

Tightening-Up a z/VM Installation

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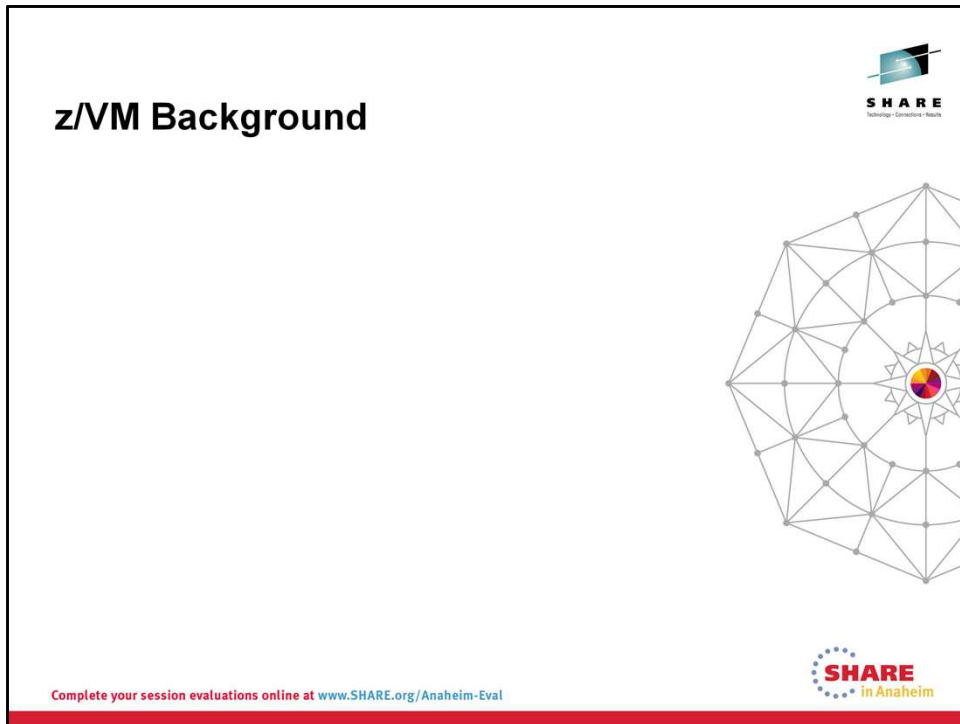
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- z/VM Security after Installation
- Security-Oriented Capabilities and recommendations

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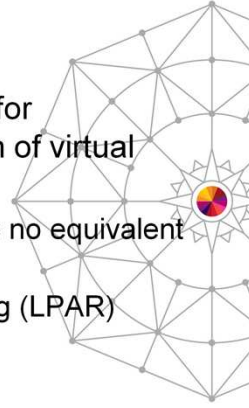
This session is not going to cover any particular Security Server from IBM or other vendors, it deals with the “native” capability of z/VM.



This section is a very brief summary of the Introduction to z/VM presentation available to SHARE participants


z/VM Background

- First released in 1967
 - Existed in IBM labs before that
- Component CP (Control Program) provides for management of real resources and definition of virtual machines with (only) virtual resources
 - CP can define virtual hardware where there is no equivalent in the real hardware
 - More granular/flexible than Logical Partitioning (LPAR)



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System Startup

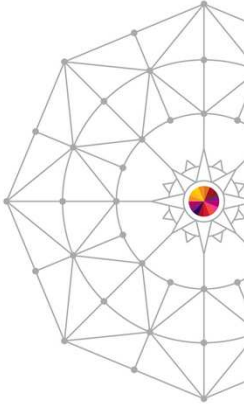

- IPL from device containing CP nucleus (&SYSRES)
- CP reads file on System Parameter device (&SYSPARM) to determine resources and environment (default file: SYSTEM CONFIG)
- CP reads previously-compiled directory of virtual machines (allocated as DRCT space on &SYSRES)
- CP automatically starts virtual machines specified in SYSTEM CONFIG:

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| EREPA | OPERSYMP | OPERATNS |
| DISKACNT | OPERATOR | AUTOLOG1 |





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Security in z/VM



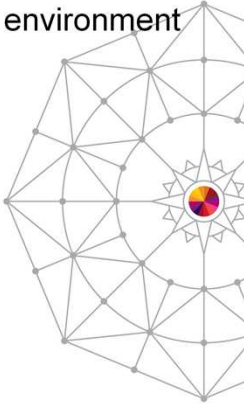
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Security in z/VM


- Access to real resources in a shared (LPAR) environment
- Authentication
 - Userid/Password combination
- Authorization
 - Access to Resources
- Auditing and Logging



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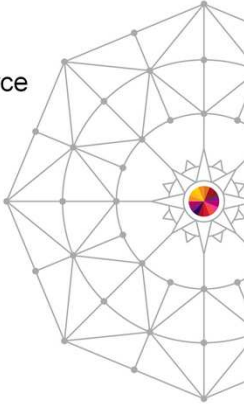


Let's start by defining "security" topics that will be covered.




Access to Real Resources

- Controlled by:
 - I/O Configuration Dataset (IOCDS)
 - Defined by HCD/HCM or standalone IOCP source
 - SYSTEM CONFIG file
 - z/VM Directory



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There is no requirement for an I/O Definition File (IODF) in z/VM, it is flexible enough to automatically add/delete devices upon a change to the IOCDS.

Authentication

- Controlled by VM Directory
 - Each virtual machine is defined by a USER or IDENTITY statement
 - Contains name of virtual machine (userid) and logon password

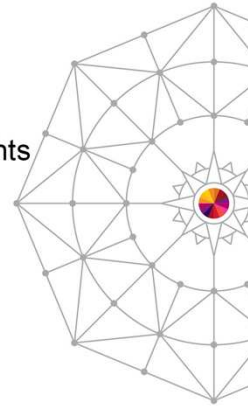


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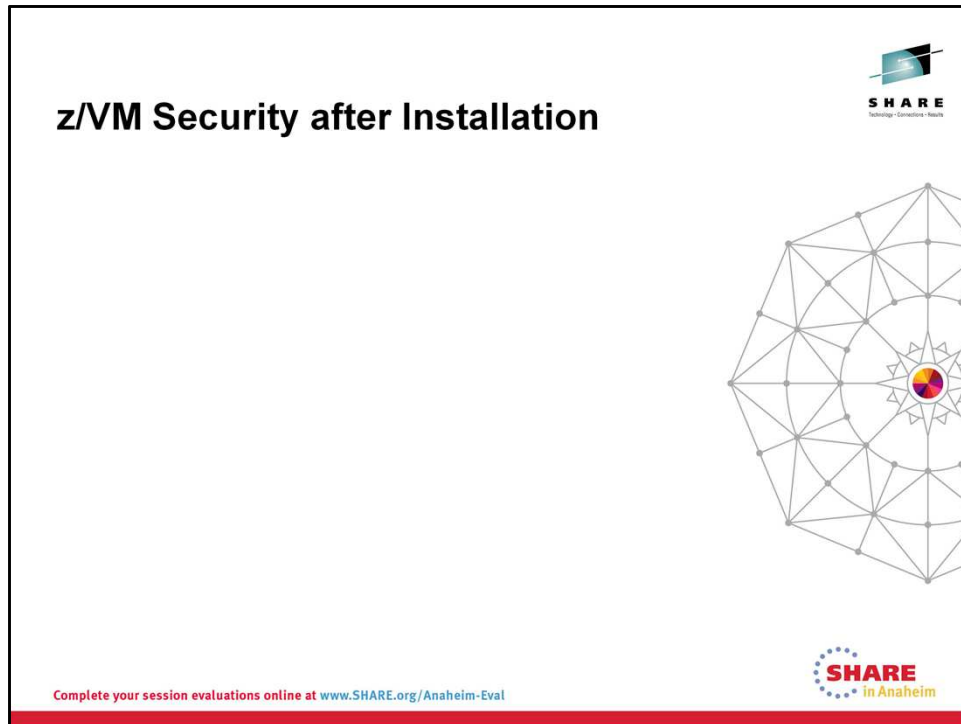



Authorization

- Controlled by
 - Guest LAN (including VSwitch) grants
 - Shared Filesystem (SFS) grants
 - Byte Filesystem (BFS) owner/group/world rights
 - VM Directory entries
 - Command Classes
 - Resource Definitions and Connections
 - Options
 - System Services
 - Communications



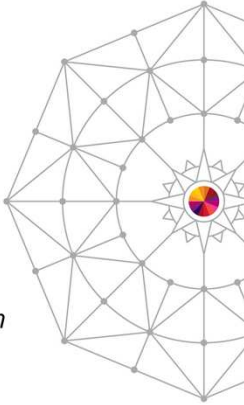
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z/VM Security after Installation


- **Authorization/Authentication:**
 - SYSTEM CONFIG file
 - Activate all sensed devices visible to the LPAR
 - Prompt for startup mode/TOD change
 - Able to enter visible passwords (logon, mdisk)
 - VM Directory
 - All userids have known passwords
 - *Userid = password until z/VM 6.3*
 - *Documented password in z/VM 6.3 Installation Manual*
 - All minidisk definitions have common or easily guessed passwords
 - *READ/WRITE/MULTIPLE*
 - *Ruserid/Wuserid/Muserid*



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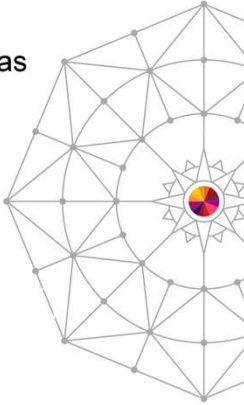
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z/VM Security after Installation

- **Auditing and Logging:**
 - CP messages go to the userid defined to CP as the “System Operator”
 - Default ID = OPERATOR
 - No logging of directory changes
 - No logging of system changes made by a superuser:

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| OPERATOR | OP1 | LGLOPR |
| MAINT | MAINTvrm | TCPMAINT |
| SYSMAINT | MIGMAINT | RACMAINT |



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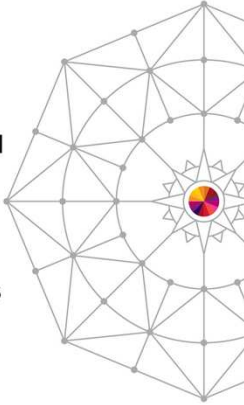

For purposes of this presentation, a “superuser” is a userid that has CP Class A authority and is not a service virtual machine.

Security-Oriented Recommendations

- SYSTEM CONFIG file
- VM Directory



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SYSTEM CONFIG file

- Remove the system operator from startup decisions during normal operations
 - Enable the following features,
 - AUTO_IPL
 - AUTO_IPL_AFTER_RESTART
 - AUTO_IPL_AFTER_SHUTDOWN_REIPL
 - If set to FORCE, the operator is only prompted if spool file destruction may occur
- Turn off PASSWORDS_ON_CMDs
- Define Virtual LANs/Switches here instead of AUTOLOG1
- Redefine certain commands so that non-Class A users can issue them
 - Examples: FORCE, SET SECUSER, SIGNAL SHUTDOWN
- Use IMBED files for frequently changed sections
- Use –system-, &SYSRES and &SYSPARM variables to reduce complexity

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Recommendations are more “art” than “science”, but are based on a long history of implementations and multiple customer situations

Example of modified SYSTEM CONFIG

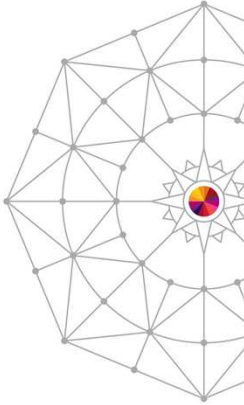
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/*****/
/*          Checkpoint and Warmstart Information          */
/*****/
System_Residence,
Checkpoint Valid &SYSRES From CYL 21 For 9 ,
Warmstart  Valid &SYSRES From CYL 30 For 9


/*****/
/*          SSI IS Links          */
/*****/
Imbed -system- ISLINK

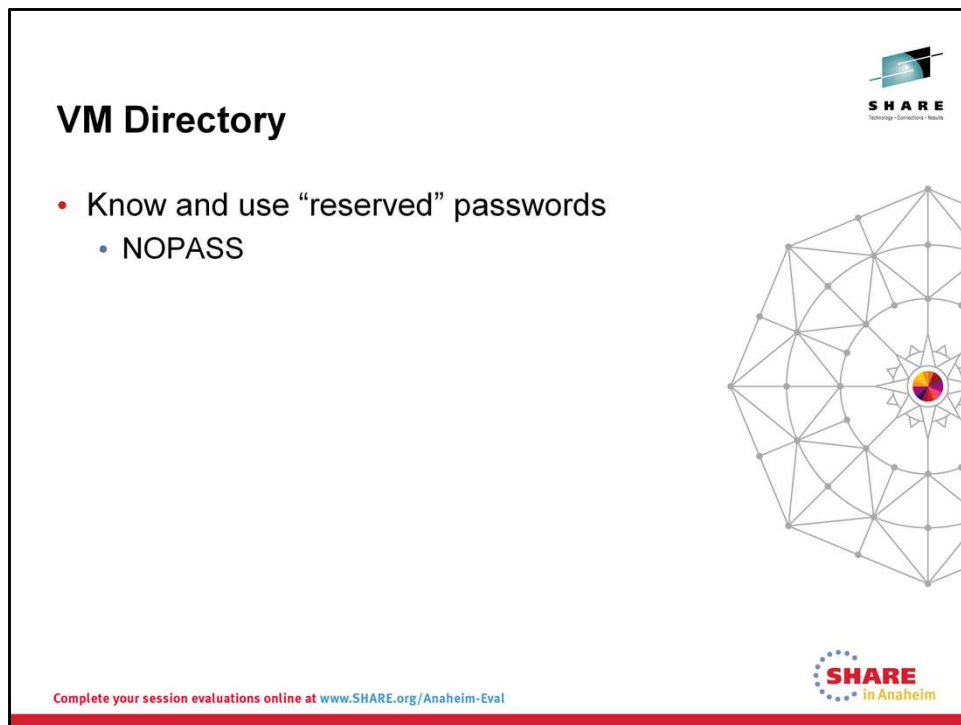
/*****/
/*          Command Redefinition          */
/*****/
Modify Command FORCE Privclasses AH
Modify Command ATTACH Privclasses BL
Modify Command SET Subcmd SECUSER IBMClass A Privclasses AH
Modify Command SET Subcmd RESERVED Privclasses AL
Modify Command INDICATE IBMClass B Privclasses BH

/*****/
/*          Logo_Config          */
/*****/
Logo_Config -system- LOGOCFG
                    
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VM Directory


- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS

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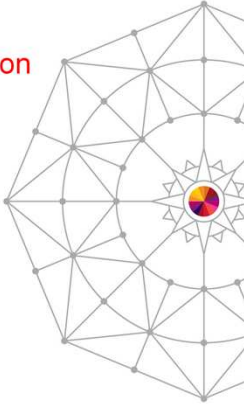
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VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS **No password required for logon**



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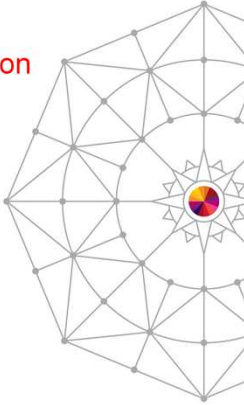





VM Directory


- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS
 - AUTOONLY

No password required for logon



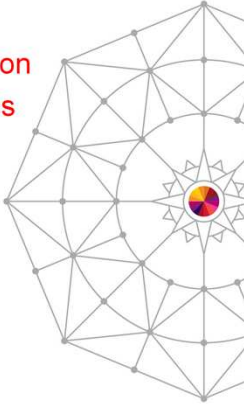
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VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS **No password required for logon**
 - AUTOONLY **Similar to started task/process**



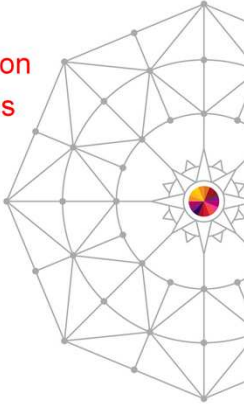
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VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS **No password required for logon**
 - AUTOONLY **Similar to started task/process**
 - NOLOG



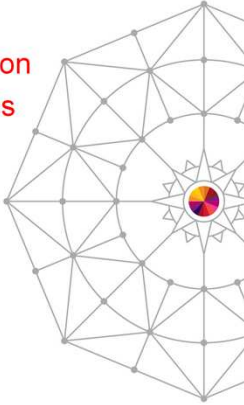
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VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS No password required for logon
 - AUTOONLY Similar to started task/process
 - NOLOG Logon not permitted



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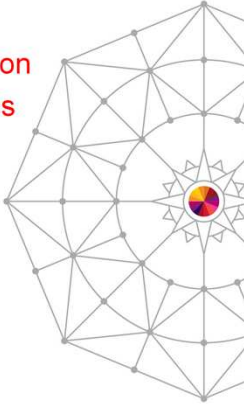





VM Directory


- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS
 - AUTOONLY
 - NOLOG
 - LBYONLY

No password required for logon
Similar to started task/process
Logon not permitted



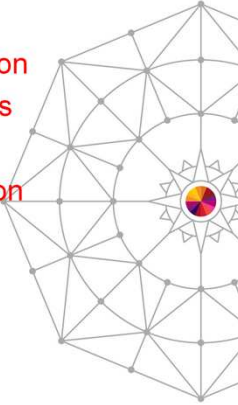
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VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
 - NOPASS No password required for logon
 - AUTOONLY Similar to started task/process
 - NOLOG Logon not permitted
 - LBYONLY Use Surrogate Userid for logon



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Authentication Techniques


- Set all IBM-provided users that you don't use to NOLOG
- Define "real" administrative users and LOGONBY to superuser virtual machines
 - Caution: These admin users should be subject to password management policies...don't have all of them get locked out and not be able to logon to MAINT to update the passwords
- Set used IBM-provided service virtual machines to AUTOONLY
 - For example:

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| AUTOLOG1 | TCPIP | FTPSEVE | RSCS |
| GCS | VSM* | DTCVSW* | VMSEV* |




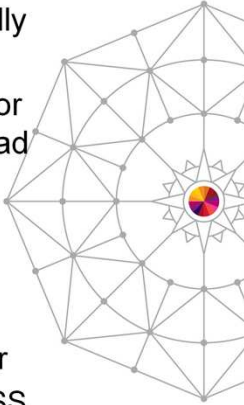
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Authorization Techniques

- Only list resources in directory that are actually needed
- Don't have any Minidisk passwords, except for certain limited disks needing the universal read password of ALL
 - MAINT190/19D/19E
 - TCPMAINT 592
- Carefully consider impact of IUCV ANY
- Don't 'overauthorize' CP commands to a user
 - Use command overrides to avoid full CP CLASS authority when not needed

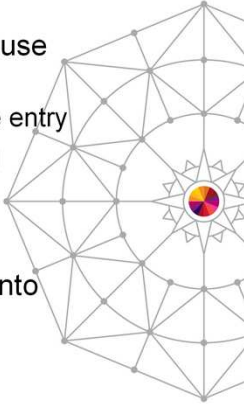


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Additional Directory Cleanup


- Use Profiles
 - Use profile IBMDFLT for the entries that don't use any profile
 - Only use in-line values that differ from the profile entry
- Eliminate duplication within the IBM-supplied directory:
 - Use GLOBALOPTS MACHINE ESA;
 - Add the common LINKS in all TCP/IP entries into profiles TCPCMSU and TCPGCSU



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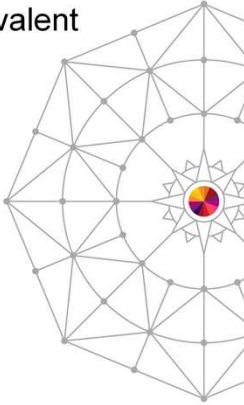


While these cleanup steps are not necessary, they reduce the size of the compiled directory and reduce complexity by eliminating information that already exists in a directory profile.




Auditing/Logging

- Use IBM Directory Maintenance Tool or equivalent
 - Logs all transactions
 - Log Retention policy
 - User password management (simple)
 - Limited policy enforcement
 - *Number of characters*
 - *Password history*
 - *Expiration (crude)*
- Use CP Operator Message capturing tool
 - Programmable Operator (PROP)
 - Performance Toolkit



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References

- CP Planning and Administration (SC24-6175)
- CMS Planning and Administration (SC24-6171)
- Directory Maintenance Facility Tailoring and Administration (SC24-6190)
- Performance Toolkit Guide (SC24-6209)






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