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# zEnterprise System - network architecture and virtualization overview (Part 1)

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## Agenda



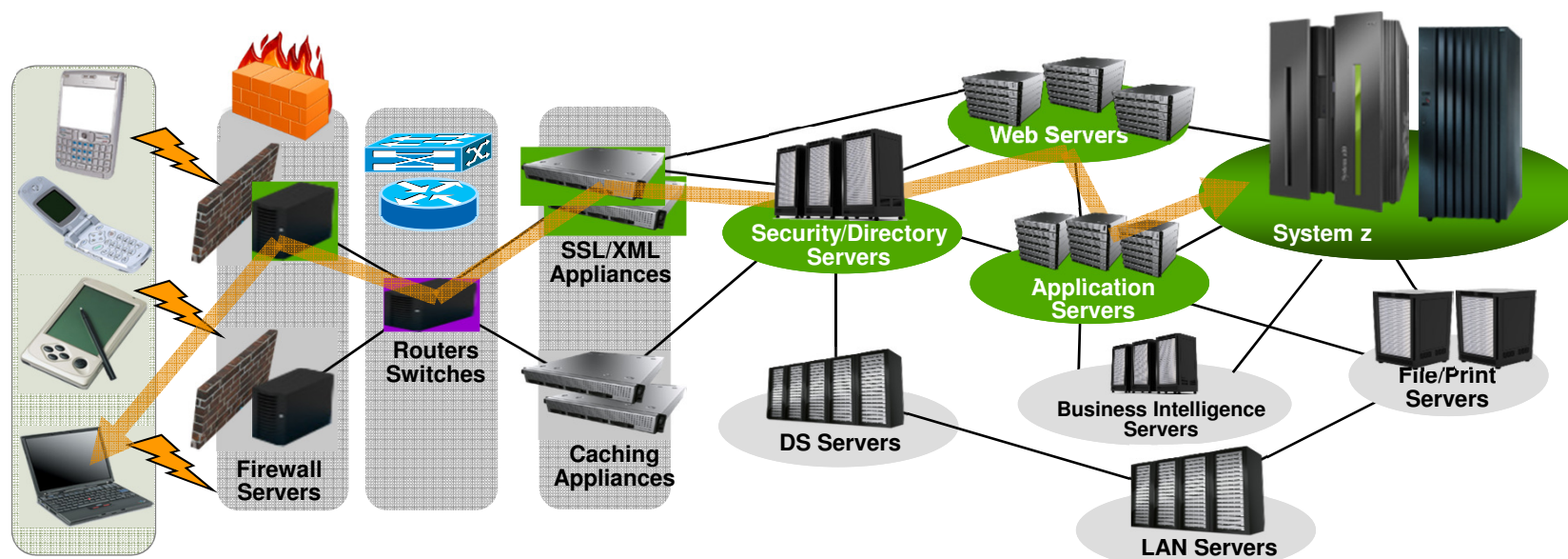
- Brief background
- zEnterprise Node Physical Infrastructure
- Communications within the Ensemble
- Network and OSA Types and Attributes
- External Network Access
- Network Virtualization Management
- Provisioning Virtual Networks
- Network Access Control and Security



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## Information technology today: Limitations

*Information technology today is limited by the technology and architecture configurations available*



- Business processes and the applications that support them are becoming more service oriented, modular in their construction, and integrated.
- The components of these services are implemented on a variety of architectures and hosted on heterogeneous IT infrastructures.
- Approaches to managing these infrastructures along the lines of platform architecture boundaries cannot optimize: alignment of IT with business objectives; responsiveness to change; resource utilization; business resiliency; or overall cost of ownership.
- **Customers need a better approach: The ability to manage the IT infrastructure and Business Application as an integrated whole in a much simplified manner.**

# IBM zEnterprise System – Best in Class Systems and Software Technologies

*A system of systems that unifies IT for predictable service delivery*



## Unified management for a smarter system: **zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager**

- Unifies management of resources, extending IBM System z® qualities of service end-to-end across workloads
- Provides platform, hardware and workload management
- Also known as zManager

The world's fastest and most scalable system:  
**IBM zEnterprise™ 196 (z196)**

- Ideal for large scale data and transaction serving and mission critical applications
- Most efficient platform for Large-scale Linux® consolidation
- Leveraging a large portfolio of z/OS® and Linux on System z applications
- Capable of massive scale up, over 50 Billion Instructions per Second (BIPS)



Scale out to a trillion instructions per second:  
**IBM zEnterprise BladeCenter® Extension (zBX)**

- Selected IBM POWER7® blades and IBM System x® Blades<sup>1</sup> for tens of thousands of AIX® and Linux applications
- High performance optimizers and appliances to accelerate time to insight and reduce cost
- Dedicated high performance private network

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## ... and the Value Extends To Heterogeneous Platforms ...

### IBM zEnterprise BladeCenter Extension (zBX)

#### Machine Type: 2458 – Model 002

- **Integrated IBM Certified Components driven by System z order**
  - Standard parts – TOR switch, BladeCenter Chassis, Power Distribution Units, Optional Acoustic Panels
- **System z support**
  - Problem reporting, hardware and firmware updates
- **Expanding operating system support for zEnterprise**
  - AIX, Linux on System x<sup>1</sup>
- **Simplified management**
  - Improved time to install and implement new applications
  - Central point of management for heterogeneous workloads
  - No change to applications



#### Optimizers

- IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer
- WebSphere® DataPower® appliance

#### Select IBM Blades

- BladeCenter PS701 Express
- System x<sup>1</sup>

One to four – 42u racks – capacity for 112 blades
No System z software running in zBX – Passport Advantage software licensed to blades
No MIPS/MSU rating
Configured for high availability
Optional rear door heat exchanger



... managed by the  
**zEnterprise Unified Resource Manager**



## zBX ... Infrastructure to Support More Resources

- **zBX houses the multiplatform solutions key to the zEnterprise System.**
  - Optimizers that are dedicated to workloads.
    - IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer and *IBM WebSphere DataPower Integration Appliance XI50 for zEnterprise*
    - Closed environments with hardware and software included in solution
    - Individualized tools for sizing and customizing – dependant on the optimizer
  - Select IBM POWER7 and System x<sup>1</sup> blades – running *any* application supported by the operating system installed on the blade – with no change.
  - Mix and match Optimizer and select general purpose POWER7 and System x blades in the same rack.
  - zBX is a System z machine type for integrated fulfillment, maintenance, and support
- **Secure network connection between zBX and z196 for data and support.**
  - Fast 10 Gb Ethernet connection to the data
  - Less latency – fewer ‘hops’ to get to the data
  - Private, isolated network - potential to eliminate requirement for encryption / firewalls
  - Traffic on user networks not affected.
- **Sharing of resources – up to eight z196 servers can attach to the zBX and have access to solutions**
- **Configuration, support, monitoring, management – all by Unified Resource Manager**

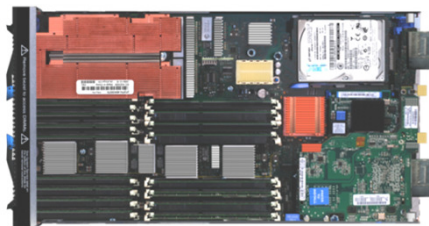


## IBM POWER7 and System x<sup>1</sup> Blades

*General purpose processors under one management umbrella*

### What is it?

*The zBX infrastructure can host select IBM POWER7 and System x blades. Each blade comes with an installed hypervisor that offers the possibility of running an application that spans z/OS, Linux on System z, AIX on POWER®, or Linux on System x (SOD) <sup>1</sup> but have it under a single management umbrella.*



### How is it different?

- **Complete management:** Advanced management brings operational control and cost benefits, improved security, workload management based on goals and policies.
- **Virtualized and Optimized:** Virtualization means fewer resources are required to meet peak demands with optimized interconnection.
- **Integrated:** Integration with System z brings heterogeneous resources together that can be managed as one.
- **Transparency:** Applications certified to run on AIX 5.3 or 6.1 will also be certified and run on the POWER7 blade. No changes to deployed guest images.
- **More applications:** Brings larger application portfolio to System z.

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# IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer

*Capitalizing on breakthrough technologies to accelerate business analytics*

## What is it?

*The IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer is a workload optimized, appliance-like, add-on, that enables the integration of business insights into operational processes to drive winning strategies. It accelerates select queries, with unprecedented response times.*



## How is it different?

- **Performance:** Unprecedented response times to enable 'train of thought' analyses frequently blocked by poor query performance.
- **Integration:** Connects to DB2® through deep integration providing transparency to all applications.
- **Self-managed workloads:** Queries are executed in the most efficient way.
- **Transparency:** Applications connected to DB2, are entirely unaware of IBM Smart Analytics Optimizer.
- **Simplified administration:** Appliance-like hands-free operations, eliminating many database tuning tasks.

***Faster insights for enabling new opportunities***

## IBM WebSphere DataPower Integration Appliance XI50 for zEnterprise

*Purpose-built hardware for simplified deployment and hardened security*

### What is it?

*The IBM WebSphere DataPower Integration Appliance XI50 for zEnterprise can help simplify, govern, and enhance the security of XML and IT services by providing connectivity, gateway functions, data transformation, protocol bridging, and intelligent load distribution.*

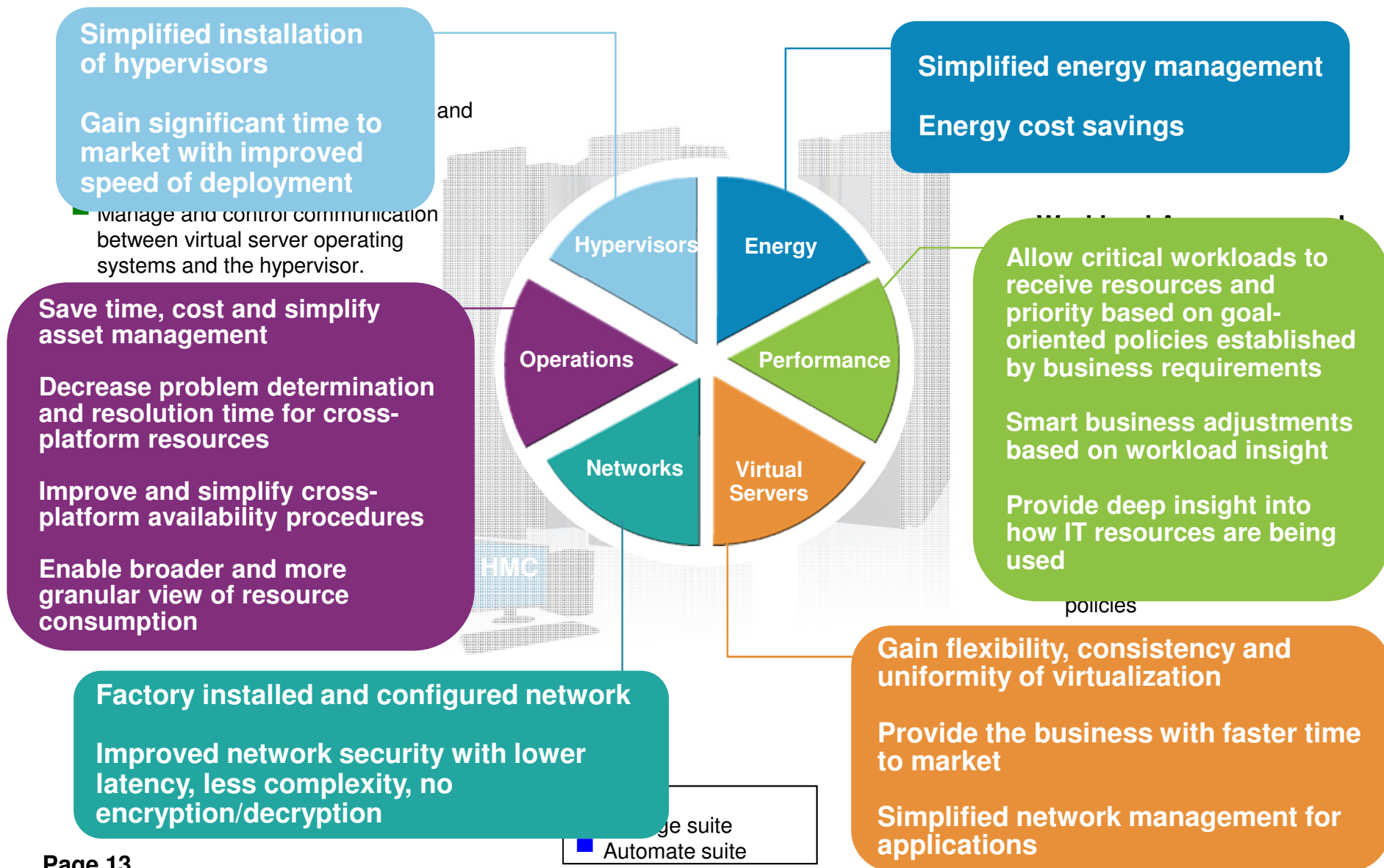


### How is it different?

- **Security:** VLAN support provides enforced isolation of network traffic with secure private networks. And integration with RACF® security.
- **Improved support:** Monitoring of hardware with “call home” for current/expected problems and support by System z Service Support Representative.
- **System z packaging:** Increased quality with pre-testing of blade and zBX. Upgrade history available to ease growth. Guided placement of blades to optimize.
- **Operational controls:** Monitoring rolled into System z environment from single console. Time synchronization with System z. Consistent change management with Unified Resource Manager.

<sup>1</sup> Announced on February 15, 2011

## ... Value Made Possible By the Unified Resource Manager



## zEnterprise Networking Value Points

### ❑ Network Simplification

- ✓ Single physical network and zBX “package” (physical network integration)
- ✓ Central point of Management (Unified Resource Manager via the HMC/SE)

### ❑ Secure communications

- ✓ Physical security (internal / dedicated network equipment)
- ✓ Logical security (controlled access)
- ✓ Network Virtualization and Isolation

### ❑ High Availability

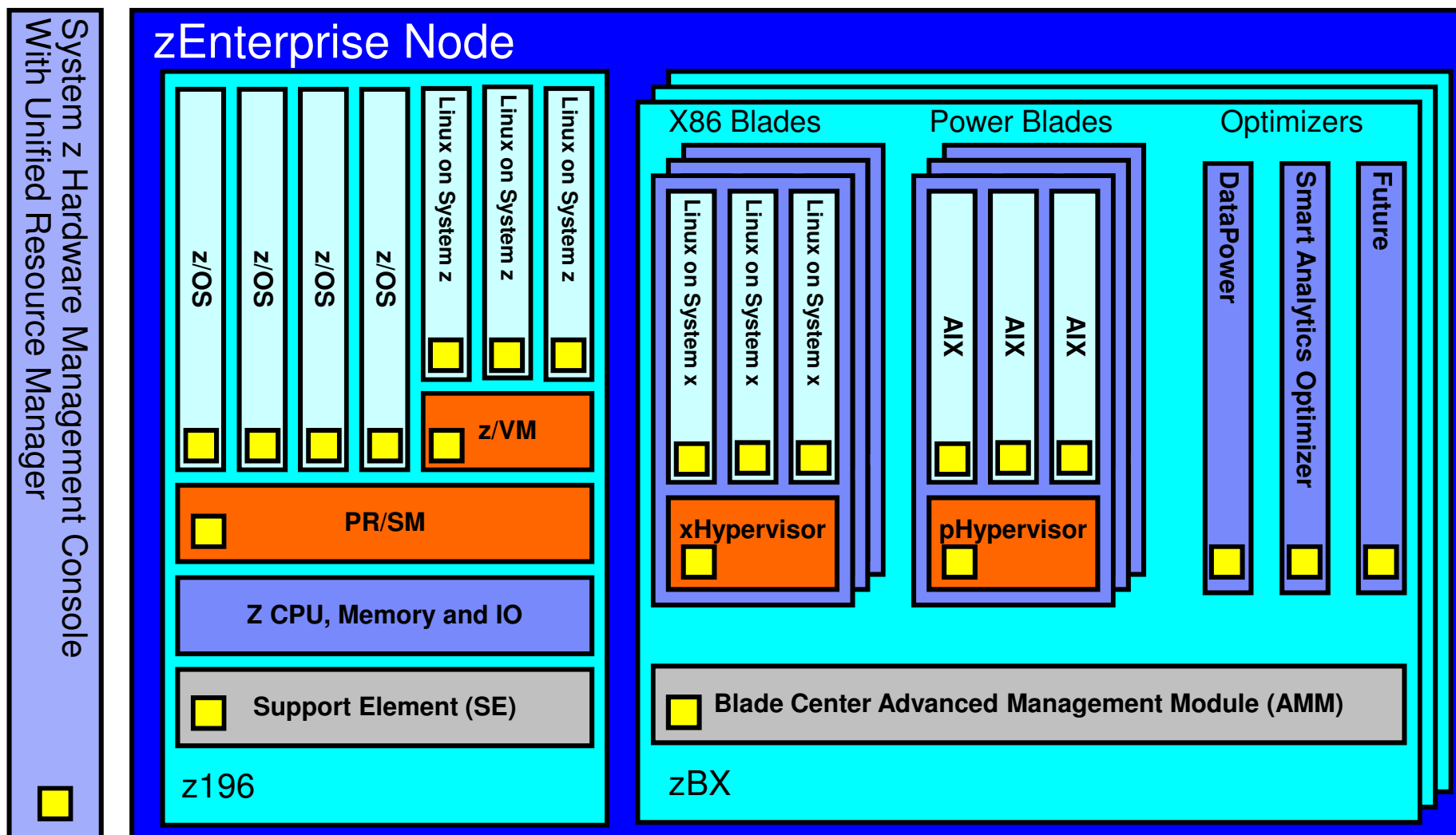
- ✓ Redundant Network Hardware
- ✓ Logical failover

### ❑ Unique System z QoS

- ✓ Isolated / dedicated equipment
- ✓ Special purpose dedicated data network & OSA-Express (no encryption required)



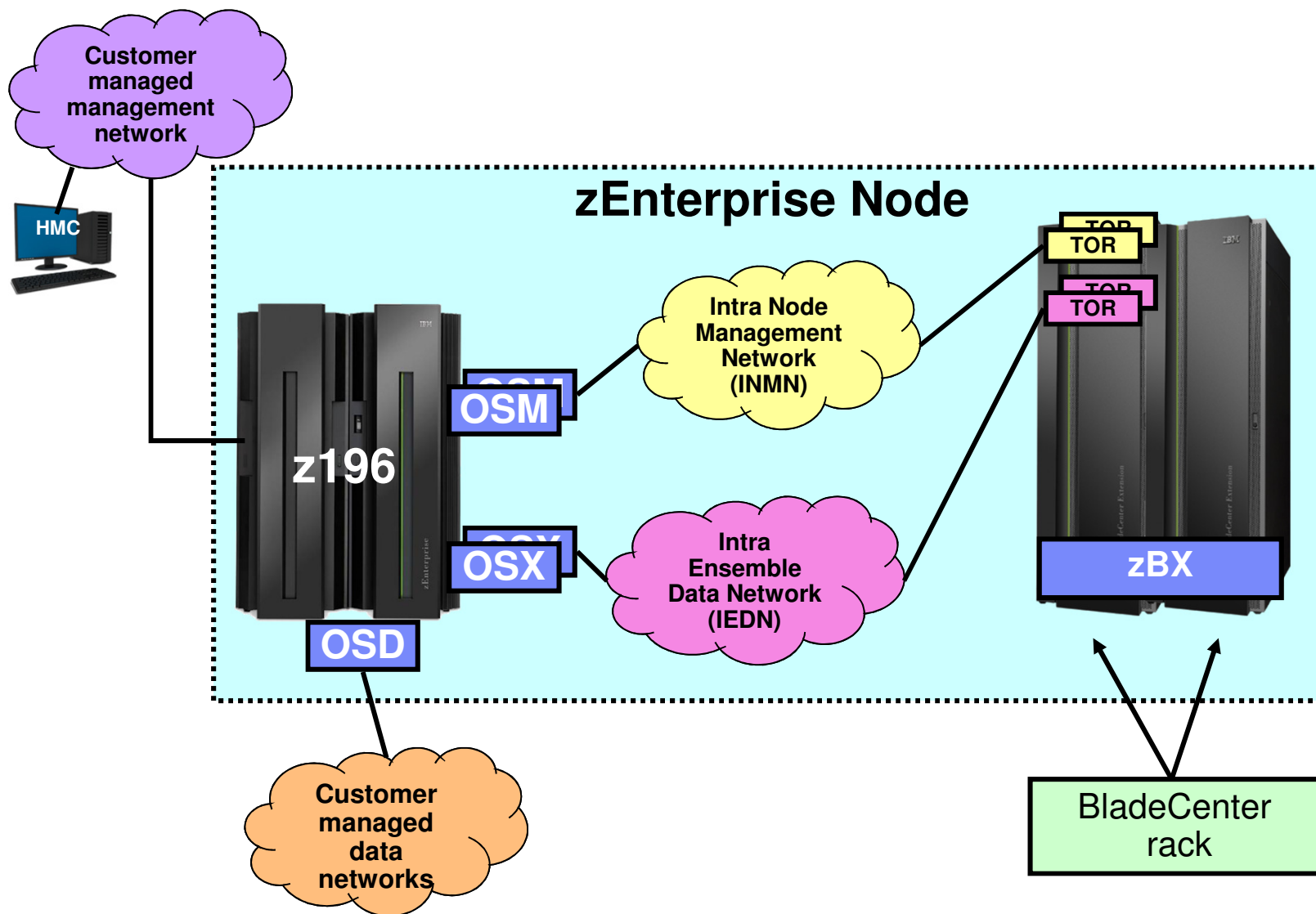
# IBM zEnterprise System Overview



Connecting the pieces with zManager (aka. Unified Resource Manager)!

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# IBM zEnterprise node with internal networks

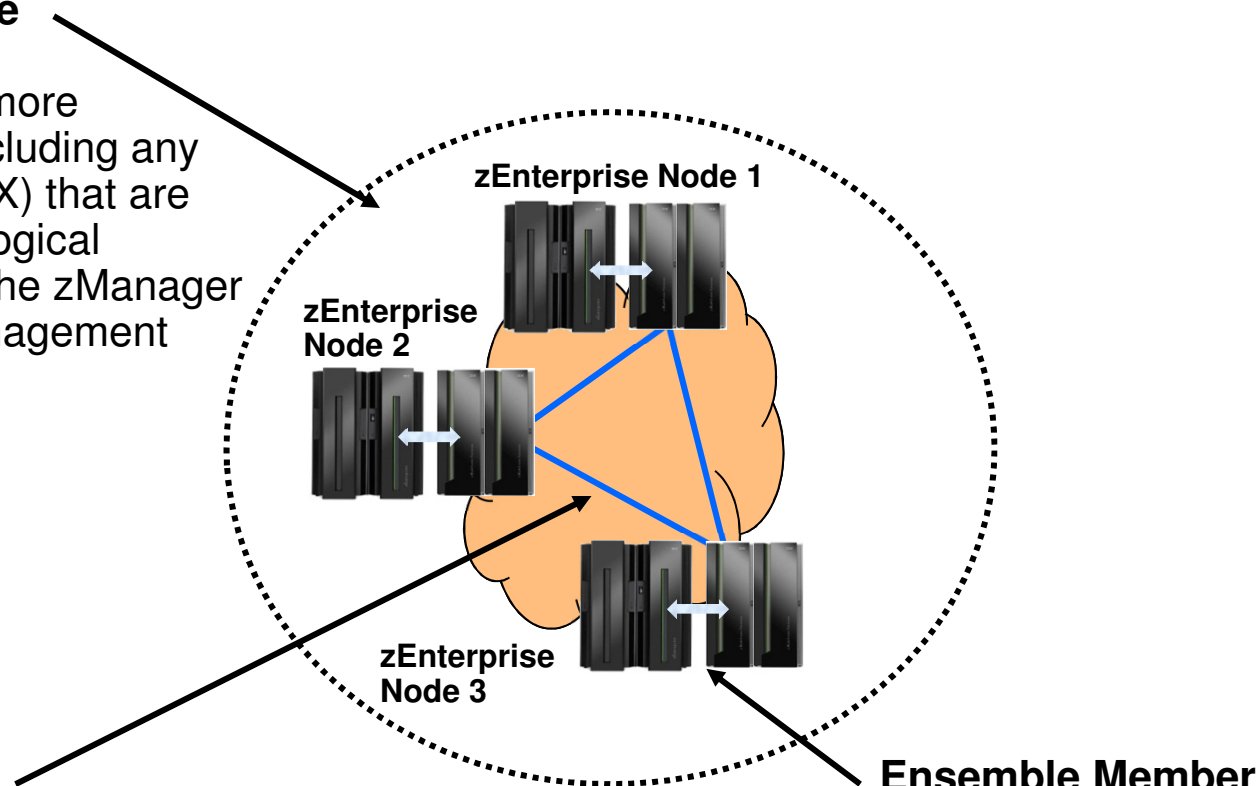




## zEnterprise ensemble

### zEnterprise Ensemble

A collection of one or more zEnterprise Nodes (including any optionally attached zBX) that are managed as a single logical virtualized system by the zManager using a Hardware Management Console (HMC).



### Intra Ensemble Data Network (IEDN)

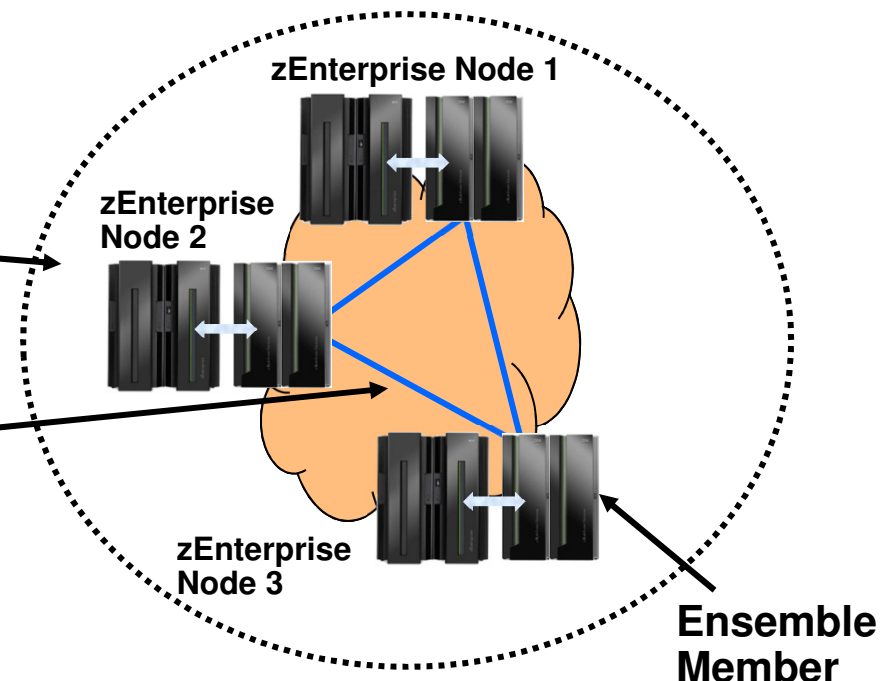
### Ensemble Member

A zEnterprise node that has been added to an ensemble using the HMC.

## Intra ensemble data network

**zEnterprise Ensemble**

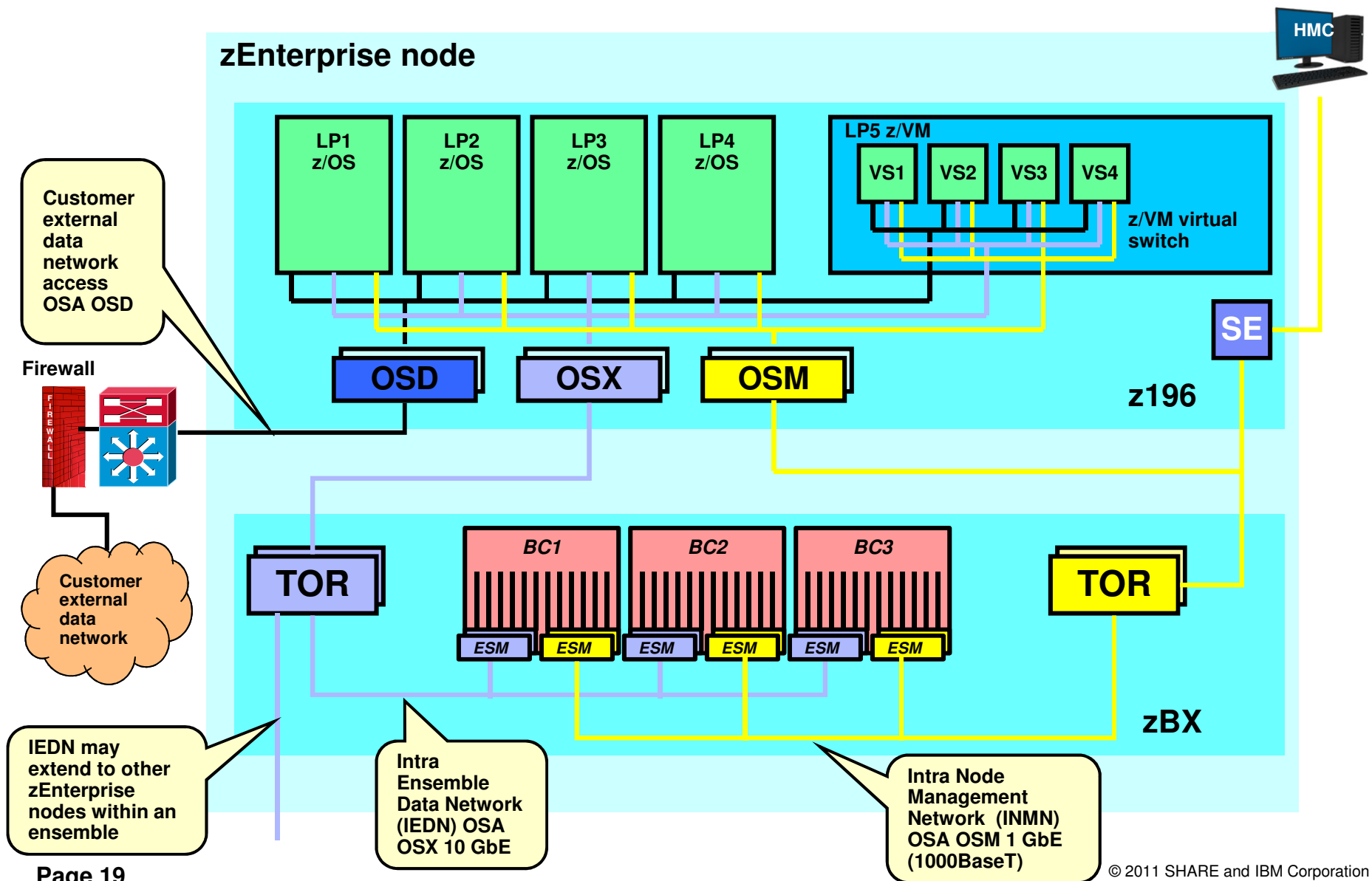
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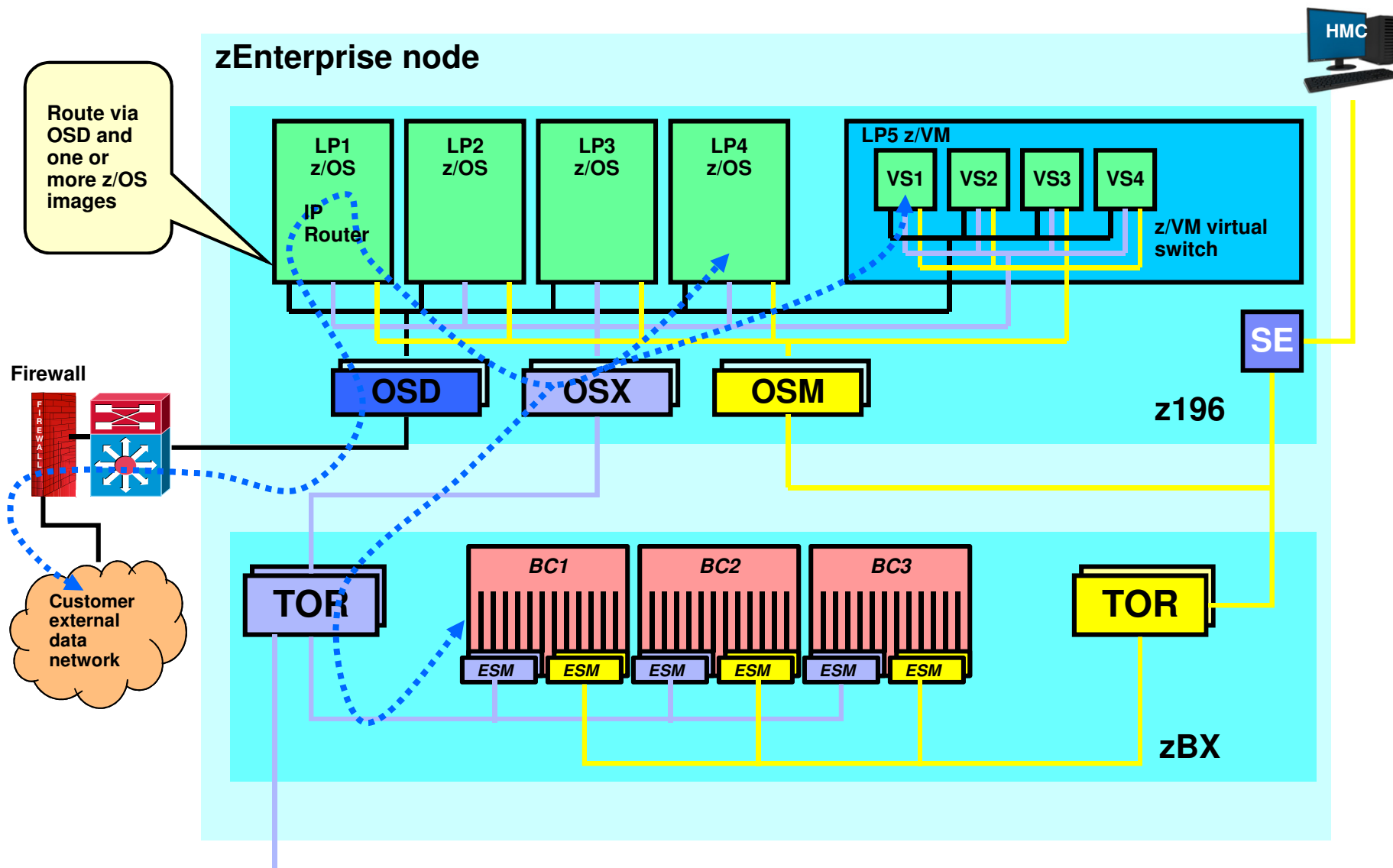
### Intra Ensemble Data Network - key attributes:

1. Single dedicated physical / flat layer 2 10GbE network
2. Comprised of IBM zEnterprise (redundant) equipment (no external / customer hardware)
3. Can span nodes (can be shared by all co-located nodes within the Ensemble)
4. No layer 3 IP Routing required to communicate within the Ensemble
5. IP addresses (IPv4 or IPv6) are customer controlled and provisioned
6. MAC addresses (prefixes) are provisioned / coordinated by zManager (HMC)
7. Access to the network is controlled by the zManager (HMC) via SE via OSX, hypervisors and physical switches
8. Virtual servers can be isolated into multiple groups on the physical network by defining multiple virtual networks (multiple VLANs) based on workloads and other isolation requirements

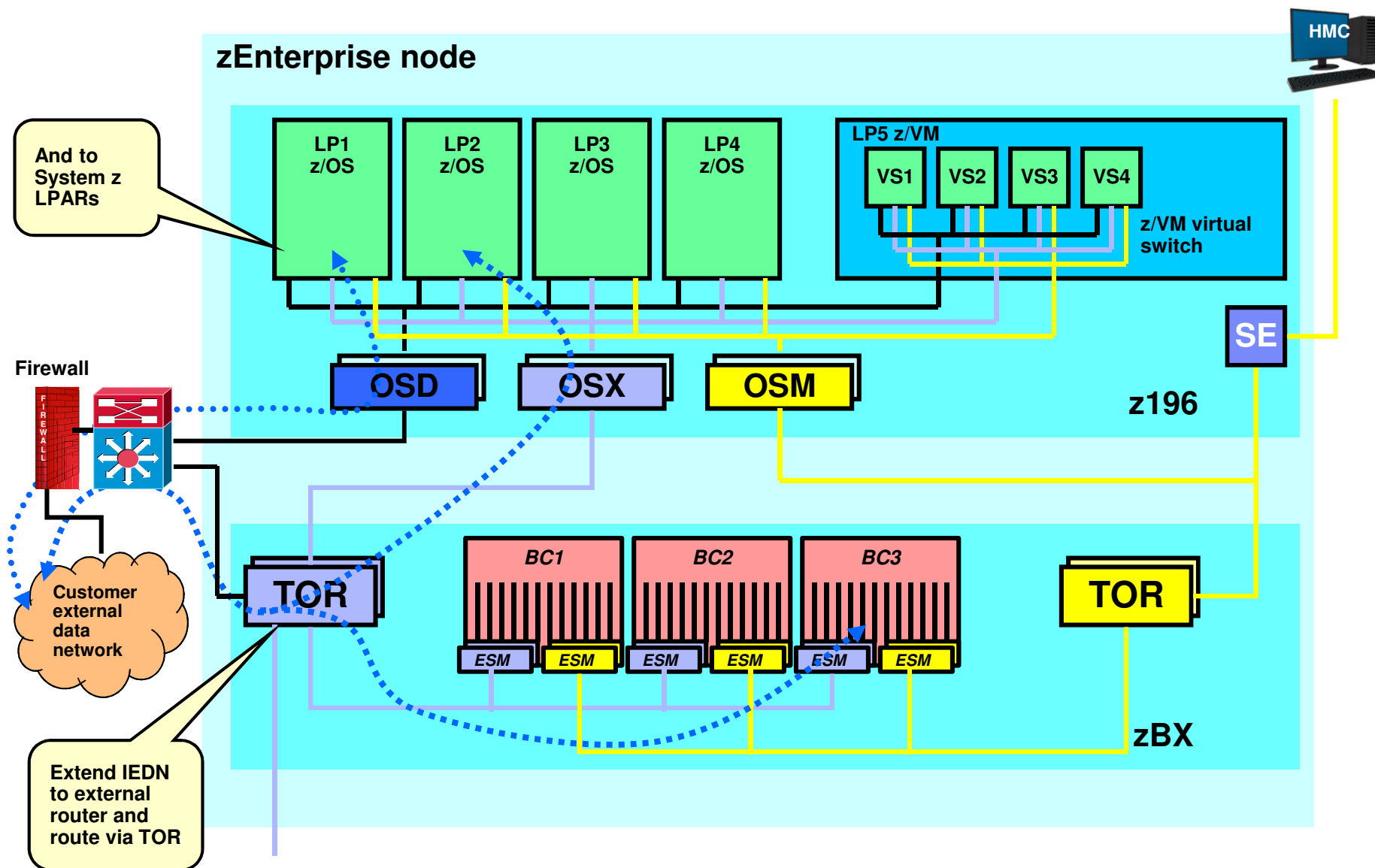
# IBM zEnterprise – OSA and Network Types



# External Network Access – Option 1 – System z (LP) IP Router



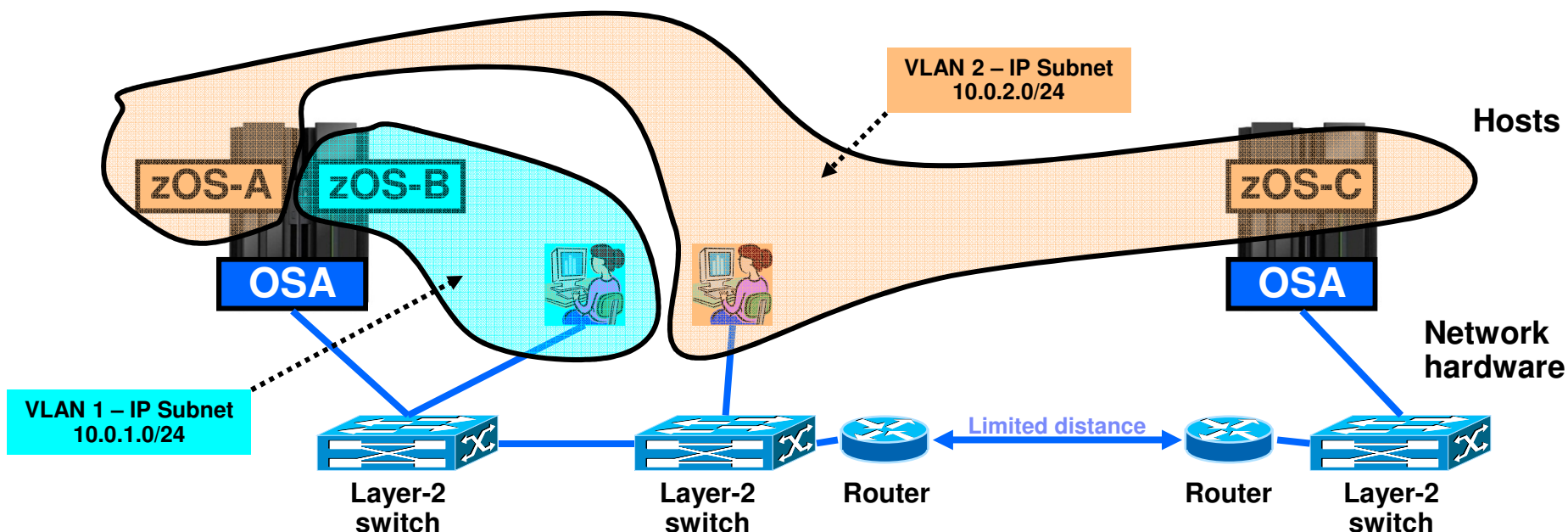
# External Network Access – Option 2 – External IP Router



## What is a Virtual LAN (a VLAN)?

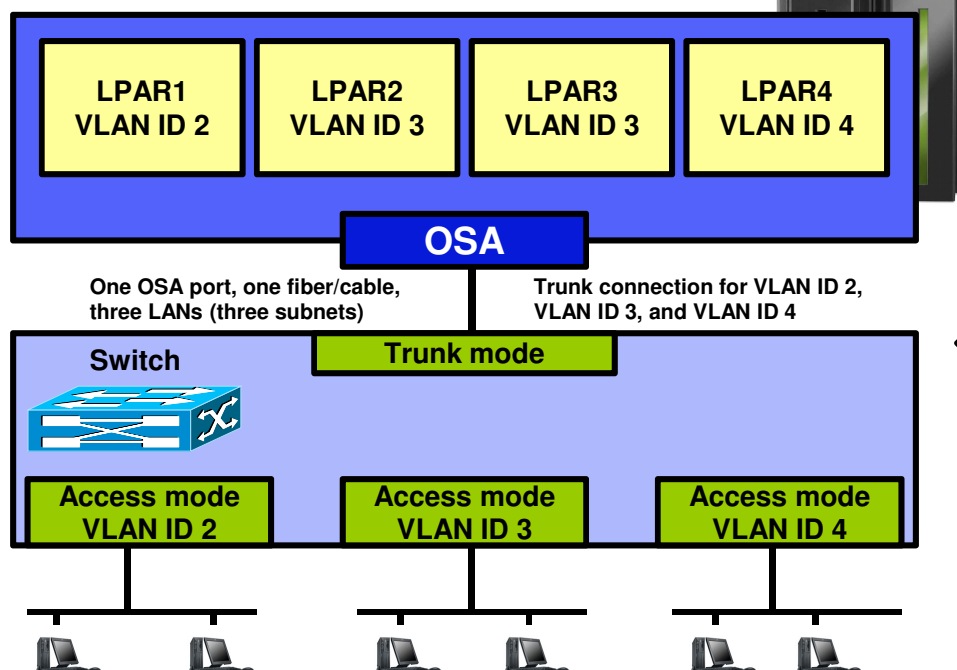
### Wikipedia:

- A **virtual LAN**, commonly known as a **VLAN**, is a *group of hosts* with a common set of requirements that communicate as if they were **attached** to the same **broadcast domain**, regardless of their physical location.
- A VLAN has the same attributes as a physical LAN, but it allows for end stations to be grouped together even if they are not located on the same network switch.
- Network reconfiguration can be done through software instead of physically relocating devices.

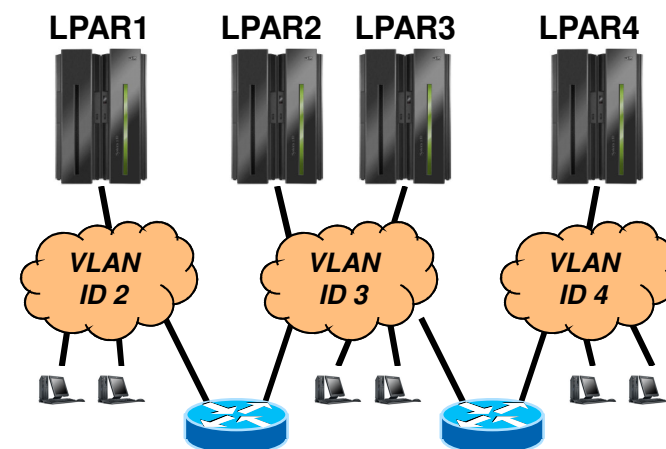


# z/OS and VLANs

## Physical network diagram



## Logical network diagram



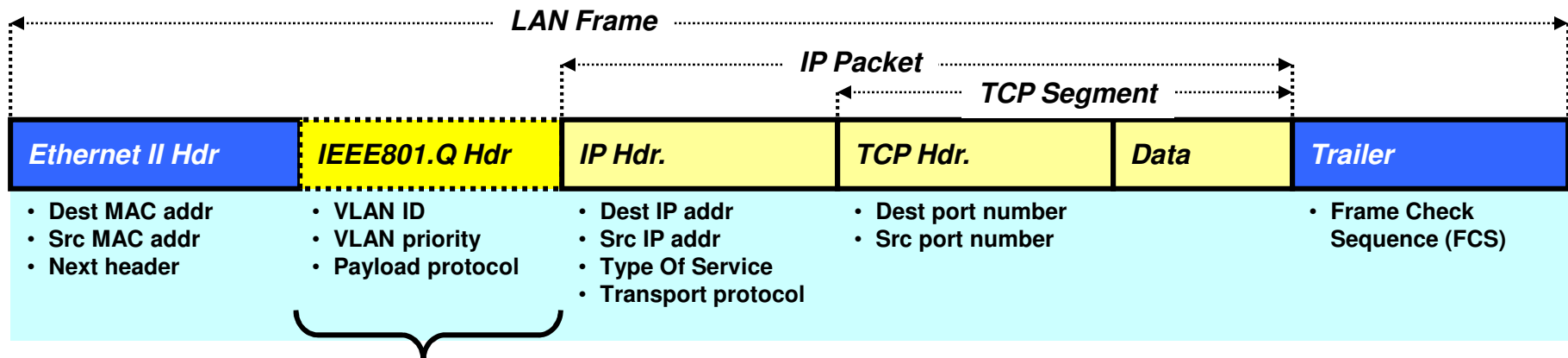
- Each frame on the trunk mode connection carries a VLAN ID in the IEEE802.3 header that allows the network equipment to clearly identify which virtual LAN each frame belongs to.
- On an access mode connection, the switch will transport frames belonging to the configured VLAN ID for that access mode connection only.

- Depending on switch configuration, the switch may interconnect the VLANs using a layer-3 IP router function.
- The subnets may belong to different routing domains or OSPF areas:
  - Test, production, demo
- The subnets may belong to different security zones:
  - Intranet, DMZ

**VLAN is a LAN media virtualization technology that allows multiple independent IP networks (IP subnets) to share one physical media, such as a cable, an adapter, or a layer-2 switch. Connectivity between VLANs is under control of IP routers.**

## Some basic LAN technology overview

- The LAN infrastructure transports “Frames” between Network Interface Cards (NICs) that are attached to the LAN media (Copper or fiber optic)
- Each NIC has a hardware address
  - A Media Access Control (MAC) address
    - Burned in (world-wide unique by vendors) or alternatively locally administered
- Every frame comes from a MAC and goes to a MAC
  - There are special MAC values for broadcast and multicast frames
- Every frame belongs to the physical LAN or to one of multiple Virtual LANs (VLAN) on the physical LAN
  - A VLAN ID is in the IEEE801.Q header if VLAN technologies are in use
- A frame carries a payload of a specified protocol type, such as ARP, IPv4, IPv6, SNA LLC, etc.



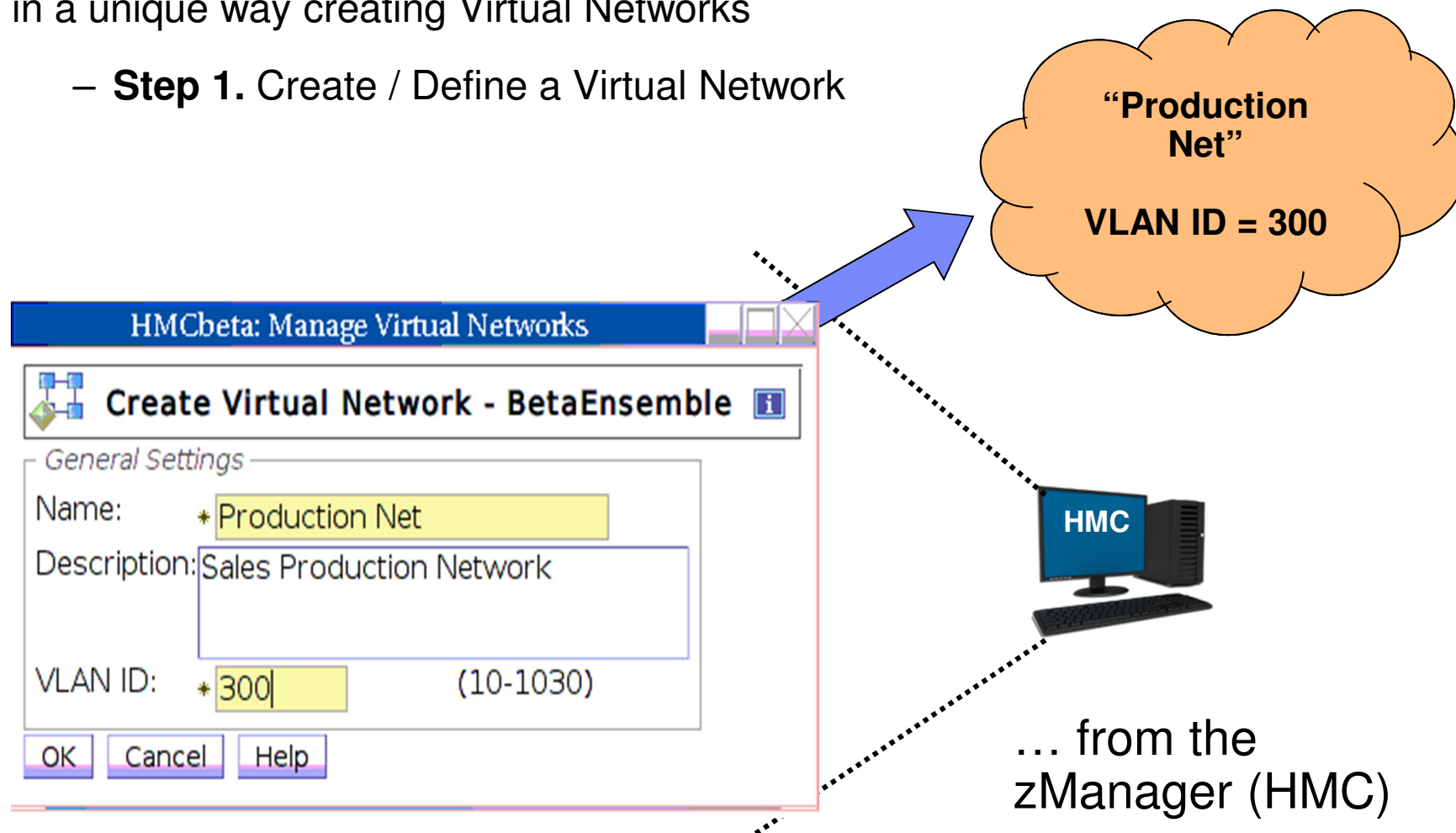
The VLAN tag (the IEEE801.Q header) is only present if VLANs are used by the network interface.



## Virtual Network Concepts – Creating Virtual Networks

The Unified Resource Manager and System zEnterprise leverage VLAN technology in a unique way creating Virtual Networks

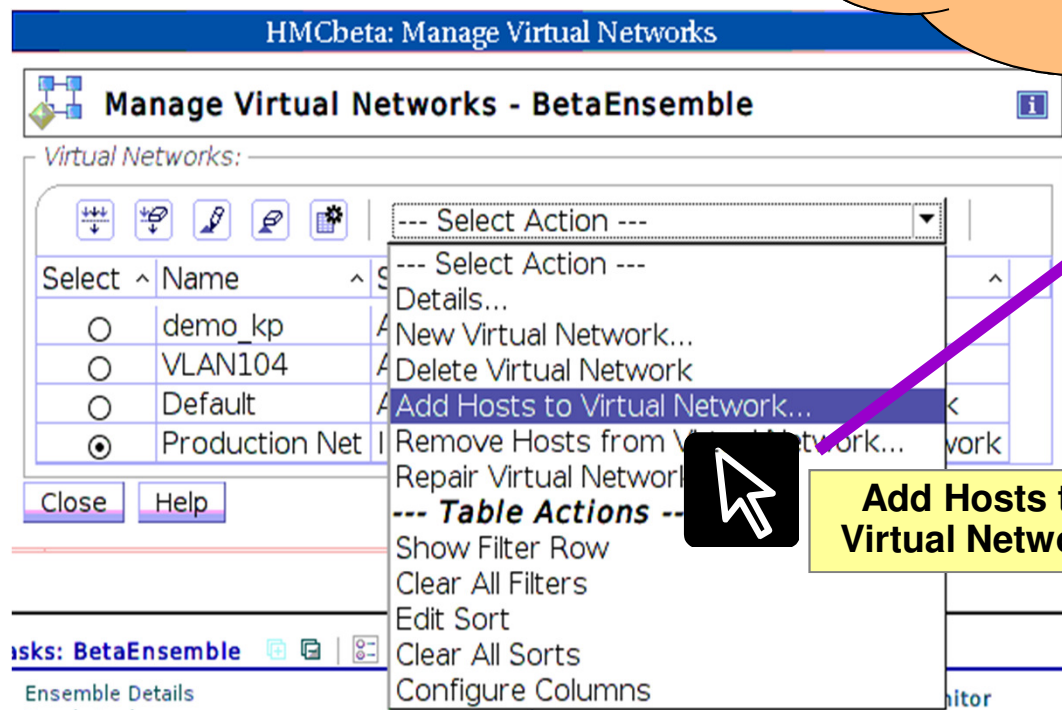
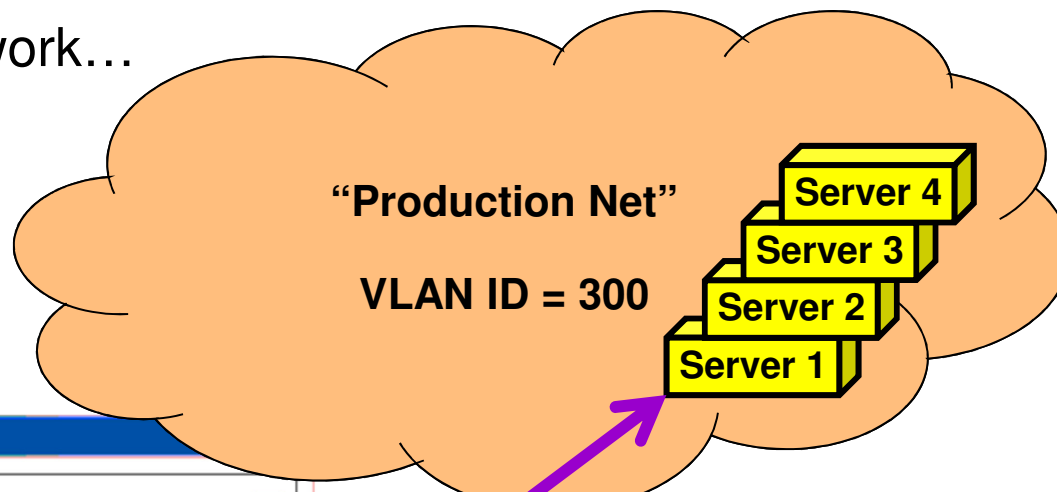
- **Step 1.** Create / Define a Virtual Network



## Virtual Network Concepts – Adding Virtual Servers

... once you have a Virtual Network...

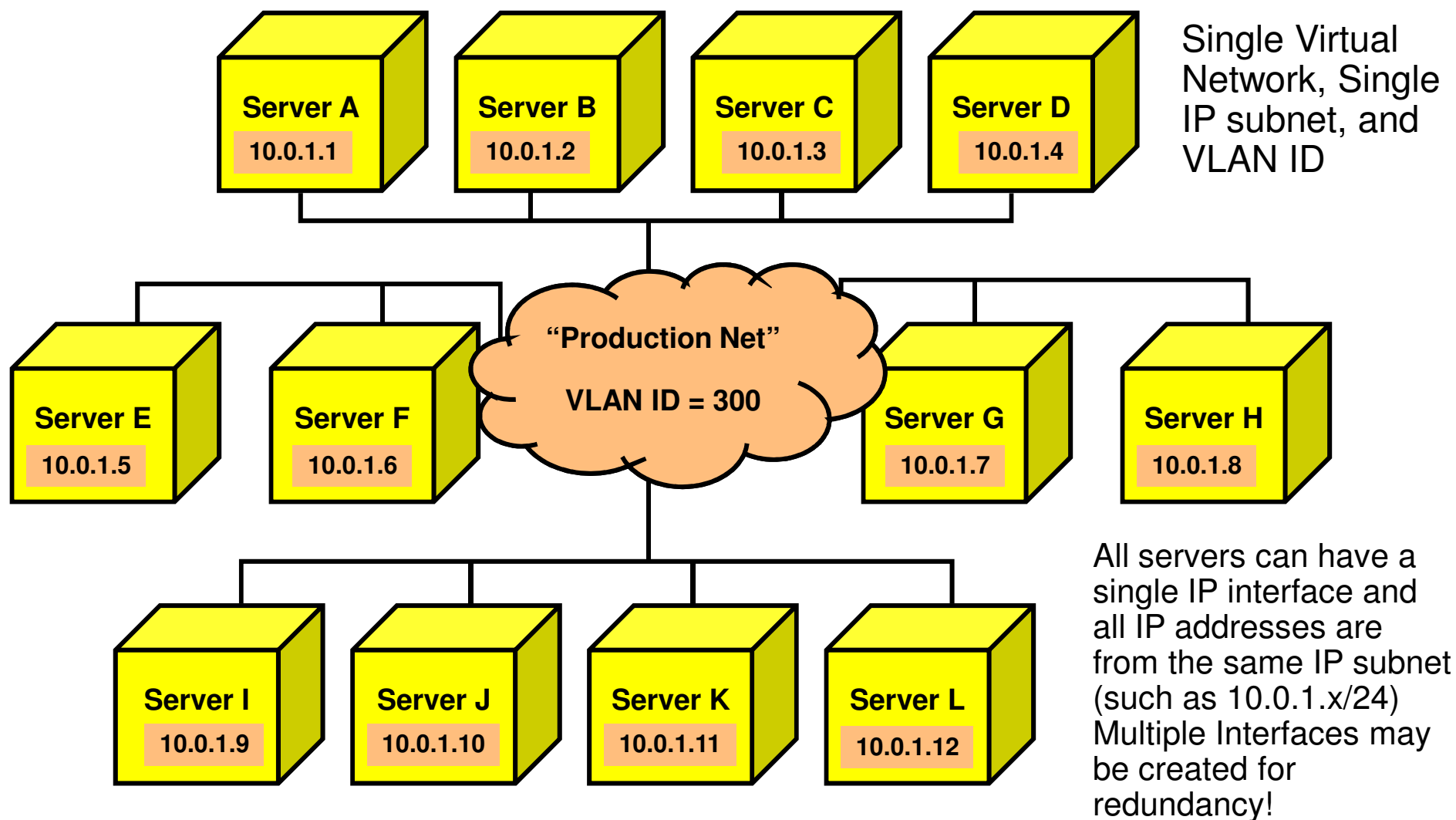
- **Step 2.** add (associate / authorize) Virtual Servers to the Virtual Network



**Virtual Networks consist of two key properties:**

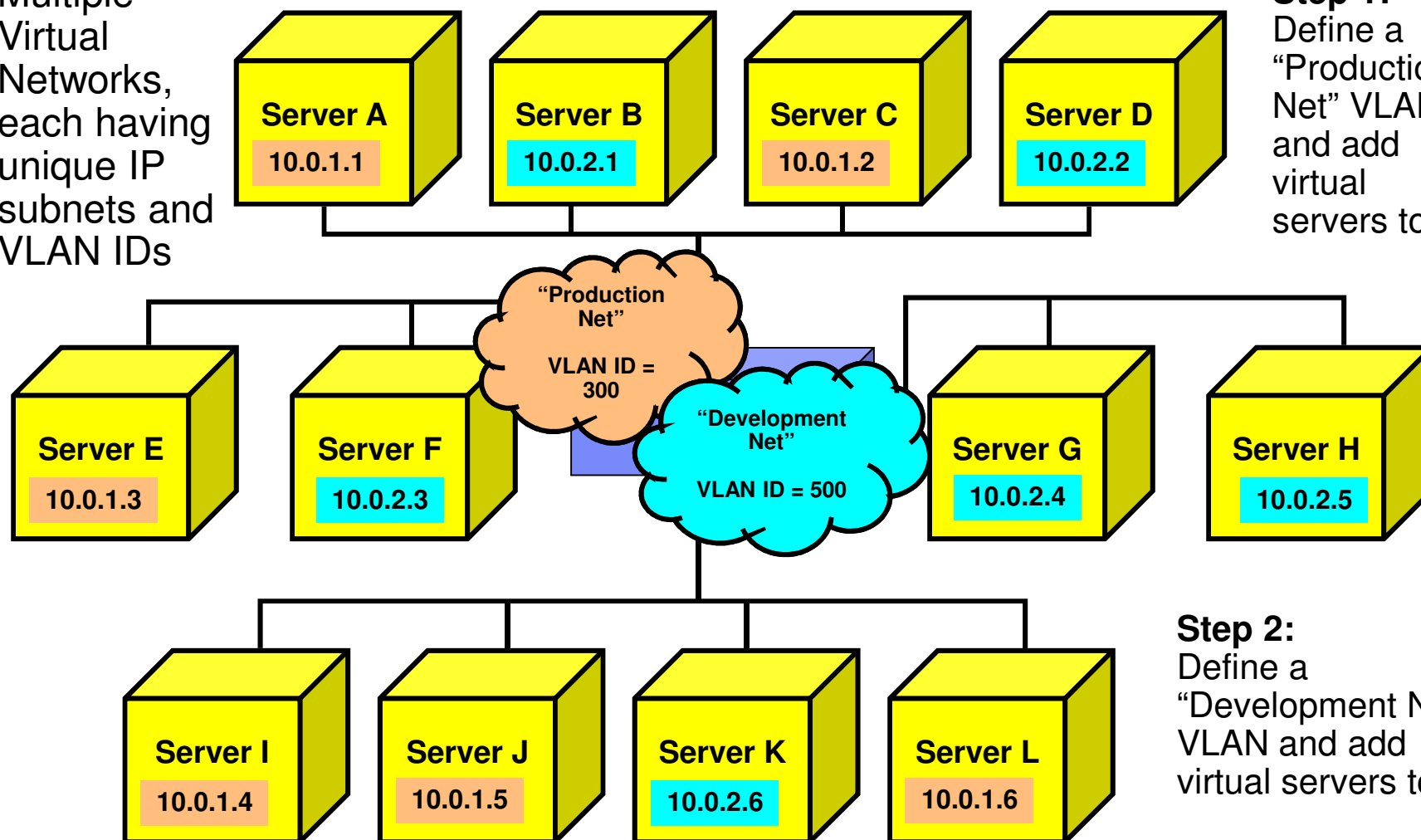
1. **VLAN ID ( along with an IP subnet)**
2. **List of Authorized Servers**

## Deploying a Virtual Network – Example 1



## Deploying Multiple Virtual Networks – Example 2 - Isolation

Multiple Virtual Networks, each having unique IP subnets and VLAN IDs

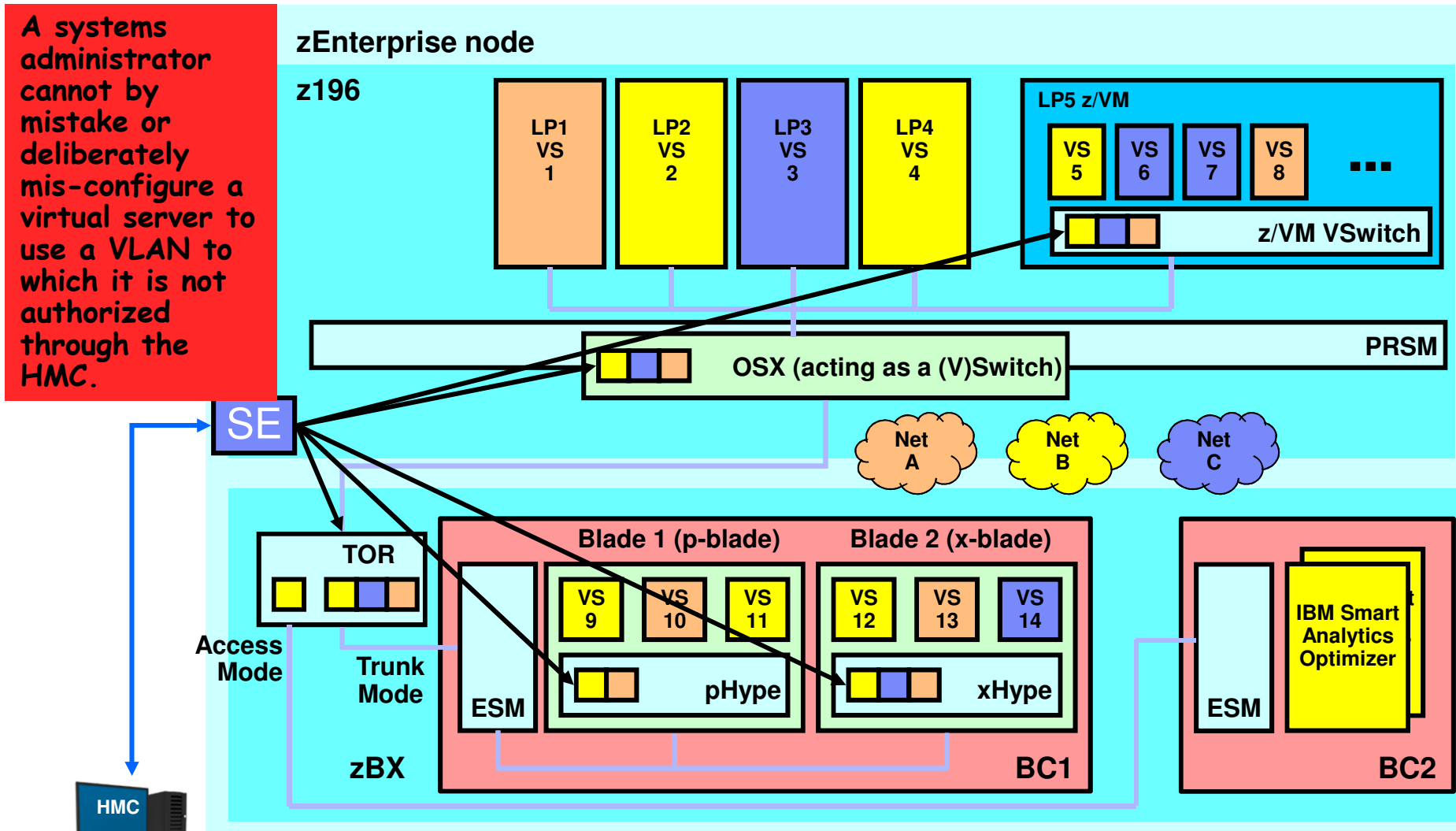


**Step 1:**  
Define a "Production Net" VLAN and add virtual servers to it.

**Step 2:**  
Define a "Development Net" VLAN and add virtual servers to it.

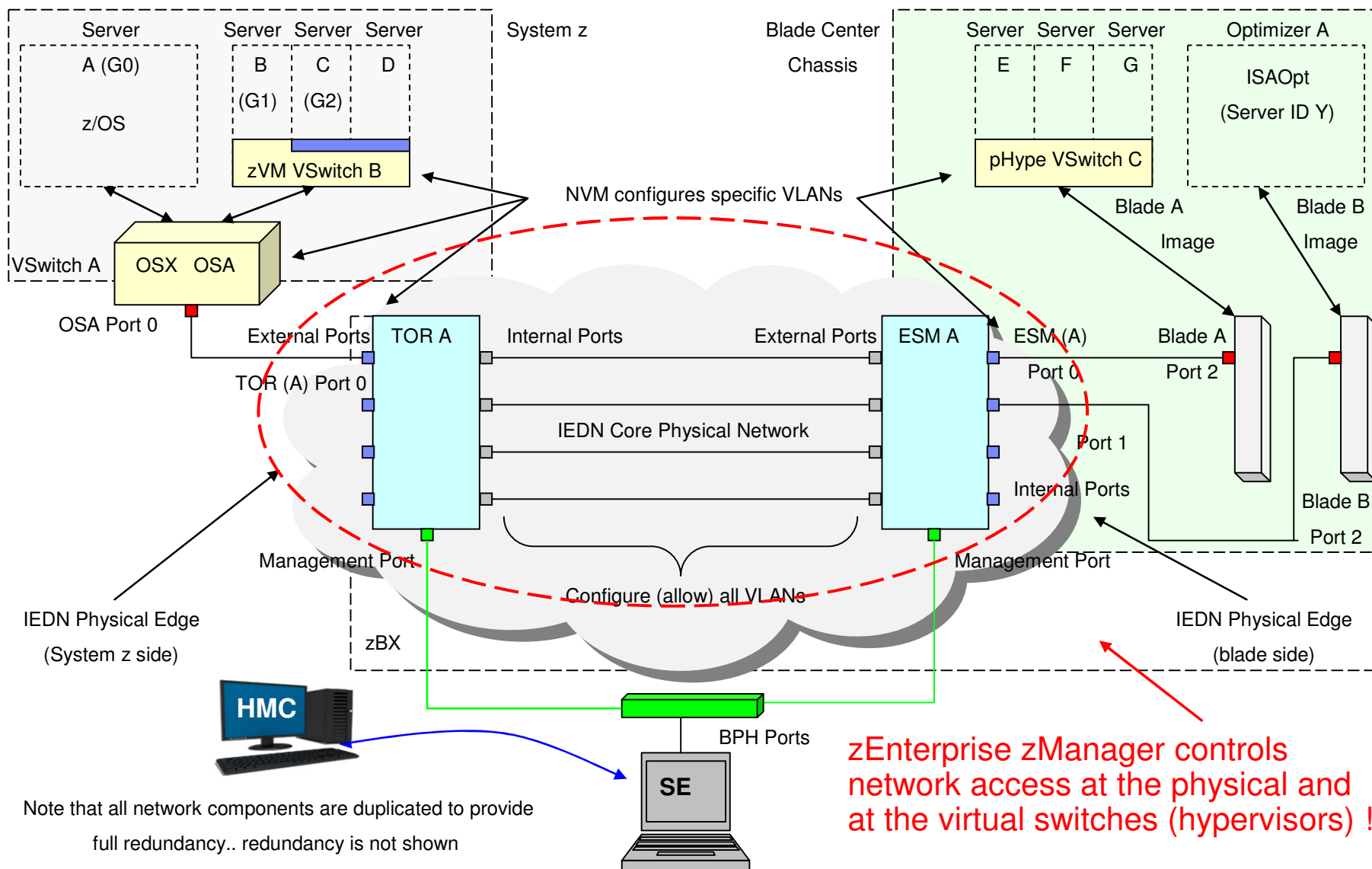
which isolates "Production Servers" from "Development Servers"

## zEnterprise virtualization and network access control

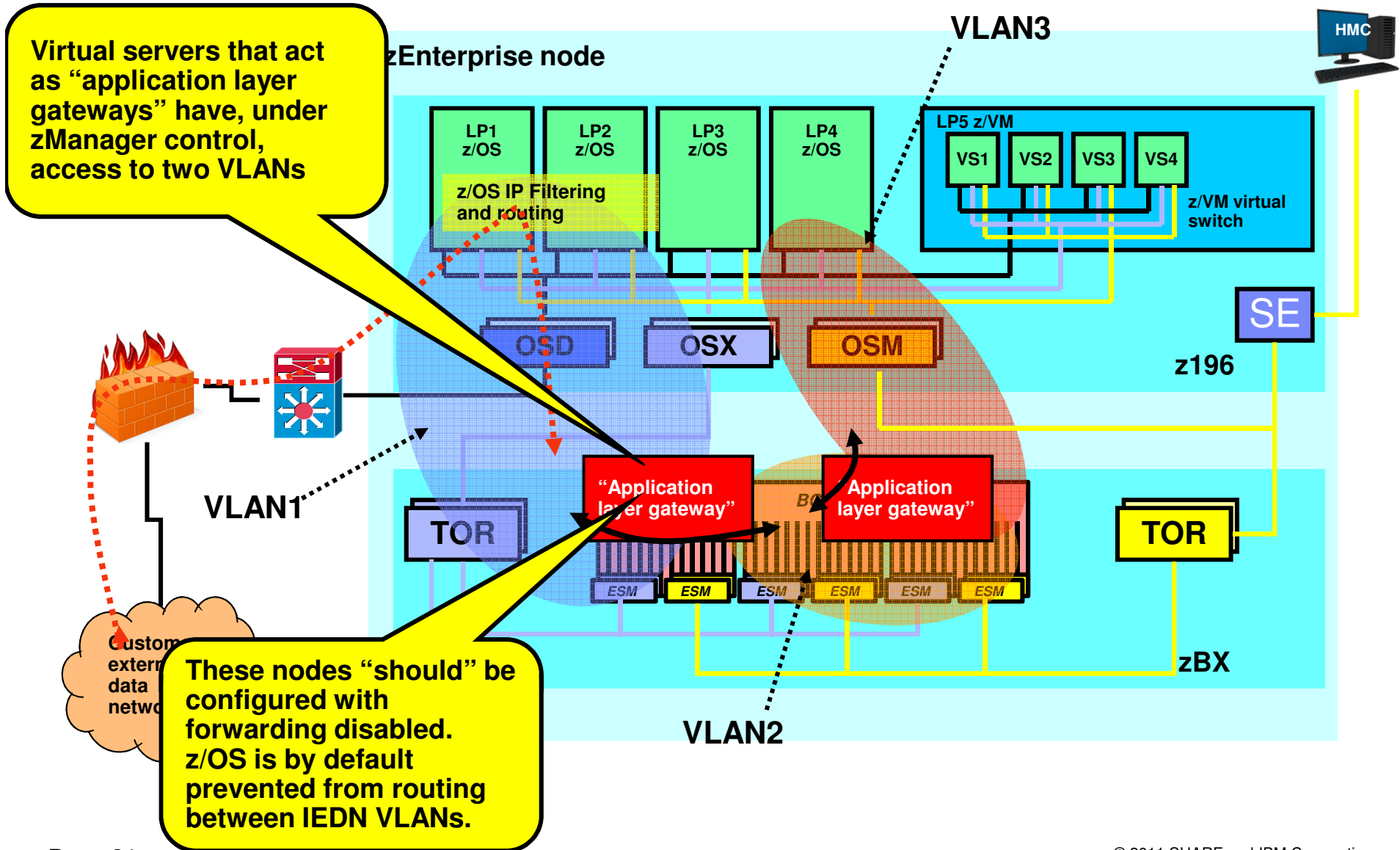


zManager pushes virtual network access control information to the node and the SE propagates to control points over the intra node management network (INMN).

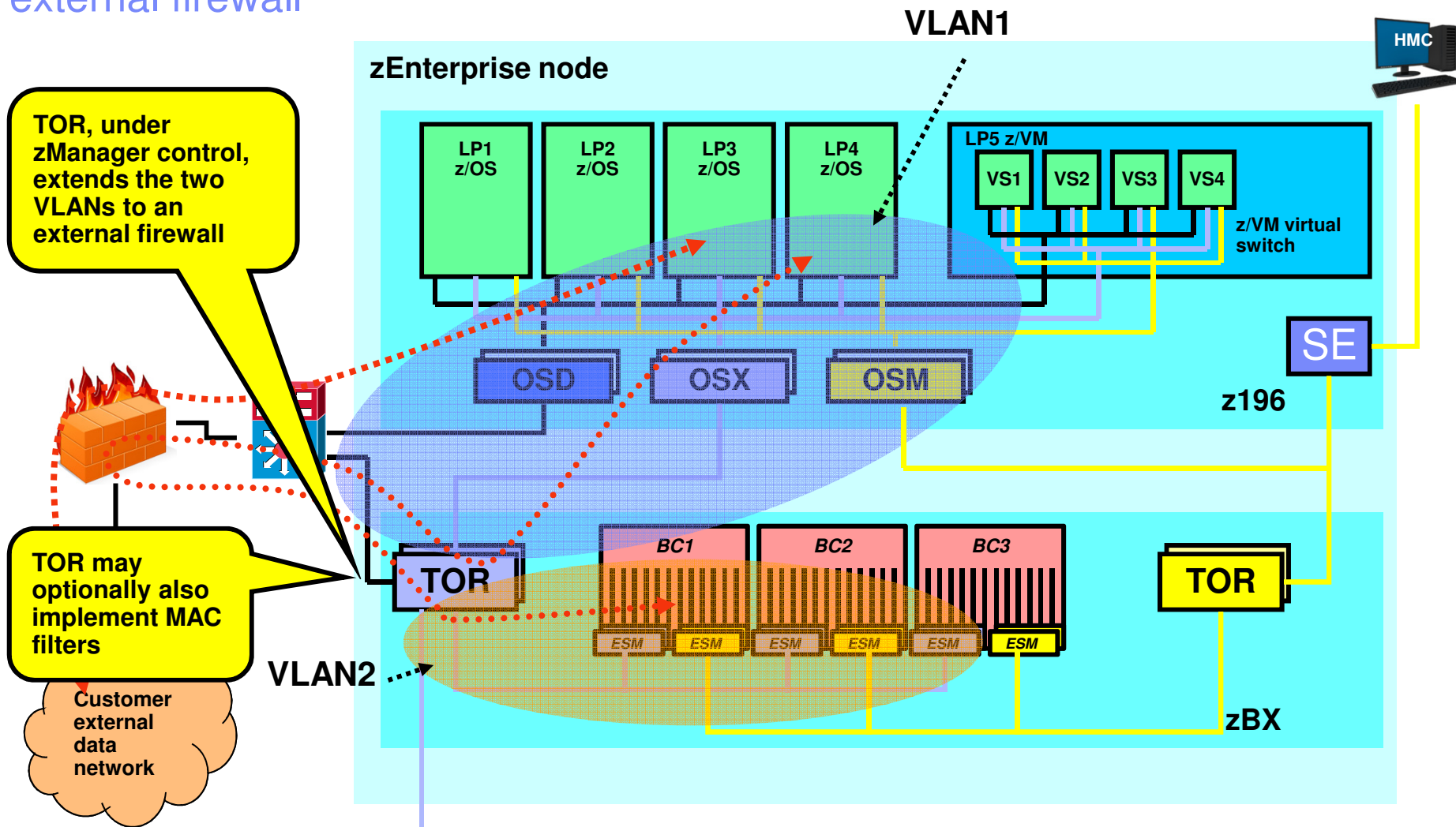
# Putting It All Together...with secure access control !



## Use of multiple VLANs on the IEDN – no routing, but “application layer gateways” between VLANs



# Use of multiple VLANs on the IEDN – Routing between VLANs using an external firewall





## Configuring TOR - External Network Access

Two Use Cases:

1. Non-IEDN  
CEC access  
to ISAO blade
2. External IP  
Router

HMCbeta: Configure Top-of-rack (TOR) Switch - Mozilla Firefox

http://9.152.90.124:8080/hmc/content?taskId=4&refresh=11

### Configure Top-of-rack (TOR) Switch - P00RBUV1

Switch Port:

Select	Port	VLAN Mode	Allowed Virtual Networks
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	11	Access	
<input type="radio"/>	12	Access	
<input type="radio"/>	38	Access	
<input type="radio"/>	39	Access	
<input type="radio"/>	8	Access	13

VLAN Settings:

VLAN Mode:

Allowed Virtual Networks:

Select	Virtual Network
<input type="checkbox"/>	13 - NVM virtual network
<input type="checkbox"/>	104 - zVMVLAN
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 - Default

MAC Address Filtering:

Allow all MAC addresses

MAC Address:

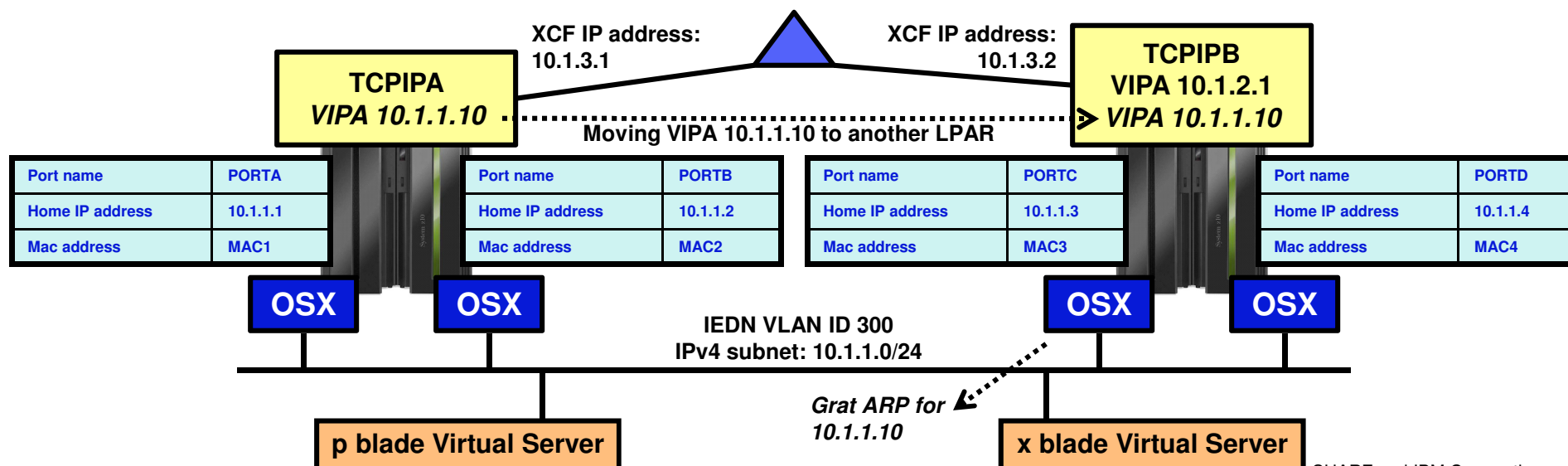
Allowed MAC Addresses:

Example: 00:11:22:33:44:55

Done

## OSA redundancy and IEDN network bandwidth

- The design of the zEnterprise is such that the use of a dynamic routing protocol on the IEDN, is not needed
- z/OS must be configured to use its existing layer-2 redundancy and availability functions
  - Configure at least two OSX ports to each VLAN
    - Establishing LAN groups where IP addresses move dynamically between the OSX ports in case one of them becomes unavailable
  - Assign VIPA addresses out of the same subnet as the IEDN VLAN
    - ARP processing will be used to control which z/OS LPAR in a Sysplex currently owns a specific Dynamic VIPA address
- The IEDN is based on 10 Gbit Ethernet, so there is lots of bandwidth from start
  - z/OS does not support link aggregation (z/VM virtual switch does)
  - For outbound bandwidth management, z/OS can be configured to use multipath where it will distribute outbound packets over all OSX ports that are configured to the same VLAN



## Summary - Exploiting the intraensemble data network

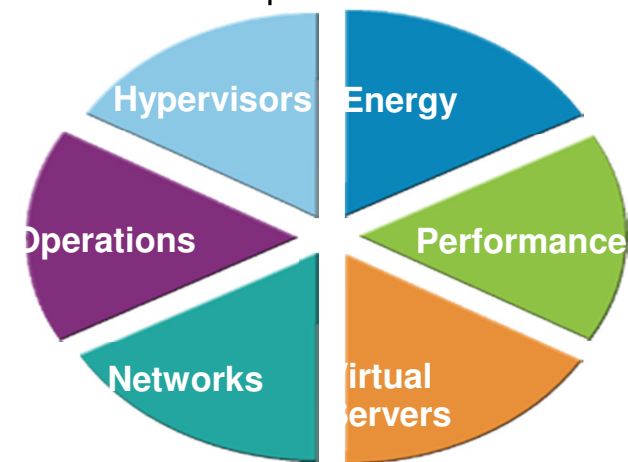
Once all hardware / physical installation and System z HCD configuration tasks are complete... then you are ready to exploit the IEDN:

Key concepts / reminders:

1. All network traffic on the IEDN must use an “authorized” VLAN ID!
2. The VLAN ID maps to a corresponding Virtual Network
3. All host images (Operating Systems) on all platforms within the Ensemble are represented as a Virtual Server

Key zManager network related configuration tasks:

1. Virtual Network Configuration (at the HMC) consist of:
  - defining a virtual network (VLAN ID)
2. Virtual Server configuration:
  - Define each virtual server
  - Associate each virtual server with the proper Virtual network
3. Virtual Switch configuration (if applicable – N/A to native LPs)



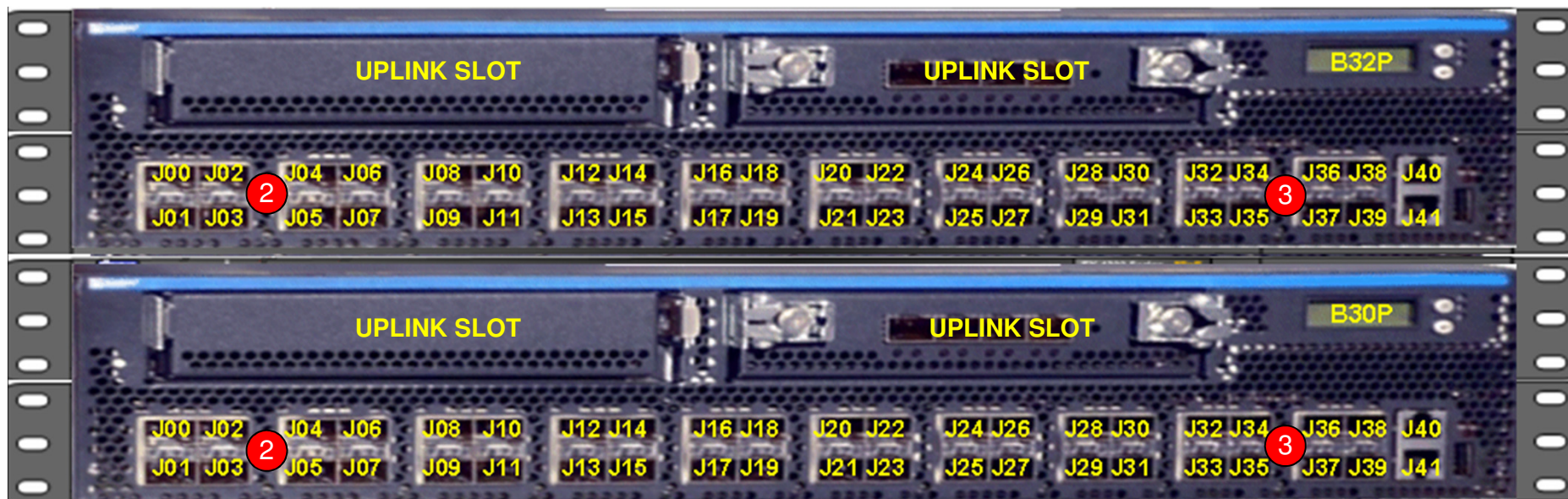
Finally - Operating System network configuration tasks (IP address, VLAN ID, etc.) remain within the OS – the OS VLAN ID must match the HMC VLAN ID configuration

# zBX Top of Rack (TOR) Switch



**INMN TOR SWITCH**

- 1. Intra-Node Management Network
- 2. Intra-Ensemble Data Network
- 3. Existing Customer Network



**IEDN TOR SWITCH**

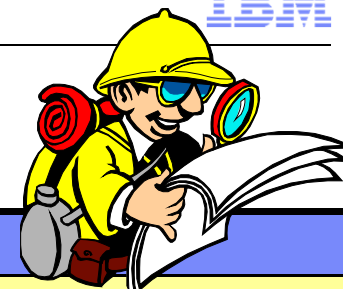
Questions? - Thank You !





For more information on network security implications for the zEnterprise System see the following white paper:

<ftp://public.dhe.ibm.com/common/ssi/ecm/en/zsw03167usen/ZSW03167USEN.PDF>

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