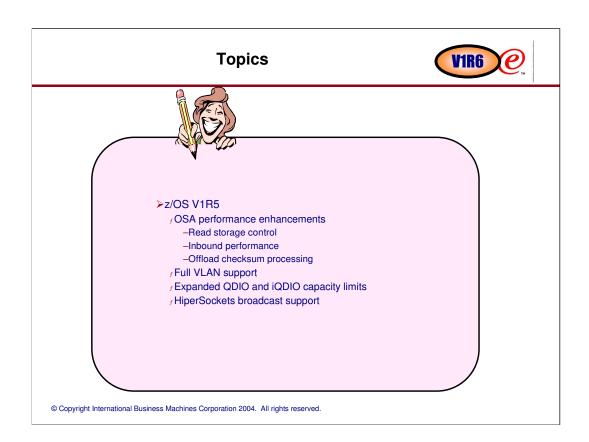
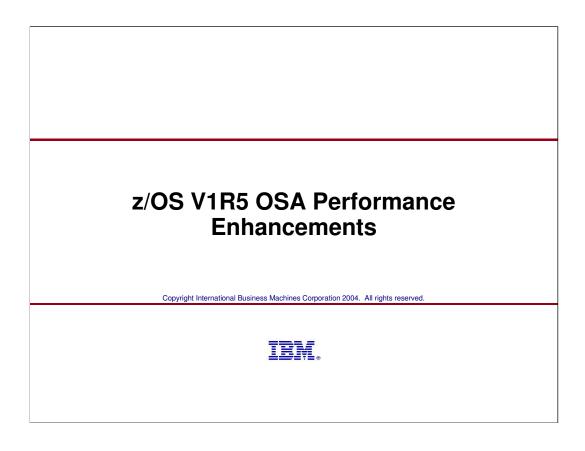


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## zSeries<sup>7</sup> Hardware Exploitation For V1R5







### OSA-Express performance enhancements Overview



OSA-Express performance enhancements provided in z/OS V1R5:

#### FRead Storage Control

 Provide more granularity and control of fixed storage allocation per OSA

#### finbound Performance

• Provide better control for optimizing CPU utilization vs. latency

#### f Checksum Offload

- •Provide for CPU reduction when checksum can be offloaded
- •Checksum processing can consume a significant percentage of pathlength in the TCP/IP stack.

### QDIO and iQDIO read storage use control



- ▶ Each OSA-Express QDIO device and HiperSockets device requires a lot of fixed storage for read processing
- >VTAM provides start options to configure the amount of read storage but these settings apply globally
  - , QDIOSTG applies to all OSA-Express QDIO devices
  - , IQDIOSTG applies to all HiperSockets devices
- ▶ Prior to z/OS V1R5, there was no way to configure the storage usage for a specific device
- >z/OS V1R5 provides new keywords in the TCP/IP profile to override the global VTAM read storage setting for a specific OSA-Express QDIO or HiperSockets device
- ➤ Can specify one of the following values:
  - f GLOBAL

The amount of storage is determined by the QDIOSTG or IQDIOSTG VTAM start option. This is the default.

**FMAX** 

You expect a heavy inbound workload over this adapter

AVG

You expect a medium inbound workload over this adapter

f MIN

You expect a light inbound workload over this adapter

➤ For HiperSockets, only affects devices with 64K frame size

# QDIO and iQDIO read storage control - configuration



#### ➤ New keyword on

fLINK statement for IPAQENET, IPAQTR, and IPAQIDIO and fINTERFACE statement for IPAQENET6

## QDIO and iQDIO read storage control - Netstat



Netstat DEVLINKS/-d enhanced to display the READSTORAGE setting and the amount of read storage

DevName: OSAQDIO4 DevType: MPCIPA
DevStatus: Ready
LnkName: OSAQDIOLINK LnkType: IPAQENET LnkStatus: Ready
NetNum: 0 QueSize: 0 Speed: 0000000100
IpBroadcastCapability: No
CfgRouter: Non ActRouter: Non
ArpOffload: Yes ArpOffloadInfo: Yes
ActMtu: 1492
VLANid: 1260
ReadStorage: GLOBAL (8064K) InbPerf: Balanced
ChecksumOffload: Yes

#### ➤ New SNMP MIB object

fibmMvsLinkReadStorageSize - the amount of fixed storage in kilobytes for read processing (for OSA-Express QDIO and HiperSockets)

#### QDIO and iQDIO read storage control - Display TRLE



The DISPLAY TRL,TRLE= command output was enhanced to display the amount of read storage for each active OSA-Express QDIO or HiperSockets TRLE

## QDIO and iQDIO read storage control - notes



You can use the VTAM Tuning Statistics for guidance on what to configure for READSTORAGE. See the documentation on the QDIOSTG and IQDIOSTG VTAM start options in the SNA Resource Definition Reference for more details. Note: Comm Server uses CSM dataspace buffers backed by 64-bit real for this read storage.

## **OSA-Express QDIO**

READSTORAGE value	Storage
MAX	4 MB
AVG	2 MB
MIN	1 MB
GLOBAL	based on QDIOSTG VTAM start option

## HiperSockets with 64K frame size

READSTORAGE value	Storage
MAX	7.8 MB
AVG	6 MB
MIN	4 MB
GLOBAL	based on IQDIOSTG VTAM start option

#### QDIO and iQDIO read storage control - details



- >You only need to take action if you want to override the global VTAM default settings for a specific OSA-Express QDIO or HiperSockets device.
- There is no way to override the default for the HiperSockets device used for DYNAMICXCF (IUTIQDIO). You can, however, use the IQDIOSTG VTAM start option to set a value for the IUTIQDIO device and use the READSTORAGE setting to specify different values for other HiperSockets devices if desired.
- ➤If you use the same OSA-Express for both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic, you need to specify the same READSTORAGE setting on both the corresponding LINK and INTERFACE statements

#### **QDIO** inbound performance



- >The performance of an OSA-Express QDIO device is impacted by how frequently the OSA interrupts the host to process inbound packets
  - f More frequent interruptions lead to minimized latency but increased CPU consumption f Less frequent interruptions lead to decreased CPU consumption but increased latency
- Prior to z/OS V1R5, there was no way to configure the desired inbound performance characteristics for a specific device
- > Provide new keyword in TCP/IP profile to specify the desired inbound performance behavior from an OSA-Express in QDIO mode
  - fPTFed back to z/OS V1R4 via APAR PQ92262
- ➤ Can specify one of the following values:
  - f MINCPU instructs the adapter to minimize host interrupts, thereby minimizing host CPU consumption. This mode of operation may result in minor queuing delays for packets into the host, and is not recommended for workloads with demanding latency requirements.
  - f MINLATENCY instructs the adapter to minimize latency, by immediately presenting received packets to the host. This mode of operation will generally result in higher CPU consumption than the other two settings, and is recommended only for workloads with demanding latency requirements. This setting should only be used if host CPU consumption is not an issue.
  - $_{\it f}$  BALANCED (default) instructs the adapter to strike a balance between MINCPU and MINLATENCY

#### **QDIO** inbound performance - Notes



- >The frequency with which an OSA-Express in QDIO mode interrupts the host for inbound data has evolved as follows:
  - f Stage 1: OSA determined the frequency based on the number of read buffers available.
  - f Stage 2: OSA determined the frequency based on fixed values set by z/OS Communications Server. This function requires the same OSA microcode levels mentioned below. For pre-V1R5, this function also requires one of the following VTAM APARs. See one of these APARs for more details. Note: These values correspond to the default BALANCED value with this new lineitem.
    - •OS/390 V2R10 OA02011/UA01438
    - •z/OS V1R2 OW56896/UA00067
    - •z/OS V1R4 OW56019/UW94043

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- f Stage 3: OSA determines the frequency based on values set by z/OS Communications Server. The difference from stage 2 is that in V1R5, the values are based on the desired performance behavior specification in the TCP/IP profile and, therefore, are configurable in a general sense (whereas the values for stage 2 were fixed and not at all configurable). This function requires the same OSA microcode levels as stage 2.
- > If you use the same OSA-Express for both IPv4 and IPv6 traffic, you need to specify the same INBPERF setting on both the corresponding LINK and INTERFACE statements
- ▶INBPERF will have no effect if OSA-Express microcode is downlevel
- ▶The z/OS V1R5 support requires one of the following OSA Express microcode levels or newer:

Processor	Microcode level
G5/G6	4.28
zSeries 2064 GA2	2.29
zSeries 2064 GA3	3.23

## **QDIO** inbound performance - Configuration



```
➤ New keyword on
    _f {\sf LINK} statement for IPAQENET and IPAQTR
    fINTERFACE statement for IPAQENET6
      >>-LINK--link_name--IPAQENET--device_name--+------------------->
                                                  '-IPBCAST-' '-VLANID id-----'
       .-READSTORAGE----GLOBAL-.
                                    .-INBPERF----BALANCED---.
                                    +-INBPERF--+-MINCPU----+
       +-READSTORAGE--+--MAX----+
                                          '--MINLATENCY-'
                      +--AVG---+
                      '--MIN----'
         .-IFSPEED 100000000-.
         +-IFSPEED ifspeed---+
          '-IFHSPEED ifhspeed-'
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```

#### **QDIO** inbound performance - Netstat



#### Netstat DEVLINKS/-d enhanced to display the INBPERF setting

DevName: OSAQDIO4 DevType: MPCIPA

DevStatus: Ready

LnkName: OSAQDIOLINK LnkType: IPAQENET LnkStatus: Ready

NetNum: 0 QueSize: 0 Speed: 0000000100

IpBroadcastCapability: No

CfgRouter: Non ActRouter: Non

ArpOffload: Yes ArpOffloadInfo: Yes

ActMtu: 1492

VLANid: 1260

ReadStorage: GLOBAL (8064K)

ChecksumOffload: Yes

#### ➤New SNMP MIB object

fibmMvsLinkInboundPerfType - indicates the INBPERF setting (for OSA-Express QDIO)

# Performance impacts of inbound performance control



```
►Inbound Performance control:
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f New parm on Link statement: INBPERF
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fBALANCED: Default (Recommended)

#### fMINCPU: minimizes cpu

- **–**TPUT: 29.6 to 0.5 % CPU/Tran: 5.3 to + 0.7 %
- -Reduces cpu/tran for RR & CRR with a loss of tput

#### fMINLATENCY: minimizes latency

- -TPUT: 2.1 to + 5.2 % CPU/Tran: 4.8 to + 2.4 %
- -Improves tput for RR and CRR workloads,
- -Degrades Streams workload

#### QDIO checksum offload



- >Offload most IPv4 checksum processing to OSA-Express in QDIO mode
- ➤ Provide improved performance for IPv4 traffic
- >Supported on the following OSA-Express features: (which require an IBM eServer zSeries 890 or 990)
  - Feature # 1364 GbE LX
  - Feature # 1365 GbE SX
  - Feature # 1366 1000BASE-T Ethernet when configured to operate at 1 Gbps
- ➤Only applies to IPv4 packets
- ➤Only applies to packets which go onto the LAN
  - f Not to packets that are passed back into the zSeries to an LPAR sharing the OSA-Express LAN port
- >Applies to TCP, UDP, and IP header checksums
- >Applies to both inbound and outbound
- ▶ Exceptions
  - , Fragmentation/reassembly
  - IPSEC
  - Packets between 2 stacks sharing the OSA
  - Outbound multicast and broadcast
- , Some outbound TCP control packets (e.g. SYN, RST) © Copyright International Business Machines Corporation 2004. All rights reserved.

## QDIO checksum offload - Configuration and Netstat reports



>No configuration is needed to enable the function

▶ Netstat DEVLINKS/-d enhanced to display whether the OSA supports checksum offload

```
DevName: OSAQDIO4
                            DevType: MPCIPA
 DevStatus: Ready
 LnkName: OSAQDIOLINK
   nkName: OSAQDIOLINK LnkType: IPAQENET
NetNum: 0 QueSize: 0 Speed: 0000000100
                                                   LnkStatus: Ready
   IpBroadcastCapability: No
                                       ActRouter: Non
   CfgRouter: Non
   ArpOffload: Yes
                                       ArpOffloadInfo: Yes
   ActMtu: 1492
    VLANid: 1260
                                       VLANpriority: Enabled
    keadstorage: GLOBAL (80641)
                                       InbPerf: Balanced
```

➤ New SNMP MIB object

fibmMvsLinkChecksumOffloadEnabled - indicates whether the adapter is enabled for checksum offload (for OSA-Express QDIO)

## QDIO checksum offload - notes



Need new OSA-Express feature (and therefore a zSeries 890 or 990) to get the new function

▶If OSA detects a checksum failure on inbound, OSA will still present the packet to the stack. This way, the checksum error discard will still appear in the TCP/IP CTRACE for serviceability purposes.

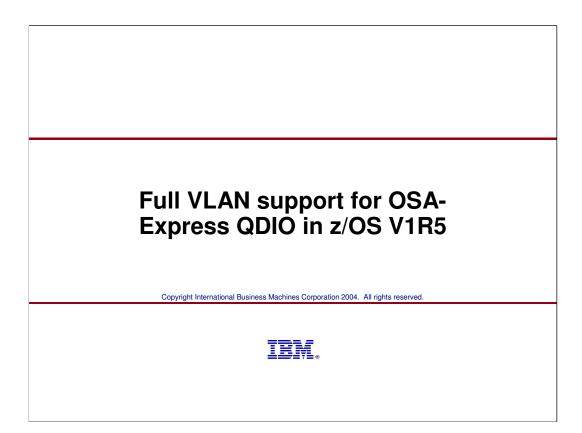
>TCP/IP will perform checksum for all packets to any devices which do not support the checksum offload function

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## Performance impacts of checksum offload



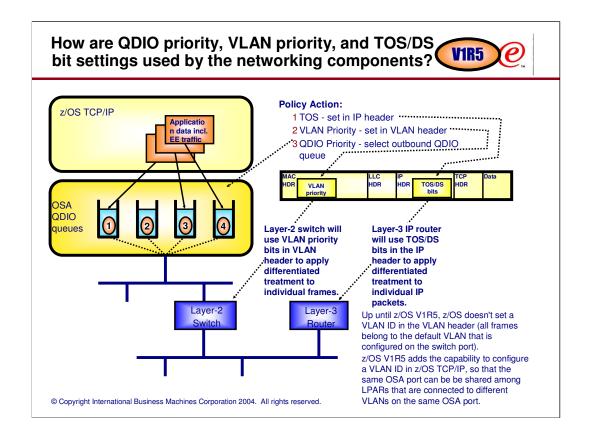
#### ➤ Checksum Offload



#### **VLANs**



- > Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) technology is becoming more important to network planning for many customers
- ► LAN Broadcast domain
  - •Nodes on LAN can communicate with each other without a router
  - •Router needed between LANs
- >VLAN A configured logical grouping of nodes using switches
  - •Nodes on VLAN can communicate as if they were on same LAN
  - •Router needed between VLANs
- >z/OS customers want to take advantage of the benefits of VLAN
  - •Can improve network performance by reducing traffic on a physical LAN
  - •Can enhance security by isolating traffic
  - •Provides more flexibility in configuring networks
- >z/OS Communications Server V1R2 provided VLAN priority tagging (limited to the null VLAN)
- ➤IEEE802.1p: Priority tagging
- ►IEEE802.1q: VLAN ID tagging
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#### **VLAN** tagging basics V1R5 Two types of frames in a VLAN environment: f Untagged frame -No tag header following the source MAC address f Tagged frame -Priority-tagged frame •Tag header includes only VLAN priority information, but no VLAN ID (VLAN ID is zero and is referred to as a null-tagged frame) -VLAN-tagged frame •Tag header includes both VLAN priority information and VLAN ID Source MAC address Dest MAC address Type/Length Ethernet layer-2 Header, untagged Dest MAC address Source MAC address Tag Control info Type/Length Ethernet layer-2 Header, tagged 1-bit Canonical VLAN Tag x'8100' 12-bit VLAN ID 3-bit Priority Always zero Tag Control Information © Copyright International Business Machines Corporation 2004. All rights reserved.

### Full VLAN support in z/OS V1R5



- > Provides full VLAN support for OSA-Express QDIO by allowing VLAN ID to be configured
- >Supported on these OSA-Express features: (which require an IBM eServer zSeries 890 or 990)
  - Gigabit Ethernet (feature #s 2364, 2365, 1364, 1365)
  - Fast Ethernet (feature # 2366)
  - 1000BASE-T Ethernet (feature # 1366)
- Also supported on the following OSA-Express features (at system driver level 3G) on an IBM eServer zSeries 800 or 900:
  - f Gigabit Ethernet
  - Fast Ethernet
- Conforms to the IEEE 802.1Q standard
  - , VLAN tag in MAC header contains VLAN ID
- > Allows VLAN priority tagging to be used with VLAN ID
- ➤ Configure VLAN ID in TCP/IP profile
  - Each stack can only specify one VLAN ID for each OSA-Express port per IP version
  - •A stack can specify separate VLAN IDs for IPv4 and IPv6 for the same OSA-Express port
  - Fach stack sharing an OSA-Express port may specify a different VLAN ID
- >z/OS V1R4 PTF coming (APAR PQ86508)
- ➤ Multiple OSA PRIRouters supported (PRIRouter per global VLANID support)
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## z/OS TCP/IP LINK or INTERFACE VLAN ID specification: Global VLAN ID

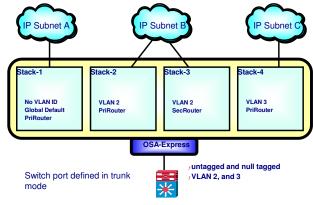


- A Z/OS or Z/VM TCP/IP stack supports one VLAN ID (per IP protocol version) per OSA port [on the rest of this chart, we will for simplicity reasons limit ourselves to IPv4 use of VLANs).
  - This VLAN ID is configured on the LINK statement for IPv4 (or on the INTERFACE statement for IPv6).
  - This VLAN ID is referred to as the Global VLAN ID.
  - $_f$ All IP packets sent over that OSA port from this TCP/IP stack will be tagged with this VLAN ID in the frame header by the OSA Express adapter.
  - <sub>f</sub> All inbound broadcast and multicast IP packets will be handed up to this TCP/IP stack only if the VLAN ID in the frame matches the Global VLAN ID registered by the stack.
  - <sub>f</sub>All inbound unicast IP packets will be handed up to this TCP/IP stack only if the VLAN ID in the frame header macthes the Global VLAN ID registered by this stack and -
    - –the destination IP address matches one of the HOME IP addresses that were registered in the adapter by this TCP/IP stack
    - --- OR ---
    - -the destination IP address in the packet is not registered by any stack sharing this OSA adapter port and this stack is a PRI/SECRouter stack
- A Linux on zSeries TCP/IP stack is able to tag individual IP packets sent over the OSA port with different VLAN IDs.
  - Packets can be sent by Linux using different VLAN IDs
  - <sub>f</sub>This kind of operation complicates configuration and inbound processing significantly and is not supported by either z/OS or z/VM
    - -If a z/OS TCP/IP stack needs access to multiple VLANs, multiple OSA adapters are required
- If an interface does not have a global VLAN ID configured, VLAN tagging of outbound frames depends on use of VLAN priorities or not:
  - No SetSubnetPrioTosMask definitions active via the policy agent: no VLAN tags will be added
  - SetSubNetPrioTosMask definitions active via the policy agent: VLAN tags with a null VLAN ID will be added
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### **VLANs and OSA PRI/SEC Router support**



- >The VLANID parameter of the LINK and INTERFACE statements interacts with the PRIRouter and SECRouter parameters on the DEVICE and INTERFACE statements.
  - •If you configure both a VLANID and either PRIRouther or SECRouter, then this TCP/IP instance will act as a router for this VLAN only. Frames that are received at this device for an unknown IP address will only be routed to this TCP/IP instance if they are VLAN tagged with this VLAN ID.
  - •If you do not configure a VLAN ID, but do configure PRIRouter or SECRouter, then this TCP/IP instance will act as a "Global default Pri/SecRouter" for all inbound unicast frames with an unknown destination IP address
  - ✓ Stack-1 acts as PriRouter for:
    - funtagged frames
    - frames tagged with a null VLAN ID
    - rframes tagged with an unregistered (anything but VLAN 2 or 3) VLAN ID
  - ✓ Stack-2 acts as PriRouter for frames tagged with VLAN 2 while Stack-3 acts as SecRouter for that same VLAN.
- √Stack-4 acts as PriRouter for frames tagged with VLAN 3
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#### **Full VLAN support - Netstat**



Netstat DEVLINKS/-d enhanced to display the VLAN ID and whether VLAN priority is enabled

```
DevName: OSAQDIO4 DevType: MPCIPA

DevStatus: Ready

LnkName: OSAQDIOLINK LnkType: IPAQENET LnkStatus: Ready

NetNum: 0 QueSize: 0 Speed: 0000000100

IpBroadcastCapability: No

CfgRouter: Non ActRouter: Non

ArpOffload: Yes ArpOffloadInfo: Yes

ActMtu: 1492

WANIG: 1060 WANDIONITY Enabled

ReadStorage: GLOBAL (8064K) InbPerf: Balanced

Checksumoffload: Yes
```

➤ New SNMP MIB objects in ibmTcpipMvsLinkTable

jibmMvsLinkVlanId - indicates the VLAN ID configured for this interface jibmMvsLinkVlanPriorityEnabled - indicates that VLAN priority tagging is being done for this interface

#### Switch configuration - trunk or access mode



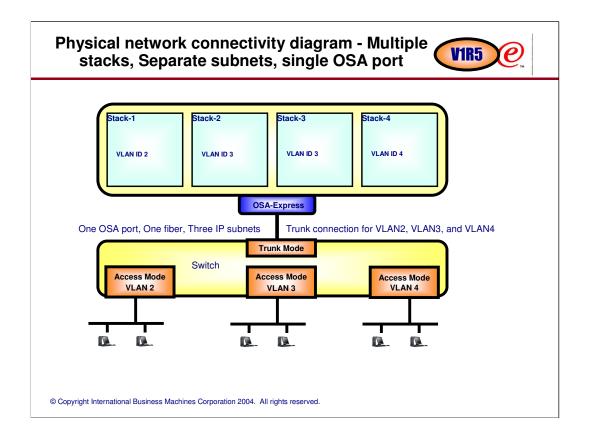
- ➤ Trunk mode (new z/OS Communications Server V1R5 support)
  - •Indicates that the switch should allow all VLAN ID tagged packets to pass through the switch port without altering the VLAN ID. Trunk mode is intended for servers that are VLAN capable, and filters and processes all VLAN ID tagged packets. In trunk mode, the switch expects to see VLAN ID tagged packets inbound to the switch port.
    - Configure switch in trunk mode
    - Specify VLAN ID in TCP/IP profile
    - , VLAN tagging and filtering performed by OSA
    - f Each stack sharing the OSA may be on a different VLAN
    - Can use different VLAN IDs for IPv4 and IPv6
    - Can use VLAN priority tagging with VLAN ID
- >Access mode (support available pre-V1R5)
  - •Indicates that the switch should filter on specific VLAN IDs and only allow packets that match the configured VLAN IDs to pass through the switch port. The VLAN ID is then removed from the packet before it is sent to the server (that is, VLAN ID filtering is controlled by the switch). In access mode, the switch expects to see packets without VLAN ID tags inbound to the switch port.
    - f Configure switch in access mode
    - Specify VLAN ID in access mode port of switch
    - , VLAN tagging and filtering performed by switch
    - Feach stack sharing the OSA must be on same VLAN
    - Must use same VLAN ID for IPv4 and IPv6
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#### **General VLAN network design considerations**



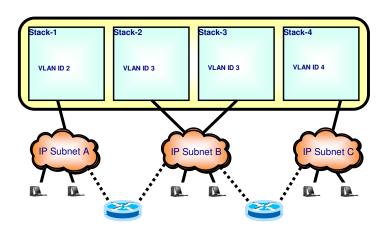
- 1 When using VLAN IDs in any TCP/IP stack sharing an OSA port, the switch port to which the OSA port is attached should be configured in trunk mode.
- 2 When not using VLAN IDs in any TCP/IP stack sharing an OSA port, the switch port to which the OSA port is attached should be configured in access mode.
- 3 When a TCP/IP stack uses multiple OSA ports all to the same LAN, and a VLAN ID is used on one of those ports, VLAN IDs should be used on all ports to that same LAN.
- 4 Some switch vendors use VLAN ID 1 for special purposes. VLAN ID 1 should be avoided when designing VLAN-based networks.

... and please make sure your networking staff creates and maintains both a physical network diagram and a logical network diagram - they look very different when you work with VLAN configurations.



## Logical network diagram - Multiple stacks, Separate subnets, single OSA port

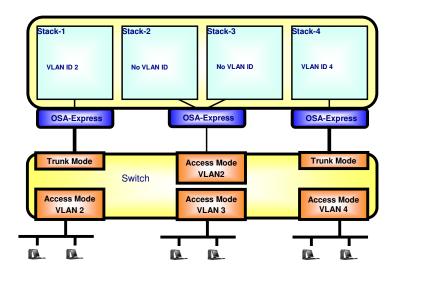




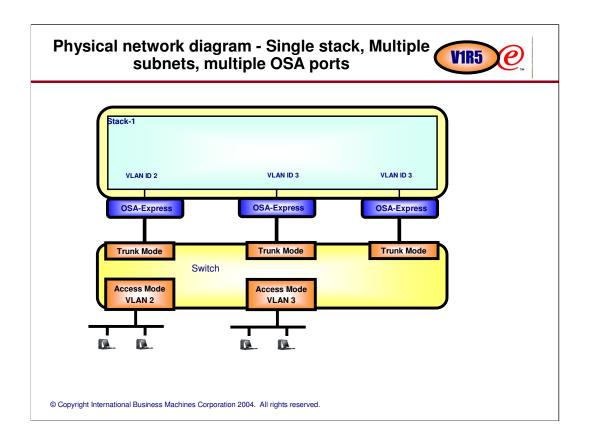
- ▶ Depending on switch configuration, the switch may interconnect the VLANs using a layer-3 IP router function.
- >The subnets may belong to different routing domains or OSPF areas.
  - Test, production, demo
- >The subnets may belong to different security zones.
  - √Intranet, DMZ
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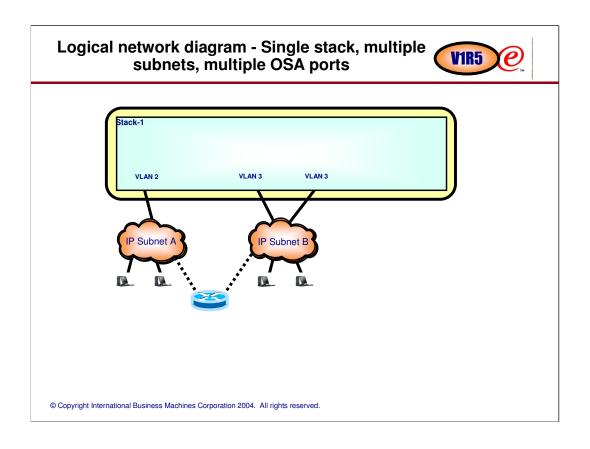
# Physical network diagram - Multiple stacks, multiple subnets, multiple OSA ports





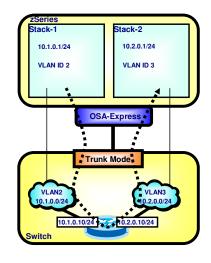
Same logical network diagram as on previous page.





## Sharing OSA ports between stacks belonging to different VLAN IDs

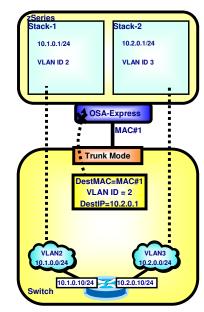




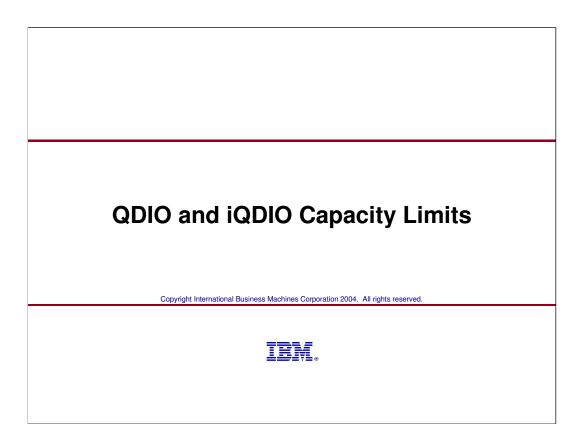
- ➤ Stack-1 has a global VLAN ID of 2 configured on its IPv4 LINK statement.
- Stack-2 has a global VLAN ID of 3 configured on its IPv4 LINK statement.
- > Stack-1 has a routing table entry that points to 10.1.0.10 for forwarding to the 10.2.0.0/24 (VLAN ID 3) subnet.
- >Stack-1 sending an IP packet with a destination IP address in the IP header of 10.2.0.1 tagged with VLAN ID 2 with next hop IP address 10.1.0.10 (the router interface on VLAN ID 2).
- ➤ Which path will this packet take?
  - , To the OSA adapter, then on to the router at 10.1.0.10, then routed over the router's other interface to VLAN ID 3, back up to the OSA adapter, and then to Stack-2.
- ➤ This is what you want! The reasons for using VLANs is often security separating different subnets via a router that applies IP filters before forwarding packets.

## Inbound processing - unicast frames





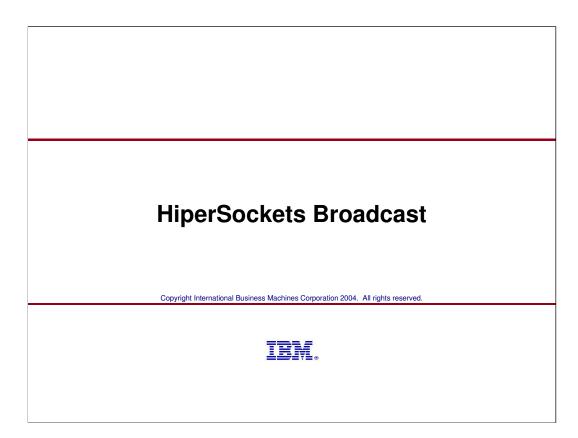
- Stack-1 has a global VLAN ID of 2 configured on its IPv4 LINK statement.
- Stack-2 has a global VLAN ID of 3 configured on its IPv4 LINK statement.
- Assume that a unicast frame with an IP packet arrives at MAC#1 with the following characteristics (please note that this could only be the case if a rogue node was attached to the switch using a trunk interface and the node manipulated the frame contents aka. a hacker!):
  - Destination IP address 10.2.0.1
  - , VLAN ID tag of VLAN 2
- >What will the OSA adapter do with that IP packet?
  - , Discard it since the VLAN ID of the registered IP address (10.2.0.1 VLAN ID 3) doesn't match the VLAN tag in the frame (VLAN ID 2)



#### QDIO and iQDIO limits increased



- ➤IQD CHPIDs go from 4 to 16 with z990 and z890
- ▶IQD CHPIDs can span CSS (Channel Subsystems) on z990 and z890
- ➤ OSD CHPID spanning support coming
- Number of supported stacks (per OSA) increased:
  - •OSA multiple control unit support coming (allows more subchannel devices under the same OSA CHPID)
  - •240 devices (current limit with single CU) increased which raises the current limit of 80 stacks to 640 stacks (1920 devices)
    - note the current 240 limit was per OSA CHPID per CEC the CEC limit was raised to 480 (GA1) this change is transparent to software



#### **HiperSockets Broadcast**



#### Problem

Applications which rely on broadcast packets (e.g. RIPv1, DHCP) do not work over HiperSockets interfaces

#### ➤ Solution:

f Add support for broadcast traffic over HiperSockets for IPv4 packets

f Keep HiperSockets functionality as similar as possible to OSA-Express QDIO functionality (Note: TCP/IP added broadcast support for OSA-Express QDIO in V1R4)

#### ➤ How to enable:

f New IPBCAST keyword on the IPAQIDIO link statement

#### ➤ Things to consider:

fOnly need to take action if you want broadcast capability

f Need IBM eServer zSeries 990 or 890 to get the new function

f No broadcast support for HiperSockets device used for DYNAMICXCF (IUTIQDIO)



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