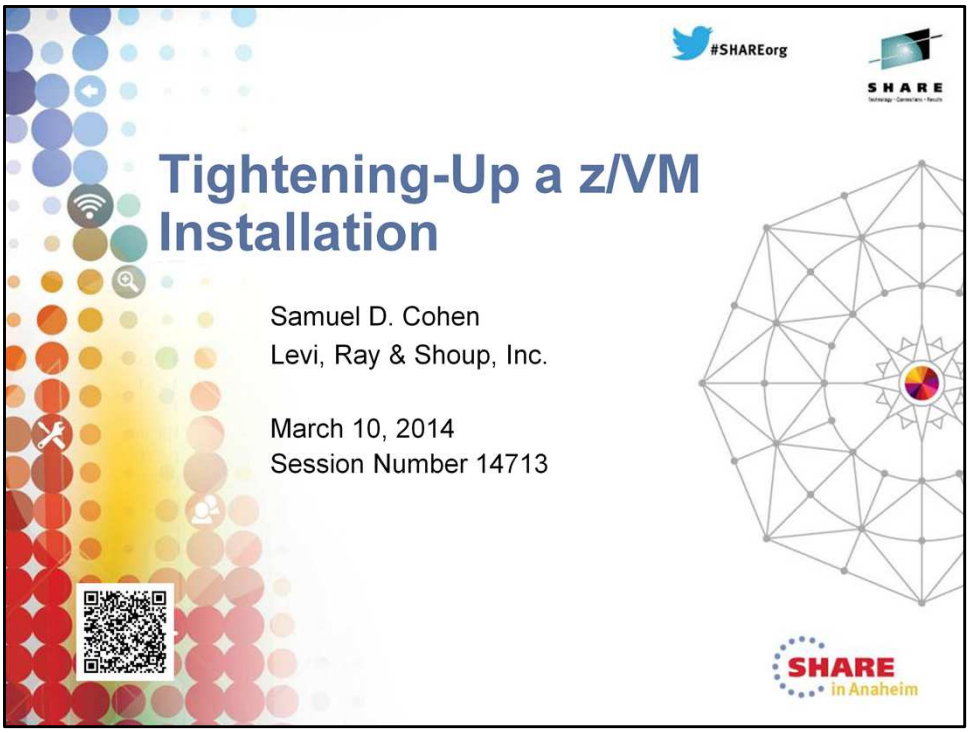
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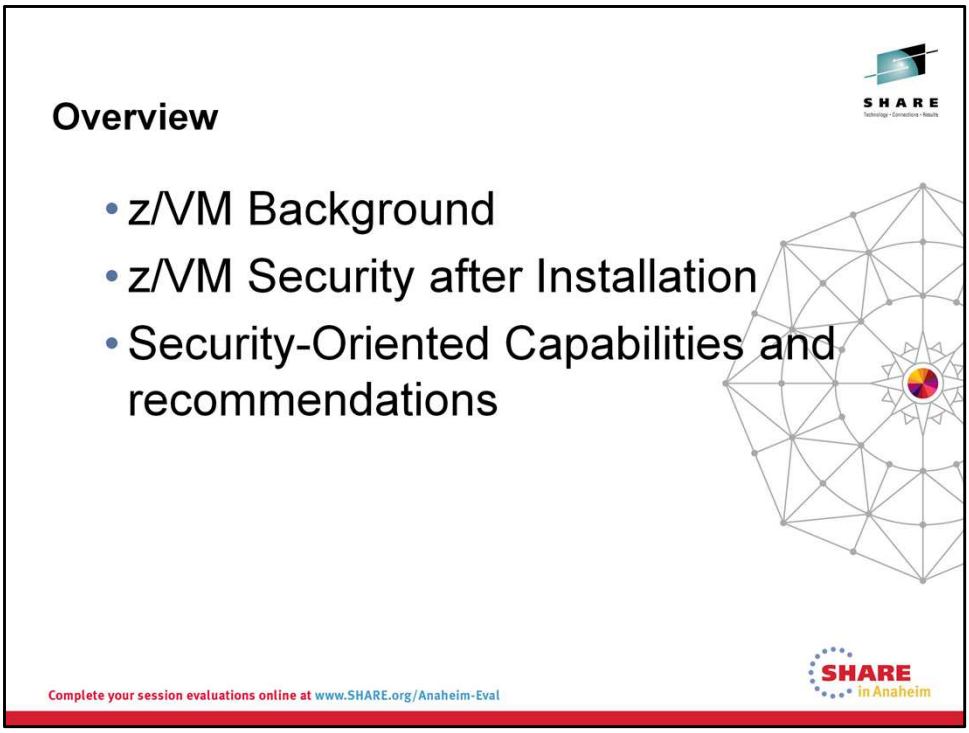

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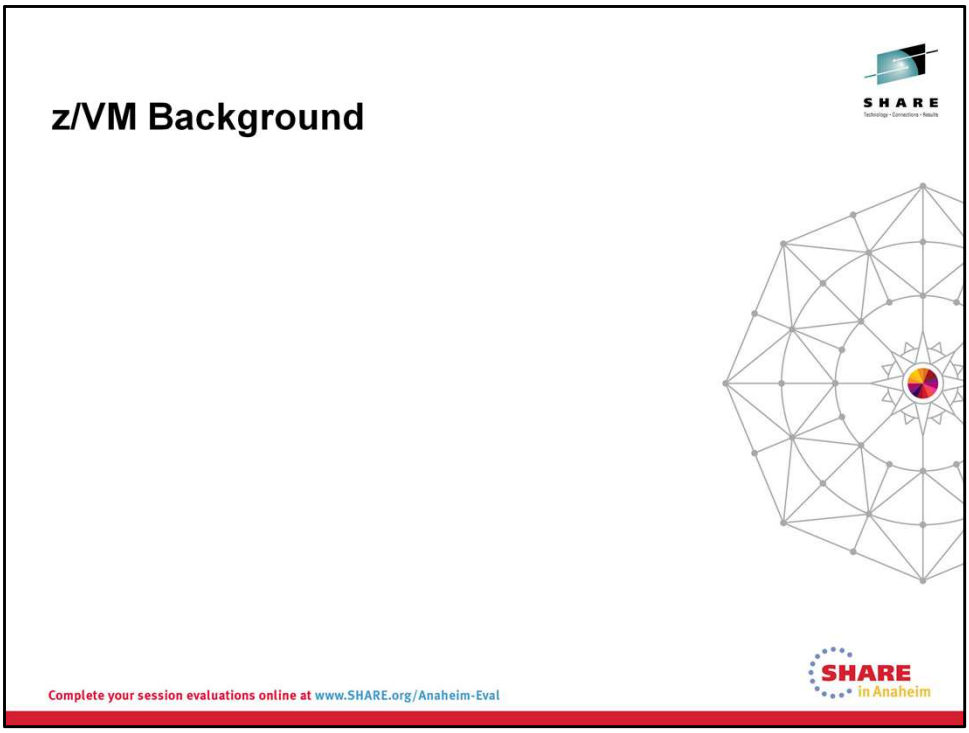
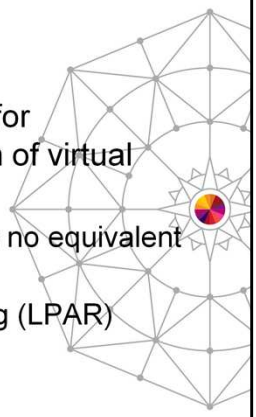
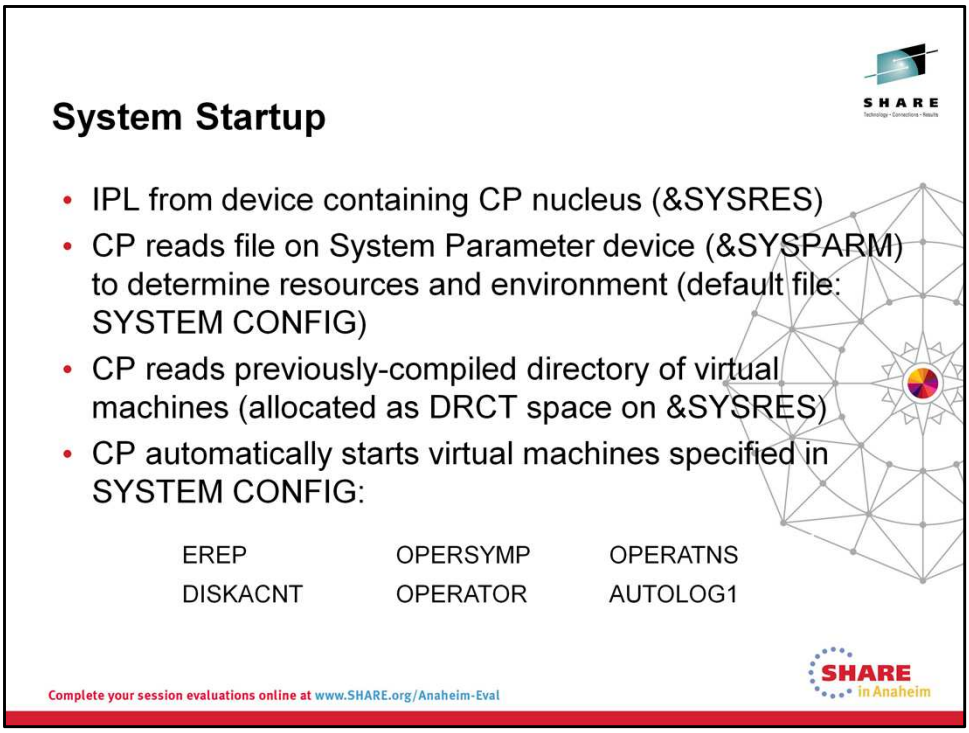


This section is a very brief summary of the Introduction to z/VM presentation available to SHARE participants

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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DISKACNT OPERATOR AUTOLOG1
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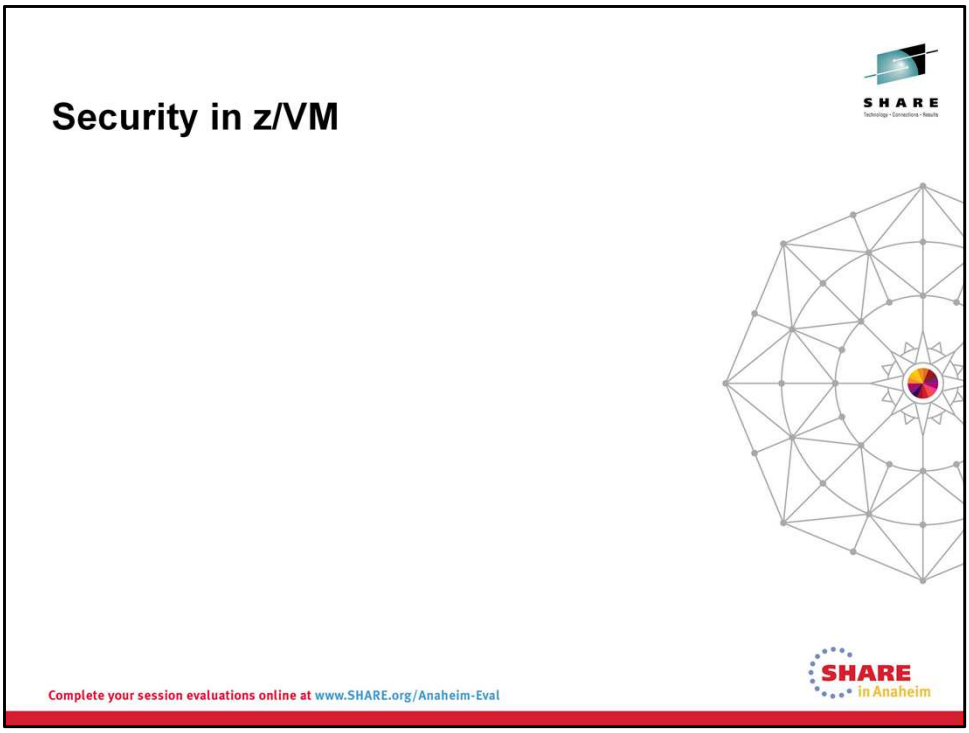
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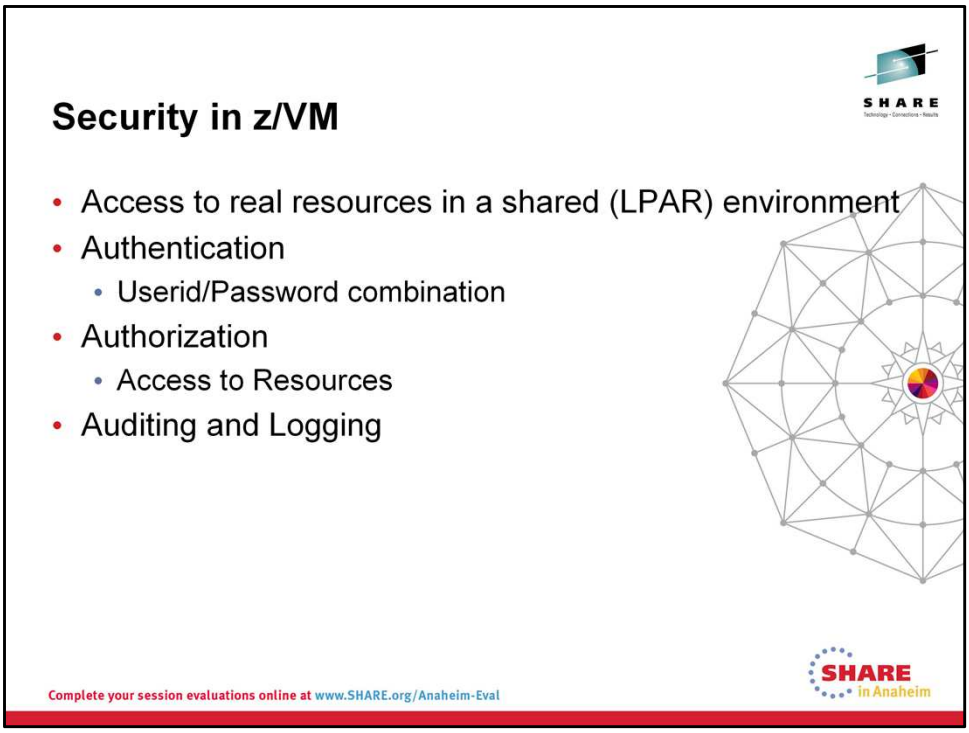

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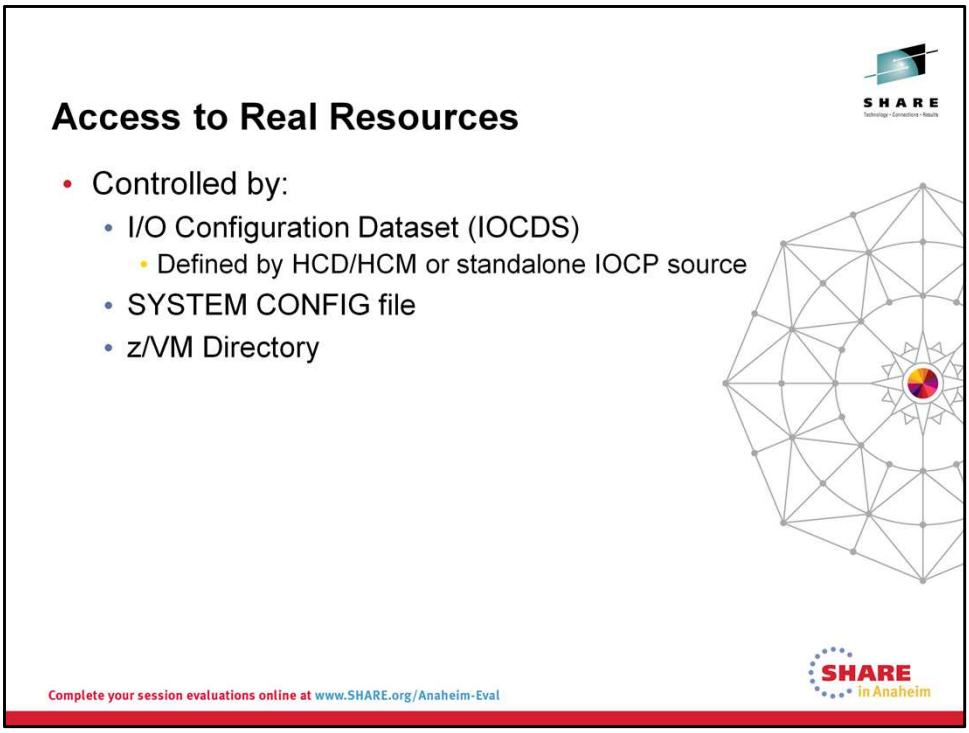
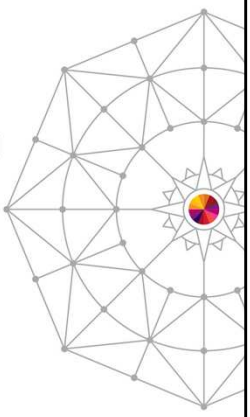


There is no requirement for an I/O Definition File (IODF) in z/VM, it is flexible enough to automatically add/delete devices upon a change to the IOCDS.

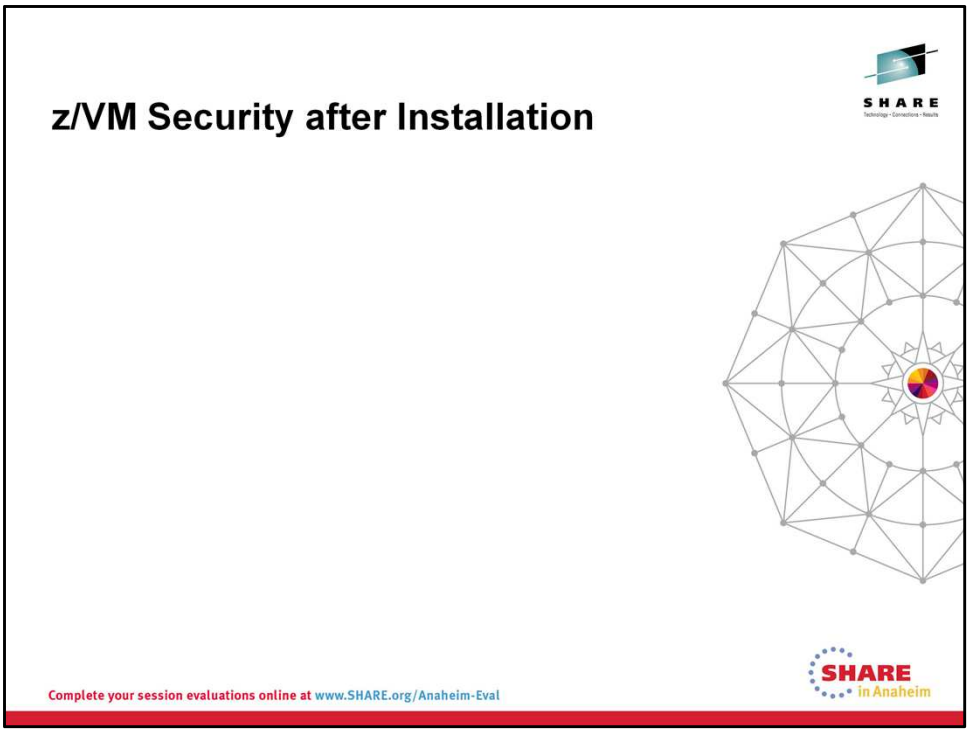
Authentication

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



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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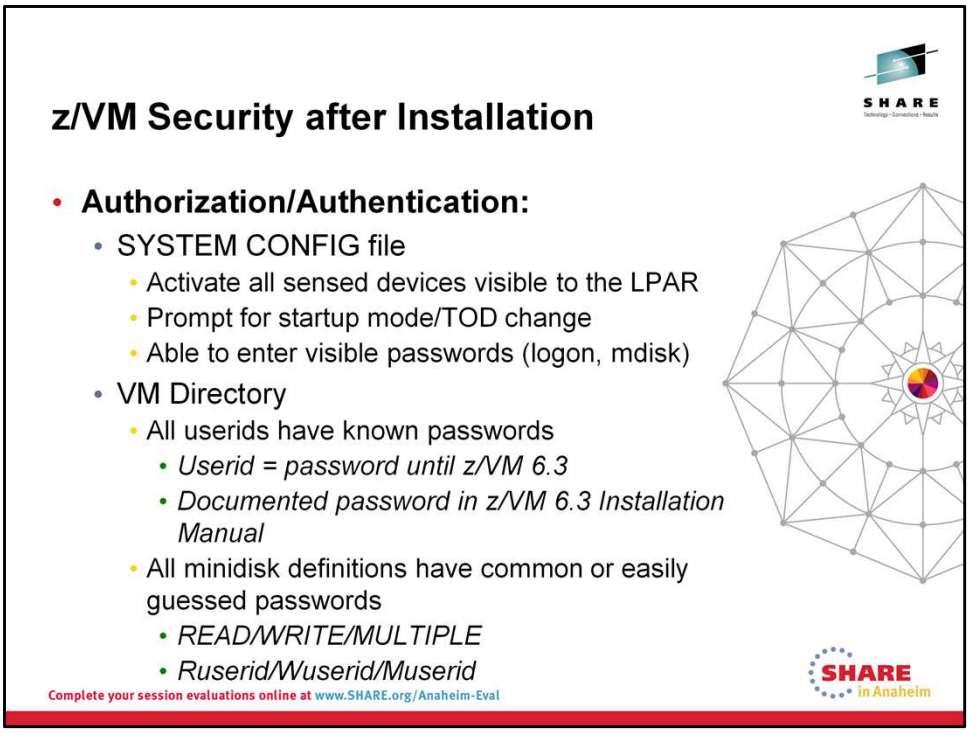

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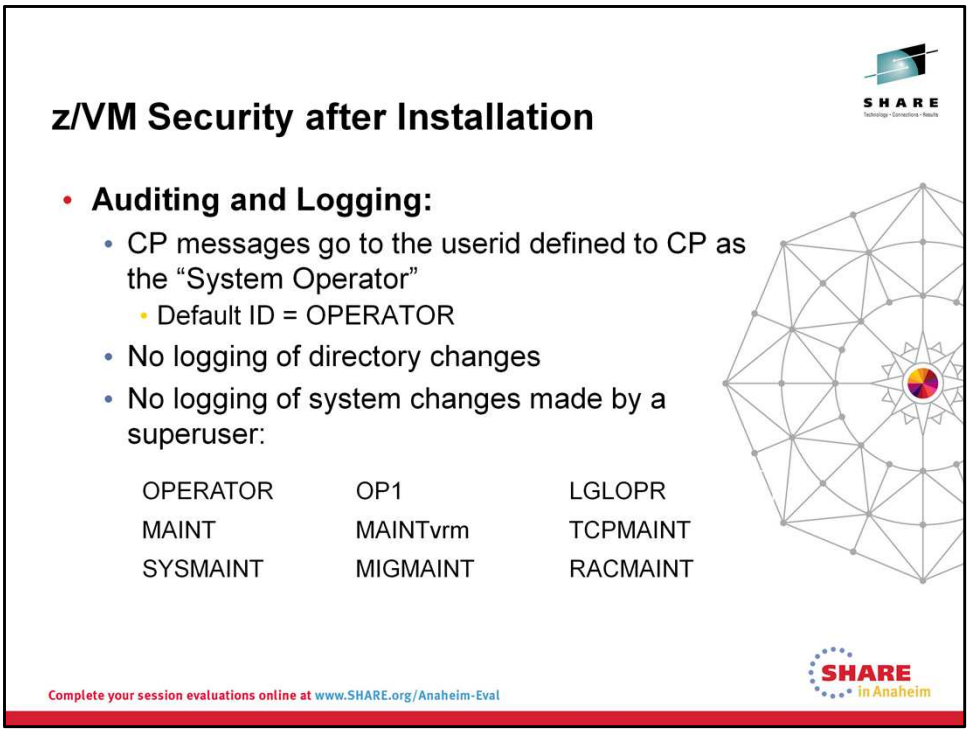
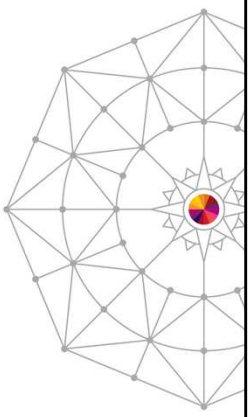
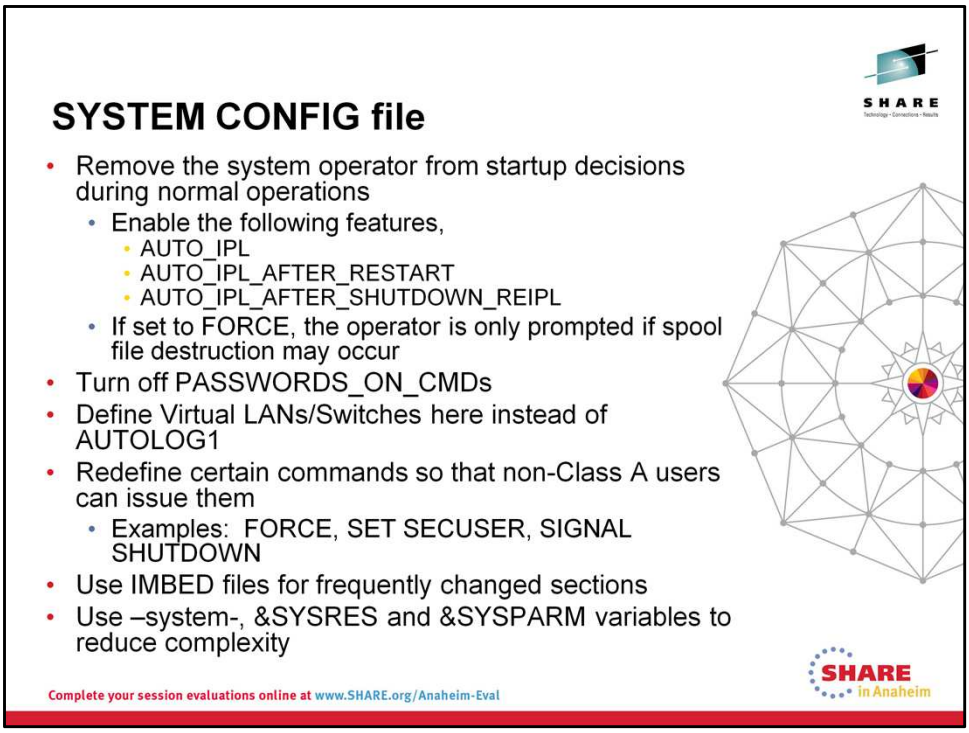


For purposes of this presentation, a "superuser" is a userid that has CP Class A authority and is not a service virtual machine.

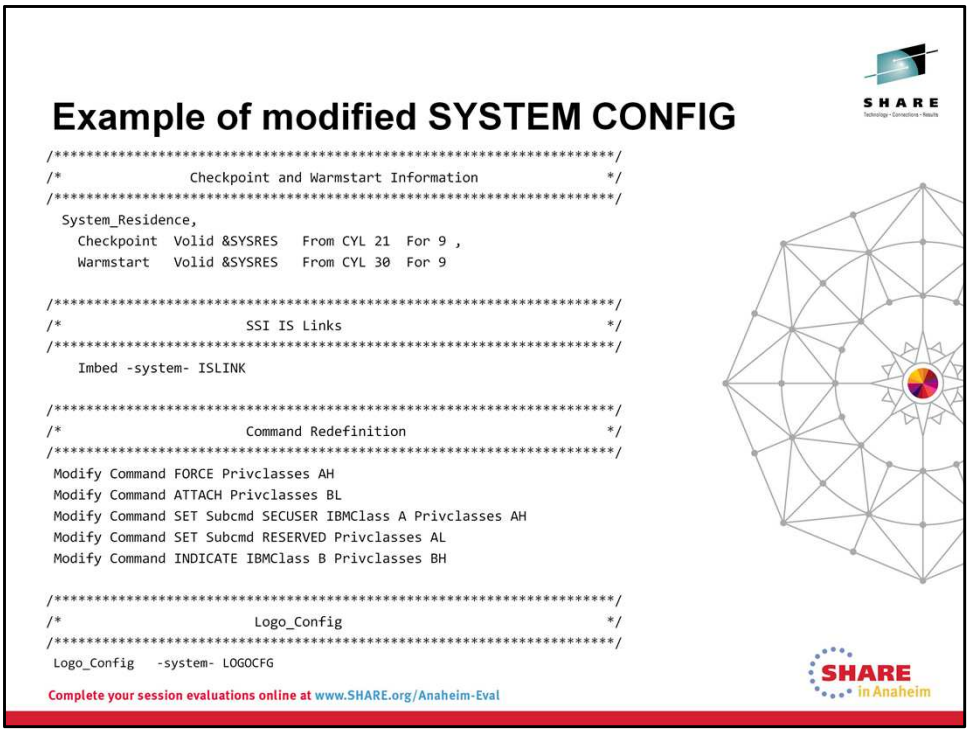
Security-Oriented Recommendations

- SYSTEM CONFIG file
- VM Directory





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 */
/***/
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Checkpoint Volid &SYSRES From CYL 21 For 9 ,
Warmstart Volid &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 */
/***/
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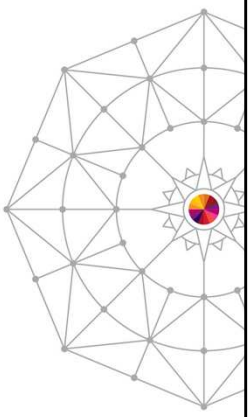
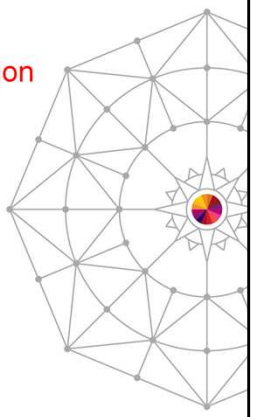
VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
  - NOPASS



VM Directory

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



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- Know and use “reserved” passwords
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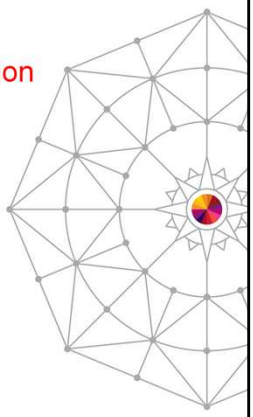
  - AUTOONLY



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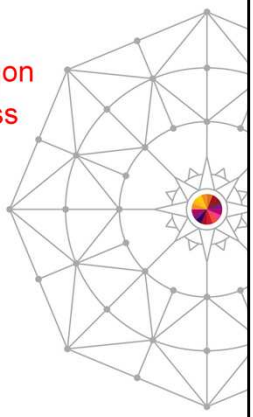

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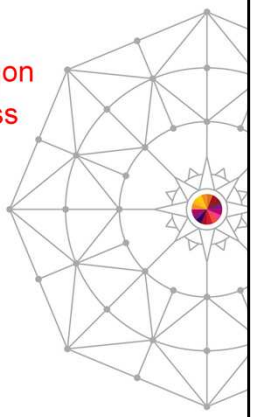
  - AUTOONLY Similar to started task/process
  - NOLOG



VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
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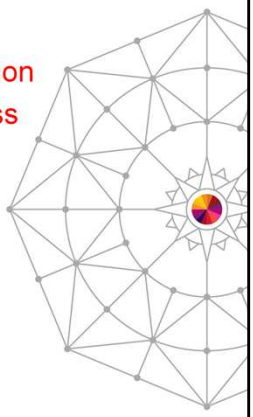
  - AUTOONLY — Similar to started task/process
  - NOLOG — Logon not permitted



VM Directory

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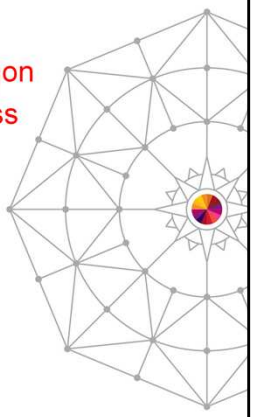
  - NOLOG — Logon not permitted
  - LBYONLY



VM Directory

- Know and use “reserved” passwords
  - NOPASS — No password required for logon
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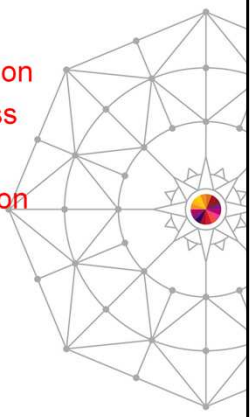
  - NOLOG — Logon not permitted
  - LBYONLY — Use Surrogate Userid for logon



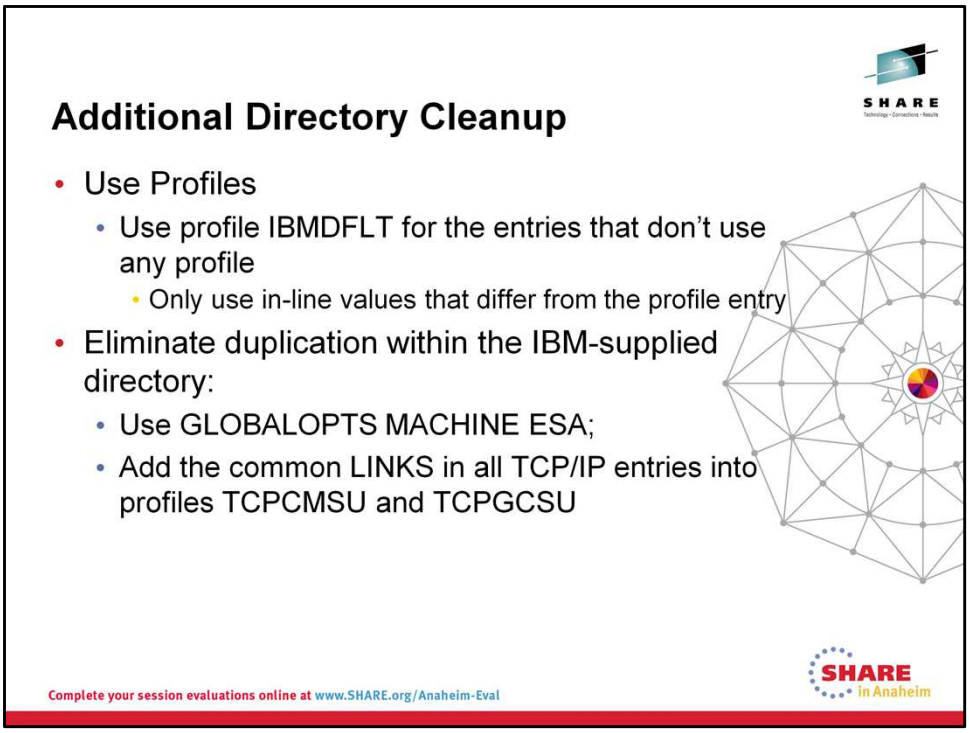
Authentication Techniques

- 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:

AUTOLOG1	TCPIP	FTPSERVE	RSCS
GCS	VSM*	DTCVSW*	VMSERV*

Authorization Techniques

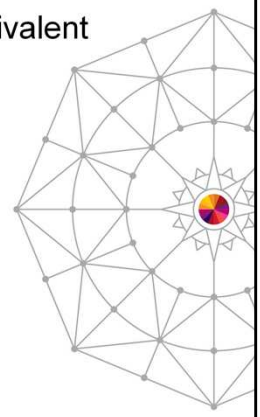
- Only list resources in directory that are actually needed
- Don't have any Minidisk passwords, except for certain limited disks needing the universal read password of ALL
  - MAINT190/19D/19E
  - TCPMAINT 592
- Carefully consider impact of IUCV ANY
- Don't 'overauthorize' CP commands to a user
  -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



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

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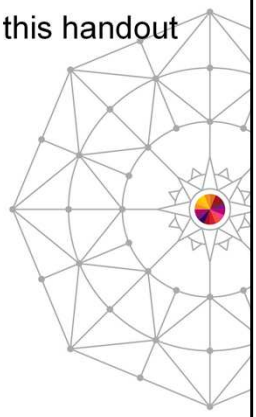

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