

z/OS Central Storage Management

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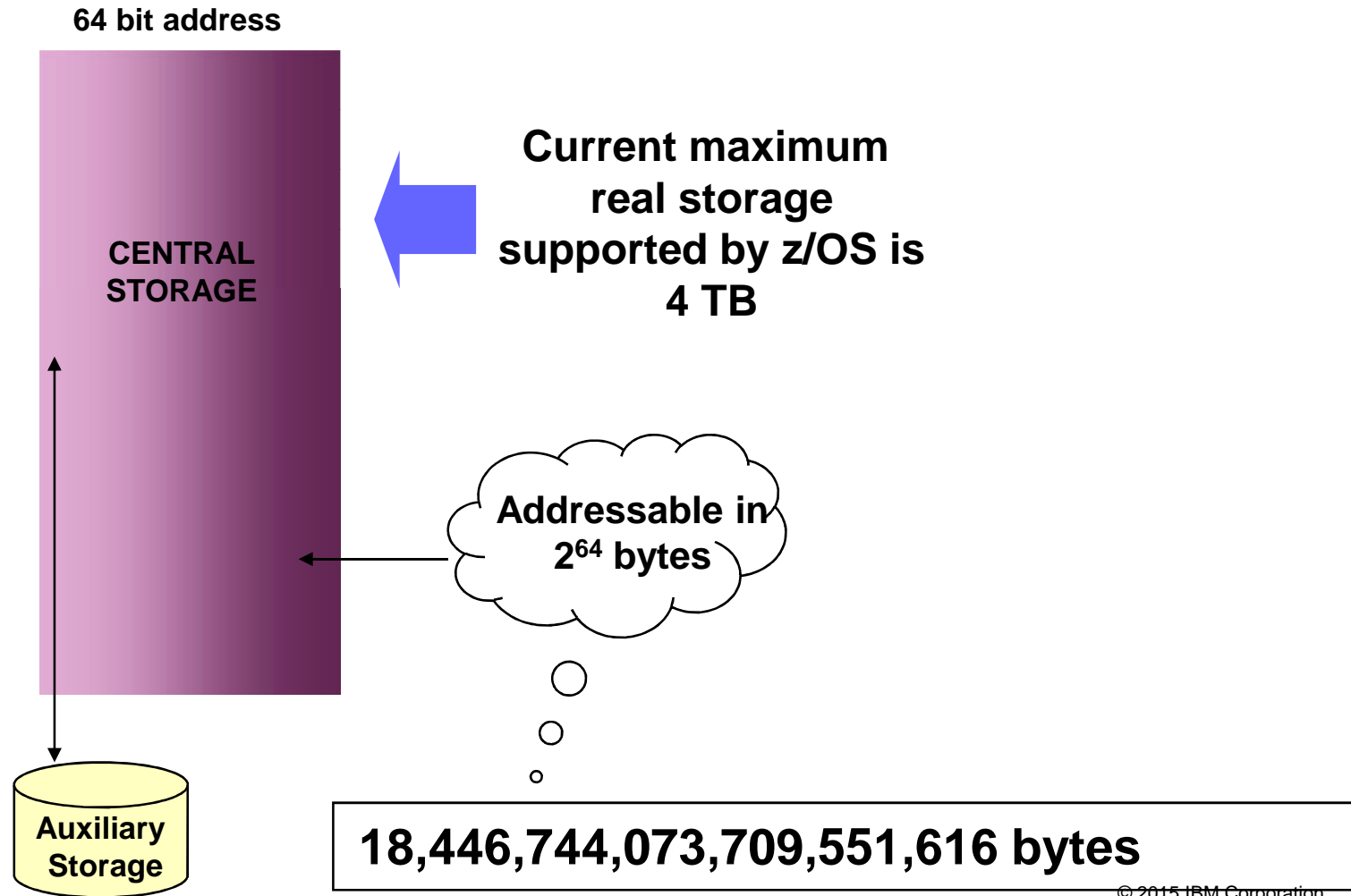
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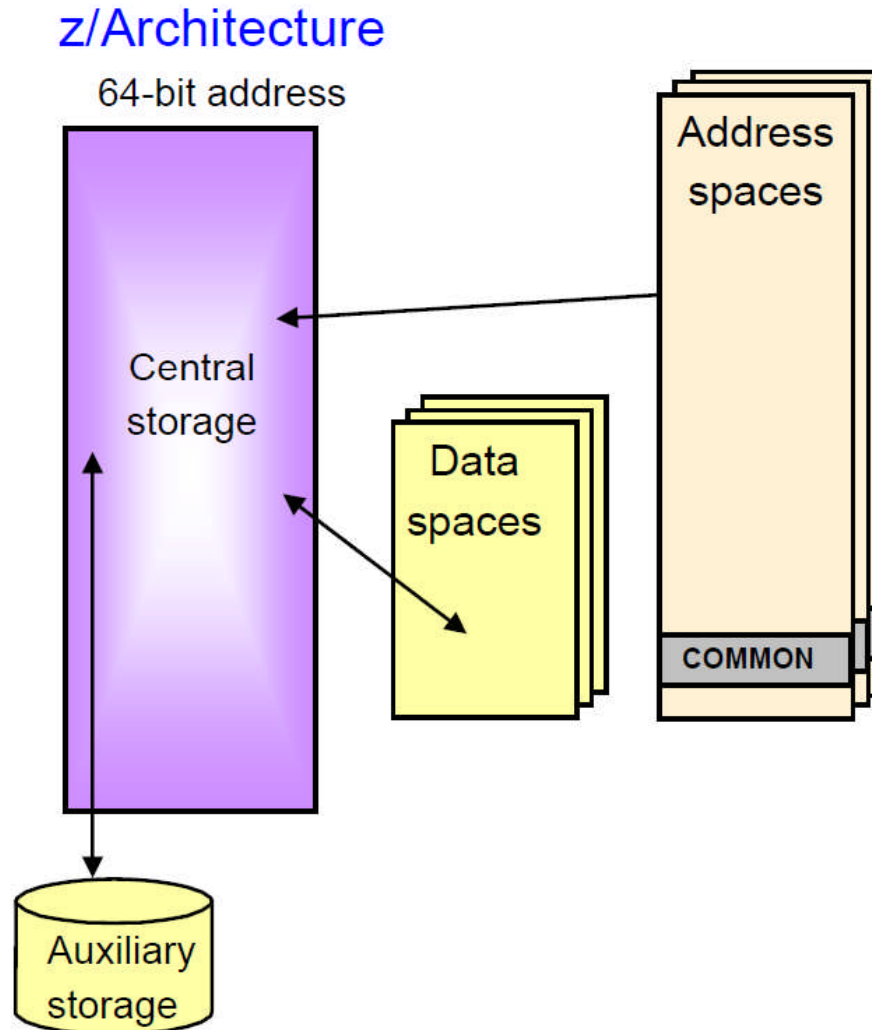
- Overview of Storage Management
 - Architecture Overview
 - Virtual Storage Areas
 - Real Storage
 - Value of Large Frames
- Storage Contention and Paging
 - UIC
 - Available Frame Queue
- Storage Shortage Management
 - Pageable Storage Shortage Processing
 - Auxiliary Storage Shortage Processing

Enterprise Server Storage: Central and Aux

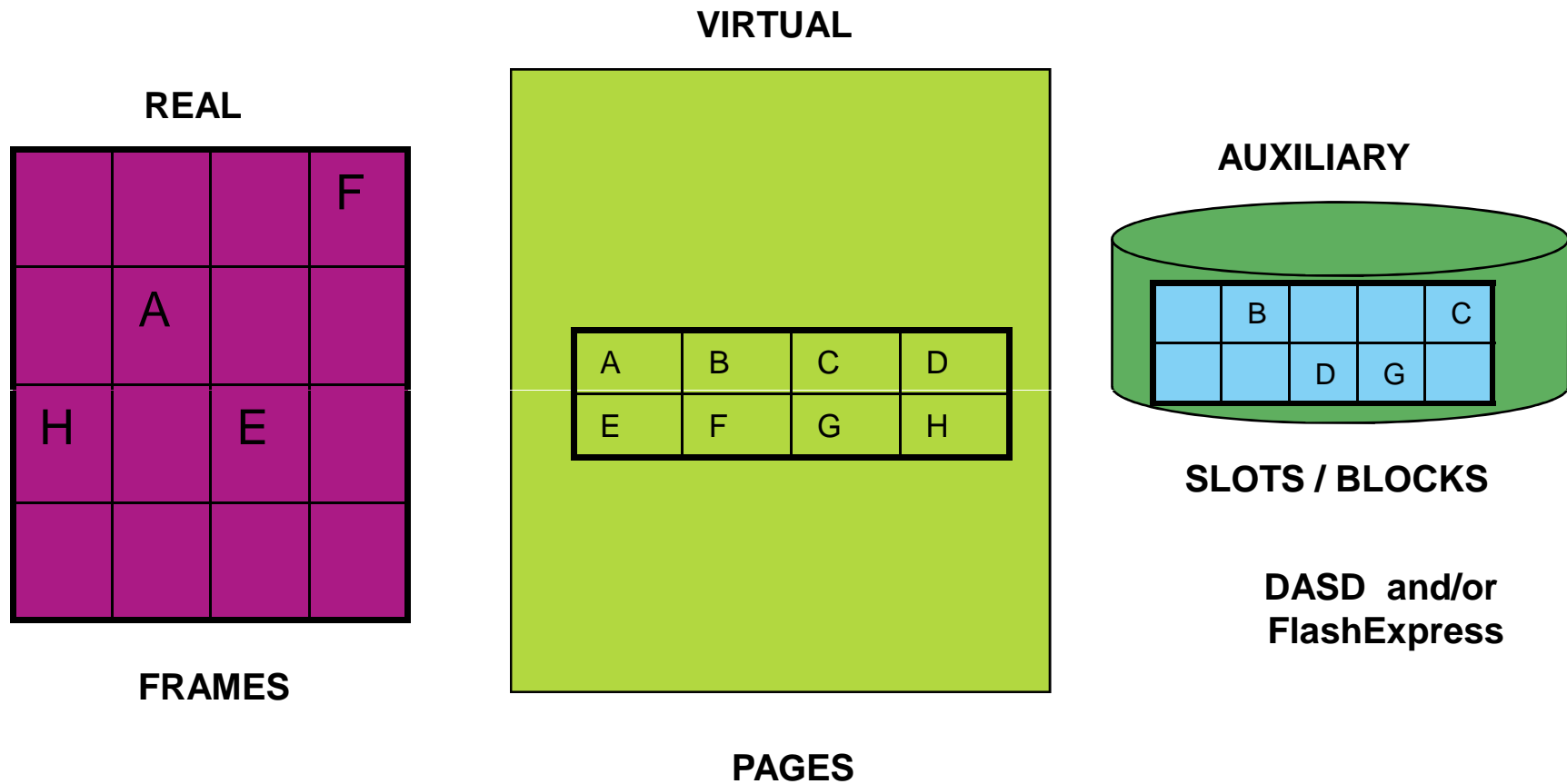
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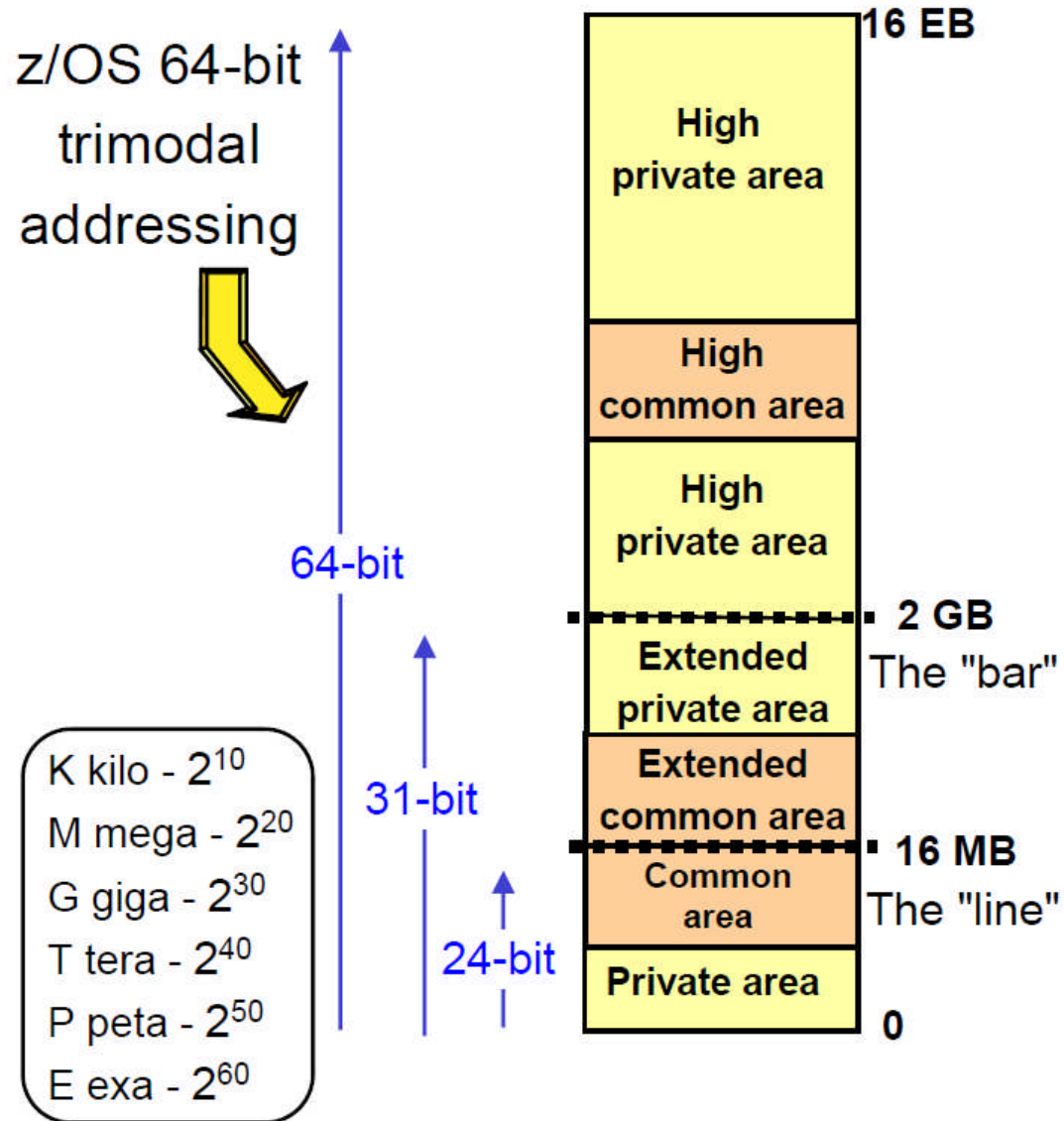
Enterprise Server Storage: Real and Virtual



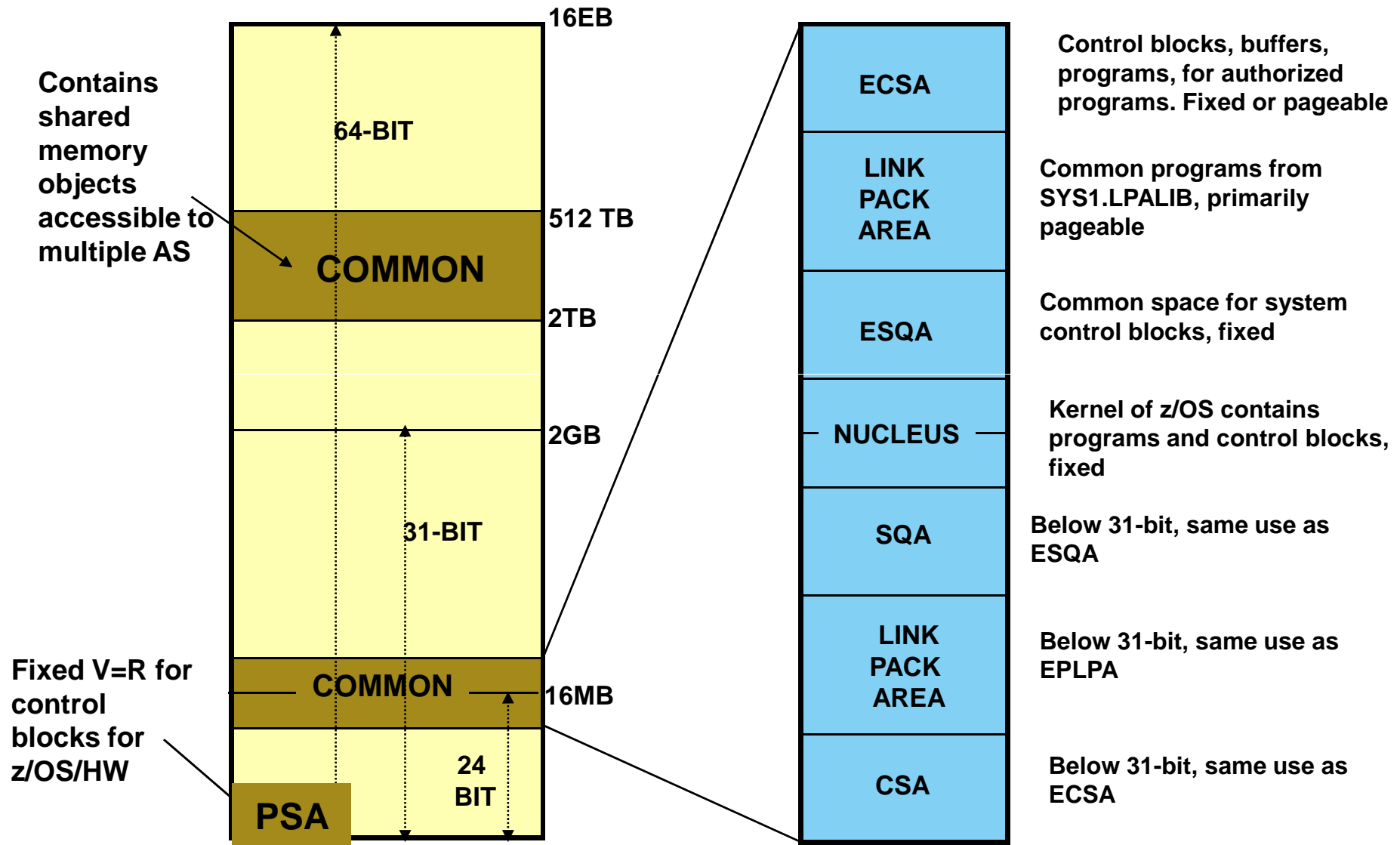
Frames, Pages, and Slots



Address Space Layout



Common Area Layout



Virtual Storage

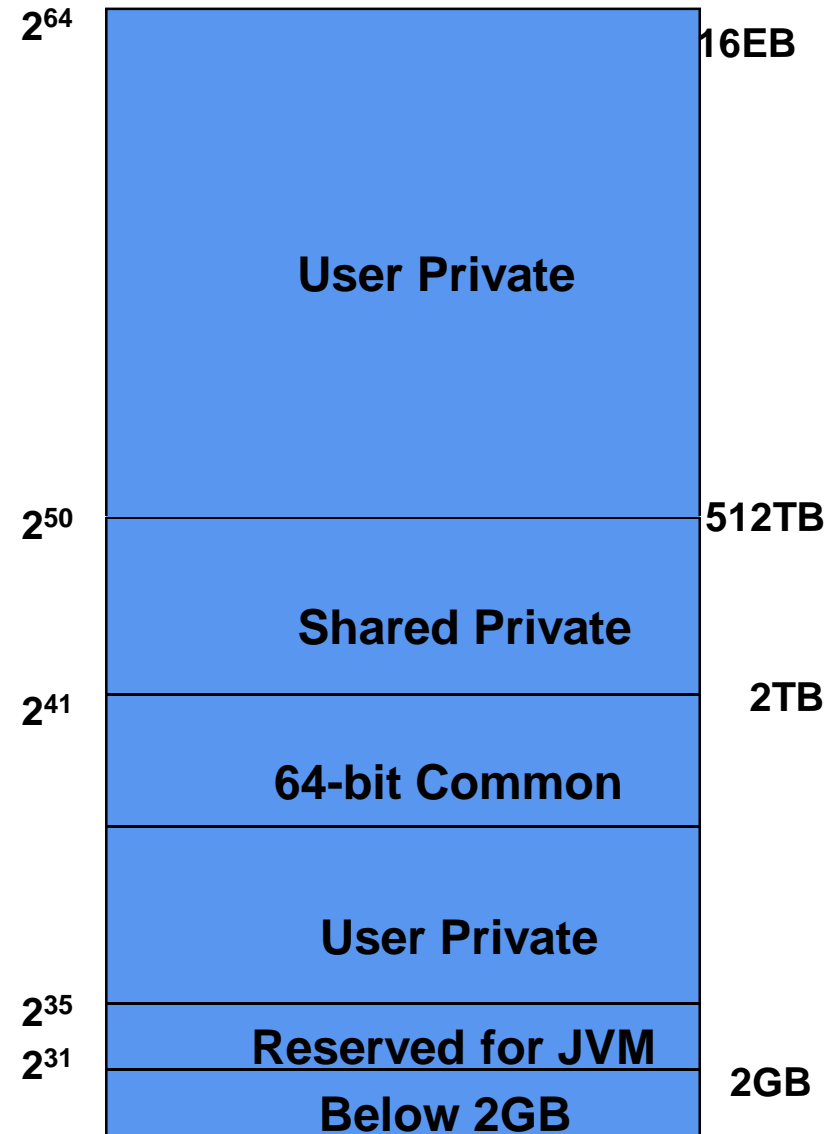
- RMF Report
 - SMF 78 record
 - REPORT(VSTOR)
- Size of (E)CSA and (E)SQA are defined at IPL via SYS1.Parmlib
- Private region is still important to monitor for 24-bit programs

STATIC STORAGE MAP		
AREA	ADDRESS	SIZE
EPVT	1CD00000	1587M
<u>ECSA</u>	<u>8C20000</u>	<u>321M</u>
EMLPA	0	0K
EFLPA	8C1D000	12K
EPLPA	46DB000	69.3M
<u>ESQA</u>	<u>1BB7000</u>	<u>43.1M</u>
ENUC	1000000	11.7M
----- 16 MEG BOUNDARY -----		
NUCLEUS	FD6000	168K
<u>SQA</u>	<u>E95000</u>	<u>1284K</u>
PLPA	CE5000	1728K
FLPA	CDA000	44K
MLPA	0	0K
<u>CSA</u>	<u>900000</u>	<u>3944K</u>
<u>PRIVATE</u>	2000	9208K
PSA	0	8K

Storage Map Above the Bar

- Virtual Storage above 2GB is obtained:
 - Memory objects using IARV64
 - Obtain private, shared, common, or DREF memory objects
 - Specify PAGEFRAMESIZE on request (4K, 1M, MAX, DREF, PAGEABLE1MEG, 2G)
 - Via IARST64 service
 - Allows callers to request private or common storage in sizes from 1 byte to 64k
 - Via IARCP64
 - Allows callers to request a private or common storage cell pool with cells in sizes from 1 byte to almost half a meg

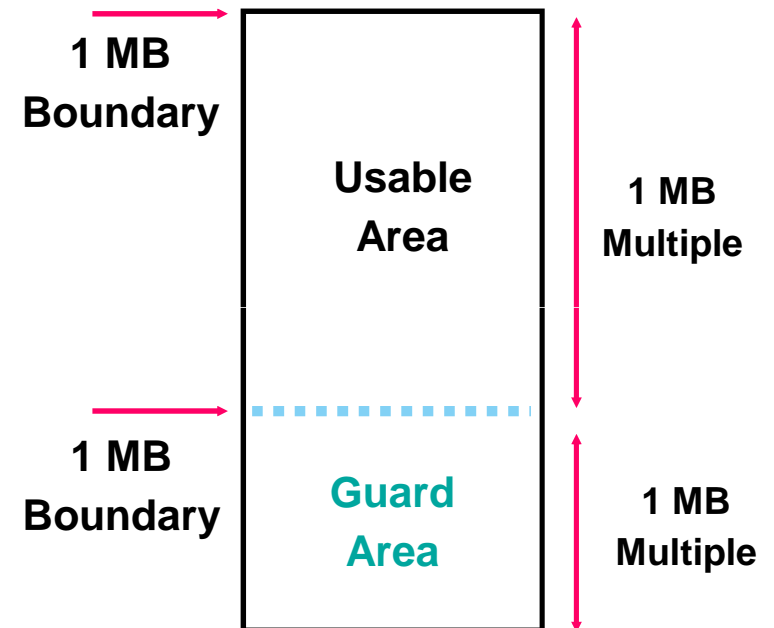
- MEMLIMIT controls private virtual storage above the bar
 - Via SMFPRMxx, JCL, IEFUSI exit



Memory Objects

Memory Objects are

- ▶ Contiguous range of virtual addresses
 - ▶ Allocated as a number of 1 MB increments of storage, on a 1 MB boundary
 - ▶ Some of the memory is useable virtual storage, and the rest is not valid and is called the "*guard*" area
 - ▶ Extent of useable virtual can be changed with a compensatory change in the extent of the guard area
- **Memory Object attributes:**
- ▶ Allocated by a single request and freed in it's entirety
 - ▶ Defined with a single storage protection key and fetch protection attribute
 - ▶ Private memory objects are owned by a task
 - ▶ Memory management operations must be performed within an object, i.e. cannot cross a memory object boundary



Allocating Virtual Storage

- The size of the High Common, High Shared and Large Frames areas are defined in the IEASYSxx parmlib member

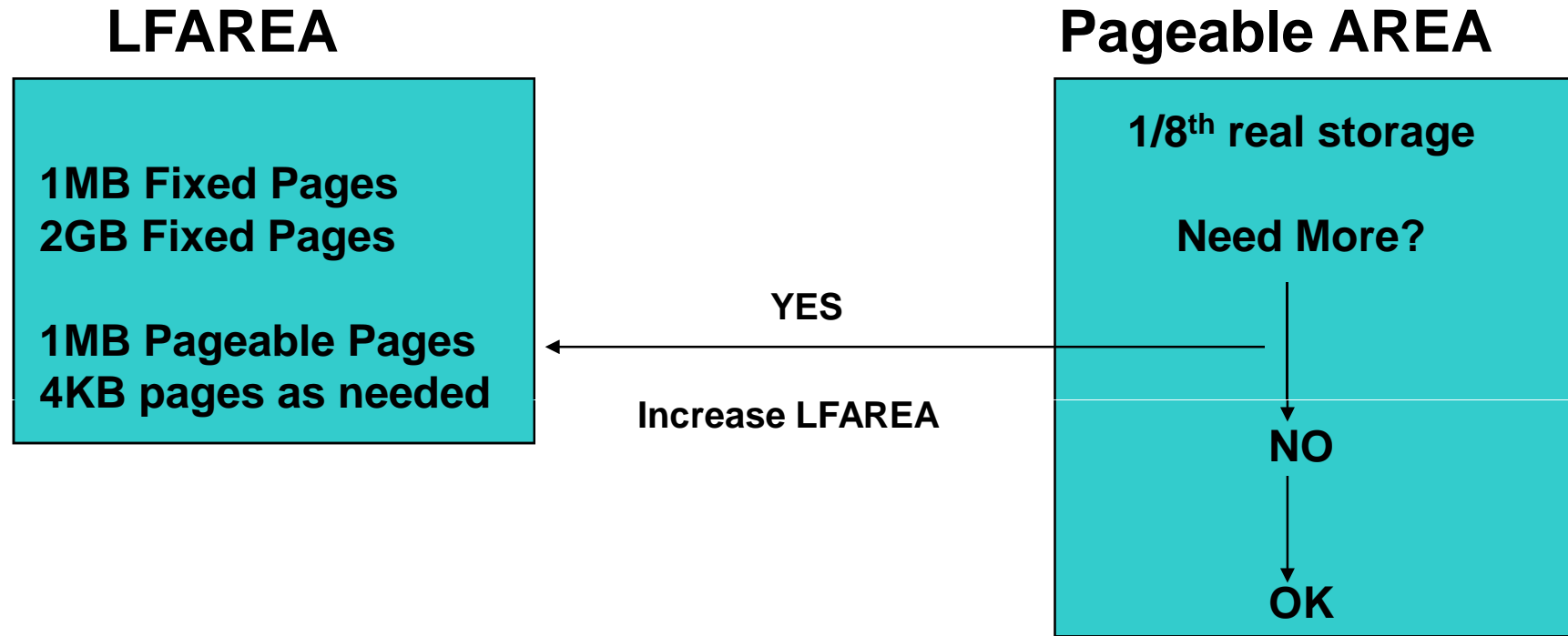
HVCOMMON	=(xxxG xxxT)	Default = 64G
HVSHARE	=(xxxG xxxT xxxE)	Default = 510T
LFAREA	=(1M=(target[%],min),2G=(target[%],min))	<u>Default = none</u>

- The LFAREA controls the amount of real storage allocated to support 1MB fixed and 2GB fixed pages
 - Can only be changed by an IPL so plan and monitor closely
 - LPAR must have more than 4GB of real storage to get an LFAREA, and must have 6.5GB of real storage to get a single 2GB page
 - Backed by contiguous 4K pages at allocation time
 - Free 1MB pages can be used if available 4K pages become constrained
 - Available storage in the LFAREA can be used to support pageable 1MB pages
 - Over-allocation of LFAREA can have a negative effect on the system if it reduces the quantity of 4K pages needed for normal system operations

1 MB Pageable Large Pages

- The pageable 1MB page area is set to approximately 1/8th of the real storage
 - Can be used to support 4KB page requests
- Obtained via the IARV64 GETSTOR|GETCOMMON macro
 - Requires z/OS 2.1 or 1.13 with RSM Enablement Offering
 - Requires zEC12, zBC12, or z13 processor
- Pageable large pages are backed when referenced
 - Fixed large pages are backed at allocation time
- Pageable large pages can be moved to Aux
 - **With Flash**, large pages are paged to Flash and retain their ‘large page’ attribute
 - **Without Flash**, large pages will be demoted to 256 4KB pages, a page table will be built and pages sent to Aux
 - Pages lose their ‘large page’ attribute
 - Potential performance problem because no enhancements to AUX DASD I/O performance
- Every SCM capable LPAR will receive an allocation of 1 MB Pageable pages
 - Allows for the dynamic addition (hot plugging) of Flash Express Cards

Sizing Storage



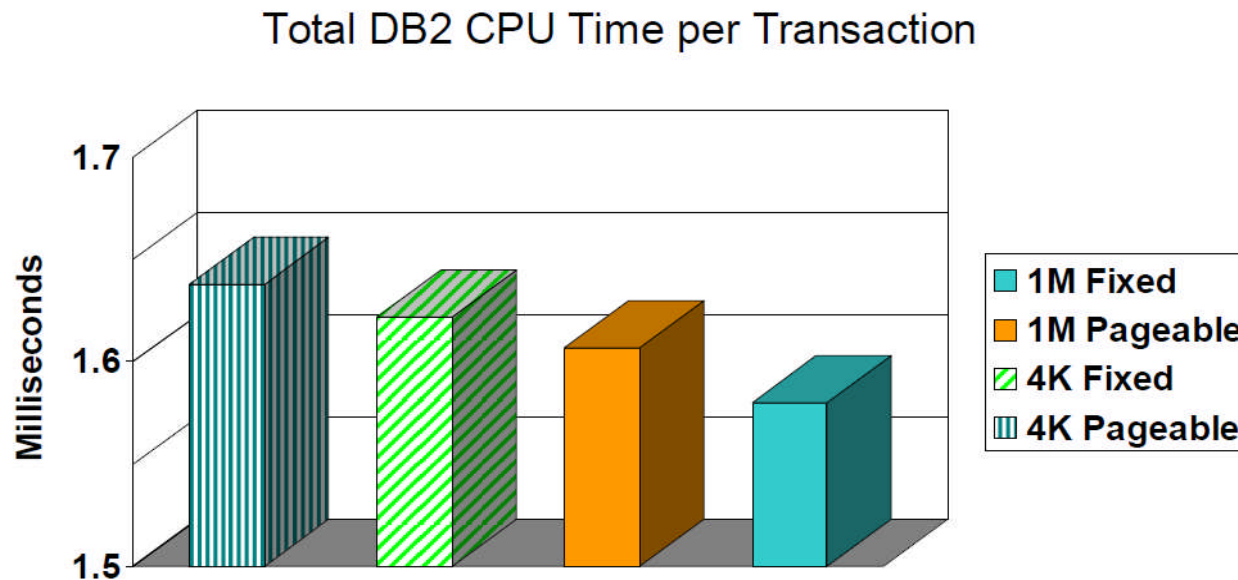
Large Frames require contiguous memory!

The Value of Large Memory

- Substantial Latency Reduction for OLTP workloads
 - Significant response time reductions
 - Increased transaction rates
- In-Memory Databases see dramatic gains in response time by avoiding I/O wait
- Batch Window Reduction
 - More concurrent workloads
 - Shorter elapsed times for jobs
- CPU performance improvements
 - Increased application memory sizes due to 64-bit addressing has put pressure on the Hardware Translation Lookaside Buffer (TLB)
 - TLB sizes have remained relatively small due to low access time requirements and hardware space limitations
 - TLB coverage today represents a much smaller fraction of an applications working set leading to a larger number of TLB misses which can mean applications can incur a performance penalty due to the number of TLB misses and the increased CPU cost of each TLB miss
 - Large pages increase TLB coverage without proportionally enlarging the TLB
 - Large pages allow for a single TLB entry to fulfill many more address translations

Benefits of 1MB Frames - Example

- Using DB2 10, brokerage workload, all buffer pools were backed by real storage
- zEC12 16 CPs, 5000-6000 tps simple to complex transactions
 - 120GB real storage with LFAREA=70GB for 1MB measurements
- Results:
 - 1MB Pageable frames are 2% better than 4K pageable frames for the workload*
 - 1 MB Fixed Frames give the best overall performance



* Laboratory synthetic extensions used to create 1M Pageable Frames for buffer pools



Managing Memory Objects

- RMF Monitor 3 STORM report

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RMF V2R1      Storage Memory Objects      Line 1 of 62
Samples: 100  System: SYSB  Date: 09/20/14  Time: 15.00.00  Range: 100  Sec

----- System Summary -----
---MemObj---  ---Frames---  -1MB MemObj-  --1MB Fixed--  -1MB Pageable-
Shared      5  Shared 23562  Total      0  Total      0  Initial  7056
Common     70  Common 16496  Common     0  Common     0  Dynamic   0
              %Used  13.1              %Used  0.0              %Used  1.6
-----

Service      ----- Memory Objects ----- -1MB Frames- ----- Bytes -----
Jobname  C Class  ASID  Total  Comm  Shr  1 MB  Fixed  Pgable  Total  Comm  Shr

IXGLOGR  S SYSTEM  0027  256   0    0    0    0    4    258M  0    0
Z21SVR1  S OPSDEF  0088  231   0    2    0    0   101  7433M  0  64.0M
MQS2MSTR S SYSSTC  0099   38   1    0    0    0    0    239M  8192K  0
SMSPDSE1 S SYSTEM  0009   33   0    0    0    0    0    49.0M  0    0
    
```

Count of Memory Objects

Quantity of storage

$$\text{Private} = (\text{Total} - (\text{COMMON} + \text{SHaRed}))$$

Managing Memory Objects

■ RMF Postprocessor Report –REPORT(PAGING)

z/OS V2R1		SYSTEM ID SYSB		DATE 09/19/2014		
RPT VERSION V2R1 RMF		TIME 15.15.00		CYCLE 1.000 SECONDS		
-OPT = IEAOPT00		LFAREA SIZE = 0		MEMORY OBJECTS AND HIGH VIRTUAL STORAGE FRAMES		

MEMORY OBJECTS	COMMON	SHARED	1 MB			
-----	-----	-----	-----			
MIN	70	5	0			
MAX	70	5	0			
AVG	70	5	0			
1 MB FRAMES	----- FIXED -----			----- PAGEABLE -----		
-----	TOTAL	AVAILABLE	IN-USE	TOTAL	AVAILABLE	IN-USE
MIN	0	0	0	7,056	2,496	4,560
MAX	0	0	0	7,056	2,496	4,560
AVG	0	0	0	7,056	2,496	4,560
HIGH SHARED FRAMES	<u>TOTAL</u>	CENTRAL STORAGE		AUX DASD	AUX SCM	
-----	-----	-----		-----	-----	
MIN	136902.1M	23,562		0	0	
MAX	136902.1M	23,562		0	0	
AVG	136902.1M	23,562		0	0	
HIGH COMMON FRAMES	<u>TOTAL</u>	CENTRAL STORAGE	FIXED 4K	AUX DASD	AUX SCM	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	
MIN	17301504	16,493	1,718	0	0	
MAX	17301504	16,493	1,718	0	0	
AVG	17301504	16,493	1,718	0	0	

Operator Command Support

```
d virtstor,hvcommon
IAR019I
SOURCE = DV
TOTAL 64-BIT COMMON = 66G
64-BIT COMMON RANGE = 1982G-2048G
64-BIT COMMON ALLOCATED = 37M
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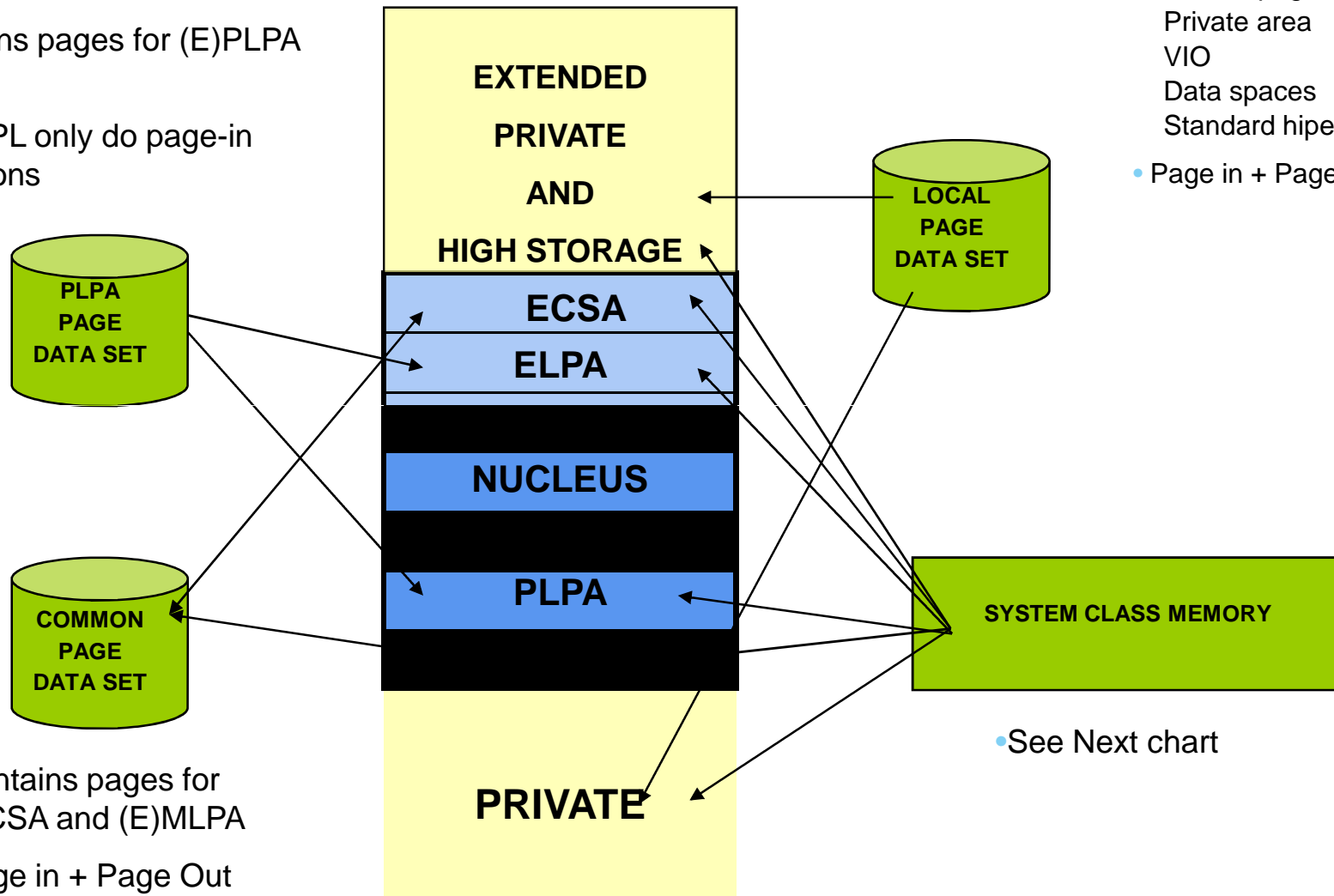
```
d virtstor,hvshare
IAR019I
SOURCE = DV
TOTAL SHARED = 66G
SHARED RANGE = 2048G-2112G
SHARED ALLOCATED = 0M
```

```
d virtstor,lfarea
IAR019I
SOURCE = DEFAULT
TOTAL LFAREA = 900M , 0G
LFAREA AVAILABLE = 1M , 0G
LFAREA ALLOCATED (1M) = 608M
LFAREA ALLOCATED (4K) = 0M
MAX LFAREA ALLOCATED (1M) = 685M
MAX LFAREA ALLOCATED (4K) = 0M
LFAREA ALLOCATED (PAGEABLE1M) = 191M
MAX LFAREA ALLOCATED (PAGEABLE1M) = 341M
LFAREA ALLOCATED NUMBER OF 2G PAGES = 0
MAX LFAREA ALLOCATED NUMBER OF 2G PAGES = 0
```

If the high water mark for the number of fixed large pages used on behalf of 4K page requests is high decrease the LFAREA size or add additional real storage

Paging and Auxiliary Datasets

- Contains pages for (E)PLPA only
- After IPL only do page-in operations



- Contains pages for:
 - Private area
 - VIO
 - Data spaces
 - Standard hiperspaces
- Page in + Page Out

- Contains pages for (E)CSA and (E)MLPA
- Page in + Page Out

• See Next chart

Storage Class Memory

Flash vs Disk Placement Criteria

Data Type	Data Page Placement
Pageable Link Pack Area (PLPA)	At IPL/NIP time PLPA pages will be placed both on flash and disk. PLPA data sets used for quick, and warm starts, SCM to resolve page faults.
VIO	VIO data will always be placed on disk (First to VIO accepting datasets with any spillover flowing to nonvio datasets)
HyperSwap Critical Address Space data	<p>If flash space is available, all virtual pages belonging to a HyperSwap Critical Address Space will be placed on flash memory.</p> <p>If flash space is not available, these pages will be kept in memory and only paged to disk when the system is real storage constrained and no other alternatives exist</p>
Pageable Large Pages	If contiguous flash space is available, pageable large pages will be preferentially written to flash.
All other data	If available space exists on both flash and disk then make a selection based on response time.

Operator Command – SCM and Aux

d asm

```

SYS1   IEE200I
TYPE      FULL  STAT   DEV   DATASET NAME
PLPA      100% FULL   02E6   SYS1.PLPA.PAGCOM
COMMON    60%   OK    02E6   SYS1.COMMON.PAGCOM
LOCAL     0%   OK    0481   SYS1.LOCAL1
LOCAL     0%   OK    0348   SYS1.LOCAL7
LOCAL     0%   OK    048A   SYS1.LOCAL8
SCM       12%   OK    N/A    N/A
PAGEDEL  COMMAND IS NOT ACTIVE

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d asm,scm

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SYS1   IEE207I
STATUS  FULL          SIZE          USED          IN-ERROR
IN-USE   12%        131,072        16,122          0

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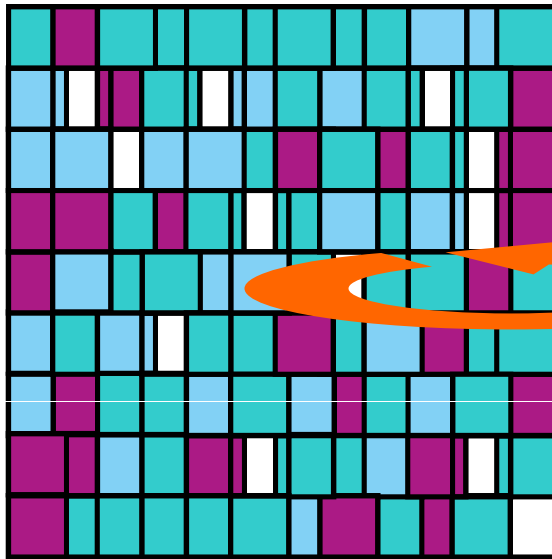
d m=scm

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SYS1   IEE174I
STORAGE-CLASS MEMORY STATUS
512M DEFINED
ONLINE
  0M-512M
  0M OFFLINE-AVAILABLE
SCM INCREMENT SIZE IS 1M

```

Measuring Central Storage Contention - UIC Calculation



- There are three different UIC's which can be displayed by performance monitors:
 - Current UIC
 - Minimum UIC
 - Maximum UIC

- **UIC – Unreferenced Interval Count**
 - The higher the UIC value, the less contention for storage in the system
 - The lower the UIC value, the more contention for storage in the system
- The page replacement algorithm z/OS uses was enhanced to more efficiently process large amounts of real storage
- Since z/OS 1.8, the UIC is defined as a single walk through all of central storage in seconds
- The UIC values seen in an RMF report will vary from 0 – 65535 (18 hours)
 - Values greater than 9999 are displayed as nnK



UIC Management

- RMF Mon 3 – STORR or STORS panel

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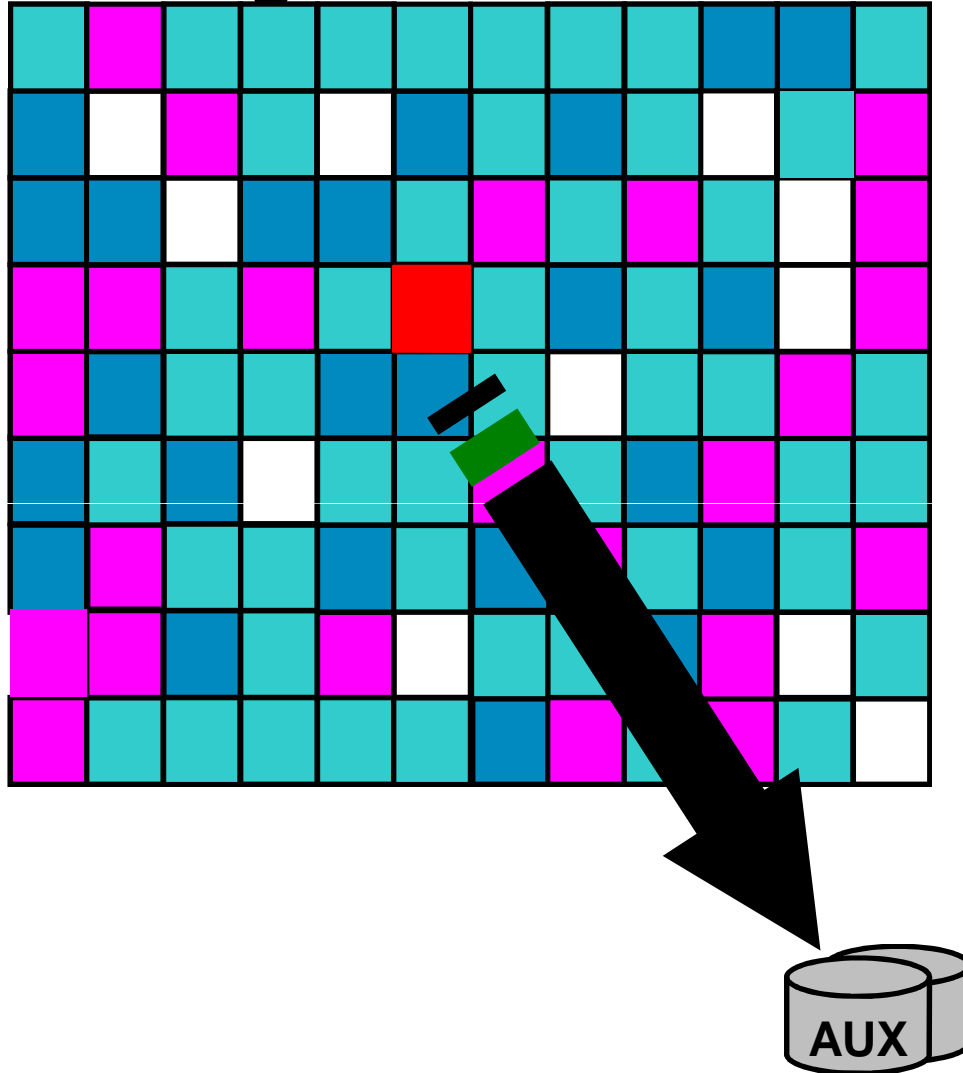
RMF V2R1      Storage Resource Delays
-----
----- Central Storage Summary -----
----- % Frames -----
NUC  SQA  CSA  LPA  ACTV  IDLE  AVAIL  SHR  Online  System
      0   0   0   0   4     0    94   0   16749K  65535
-----
----- Page/Swap Activity -----
Volume DEV      CU      ACT CON DSC PND Pend  SPACE - AVG Active Users-
Serial Type    Type    PAV  %   %   %   % Reasons TYPE  TOTL LOCL SWAP COMM
ZOSPG2 33903    2107      1  0  0  0  0 None  LOCL  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.0
    
```

• RMF Postprocessor – REPORT(PAGING)

```

z/OS V2R1          SYSTEM ID SYSB          DATE 09/19/2014          INTERVAL 05.00.001
OPT = IEAOPT00 LFAREA SIZE = 0 CENTRAL STORAGE MOVEMENT AND REQUEST RATES - IN PAGES PER
-----
-
SYSTEM UIC: MIN = 65535      MAX = 65535      AVG = 65535
    
```


Stealing in z/OS



- Pageable frame stealing is the process of taking an assigned central storage frame away from an address space to make it available for other purposes
- When there is a demand for pageable frames, RSM will steal frames which are unreferenced for a long time and return them to the system – (Available Frame Queue)
 - No demand, then there is no stealing
- Since z/OS 1.8 stealing works against the entire storage range (Global LRU)
- Still protect frames in address spaces if Storage Critical or has a protective target

Available Frame Queue Processing

- **MCCAFCTH=(*lowvalue*,*okvalue*)**
 - Specifies the low and the OK threshold values for storage
 - The *lowvalue* indicates the number of frames on the available frame queue when stealing begins
 - The *okvalue* indicates the number of frames on the available frame queue when stealing ends
- SRM manages the queue and starts the stealing process when the number of frames falls below the threshold
- The defaults are:
 - LOW will vary between MAX(MCCAFCTH lowvalue, 400, 0.2% of pageable storage)
 - OK will vary between MAX(MCCAFCTH okvalue, 600, 0.4% of the pageable storage)
 - SRM will automatically adjust the actual threshold values based on measurements of storage usage but doesn't let values get lower than MCCAFCTH low threshold
 - Typically no need to specify this parameter



Available Frames

- **RMF Post Processor – REPORT(PAGING)**

FRAME AND SLOT COUNTS						

(31 SAMPLES)						
CENTRAL STORAGE FRAMES	TOTAL	<u>AVAILABLE</u>	SQA	LPA	CSA	LSQA
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<u>MIN</u>	16748558	14620193	7,243	5,761	9,470	77,480
MAX	16748558	14620757	7,244	5,761	9,481	77,498
<u>AVG</u>	16748558	14620474	7,243	5,761	9,478	77,491

- RMF Monitor 2 – SRCS panel

CPU= 1/ 1		UIC= 65K		PR= 0		System= SYSD Total									
TIME	<u>AFC</u>	<u>HI</u> <u>UIC</u>	SQA F	LPA F	LPA FF	CSA F	L+C FF	PRI FF	LSQA CSF	LSQA ESF	CPU UTL	IN Q	OUT LOG	OUT RQ	OUT WQ
22:25:57	16M	65K	7.6K	22K	80	11K	12K	38K	77K		1	68	26	0	26
22:26:28	16M	65K	7.6K	22K	80	11K	12K	38K	77K		1	68	26	0	26
22:26:28	16M	65K	7.6K	22K	80	11K	12K	38K	77K		1	68	26	0	26
22:26:28	16M	65K	7.6K	22K	80	11K	12K	38K	77K		1	68	26	0	26

Demand Paging

- Paging rates are counted in terms of 4KB pages even when moving 1MB Pageable pages to Flash
 - Verify it's 1MB pageable pages by looking at I/O rates to Local Page Data Sets

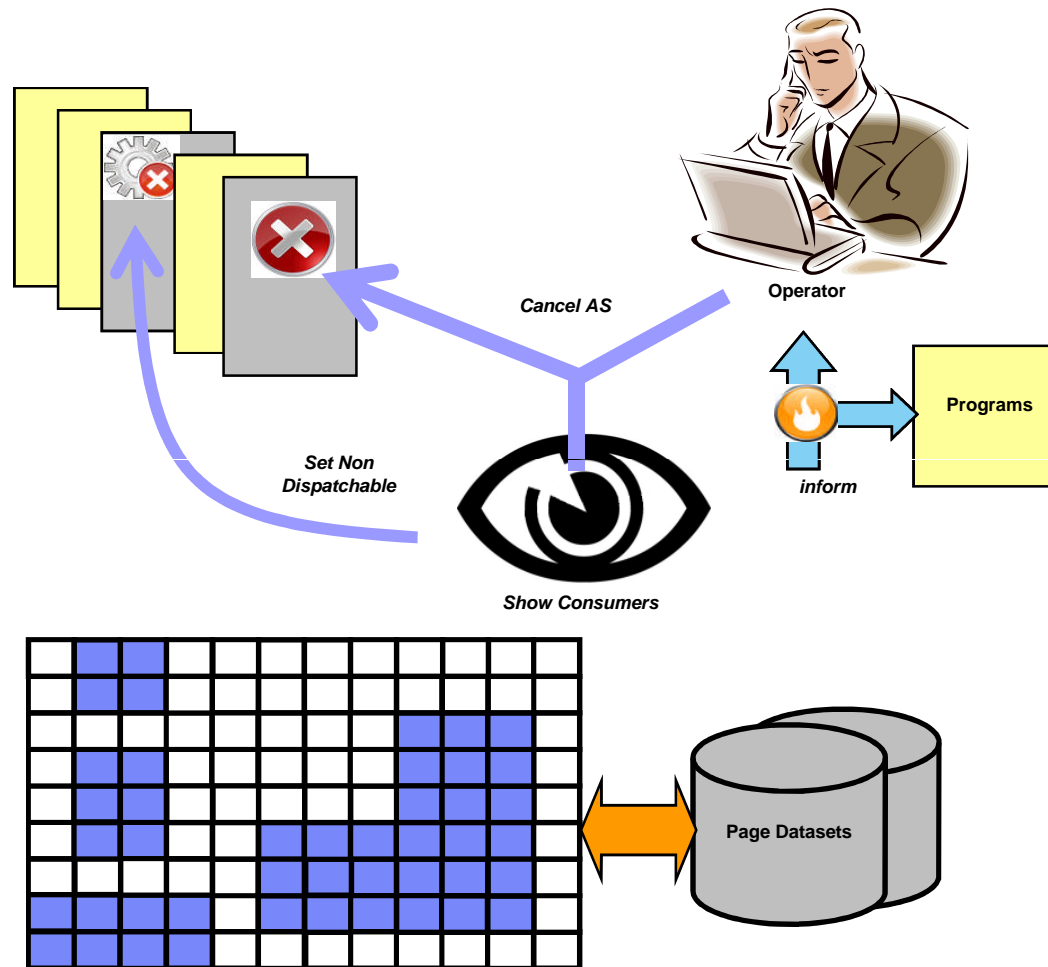
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OPT = IEAOPT01   LFAREA SIZE =          0   CENTRAL STORAGE PAGING RATES - IN PAGES PER SECOND
-----
                PAGE IN                PAGE OUT
                -- NON SWAP --        --- TOTAL ---        --- TOTAL ---
                NON
CATEGORY        SWAP   BLOCK   BLOCK   RATE   %        SWAP   NON   RATE   %
-----
TOTAL SYSTEM
HIPERSPACE           0.00           0.00   0.00   0
VIO                  0.00           0.00   0.00   0
NON-VIO             0.00           0.00  15,243  15,243  100
SUM                 0.00           0.00  15,243  15,243  100
SHARED              0.00           0.00   0.00   0.00
                PAGE MOVEMENT WITHIN CENTRAL STORAGE          1,226.83
                PAGE MOVEMENT TIME %                          0.0
                AVERAGE NUMBER OF PAGES PER BLOCK              0.0
                BLOCKS PER SECOND                               0.00
                PAGE-IN EVENTS (PAGE FAULT RATE)                15,243.46
    
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Page In

Page Out

Storage Shortage Management



- **Monitors**

- Fixed Storage consumption
- Auxiliary Storage consumption
- Every 2 seconds

- **Informs in case of problems**

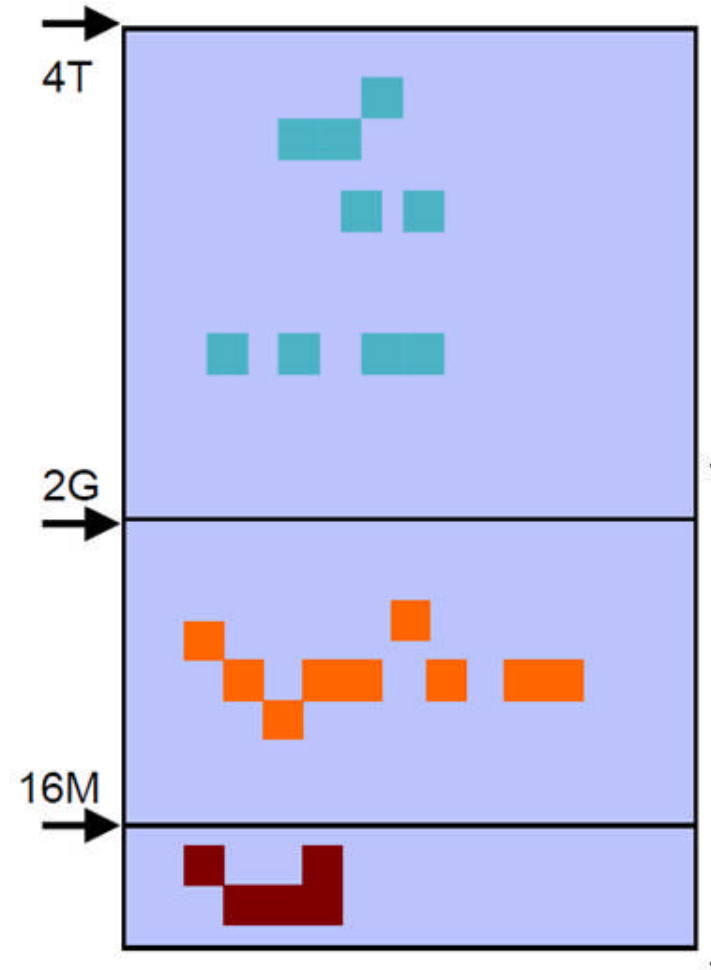
- Operator via messages
- Programs via ENF55

- **Takes Actions**

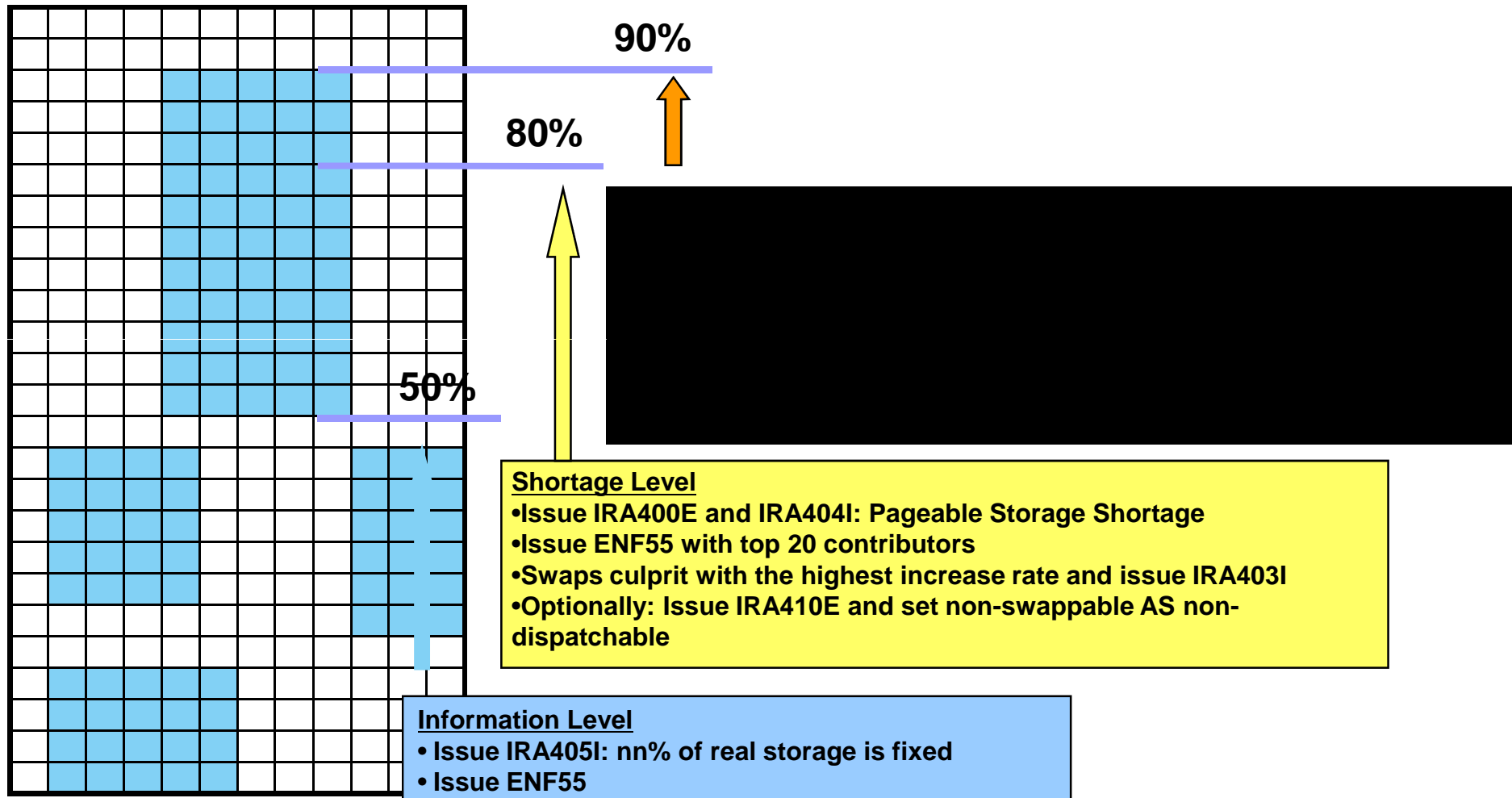
- To set Address Spaces non dispatchable
- To cancel address spaces on operator request

In-Real Swap

- Since z/OS 1.8 pageable storage shortages are handled by an In-Real Swap
 - Frames in the shortage area are exchanged with other frames
 - Pageable storage shortage between 16MB -> 2GB, frames will be exchanged with frames above 2GB
 - Pageable storage shortages below 16MB, frames will be exchanged with frames above 2GB or above 16MB
 - Message IRA404I is issued and lists the five largest users of fixed frames in the shortage area



Pageable Storage Shortages – Details ...



Note: for Below 16M the shortage targets are 92% and 96%

Pageable Storage Shortages – Details ...

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IRA420I ! ## ! USER          ! ASID ! PAGES          ! O/W FIXED !
IRA420I +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
IRA420I ! 01 ! I9A2GH11 ! 0081 ! 0000065939 ! 0000065851 !
IRA420I ! 02 ! I9A2GH10 ! 0087N! 0000065936 ! 0000065517 !
IRA420I ! 03 ! I9A2GH13 ! 0088 ! 0000066002 ! 0000062839 !
IRA420I ! 04 ! XCFAS      ! 0006S! 0000020870 ! 0000001436 !
IRA420I ! 05 ! TRACE      ! 0004S! 0000008262 ! 0000000706 !
*73 IRA421D REPLY M FOR MORE, E TO END, ## TO CANCEL A USER

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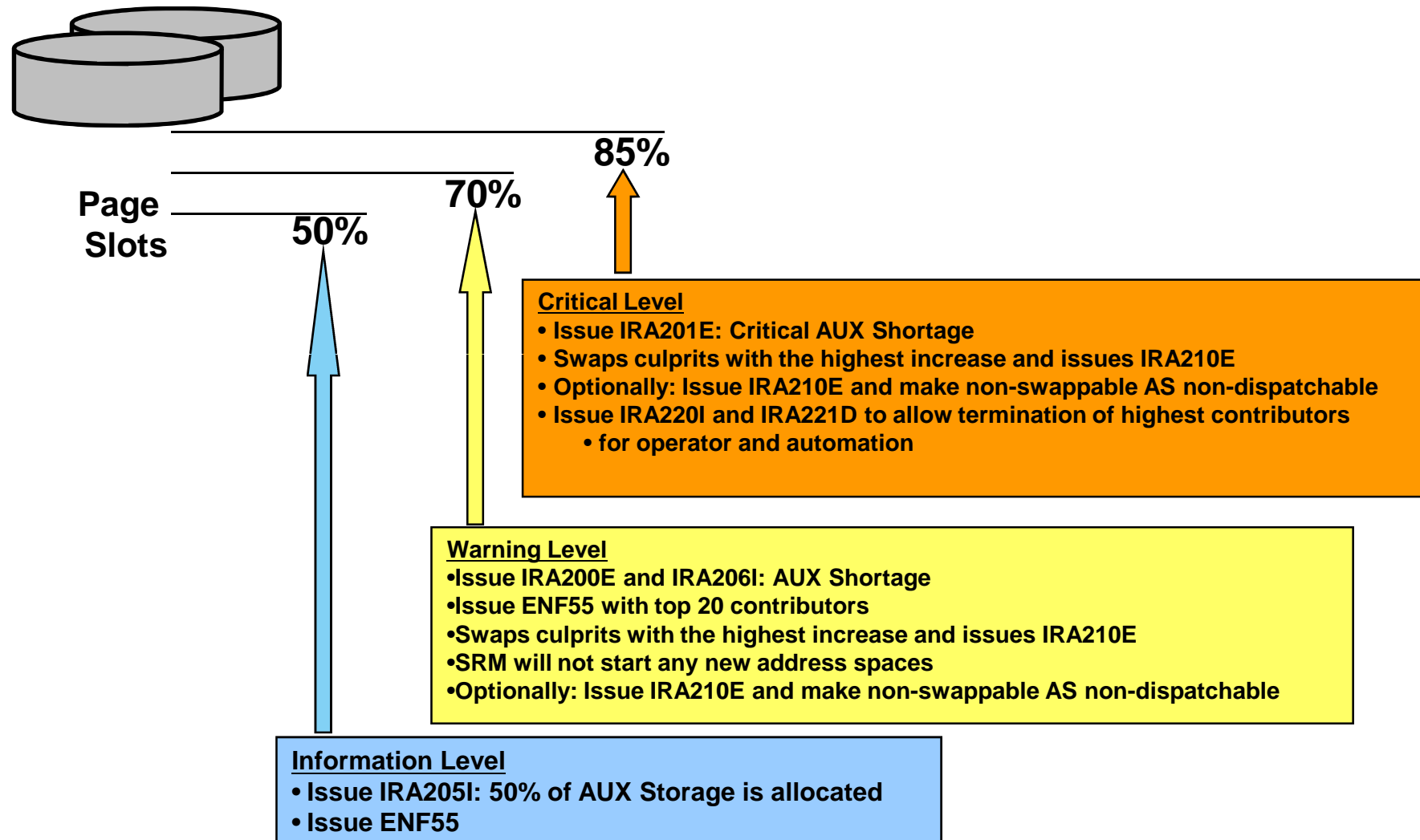
These messages get issued after the system runs into a critical storage shortage. When the operator enters a M, the next 5 address spaces get presented at the console. A reply of the line number (##) terminates the address space.

IEAOPTxx keyword to disable the WTOR IRA421D or change the number of rows in message IRA420I:

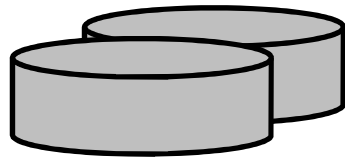
- **STORAGEWTOR=xxxx**

Specifies how the system handles address spaces during a critical storage shortage. Where xxxx is either *YES* (default), *NO* or *AUTO*

Auxiliary Storage Shortages - Details



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SCM
BLOCKS

80%
↑

Warning Level

- Issue IRA250I: nn % OF STORAGE-CLASS MEMORY IS ALLOCATED
- System continues operating, consider adding additional SCM

Auxiliary Storage Shortages – Details ...

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IRA220I ! ## ! USER          ! ASID ! PAGES          ! SLOTS          !
IRA220I +-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
IRA220I ! 01 ! I9A2GH11 ! 0081 ! 0000065939 ! 0000065851 !
IRA220I ! 02 ! I9A2GH10 ! 0087N! 0000065936 ! 0000065517 !
IRA220I ! 03 ! I9A2GH13 ! 0088 ! 0000066002 ! 0000062839 !
IRA220I ! 04 ! XCFAS      ! 0006S! 0000020870 ! 0000001436 !
IRA220I ! 05 ! TRACE      ! 0004S! 0000008262 ! 0000000706 !
*73 IRA221D REPLY M FOR MORE, E TO END, ## TO CANCEL A USER

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These messages get issued after the system runs into a critical storage shortage. When the operator enters a M, the next 5 address spaces get presented at the console. A reply of the line number (##) terminates the address space.

OPT keywords to disable the WTOR IRA221D or change the number of rows in message IRA220I:

- **STORAGEWTOR=xxxx**

Specifies how the system handles address spaces during a critical storage shortage. Where *option* is either *YES* (default), *NO* or *AUTO*.

Storage Shortage Management: Summary

	AUX	Pageable Below 16M	Pageable Above 16M
Warning	50%	70% IRA405I	50% IRA405I
Shortage	70%	92% MCCFXEPR	80% MCCFXTPR
Critical Shortage	85%	96% $100 - (100 - \text{MCCFXEPR})/2$	90% $100 - (100 - \text{MCCFXTPR})/2$

