Agenda

- An Overview of the z/VM Virtual Switch
- User-Based Vs. Port-Based Access
- New: Directory Network Authorization (DNA)
 - How it works
 - Changes in CP
 - Implications to Guest Mobility (VMRELOCATE)
 - Changes in DirMaint
 - ESM Implications
 - Migration from Old to New



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Overview of the z/VM Virtual Switch

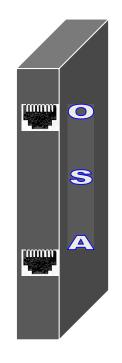
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Switch – a box that creates a LAN

- Enable and disable a port
- Set port type: trunk or access
- Assign port to one or more VLANs
- Set port speed: 10 / 100 / 1000 / Auto
- Set port duplex mode: Simplex / Duplex / Auto
- Define an internal router
- Define SNAP (sniffer) ports



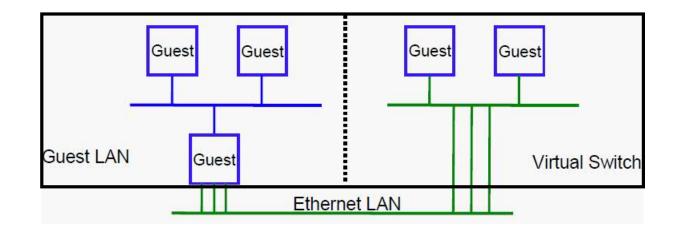
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Guest LAN vs. Virtual Switch

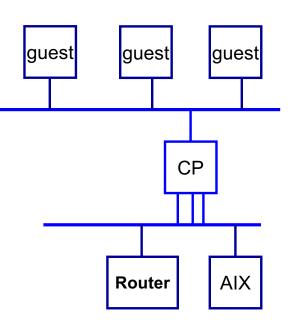


- Virtual router is required
- Different subnet
- External router awareness
- Guest-managed failover

- No virtual router
- Same subnet
- Transparent bridge
- CP-managed failover

z/VM Virtual Switch

- A special-purpose Guest LAN –Ethernet
 - Built-in IEEE 802.1q bridge to an outside network
 - -IEEE VLAN capable
- Defining in z/VM:
- SYSTEM CONFIG (static definition)
- CP DEFINE VSWITCH command



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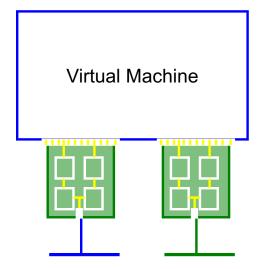
Virtual Switch Attributes

- Name of the Switch
- Associated OSAs (up to 8) (may be aggregated and/or shared)
- Access Control List for z/VM userids
- 1+ controller VMs (minimal VM TCP/IP stack servers)
 - -User pre-configured DTCVSW1 and DTCVSW2
 - -Controller not involved in data transfer
 - -Starts, stops, and monitors OSAs
 - -Do not ATTACH or DEDICATE
- Similar to Guest LAN
 - -Owner SYSTEM
 - -Type QDIO
 - -Persistent
 - -Restricted

Virtual Network Interface Cards (NICs)

- A simulated network adapter –OSA-Express QDIO
 - –HiperSockets
 - -Must match LAN type
- 3 or more devices per NIC

 More than 3 to simulate port sharing on 2nd-level system or for multiple data channels
- Provides access to Guest LAN or Virtual Switch

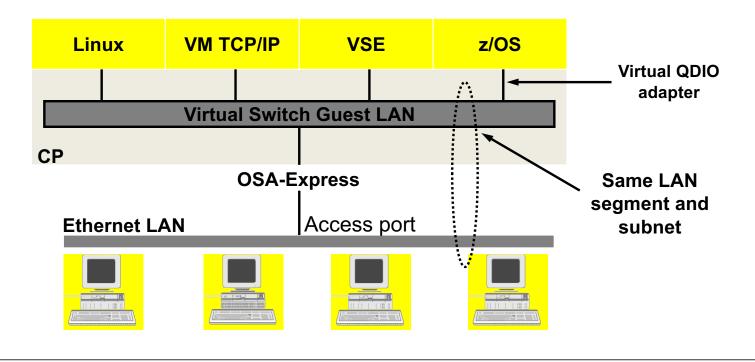


Guest LAN or virtual switch

Created by directory or CP DEFINE NIC command

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z/VM Virtual Switch – VLAN unaware



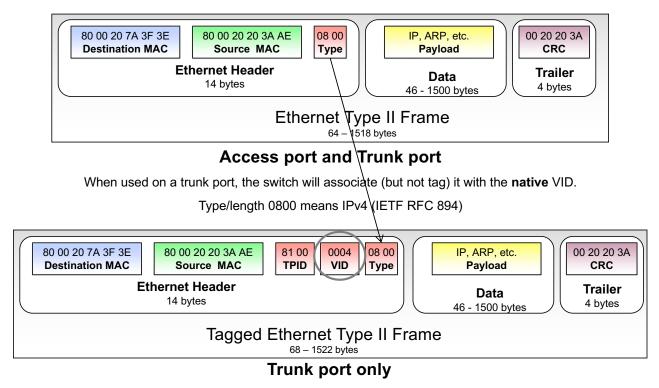
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What's a "VLAN"? (This slide gleefully stolen from Alan Altmark. Sshhhh.)

- Defined by IEEE 802.1Q standard (not z/VM!)
 - "A subset of the active topology of a bridged LAN."
- A bridged LAN is what you get when you use a switch instead of a hub
 - Enables the application of ingress and egress rules to the frames that enter and exit the switch ports
- IEEE 802.1Q establishes a new set of rules and frame formats
 - Associated with each VLAN is a VLAN Identifier (VID).
 - VLAN-tagged frames carry the VID within the frame. Allowed only on trunk ports.
 - Untagged frames do not carry the VID, but are instead associated with a VID by the switch and then managed as though they were tagged
- VLAN-aware bridges create logical groups of end stations that can communicate as if they were on the same LAN by associating the physical port used by each of those end stations with the same VID.
- Traffic between VLANs is restricted. Bridges forward unicast, multicast, and broadcast traffic to ports that serve the VLAN to which the traffic belongs.

- Routers connect to multiple VLANs

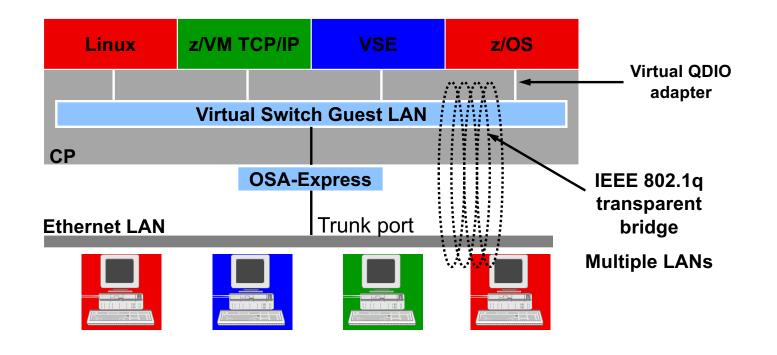
VLAN tags (This slide gleefully stolen from Alan Altmark. Sshhhh.)



Value 8100 in the Type field means a VLAN tag follows, followed by the actual type/length field

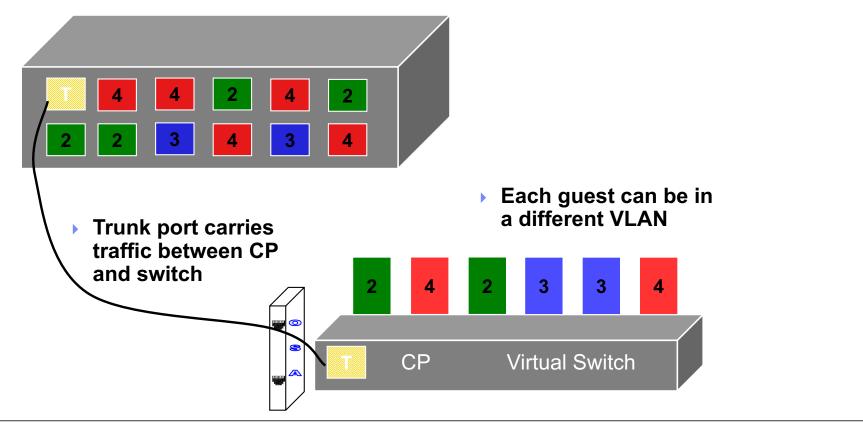
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z/VM Virtual Switch – VLAN aware



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Physical Switch to Virtual Switch



Security controls on the VSWITCH

- Virtual Sniffers
 - -Guest must be authorized via SET VSWITCH or security server
 - -Guest enables promiscuous mode using CP SET NIC or via device driver controls (tcpdump -P)
 - -Guest receives copies of all frames sent or received for authorized VLANs

Port Isolation or VEPA modes

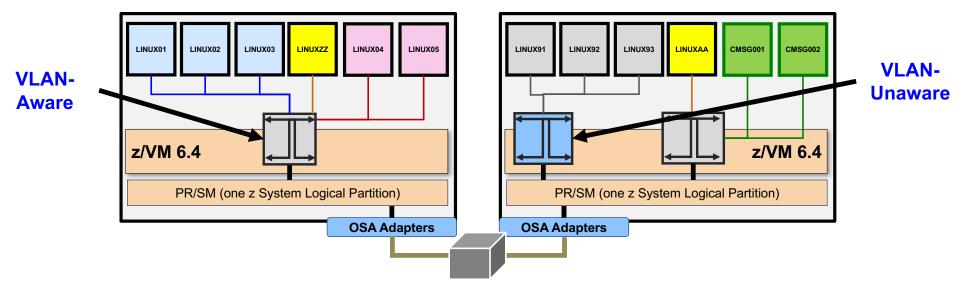
- -Isolation: Shut off OSA "short circuit" to other members of the VLAN
- -Virtual Edge Port Aggregator (VEPA) pushes separation to physical switch

Access lists

- -Not all guests can access a VSWITCH by default
- -Userid list defined via CP command or configuration statement

An External Security Manager will provide granular control (of course)

Zoning with the z/VM Virtual Switch



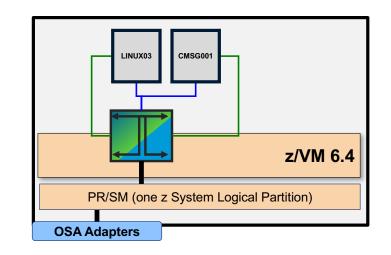
- Guests with a common VLAN can talk to one another (the OSA "hairpin turn")
- Guests that pass a security decision point (firewall) can communicate
- Separate traffic at VSwitch (VLAN), OSA (Port Isolation), or at physical switch (VEPA mode)

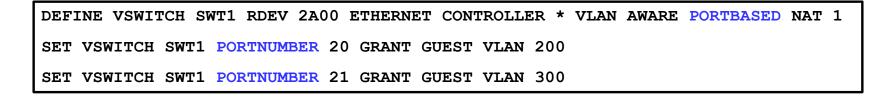
Port to Port – Virtual Machine Access to the Virtual Switch

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Does a guest need to be VLAN-aware?

- "It depends" on Virtual Switch configuration
 - TRUNK frames are VLAN-tagged
 - ACCESS VLAN-unaware
- Linux guests often define ports to represent a particular *eth.n* connection
 - Don't necessarily care about VLAN id
- The Port-Based Vswitch allows a guest with multiple vNICs to connect via ACCESS ports to a single VLAN-aware virtual switch
 - Associate Port with VLAN
 - Guest doesn't need to care





Solution – VSWITCH PORTBASED definition

A guest may have multiple vNICs connect to a VSwitch – as ACCESS Port connections.

The PORTNUMBER option makes this possible.

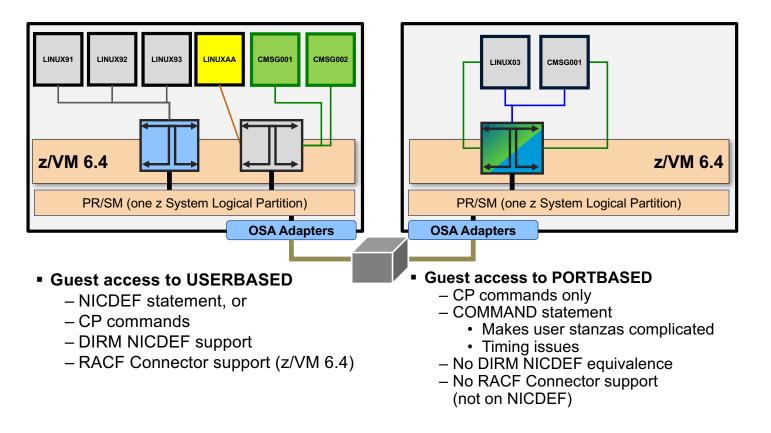
DEFINE VSWITCH LAGGSWT1 ETHERNET RDEV NONE CONTROLLER * VLAN AWARE PORTBASED NAT 1 GROUP SPG1
SET PORT GROUP SPG1 JOIN 5700.P00 5703.P01 5600.P00 5603.P01
SET VSWITCH LAGGSWT1 PORTNUMBER 15 USERID SUSE80 VLAN 1
SET VSWITCH LAGGSWT1 PORTNUMBER 16 USERID SUSE80 VLAN 192
SET VSWITCH LAGGSWT1 PORTNUMBER 17 USERID SUSE80 VLAN 300
SET VSWITCH LAGGSWT1 PORTNUMBER 18 USERID SUSE80 VLAN 700

Solution – VSWITCH PORTBASED definition

- PORTNUMBERs don't have to start with (or increment by) 1 just have to be different.
- · Can migrate user-based definitions to port-based with no impact
- RACF doesn't care either way, either no substantive change to security policy

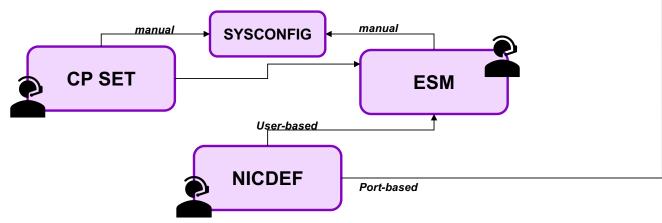
q vswitch
VSWITCH SYSTEM DTCSMAPI Type: QDIO Connected: 0 Maxconn: INFINITE
PERSISTENT RESTRICTED ETHERNET Accounting: OFF
USERBASED
VLAN Unaware
MAC address: 02-00-10-00-00-19 MAC Protection: Unspecified
State: Defined
IPTimeout: 5 QueueStorage: 8
Isolation Status: OFF
VSWITCH SYSTEM LAGGSWT1 Type: QDIO Connected: 10 Maxconn: INFINITE
PERSISTENT RESTRICTED ETHERNET Accounting: OFF
PORTBASED
VLAN Aware Default VLAN: NONE Default Porttype: Access GVRP: Enabled
Native VLAN: 0001 VLAN Counters: OFF

And then the drama started ...



And then the drama started ...

- Kind of complicated, isn't it?
 - NIC device properties in the User Directory
 - NIC network properties in System Config, CP SET, and/or an ESM
- Kind of hard to manage, isn't it?
 - No port-based support for NICDEF all CP SET
 - Now try deploying a switch through IBM Wave, or OpenStack, or even DirMaint ...



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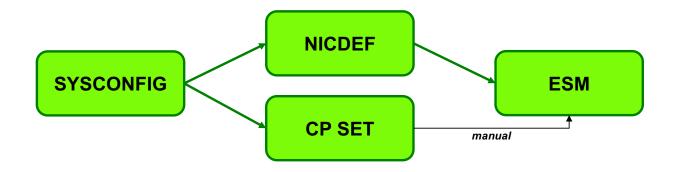
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Directory Network Authorization (DNA)

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Directory Network Authorization (APARs VM65925, VM65926, and VM65931 – August 2017)

- Centralize everything on the NICDEF statement
 - New parameters included
 - NICDEF takes precedence over CP SET VSWITCH (still supported)
 - NICDEF LAN authorizes network access
 - No meaningful distinction between user-based and port-based anymore



How do I enable DNA? (And what if I change my mind?)

System Configuration VMLAN statement:

```
+-- ENABLE ---v
>>--VMLAN [...]- DNA --+-----+---------><
+-- DISABLE --^
```

• Or CP SET VMLAN:

• New message if there's a conflict with state vs. configuration:

HCP3224I NICDEF network configuration is ignored due to the current setting of VMLAN DNA.

What do I do to use DNA?

- Step 1: Apply PTFs when available. (C'mon, that was the easy part.)
 - z/VM DIRECTXA processes the new directory statement changes
 - NICDEF statement defines properties of virtual NIC
 - NICDEF also now supports network attributes defined by CP SET VSWITCH
- Then, secure it. Recommend change access be restricted for:
 - LAN, MACID, PORTNUMBER, VLAN, PROMISCUOUS
 - Impacts security policy, should be administrator-only
 - DirMaint will have these changes when you apply that PTF

NICDEF	vdev	[TYPE HIPERS QDIO]
		[DEVices devs]
		[LAN owner name]
		[CHPID xx]
		[MACID xxyyzz]
		[PORTNUMber nnnn]
		[PORType ACCESS TRUNK]
		[VLAN vidset]
		[PROmiscuous NOPROmiscuous]

Tell me about ... LAN

- NICDEF LAN now authorizes the connection to a virtual network
 - Unless VMLAN DNA is DISABLED in the System Configuration file
 - LAN statement still optional

NICDEF	vdev	[TYPE HIPERS QDIO] [DEVices <i>devs</i>]
		[LAN owner name]
		[CHPID xx]
		[MACID xxyyzz]
		[PORTNUMber nnnn]
		[PORType ACCESS TRUNK]
		[VLAN vidset]
		[PROmiscuous NOPROmiscuous]

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Tell me about ... PORTNUMber

- New, Optional configuration setting
 - Decimal value 1-2048
 - System will assign a port 2176-4095 if not specified
 - Virtual NIC is connected to nnnn of the specified network
 - If specified port is already in use, the COUPLE will fail
 - If PORTNUMBER is omitted, VSWITCH will use a system-assigned port number

NICDEF	vdev	[TYPE HIPERS QDIO]
		[DEVices devs]
		[LAN owner name]
		[CHPID xx]
		[MACID xxyyzz]
		[PORTNUMber nnnn]
		[PORType ACCESS TRUNK]
		[VLAN vidset]
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Tell me about ... PORTTYPE

- New, Optional configuration setting
 - For a VLAN-Aware Virtual Switch only
 - Port type TRUNK is valid for any number of VLAN groups
 - Port type ACCESS is only valid for a single VLAN (frames are untagged)
 - If keyword omitted, COUPLE will resolve it (with the VSWITCH default)

1	NICDEF	vdev	[TYPE HIPERS QDIO]
1			[DEVices devs]
			[LAN owner name]
			[CHPID xx]
			[MACID xxyyzz]
			[PORTNUMber nnnn]
			[PORType ACCESS TRUNK]
			[VLAN vidset]
			[PROmiscuous NOPROmiscuous]

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Tell me about ... VLAN Specification

- New, Optional keyword (defaults to VSWITCH VLAN)
 - For a VLAN-Aware Virtual Switch only
 - List of VLAN IDs and/or ranges
 - Each VLAN ID is a decimal number 1-4096
 - For ACCESS, it must be precisely one number
 - For TRUNK, it may be as complicated as you want (e.g. VLAN 1 200-204 529)

NICDEF vo	lev [TYPE	HIPERS QDIO]
	[DEVi	ces <i>devs</i>]
	[LAN	owner name]
	[CHPI	D xx]
	[MACI	D xxyyzz]
	[PORT	NUMber nnnn]
	[PORT	ype ACCESS TRUNK]
	[VLAN	vidset]
	[PROm	iscuous NOPROmiscuous]

Tell me about ... Promiscuous Mode

- New, Optional keyword (defaults to NOPROMiscuous)
 - Authorizes virtual NIC to trace network traffic
 - Use sparingly

NICDEF	vdev	[TYPE HIPERS QDIO]
		[DEVices devs]
		[LAN owner name]
		[CHPID xx]
		[MACID xxyyzz]
		[PORTNUMber nnnn]
		[PORType ACCESS TRUNK]
		[VLAN vidset]
		[PROmiscuous NOPROmiscuous]

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How do I know what I'm using?

- CP QUERY VMLAN Command
- QUERY VMLAN output is changed to include the current system-wide DNA setting:

```
22:17:30 VMLAN maintenance level:
22:17:30 Latest Service: VM65925
22:17:30 VMLAN MAC address assignment:
          System MAC Protection: OFF
22:17:30
22:17:30
          MACADDR Prefix: 02110A USER Prefix: 02110A
22:17:30 MACIDRANGE SYSTEM: 000001-FFFFFF
22:17:30
                     USER: 000001-7FFFFF
22:17:30 VMLAN default accounting status:
22:17:30
          SYSTEM Accounting: OFF
                                     USER Accounting: OFF
22:17:30 VMLAN general activity:
22:17:30
          PERSISTENT Limit: INFINITE Current: 6
22:17:30 TRANSIENT Limit: INFINITE Current: 0
22:17:30
            Trace Pages: 8
22:17:30 VMLAN Directory Network Authorization: ENABLED
22:17:30 IVL Domain: None
```

What about SET VSWITCH?

- SET VSWITCH still supports dynamic changes to PORTTYPE, VLAN and PROMISC.
- LOGON and DEFINE with NICDEF attributes overrides prior SET VSWITCH settings.
- Note that SET VSWITCH with GRANT/REVOKE affects ALL connections for the given user!
- ESM changes are not reflected to CP dynamically, so user must UNCOUPLE/COUPLE to adopt ESM updates.

What about VMRELOCATE?

- VMRELOCATE is not directly affected, but be advised:
 - Systems without this PTF will not recognize new NICDEF features
 - Common User Directory interpreted differently on each member
 - Be cautious

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System-assigned port	Port-based VSwitch	No relocation to a pre-DNA system. Ports > 2048 unsupported
User-defined port	User-based Vswitch	It may not have the same port if relocated to a pre-DNA system
User-defined port	User-based Vswitch	Relocation my fail if the port belongs to a different user on target system

What about DirMaint?

- The Directory Maintenance Facility (DIRMAINT) for z/VM 6.4 is updated through the PTF for APAR VM65926.
- Changes include:
 - DIRM NICDEF support for new options (command and menu)
 - NICDEF command is now a DirMaint-Class-A command, and not Class G
 - Update to DVHRVN (RACF Connector Exit) to transmit changes in new options

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What about RACF?

- RACF for z/VM 6.4 is updated through the PTF for APAR VM65931.
- RACF handles user-based and port-based virtual switches the same way already, so there was no need for major processing changes.
- The RPIDIRCT utility now supports the new NICDEF processing
 - Tolerates old format, too
 - Processes PROMISCUOUS into ACC(CONTROL)
 - Processes VLAN ids into discrete profiles
 - Updates to support of SPECIAL statement
 - Some smaller bug fixes

Questions?

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Conclusion

- VM65925 simplifies and streamlines hypervisor network security
 - Centralized location for network security policy
 - Can eliminate excessive use of COMMAND statements
 - The ESM still always wins, though
- DNA is enabled by default, but changes won't be immediate
 - Clues off new options in the User Directory
 - Some changes to DirMaint to reflect NICDEF's importance
 - No changes in RACF
- Be mindful of guest relocation
 - Changes in port behavior could complicate security policy requirements
 - User-based switches subject to similar constraints now

Best Practices for VLAN-aware VSWITCH

- Use NICDEF to assign VLANs and port numbers (NEW)
- Define VSWITCH with "VLAN AWARE NATIVE NONE"
 - Guest that has not been given access will get errors
 - $-\operatorname{No}$ chance of untagged frames escaping from z/VM
- Use ESM and groups to manage VLAN assignments
 - Simplifies VLAN changes
 - Overrides VLAN specification on NICDEF
 - CP will use NICDEF if ESM defers

Best Practices for all VSWITCHes

- Use ETHERNET mode
- Do not specify PORTTYPE TRUNK on DEFINE VSWITCH
 - This controls the default guest port type, not the OSA!
- Do not specify CONTROLLER
- Do not put CONTROLLER ON in your own TCP/IP stacks – For VSWITCH controllers only!
- Specify MACPROTECT ON and LIMIT TRANSIENT 0 on VMLAN statement in SYSTEM CONFIG

Useful diagnostic commands

CP QUERY VMLAN

- to get global VM LAN information (e.g. limits)

- to find out what service has been applied

CP QUERY LAN ACTIVE

- to find out which users are coupled

- to find out which IP addresses are active

CP QUERY NIC DETAILS

- to find out if your adapter is coupled
- to find out if your adapter is initialized
- to find out if your IP addresses have been registered
- to find out how many bytes/packets sent/received

CP QUERY PORT GROUP

- To determine the members of a particular groupname
- To determine which groups are active or inactive

Most popular VSWITCH configuration problem?

- Not issuing the COUPLE for your virtual NIC.
- Measure twice, cut once.
 - QUERY VIRTUAL NIC (a Class G command)

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