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- z/VM 6.3 bookshelf contains 103 books!
 - ~60 Books for base z/VM Product
 - ~25 Books for priced features of z/VM
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- Key Books for new people to z/VM:
 - z/VM General Information manual, GC24-6193
 - z/VM Getting Started with Linux on System z, SC24-6194
 - z/VM Installation Guide, GC24-6246
 - z/VM CP Planning and Administration, SC24-6178
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- Book suffix numbers increased when book updated, not release level
 - z/VM V6R3 CP Planning and Administration, SC24-6178-05
 - z/VM V6R3 CMS Primer, SC24-6172-00

z/VM General Information manual

- Often referred to as the “GIM”
- One of the first books updated and made available for a new release or enhancements in service stream
 - Example: SPE (Small Programming Enhancements) for High Performance FICON and HiperSockets Bridge in March 2012 resulted in an update version being created
- Key Content:
 - Overview of z/VM and Value (a little marketing)
 - What has changed in the most current release
 - Requirements
 - Appendices on Support Levels
 - IBM Servers supported by z/VM
 - IBM Operating systems supported as guests of z/VM
 - IBM Devices supported
- GC24-6193

z/VM Getting Started with Linux on System z

- Sometimes abbreviated “GSWL”
- More about z/VM than about Linux, but written with Linux as the primary workload for z/VM
 - Meant as a bridge between the simple installation process and the 100 books in the library with several pointers to other books in the library for more details
 - Significant updates for z/VM 6.2, SSI Clustering, and Live Guest Relocation
- Key Content:
 - Planning for Linux usage
 - Configuring DirMaint (Directory Maintenance Feature)
 - Configuring TCP/IP
 - Cloning of Linux guests
- SC24-6194

z/VM Installation Guide

- Often known simply as the “Install Guide”
- Key Content:
 - Step by Step details on installation of z/VM
 - Preinstalled licensed products and features
 - Performance Toolkit, DirMaint, etc.
- GC24-6246

z/VM CP Planning and Administration

- Also known as “CP P&A” or “Planning and Admin”
 - Note, there is also a CMS version of the book

- Key Content:
 - Details behind planning and configuring a z/VM system
 - Formulae for
 - Memory required
 - Disk page space
 - Dump space
 - Details behind User Directory (where virtual machines are defined)

- Not just a book for “first time install/configuration”
 - z/VM systems are dynamic and may grow – revisit for paging space and other considerations

- SC24-6178

z/VM Connectivity

- Connectivity book is good book and often overlooked
- Key content:
 - All about z/VM virtual networks
 - Virtual Switches
 - Guest LANs
 - Other communication protocols or functions in z/VM
 - Advanced Program-to-Program Communications (APPC)
 - Inter-System Facility for Communications (ISFC) – backbone of SSI clustering
- SC24-6174

z/VM CMS Primer

- Primer walks through getting started with CMS
- Key content:
 - Logging on and off of z/VM
 - CMS minidisk file system and SFS (Shared File System) background
 - Editing files using XEDIT
 - Managing files and several productivity aids included in CMS for this
 - Like other platforms, there is often more than one way to do things.
- Content you can probably skip when you read for first time:
 - Printing from CMS
 - NAMES files
- SC24-6172

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- z/VM V6.3 Collection (SK5T-7054-06) is available as a downloadable zip file from the [IBM Publications Center](#)
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Description

The following publications provide information to help you install and maintain a z/VM system.

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GC24-6201-04	z/VM V6.3 Migration Guide	Abstract TOC PDF
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This treatment can be accomplished by using the SET SRM **STORBUF** command to overcommit real storage. When you overcommit storage this way, the virtual ...
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Adjust the long-running (and possibly the medium-running) percentages of the SET SRM **STORBUF** command upward. First, determine your current DSPBUF ...
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Purpose

Use QUERY SRM (system resource manager) to display system-wide parameters used by the scheduler to

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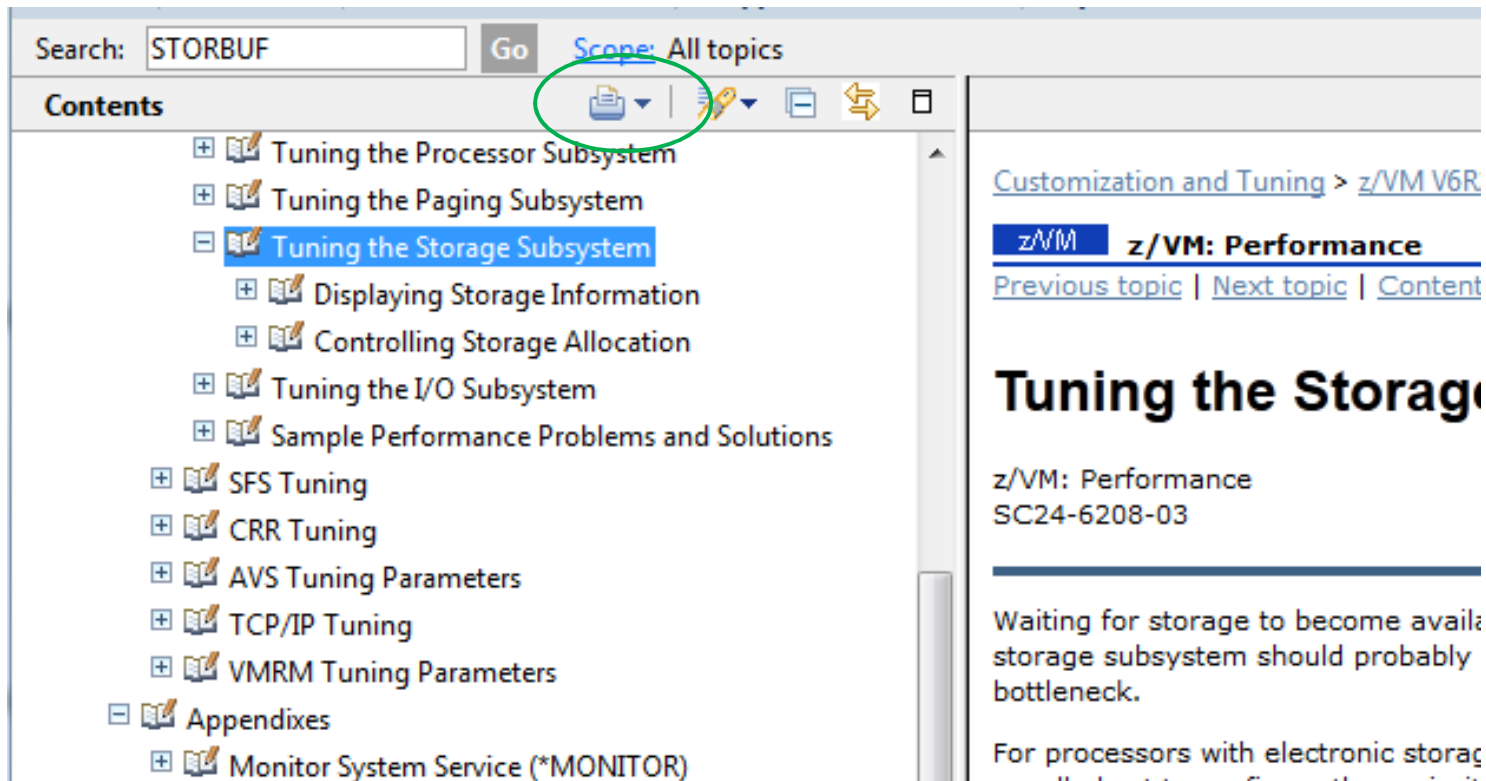
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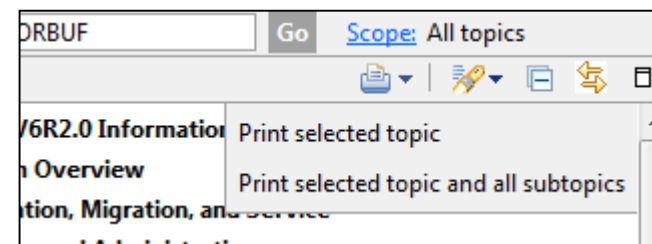
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- Twitter IBM
- Contact z/VM development
- Find a Business Partner
- Call IBM: 1-888-853-2331 (Priority code: 101A012W)

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- [About z/VM](#)
- [Products and Features](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
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- [How to Buy](#)
- [Install](#)
- [Service](#)
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z/VM Home Page – Navigation Bar

The image shows the IBM z/VM Home Page navigation bar. The top navigation bar includes the IBM logo, links for Industries & solutions, Services, Products, Support & downloads, and My IBM, along with a search bar. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads "IBM Systems > Mainframe servers >".

The main content area features a large graphic of stacked blocks representing various IBM technologies, including Linux, VM SSI, CP, and others.

On the left, a sidebar is expanded, showing the following sections:

- Contact IBM** (+)
- Browse z/VM** (-)
 - About z/VM
 - News
 - Education
 - Events Calendar
 - History and Heritage
 - Buy / Install
 - z/VM Library
 - Downloads
 - Resources
 - Support and services
- IBM TechDocs** (+)
- IBM Redbooks for System z & Linux** (+)

On the right, a "Contact IBM" section is visible, featuring a "Email IBM" button, links for "Contact z/VM development" and "Find a Business Partner", and a "Call IBM" section with the number 1-866-883-8901 and priority code 101A513W. Below this, a list of links for "Browse z/VM", "IBM TechDocs", and "IBM Redbooks for System z & Linux" is shown, each with a "+" icon.

An orange arrow points to the "Expand Here" text next to the "Browse z/VM" link in the right sidebar.

At the bottom, a footer section contains text about "enhancements to z/VM 6.3, which included support for guest exploitation for compression acceleration using the zEDC" and "point-and-click graphical user interface to harness the power of z/VM on the IBM System z server. IBM Wave streamlines".

The URL www.ibm.com/us/en/ is displayed in the bottom left corner.

Navigation Bar on Landing Page

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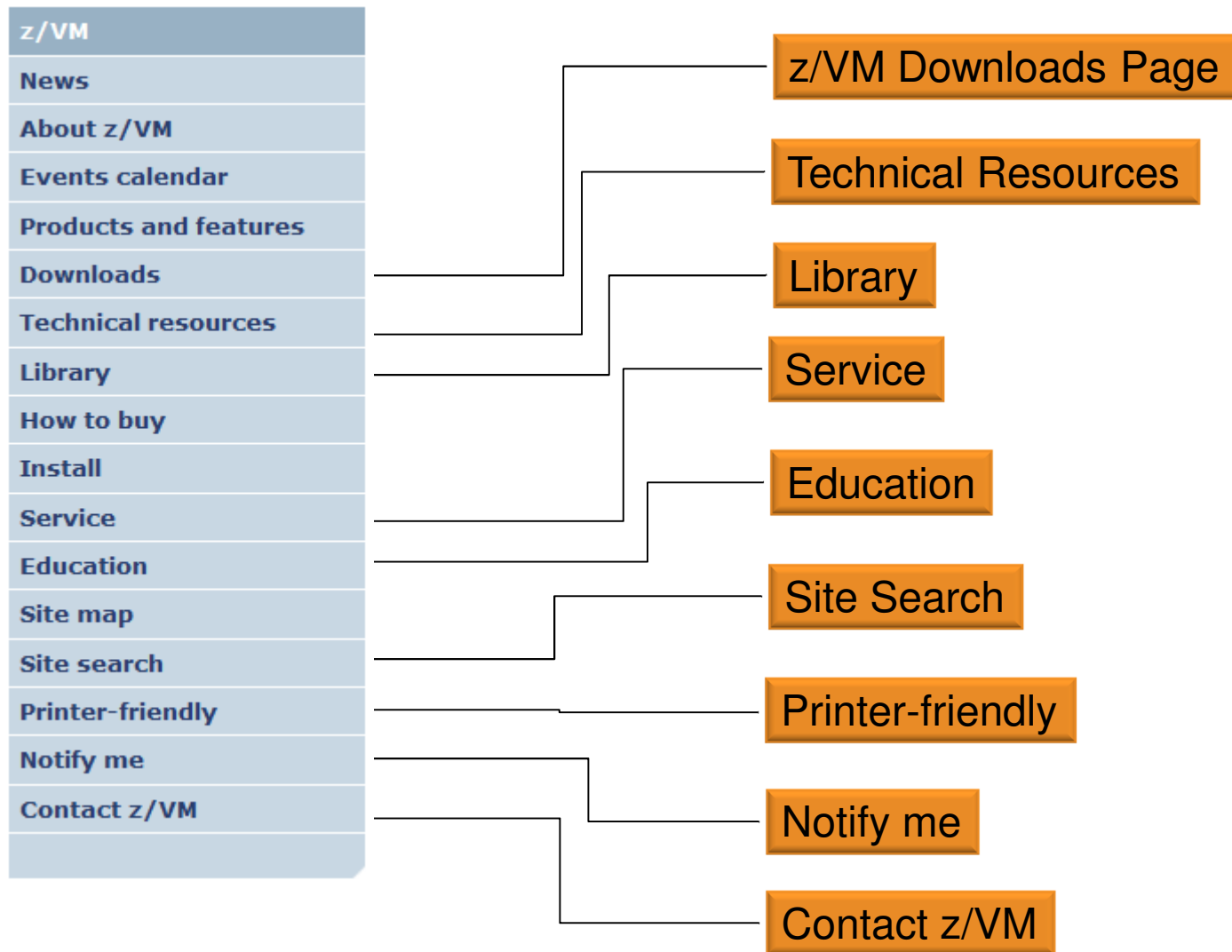
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→ Find a Business Partner

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Priority code: 101AS13W

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Left Navigation Bar Highlights



z/VM Technical Resources Page

- Collection of links:
 - Information on each release of z/VM
 - Information on the VM Community
 - Order and upgrade information
 - Networking, Security, Performance, Systems Management, etc. subsystem pages
 - Guest Operating Systems
 - Application Development

z/VM Service Page

- Important Service news

- Links to program directories and other important information
 - “Program Directories” are documents intended for the system programmer responsible for program installation, covering such topics as: Support, Installation, and Service.

- Links to other IBM service related pages
 - PSP (Preventive Service Planning) Buckets: definitive source for what service you need to support devices, processors, z/VM
 - IBM Support Portal

- Link to Red Alert Page

z/VM Service Red Alert Page

- This page documents critical service information, examples:
 - APARs that are important though the abstract might not be obvious as to why you would need it.
 - Problems related to different factors (e.g. millicode change and unrelated z/VM feature)
 - Potential high-impact problems where APAR or PTF may not be available yet.

- Low number of red alerts, ~ 1 to 3 per year

- Highly recommend you subscribe for notification of changes to this page.

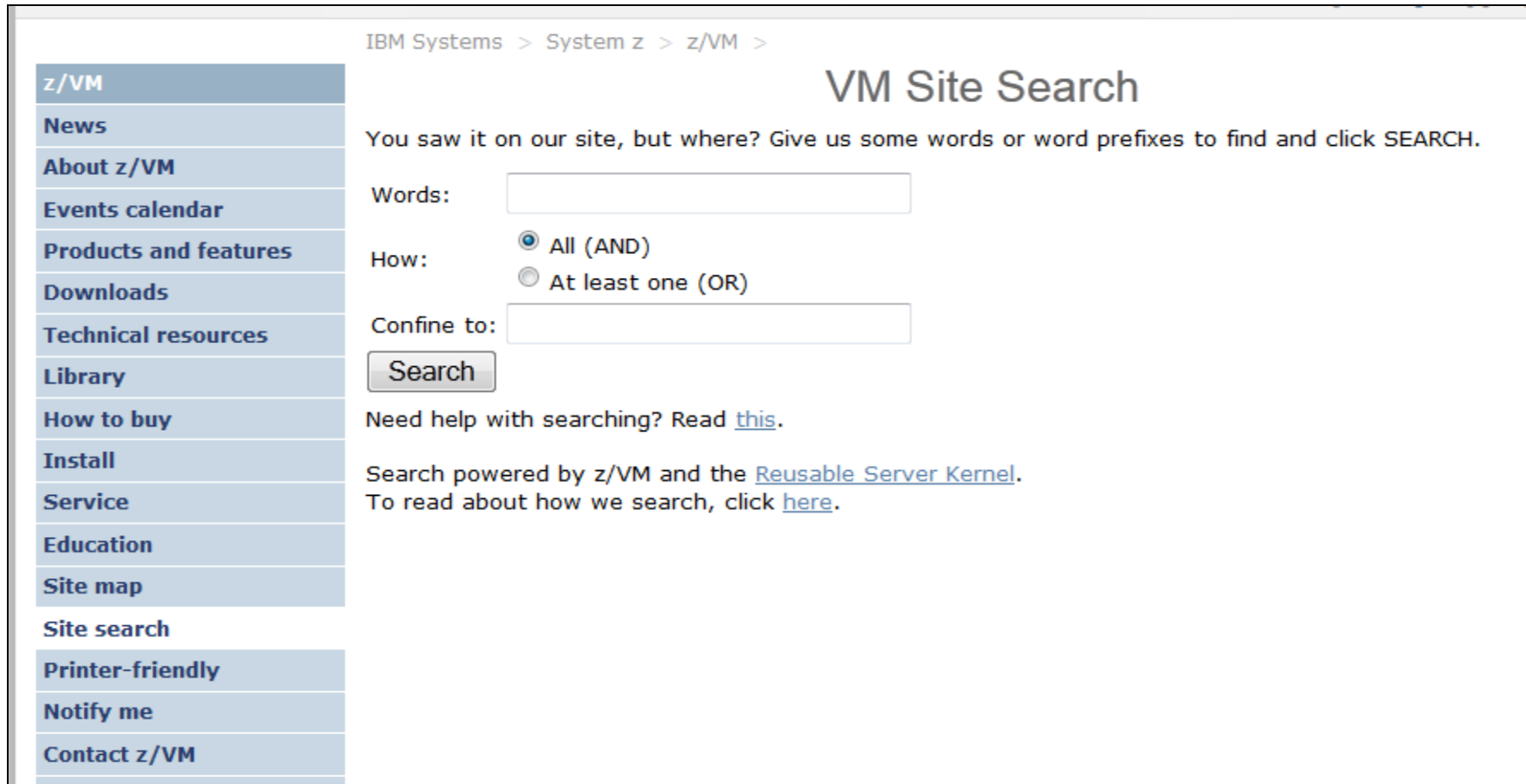
z/VM Education Page

- Live Virtual Classes
 - Timely Webcasts on key topics
 - Linux and z/VM
 - Replays available
- Pointers to formal IBM courses
- Some Online Tutorials



z/VM Home Page Site Search

- Located on left navigation bar is link for “Site Search”
- Special search for just the z/VM Home Page



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VM Site Search

You saw it on our site, but where? Give us some words or word prefixes to find and click SEARCH.

Words:

How: ☒ All (AND) ☐ At least one (OR)

Confine to:

Need help with searching? Read [this](#).

Search powered by z/VM and the [Reusable Server Kernel](#).
To read about how we search, click [here](#).

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* Your e-mail address: (for example, you@yourcompany.com)	<input type="text"/>
* File: (for example, /service /rsu/rsu_eso.html) (required for enroll and unenroll) (ignored for query)	<input type="text" value="/service/redalert/index.html"/>

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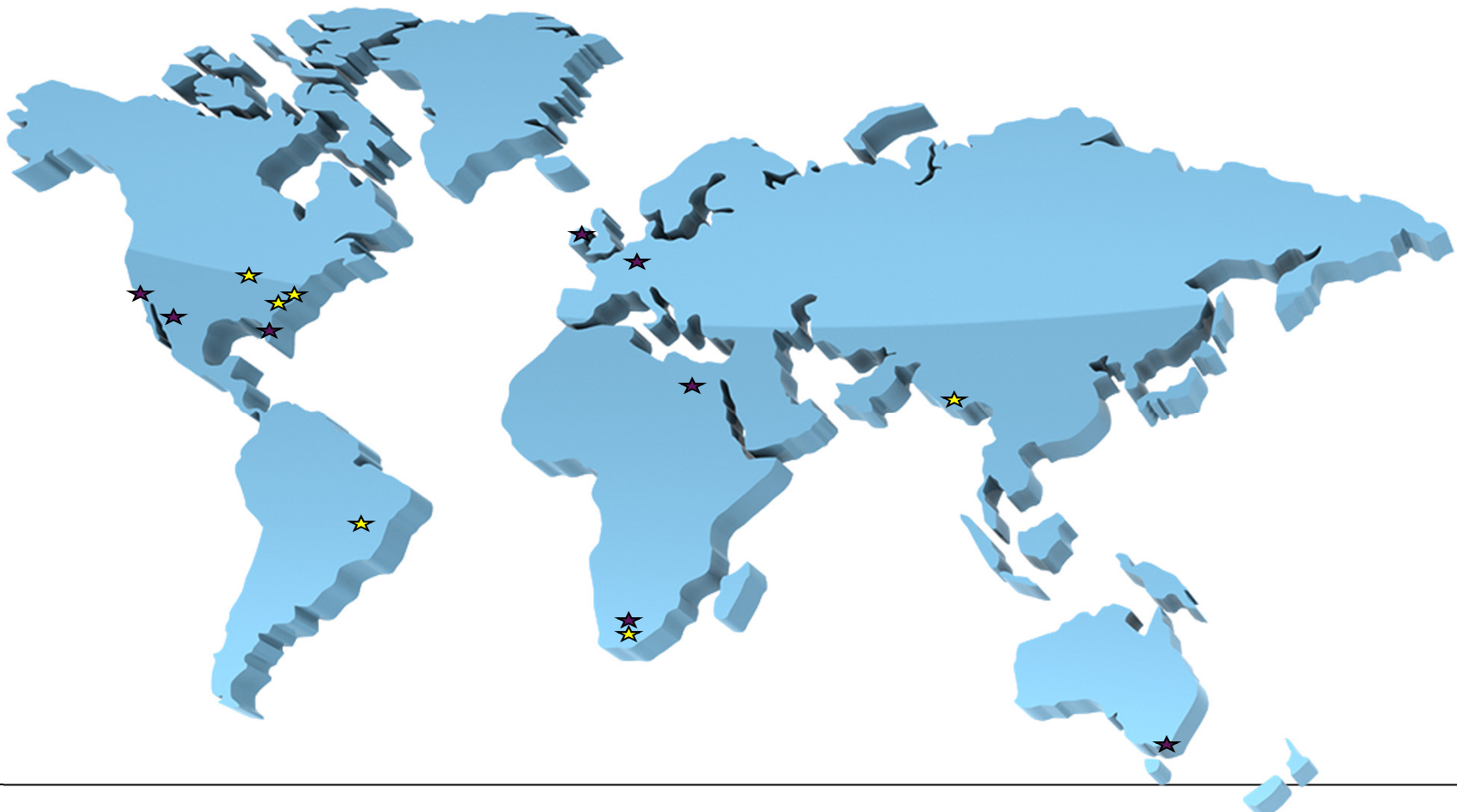
Other Web Pages

- Linux on System z Portal
 - <http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/linux/>
- IBM System z You Tube Channel
 - <http://www.youtube.com/user/IBMSystemZ>
- ISV Products for Linux on z/VM
 - <http://www.ibm.com/systems/z/solutions/isv/linuxproduct.html>
- Melinda Varian's History of VM Community
 - <http://www.leeandmelindavarian.com/Melinda/index.html>
- Excellent White Paper on Virtualization by Solitaire International
 - <http://public.dhe.ibm.com/common/ssi/ecm/en/zsl03192usen/ZSL03192USEN.PDF>
- White Papers from IBM on Linux and z/VM
 - <http://www-03.ibm.com/support/techdocs/atmastr.nsf/Web/WP-ByProduct?OpenDocument&Start=1&Count=1000&Expand=11>

World Wide Events and Local User Groups

★ z/VM Events: <http://www.vm.ibm.com/events/>

★ Local User Groups around the world: <http://www.vm.ibm.com/events/usergrps.html>



Mailing Lists

- There are two very helpful mailing lists:
 - IBMVM
 - LINUX-390
- Experts available 24 x 365
- Can subscribe to get each message as an email or daily digest form
 - Average about 25 messages a day
- Recommend subscribing even if you do not have a question!
- People all over world available to help answer questions
- For information and instructions to subscribe, see <http://www.vm.ibm.com/techinfo/listserv.html>



z/VM Help

- CMS HELP command is part of the z/VM system
- Provides information on:
 - Common tasks
 - Commands from various components and features
 - Is usually the same information as the Command Reference Book
 - Glossary (Terminology)
 - Messages
 - Macros and Routines
- Updated with service
- Menu driven


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z/VM HELP, main panel

The help panels listed below provide information about various
z/VM functions, topics, and tasks.
To view a help panel, move the cursor to any character of the name
or description and press the ENTER key or the PF1 key.

HELP      - z/VM HELP Facility topics
MENUS     - z/VM help menus
TASKS     - Basic z/VM tasks
AVS       - AVS commands
CMS       - CMS commands
CP        - CP commands
DIRMAINT  - DirMaint commands
DIRMAINT  - DirMaint topics
DUMPS     - Dump commands, subcommands, and utilities
DYNIO     - Dynamic I/O tasks
GLOSSARY  - Definitions of terms
LE        - Language Environment commands
LIBRARY   - z/VM bibliography
MACROS    - CMS assembler macros (menu)
MACROS    - Assembler macros and functions (types)
MESSAGES  - Messages and codes
OPEN      - OpenExtensions services and APIs
PERFKIT   - Performance Toolkit topics
PIPE      - CMS Pipelines stages and subcommands
PIPE      - CMS Pipelines tasks
QUERYSET  - QUERY and SET commands and subcommands
ROUTINES  - CMS callable services (menu)
ROUTINES  - CMS routines (types)
RSCS     - RSCS Networking commands and link parameters
STATEMTS  - REXX, EXEC 2, and EXEC statements
SUBCMDS   - Subcommand groups, such as XEDIT
TCPIP     - TCP/IP commands

PF1= Help      2= Top      3= Quit      4= Return      5= Clocate      6= ?
PF7= Backward  8= Forward  9= PFkeys   10=             11=             12= Cursor

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HELP for a Command

- Following may be included:
 - Command syntax diagram (aka Railroad Tracks)
 - Authorization – e.g. privilege command required
 - Purpose – brief description
 - Operands – description of each operand on the command
 - Options – description of each option
 - Usage Notes
 - Examples
 - Responses
 - Messages
- Some commands may have so many operands or options that they are presented as part of a menu or with “related” information
 - Example: HELP CPSET
 - Example: HELP MONITOR MENU

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MONITOR

Purpose

Use the MONITOR commands to control the selection, collection, and reporting
of data from the host system:

    o MONITOR EVENT controls monitoring of event data
    o MONITOR SAMPLE controls monitoring of sample data
    o MONITOR START starts both event and sample monitoring
    o MONITOR STOP stops all monitoring.

For information on the individual MONITOR command operands, press PF11.

Usage Notes

(General for MONITOR)

1. MONITOR commands can be run from virtual machines with the A/E
   privilege. In order to avoid conflict among the commands, the
   administrator should be aware of the virtual machines that have the
   privilege to run the monitor commands.

2. MONITOR START can be issued before or after a user connects to
   *MONITOR. If the MONITOR START command is issued before any connection
   to *MONITOR, monitor recording goes into a pending state until a user
   connects to *MONITOR. The following must be done before the monitor
   recording gets activated:

    o A saved segment must be defined and saved for the monitor
    o An application program running in a virtual machine must load the
      monitor saved segment and connect to the *MONITOR CP system service
    o A MONITOR START command must be issued.

3. Both the event and sample profiles can be changed after monitoring has
   PF1= 2= Top 3= Quit 4= Return 5= Clocate 6= ?
   PF7= Backward 8= Forward 9= PFkeys 10= 11= Related 12= Cursor

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Related Information

For information on each MONITOR operand,
place the cursor under the topic of your choice
and press ENTER or the PF1 key.

MONITOR - Control monitoring of event data
EVENT
MONITOR - Control monitoring of sample data
SAMPLE
MONITOR - Start both event and sample monitoring
START
MONITOR - Stop all monitoring
STOP

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PF1= Help      2= Top      3= Quit      4= Return      5= Clocate      6= ?
PF7= Backward  8= Forward  9= PFkeys   10= Morehelp   11=             12= Cursor

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Other Uses of HELP

- HELP TASKS TASK
 - List of common tasks (e.g. “Create or change files”)
- HELP SYNTAX
 - Explains how to read syntax diagrams
- HELP GLOSSARY or HELP GLOSSARY *term*
 - Brings up glossary list and goes to term if available
- HELP *message*
 - Looks up message and provides information on it
 - Example: HELP HCP1810I
- HELP HCPnnnnW
 - Provides Help on CP wait state number nnnn

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MSG HCP1810I All Help Information line 1 of 27
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HCP1810I The variations of this message are explained below.

        -userid: Current storage use guest_footprint exceeds available
        capacity on destination destination_resource by difference

        -userid: Current storage use exceeds capacity on destination

Explanation: The current storage footprint of this virtual machine exceeds
the current available storage resources (central storage, expanded storage,
and auxiliary storage) on the destination system. Allowing such a virtual
machine to relocate could result in a system abend. The current storage
footprint includes the pageable and non-pageable CP storage required to
virtualize the guest, in addition to all storage currently used in its base
address space and for all of its virtual disks. If values are specified for
the current storage footprint of the virtual machine and the current available
resource of the destination system, please be aware that these values are
transient and should be considered subject to change.

System Action: The relocation is terminated with no further action. The
virtual machine continues to run on the source system.

User Response: Take steps on the destination system to reduce the system load
or increase paging capacity. Alternatively, you could relocate this virtual
machine to a different system with adequate capacity in the SSI cluster.

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Summary

- Lots of information is available
- Never be afraid to ask for help
 - IBMVM Mailing List
 - Your local IBM team
 - bitnerb@us.ibm.com
- Your assignment for after session:
 - ☐ Subscribe to Red Alert Page
 - ☐ Subscribe to IBMVM and Linux-390 Mailing Lists
 - ☐ Introduce yourself on the Mailing Lists
 - ☐ Bookmark www.vm.ibm.com
 - ☐ Bookmark the z/VM Information Center
 - ☐ Read first few chapters of the CMS Primer
 - ☐ Send Bill Bitner an email to tell him what topic you have trouble understanding and would like IBM to work on a small tutorial or video or other aid to learning

Please remember to fill out an evaluation. Thanks!



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Bill's Cheat Sheet Version 1.2

Processor	Model
z900	2064
z800	2066
z990	2084
z890	2086
z9 EC	2094
z9 BC	2096
z10 EC	2097
z10 BC	2098
z196	2817
z114	2818
zEC12	2827
zBC12	2828
z13	2964
zPDT	1090

z/VM Release	Supported LCPUs	Supported Cstore	Supported Xstore
z/VM V6R3	32 (64 on z13)	1024GB	128GB
z/VM V6R2	32	256GB	128GB
z/VM V6R1	32	256GB	128GB
z/VM V5R4	32	256GB	128GB

Pseudo Name	Name	Cylinders	Space	Dev Type Value
3390-3	3390-3	3339	2.3GB	0A
3390-9	3390-9	10017	6.9GB	0C
3390-A	3390-A	>64K		0E

z/VM Release	CMS Level
z/VM V6R3	27
z/VM V6R2	26
z/VM V6R1	25
z/VM V5R4	24

Conversions

1 Page = 4KB = 4096 Bytes
1 MB = 256 pages
1 GB = 262144 pages
180 4 KB blocks per 3390 Cylinder
1 FullWord = 4 Bytes
1 KB Kilobyte = 1024 Bytes
1 GB Gigabyte = 1024 Megabyte
1 TB Terabyte = 1024 Gigabyte
1 EB Exabyte = 1024 Terabyte

Time

1 millisecond = 0.001 seconds (10^{-3})
1 microsecond = 0.000001 seconds (10^{-6})
1 nanosecond = 0.000000001 seconds (10^{-9})
1 microsecond = 4096 TOD clock units

64 Bit TOD clock --> bit 51 = 1 microsecond

To convert a TOD value in pipes (example TOD of 7FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF):
pipe strliteral 7FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF| dateconv todabs isodate timeout | cons