CSE For High Availability and System Management

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Agenda

- What does CSE do?
- What does CSE not do?
- How do I turn it on?
- How does this get me closer to High Availability?
z/VM without CSE

VM1
RES

VM4
RES

VM5
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User Vols
CSE allows you to:

- Manage only one VM Source Directory that is common to all nodes in Plex
- Extend the mini disk access control semantics across VM nodes in Plex
- Share Spool files across VM nodes in Plex
  - Practically impossible to retrofit onto existing VM systems
- Extend the query and messaging tools across VM nodes in Plex
- Share the RACF database
Ugly Bits: PVM and RSCS are not free...

- PVM is not included in the base cost of z/VM
  - Requires a Special Bid to get licensed on an IFL
  - needed for shared spooling
  - needed for cross system messaging, query
- RSCS is needed to support DirMaint communications if shared spool is not used
- DirMaint is required to support the single source directory
CSE does **NOT** allow you to:

- Share VM SysRes volumes
  - Each VM system must maintain its own object directory
- Get High Availability for free
  - Some infrastructure will have to be built
- Share SFS pools across VM systems
  - Need VTAM: TSAF, CS Collection, etc
- Virtual Reserve/Release across VM systems
Enabling CSE – The SYSTEM CONFIG file:

- XLINK_System_Include Slot 1 LTICVM1
  XLINK_System_Include Slot 2 RESERVED2
  XLINK_System_Include Slot 3 RESERVED3
  XLINK_System_Include Slot 4 LTICVM4
  XLINK_System_Include Slot 5 LTICVM5

- XLINK_Volume_Include VMP*

- XSPOOL_SYSTEM Slot 1 LTICVM1 Share_Spool NO
  XSPOOL_SYSTEM Slot 2 RESERVED
  XSPOOL_SYSTEM Slot 3 RESERVED
  XSPOOL_SYSTEM Slot 4 LTICVM4 Share_Spool NO
  XSPOOL_SYSTEM Slot 5 LTICVM5 Share_Spool NO

- XSPOOL_XLIST_OUTPUT, XSPOOL_XLIST_INPUT
  - Users who can be logged on multiple systems at once: MAINT, OPERATOR...

- System_Identifier 2064 %0nnnn LTICVM1
RACF stuff

- Change the RACF database from minis to dedicated volumes that support Hardware Reserve/Release
  - DDR from the minis to full volumes on VM1
  - Change the directory entry and recycle RACF on VM1
  - Add VM4 missing entries to the database
  - Change the directory entry and recycle RACF on VM4
- That's pretty much it – do the same for VM5
RSCS stuff

- RSCS used for DirMaint message passing if not using Shared Spool
- 'CP ATTACH C315 RSCS C31 '  /* Link to LTICVM4 */
  'CP ATTACH C215 RSCS C21 '  /* Link to LTICVM5 */
- LINKDEFINE LTICVM4 AST TYPE NJE LINE C31
  LINKDEFINE LTICVM5 AST TYPE NJE LINE C21
- 'RSCS START LTICVM4'
  'RSCS START LTICVM5'
PVM stuff

- Enables system to system messaging for
  - Indicate
  - Q Names
  - SMSG

- 'CP ATT C314 PVM C31'  /* LINK TO LTICVM4 */
  'CP ATT C214 PVM C21'  /* LINK TO LTICVM5 */

- LOCAL LTICVM1
  LINK C31 LTICVM4 CTCA
  LINK C21 LTICVM5 CTCA

- START LINE C31
  START LINE C21

- SMSG PVM START CSECOM LTICVM4
  SMSG PVM START CSECOM LTICVM5
Format a volume to support XLINK

- Rolling IPL to pick up SYSTEM CONFIG changes
- Make sure “q n” shows you everyone logged on everywhere – indicates CSE messaging is up
- Attach the volume to your id
- XLINK FORMAT <vaddr> <volid>
  - Defaults to adding CSE track in CYL 0
- Attach the volume to SYSTEM on all VMs
- XLINK CHECK <volid>
  - Volume <volid> is controlled by CSE LINK.
**Dirmaint Stuff**

- Dirmaint will run on one node in the plex
- DirmSats will run on all other nodes in the plex
- Directory changes are made everywhere.
  - This can take some stern user re-education
- Dirmaint must be equal to or higher than the Dirmsats in code level
Directory Stuff

- Merging the directory is the hardest part of implementing CSE

- On VM1:
  - Enable dirmaint, make sure the lock disk (15D) is defined on XLINK controlled DASD
  - Add the system affinity information for both VM1 and VM4 to the DIRECTORY control statement
  - Use the CNSLDIR tool to sysaffin-ize the guests and profiles common to both VM1 and VM4
  - Check the guest and profile DIRECT files to make sure the tool worked
  - Check again... The tool makes lots of assumptions...
  - Once the sysaffin- ing is done correctly, commit the changes
More Directory Stuff

- Once VM1 has absorbed VM4's uniqueness into the collective, on VM1:
  - Using dirmsat as a template, create a new dirmsat user to run on VM4 – say dirmsat4
  - Add RACF privileges for dirmsat4
  - Run the BLDCSEDR tool to consolidate the dirmaint files into a CSE DIRECT file
  - send CSE DIRECT to VM4
Yet More Directory Stuff

- On VM4:
  - Rebuild the directory with directxa using the CSE DIRECT file from VM1
  - Xautolog dirmsat4
  - Add the RACF privileges you forgot about when you created it
  - Add FROM= TO= and SATELLITE_SERVER= statements to Dirmaint Config
  - Force and restart dirmaint on VM1 and dirmsat4 on VM4
  - Enjoy the utopia of CSE enabled VM.
  - Repeat for VM5
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Summary

- Maintaining Multiple VM systems is easier with CSE
- CSE allows greater flexibility in choosing where to run a workload
- CSE provides the infrastructure needed for HA