NetView for z/OS V6.1: Needles in the Haystacks and Other Fun Chores Made Easy

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- Timeline
- Smart Packet Collection
- Packet Trace on the fly
- Expanded Log Browse
- NetView Web Application
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Timeline

- NetView for z/OS V6.1
  - Generally available: May 27, 2011
- NetView for z/OS V5.1 and V5.2
  - End of Support announced: February 1, 2011
  - Effective: March 31, 2012

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Smart Packet Collection

- Analyze packet trace data to allow for easier problem determination

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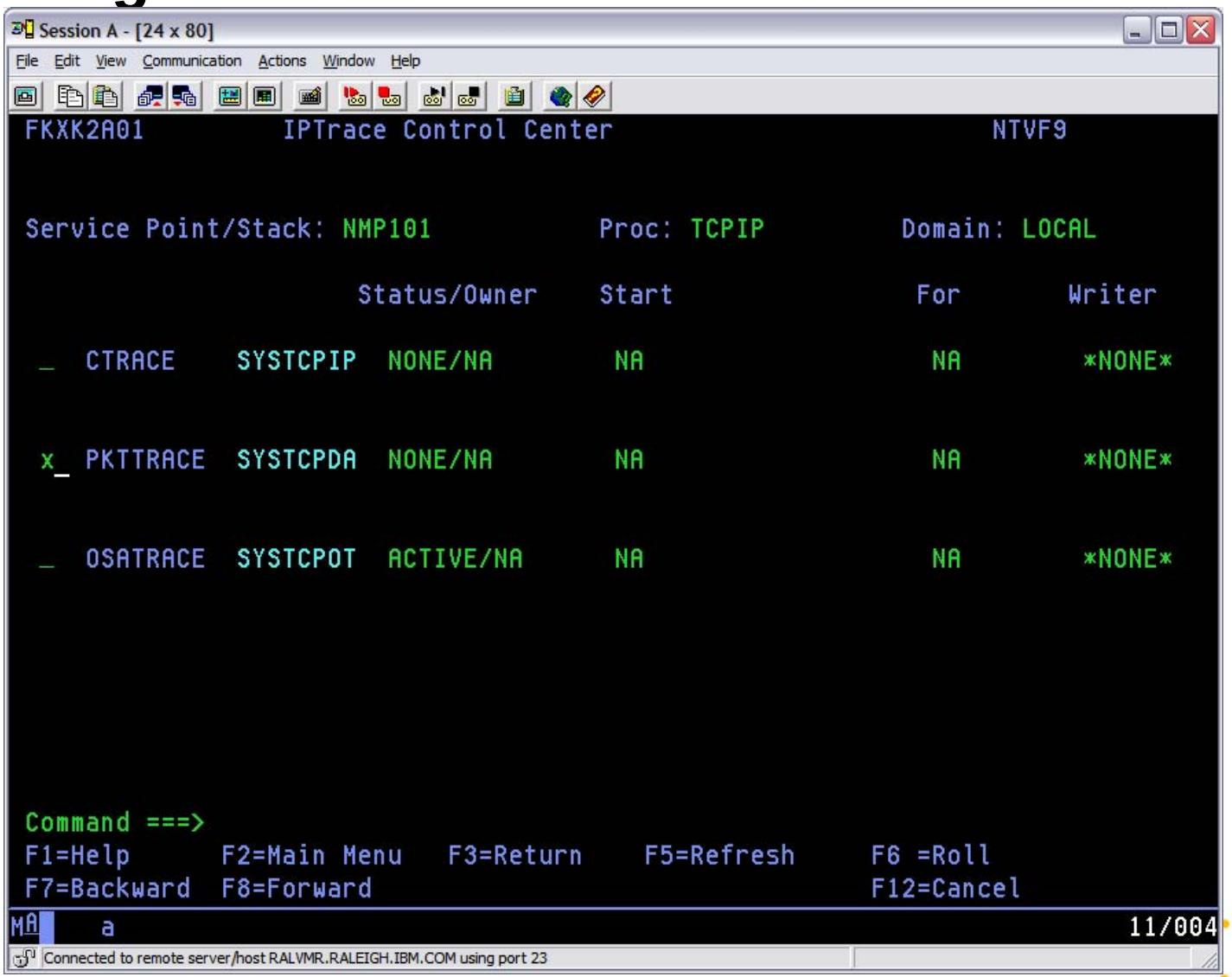

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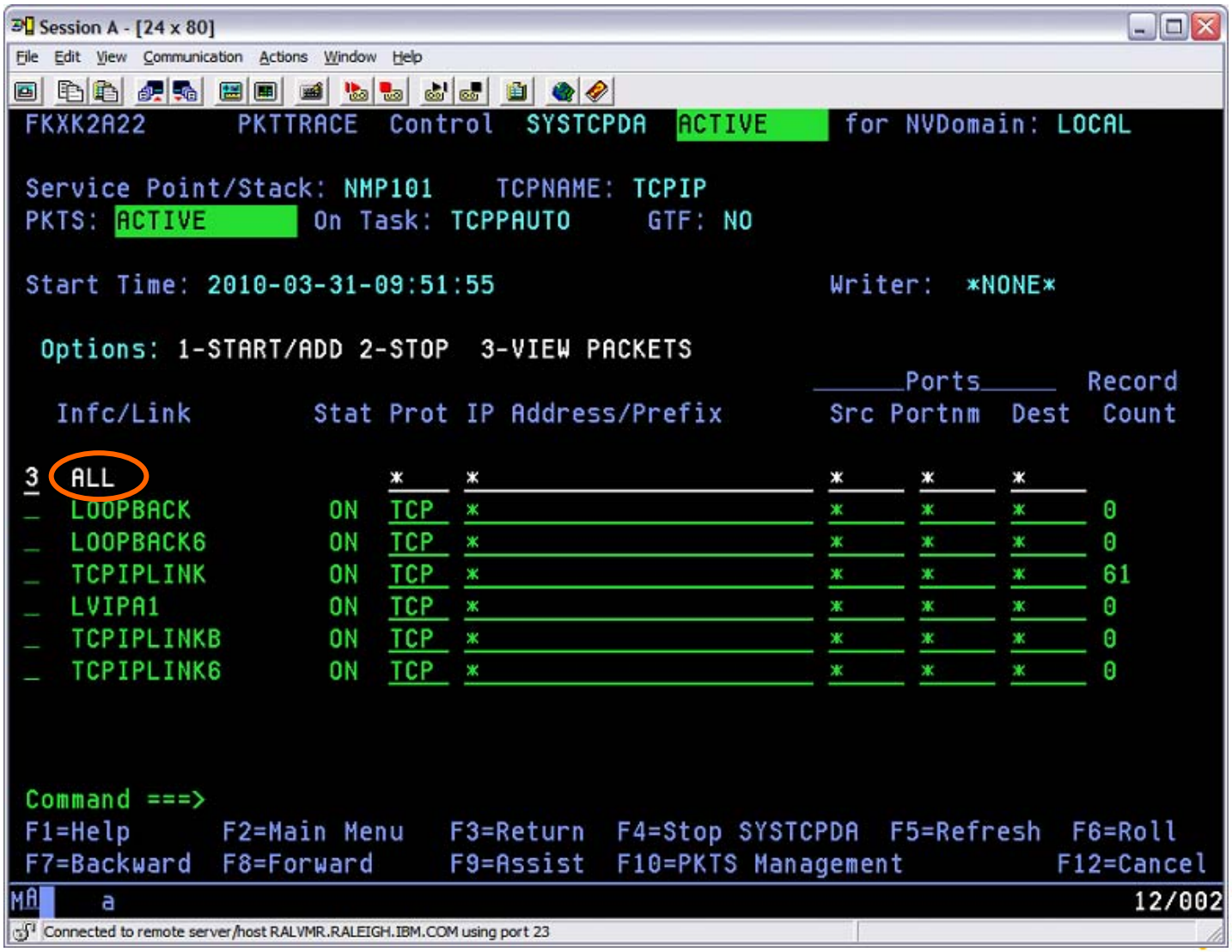

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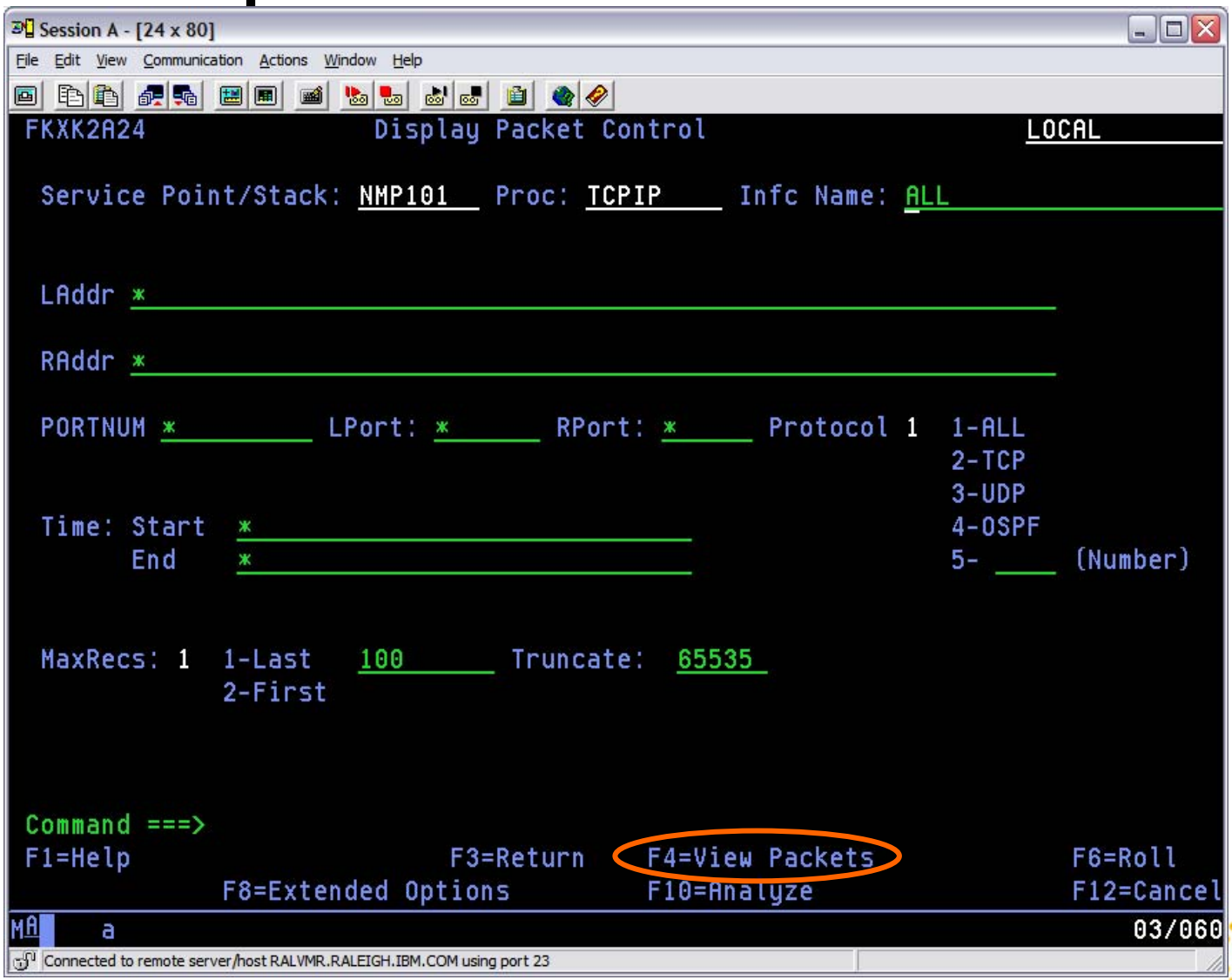

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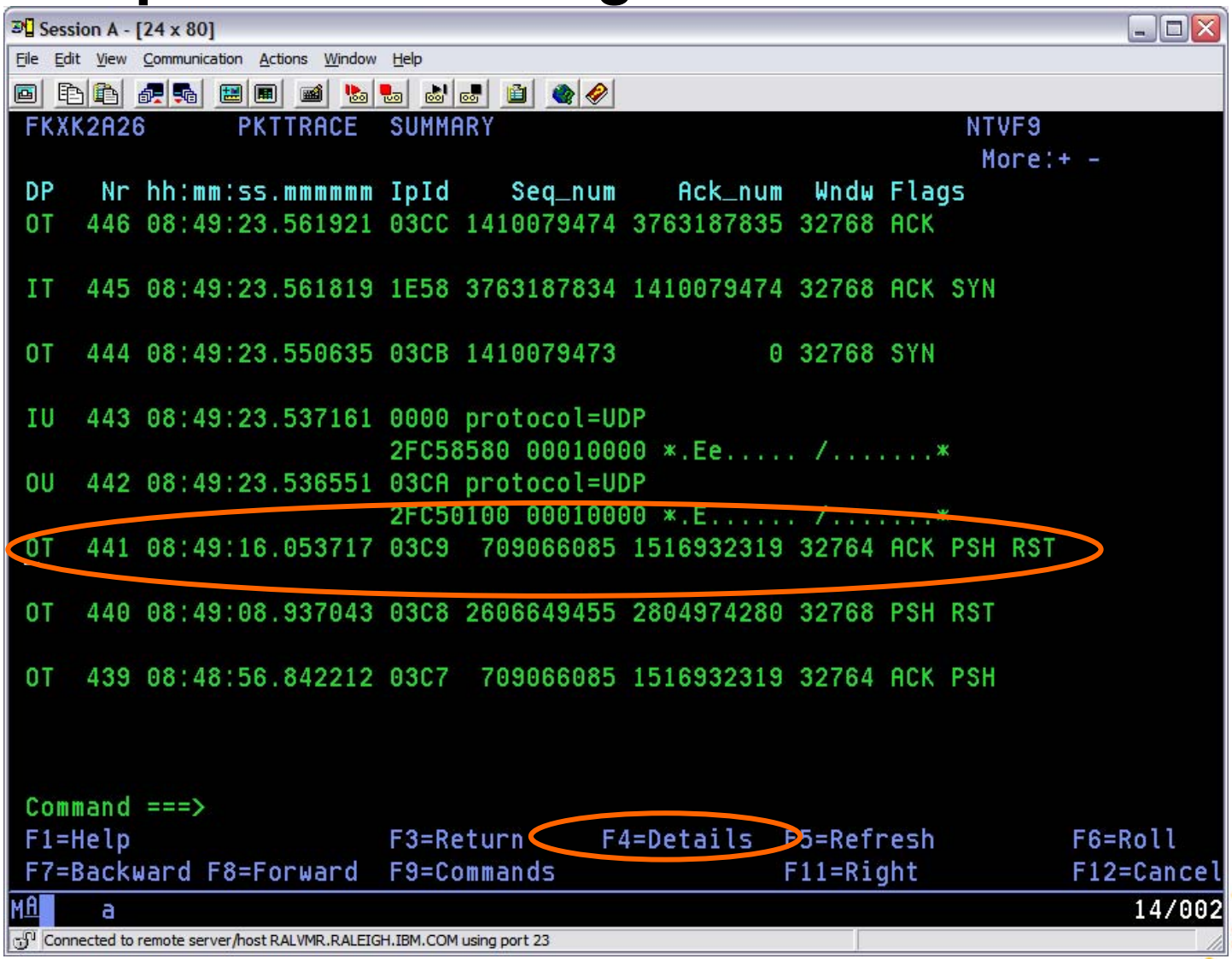

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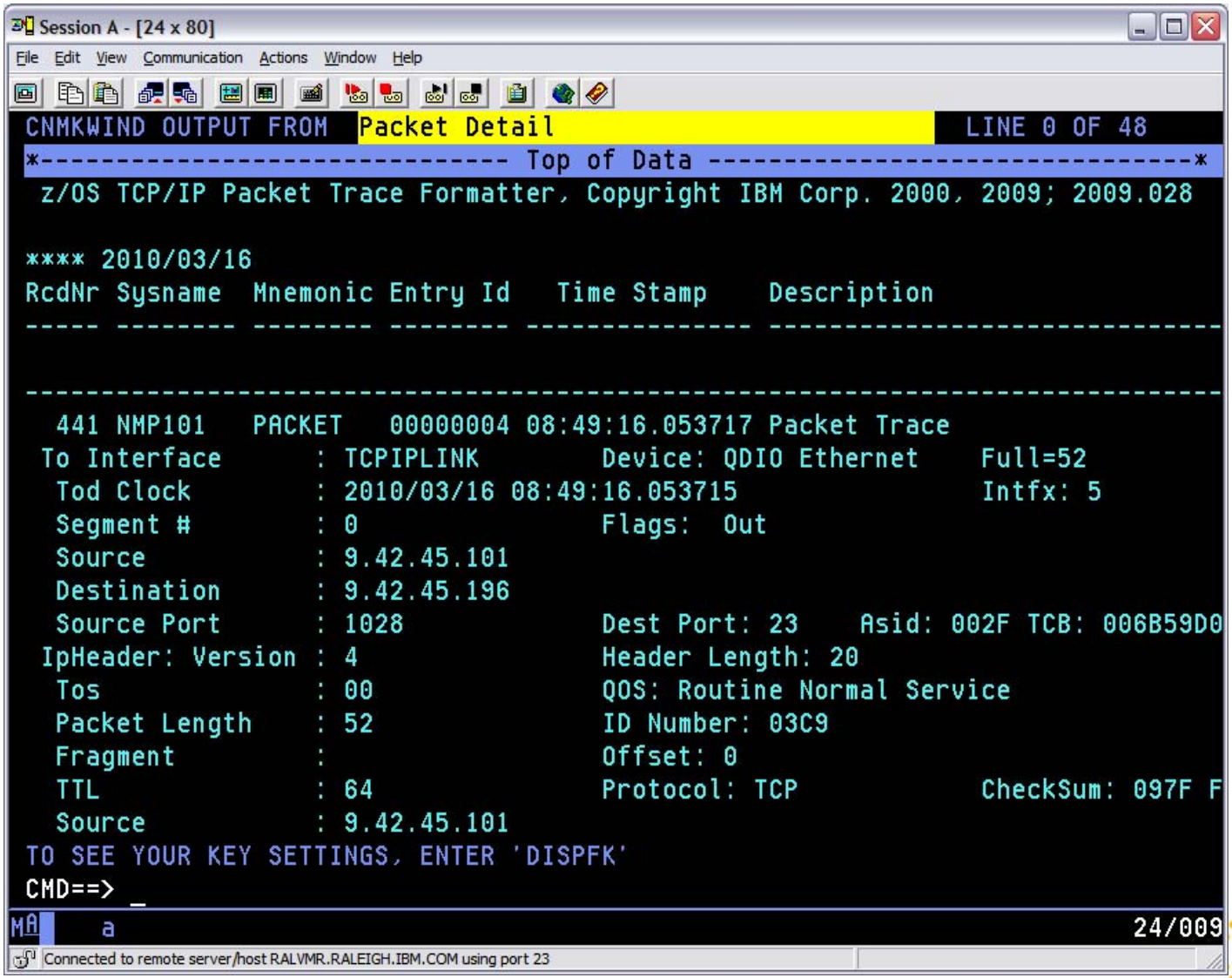

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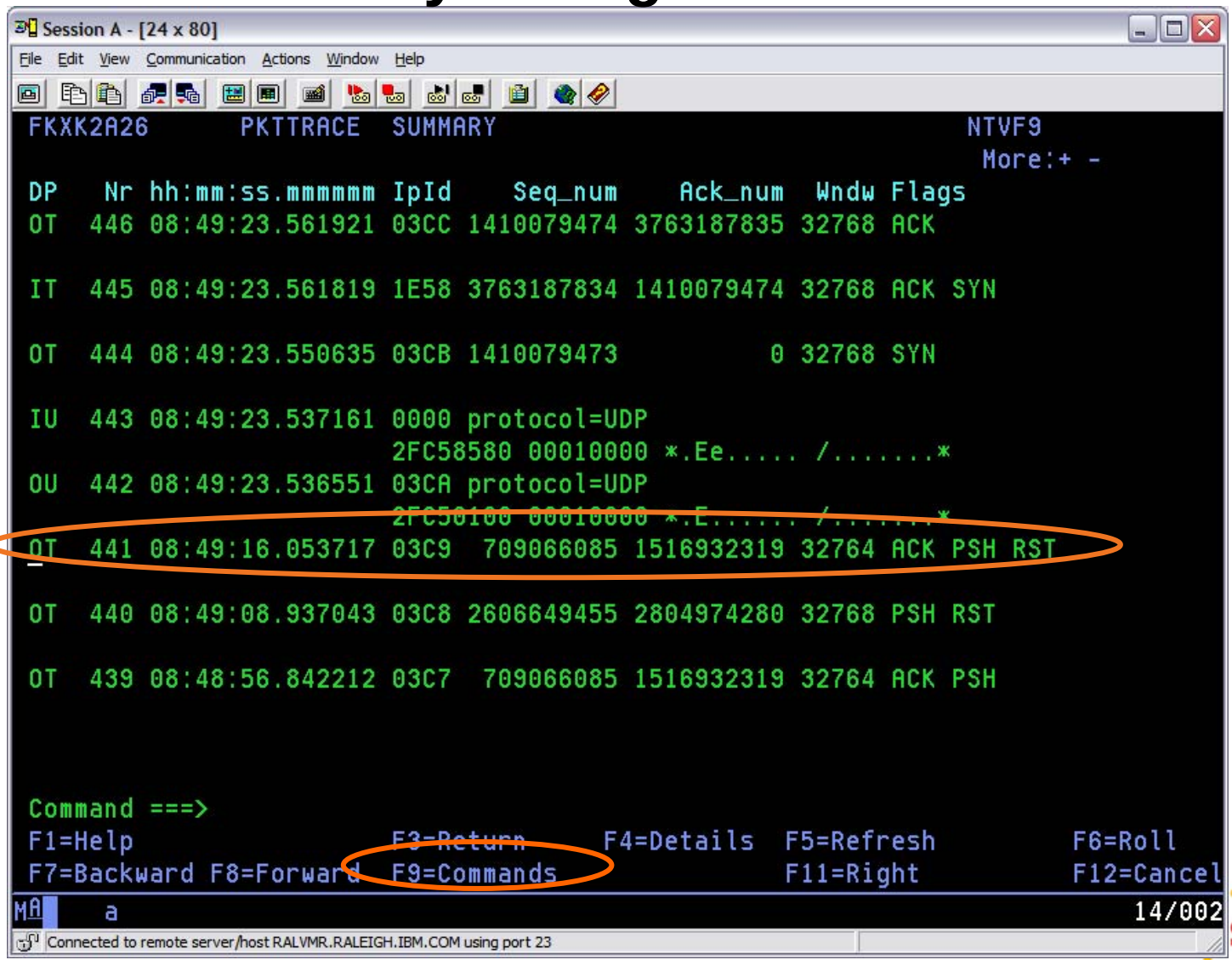

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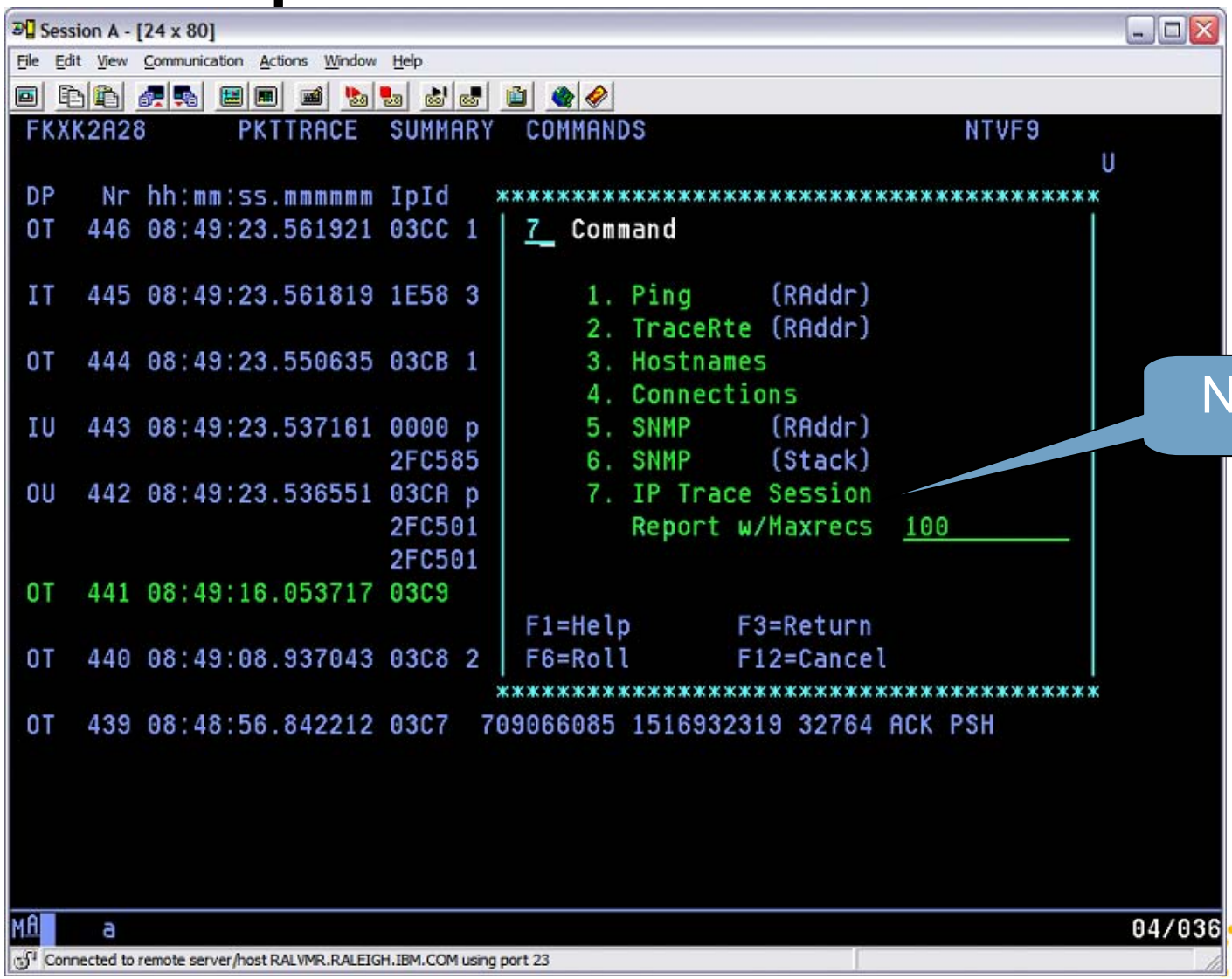

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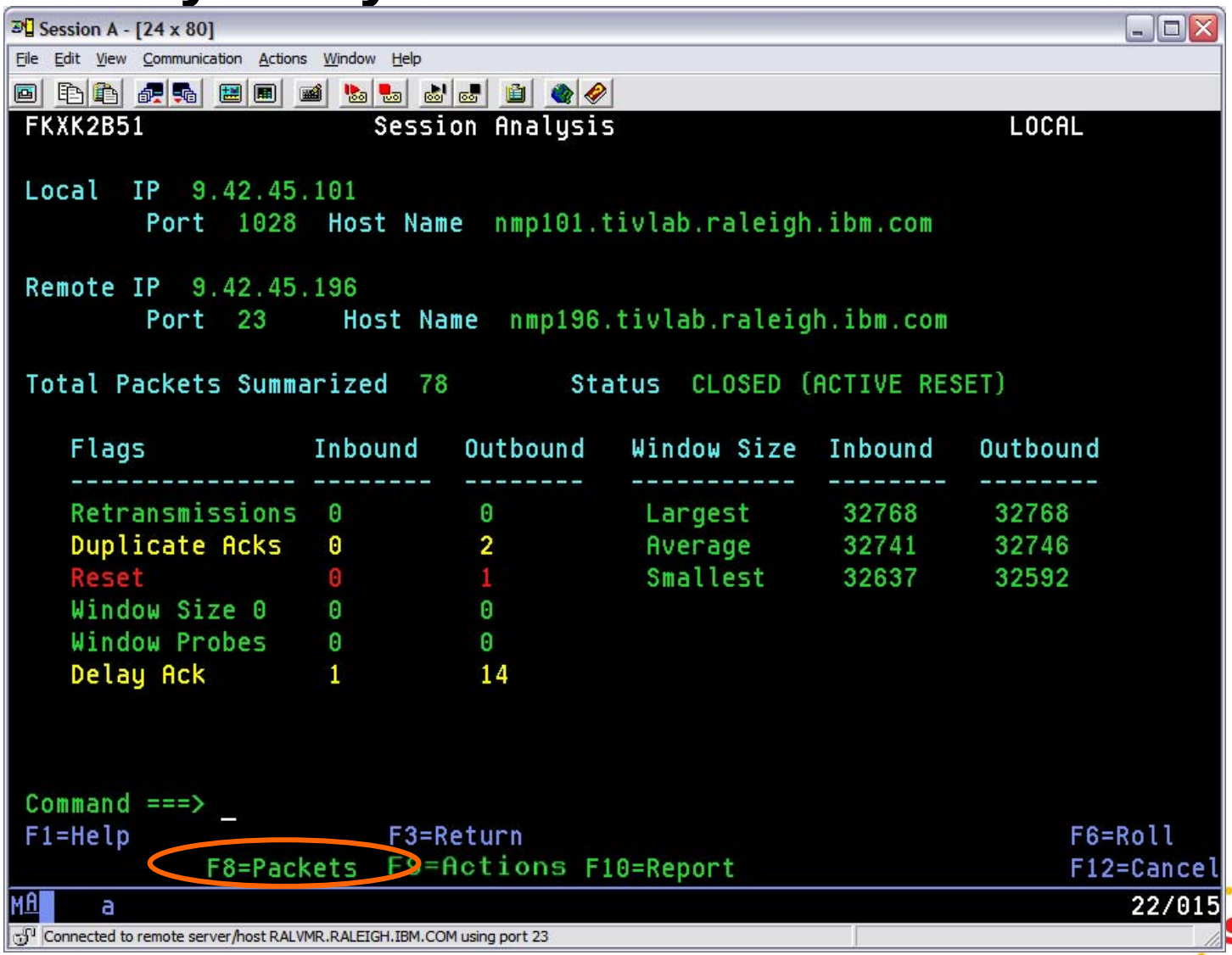

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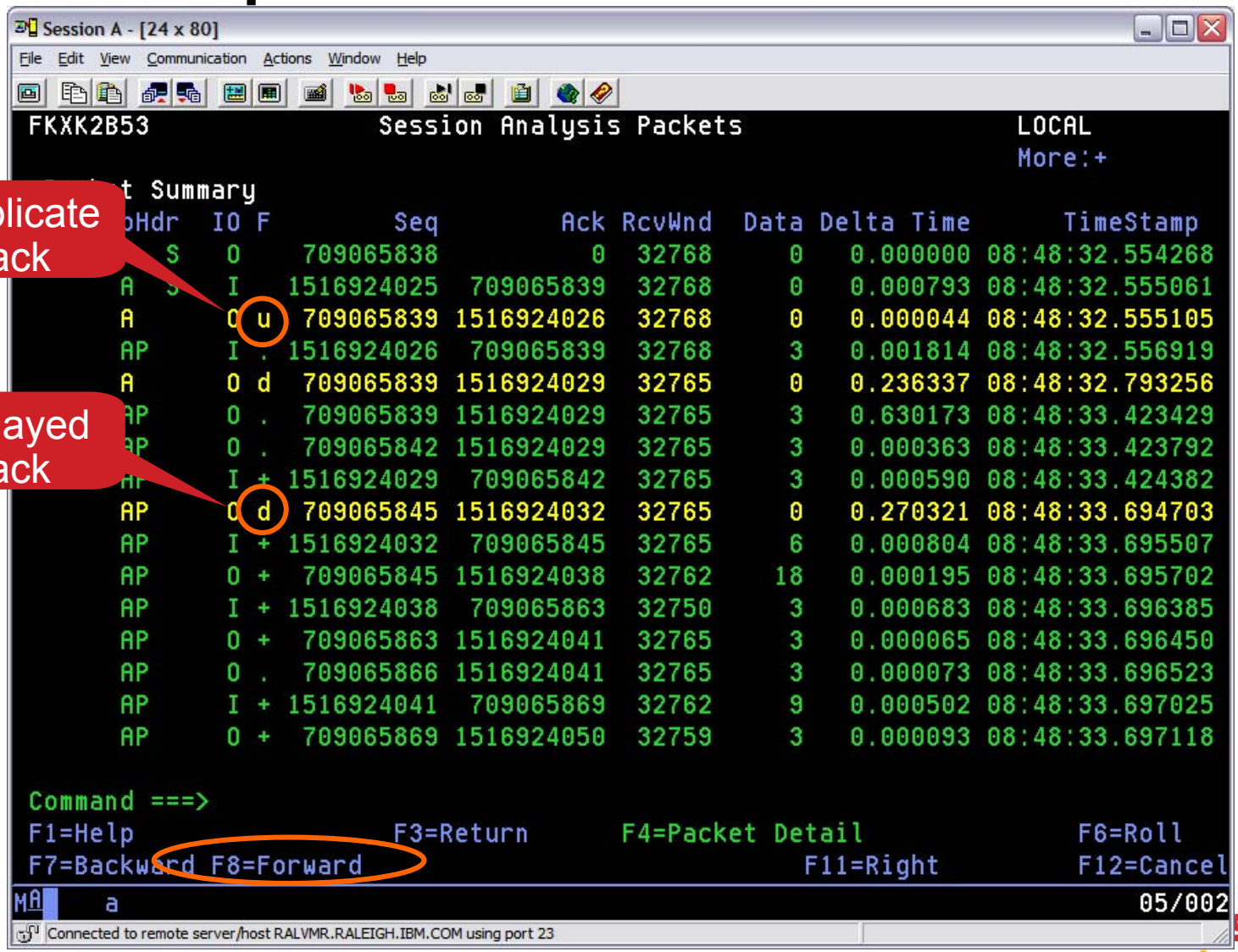

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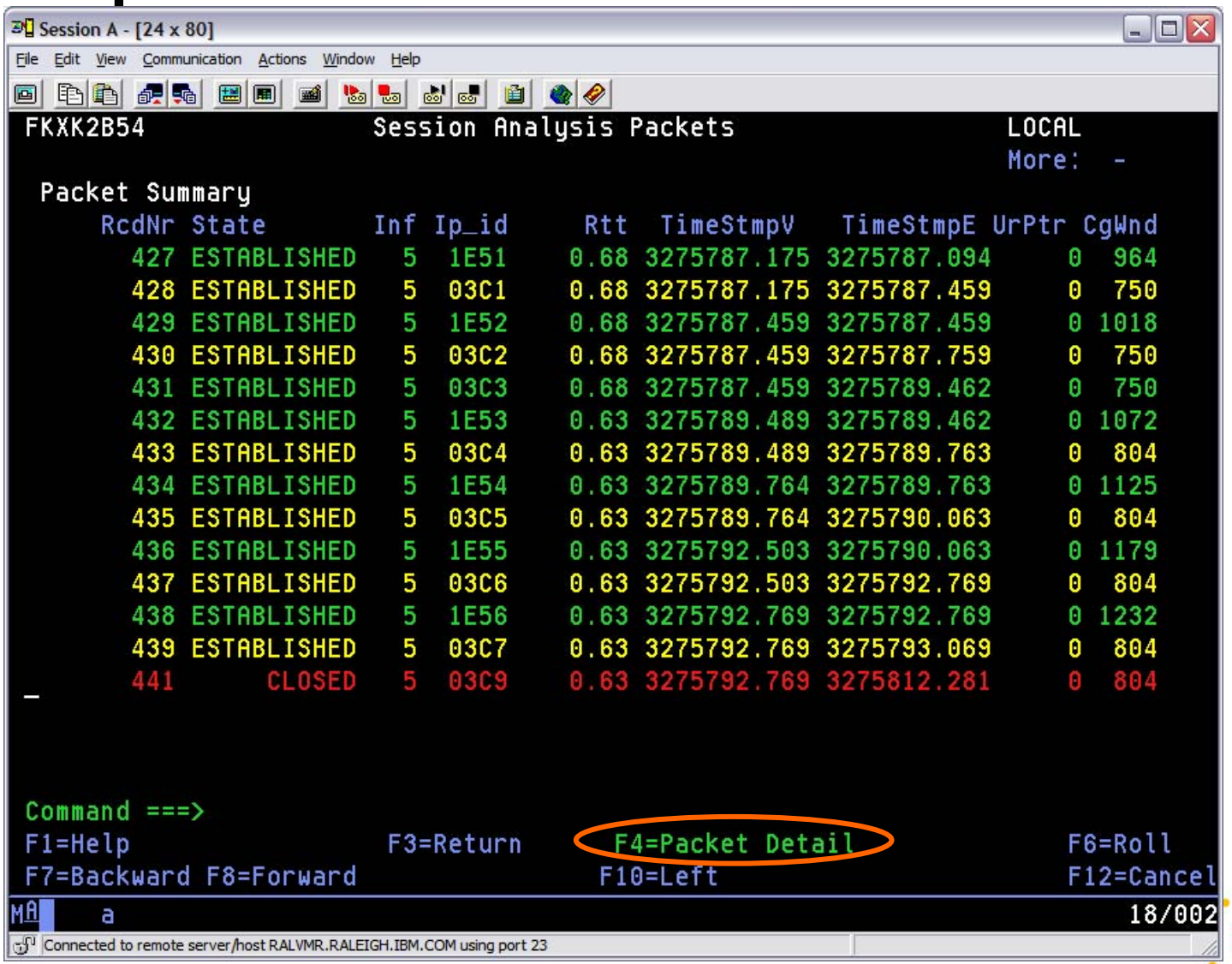

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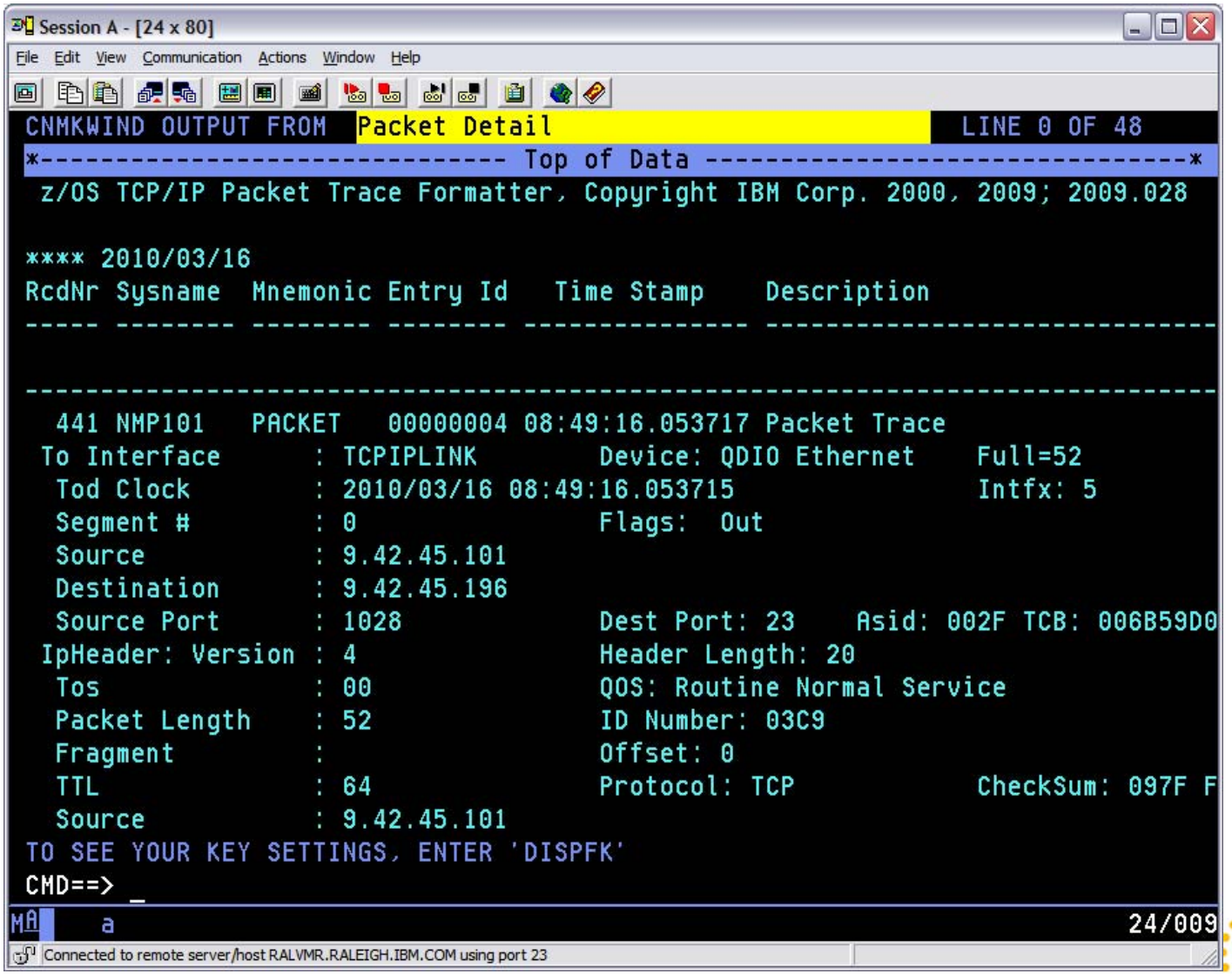

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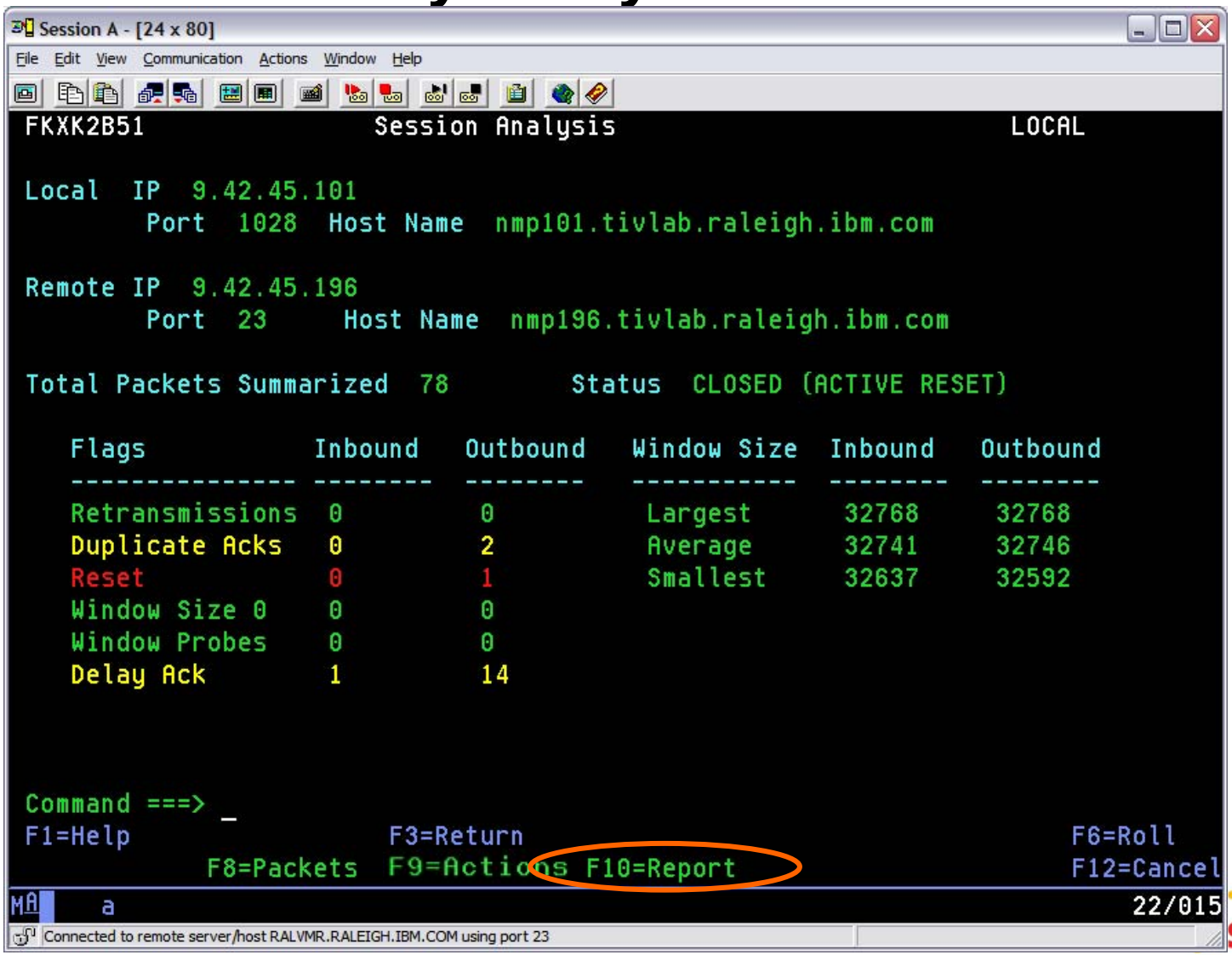

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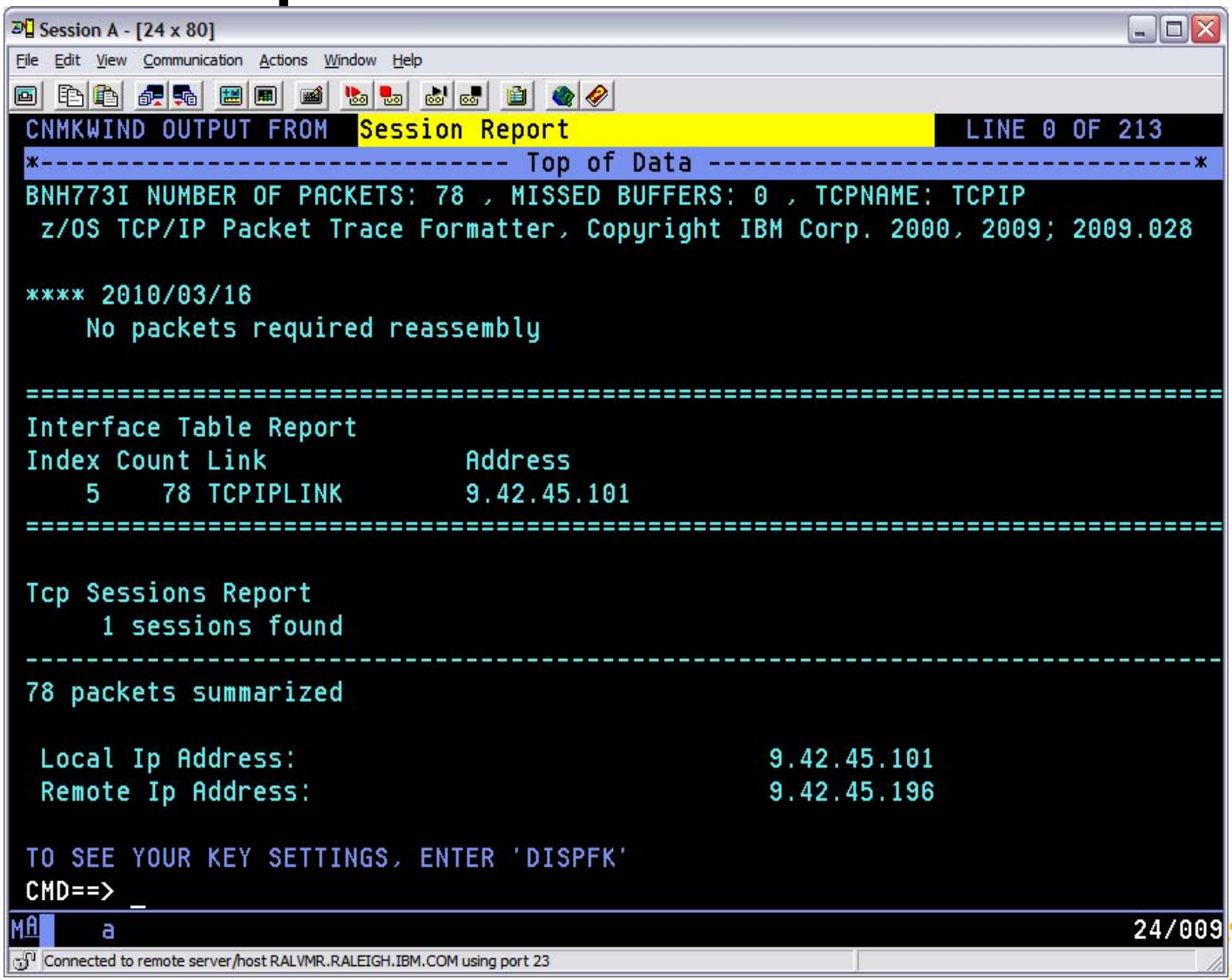

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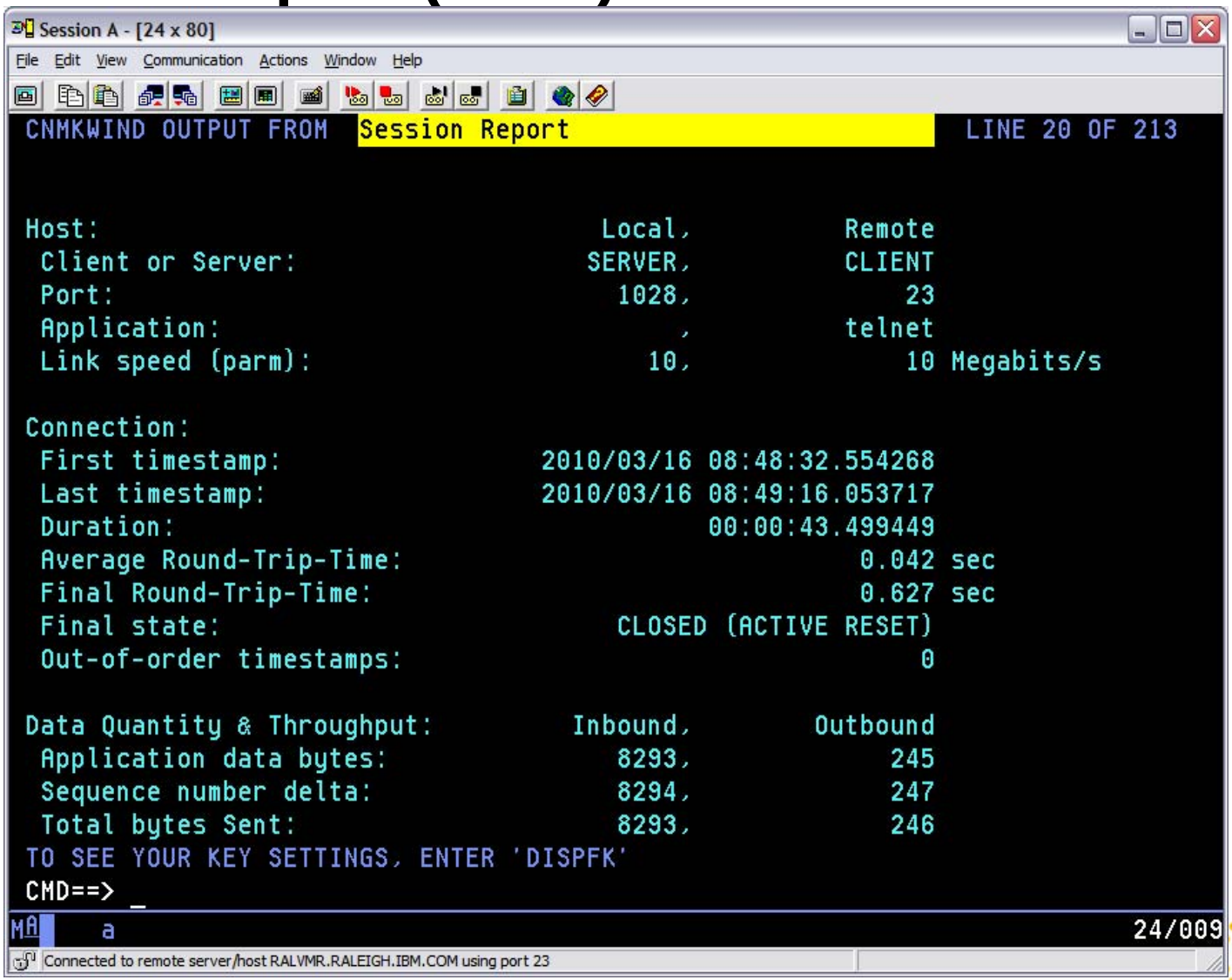

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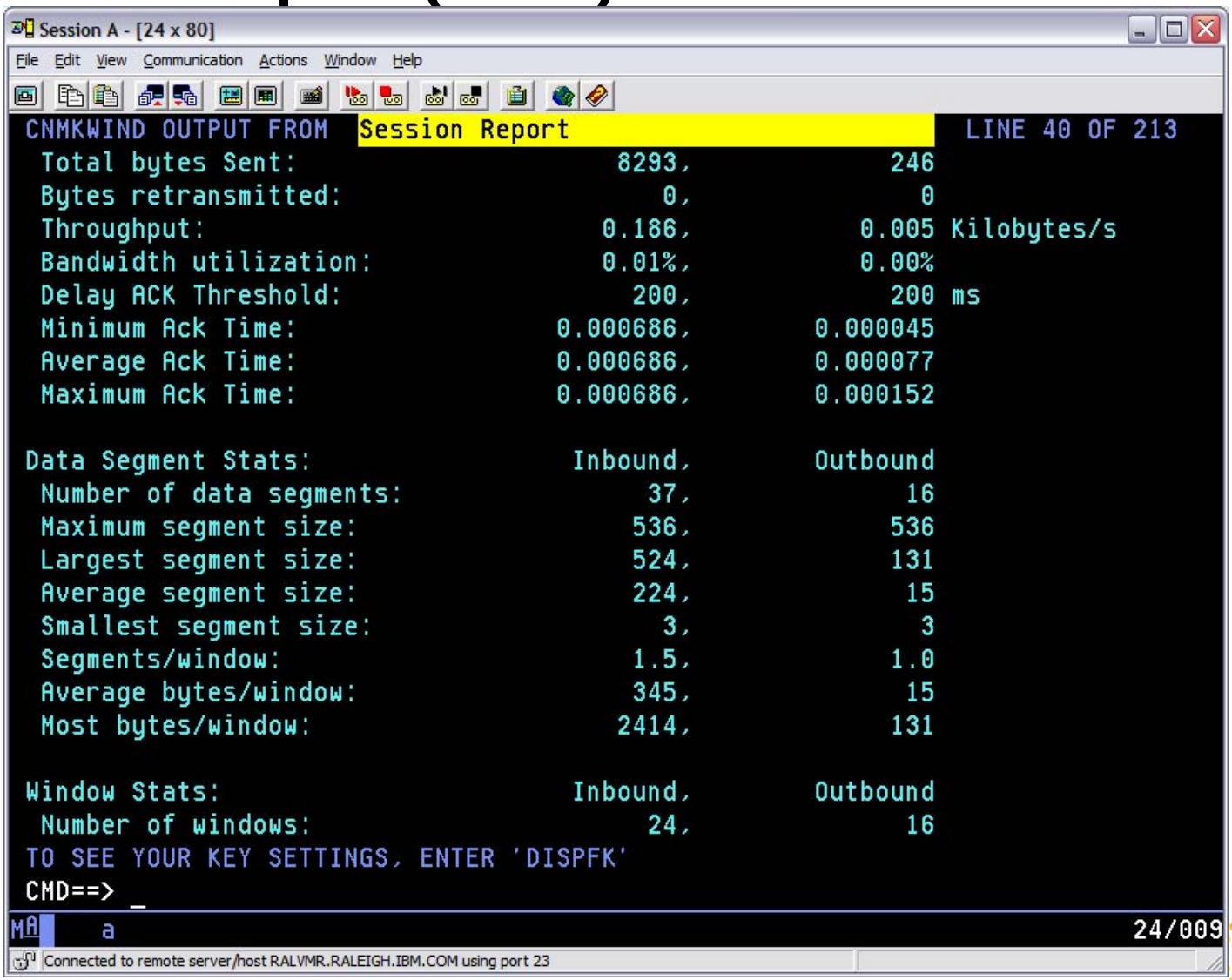

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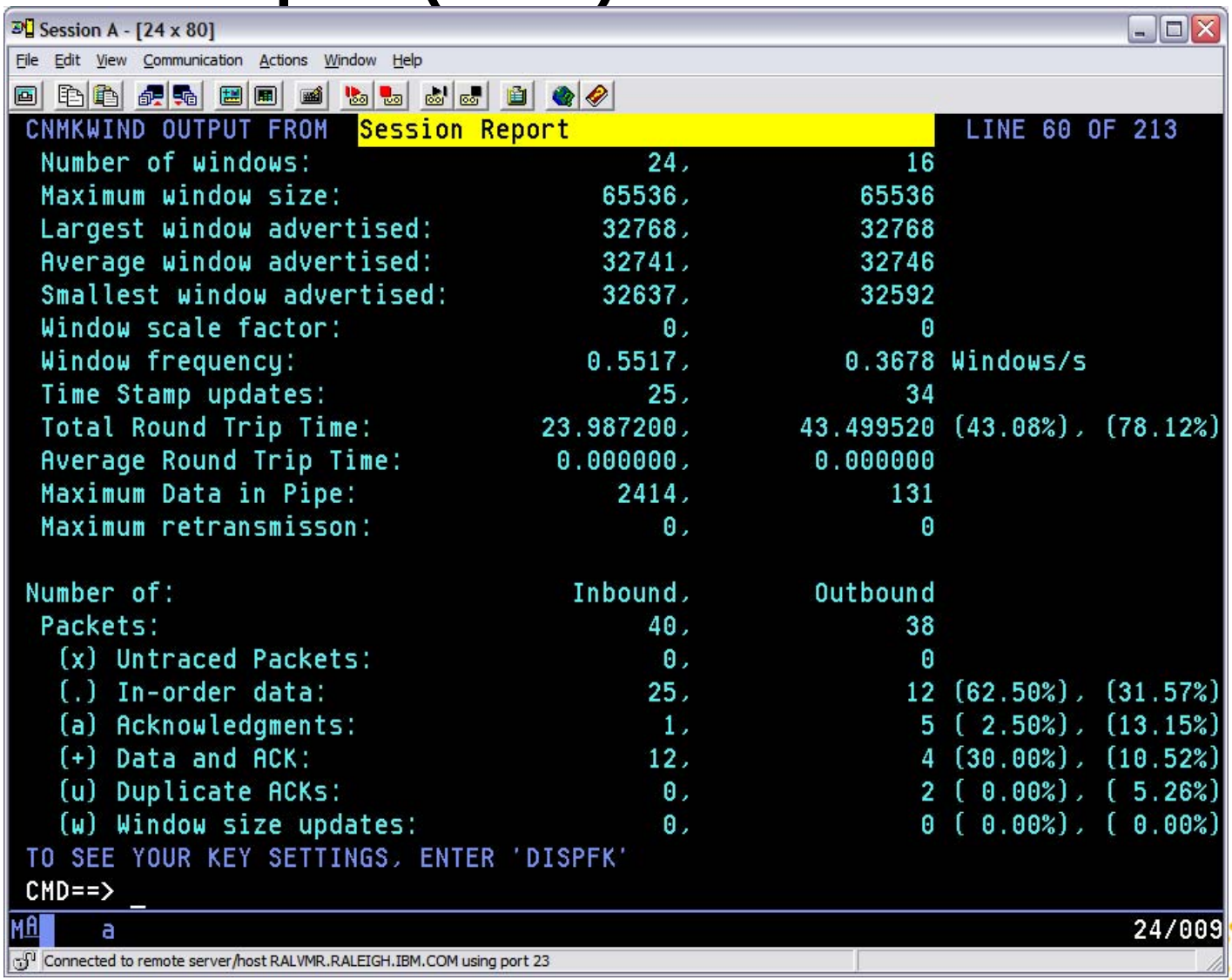

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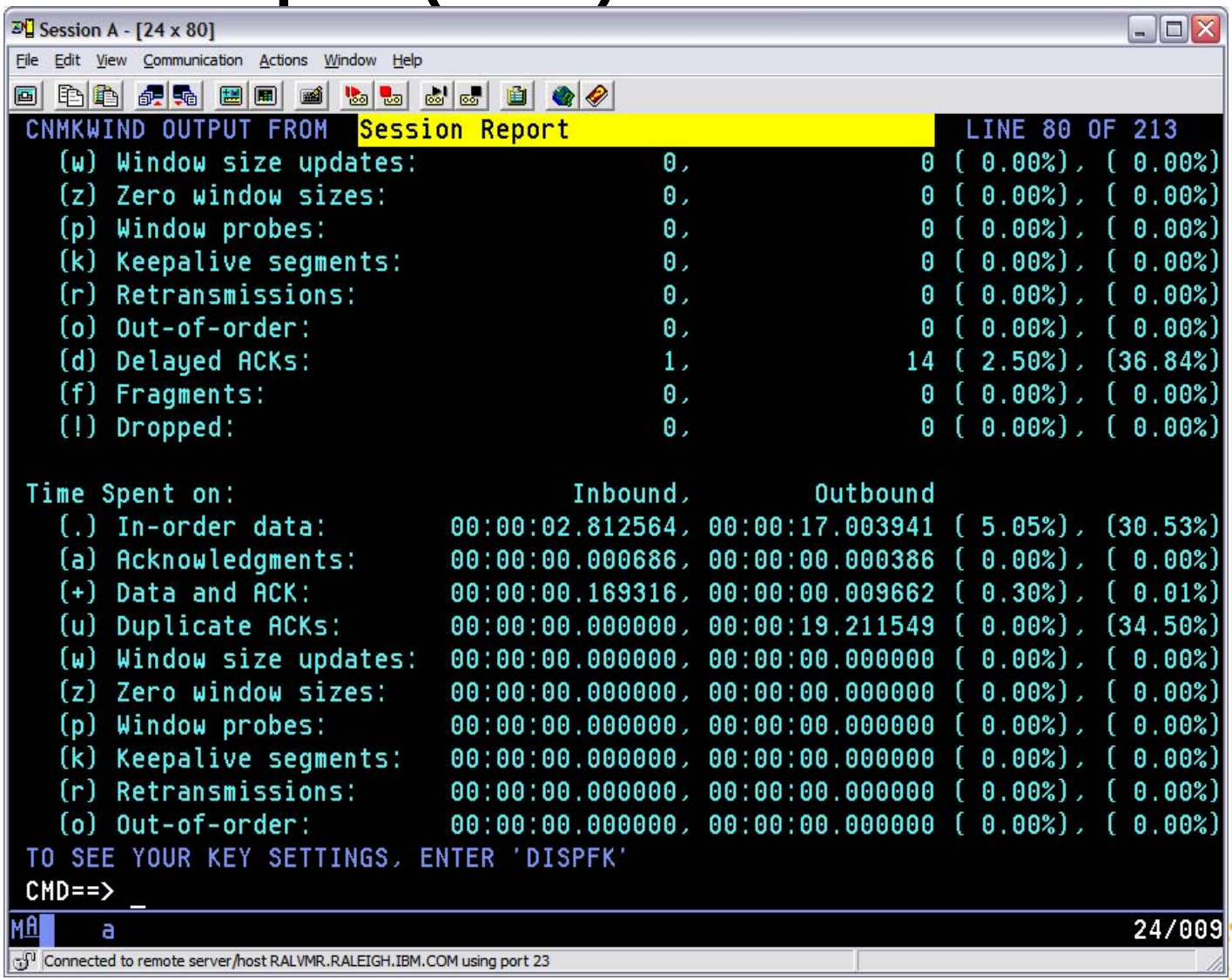

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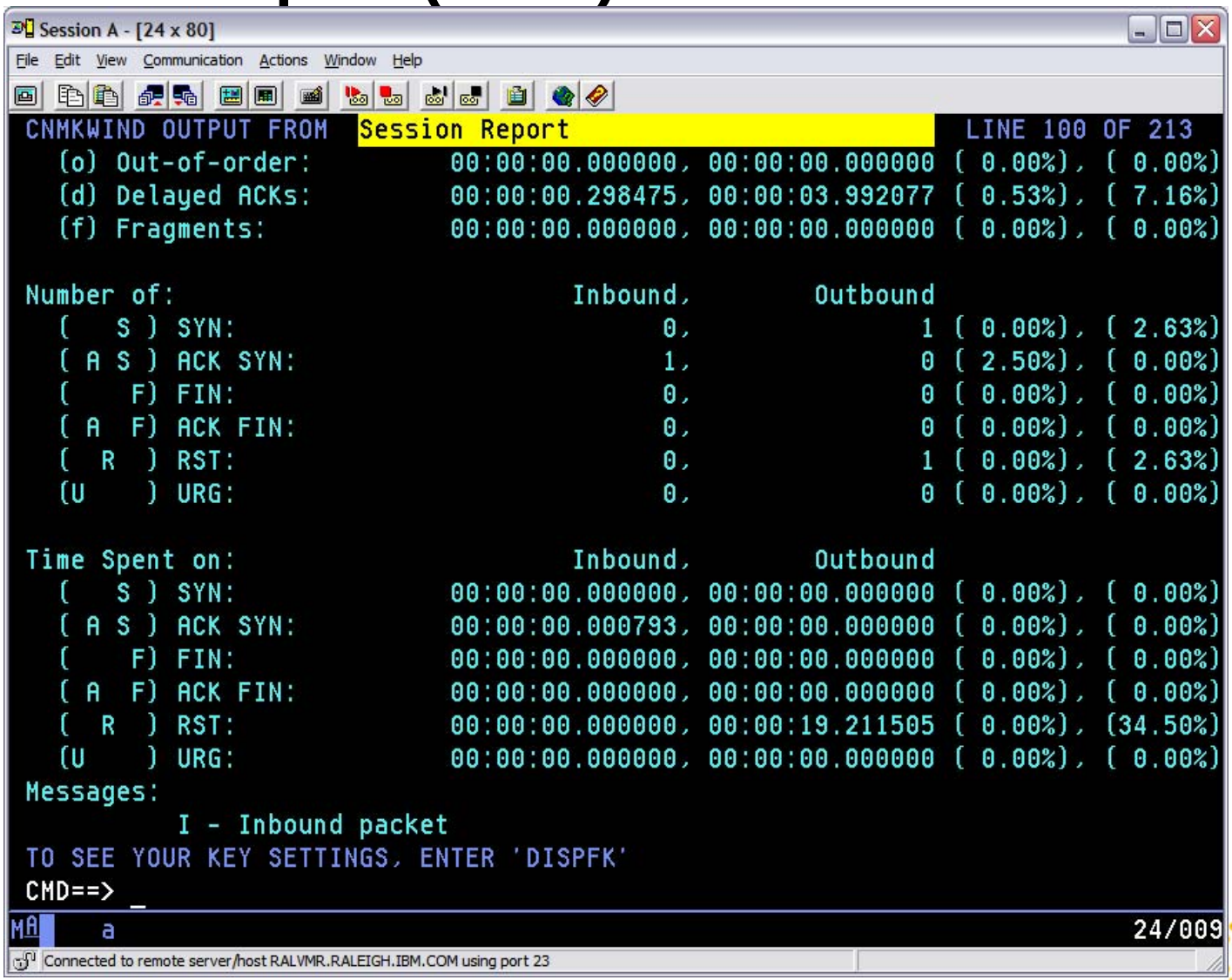

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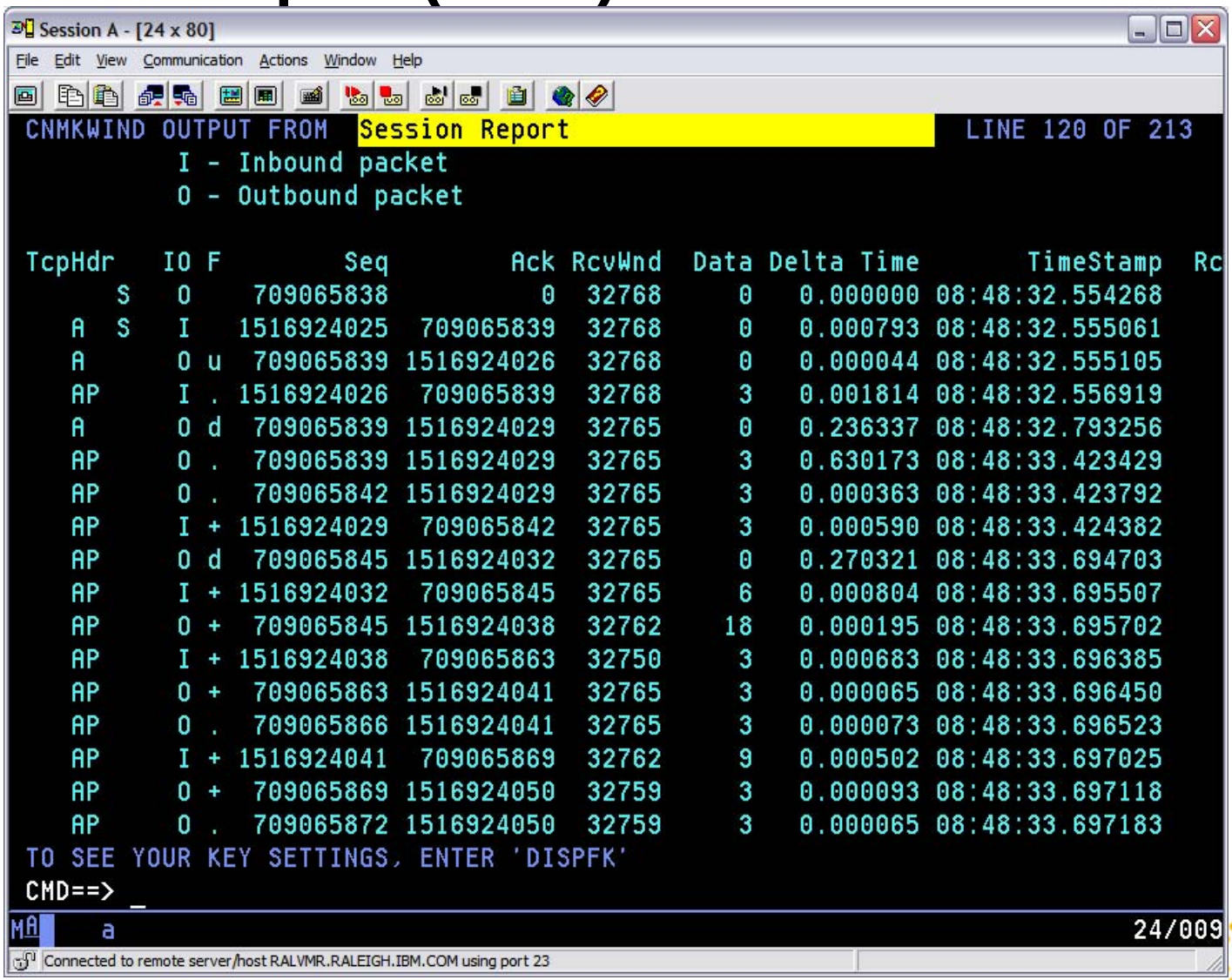

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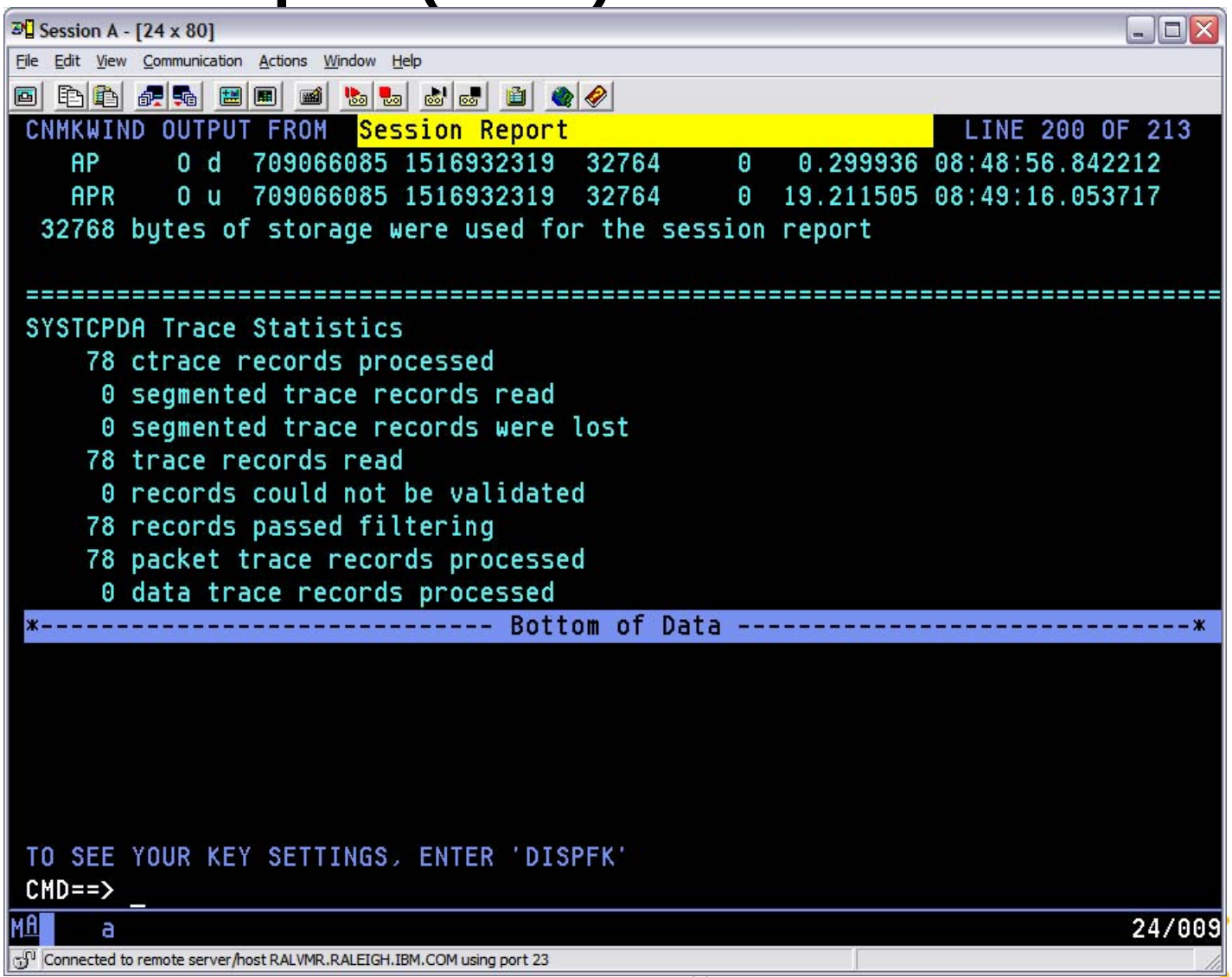

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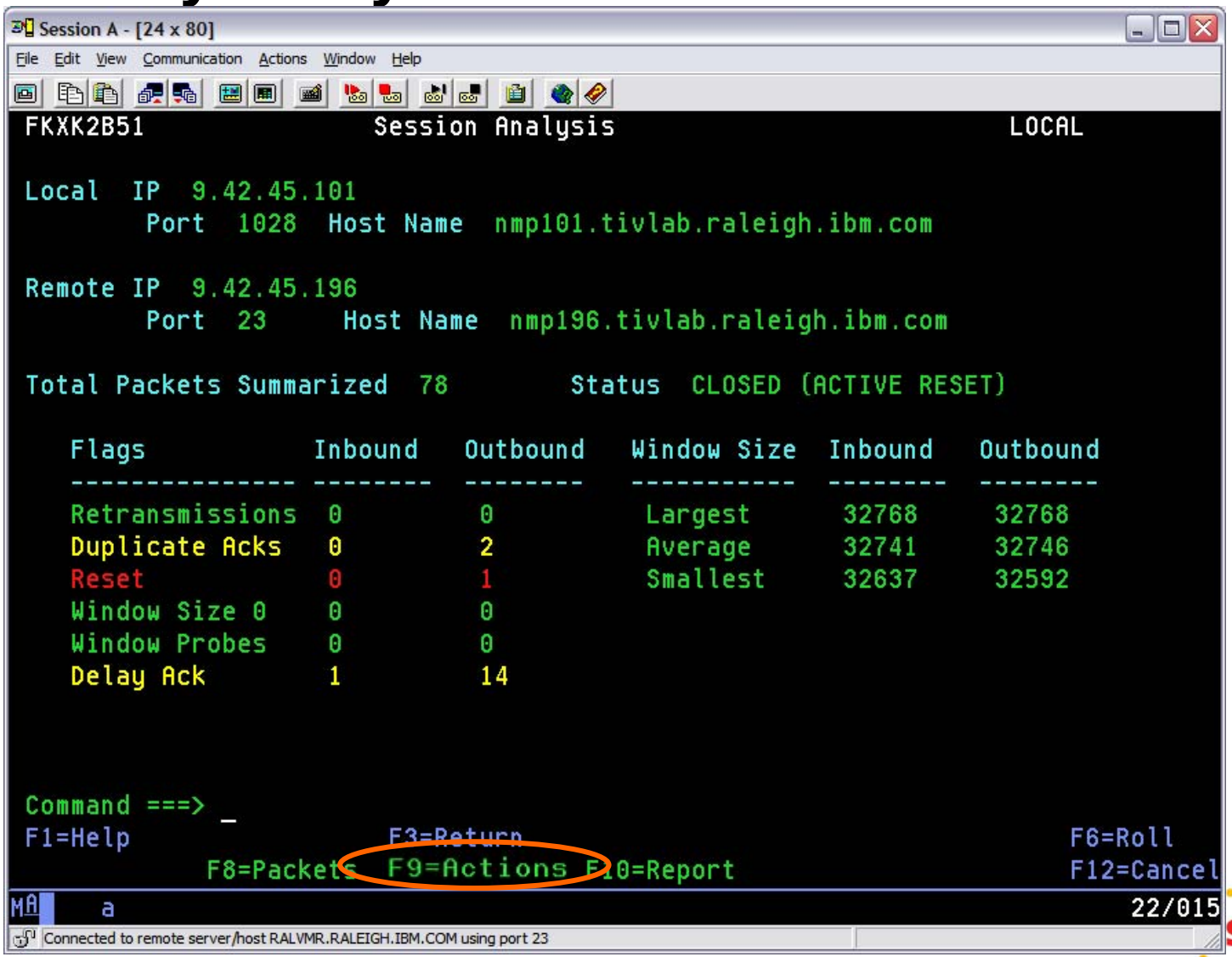

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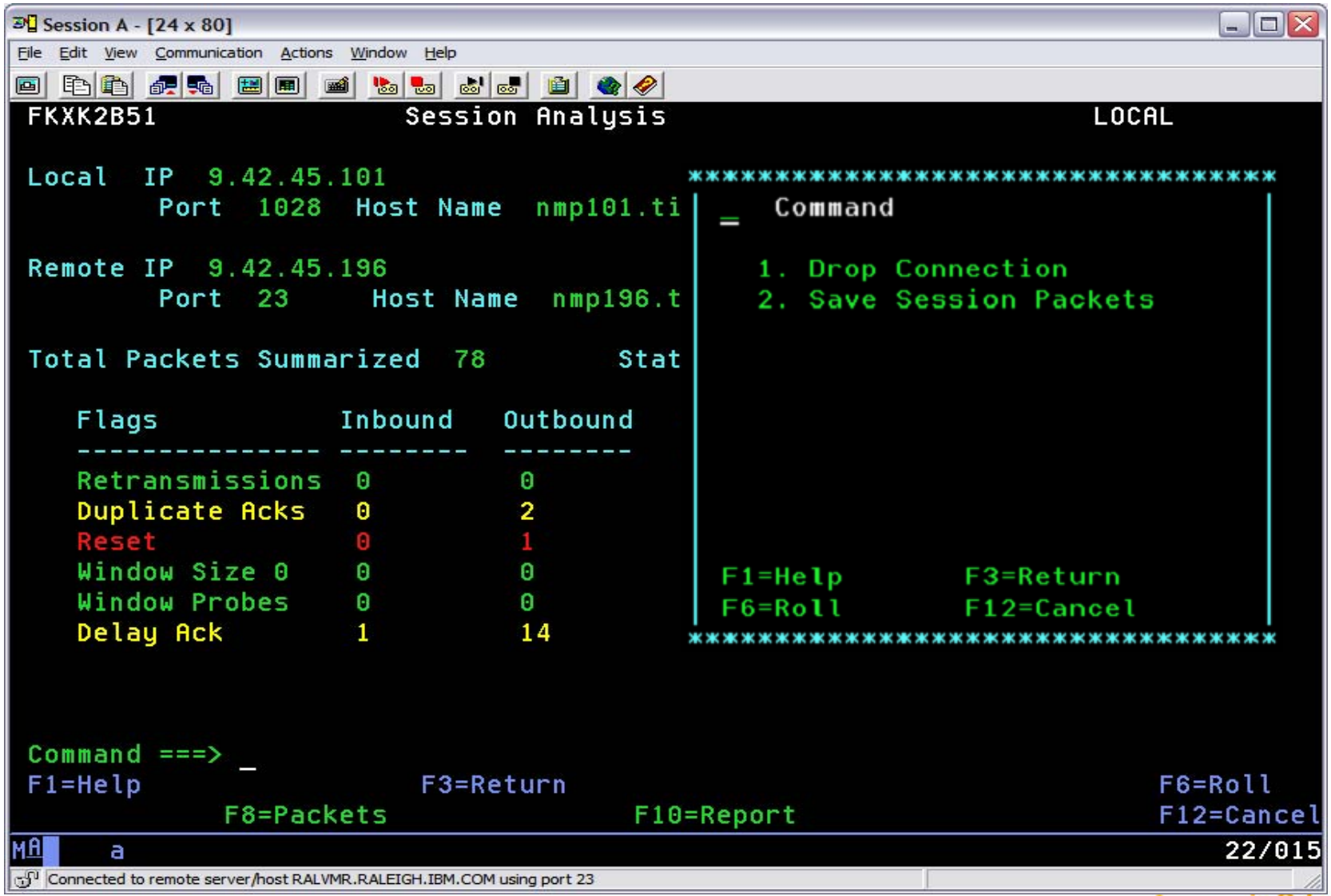

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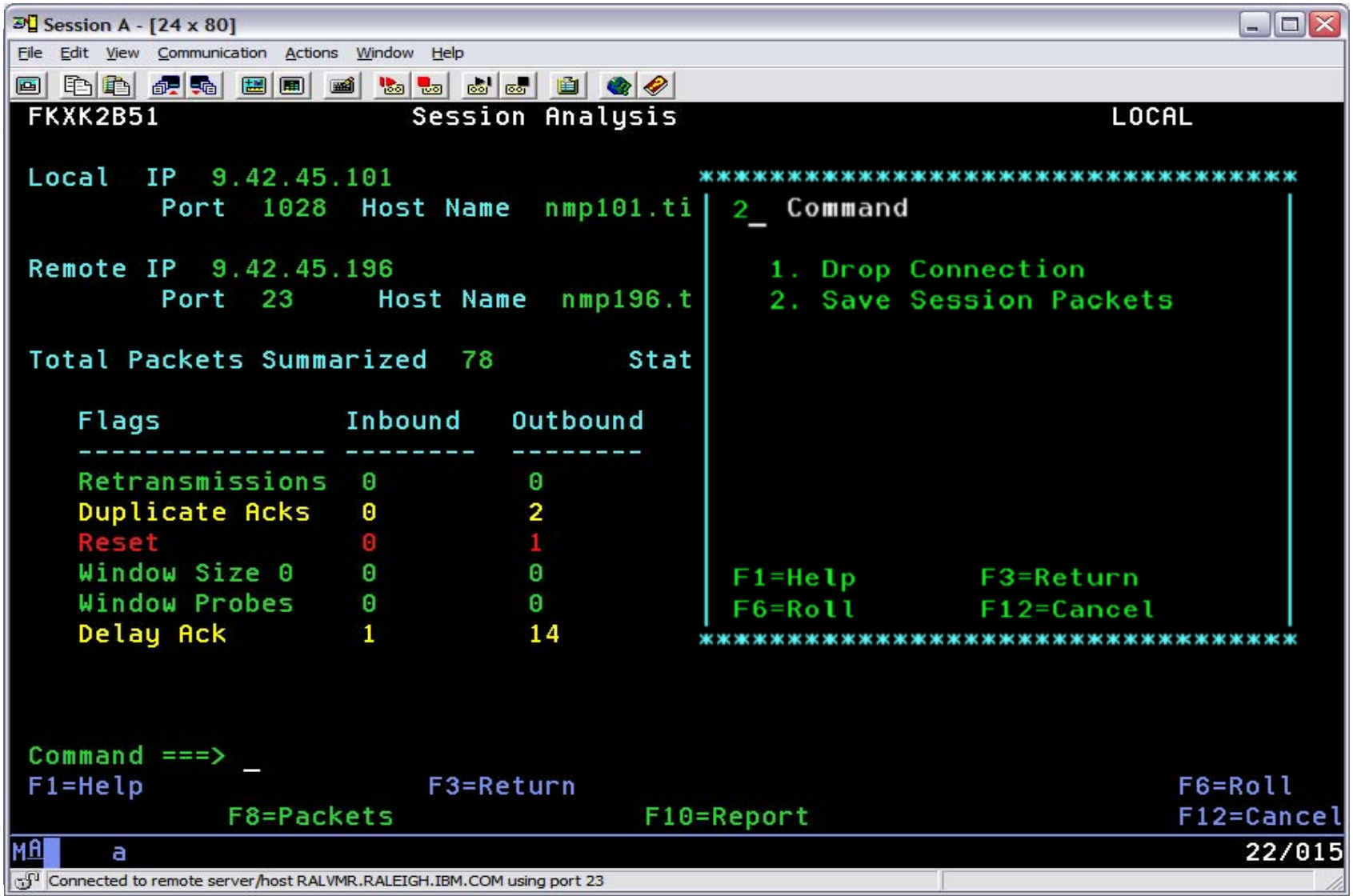

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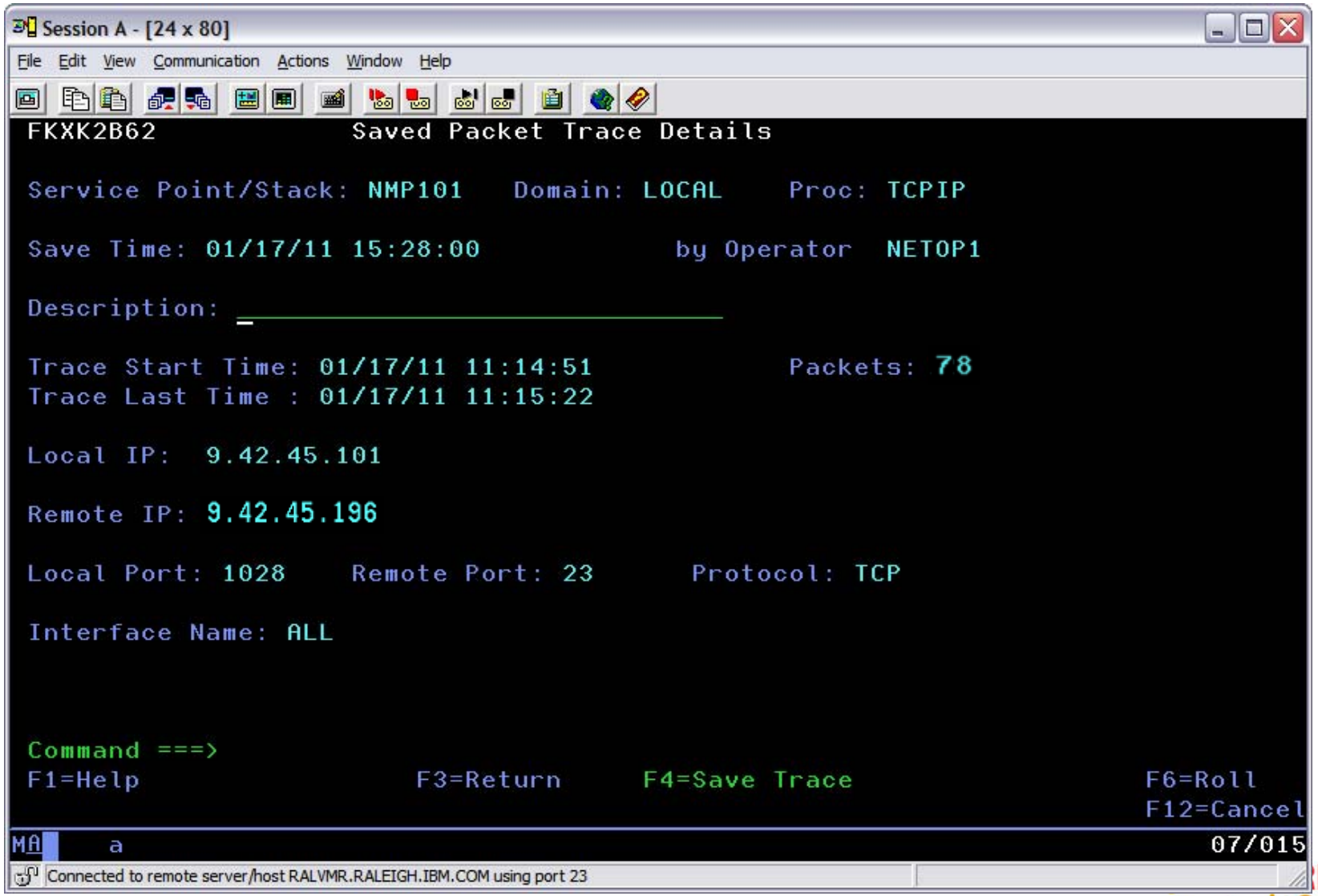

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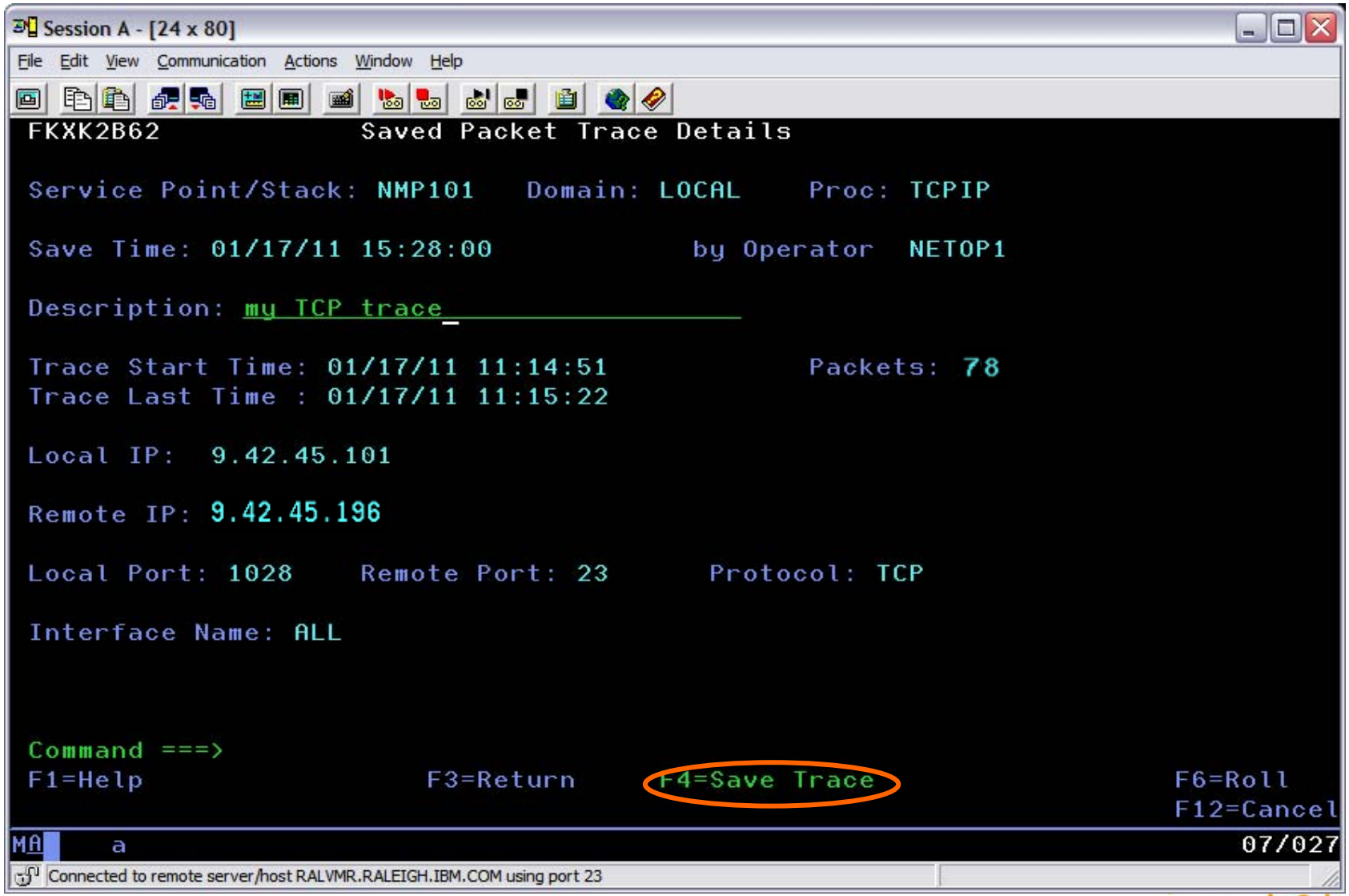

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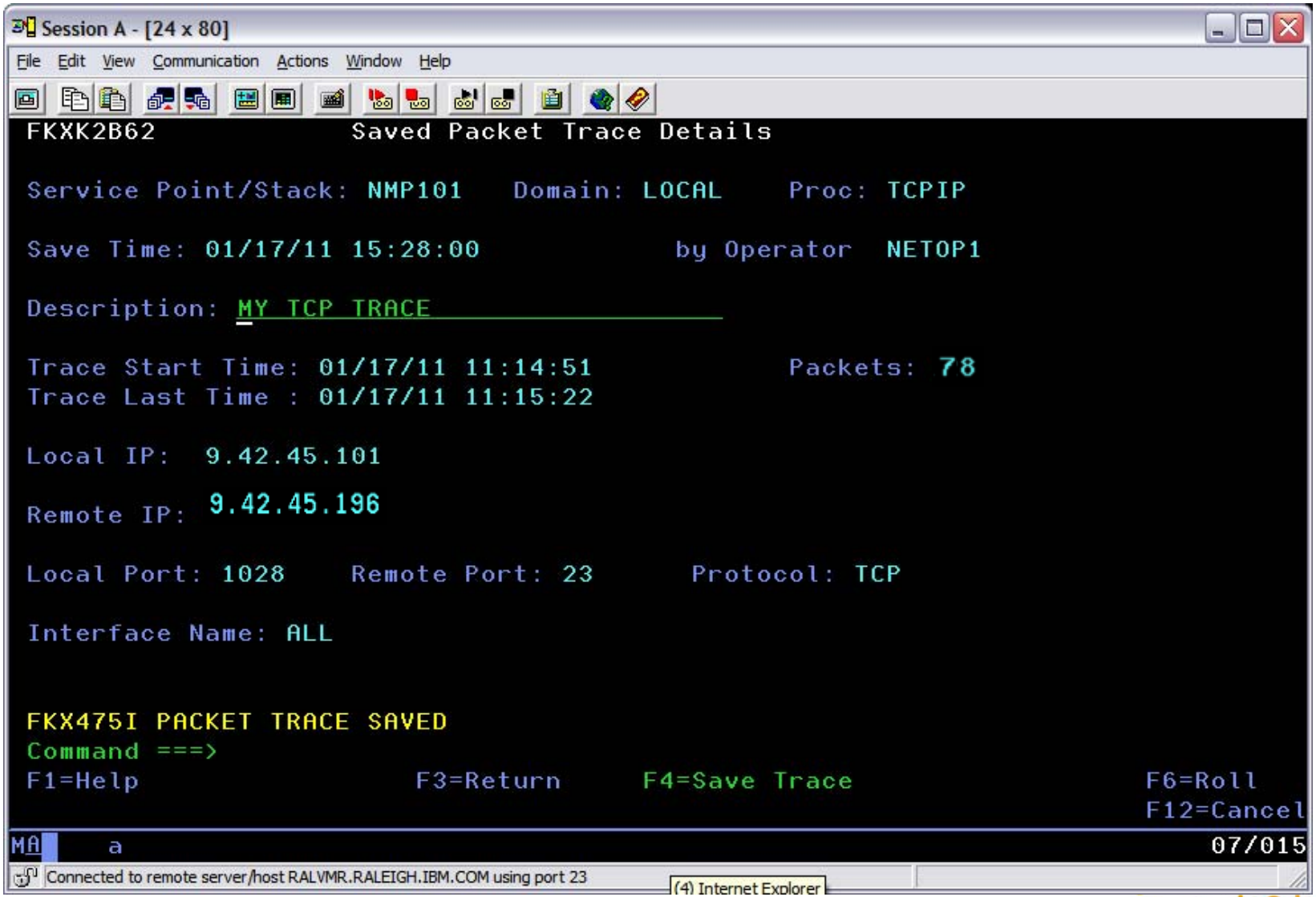

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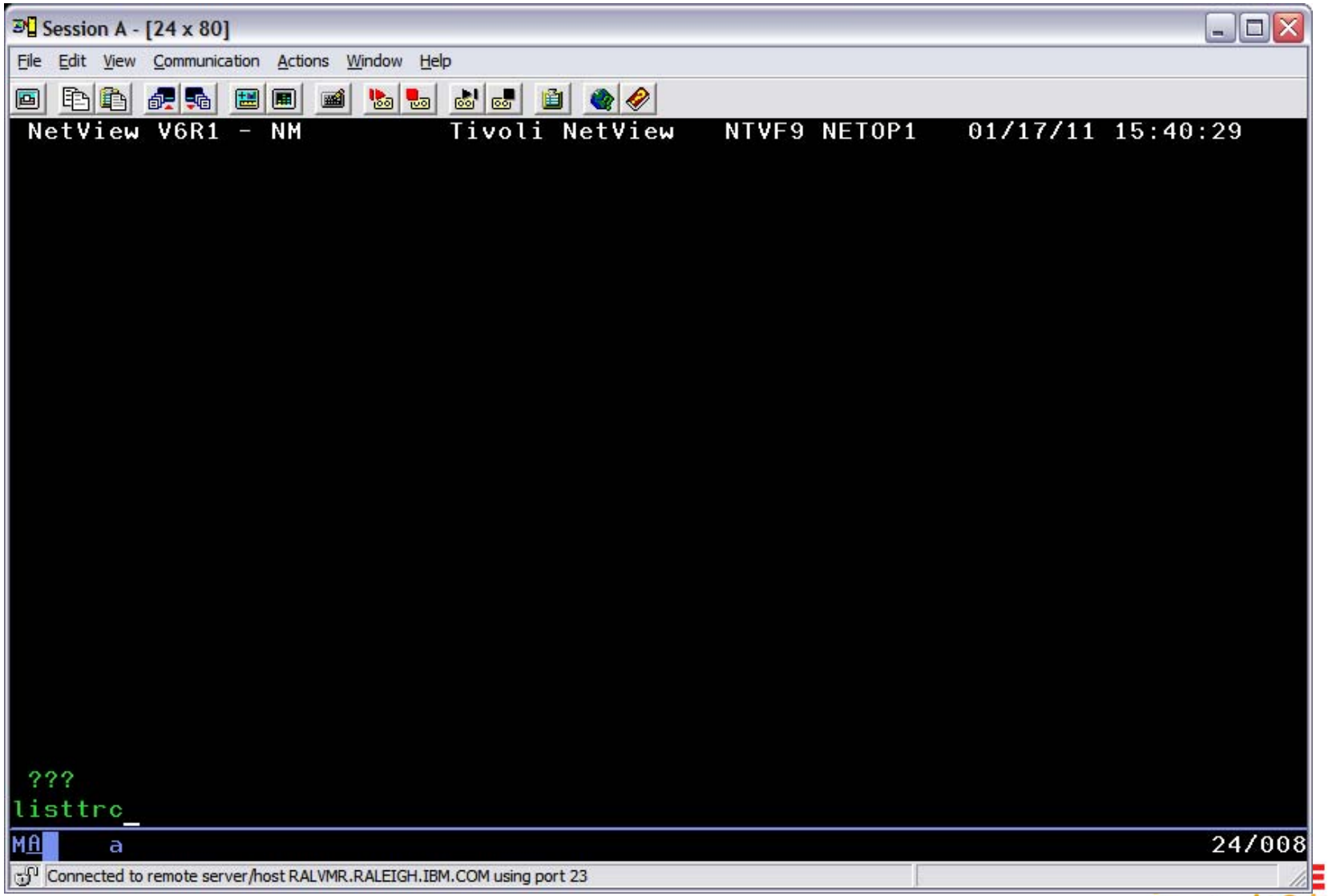

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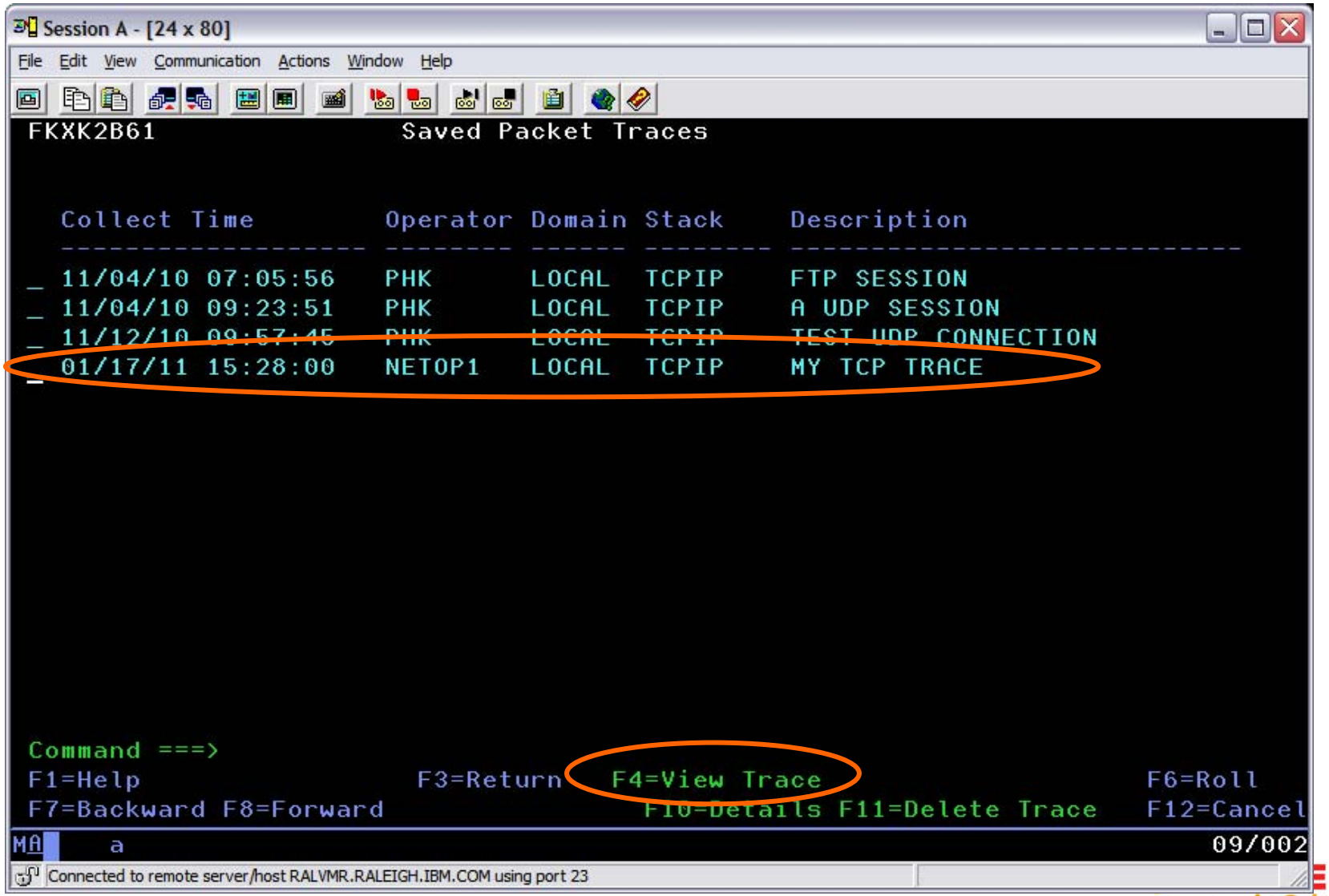

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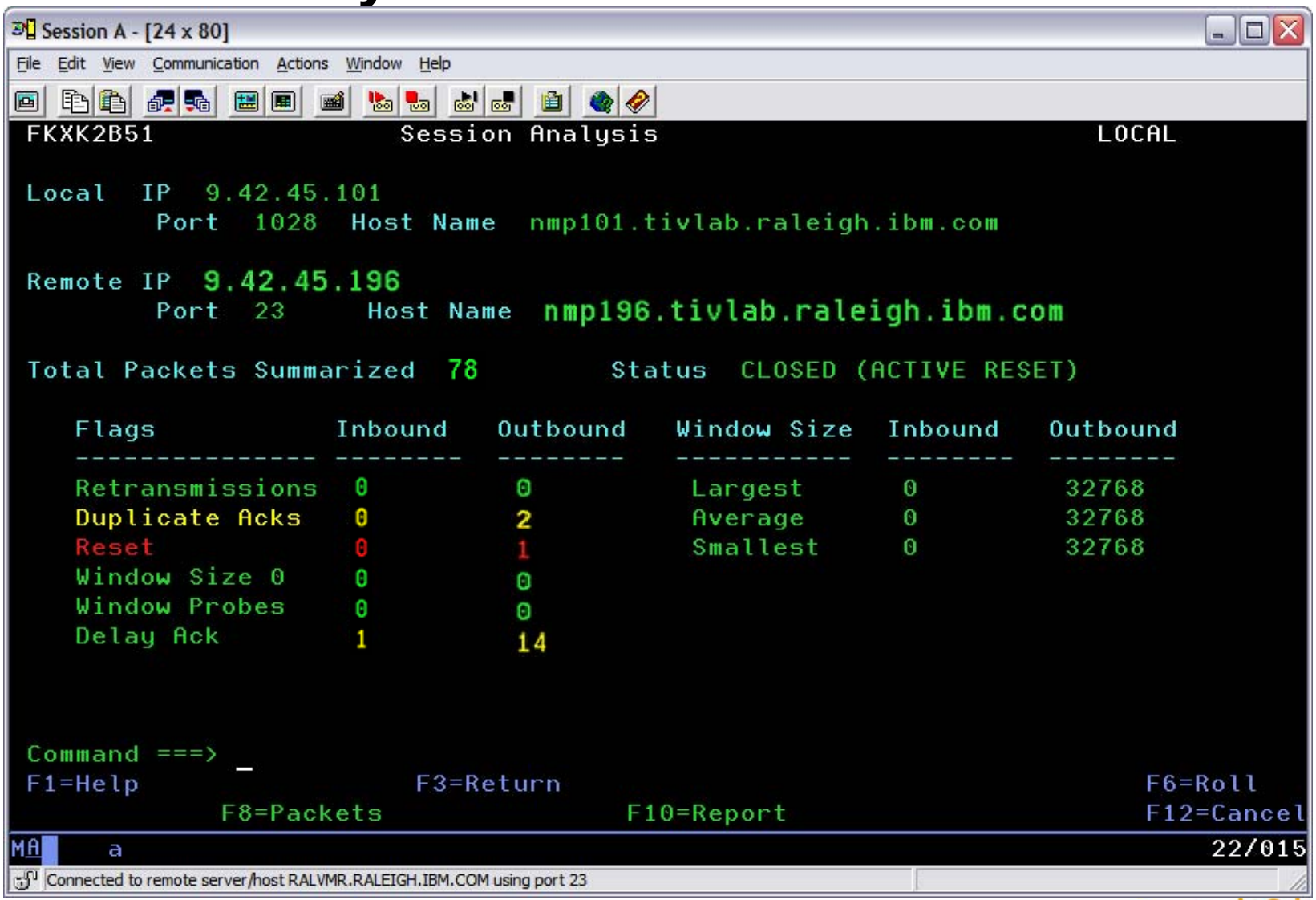

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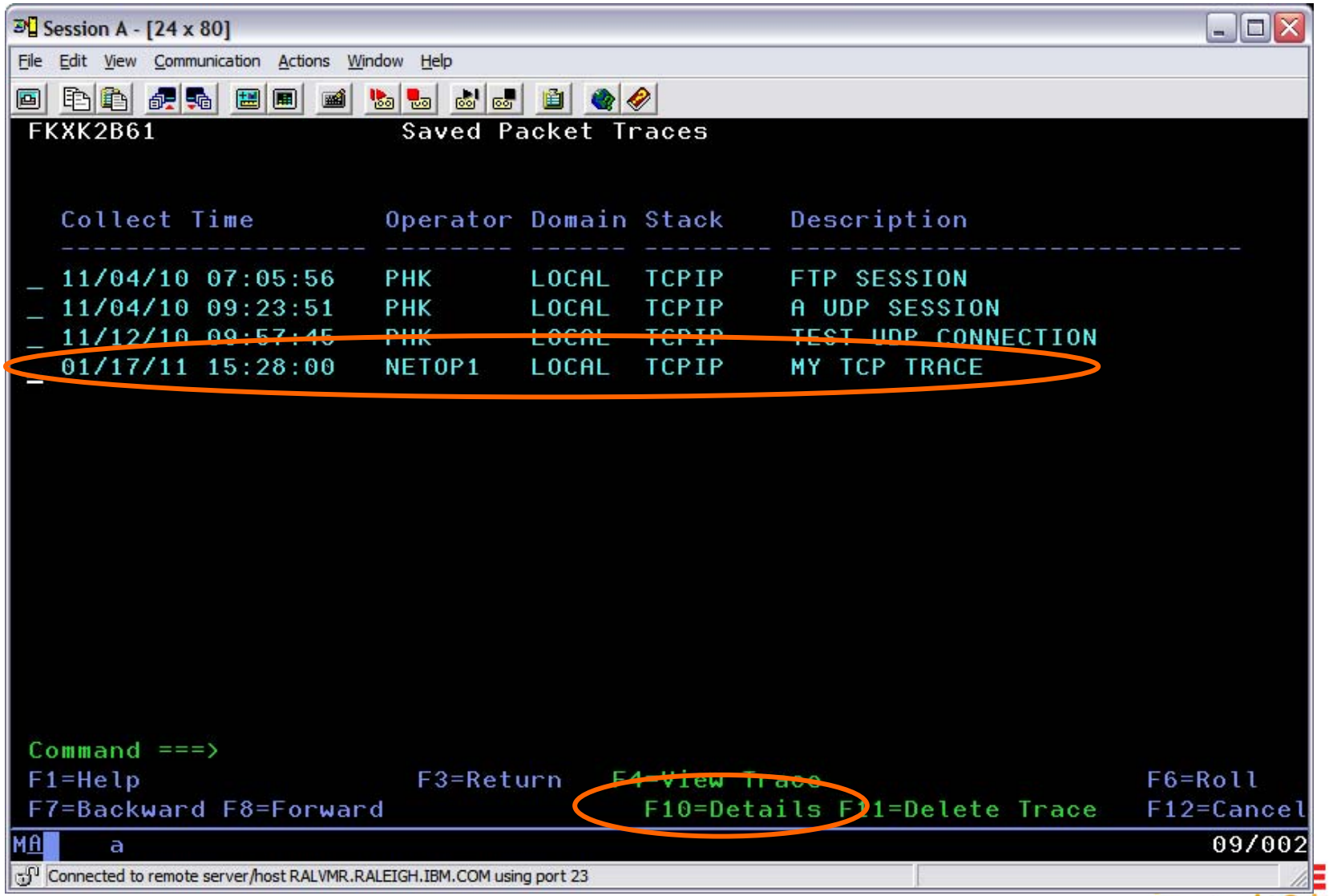

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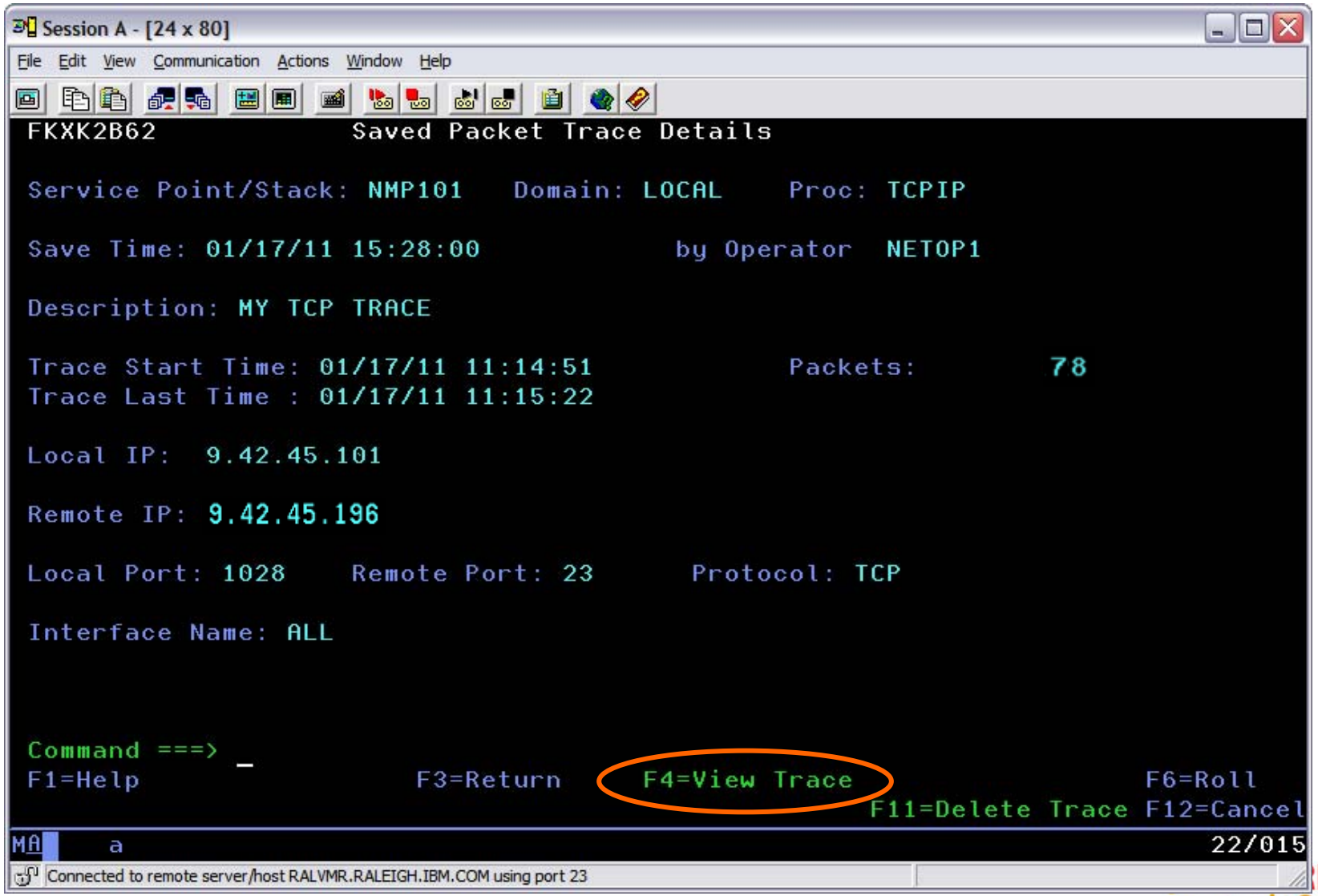

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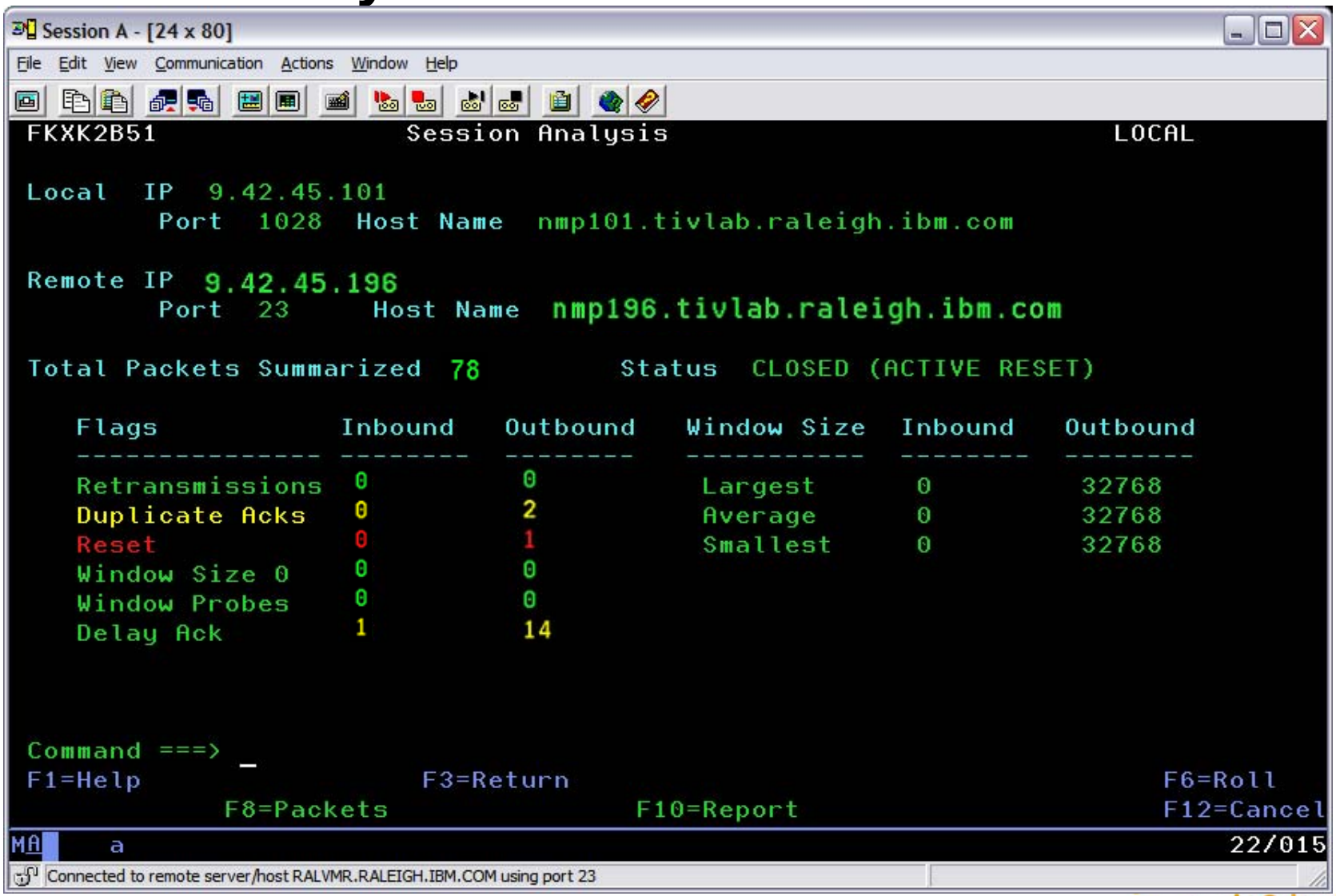

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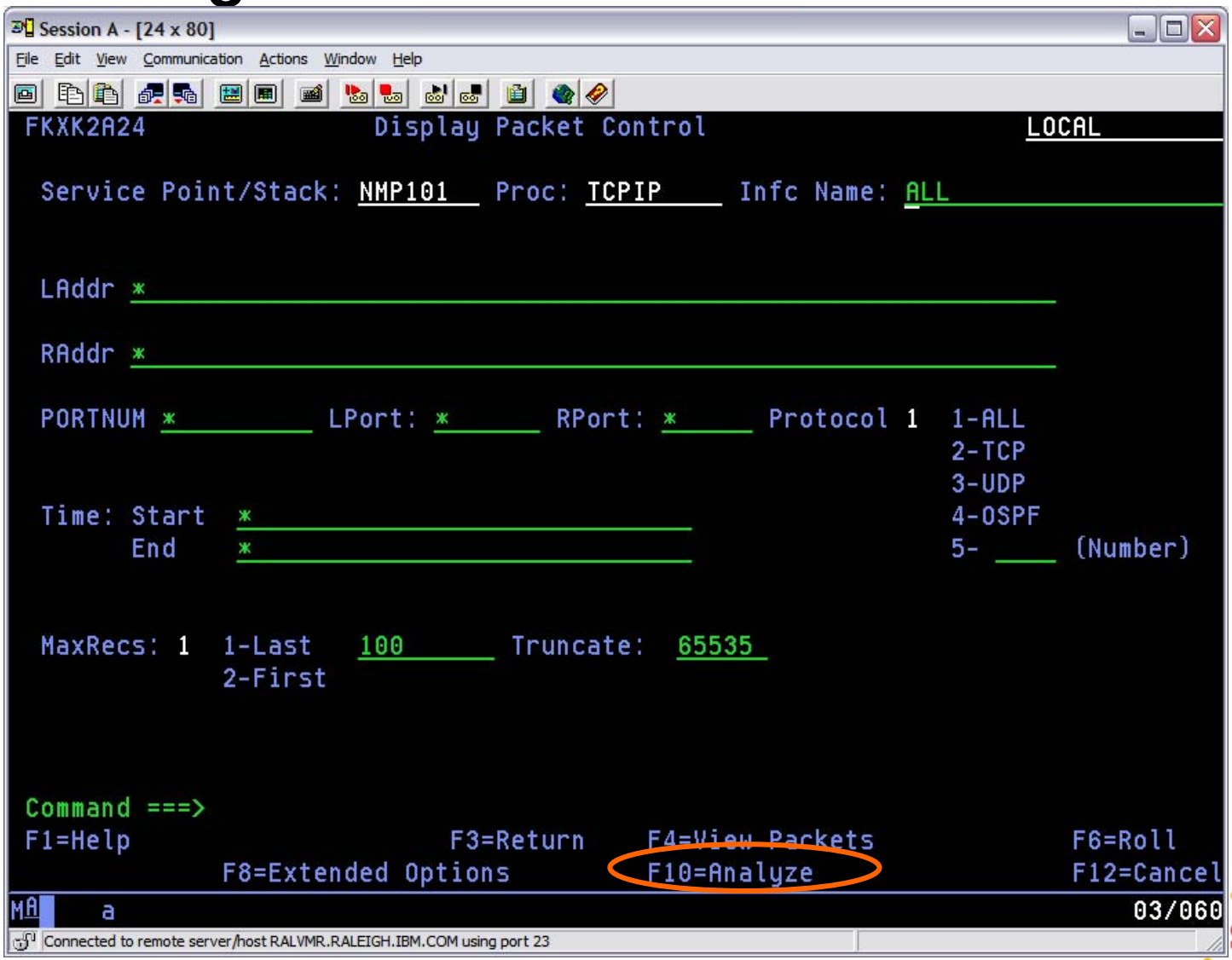

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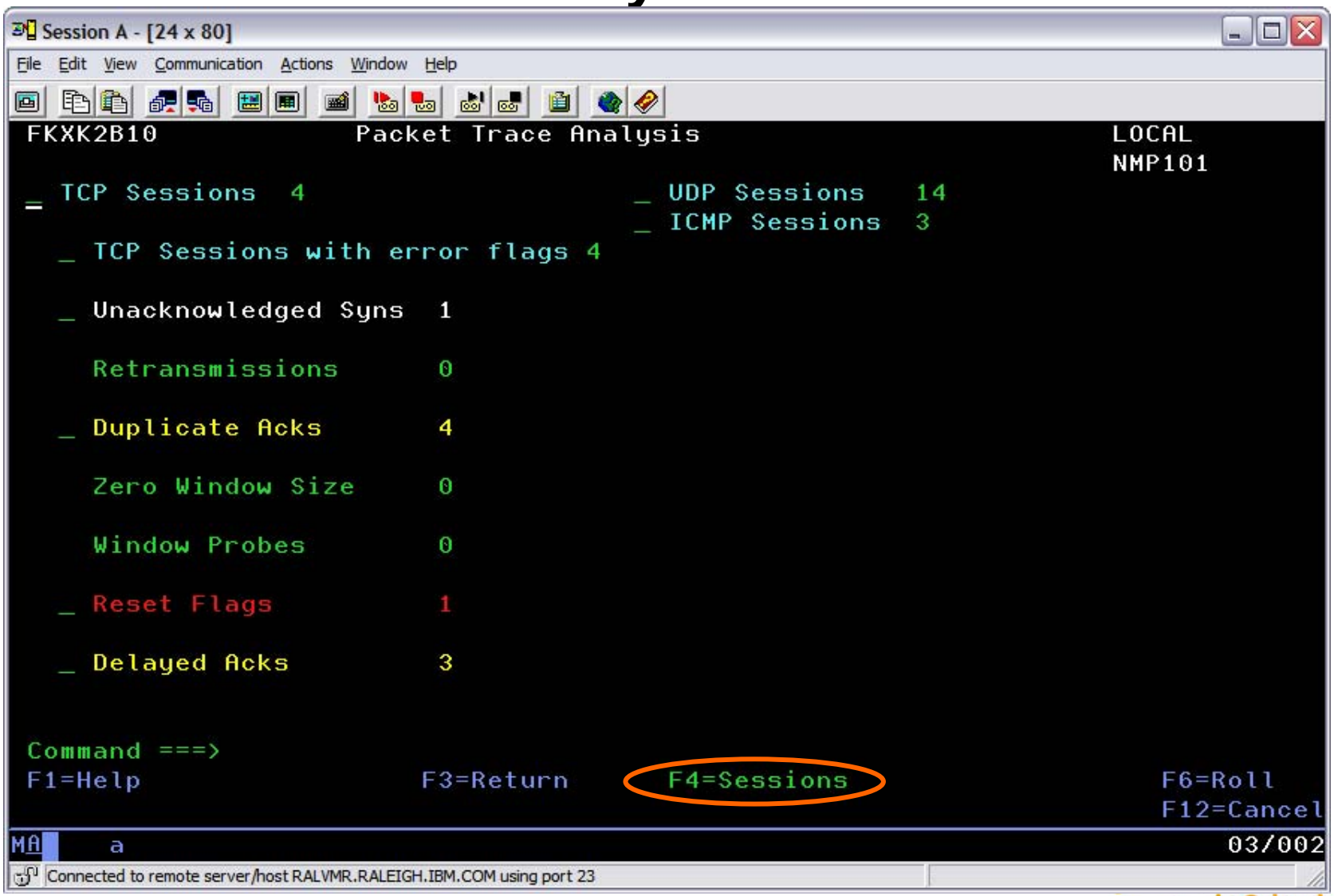

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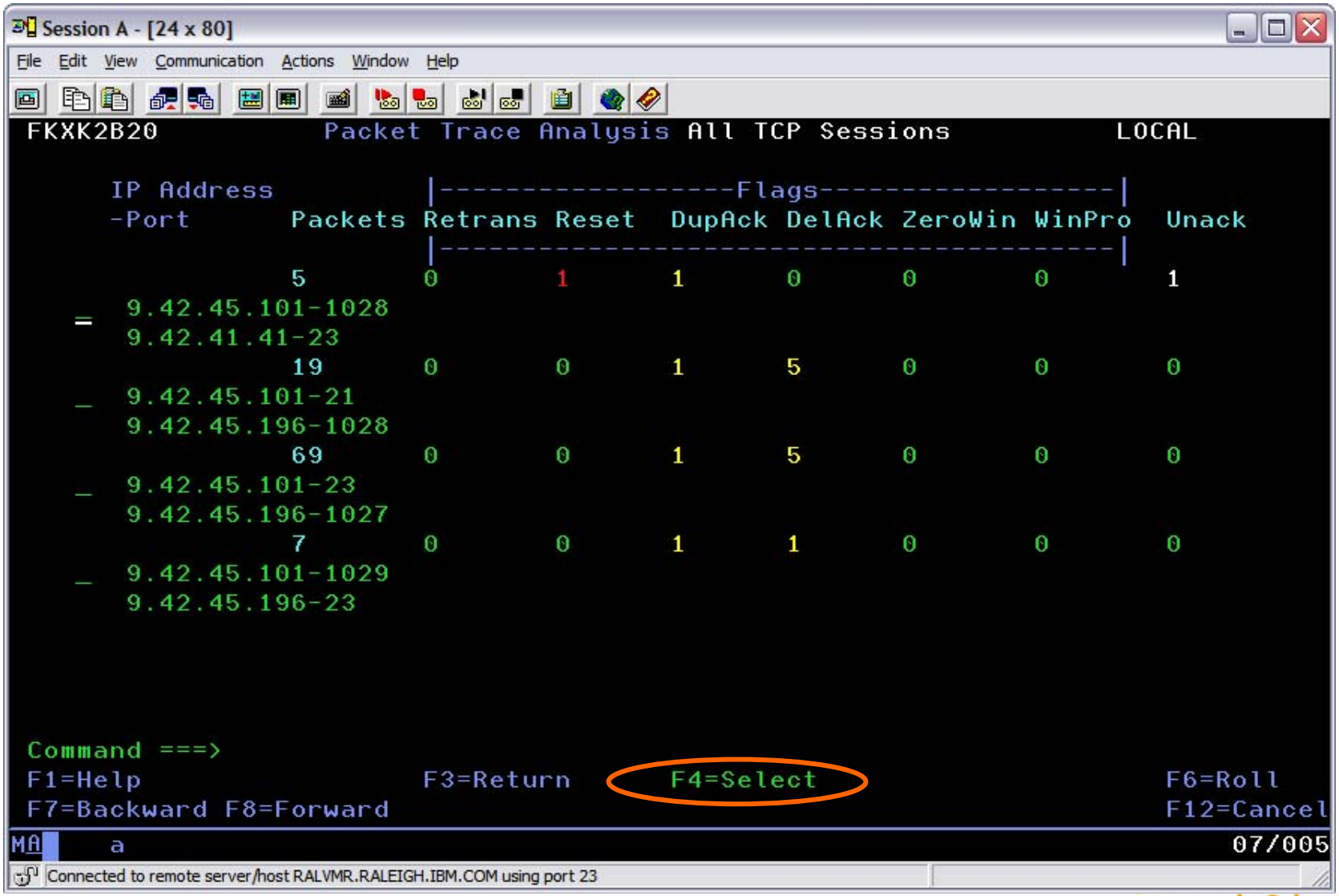

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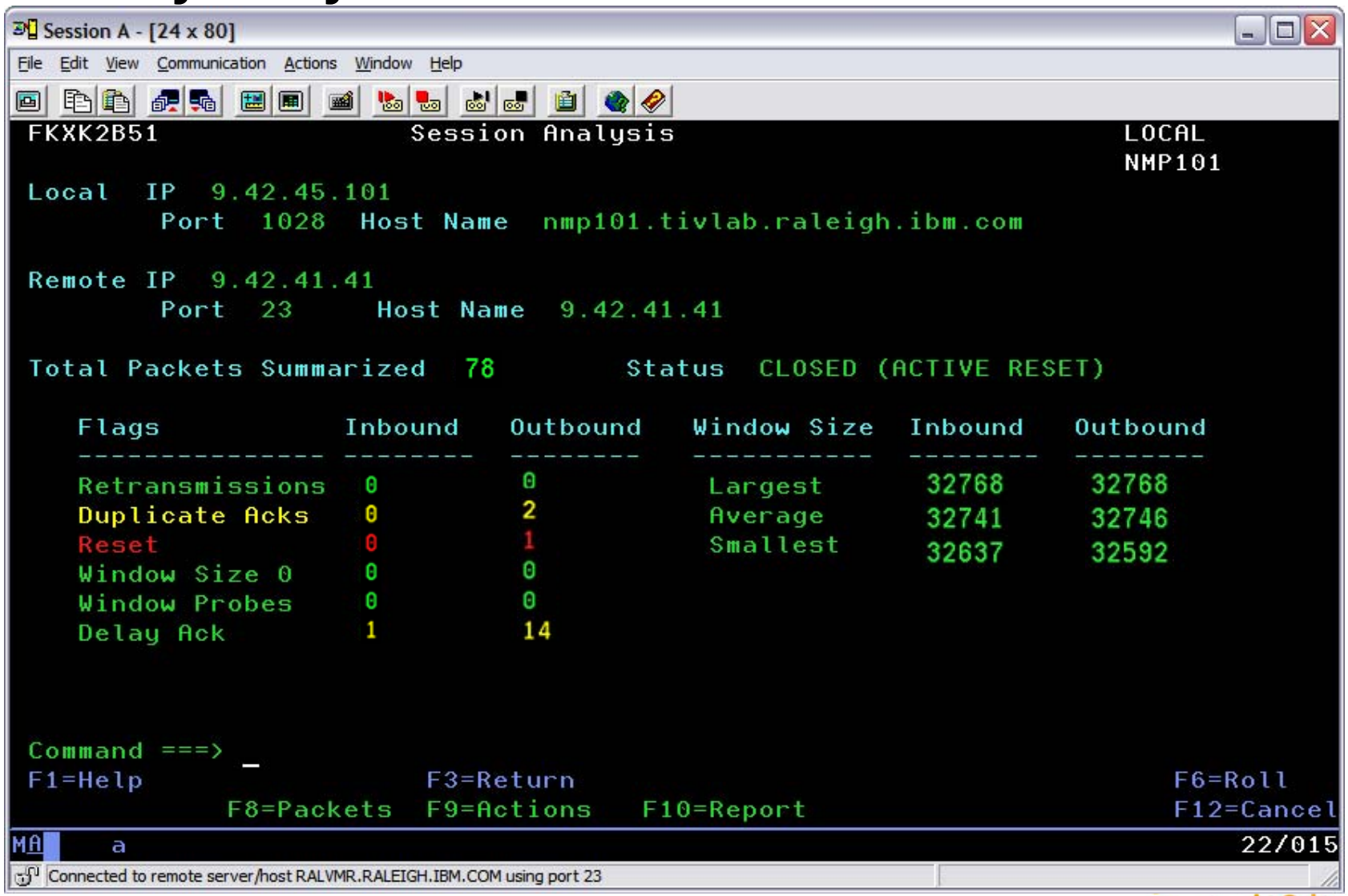

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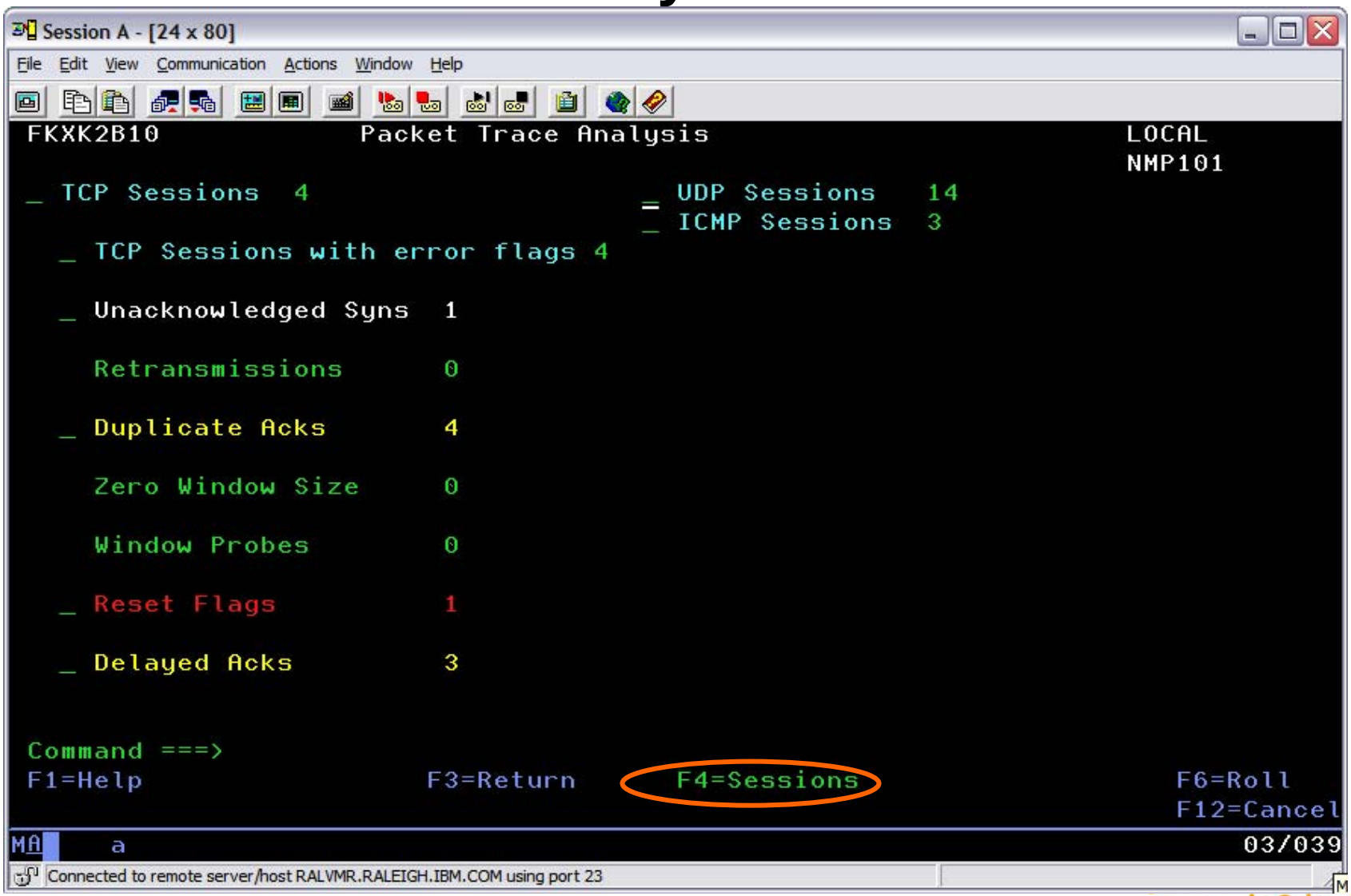

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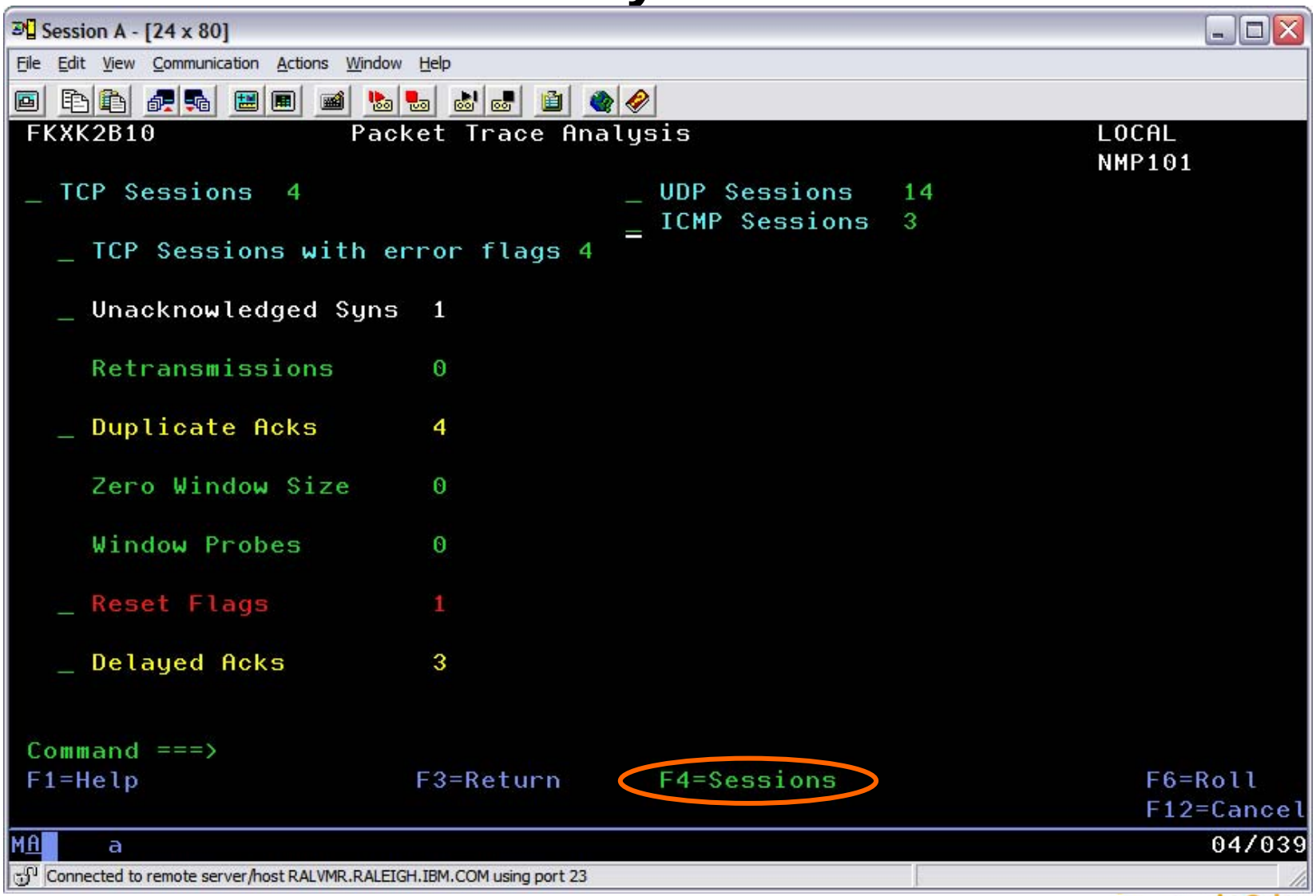

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Scenario: Analyze a Specific TCP Session

The problem

A performance problem is reported against an FTP application

Actions

- The system programmer runs a packet trace against the application.
- He examines the summary packets list in IPTRACE.
- He sees a series of outbound packets, but no inbound packets for this application for a single host.
- The system programmer selects a packet and uses Trace Session Report (command option 7) to analyze the session.
- He sees that there is a large number of retransmissions on the outbound side, indicating a problem with the remote host.

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Packet trace on the fly

- Why?
  - When monitoring a connection, you may find you need to trace the packets flowing on that connection.
- How?
  - IPSTAT function
    - Connection management and debugging capabilities for all connections through a given stack.
    - NEW → You can start the IPTRACE function from the IPSTAT screens. This means you can start the packet trace from an IP connection you've already selected.

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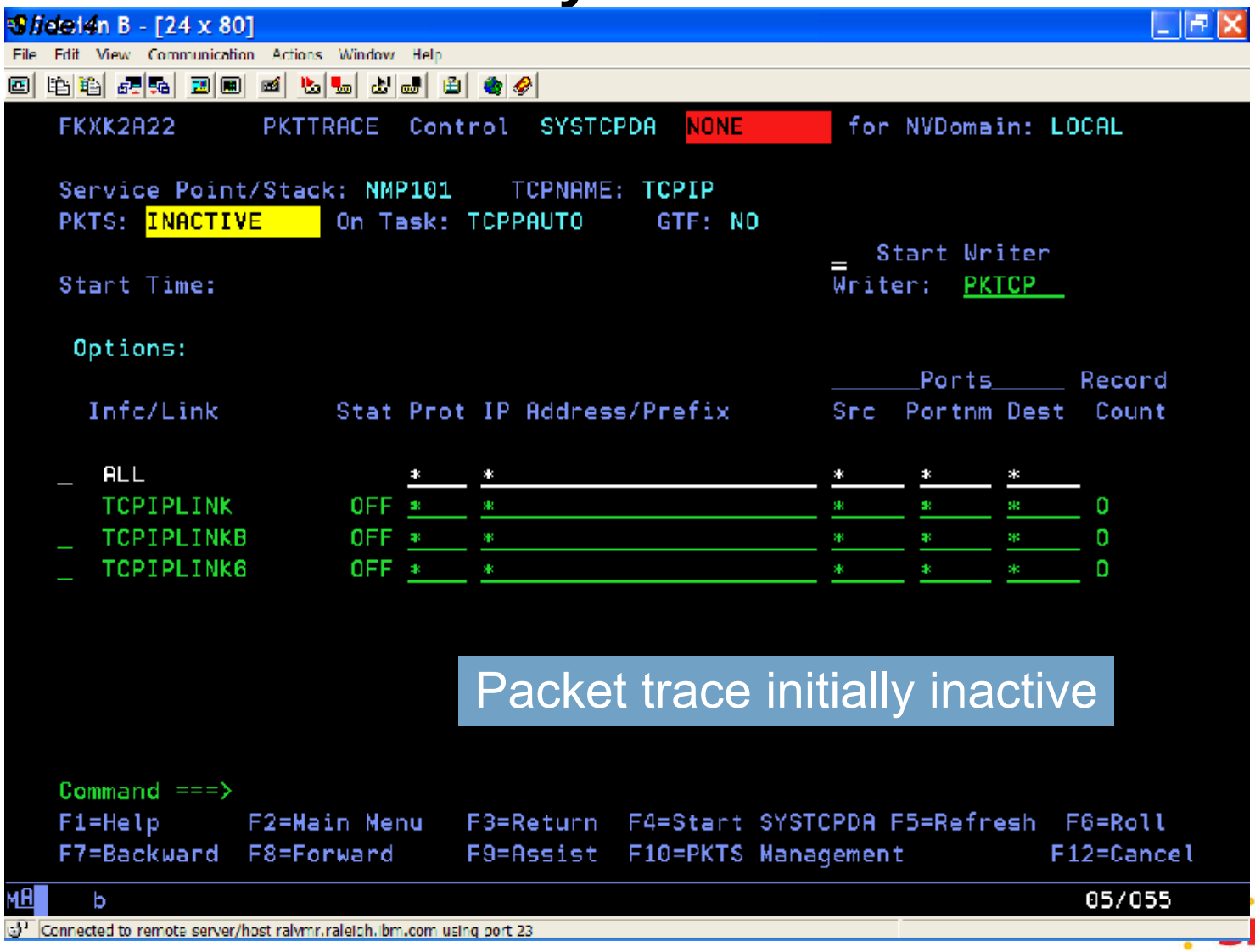
Packet trace on the fly



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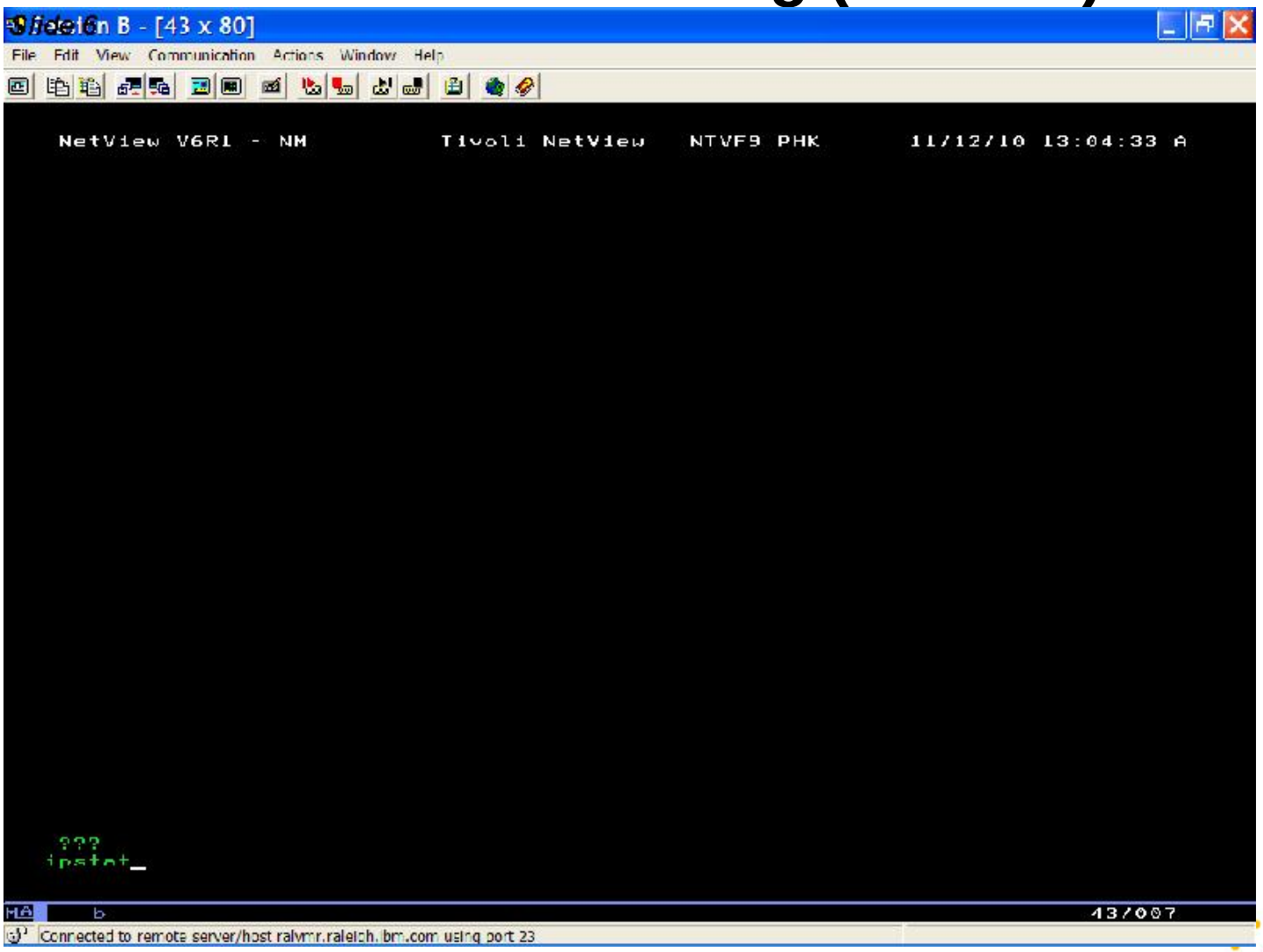

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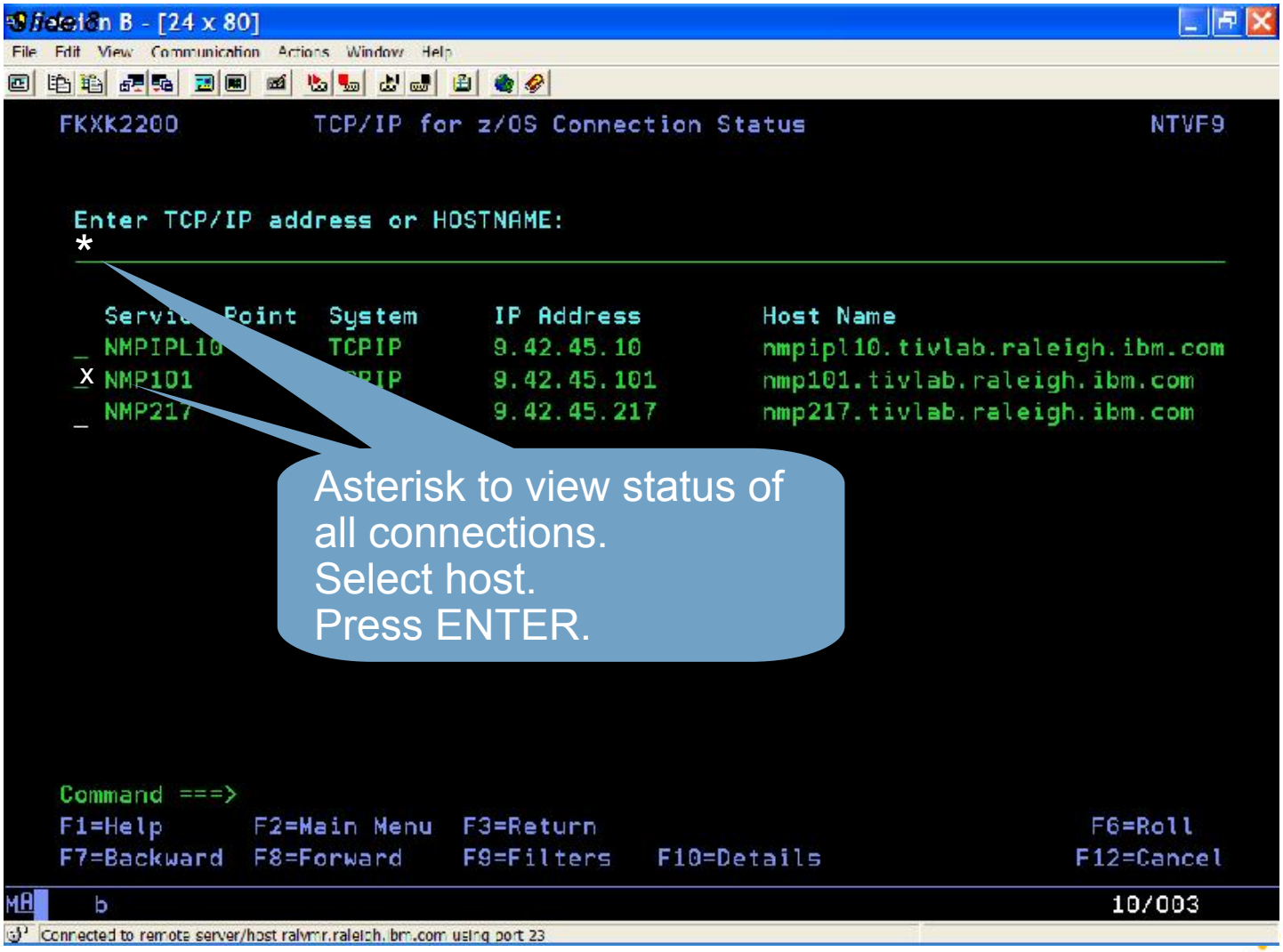

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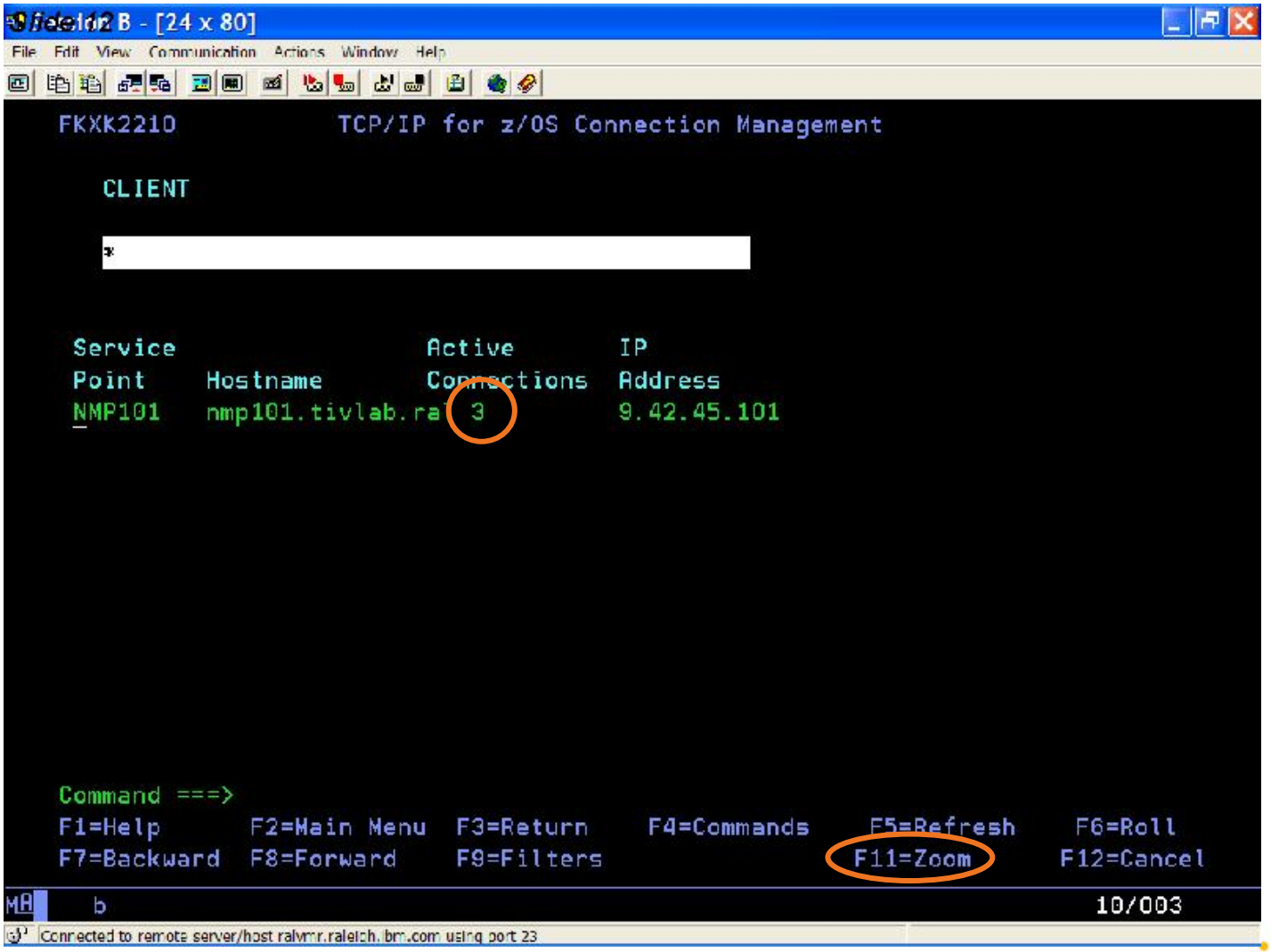

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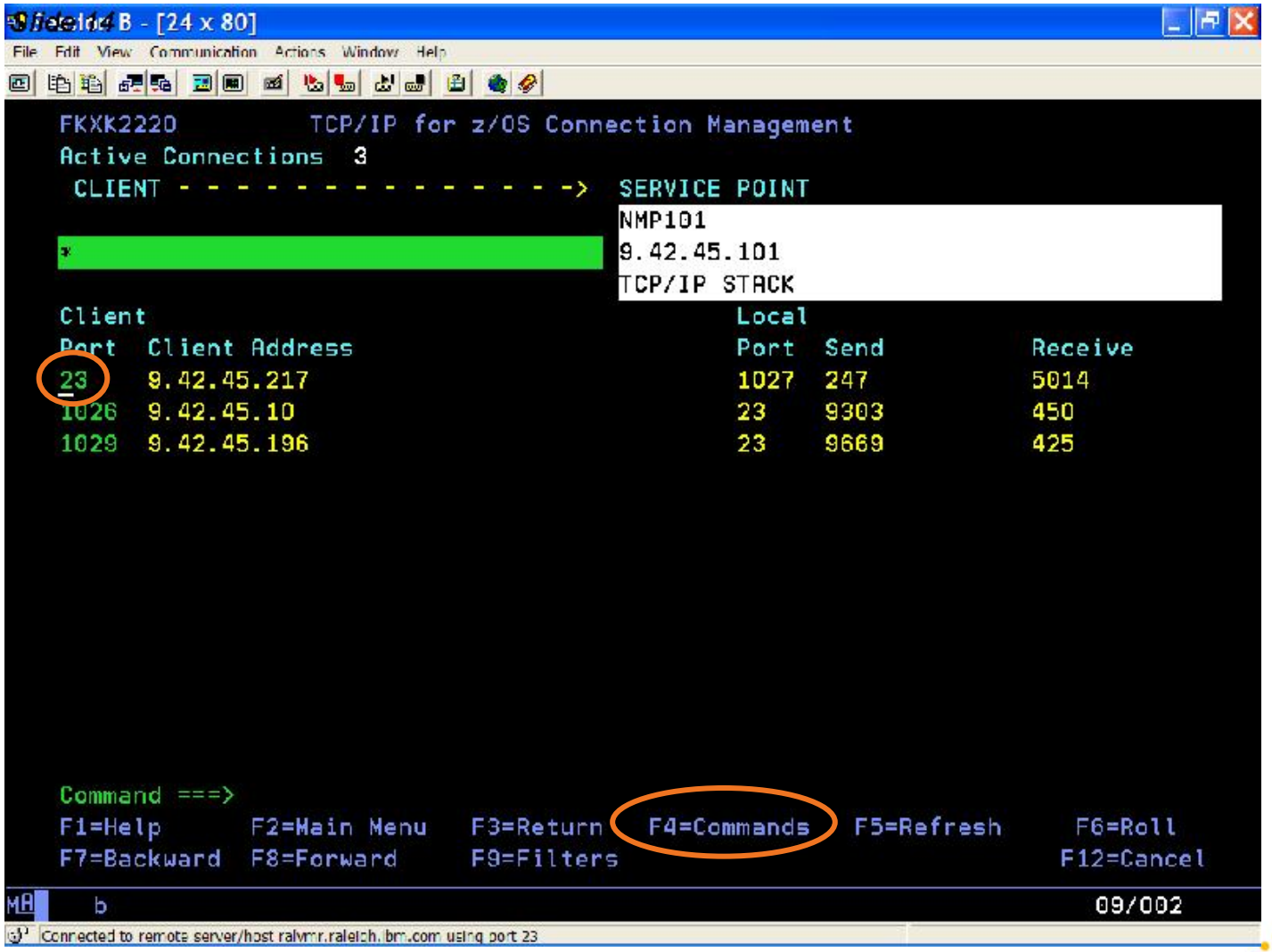

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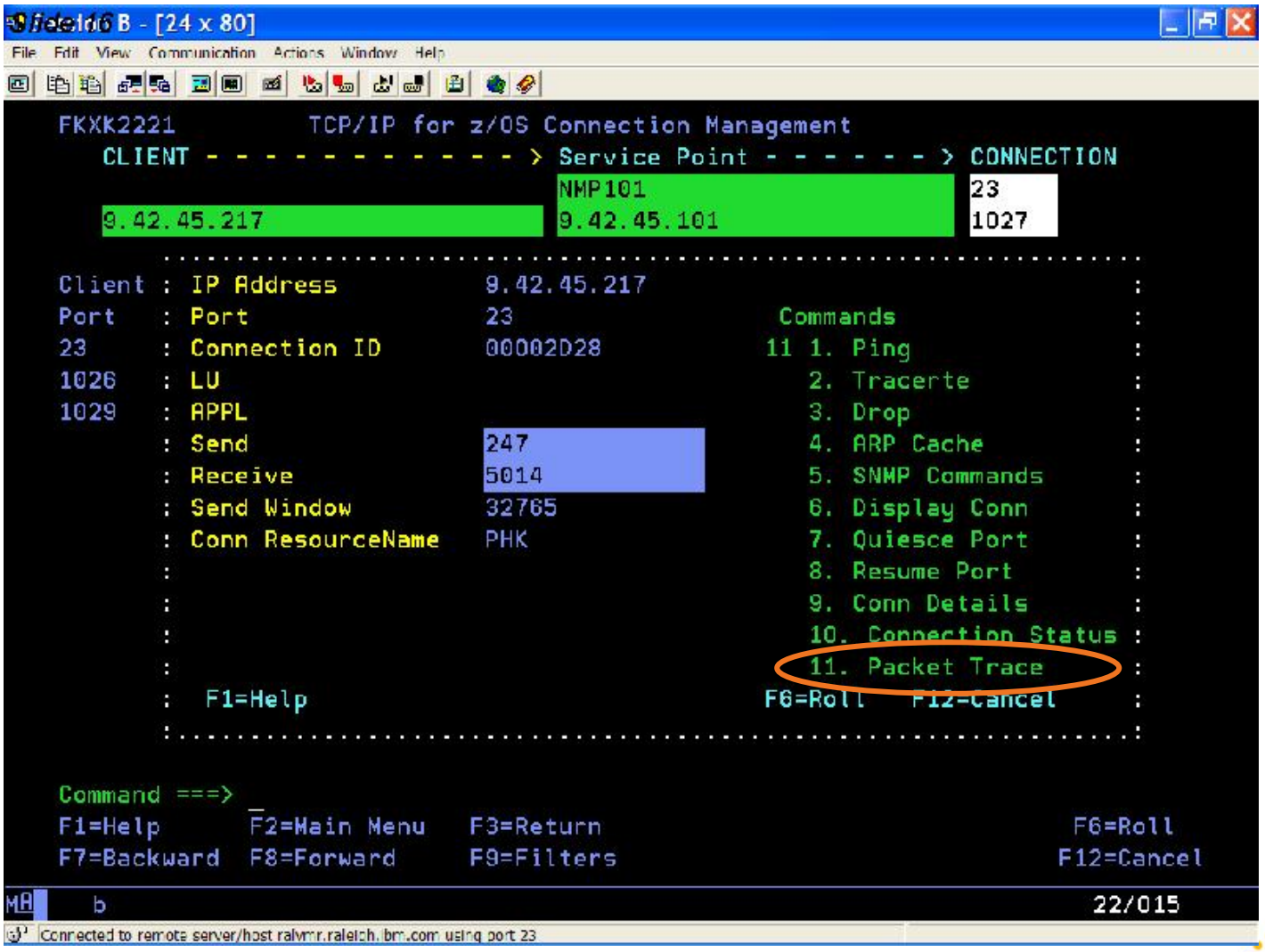

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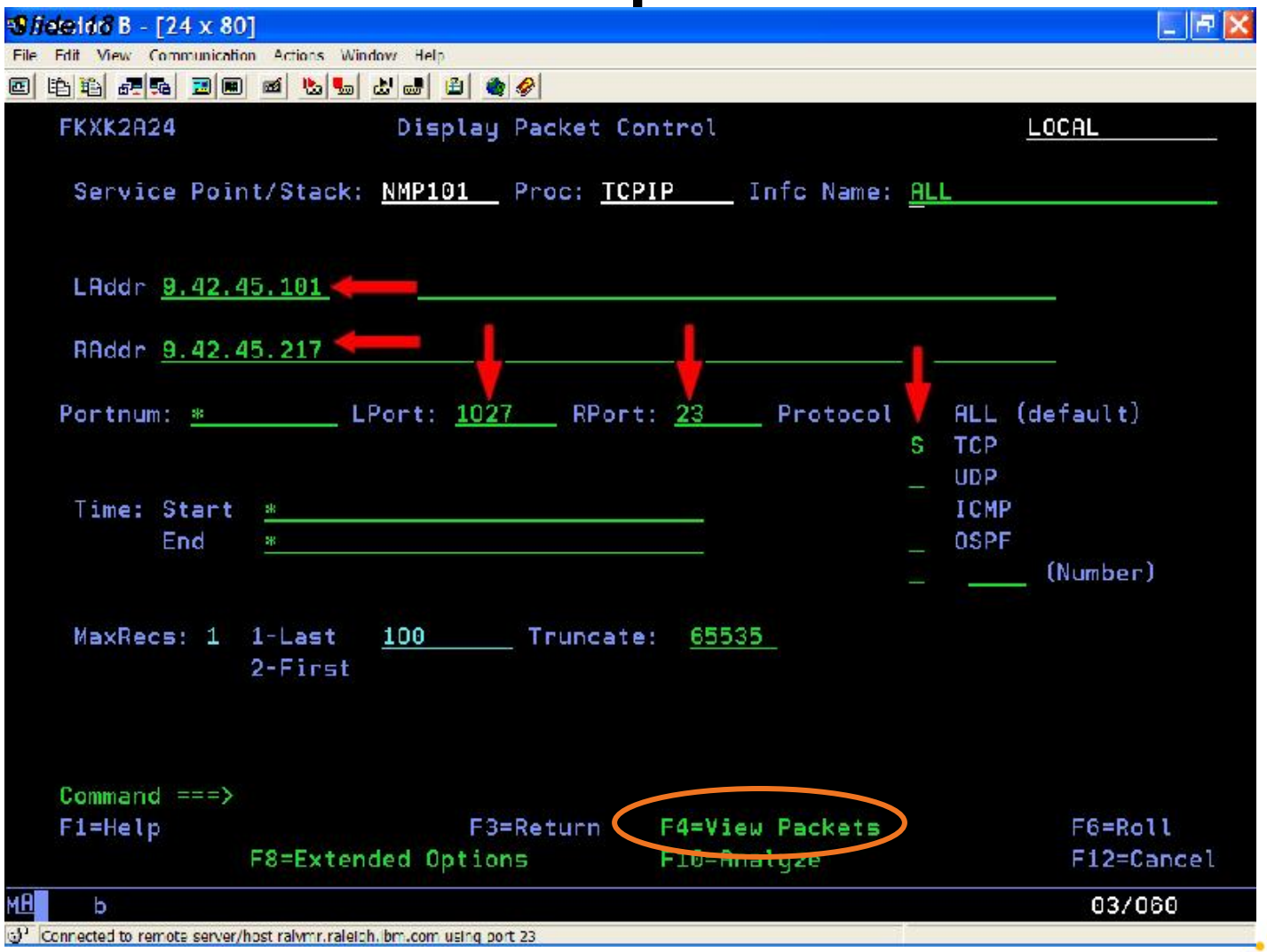

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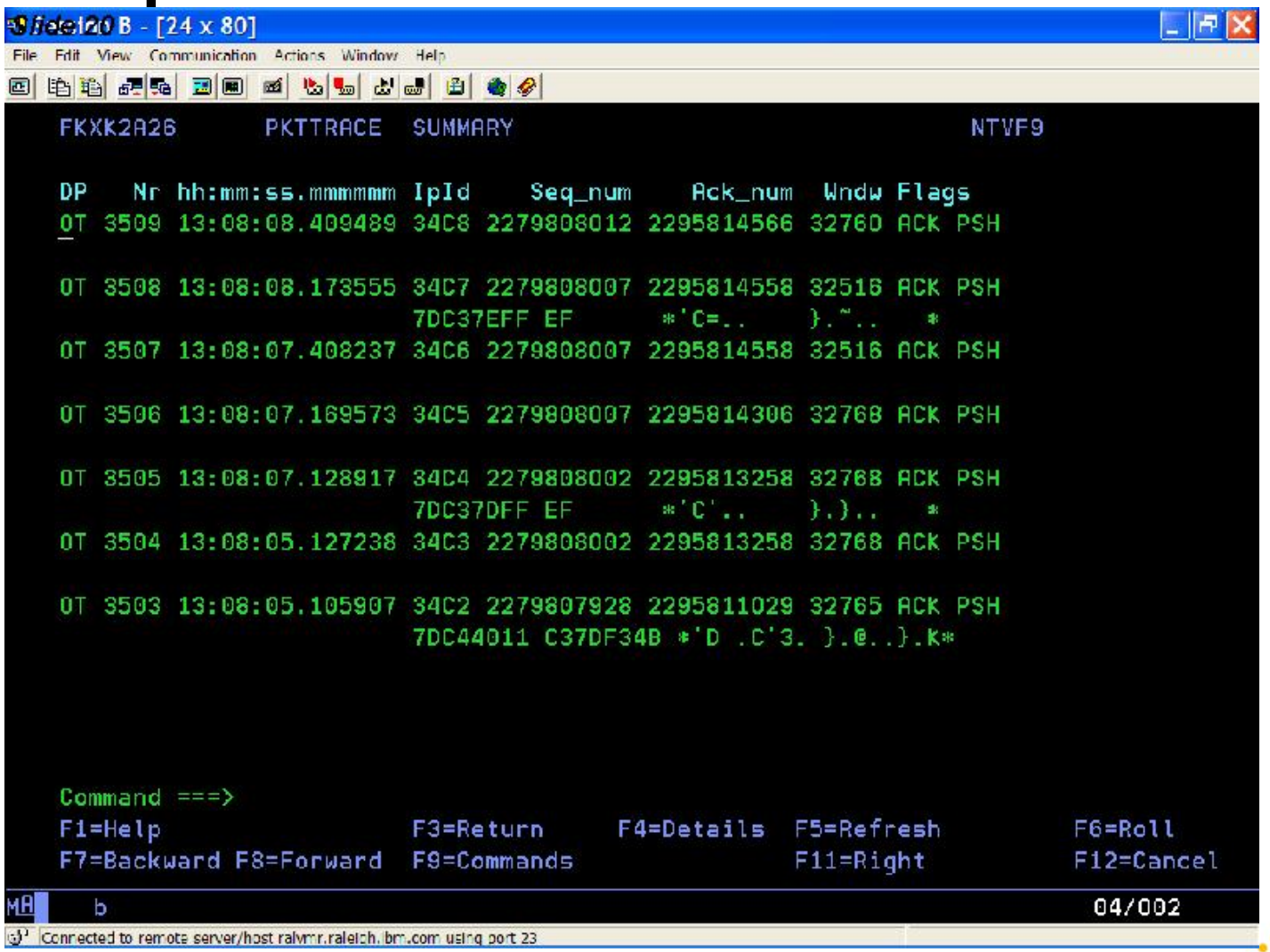

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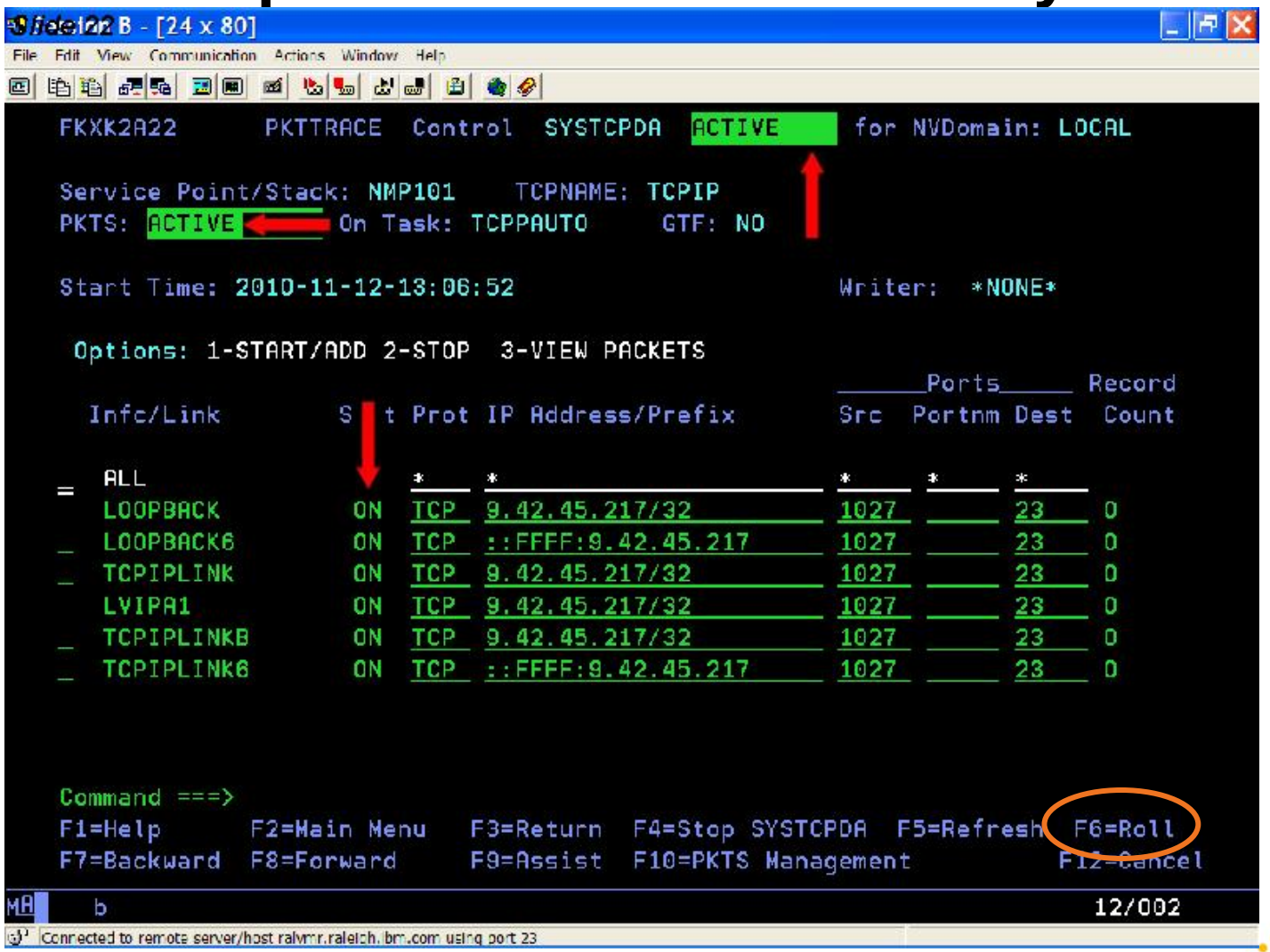

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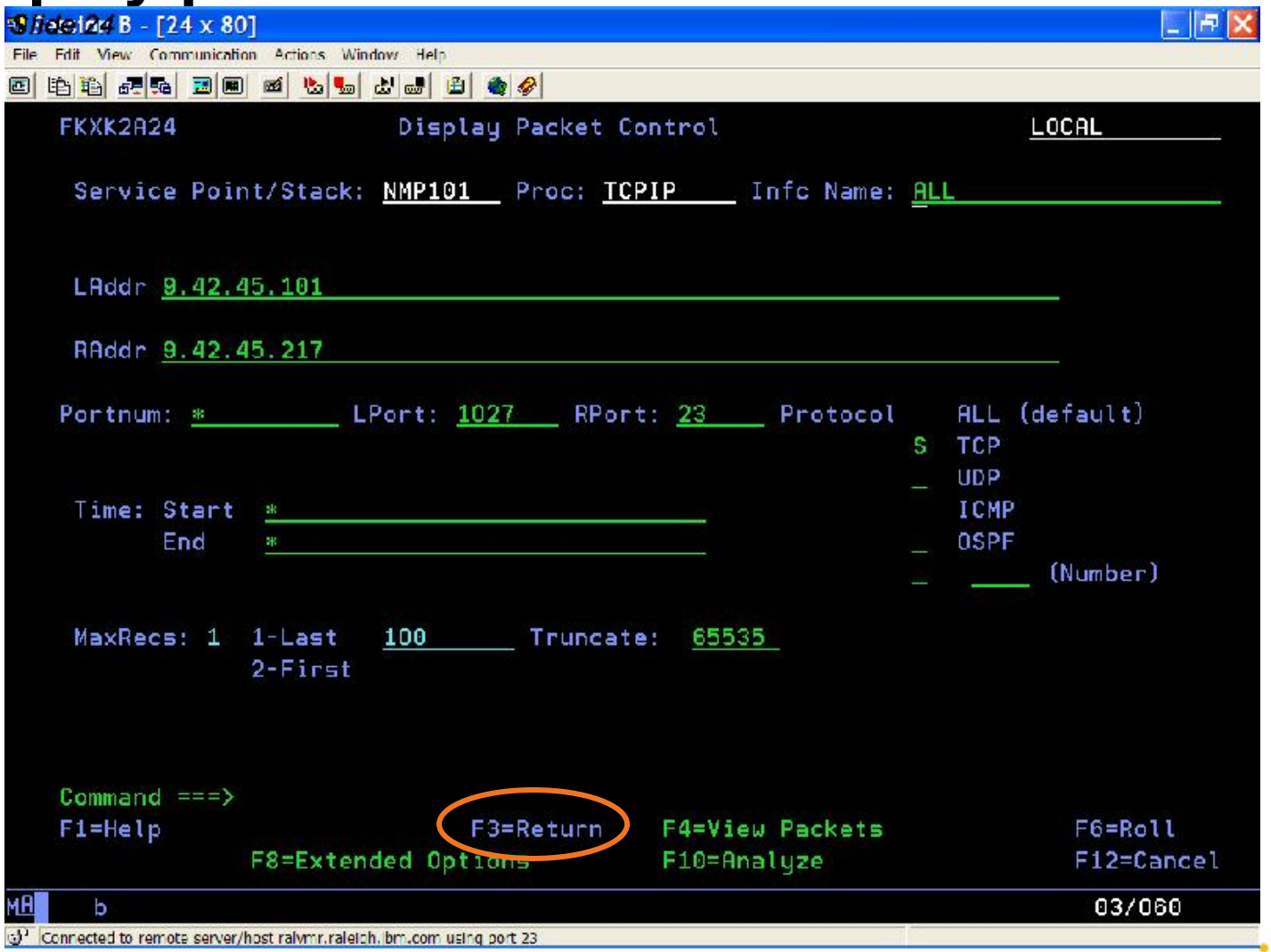

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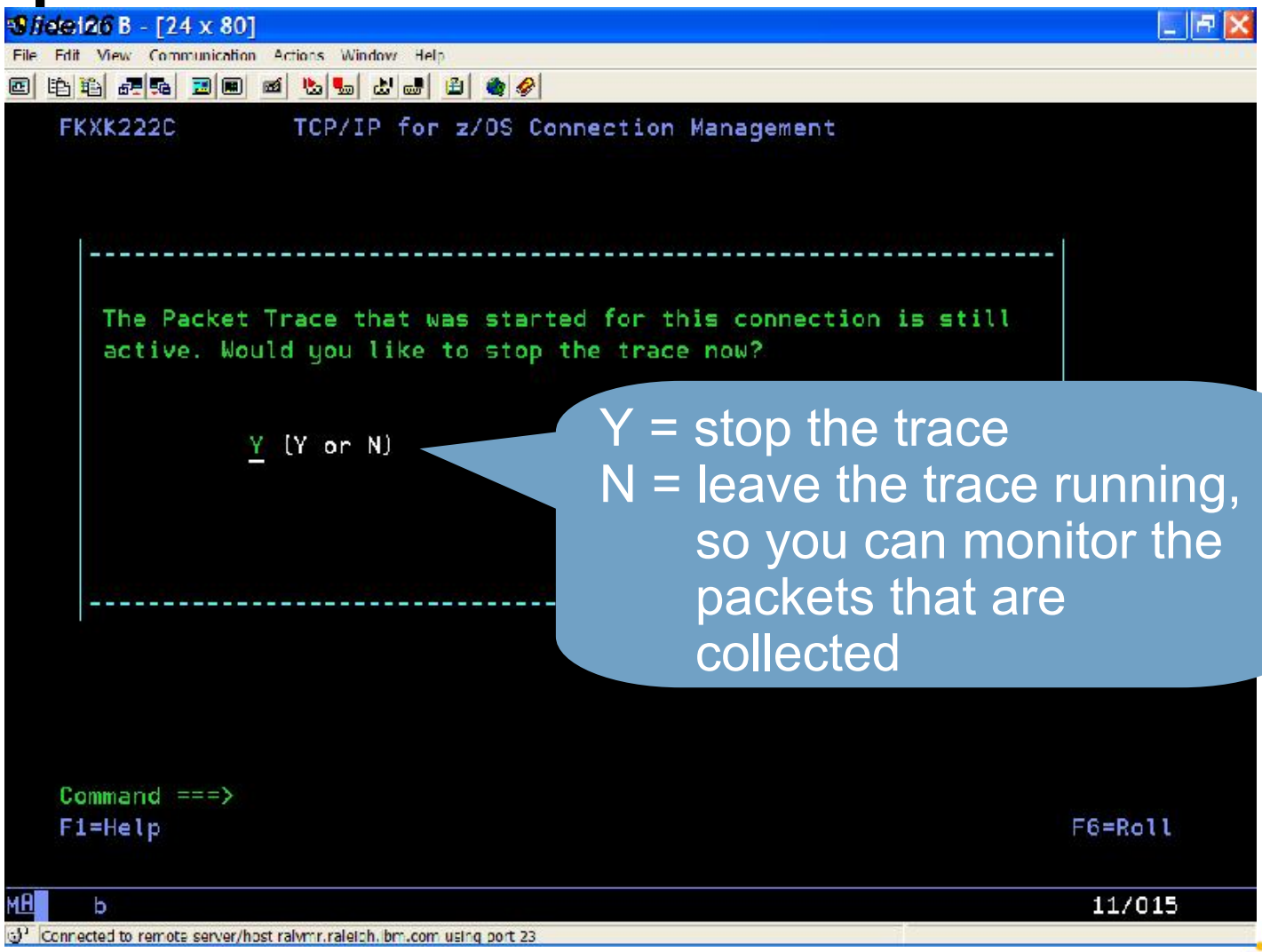
Stop trace?



Y = stop the trace
N = leave the trace running, so you can monitor the packets that are collected

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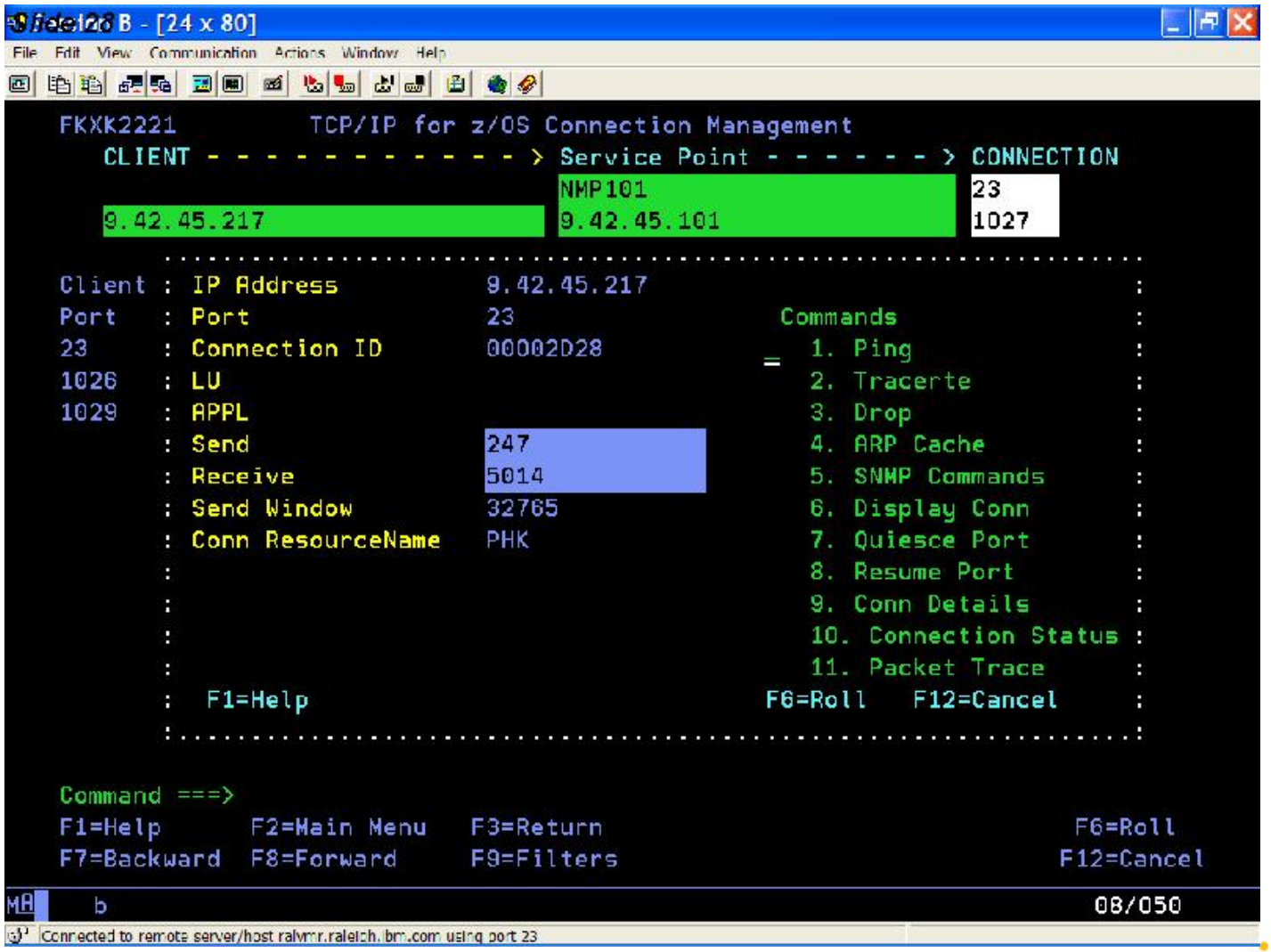
Choose another connection or exit



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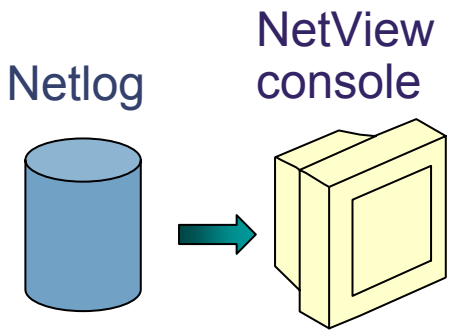
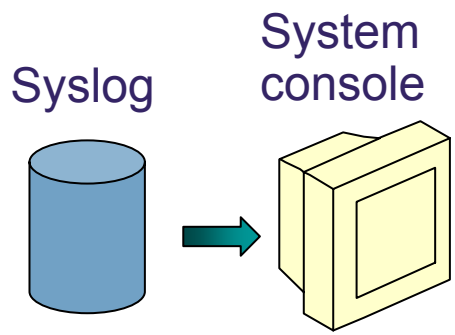
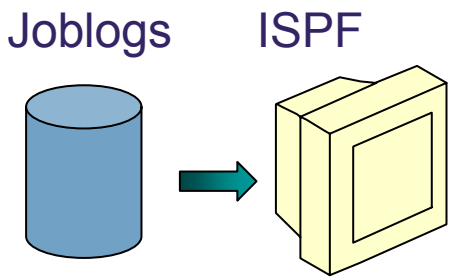
Browsing Logs Prior to NetView V6.1







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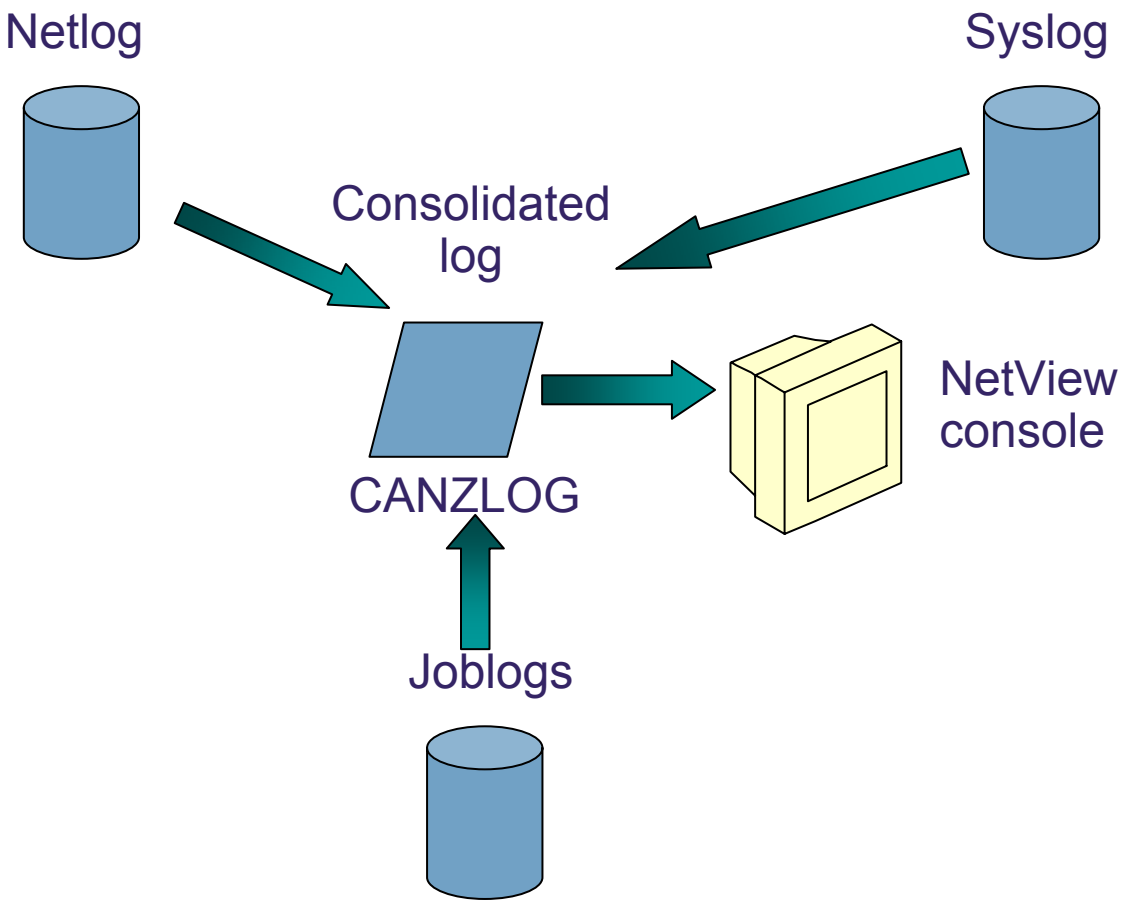
Log Browse with NetView V6.1



CANZLOG = Consolidated Audit, NetView and z/OS Log

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Highlights

- Existing netlog and all its UIs are preserved unchanged
- New, shared data space to capture messages
  - Includes normal NetView messages
  - Provides basis for browsing
  - All messages are available to automation
- Browse consolidated log
  - Filter by any message attribute or combination: msgID, jobname, route code, etc.
  - Define your own message attributes
  - Define and save sets of filter criteria, per operator or installation-wide
- Seamless archiving
- Export to Service

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Some Message Attributes

- All messages
  - Tags: 8 user-defined tags (set in MRT or Automation Table)
  - Origin time: store clock value indicating when the message was created
  - Auto time: how long after the origin this message completed automation
  - DOM time: how long after the origin this message was matched by a DOM
  - ACTIONDL: type of DOM (if any) that matched this message
- MVS messages
  - ASID: Address Space ID
  - ASTYPE: type of address space issuing the message (started task, TSO user, USS procedure, etc.)
  - Job name: job name of originating address space
  - SYSID: system name of originating LPAR
  - DescCodes: descriptor codes
  - CHKEY: started task ID or (for batch) jobname
  - Cons Name: destination console name
  - Reply ID: for WTORs only, the ID used with the REPLY command
  - MCSFLAGS: MVS multiple console support flag field
- NetView messages
  - Domain: 1-to-5-character identifier of NetView instance that generated the message
  - HDRMTYPE: 1-character value indicating NetView message type
  - Sender ID: 8-character value indicating NetView OPID of originator of the message
- Customization attributes
  - UserChar: 16-character field; can be set in various installation exits or by MRT
  - UserFlag: 16-bit field; can be set in various installation exits or by MRT
  - AutoToken: 8-character field; can be set in MPF, in MRT, or various installation exits
- And more …

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Robust filtering

- Any message attribute or combination
- Types
  - Common: available to all operators (subject to authorization check)
  - Task: available only to the operator who defined them
- Actions
  - Save: save filter to storage and on disk
  - Replace: replace an existing filter in storage and on disk
  - Delete: delete filter from storage and disk

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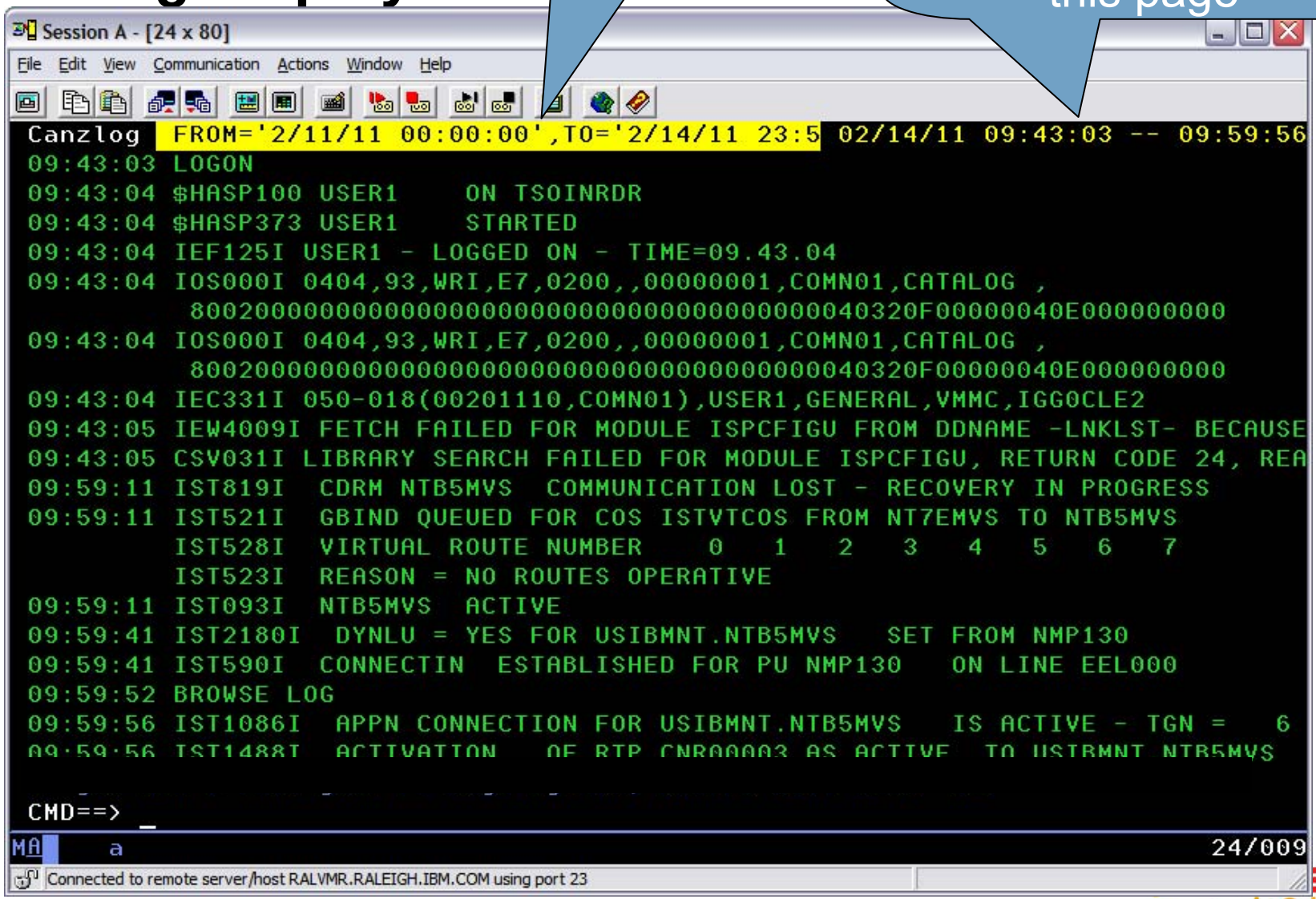
Canzlog display



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Related Session

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MultiSystem Manager updates

- MultiSystem Manager Tivoli Management Regions (TMR) agent is retired.
- MultiSystem Manager IP agent is retired.
  - NetView for Unix/Windows replaced by IBM Tivoli Network Manager
- MultiSystem Manager IBM Tivoli Network Manager (ITNM) agent is updated.

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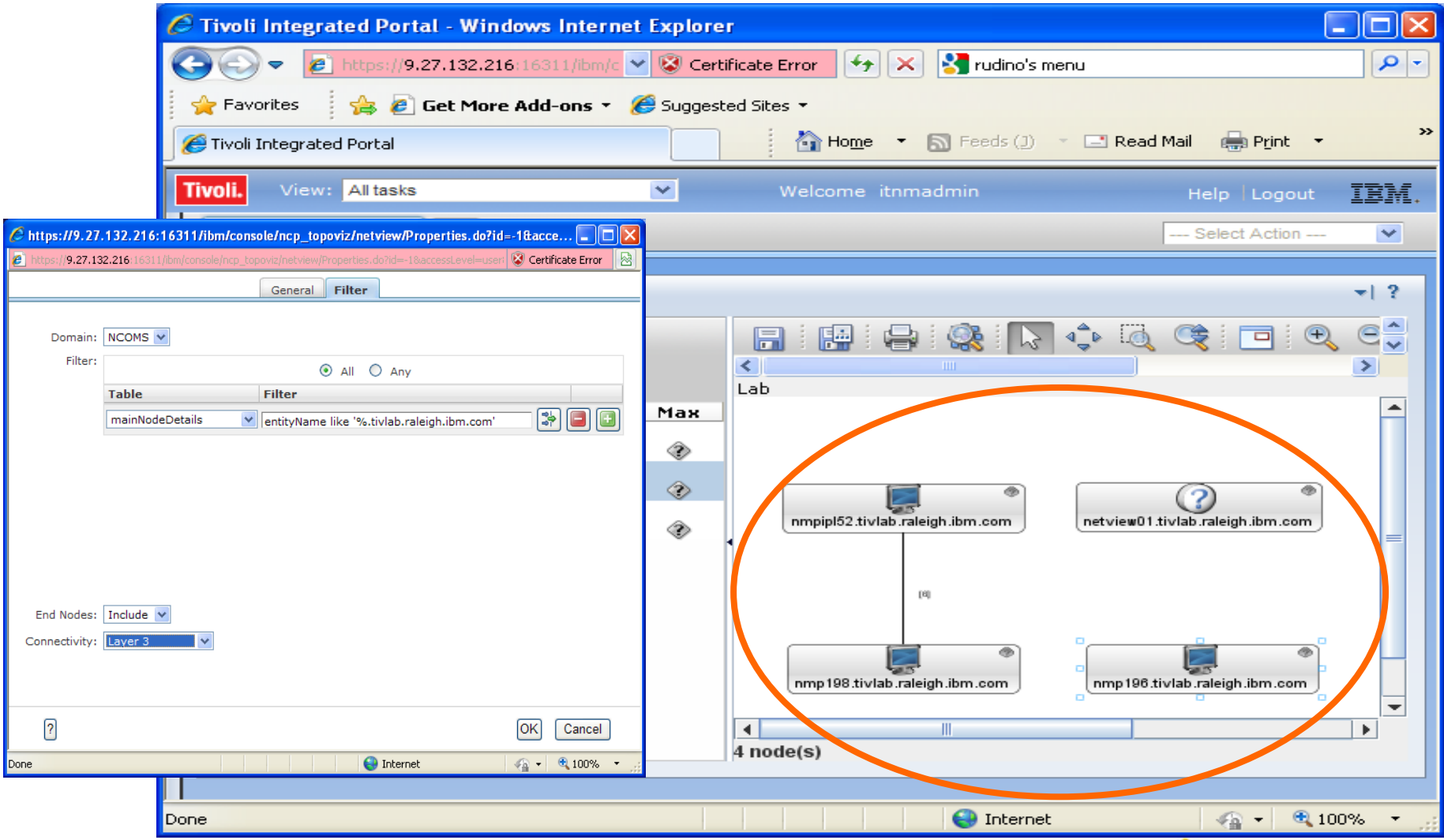
Views in ITNM



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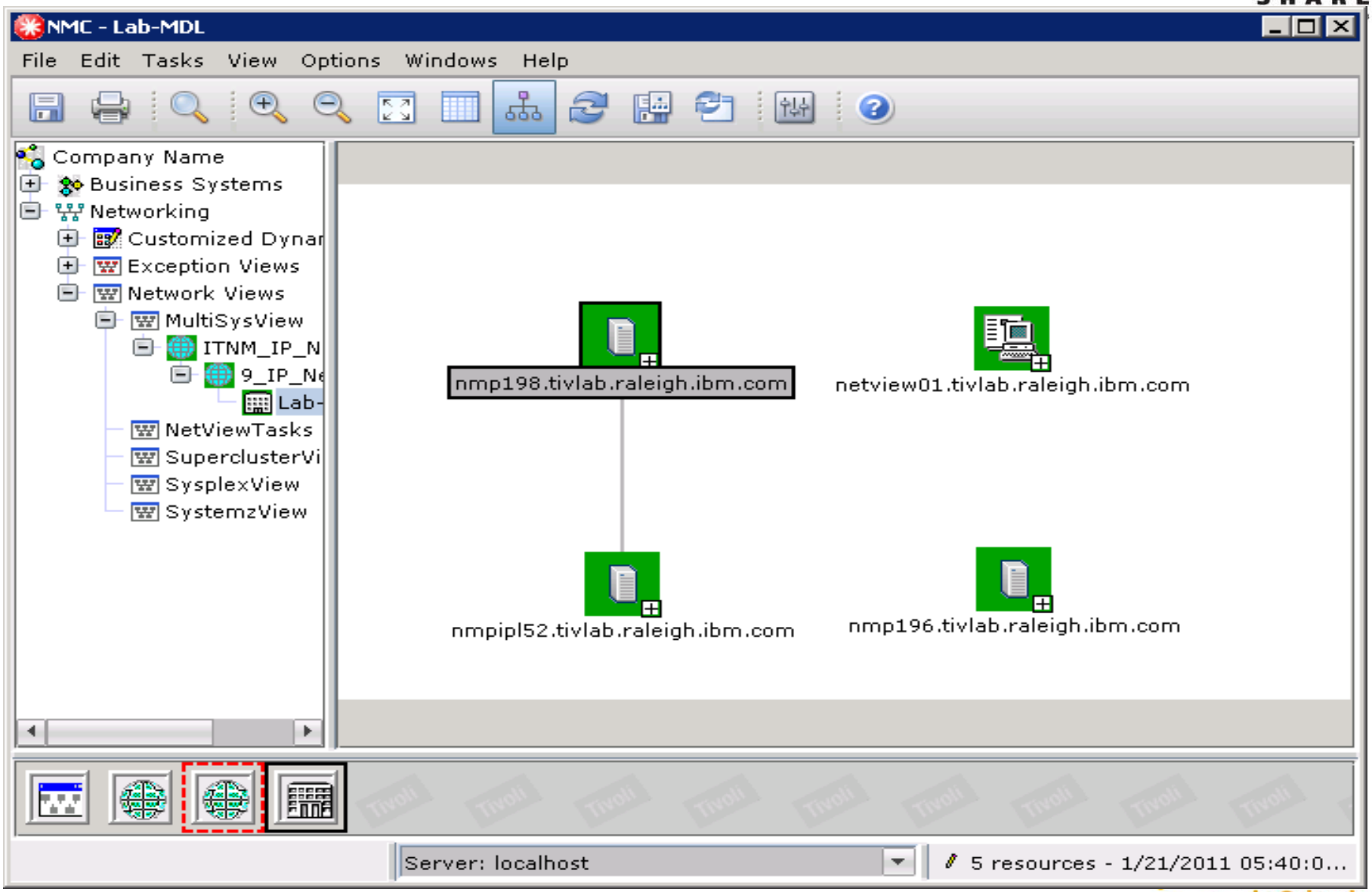
Views in NMC



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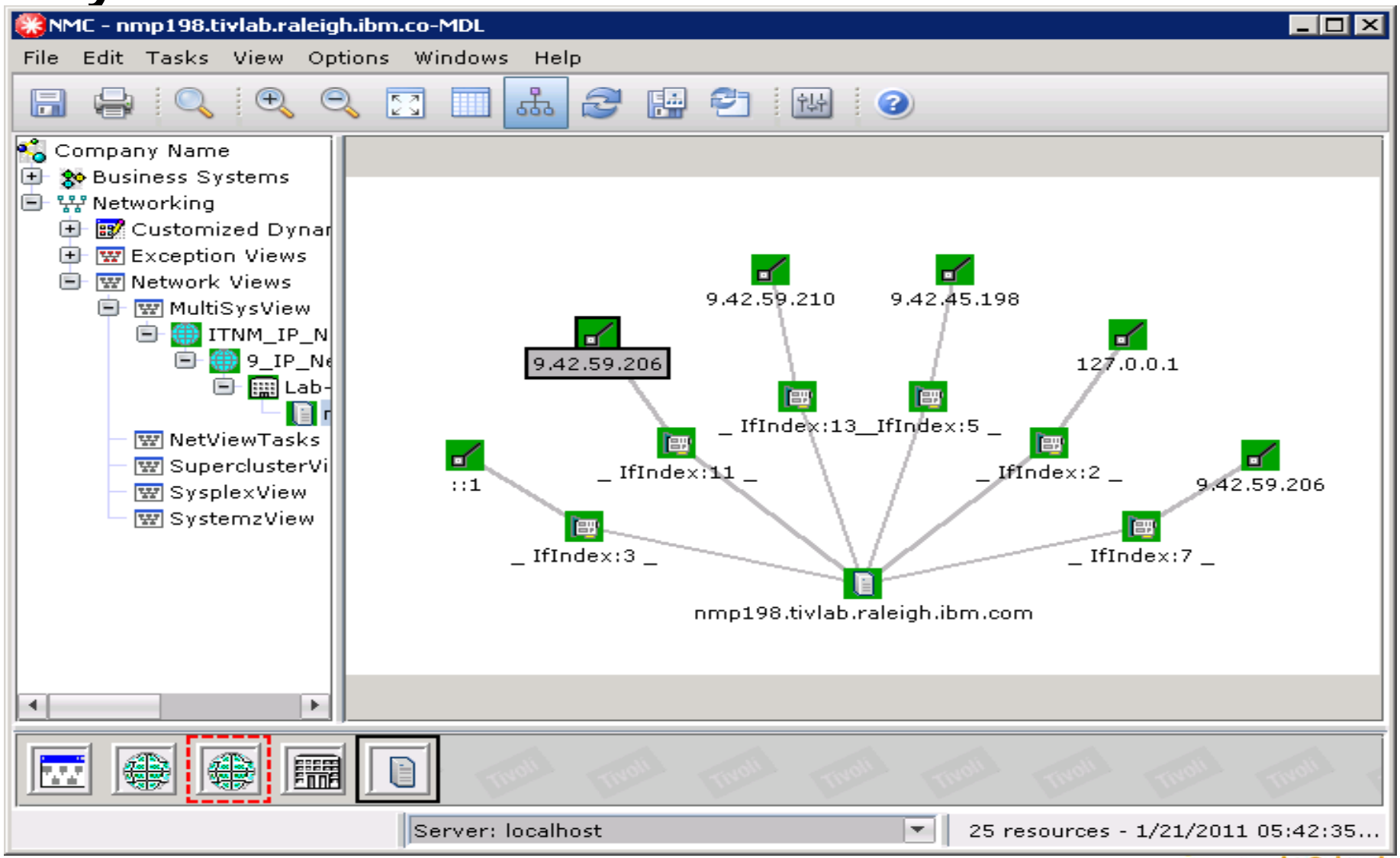
System Details Views



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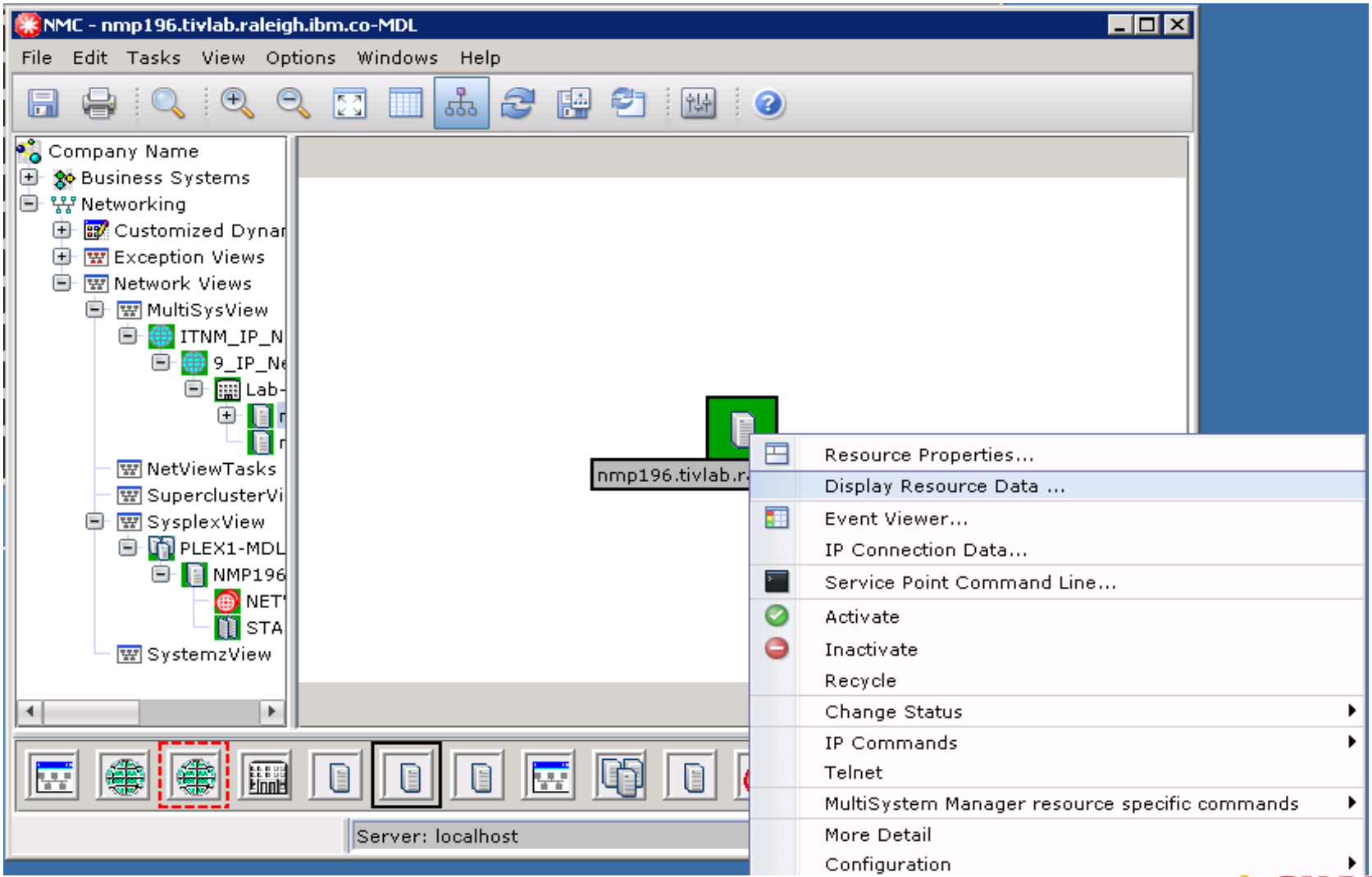

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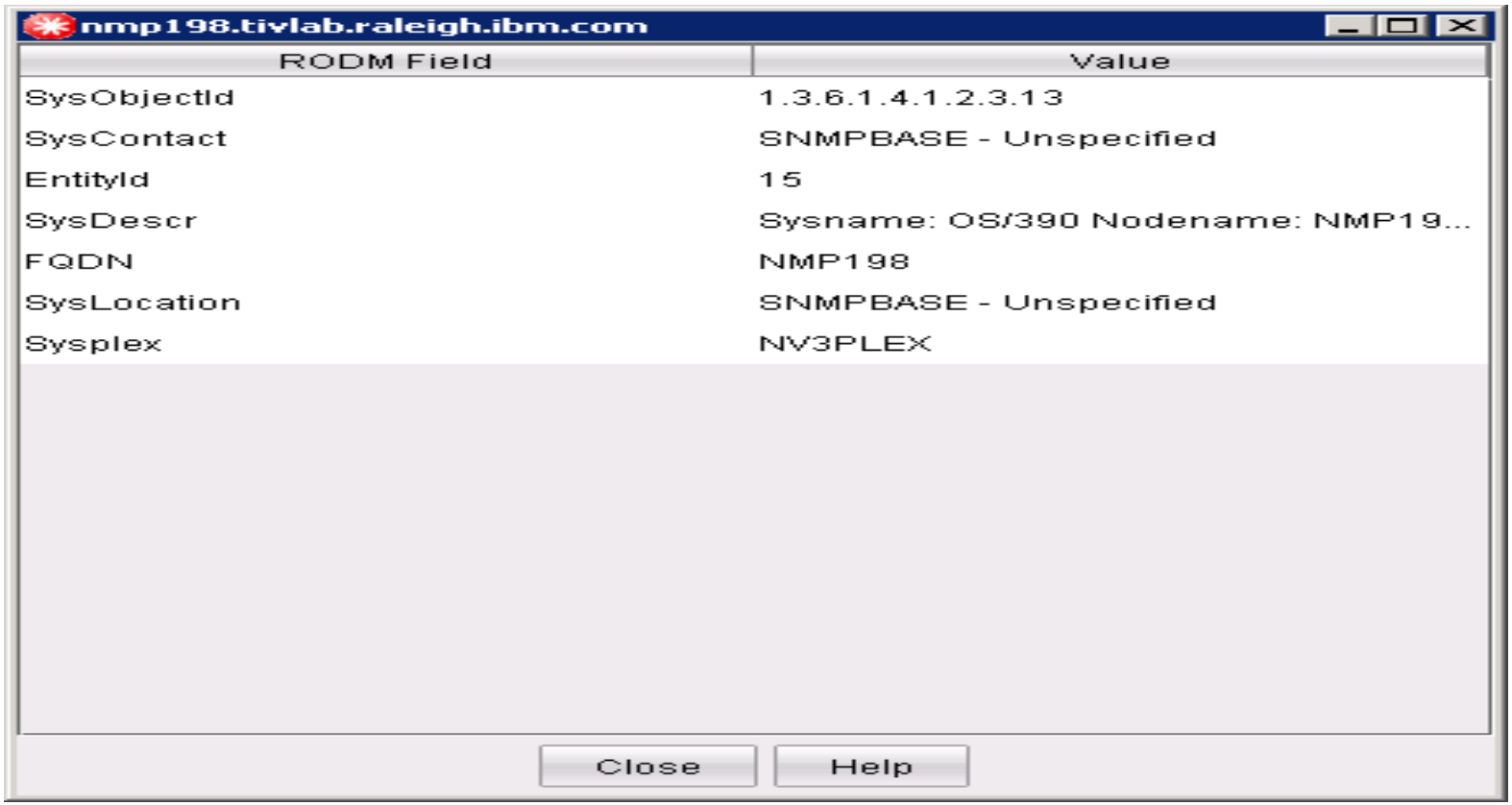

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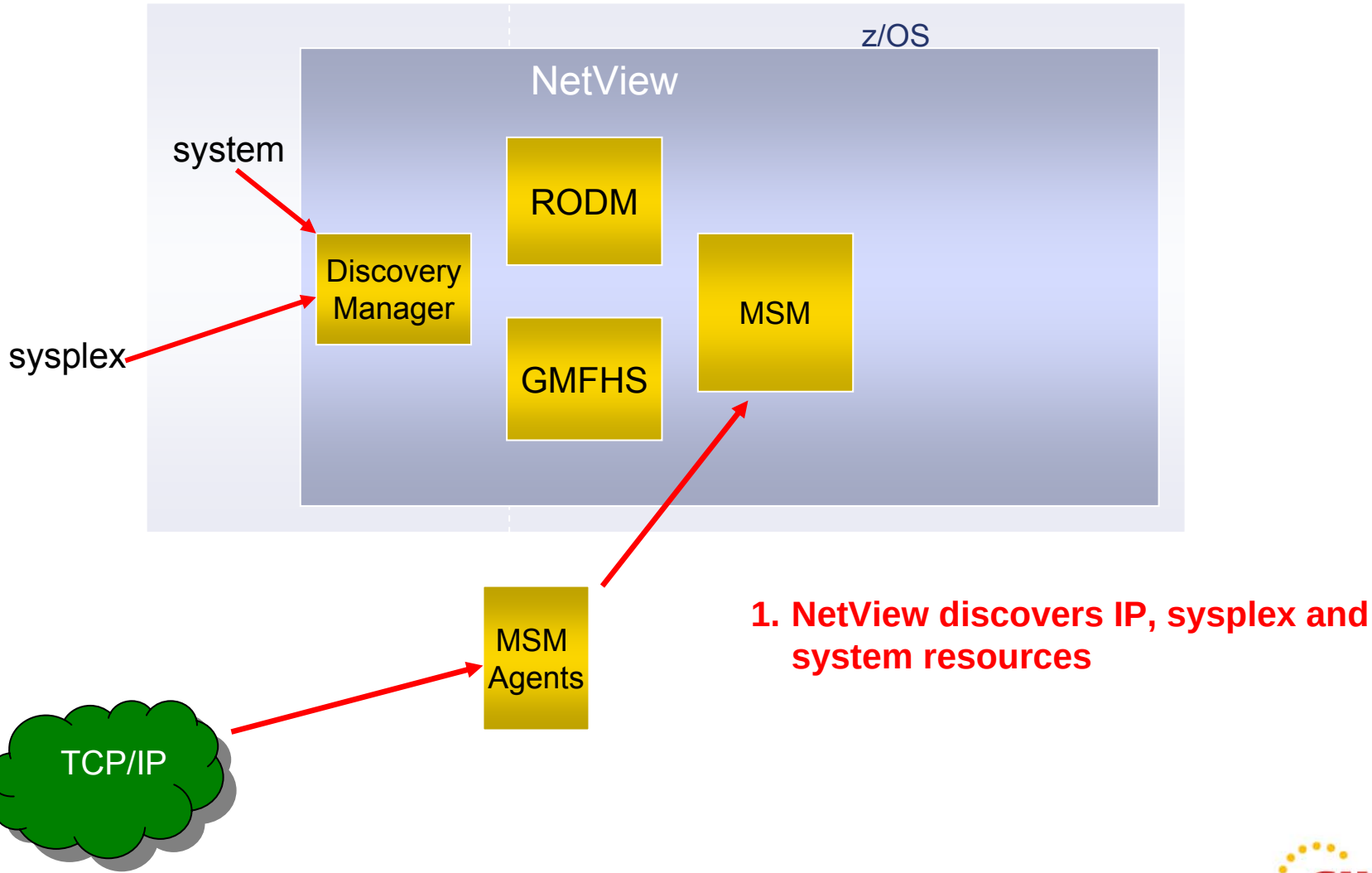

1. NetView discovers IP, sysplex and system resources

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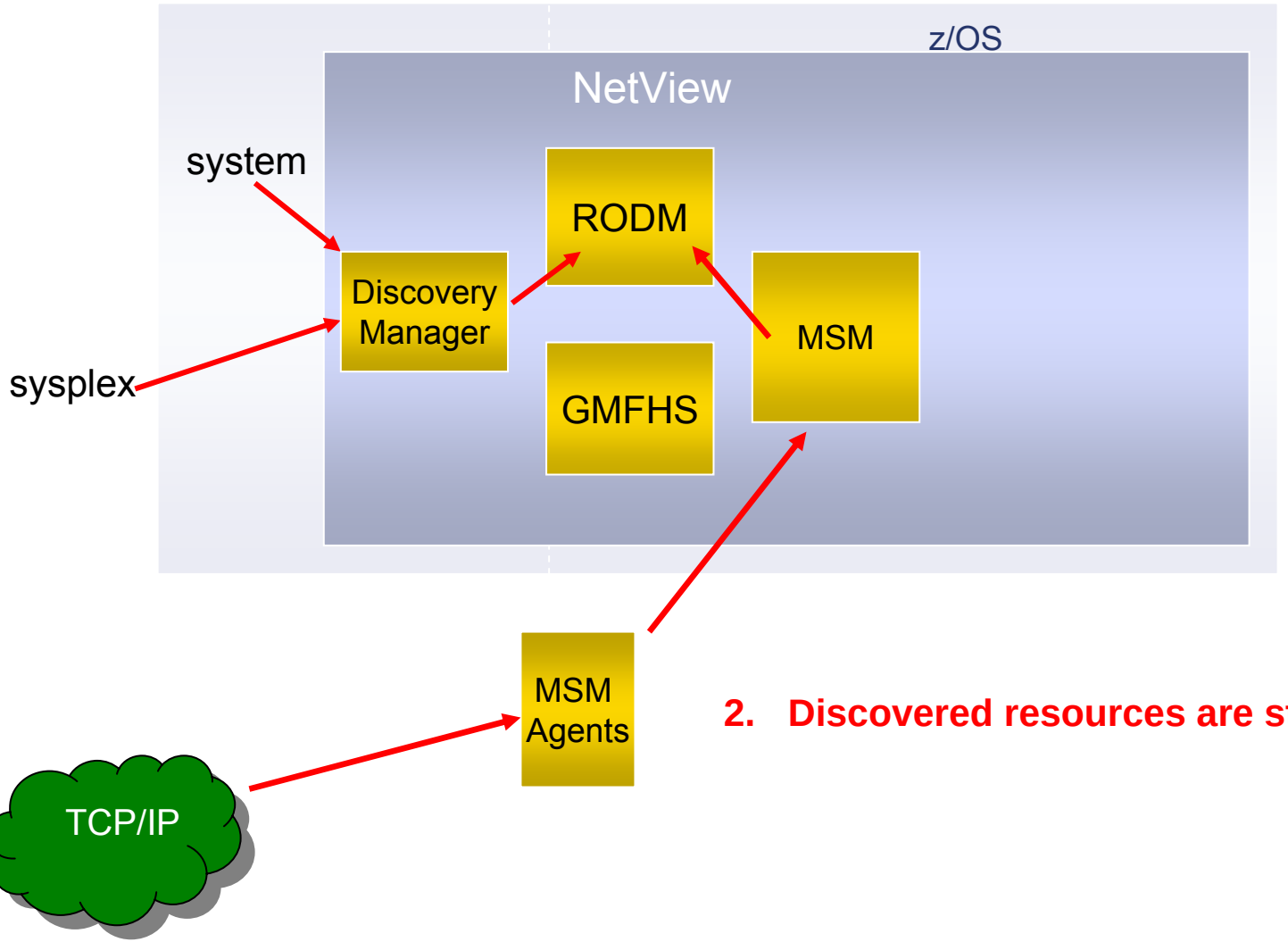

2. **Discovered resources are stored in RODM**

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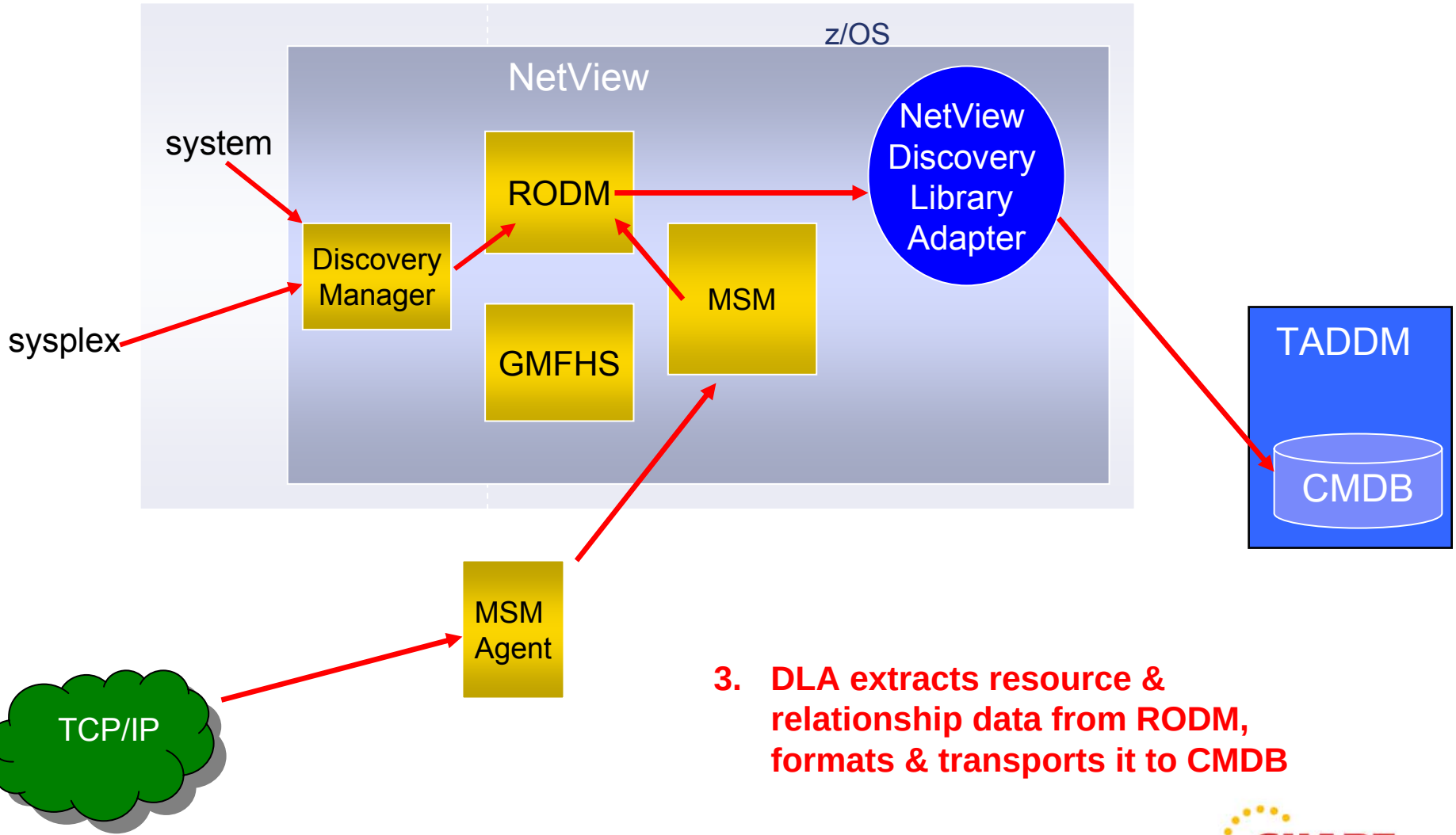

3. **DLA extracts resource & relationship data from RODM, formats & transports it to CMDB**

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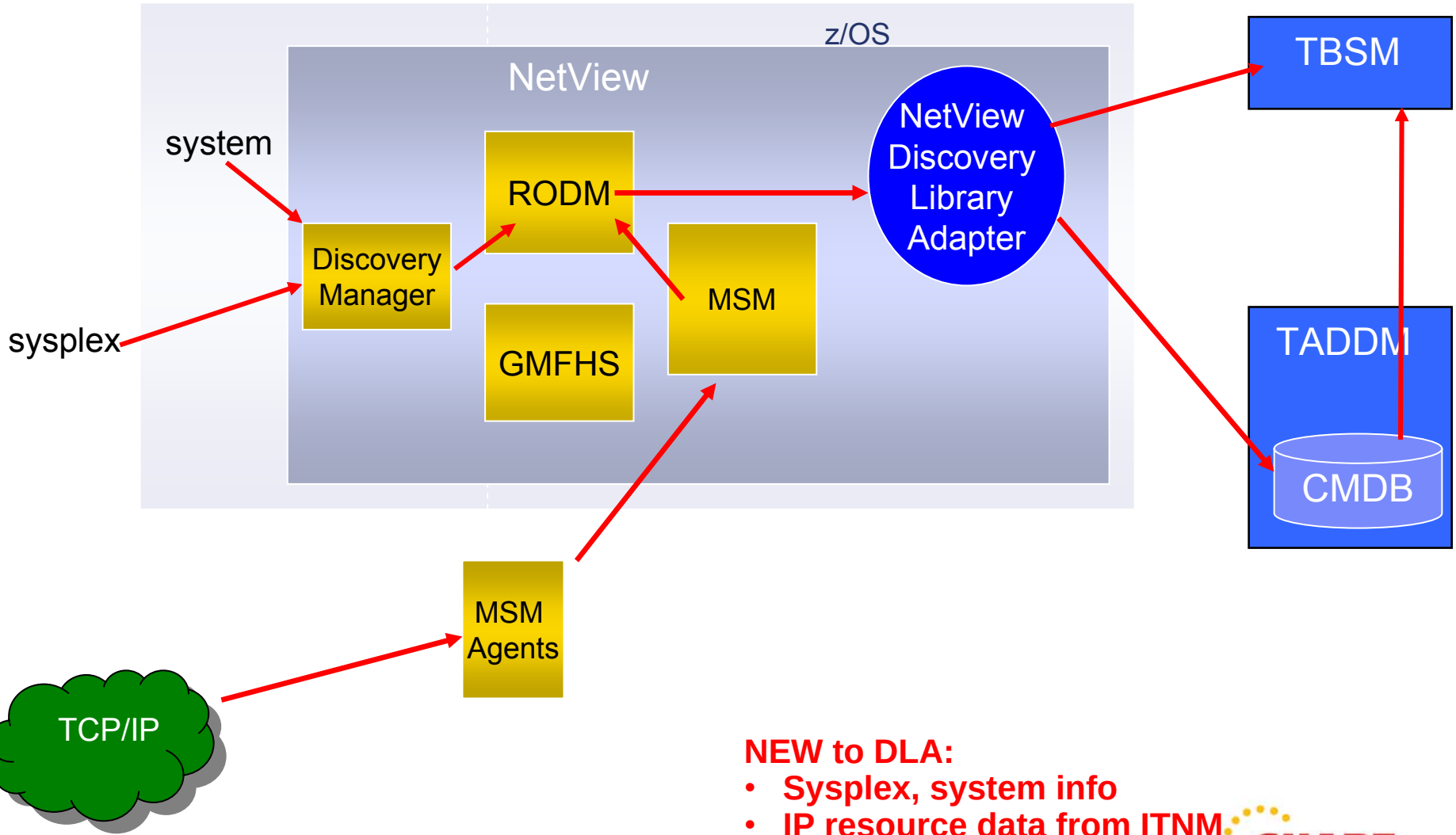

NEW to DLA:

- **Sysplex, system info**
- **IP resource data from ITNM**

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Serviceability

- Trace changes in global variable values
  - Results in a message written to netlog, with variable's name, value, and info about what program changed it
  - Message available for automation
  - GLOBALV command

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GDPS Active/Active Continuous Availability solution

- Environment
  - Two or more sites, separated by *unlimited distances*, running the same applications and having the same data to provide cross-site workload balancing and Continuous Availability / Disaster Recovery
- Paradigm shift
  - Failover model → *near continuous availability model*
- Significantly increases site / system / workload resiliency
- Granularity down to the workload level
- Reduces time to recovery in disaster situations

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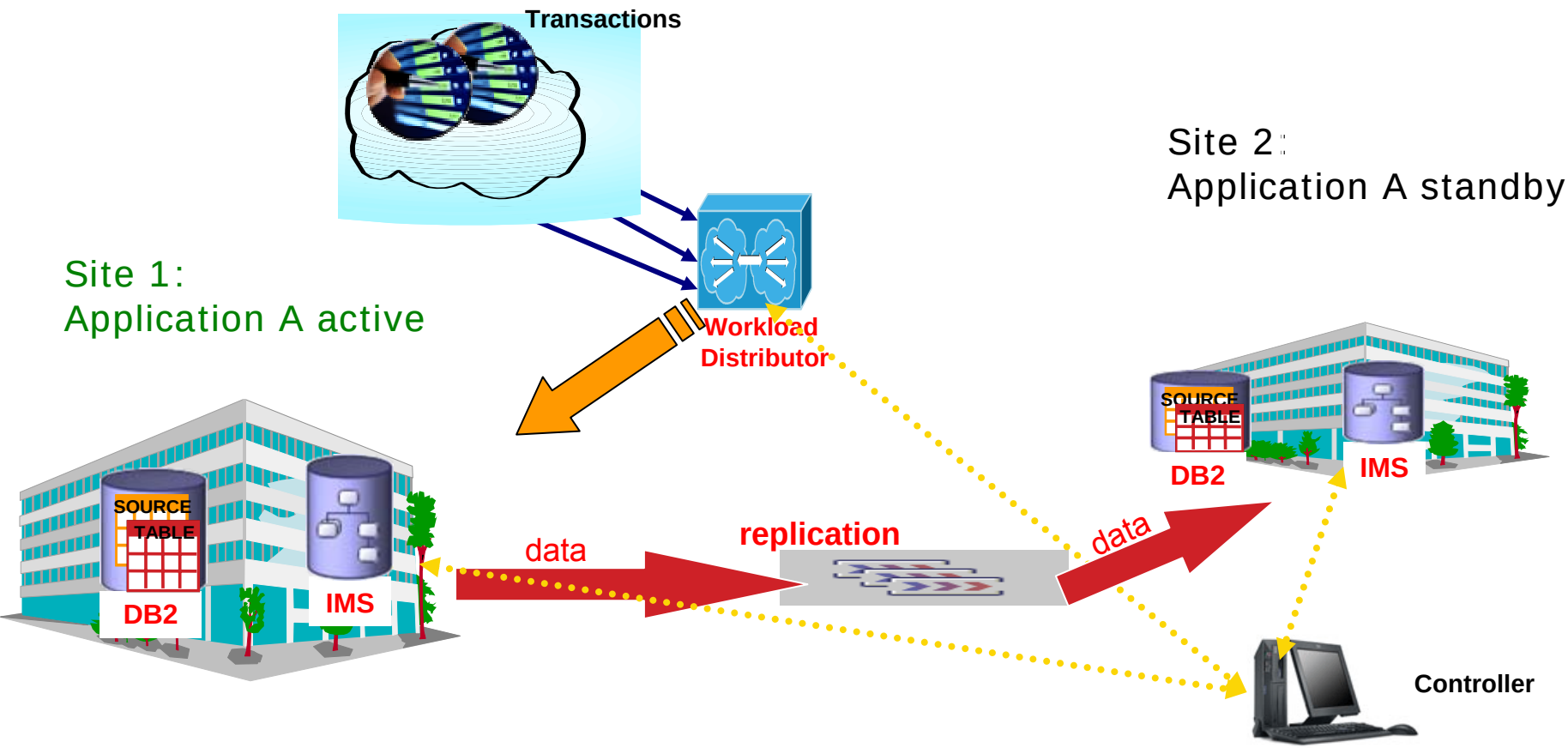
Example: Initial Setup



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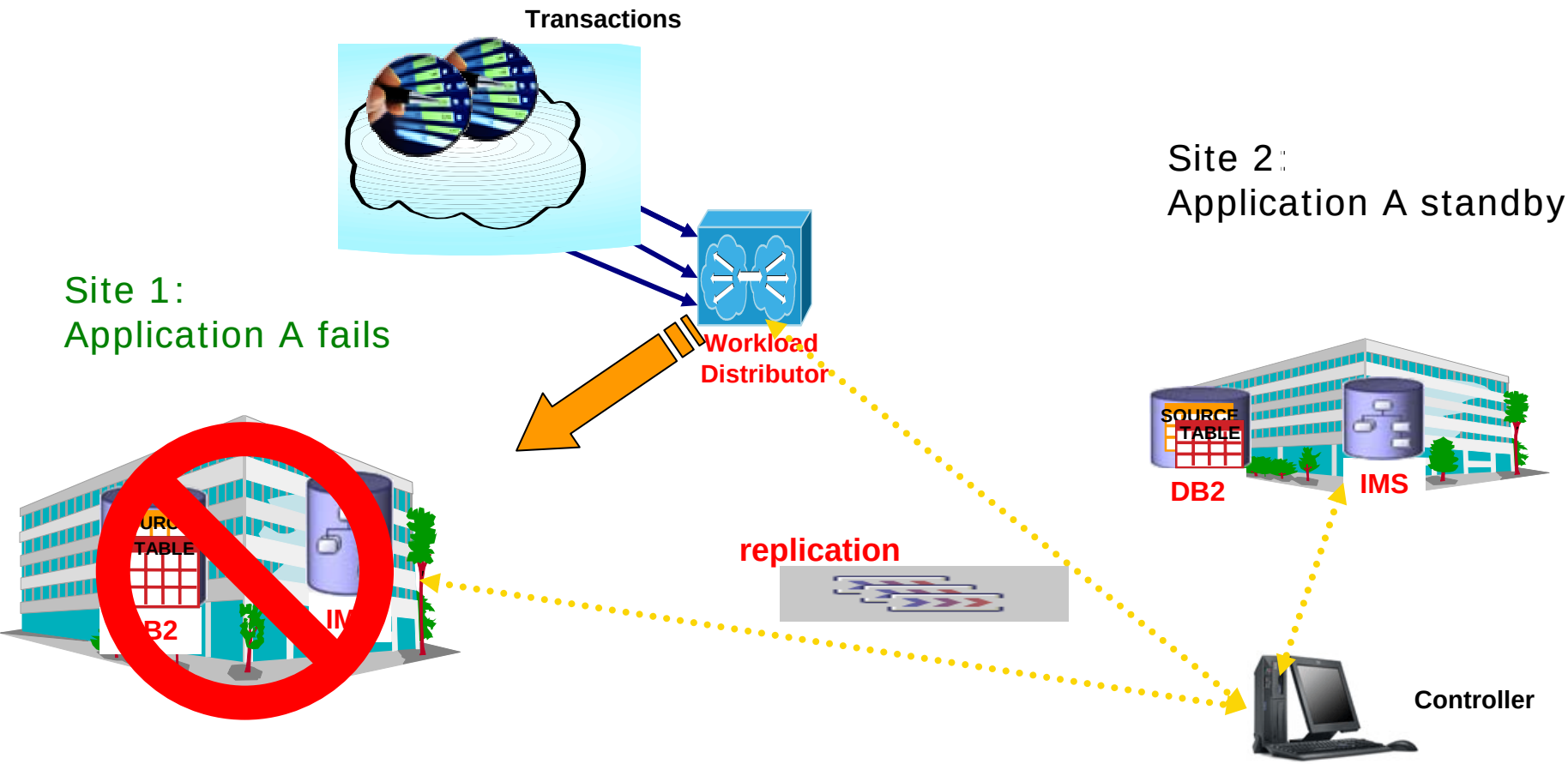
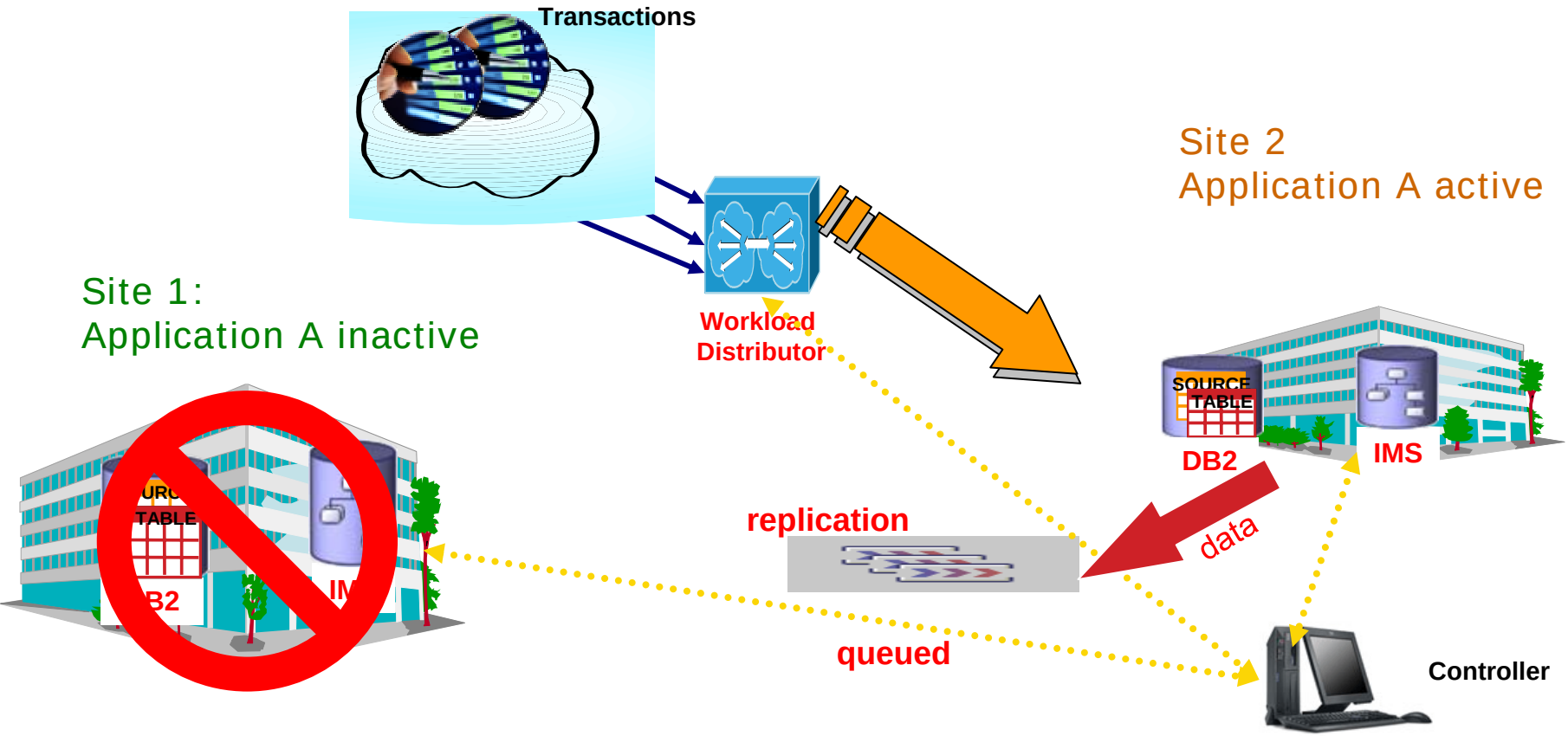
Example (cont.): “Active” Application Fails



Example (cont.): "Standby" Application Becomes "Active"

- Automatic workload switchover



GDPS Active/Active Continuous Availability solution

- Participating products
  - GDPS
  - NetView for z/OS
  - System Automation for z/OS
  - DB2
  - InfoSphere DB2 Replication Server
  - IMS
  - InfoSphere IMS Replication for z/OS
  - Multi-Site Workload Lifeline Advisor
- NetView monitors
  - Workload status
  - Workload servers
  - Workload replication
  - Load balancers
  - Other managed elements
  - Associations among them

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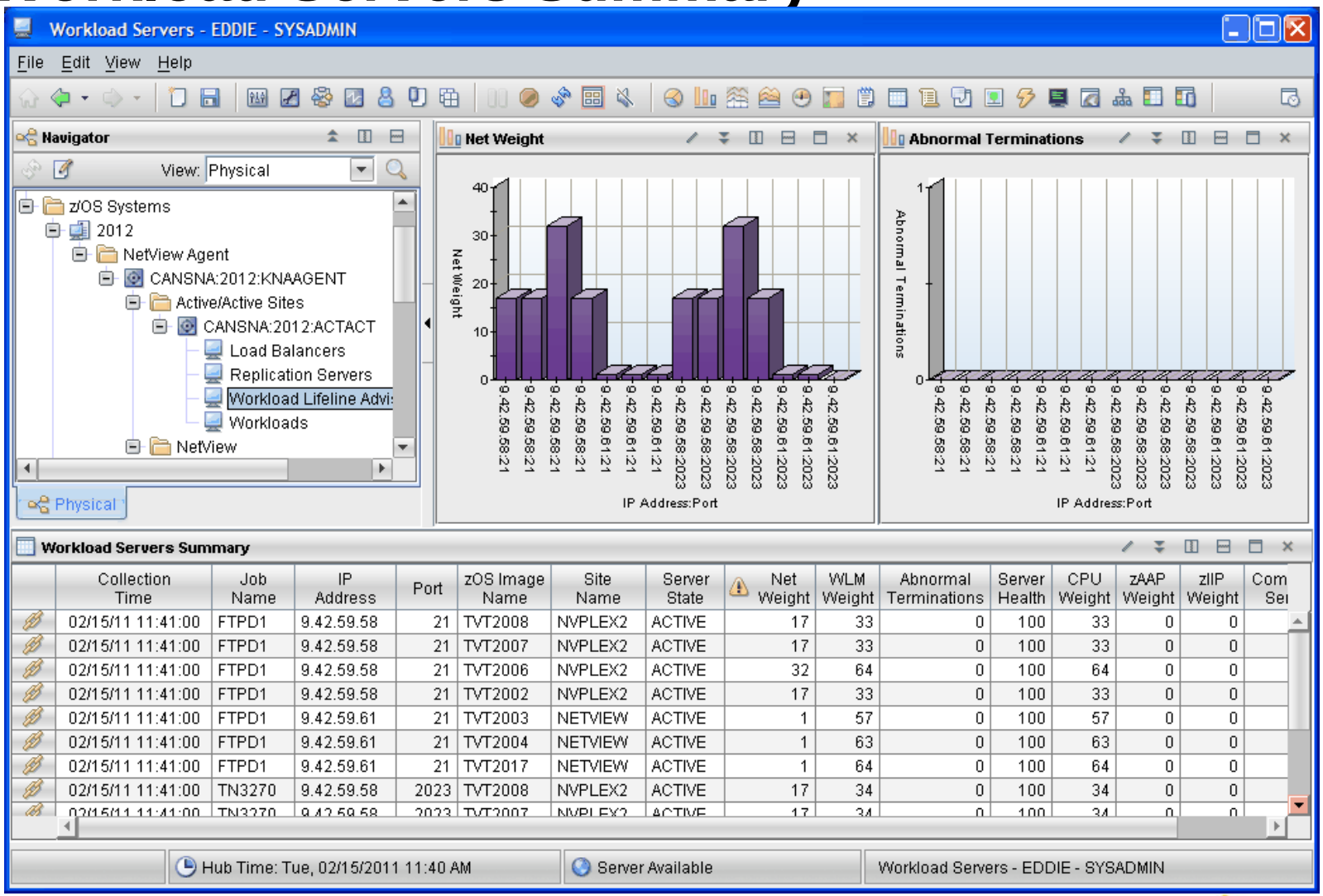
Workload Servers Summary



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