

z/OS Is the Rock, but Why? Let Us Count the Ways
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Abstract – z/OS Is the Rock, but Why? Let Us Count the Ways!

Let's face up to it, we're in a war. A war by design that is intended to undermine confidence in our network based information systems and their ability to assure the integrity of revenue generating processes and/or the security they provide over proprietary data and applications. This war is waged against us by hackers on the outside (sometimes nation states) and spies on the inside (our fellow employees or consultants). Each computing platform has its own unique set of hardware and software counter measures that prevent, detect and eradicate such nefarious system intrusions. And, it's here where the z Environment stands alone with the potential of being the most securable general purpose business computing platform available. But, this potential begs for a deeper understanding of this term "securable" and the needs of the individuals changed with maintaining z/OS System Integrity, the undisputed Rock of computing.

This presentation will widen your understanding of why z/OS is the Rock. In it, we will "Count", among others, such topics as – A desired Management Structure, z/OS Initialization, Authorized Program Facility (APF), System Access Facility (SAF), Accessor Environment Element (ACEE), External Security Manager (ESM), Communication Server (CS), Policy Management Agent (PAGENT), zEncryption Ready Technology (zERT) and the Network Management Interface (NMI).

These legacy controls, often disbursed throughout the z/OS organization in order to meet compliance standards that mandate "Separation of Duties", result in "Silos of control and interest" built by trusted professionals, who often lack a needed global perspective. Shedding new light on these Silos will help to eliminate confusion between these complementary, sometimes competing groups, and those who stand to benefit most: Management.

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A. Requirements

- Discipline
- Commitment
- Mutual Trust

B. Management

- Process
- Service Level Agreements
- Policy Decision Points(PDP/PFP)
- Separation of Duties

C. Assignments - Silos

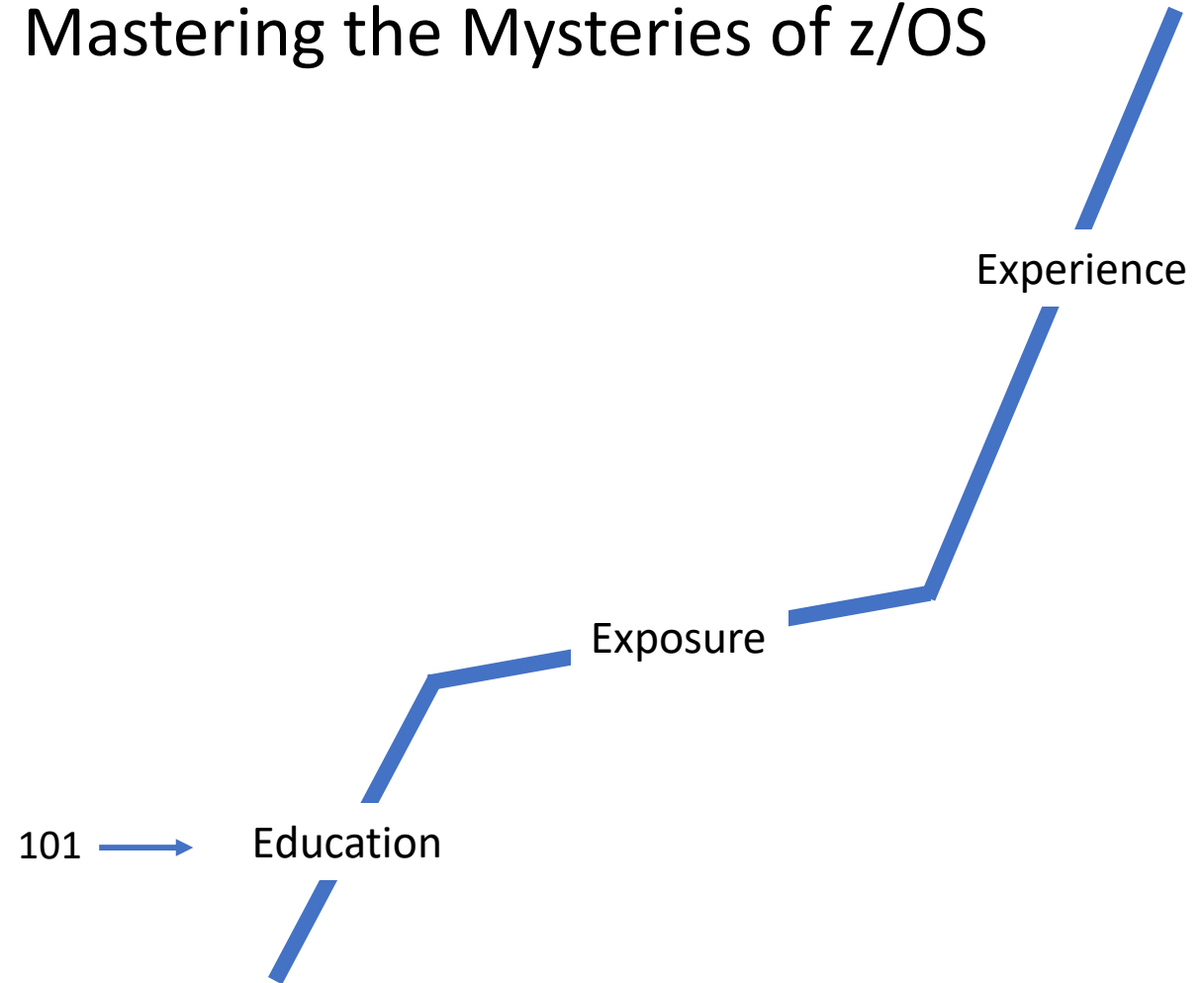
- Hardware
- A z/OS IPL
- TCP/IP
- IPsec
- ESM

D. All the Detail

- IODF, SAF, APF, DUCT, PAGENT
- zERT, AT-TLS, LCSS, zCX, ACEE

E. What we Fear

Mastering the Mysteries of z/OS



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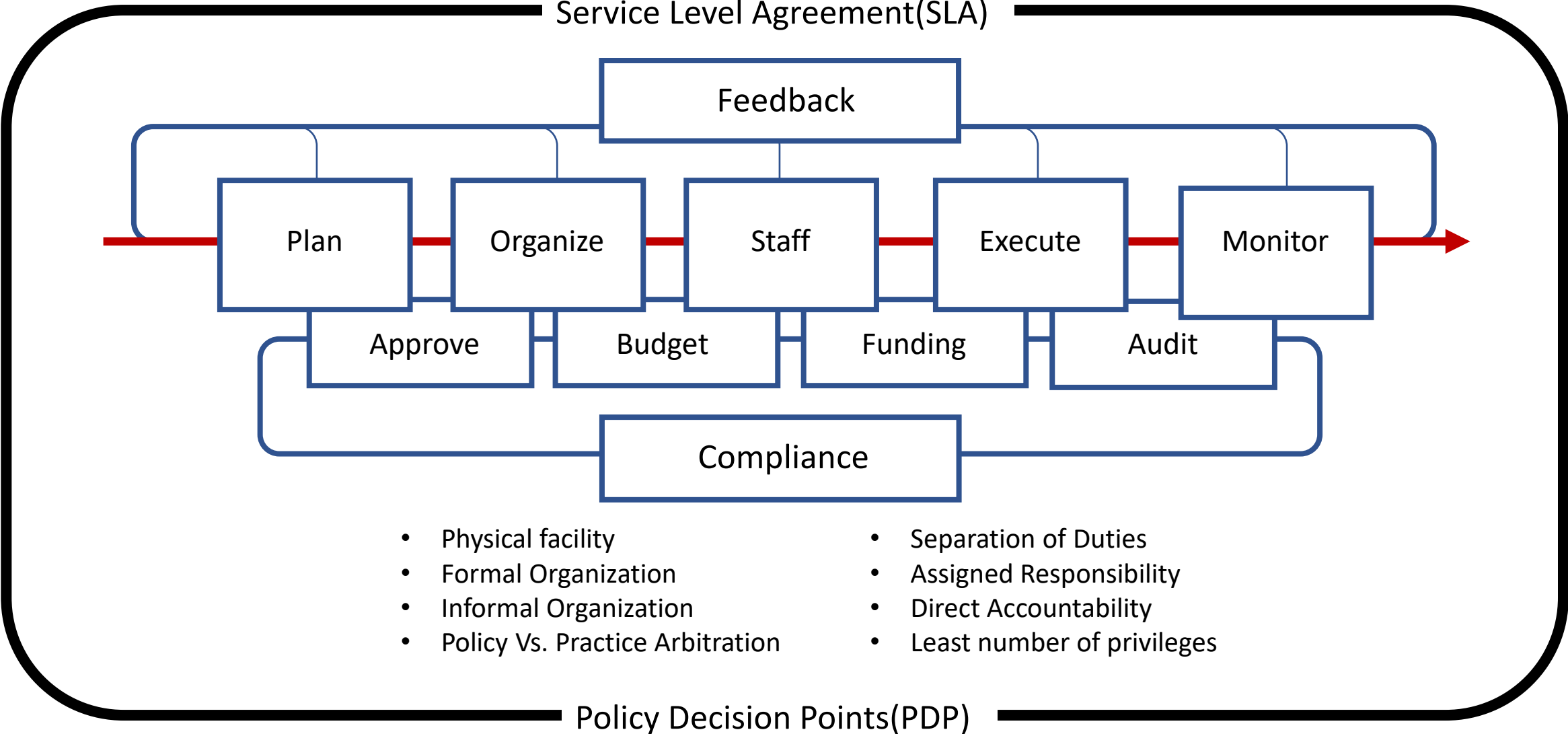
SLA*

Service Level Agreement

* A statement of shared IS objectives:
Reliability, Availability, Serviceability (RAS)
including Integrity and Security(ISEC).

[IBM z/OS® System Integrity Statement](#)

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- Physical facility
- Formal Organization
- Informal Organization
- Policy Vs. Practice Arbitration
- Separation of Duties
- Assigned Responsibility
- Direct Accountability
- Least number of privileges

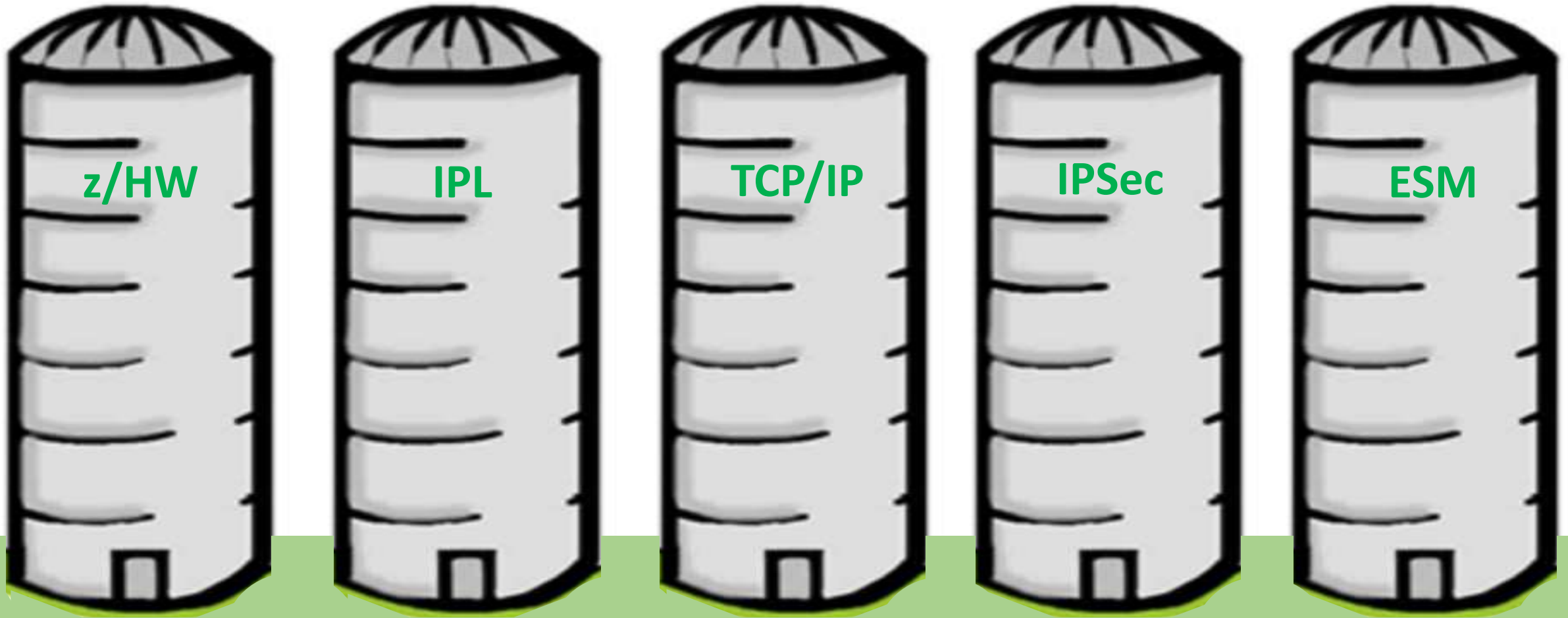
PEP

Policy Enforcement Point

*A system entity that makes authorization decisions for itself or other system entities that request its services.

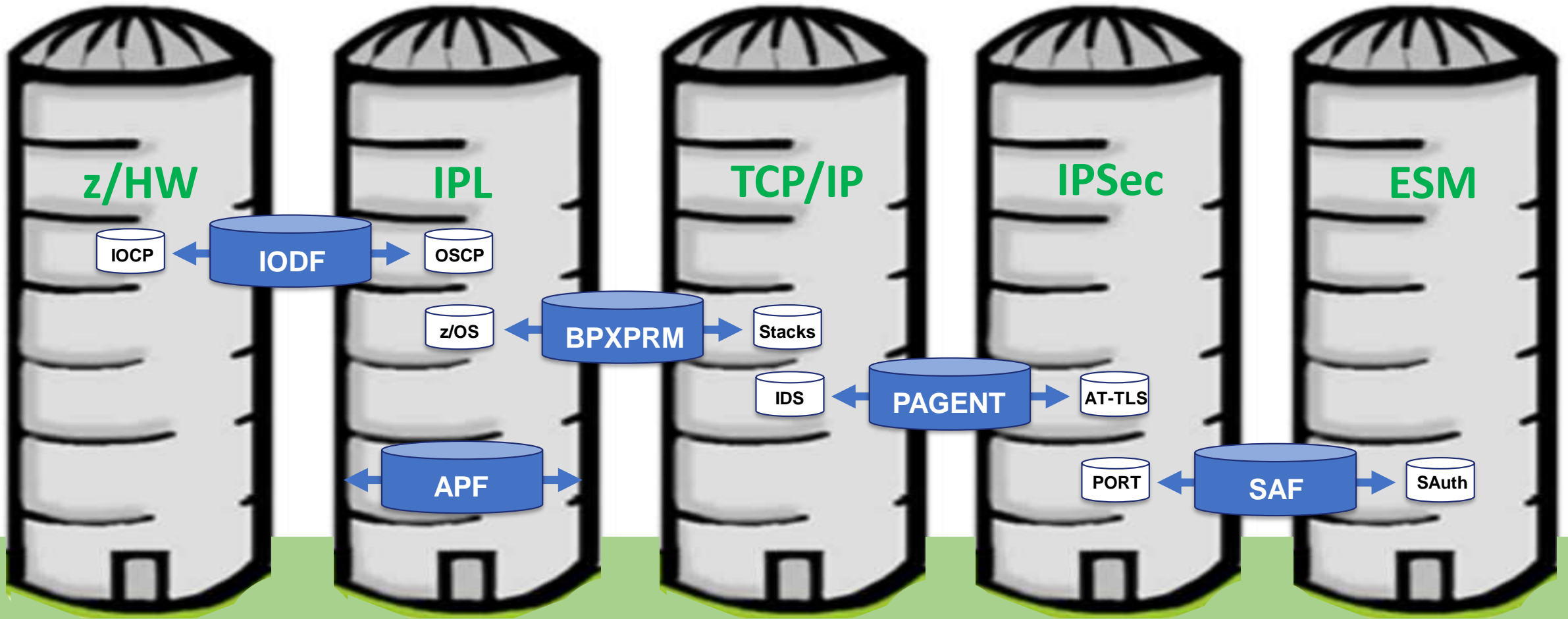
[Best known PDPs – RACF, ACF2, Top Secret](#)

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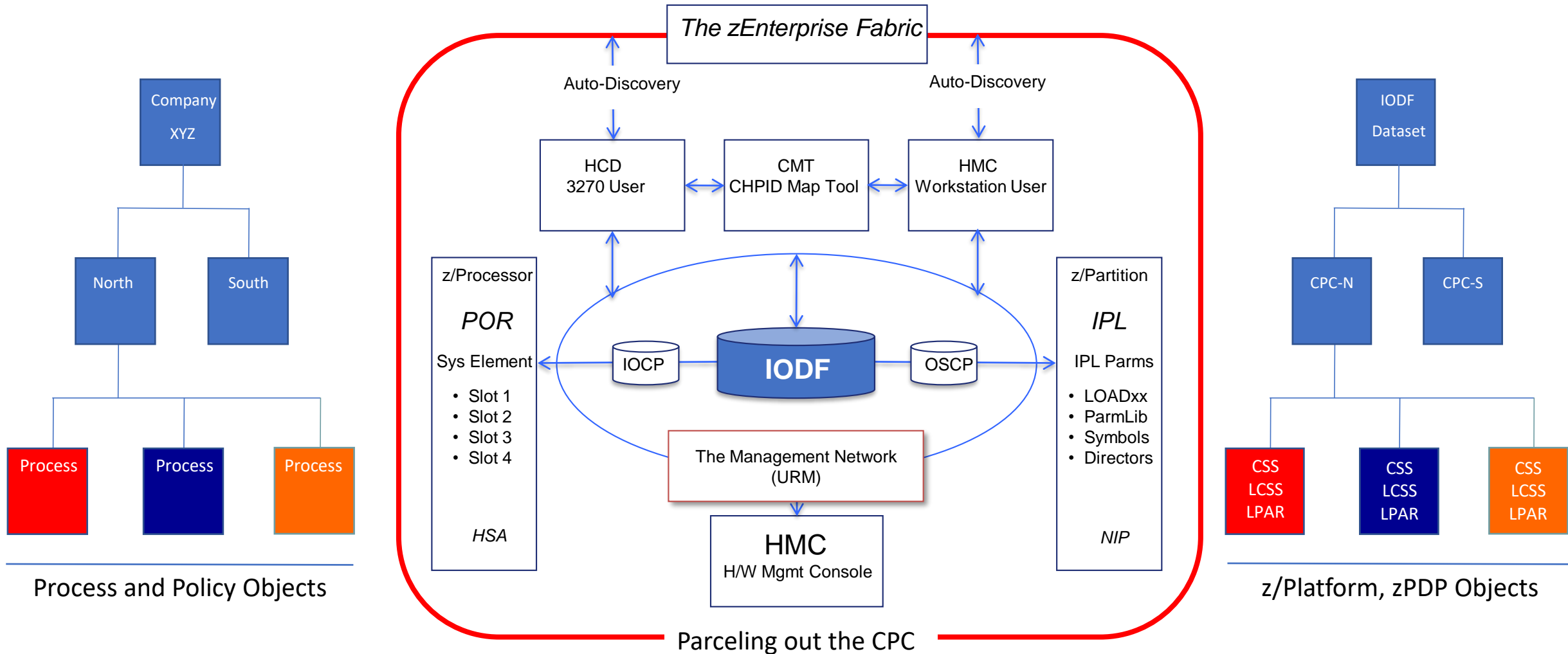
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Separation of Duties

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z Systems - A General Purpose Business Computer Paradigm



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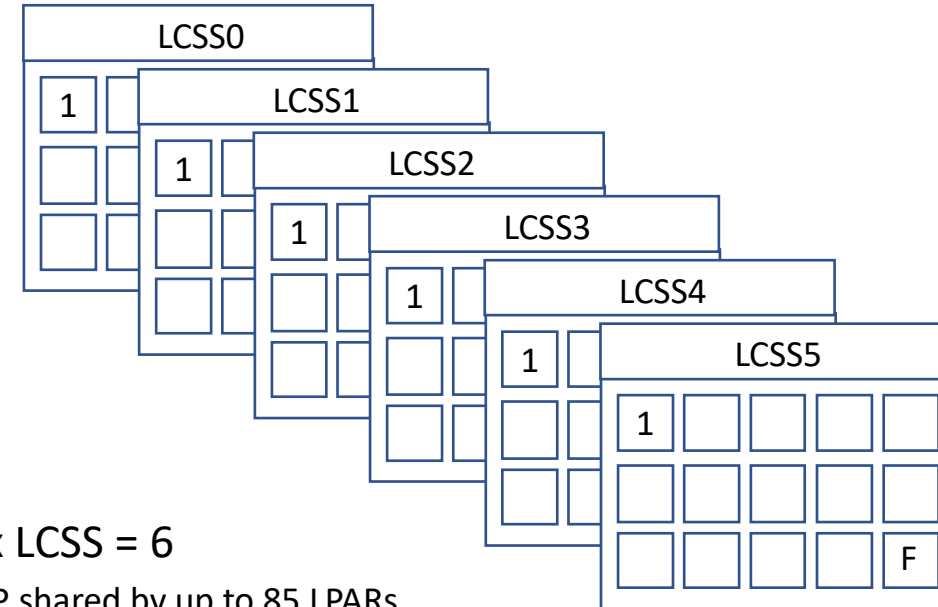
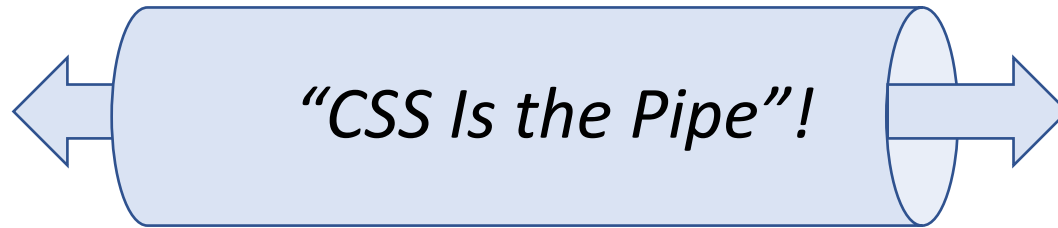
IOCP

OSCP



256 Channel Subsystem (CSS)

85 Logical Partitions(LPARS)*



$$\text{CHPID} = 256 \times \text{LCSS} = 6$$

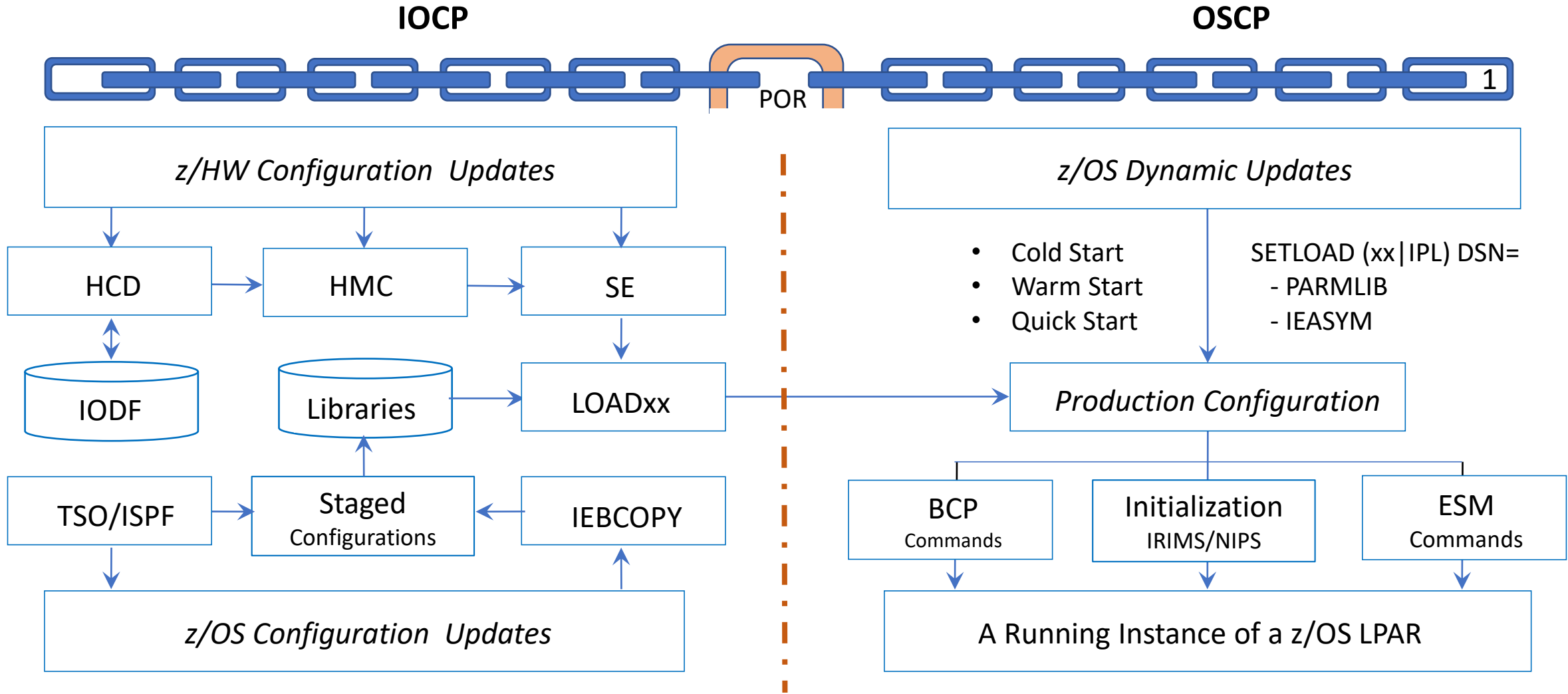
1536 Virtual Interface Paths/zPDP shared by up to 85 LPARs

*An LPAR is considered a Secure Service Container(SSC)

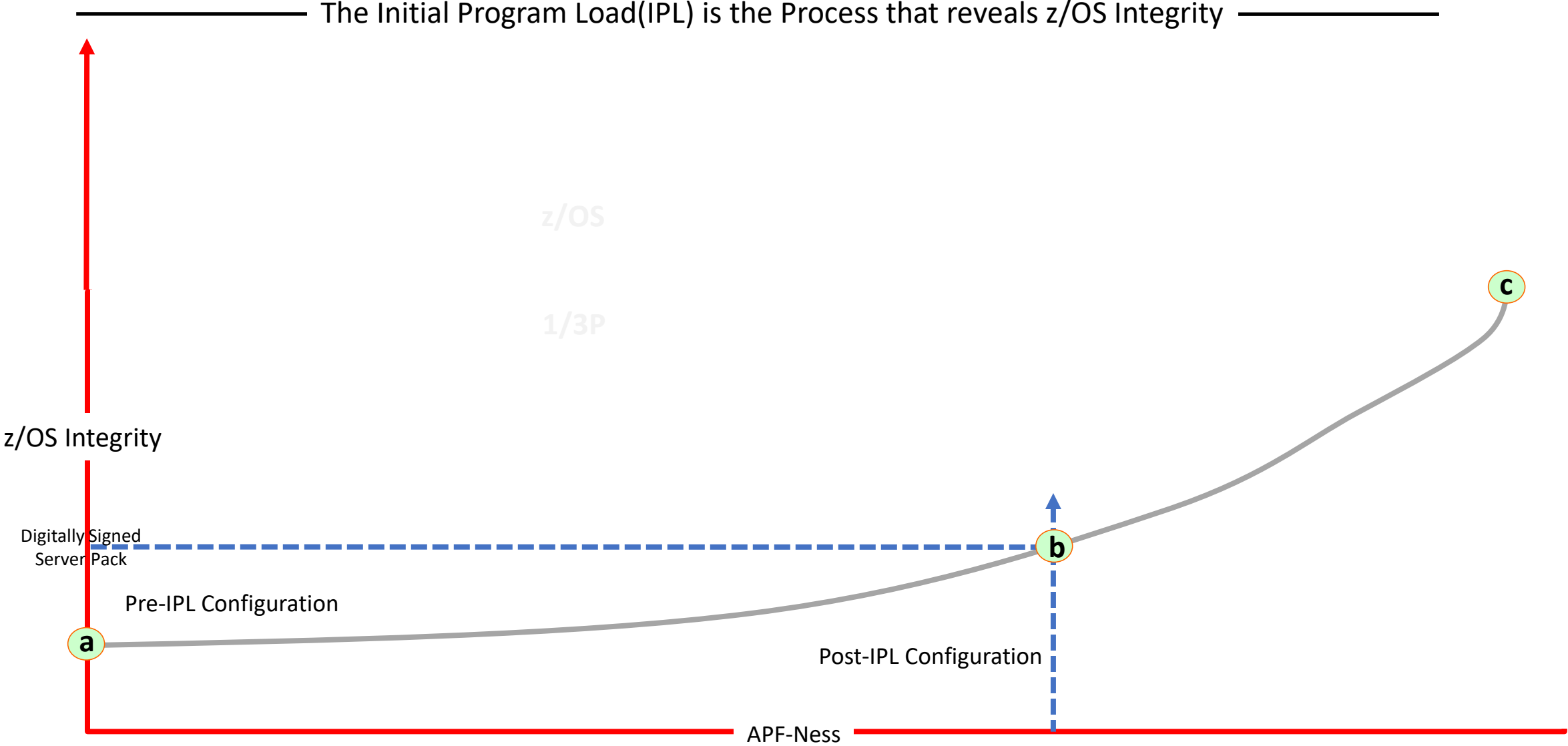
[What is Evaluation Assurance Level \(EAL\)?](#)

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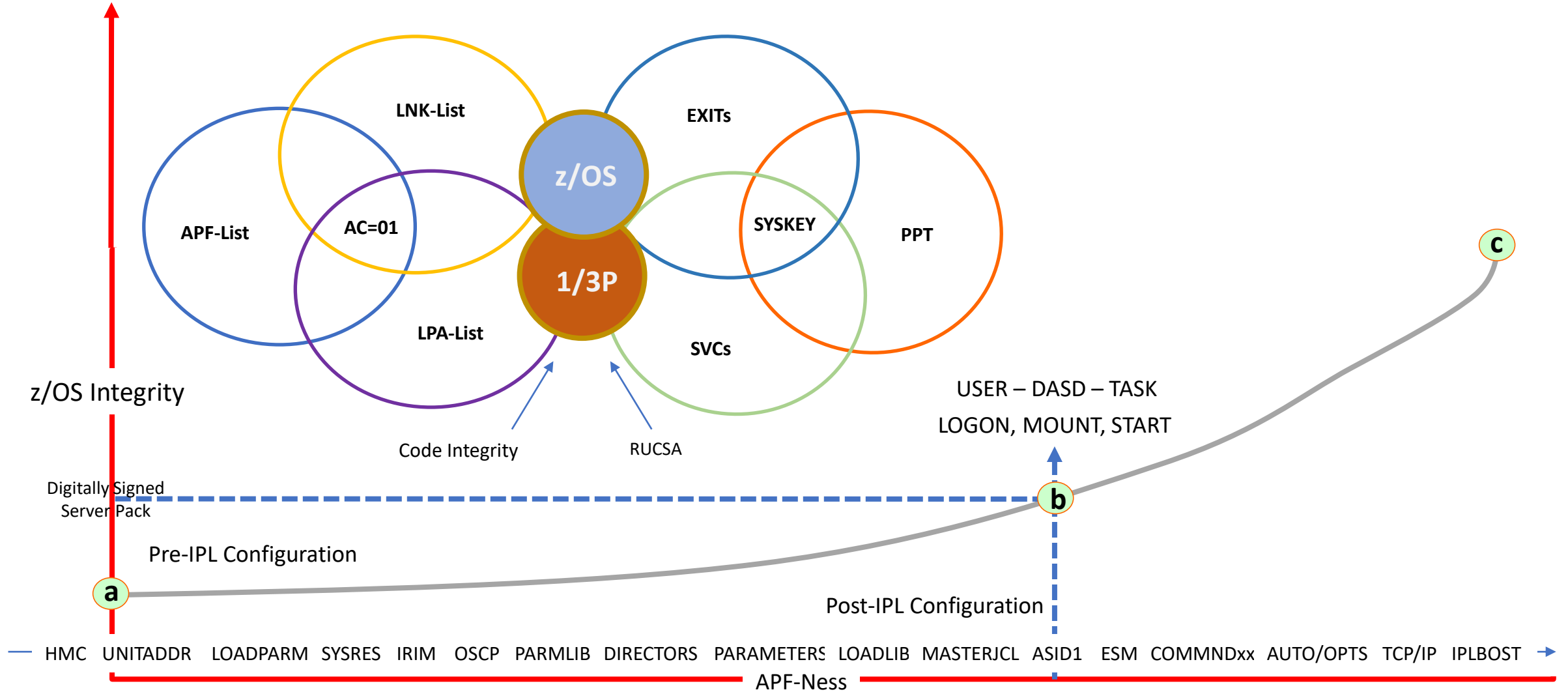


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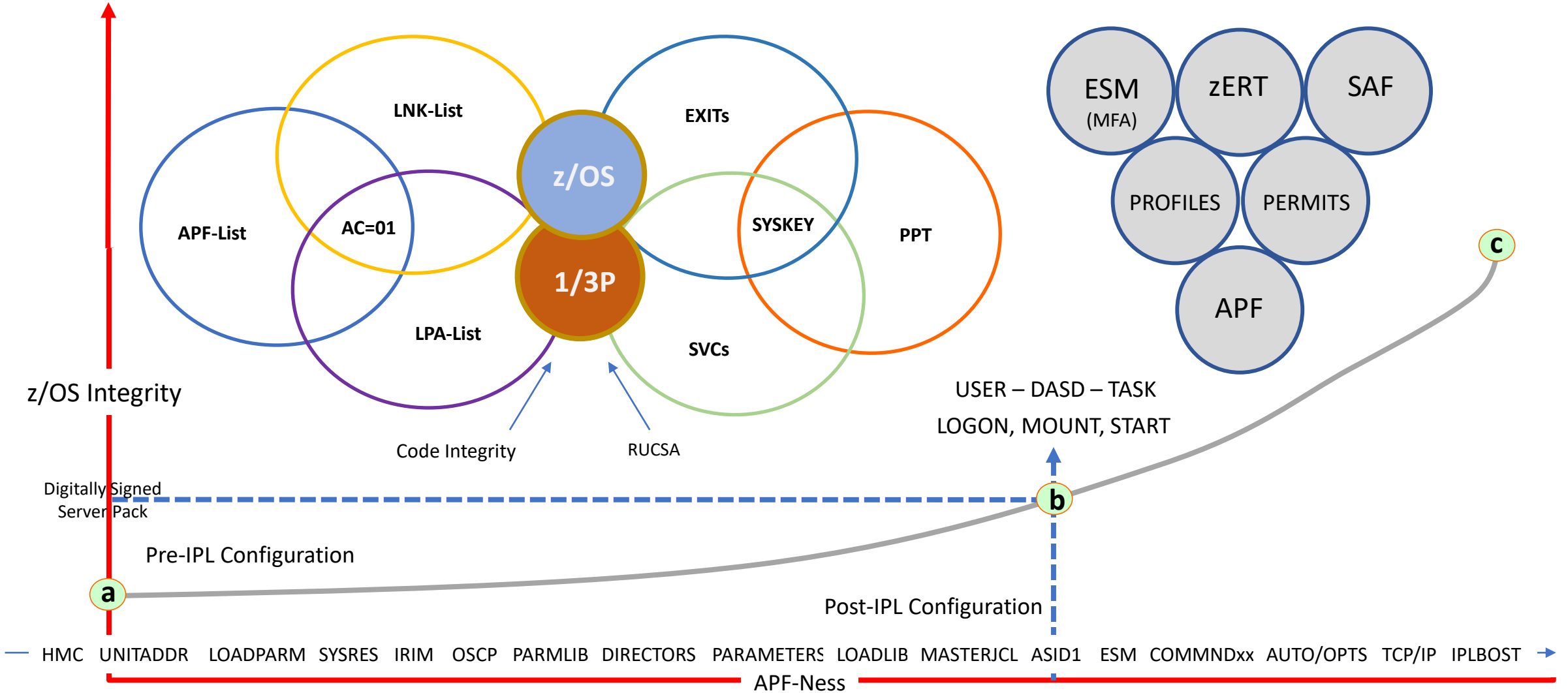
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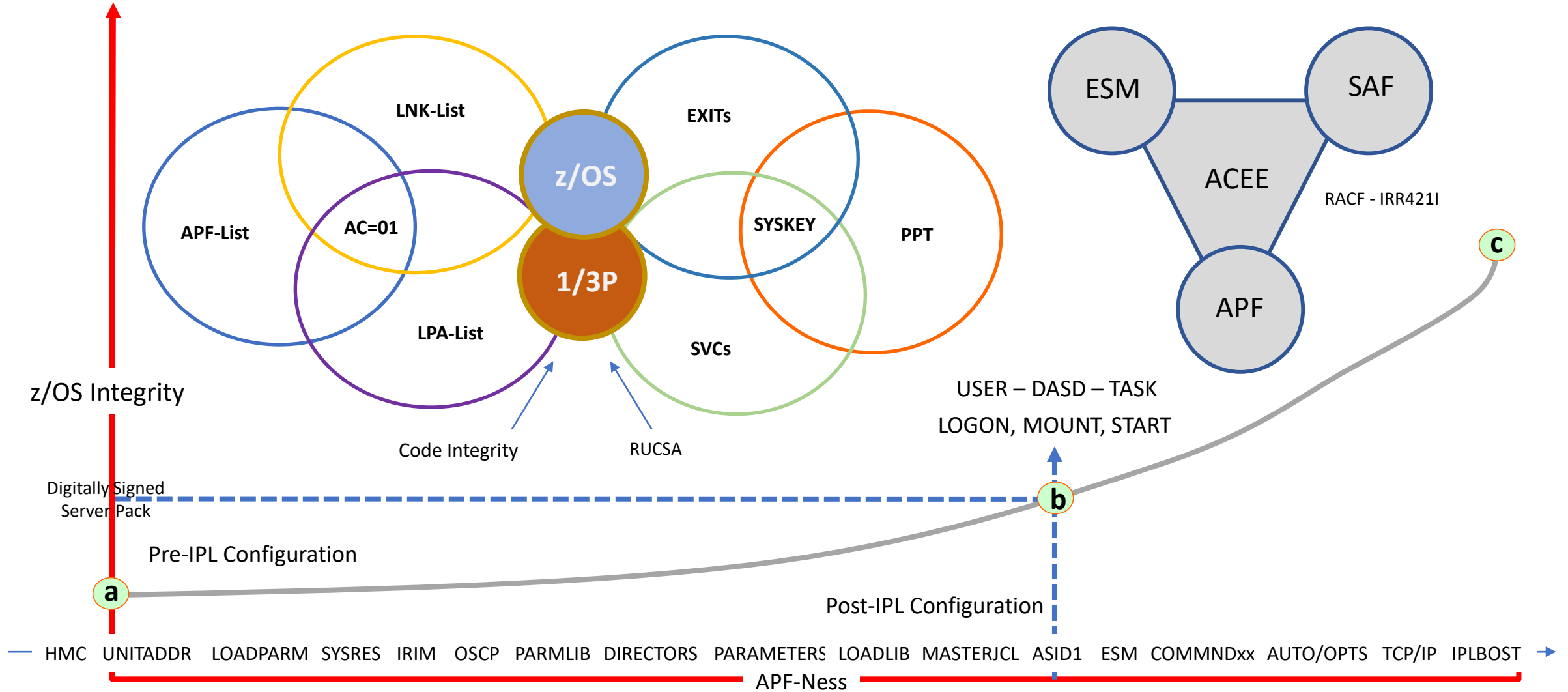
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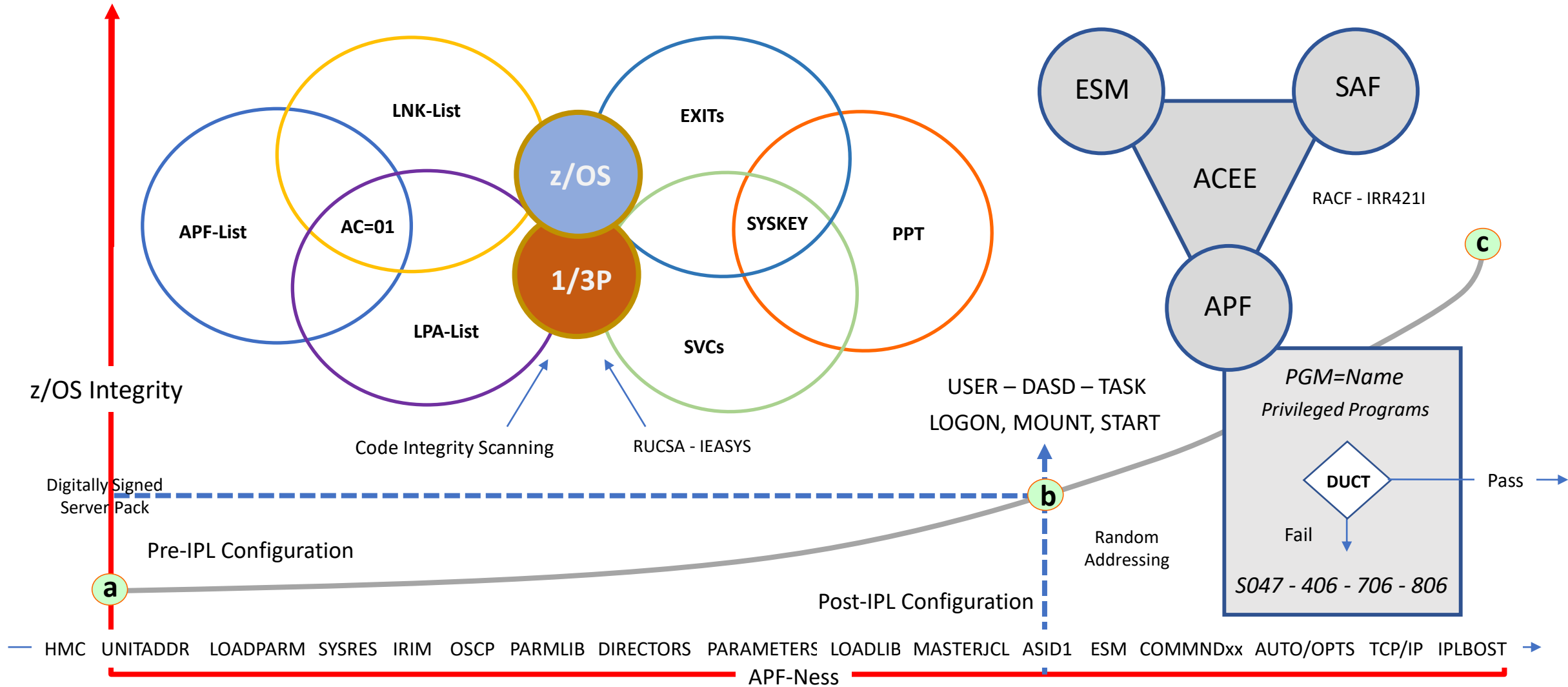
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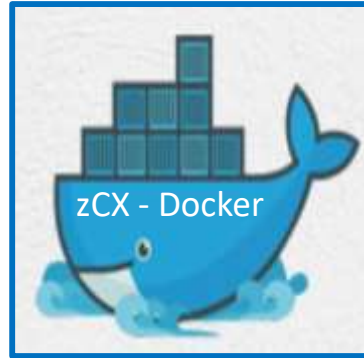
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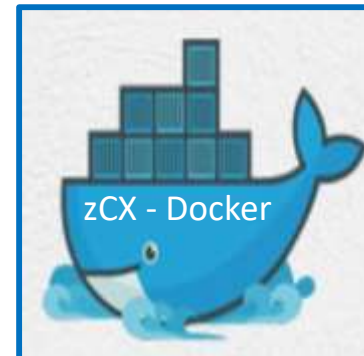
z/OS Image & Address Spaces

ESM ASID=xx	IUZ ASID=xx	HZS ASID=xx	TSO ASID=xx
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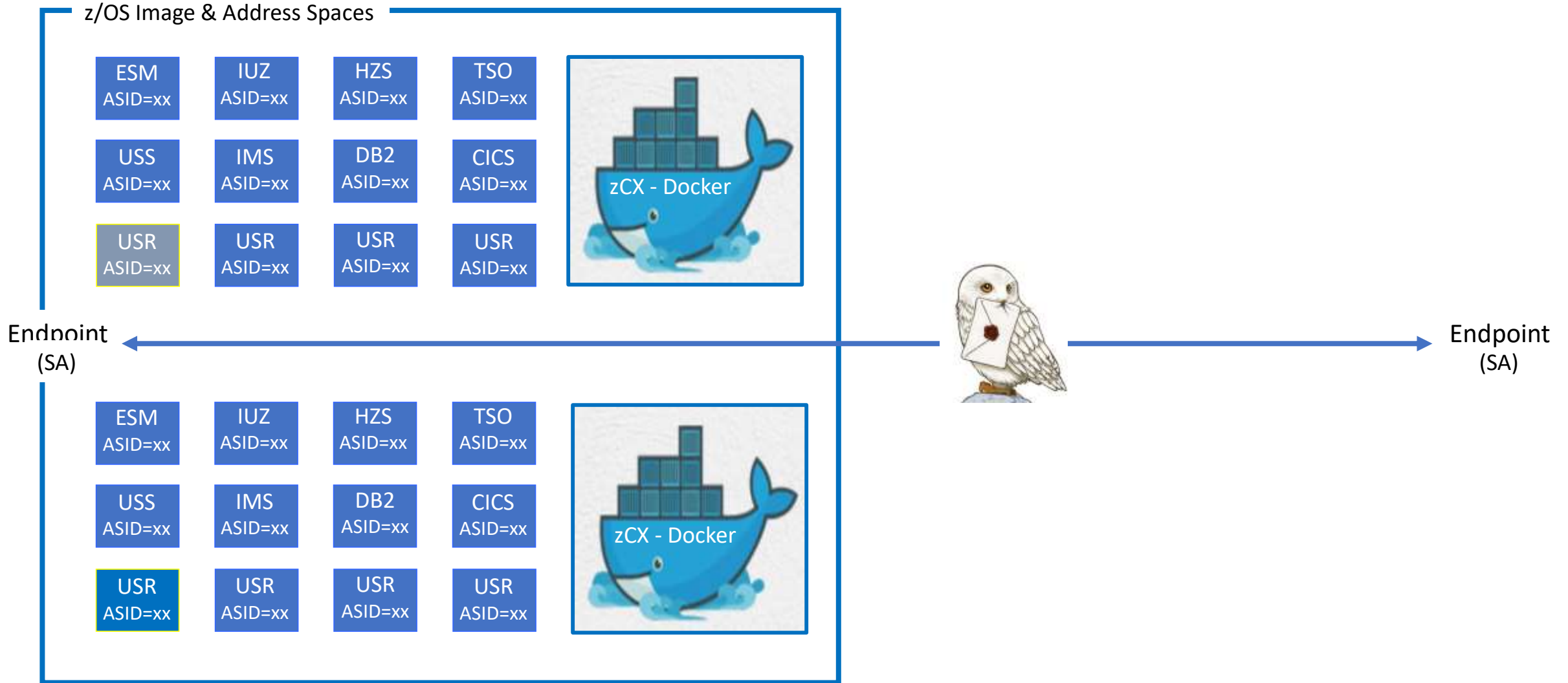


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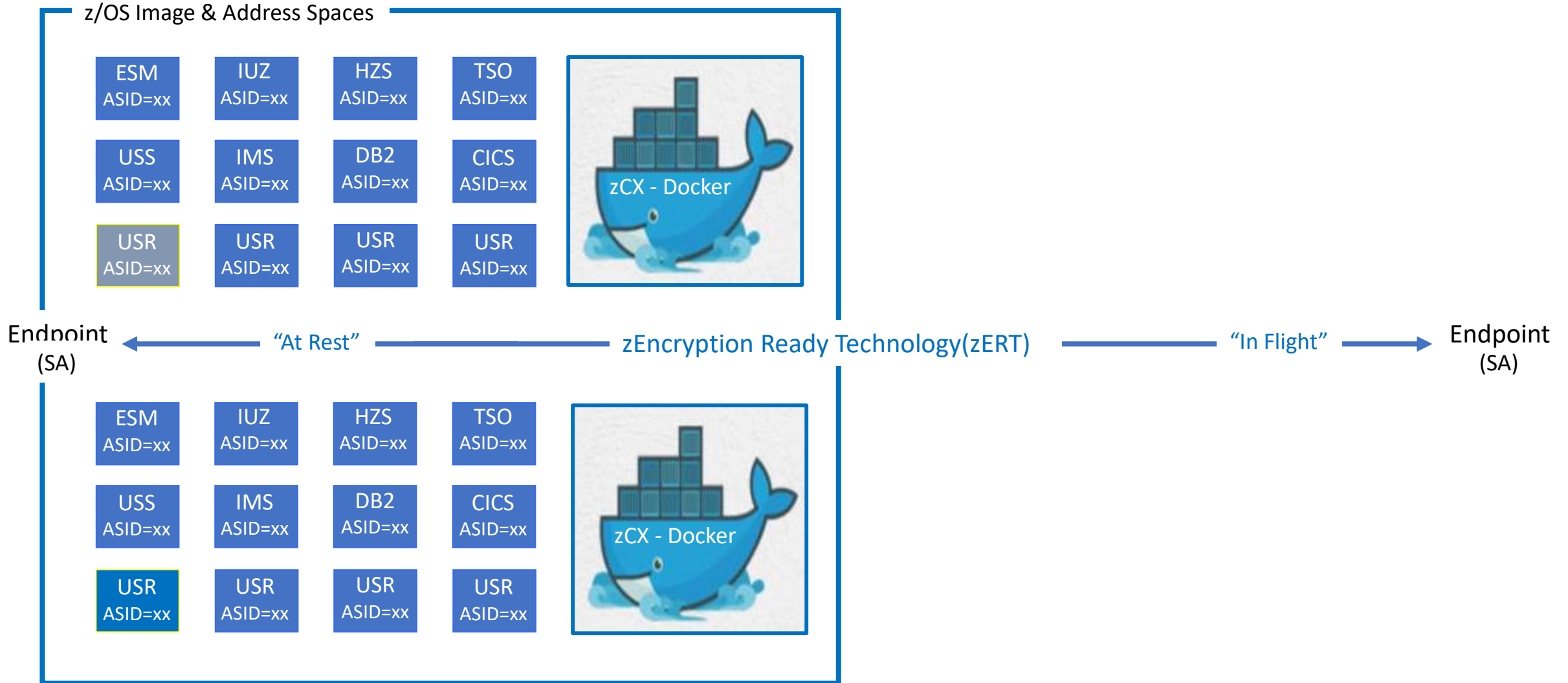


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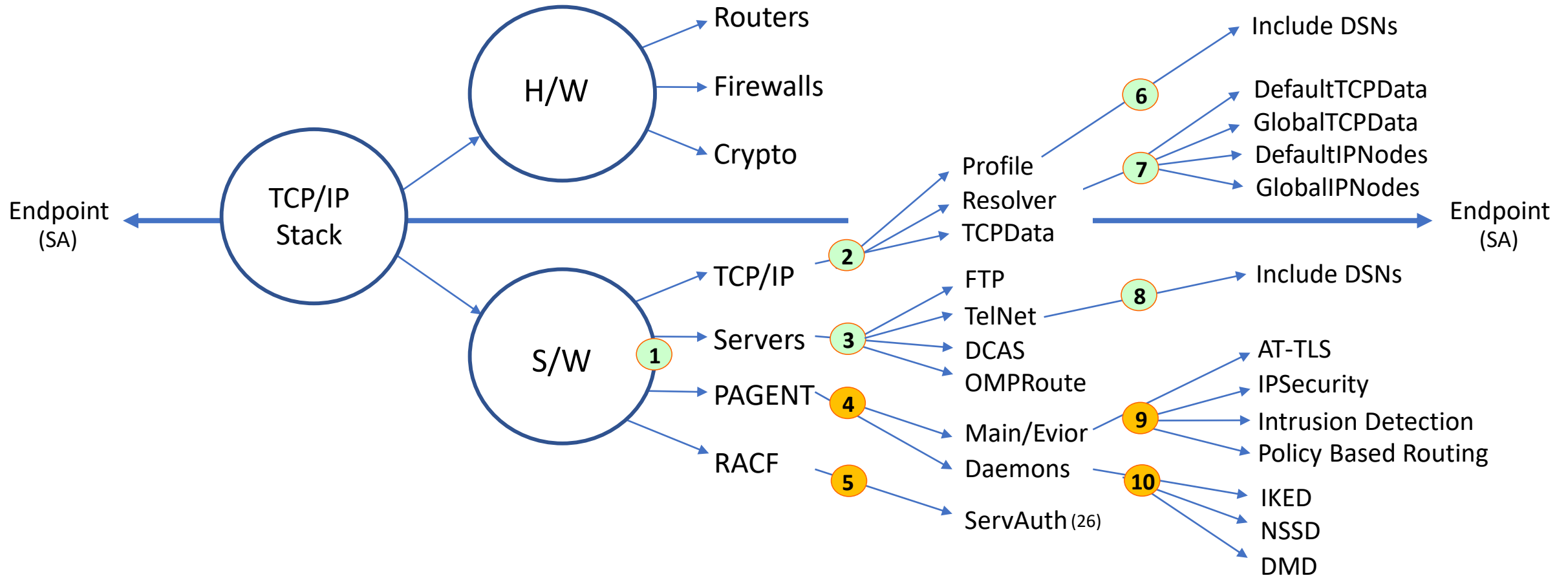
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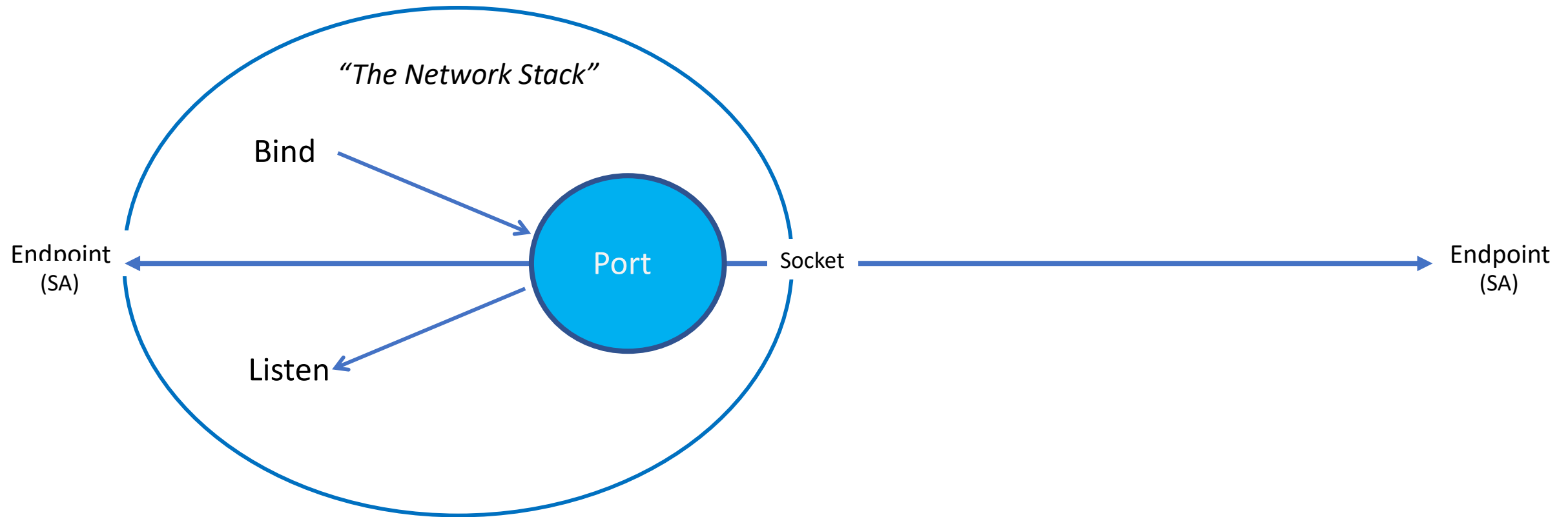
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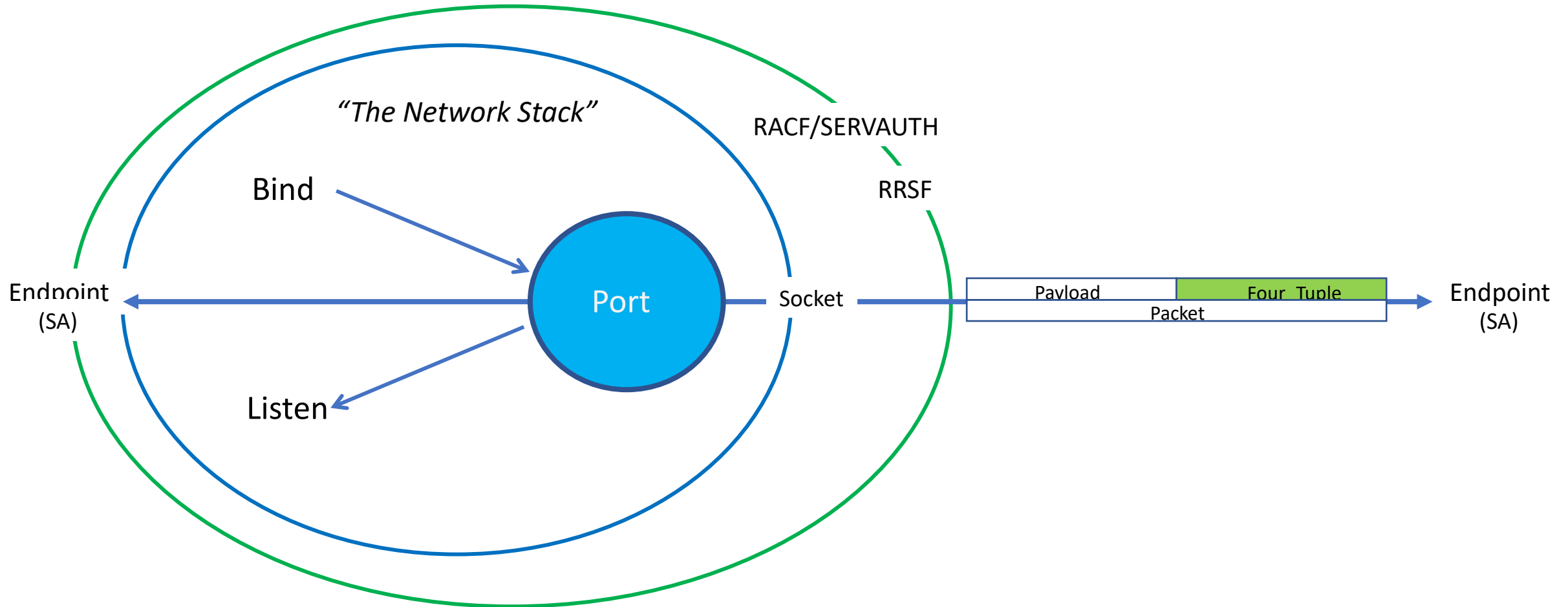


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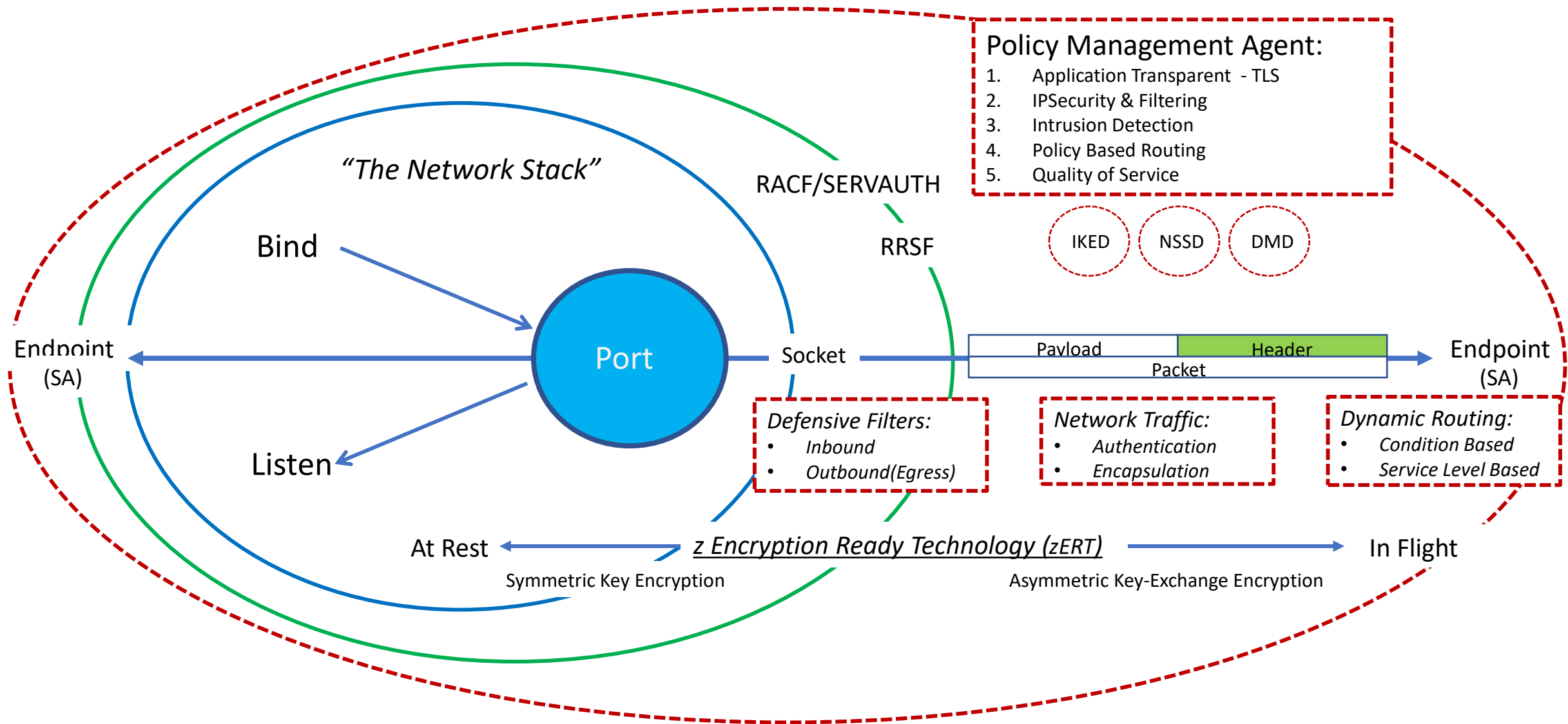


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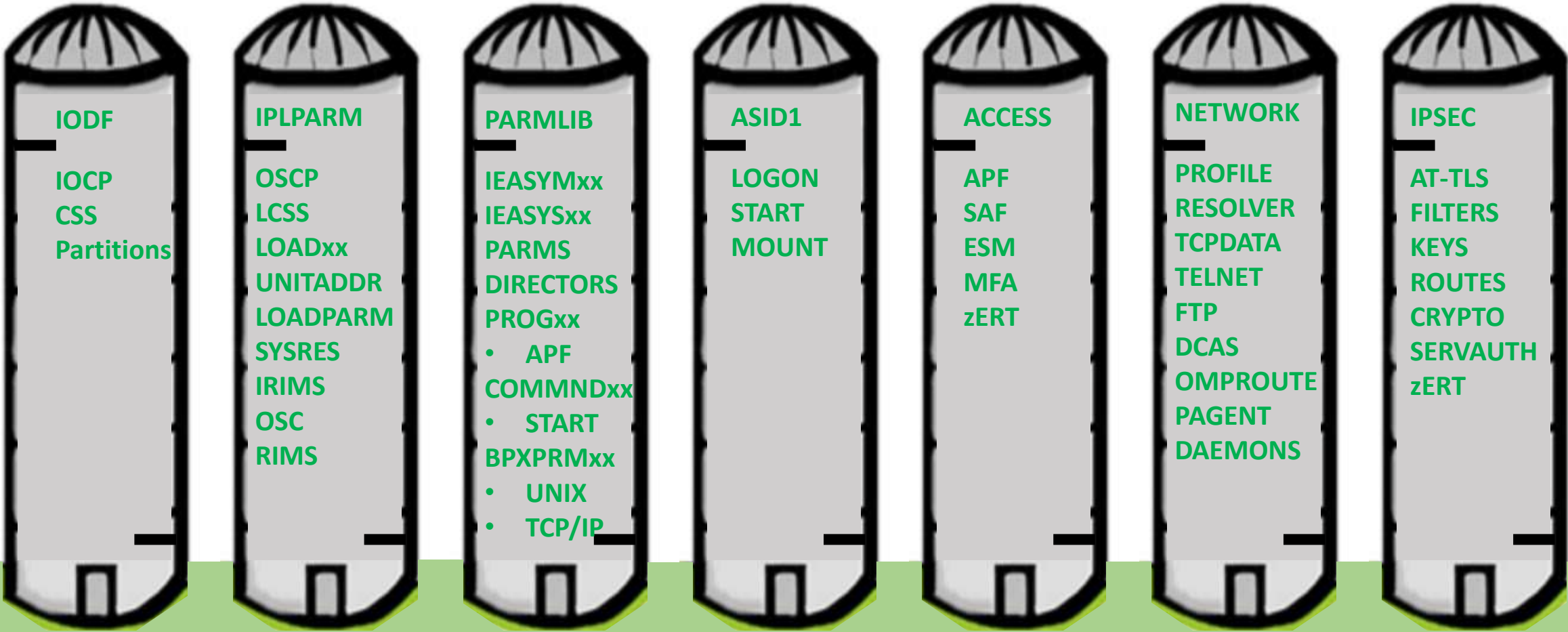
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zSystems Policy Decision Points

What we all fear!

- ***The Improbable***
- ***The Unimagined***
- ***The Unexpected***
- ***The Unforeseen***



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Glossary of Terms:

1. ACF2 - Access Control Facility 2 - A CA Technology Security Product (ESM)
2. APAR - Authorized Program Analysis Report describes problem, formally tracked until resolved
3. APF - Authorized Program Facility
4. ASID - The Numeric Address Space Identifier
5. BCP - The Base Control Program - Backbone of z/OS Reliability and Integrity
6. CBPDO - Custom-Built Product Delivery Option
7. CF - Channel Facility
8. CPC - The Central Processing Complex
9. CPACF - CP Assist for Cryptographic Functions
10. CLI - Compare Logical Intermediate - In snippet - test for change in State
11. CSS - Channel Sub-System - Controls data flow input/output.
12. CHPID - Channel Path Identifier - a logical designation
13. CMT - CHPID Mapping Tool - Maps Logical to Physical Channels
14. CVSS - Common Vulnerability Scoring System
15. DASD - Direct Access Storage Device
16. DEB - Data Extent Block build on OPEN of DCB (Data Control Block). Can examine but not change
17. DPM - Dynamic Partition Manager - Linux specific Partition Management
18. DUCT - Dispatchable Unit Control Table - Control over the Authority State
19. DSFMF - Assign attributes to data sets and objects so system can auto manage storage
20. EAL - Evaluation Assurance Level - A System Integrity Standard - z Systems are EAL 5

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Glossary of Terms:

- 21.EBCDIC - Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code
- 22.EDT - Eligible Device Table - I/O devices that are eligible for allocation
- 23.EOS - End of Service - a date
- 24.ESM - External Security Manager
- 25.ESP - Early Support Program
- 26.FI - Function ID - Generally Applies to PCIe compliant Devices
- 27.FICON - Fiber Connection - FICON has replaced ESCON
- 28.FIRST - Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
- 29.FMID - Function Module ID - Identifies IBM/Vendor software and its release number
- 30.GDPS - Geographically Disbursed Sysplex
- 31.GDPR - General Data Protection Regulations - European Union(EU)
- 32.HCD - Hardware Configuration Definition
- 33.HMC - Hardware Management Console
- 34.HSA - Hardware Storage Area
- 35.HIPER - High Impact Pervasive - as used in HIPER Fix
- 36.ICSF - Integrated Cryptographic Services Facility
- 37.IFL - Integrated Facility for Linux - A System Assist Processor(SAP)
- 38.IMSI - Initialization Message Suppression Indicator
- 39.IOCP - I/O Configuration Program - Hardware Portion of IODF
- 40.IODF - Input/Output Definition File - HCD - IOCP, OSCP and SWCP

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- 41. IOCDs - Input/Output Configuration Dataset, same as IOCP
- 42. IOS - Input/Output Subsystem - Sometimes referred as simply I/O
- 43. IPK - Insert PSW Key - A privileged Instruction - See snippet
- 44. IRIM - IPL Resource Initialization Modules
- 45. JCL - JOB Control Language - used to submit job to z/OS
- 46. LCSS - Logical Channel Sub-System - Up to 6 in a z14 each supports up to 15 LPARs
- 47. LPAR - Logical Partition - Up to 85 in a z14
- 48. LTSR - Long-Term Support Release - 2yrs Minimum, 1yr extension is optional at EOS
- 49. MODESET - Change system status - alter PSW/PKM or State Indicator
- 50. MFA - Multi-Factor Authentication - MFL Multi-Factor Logon - MFR Multi-Factor Reset
- 51. NIPCON - A named Console Device used only during a system IPL
- 52. NIPS - Nucleus Initialization Processing
- 53. OLTP - Online Transaction Processing - as apposed to Batch Processing
- 54. OSCP - Operating System Control Program - Software portion of IODF
- 55. OTP - One-Time Password - TOTP Time-Sensitive One-Time Password
- 56. PE - Program Error - As would be referenced in a PTF
- 57. POR - Power on Reset - A base level initialization of hardware and possible IPL
- 58. PPT - Program Properties Table
- 59. PR/SM - Processor Resource/System Manager
- 60. PKM - Program Status Word MASK - Control PSW Key Changes

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- 61. PCIe - Peripheral Component Interconnect Express
- 62. PCHID - Physical Channel Identifier - Up to 256 in a z15, shared by all CHPIDs
- 63. PDE - Pervasive Dataset Encryption - Part of the zERT Strategy
- 64. PMR - Problem Management Report - How Customers/Users Report Problems
- 65. PSW - Program Status Word - 0/7 protected & 8/15 not protected
- 66. PTF - Program Temporary Fix - When applied resolves a related APAR - FIX Package FIXPCK
- 67. PU - Processor Unit - Up to 107 in a single z14 CPC + SAP - System Assist Processors
- 68. RCT - Region Control Task - Highest priority Task in Address Space - Controls Swap in/out
- 69. RIM - Resource Initialization Modules
- 70. RACF - Resource Access Control Facility - An IBM Security Product (ESM)
- 71. RRSF - RACF Resource Sharing Facility - One RACF Db to service many systems
- 72. RSU - Recommended Service Update
- 73. SAF - System Access Facility - Provided by the Operating System in support of ESM
- 74. SAP - System Assist Processor - I/O Channel Management, zIIPs, zAAPs, IFL's
- 75. SIA - System Integrity APAR - Authorized Program Analysis Report
- 76. SLA - Service Level Agreement - A shared commitment to service i.e. Response Time
- 77. SPE - Describes a New Function APAR
- 78. SPKA - Set Storage Protect Key from Address - A Privileged Instruction
- 79. SMP/E - System Modification Program/Extended
- 80. SQA - System Query Area - A storage area in main memory

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- 81. SRB - Service Request Block - Supervisor State - SRB Routine, SRB Mode, Scheduling an SRB
- 82. SSC - Secure Service Container - A Highly secure LPAR Specific Hyperledger environment
- 83. SVC - Supervisor Call - Named System Modules - System Service Routines - IBM/USER
- 84. SWCP - Switch Configuration Program
- 85. TCB - Task Control Block - Problem State - Application Programs
- 86. TSS - Top Secret - A CA Technology Security Product (ESM)
- 87. UCB - Unit Control Block - Software portion of the Device Chain
- 88. UCW - Unit Control Work - Hardware portion of the Device Chain
- 89. USS - Unix System Services
- 90. SAN - Storage Area Network
- 91. SE - System Element - 1 of 2 CPC specific Workstations
- 92. SECINT - System Security and Integrity APARs/PTFs
- 93. SMF - System Management Facility - used to control system event logging
- 94. SR - Service Request (Tool) - Used to submit program problem/defect/error
- 95. TKE - Trusted Key Entry Workstation
- 96. 2SV - Two Step Verification of a User Logon and/or Password Reset Credential
- 97. US-CERT - United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team
- 98. zEDC - z Enterprise Data Compression - an IBM Product
- 99. z/OS - A z Mainframe Operating System
- 100. z/OSMF - The z/OS System Management Facility - a web-based workstation interface

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101 - ACEE	Accessor Environment Element
102 - AH	Authentication Header
103 - API	Application Programming Interface
104 - AT-TLS	Application Transparent-Transport Layer Security (Preferred/Policy Agent)
105 - CA	Certificate Authority - validates a digital certificate's integrity
106 - DMD	Defense Manager Daemon - used to implement short-term filters
107 - DFS	Defense Filter Store - stores versions of DMD Filters
108 - DOD	Department of Defense
109 - DOI	Domain of Interpretation
110 - EPS	Encapsulated Security Payload
111 - FTP	File Transfer Protocol - For downloading/Uploading Files
112 - GPL	GNU Public License
113 - ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
114 - IDC	Intrusion Detection - A type of filtering beyond that provided by firewalls
115 - FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standard - Approve cryptographic modules
116 - ICSF	Integrated Cryptographic Services Facility
117 - IDS	Intrusion Detection System
118 - IKED	Internet Key Exchange Daemon - supports endpoint to endpoint security associations
119 - IP	Internet Protocol
120 - IPSec	Internet Security Protocol

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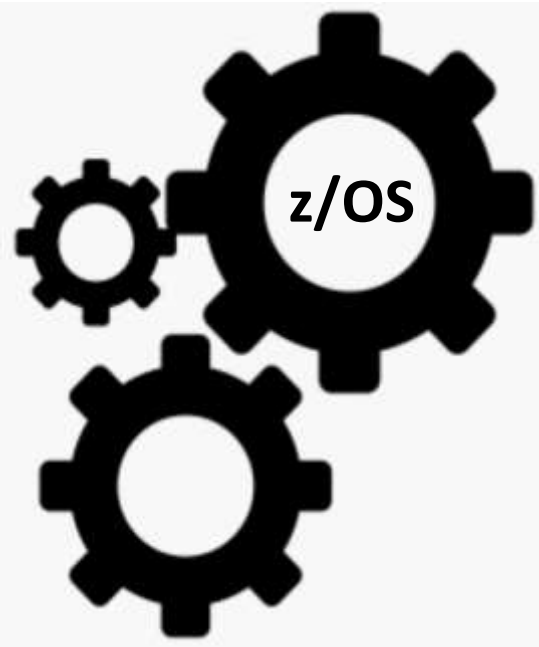
121 -	MAC	Machine Address - unique to every hardware device worldwide
122 -	NAT	Network Address Translation - limits IP addresses, saves money, improves security
123 -	MODP	Modular exponentiation group
124 -	NSSD	Network Security Service Daemon - provides advanced services to IKED Servers/Clients
125 -	PEP	Policy Enforcement Point - Routers, Firewalls, Hosts - Policy based logic
126 -	PFS	Perfect Forward Secrecy - used to protect symmetric keys that protect the data
127 -	PKI	Public Key Infrastructure - defines a method for sharing public/private keys
128 -	PKDS	Public Key Dataset
129 -	QoS	Quality of Service - Policy Management Agent Defined Rules enforced by TCP/IP Stack
130 -	SA	Security Association - shared session and transfer secrets/certificates
131 -	SAD	Security Association Database
132 -	SAF	System Access Facility - Works with the External Security Manager (ESM)
133 -	SPD	Security Policy Database - a store of Policy Agent configuration statements
134 -	SSL/TLS	Secure Socket Layer/Transport Layer Security (Basic/Provided Natively)
135 -	SWSA	Sysplex Wide Security Association - Stack to Stack traffic across Couple Facility
136 -	TCP	Transmission Control Protocol - sends message segments, guarantees delivery in order
137 -	TLS	Transport Layer Security
138 -	UDP	User Datagram Protocol - send messages, best efforts - "fire and forget"
139 -	VIPA	Virtual Internet Protocol Address - DVIPA is a dynamic VIPA
140 -	VPN	Virtual Private Network

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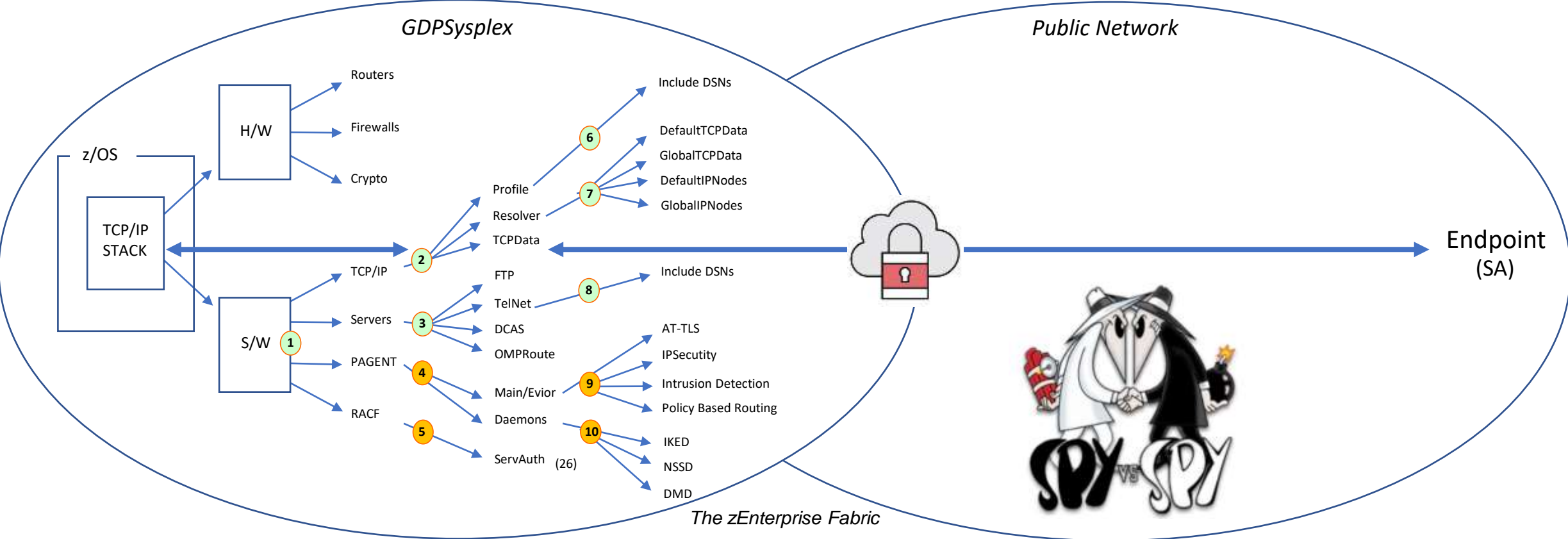
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Cybersecurity – A new look at Network Defenses in Depth Vs. à La Carte!

Tuesday 17, March – 11:00PDT – An Introduction to IPComplete and *MYIP



SA - Security Association

- Defensive Filters:**
- Inbound
 - Outbound(Egress)

- Network Traffic:**
- Authentication
 - Encapsulation