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Care and Feeding of VIO Servers Part 3 - LPM

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PowerVM Live Partition Mobility (LPM)

- LPM provides the ability to move an AIX, IBM i or Linux partition from one LPM-capable physical server to another *compatible* server
- What is meant by *compatible*?
 - Power Systems server requirements
 - Management console requirements
 - Virtual I/O Server (VIOS) requirements
 - Mobile partition requirements
- How are LPM servers managed?
 - HMC

IBM refers to LPARs as either LPARs or Virtual Servers

Firmware support Matrix for LPM

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/POWER9/p9hc3/p9hc3_firmwaresupportmatrix.htm

Migration Modes

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER9/p9hc3/p9hc3_pcmcombosinact.htm

IBM Document that is very useful:

<ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/systems/power/docs/hw/p9/p9hc3.pdf>

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Definitions

Active Partition Mobility

Active Partition Migration is the actual movement of a running LPAR from one physical machine to another without disrupting the operation of the OS and applications running in that LPAR.

Inactive Partition Mobility

Inactive Partition Migration transfers a partition that is logically 'powered off' (not running) from one system to another.

Suspended Partition Mobility

Suspended Partition Migration transfers a partition that is suspended from one system to another.

Partition Mobility (Live or Inactive) and Partition Migration (Active or Inactive)

Refer to the same feature.

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Summary of migration phases

Active

- Validate configuration
- Create new LPAR
- Create new virtual resources
- Migrate state of LPAR in memory*
 - Includes memory, hardware page table, processor state, NVRAM, Time of Day and partition configuration
- Remove old LPAR configuration
- Free up old resources

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Summary of migration phases

Inactive

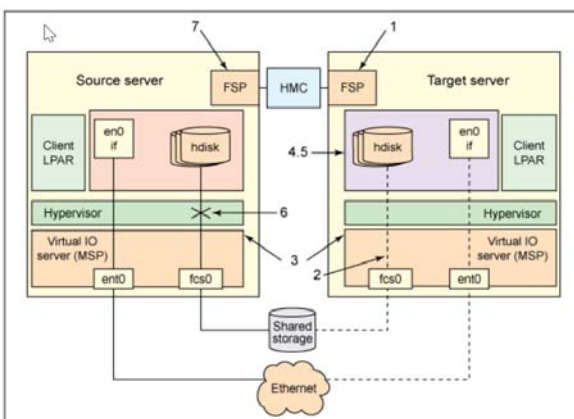
- Validate configuration
- Create new LPAR
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- Remove old LPAR configuration
- Free up old resources

Migration uses last used partition profile so LPAR must have been activated at least once, even if just in SMS mode

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General LPM Depiction



The following describes the general LPM depiction in the diagram

1. Partition profile (presently active) copied from source to target FSP.
2. Storage is configured on the Target.
3. Mover service partitions (MSP) is activated.
4. Partition migration started.
 - a. Majority of memory pages moved.
 - b. All threads piped down.
5. Activation resumed on target.
 - a. Final memory pages moved.
 - b. Cleanup storage and network traffic.
6. Storage resources are deconfigured from the source.
7. Partition profile removed from source FSP (Flexible Service Processor).

From: https://developer.ibm.com/technologies/systems/articles/au-lpm_troubleshooting/

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PowerVM Live Partition Mobility (LPM)



LPM virtualizes all storage and network resources

Process transfers the processor state, memory, virtual devices and connected users

An identical VM is created on the target server and memory pages are copied

Any memory changes on the source server are tracked to be re-copied

After memory state is copied, processing is stopped on source and started on target

Remaining 'dirty' memory pages are copied and cleanup completed



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Requirements for LPM

- **PLANNING IS CRITICAL**
 - <http://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/set2/sas/f/pm/component.html>
 - Hardware: POWER6 Only and above
 - HMC: v7.3.2 with MH01062
 - Firmware: E*340_039 min
 - <http://pic.dhe.ibm.com/infocenter/powersys/v3r1m5/index.jsp?topic=/p7hc3/p7hc3firmwaresupportmatrix.htm>
 - AIX v5.3: 5300-07-01
 - AIX v6.1: 6100-00-01
 - VIO Server: 1.5.2.1-FP-11.1 or v2.1
 - RHEL5 Update 1 and SLES10 Update 1 supported (or later)
 - HMC v7.3.4 introduces remote migration
 - Partitions can migrate between systems managed by different HMCs
- Mobility between HMC and FSM requires HMC v7r7.1.0 or later
- Virtualized SAN storage (rootvg and all other vgs)
 - Virtualized Ethernet (SEA)
 - LPAR being moved cannot be using the HEA/IVE (VIO can though)
 - Check the prereq site:
 - https://www-912.ibm.com/e_dir/eserverprereq.nsf
 - **No dedicated anything at the time of the move**
 - **No virtual opticals**
 - **IBM i LPAR must be in restricted I/O mode which means you cannot dlpar in or add any real I/O devices**

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Other LPM Prereqs

- Two servers – POWER6, 6+, 7, 7+ (or mix thereof), 8 or 9
- POWER9 does not support POWER6 modes
- PowerVM Enterprise Edition on all servers
- All LPARs on the same Open network with RMC established to HMC
 - **RMC must be working**
- LPARs must be under control of VIOS
- Both systems HMC connected on the RMC network
- Check VIOS levels
 - Many new features require v2.1 or higher
- Storage must be virtualized
 - Storage must be zoned to both source and target
 - No LVM based disks
 - No local storage – must be on the SAN
 - hdisks must be external and have reserve_policy=no_reserve
 - After 2.2.4 of VIOS new vioslpm0 pseudo device for checking for hdisks
 - See section 3.7 of the LPM red book SG24-7460
- Must use Shared Ethernet Adapter
 - See section 3.8 of the LPM red book SG24-7460
- All resources must be shared or virtualized prior to migration
- Check operating system level is supported on the new server
- No partition at receiving server can have the same name as the LPAR being migrated from
- **Must have resources available at the target**
 - **Cores, memory, adapters, etc**

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LPM

- Check LPAR on HMC under Capabilities
 - Look for Active and Inactive Partition Mobility Capable=True
- Ensure VIO server is set up as a Mover Service Partition (MSP) under the general tab on the VIO server at each end
 - By default MSP is set to no on a VIO server
- Mover partition must have a VASI (Virtual Asynchronous Services Interface) device defined and configured (done automatically by HMC)
- The pHypervisor will automatically manage migration of CPU and memory
- Dedicated IO adapters must be de-allocated before migration
- cd0 in VIO may not be attached to mobile LPAR as virtual optical device
- Time of Day clocks for VIO servers should be synchronized
- The operating system and applications must be migration-aware or migration-enabled
- LMB (memory region) size must be the same on both servers – check on HMC
 - Requires a whole server reboot to change

Check capability for Active Memory Sharing, suspend/resume and Trusted Boot if mobile partition is configured for them

Note: As of HMC v8.8.4 you can disable LPM migration for an LPAR:

[https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/Power%20Systems/page/HMC%20partition%20disablement%20of%20Live%20Partition%20Mobility%20\(LPM\)](https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/Power%20Systems/page/HMC%20partition%20disablement%20of%20Live%20Partition%20Mobility%20(LPM))

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Processor compatibility

- I always set compatibility mode to default
- After an active LPM the LPAR will be in the same compatibility mode it was in on the old system
 - This means that if you were in power7 mode you are still in power7 mode
- After an inactive LPM the LPAR will boot in the preferred compatibility mode
 - This means on a power8 it will boot in power8 mode enabling you to set smt8 later
- NOTE if you want to use smt8 and you were smt4 you will need to make the change in the LPAR
- **VIO (pre v3.1) will show effective mode POWER7 and runs in SMT4 as (pre v3) it is AIX v6 under the covers**

The default processor compatibility mode is a preferred processor compatibility mode that enables the hypervisor to determine the current mode for the logical partition. When the preferred mode is set to default, the hypervisor sets the current mode to the most fully featured mode supported by the operating environment. In most cases, this is the processor type of the server on which the logical partition is activated. For example, assume that the preferred mode is set to default and the logical partition is running on a POWER8 processor-based server. Because the operating environment supports the POWER8 processor capabilities, the hypervisor sets the current processor compatibility mode to POWER8.

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Processor compatibility

Processor Save Cancel Advanced

Displays properties of the logical partition that is using shared or dedicated processors. You can assign the logical partition to be either in capped or uncapped mode. Select the required values to set the Processing Units and Virtual Processors for the logical partition. [Learn More](#)

Processor Mode: Shared

Shared Processor Pool: DefaultPool

Available Processing Units in Pool: N/A

Total Processing Units: 80.0

Capped ☐ Uncapped Weight: 0

Virtual Processors

Maximum: 0

Allocated: 0

Minimum: 0

Processing Units

Maximum: 0.0

Allocated: 0.0

Minimum: 0.0

Advanced Settings

Processor Compatibility Mode

Effective: POWER8

Pending: default

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Processor compatibility

POWER9 compatibility modes

The POWER9 processor has the ability to run in compatibility modes for previous POWER processor generations. This enables older operating systems to run on POWER9 systems. Compatibility modes also allows for live partition migration from systems based on previous generations of POWER processors. The POWER9 processor can run in the following compatibility modes:

- ▶ POWER7
- ▶ POWER8
- ▶ POWER9 Base

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER9/p9hc3/p9hc3_pcmcombosinact.htm

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Live Partition Mobility and Servers

Initially released for Power 6 servers

Now also supports Power7 and Power8 and Power9

Included with PowerVM Enterprise Edition

Can migrate between generations as follows:

- P6 <-> P7, P8 (no P9)
- P7 <-> P6, P8, P9
- P8 <-> P6, P7, P9
- P9 <-> P7, P8 (no P6)

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VIOS requirements checklist

VIOS on both source and destination server must provide:

- Access to the same network (VLAN and subnet) with a Shared Ethernet adapter
- Access to the same physical storage either from:
 - External Fibre Channel storage system using virtual SCSI or NPIV
 - External iSCSI storage using virtual SCSI

Virtual storage:

- VIOS virtual adapters cannot be marked as required and should not be marked for “Any client”
- Destination VIOS must have enough “available” virtual adapters

Other:

- At least one VIOS per server must be configured as an MSP
- For shared memory LPARs, destination must have a paging device available
- Consider configuring a VIOS as a time reference partition

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MSP – Mover Service Partition

Check the box on the VIO servers you want to use to oversee transfers

- Only applies to Active Partition Mobility
- Used to transfer the memory contents of the LPAR from the source to the target server
- The memory contents are moved via the VASI (virtual asynchronous services interfaces) which is a virtual device that is created when the MSP is enabled on a VIOS.
- You can display the VASI on the VIO
- Any VIOS with this checked can be used
- The transfer uses an IP address in the VIO server
- You can use two MSPs at each end (Dual MSP) to increase the bandwidth
- Click on the MSP pairing button during validation to choose the MSP pair to use to get the best performance
- Network for MSPs impacts time to transfer
 - i.e. single MSP on 10Gb network transfers 200Gb in about 3-4 minutes depending how active the LPAR is

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Checking the VASI

lsdev -C | grep vasi

vasi0 Available Virtual Asynchronous Services Interface (VASI)

lsattr -El vasi0

```
medium_buf_max 256 Maximum Medium Buffers True
medium_buf_size 8192 Medium Buffer Size (in bytes) False
rx_max_pkts 50 Maximum Received Packets Per Interrupt True
small_buf_max 2048 Maximum Small Buffers True
small_buf_size 2048 Small Buffer Size (in bytes) False
tx_buf_min 512 Maximum Transmit Buffers True
tx_buf_size 16384 Transmit Buffer Size (in bytes) False
```

lscfg -vpl vasi0

```
vasi0 U8286.41A.215D3AV-V1-C32769 Virtual Asynchronous Services Interface (VASI)
Hardware Location Code.....U8286.41A.215D3AV-V1-C32769
PLATFORM SPECIFIC
Name: IBM,VASI
Node: IBM,VASI@30010000
Device Type: IBM,VASI-1
Physical Location: U8286.41A.215D3AV-V1-C32769
```

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vasistat -all vasi0

As padmin use vasistat command
\$vasistat -all vasi0
Provides statistics

```
$ vasistat -all vasi0
-----
VASI STATISTICS (vasi0) :
Elapsed Time: 25 days 13 hours 57 minutes 56 seconds
Transmit to PHY Statistics:      Receive from PHY Statistics:
-----
Packets: 0                      Packets: 0
Bytes: 0                        Bytes: 0
No Buffers: 0                   No Buffers: 1818501198
Transmit Errors: 0              Receive Errors: 0
Bad Packets: 0                  Bad Packets: 0
Output Calls: 0                 Interrupts: 12
                                Maximum Buffers Per Interrupt: 0
                                Average Buffers Per Interrupt: 0

Average Time Spent in CRQ Send: 5 microseconds
Maximum Time Spent in CRQ Send: 11 microseconds
Minimum Time Spent in CRQ Send: 1 microseconds

Driver Flags: Up Running 64BitSupport

Maximum Operations: 8
Maximum Receive Pools: 0
Active Operations: 0

DMA Channel: 10010000444D4120
Bus ID: 90000340

Local DMA Window:
  Logical I/O Bus Number: 10010000
  TCE Base: 0000000000000000
  TCE Size: 0000000010000000

Remote DMA Window:
  Logical I/O Bus Number: 00000000
  TCE Base: 0000000000000000
  TCE Size: 0000000000000000

Supported Operation Types: Migration
num of operations: 0
$
```

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Setting VIOS to MSP

Click on VIOS properties and check the Mover service partition box in advanced

View and modify the Virtual I/O Server (VIOS) settings that is configured on the managed system. You can modify the VIOS name and you can also configure additional settings using the Advanced Settings option. [Learn More](#) → Advanced

VIOS Name:

VIOS Version: VIOS 3.1.1.25

Advanced Settings ?

☐ Automatic Start with Managed System
 ☐ Enable Time Reference

☒ Mover Service Partition
 ☐ Enable VTTPM

☐ Enable Connection Monitoring
 ☒ Allow Performance Information Collection

☐ Enable Redundant Error Path Reporting

Migration Capabilities Check server is LPM capable

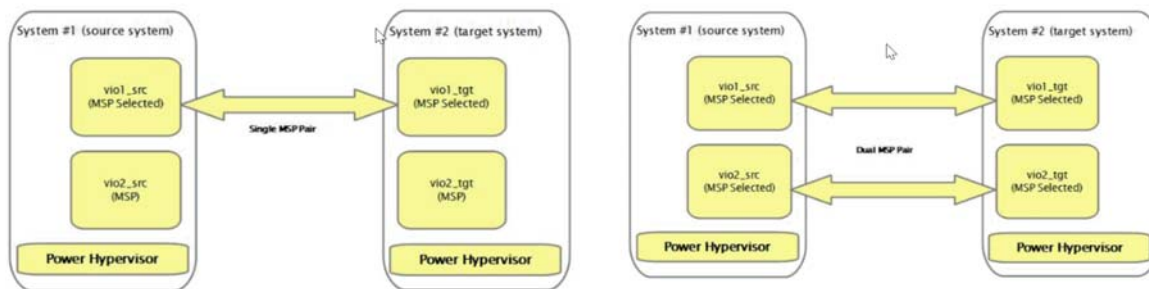
Type	Capable	Number of Supported Migrations	Number of Migrations in Progress
Inactive	Yes	16	0
Active	Yes	8	0

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MSP

<https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/lpm-enhancements-high-resiliency-performance-powervm-version-225>
Specific firmware requirements (on P8 FW860 or higher) need to be met



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Select MSP Pairing

Fill in the following information to set up a migration of the partition to a different managed system. Click Validate to ensure that all requirements are met for this migration. You cannot migrate until the migration set up has been verified.

Source system : Server-9179-MHE- serial ... f
 Migrating partition: I DAD1
 Remote HMC: 192.168.201.150
 Remote User: lpmacct
 Destination system: Server-9080-MHE- serial ... f Refresh Destination System
 Destination profile name: default
 Destination shared processor pool: DefaultPool (0)
 Source mover service partition: vir1
 Destination mover service partition: vir2
 Wait time (in min): 3
 Override virtual network errors when possible: ☒
 Override virtual storage errors when possible: ☒
 Override partition UUID: ☐
 Reread network communication between all MSPs: ☒
 Virtual Storage assignments :

Select	Source Slot ID	Slot Type	Destination VIOS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir1
<input type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir2
<input type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir3
<input type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir4
<input type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir5
<input type="checkbox"/>	334	Fibre	vir6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	333	Fibre	vir1
<input type="checkbox"/>	333	Fibre	vir2
<input type="checkbox"/>	333	Fibre	vir3
<input type="checkbox"/>	333	Fibre	vir4

View VLAN Settings... Validate Migrate Cancel Help

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Mobile partition requirements checklist 1/3

Check mobile partition configuration for:

- Operating system support
- Functioning RMC (resource management controller) daemons
- No workload group
- No open consoles (warning only)
- Storage on external storage unit and accessible by both VIOS LPARs (Zoned and mapped)
- Storage set to no_reserve in LPAR
- No adapters set to required in profile
- Check that LPAR name will be unique on destination server
- Check MAC address will be unique on destination server
- Not a service partition
- No logical ports configuration on Integrated Virtual Ethernet (IVE)/Host Ethernet Adapter (HEA)
 AIX 6100-05 (or higher) clients can convert LHEA to virtual Ethernet during migration
- Verify valid processor compatibility mode
- Virtual network configuration compatible with destination VIOS

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Mobile partition requirements checklist 2/3

* Okay for inactive migrations but not active migrations

No huge memory pages*

No BSR arrays*

No redundant error reporting*

No physical I/O*

If mobile LPAR using AME (Active Memory Expansion)

Make sure it's supported on the destination server

If the mobile partition is suspend-resume capable, make sure the target has a reserved storage pool greater than or equal to 110 percent of the lpar size

NOTE target server must have enough CPU and memory resources for the LPAR to be moved

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Mobile partition requirements checklist 3/3

If shared processor pool with an entitlement below 0.1 processing units and greater than or equal to 0.05 (POWER7+), make sure the destination server also shares that capability

LUNs using NPIV need to be zoned and mapped to both world wide port names on each client Virtual Fibre Channel adapter

All I/O resources must be shared or virtualized prior to migration – dedicated devices need to be removed including vtop

No vSCSI or NPIV adapters can be set as required in the profile

<https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/10/2018/guide-live-partition-mobility>

Migrating IBM i LPARs

1. Verify the destination server supports the migration of IBM i mobile partitions and the restricted I/O mode
2. Verify the IBM i mobile partition is in the restricted I/O mode
3. Restricted I/O mode requires an LPAR reboot and disable DLPAR of physical I/O into the IBM i LPAR
4. No tape drives can be active

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Zoning and Mapping (masking)

- **Zoning**
 - This is when the switch is configured to allow the switch port to talk to the storage and the WWPN for the LPAR or server
- **Mapping or masking**
 - This is when the storage is updated to allow the host (LPAR or server) WWPNs access to the specific LUNs provisioned
- LUNs must be provisioned at the storage, then mapped and zoned before they can be used in an LPAR
- For direct attach we zone and map the WWNs for the real adapters, for NPIV we use the WWPNs on the virtual adapters
- WWNs tend to start with 10 or 20
- WWPNs (NPIV) start with C0
- These can be found in an HMCScanner report or by logging onto the LPAR or VIO or from the HMC
- Check the VIO connection to the switch is NPIV enabled:

```
$ lsports
name      physloc      fabric tports aports swwpns  awwpns
fcs0      U78C9.001.WZS0234-P1-C7-T1  1      64    56    3088  3062
fcs1      U78C9.001.WZS0234-P1-C7-T2  1      64    56    3088  3062
```

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LPM Zoning and mapping - NPIV

- **Do not confuse zoning with mapping (aka masking)**
- Regular and LPM WWPNs must be zoned at the switch and mapped at the storage
- Each virtual fibre adapter for an LPAR has 2 x WWPNs
 - The first is the default one that is used
 - The second is used by LPM – it normally does not login unless LPM has been used
 - Both WWPNs must be zoned and mapped
- If they are not mapped at the storage and you do an LPM you will damage your boot image
 - You can avoid this problem after 2.2.4 by setting 2 parameters on vioslpm0 on all VIO LPARs
- You should also do your zoning by zoning all WWPNs for the LPAR to both switches. Keep zoning simple and have a zone that is LPARname and all the WWPNs. This will avoid problems during LPM when you allocate fiber ports to each VIO for dual VIO systems.

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vSCSI and NPIV

- vSCSI

Use WWN of the VIO server when zoning then map at VIO server to the client LPAR
 Iscfg –vpl fcs0 | grep Network will show something like: 10000090fa530975
 Those WWNs belong to the VIO not the client LPAR
 MPIO drivers are installed in the VIO
 Mirrored in client LPAR
 Disks are seen at and assigned from the VIO
 View using “lsmap –all”
 Shows as vSCSI in client LPAR
 FCS tunables set in VIO

- NPIV

Use WWPNS that are created when client LPAR is created
 You can find them in the client's profile for the virtual adapters and they look like: c0507607dbd80028
 Those WWPNS (also called VFCs) migrate with the client LPAR
 Disks are not seen at the VIO so MPIO drivers are installed in the client LPAR
 Fibre adapters get mapped from the VIO
 View using “lsmap –all –npiv”
 Shows as fibre adapters (FCS?) in the client LPAR
 FCS tunables set in VIO and client LPAR – client LPAR settings must be <= to settings in the VIO servers
 On V5000 and some other storage arrays you may also have to zone the real WWNs for the adapters,
 not just the client WWPNS

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Finding WWPNS for NPIV

On HMC, go to virtual adapters in LPAR profile, select a VFC then actions, advanced, login logout fibre

Maximum virtual adapters : + 200
 Number of virtual adapters : 12

--- Select Action ---

Select	Type	Adapter ID	Server/Client Partition	Partner Adapter	Required
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethernet	12	N/A	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethernet	13	N/A	N/A	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	180	vio2(2)	180	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	181	vio2(2)	181	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	70	vio1(1)	70	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	71	vio1(1)	71	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	90	vio2(2)	90	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client Fibre Channel	91	vio2(2)	91	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client SCSI	40	vio1(1)	40	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Client SCSI	50	vio2(2)	50	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Serial	0	Any Partition	Any Partition Slot	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Server Serial	1	Any Partition	Any Partition Slot	Yes

Displays WWPNS status for virtual fibre channel client adapters

Slot Number	WWPN	WWPN Status	Logged-In By	WWPN Status Reason
180	c0507607dbd80048	2		
180	c0507607dbd80049	2		
181	c0507607dbd8004a	2		
181	c0507607dbd8004b	2		
70	c0507607dbd80028	2		
70	c0507607dbd80029	2		
71	c0507607dbd8002a	2		
71	c0507607dbd8002b	2		
90	c0507607dbd8002c	2		
90	c0507607dbd8002d	2		
91	c0507607dbd8002e	2		
91	c0507607dbd8002f	2		

Login Logout Cancel Help

Or go into the LPAR profile
 Select a VFC and actions, properties

Virtual Fibre Channel Adapter Properties:

Virtual Fibre Channel adapter
 Adapter ID: 70
 Type of adapter: Client
 Required : False
 WWPNS: c0507607dbd80028
 c0507607dbd80029
 Server partition: vio1(1)
 Server adapter ID: 70

Close Help

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Simple Zoning for LPM

SIMPLE ZONE

SWITCH1

```
zone:      NPIV_AIX1
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:28
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:29
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:2a
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:2b
           50:05:07:68:02:16:2f:c3
           50:05:07:68:02:16:2f:c4
           10:00:00:90:fa:19:04:40
```

SWITCH2

```
zone:      NPIV_AIX1
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:28
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:29
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:2a
           c0:50:76:03:ca:b6:00:2b
           50:05:07:68:02:26:2f:c3
           50:05:07:68:02:26:2f:c4
           10:00:00:90:fa:19:15:a9
           20:02:00:0e:11:13:06:67
```

I zone all the WWPNs for the client on both switches – reduces problems with LPM
If you don't do this, you have to be certain to assign the right adapter to the right VIO when using LPM
The only difference is the storage subsystem zones (50:05) and tape drive units they can see

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NPIV Mapping at VIO as padmin

NPIV

```
$ vfcmap -vadapter vfchost20 -fcp fcs0
```

```
$ lsmap -vadapter vfchost20 -npiv
```

Name	Physloc	ClntID	ClntName	ClntOS
vfchost20	U8286.41A.215D3AV-V1-C108	17	aixtest1	AIX

```
Status:LOGGED_IN
```

```
FC name:fcs0          FC loc code:U78C9.001.WZS0234-P1-C7-T1
```

```
Ports logged in:3
```

```
Flags:a<LOGGED_IN,STRIP_MERGE>
```

```
VFC client name:fcs0    VFC client DRC:U8286.41A.215D3AV-V17-C108
```

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Fixing RMC Issues

IBM Power cloud:

ifconfig -a - check which en is inet6 - if none then make a note of the next free en

Replace en?? below with that en

```
odmdelete -o CuAt -q name=cluster0
```

```
autoconf6 -i en??
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/install/bin/uncfgct -n
```

```
sleep 5
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/install/bin/cfgct
```

```
sleep 5
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -z
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -A
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -p
```

Regular AIX:

<https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/fixing-no-rmc-connection-error>

Check RSCT levels

Check status of daemons

For >= HMCv8

```
diagrmc --autocorrect -v
```

Then on LPAR

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -z
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -A
```

```
/usr/sbin/rsct/bin/rmcctrl -p
```

See document for other commands that may be necessary

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Inactive Migration

- Differences in configuration for inactive migrations:
 - LPAR may be configured with huge memory pages and barrier synchronization registers
 - Any physical I/O configured in the profiles will be removed during the migration
 - The preferred processor compatibility mode must be supported by the destination server
 - Mobile partition OS versions that support virtual devices and POWER6 servers but are not supported for active migrations may be supported for inactive migrations
- Either the last activated partition profile or the last running configuration is used, therefore a partition that has *never* been activated cannot be migrated
 - Workaround for new LPARs: Activate to SMS then shut down
- No log entries on HMC

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Requirements for Remote Migration

- Ability to use LPM between 2 servers on different HMCs
- A local HMC managing the source server
- A remote HMC managing the target server
- Functional RMC daemons
- Version 7.3.4 or later of the HMC software
- Network access to the remote HMC
- SSH key authentication to the remote HMC and all involved LPARs (VIOS and actual LPAR)
- Plus all the other requirements for single HMC migration
- If FSM to HMC or vice versa then need HMC v7.7.1.0 or higher

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Remote Migration SSH keys

- [https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/Power%20Systems/page/Remote%20LPM%20\(Live%20Partition%20Migration\)](https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/wikis/home?lang=en#!/wiki/Power%20Systems/page/Remote%20LPM%20(Live%20Partition%20Migration))
- Setting up SSH Keys
- Create a userid to use for LPM - I created lpmuser on both systems
- Login to the source HMC to setup the communication channel to the target HMC:
- `mkauthkeys -u target_hmc_user_name --ip target_hmc_ip --passwd target_hmcuser_password`
- i.e.
- `mkauthkeys -u lpmuser --ip 192.168.2.130 --passwd lpmpasswd`
- After running mkauthkeys once, remote LPM will work from both HMC GUI and command line.
- Now test the communication channel:
- `mkauthkeys -u target_hmc_user_name --ip target_hmc_ip -test`
- i.e.
- `mkauthkeys -u lpmuser --ip 192.168.2.130 -test`
- If you want to setup remote LPM between two HMCs such that either can be a source HMC, you can run the mkauthkeys command on both HMCs, or on just one with the -g option:
- `mkauthkeys -u target_hmc_user_name --ip target_hmc_ip --passwd target_hmc_user_password -g`

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Simplified Remote Restart (SRR)

Simplified Remote Restart (SRR)

- Introduced on POWER8
- Design for unplanned outages
 - Build a SRR plan ready to execute in the event of an unplanned outage
 - Lets you move and restart an LPAR within minutes after a POWER server has crashed (rare)
 - LPM can't be used when server has crashed but SRR can
- Article by Nigel Griffiths:
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/simplified-remote-restart-hmc-or-powervc>
- IBM Tech Doc
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/basics-simplified-remote-restart-srr-hmc>

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Setting SRR for an LPAR

Go into LPAR properties

At the bottom of the general section you will see the box for SRR
Check the box

Then on the server properties

Check the box to allow migration with inactive source storage VIOS

Migration

View the partition mobility properties and change the migration policy for inactive partitions on the managed system. [Learn More](#)

Inactive Profile Migration Policy: [?](#)

Partition Configuration

☒ Allow Migration with Inactive Source Storage VIOS [?](#)

Migration Capabilities

Type	Capable	Number of Supported Migrations	Number of Migrations in Progress
Inactive	Yes	16	0
Active	Yes	8	0

General

View and modify the client partition name and enable the advi specify advanced settings based on the operating system for I [Learn More](#)

Partition Name:

OS Type / Environment:

OS Version:

IP Address:

Boot Mode: [?](#)

Resource Configuration: [?](#)

Key Lock Position:

System Machine Type * Serial Number:

Description: [?](#)

Group Tags: [?](#)

Virtualization Capabilities [?](#)

☐ Suspend / Resume

☒ Simplified Remote Restart

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vioslpm0 – requires PowerVM 2.2.4 or higher

As padmin:

```
chdev -dev vioslpm0 -attr src_lun_val=on
chdev -dev vioslpm0 -attr dest_lun_val=on
```

The above changes are what will force it to check all the way through to the disk for any future lpms. This command is entered as padmin on all vio lpars and will never need to be entered again. It is dynamic.

You can check the settings:

```
oem_setup_env
lsattr -El vioslpm0
```

Be aware that if you have lots of disks then your validates may take a lot longer as it checks for access to all disks but it is worth it

During the validation it will check for every lun that is seen by the current WWPNs and will give a confusing error. Click on detailed information and you will see an error for every WWPN that cannot see the disk

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/POWER8/p8hc3/p8hc3_vioslpmpseudo.htm
https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/POWER8/p8hc3/p8hc3_npivorlunval.htm

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vioslpm0 new parameters

The **src_lun_val** attribute is used to enable and disable LUN level validation of N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) devices. This attribute had two possible values, *on* and *off*. When the attribute is set to *off*, LUN level validation is not performed, and when the attribute is set to *on*, LUN level validation is performed.

The **dest_lun_val** attribute is used to disable LUN level validation of NPIV devices for different operations and is relevant only when **src_lun_val** has the value *on* in the source VIOS. This attribute affects only the destination VIOS that is hosting the NPIV storage for remote restart and partition mobility operations. There are four allowed values for this attribute, *on*, *off*, *restart_off*, and *lpm_off*. By default the attribute is set to *restart_off*. This value disables LUN level validation for remote restart but allows it for partition mobility operations. Setting the attribute to *lpm_off* allows LUN level validation for remote restart operations but disables it for partition mobility operations. A value *on* allows LUN level validation for both partition mobility and remote restart and a value *off* disables LUN level validation for all operations.

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Validation with src_lun_val and dest_lun_val=on

During the validation it will check for every lun that is seen by the current WWPNs and will give a confusing error
Click on detailed information and you will see an error for every WWPN that cannot see the disk

IOS_DETAILED_ERROR

Executed find_devices on VIOS 'vio1' (hostname: vio1)

Client Target WWPNs: 500500000000003e 500500000000003d

Target 0x500500000000003e found

Target 0x500500000000003d found

Matched 2 targets, source has 2 targets, destination has 2 targets

This physical port can not access storage for the client wwpn 'c050760a12340011'

Matched 0 targets, source has 2 targets, destination has 0 targets

Mismatching/Unique WWPNs on:

Source adapter : 0x500507680d04ef3e 0x500507680d08ef3d

Destination adapter :

fcscsi2 is not zoned to the same target ports as the source for this client.

List of Logical Units not found on destination (i.e. NOT masked on storage target port = 0x500507680d04ef3e with client's alternate wwpn = 0xc050760a12340011; but masked with client's source wwpn = 0xc050760a12340010) :

Logical Unit 1 : descriptor type = 3, value = 60051234808123489C00000000000026.

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Problems with LPM

Open a PMR with IBM using

<https://www.ibm.com/mysupport/s/my-cases>

Information is provided below on data you need to gather for Testcase for LPM

<http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=isg3T1011601>

Plus:

<https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/complete-guide-must-gather-lpm-data-collection-powervc-vio-aix-linux-and-ibmi>

Most problems are related to missing pre-requisites or HMC, VIOS, Firmware levels. Check all of these out prior to opening a PMR

Weird message about processor compatibility – you can get this if you have not activated the LPAR ever. Hint – look at the graphic – if you see 0.0 for PU it will not validate

Also have seen problems with vio lpar where 2 VFCs were mapped to the same FCS. You can do it but LPM won't work.

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LPM and the HMC Command Line

1. To validate the LPM in the Remote HMC, type:

```
migrpar -o v -m [source cec] -t [target cec] -p [lpar to migrate] --ip [target hmc] -u [remote user]
```

2. Get list of Servers

```
lssyscfg -r sys -F name
```

3. Get LPAR state

```
lssyscfg -r lpar -F name,state
```

4. Check migration state

```
lsiparmigr -r lpar
```

5. Migrate LPAR

```
migrpar -o v -m <srcCecName> -t <dstCecName> -p <lparName> -i "virtual_fc_mappings=  
<Client_slot_num>/<target_vios_name>/<target_vios_id>/<target_slot_num>/<vios_fc_port_name>"
```

6. Can add --npivval portdisk to the end

Makes it validate npiv ports and disks

7. Can specify MSP pair

```
dest_msp_name=vios1, source_msp_name=vios
```

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Thank you!

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**Please complete the Session
Evaluation!**



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Thank you for your time



If you have questions please email me at:
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Also check out:
<http://www.circle4.com/movies/>

Copy of presentation at:
<http://www.circle4.com/ptechu/vioscare-part3-oct042020.pdf>

And the Virtual User Group
<https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/1120377>

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Useful Commands, Links and Documentation



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Useful Commands

Command History

```
$ fc -l
725  lsrep
726  backupios -file /usr/local/backups/b750viobkp
727  exit
728  lsmapi -vadapter vhost0
729  fc -l
```

Global command log

```
$ lsgcl | grep "Aug 9 2013"
Aug 9 2013, 08:25:35 root   ioslevel
Aug 9 2013, 08:59:22 padmin license
Aug 9 2013, 09:00:29 padmin lsmapi -vadapter vhost0
Aug 9 2013, 09:01:29 padmin lsgcl
```

Redirecting output when running as padmin

```
lsmapi -all -npiv | tee npivdata.txt
```

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Useful Commands

vSCSI Commands

mkvdev -vdev hdisk2 -vadapter vhost0

mkvdev -fbo -vadapter vhost0

NPIV

Setup NPIV mappings

vfcmmap -vadapter vfchost0 -fcp fcs0

lsmap -npiv -all

lsmap -vadapter vfchost0 -npiv

lsdev -virtual

lsnports

lsdev -slots

lscfg -vpl vfchost0

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Useful Commands

\$ lsdev -virtual

name	status	description
ent5	Available	Virtual I/O Ethernet Adapter (I-lan)
ent6	Available	Virtual I/O Ethernet Adapter (I-lan)
ent7	Available	Virtual I/O Ethernet Adapter (I-lan)
vasi0	Available	Virtual Asynchronous Services Interface (VASI)
vbsd0	Available	Virtual Block Storage Device (VBSD)
vfchost0	Available	Virtual FC Server Adapter
vfchost1	Available	Virtual FC Server Adapter
vhost0	Available	Virtual SCSI Server Adapter
vhost1	Available	Virtual SCSI Server Adapter
vsa0	Available	LPAR Virtual Serial Adapter
b740ios1_rv1	Available	Virtual Target Device - Logical Volume
b740l1_rv1	Available	Virtual Target Device - Logical Volume
vtopt0	Available	Virtual Target Device - File-backed Optical
vtopt1	Available	Virtual Target Device - File-backed Optical
vtscsi0	Available	Virtual Target Device - Disk
vtscsi1	Available	Virtual Target Device - Disk
vtscsi2	Available	Virtual Target Device - Disk
vtscsi3	Available	Virtual Target Device - Disk
ent8	Available	Shared Ethernet Adapter

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Useful Commands

\$ **lsmmap -vadapter vhost0**

SVSA	Physloc	Client Partition ID
vhost0	U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C21	0x00000003

VTD	b740l1_rv1
Status	Available
LUN	0x8300000000000000
Backing device	lv_b740l1
Physloc	
Mirrored	N/A

VTD	vtopt0
Status	Available
LUN	0x8200000000000000
Backing device	
Physloc	
Mirrored	N/A

VTD	vtopt1
Status	Available
LUN	0x8100000000000000
Backing device	
Physloc	
Mirrored	N/A

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Useful Commands

\$ **lsmmap -vadapter vfchost0 -npiv**

Name	Physloc	ClntID	ClntName	ClntOS
vfchost0	U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C31	3		

Status:NOT_LOGGED_IN
 FC name:fcs0 FC loc code:U78AA.001.WZSG8XX-P1-C5-T1
 Ports logged in:0
 Flags:4<NOT_LOGGED>
 VFC client name: VFC client DRC:

\$ **lsmmap -vadapter vfchost4 -npiv**

Name	Physloc	ClntID	ClntName	ClntOS
vfchost4	U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C36	8	b740nl1	AIX

Status:LOGGED_IN
 FC name:fcs0 FC loc code:U78AA.001.WZSG8XX-P1-C5-T1
 Ports logged in:3
 Flags:a<LOGGED_IN,STRIP_MERGE>
 VFC client name:fcs0 VFC client DRC:U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V8-C36

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Useful Commands

\$ lsports

name	physloc	fabric	tports	aports	swwpns	awwpns
fcs0	U78AA.001.WZSG8XX-P1-C5-T1	1	64	63	2048	2041

\$ lsdev -slots

# Slot	Description	Device(s)
HEA 1	Logical I/O Slot	lhea0 ent0
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C0	Virtual I/O Slot	vsa0
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C11	Virtual I/O Slot	ent5
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C12	Virtual I/O Slot	ent6
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C13	Virtual I/O Slot	ent7
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C21	Virtual I/O Slot	vhost0
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C22	Virtual I/O Slot	vhost1
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C23	Virtual I/O Slot	vhost2
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C31	Virtual I/O Slot	vfchost0
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32	Virtual I/O Slot	vfchost1
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C33	Virtual I/O Slot	vfchost2
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32769	Virtual I/O Slot	vasi0
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32773	Virtual I/O Slot	vasi1
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32774	Virtual I/O Slot	vasi2
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32775	Virtual I/O Slot	vasi3
U8205.E6B.1093XXX-V1-C32776	Virtual I/O Slot	vasi4

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Documentation on VIOS 3.1 upgrades

- What's new in Virtual I/O Server commands
- https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/9040-MR9/p9hcg/p9hcg_whatsnew.htm
- Virtual I/O Server release notes – include USB Memory/Flash key install
- https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/9040-MR9/p9eeo/p9eeo_ipeeo_main.htm
 - USB Memory/Flash key install
 - Minimum size for a VIOS
- **VIOS viosupgrade** command in VIOS 2.2.6.30
- https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/9009-42A/p9hcg/p9hcg_viosupgrade.htm
 - Hint – upgrade to at least 2.2.6.32 prior to trying to upgrade to v3
- **NIM viosupgrade** command on the NIM AIX 7.2 TL3 + sp
- https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/ssw_aix_72/com.ibm.aix.cmds6/viosupgrade.htm
 - This one is buried in the AIX commands reference for AIX Commands of AIX 7.2

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Useful Links

- Jaqui Lynch Articles
 - <http://www.circle4.com/jaqui/eserver.html>
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Authors/jaqui-lynch>
- Nigel Griffiths AIXpert Blog
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/aixpert-blog-nigel-griffiths-mrnmon>
- Nigel Griffiths Twitter – mr_nmon
 - https://twitter.com/mr_nmon
- Nigel Griffiths YouTube
 - <https://www.youtube.com/nigelargriffiths>
- Gareth Coates – Tricks of the POWER Masters
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/1116939>
- Gareth Coates Twitter – power_gaz
 - https://twitter.com/power_gaz
- Jaqui's Movie Replays
 - <http://www.circle4.com/movies>
- IBM US Virtual User Group
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/1120377>
- Power Systems UK User Group
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/1110195>

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Useful Links

- ESS Website to download base software
 - <https://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/ess/index.wss?lnk=msdDO-enss-usen>
- HMC Scanner
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/1117515>
 - [https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/sites/default/files/inline-files/\\$FILE/hmcScanner-0.11.42.zip](https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/sites/default/files/inline-files/$FILE/hmcScanner-0.11.42.zip)
- AIX 7.2 Performance Guide
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/ssw_aix_72/performance/performance_pdf.pdf
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/ssw_aix_72/navigation/performance.html
- VIOS Advisor
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/TI0002C/p8hcg/p8hcg_part.htm
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/TI0003N/p8hb1/p8hb1_vios_perf_adv.htm
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/TI0003M/p8hb1/p8hb1_vios_perf_adv_reports.htm
- SG24-8171 – Power Systems Performance Optimization including POWER8
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248171.pdf>
- SG24-8453 - AIX Modernization and Enhancements
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248453.pdf>

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Useful Articles

- Conduct an end of year AIX Health Check (Dec 2019)
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/12/2019/Conduct-AIX-Systems-Health-Check>
- Using NIM with VIO Servers
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/09/2019/Using-NIM-with-VIO-Servers>
- PowerVM v3 Installation and Upgrade Experience
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/05/2019/powervm-experience>
- Systems Management Tips
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/08/2019/2019-AIX-Systems-Management-Tips>
- 2019 AIX System Management Tips
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/08/2019/2019-AIX-Systems-Management-Tips>
- Secure your VIO Server
 - <http://archive.ibmsystemsmag.com/aix/administrator/security/secure-your-vio-server/>
- Upgrading your VIO server – July 2018
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/12/2018/powervm-3-1-update>
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/05/2019/powervm-experience>
- Maintaining the HMC
 - <http://ibmsystemsmag.com/aix/administrator/systemsmanagement/hmc-maintenance/>
- LPM
 - <https://ibmsystemsmag.com/Power-Systems/10/2018/guide-live-partition-mobility>
- HMC Enhanced GUI Links
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/enhanced-gui-links-documentation>

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 - <https://www14.software.ibm.com/support/customer/sas/f/vios/home.html>
- SDD and SDDPCM Specific procedures for VIOS
 - <http://www-01.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=ssg1S7002686&aid=1>
- SG24-7940 - PowerVM Virtualization - Introduction and Configuration
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg247940.pdf>
- SG24-7590 – PowerVM Virtualization – Managing and Monitoring
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg247590.pdf>
- SG24-8080 – Power Systems Performance Guide – Implementing and Optimizing
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248080.pdf>
- SG24-8062 – PowerVM Best Practices
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248062.pdf>
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 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/shared-ethernet-adapter-sea-fail-over-load-balancing>
- POWERVM Enhancements – what is new in 2013
 - <http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/redbooks/pdfs/sg248198.pdf>
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 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER9/p9hb1/p9hb1_statsseafailover.htm
- SEA Statistics
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER9/p9hb1/p9hb1_statssea.htm
- Enhanced GUI Links
 - <https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/enhanced-gui-links-documentation>
 - Includes many Developerworks documents related to the HMC enhanced GUI
 - Includes how to dynamically add and remove virtual ethernet and VLANs
- Configure VIO Server using VLAN Tagging
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER8/p8hb1/p8hb1_vios_scenarios_network_two.htm
- VLAN Tagging – Load sharing with 10Gb adapters (PPT)
 - https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/POWER8/p8hb1/p8hb1_vios_scenarios_network_two.htm

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