z/VM Odds & Sods
Random Techniques

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- These will work:
  - Additional TCPIP machine (not shown)
  - ICC or HMC (not shown)
  - DOTCP EXEC on TCPMAINT 191

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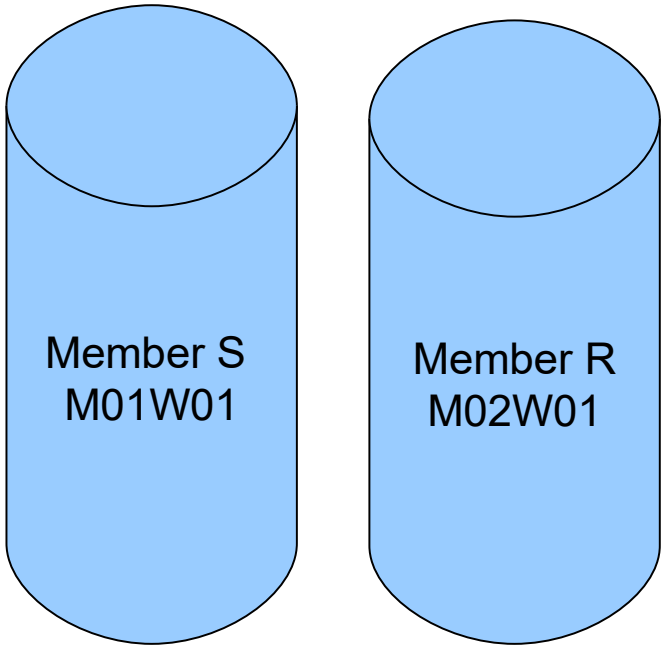

Both of these volumes contain minidisks used by their respective systems. Tools will map these minidisks on one LPAR (member) to another with the CP DEFINE MDISK command. MAINT requires the DEVMAINT OPTION.

Brilliant for tailoring and copying!

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USER DIRECT:

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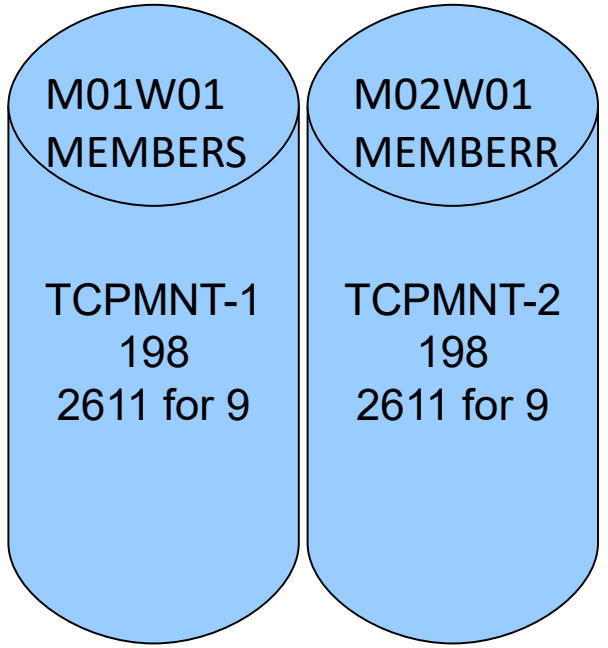

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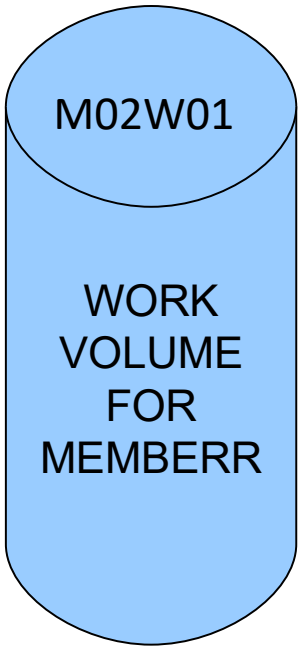
FROM MAINT on MEMBERS:
CP DEFINE MDISK 2198 2611 9 M02W01
ACCESS 2198 J

TCPMNT-2 198 is on cylinder
2611 for 9 cylinders on
M02W01



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- The DEFINE MDISK command is great.
  - Be careful to avoid inadvertent multi-writes (enemy of the SYSPROG)
- Remember where in the reference it says to not change IBM supplied MDISK locations? Go with that.
- Scenario:
  - Change an IP address in TCPIP TCPIP profile on other member.
  - Map the other members TCPMAINT 198.
    - Extents are the same on a different volumes
  - Change it
  - AT command to FORCE/XAUTOLG TCPIP on other member.

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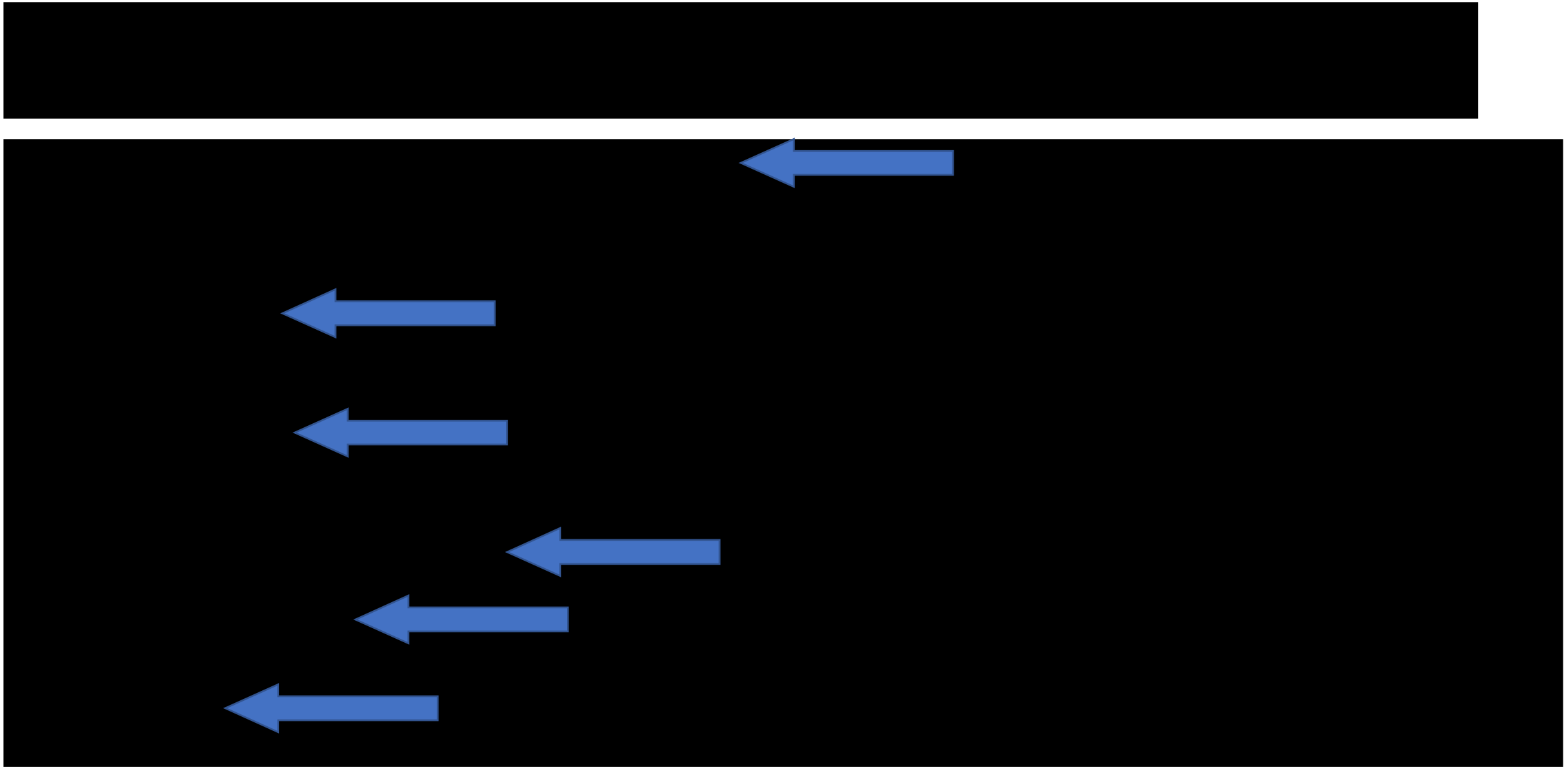

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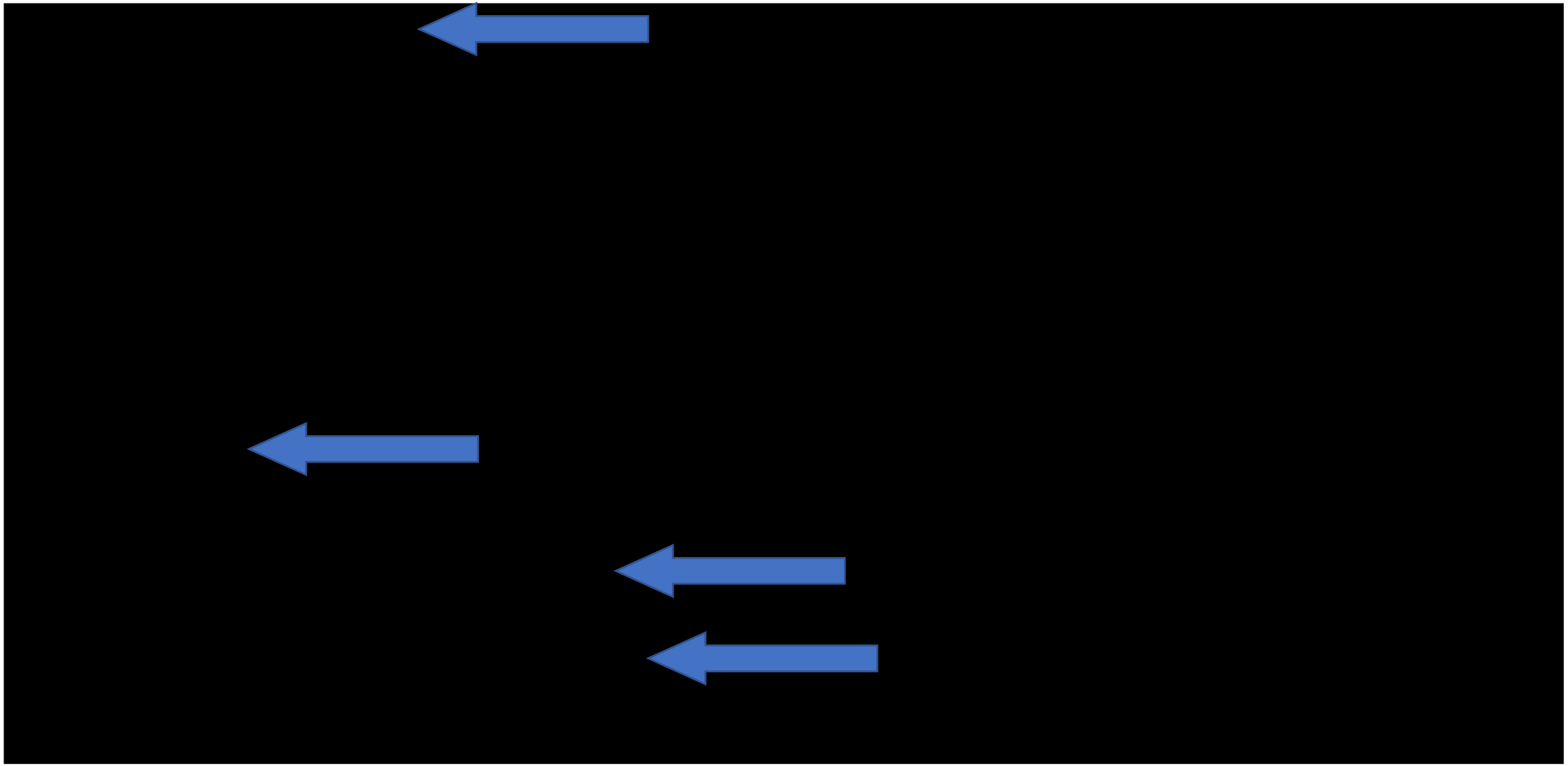

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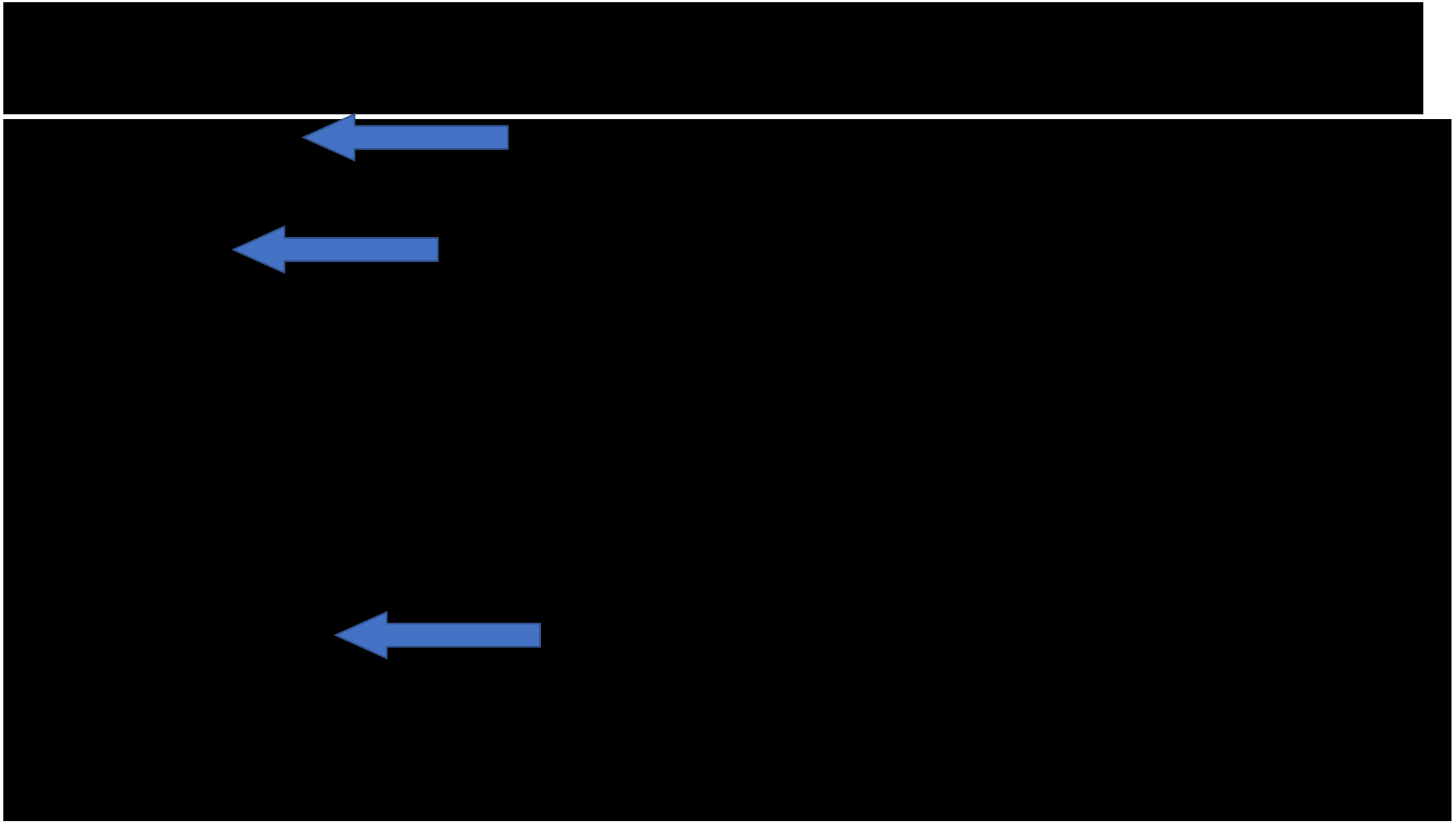

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Works within a z/VM system…not cluster dependent

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- Use the IMBED –SYSTEM- statement (imbeds a CONFIG file that matches the SYSTEM name.
- The RDEV operand in CP_OWNED.
- Rotate OSA devices in network configuration. Forces balanced network I/O.
- Use the MIF id in MACPREFIX. In a multi-cluster environment assures a unique MAC address.

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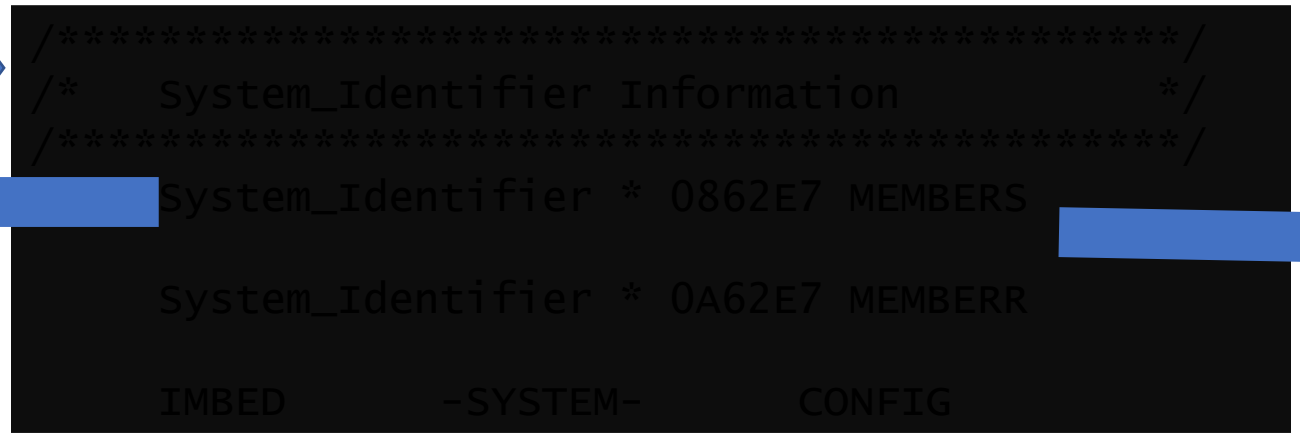
SYSTEM CONFIG



MEMBERS CONFIG

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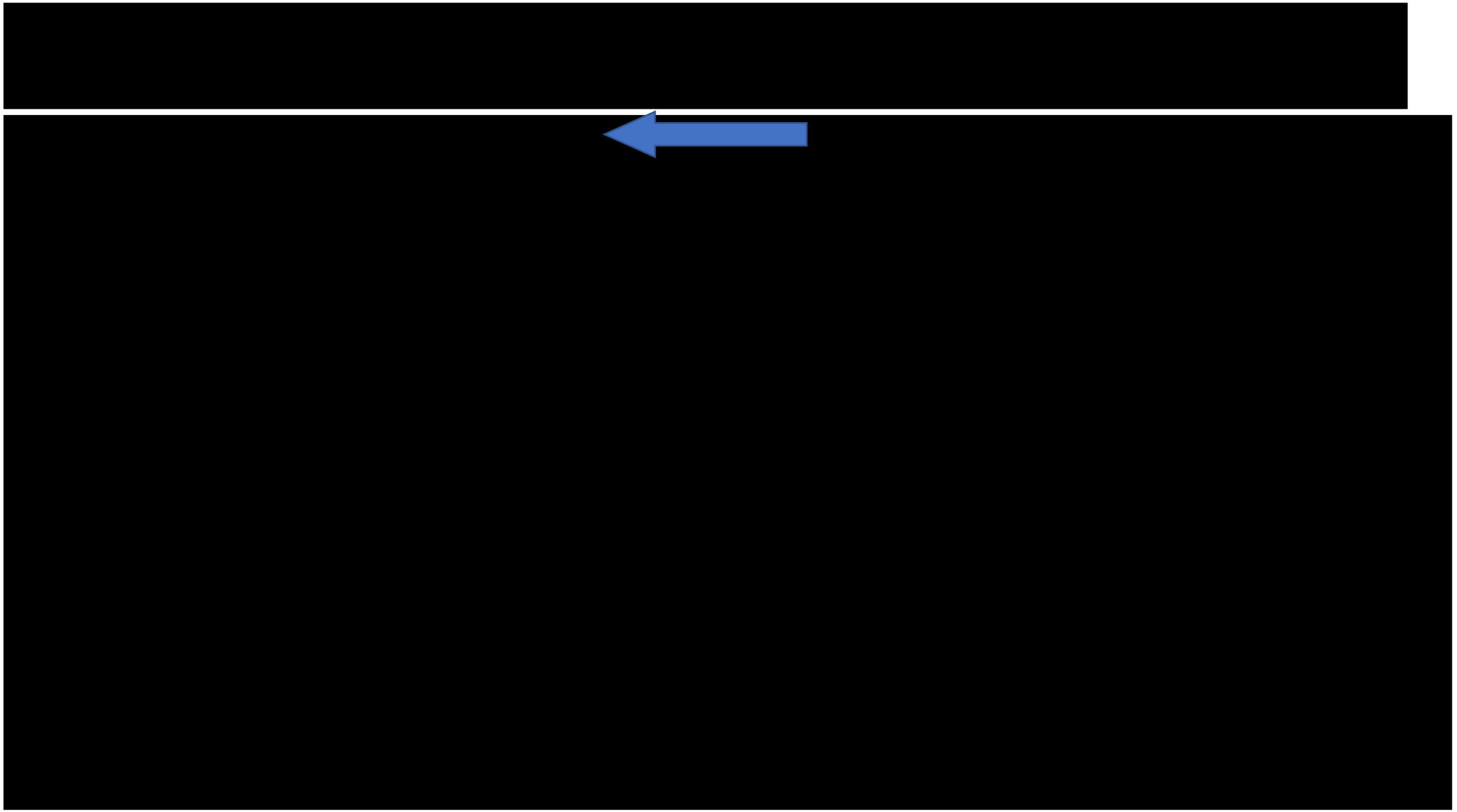

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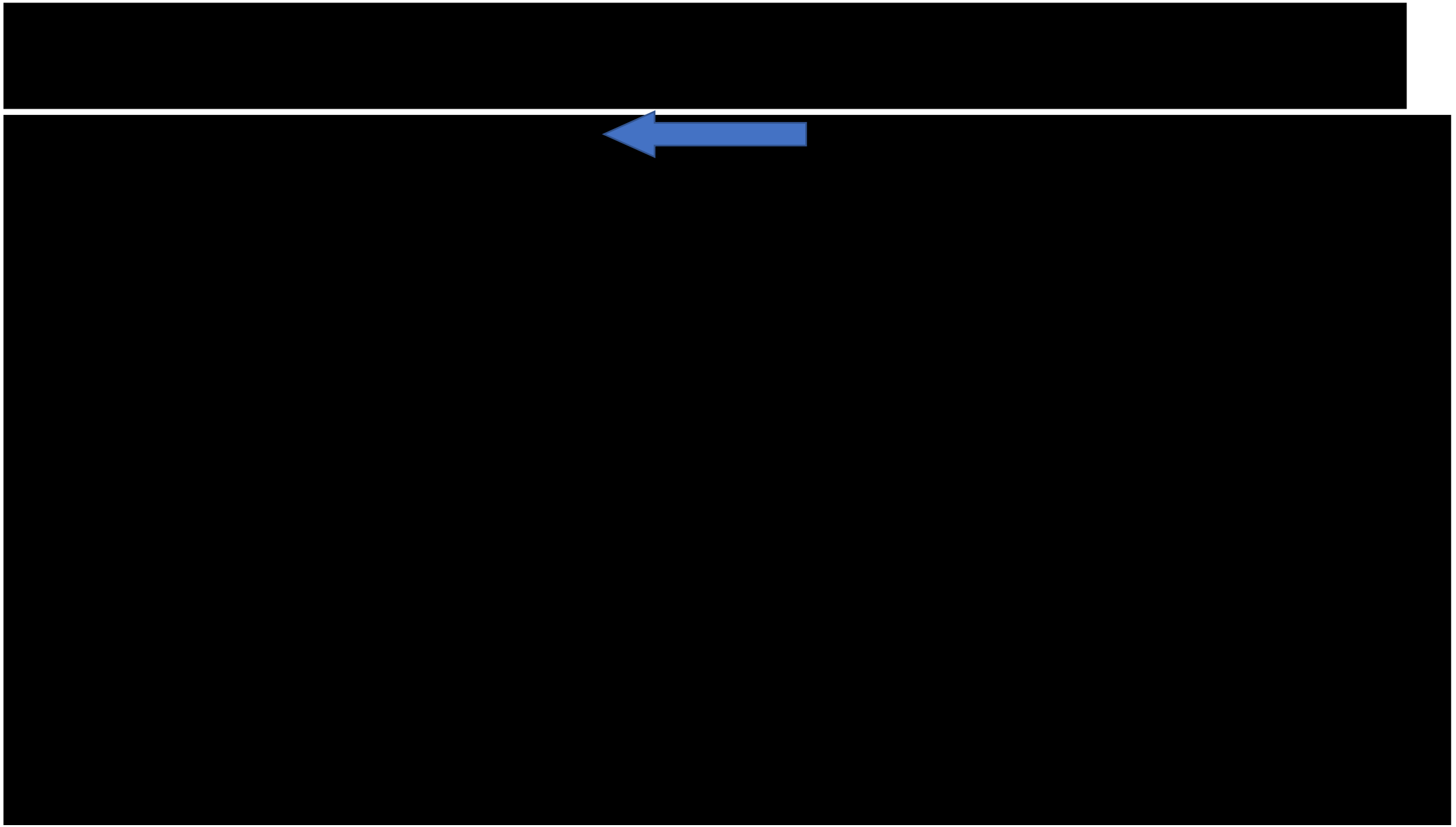

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- Just in case there are duplicate labels. But…never do that!
- Corroborate with DEVICES statement
- I like that it is self documenting.

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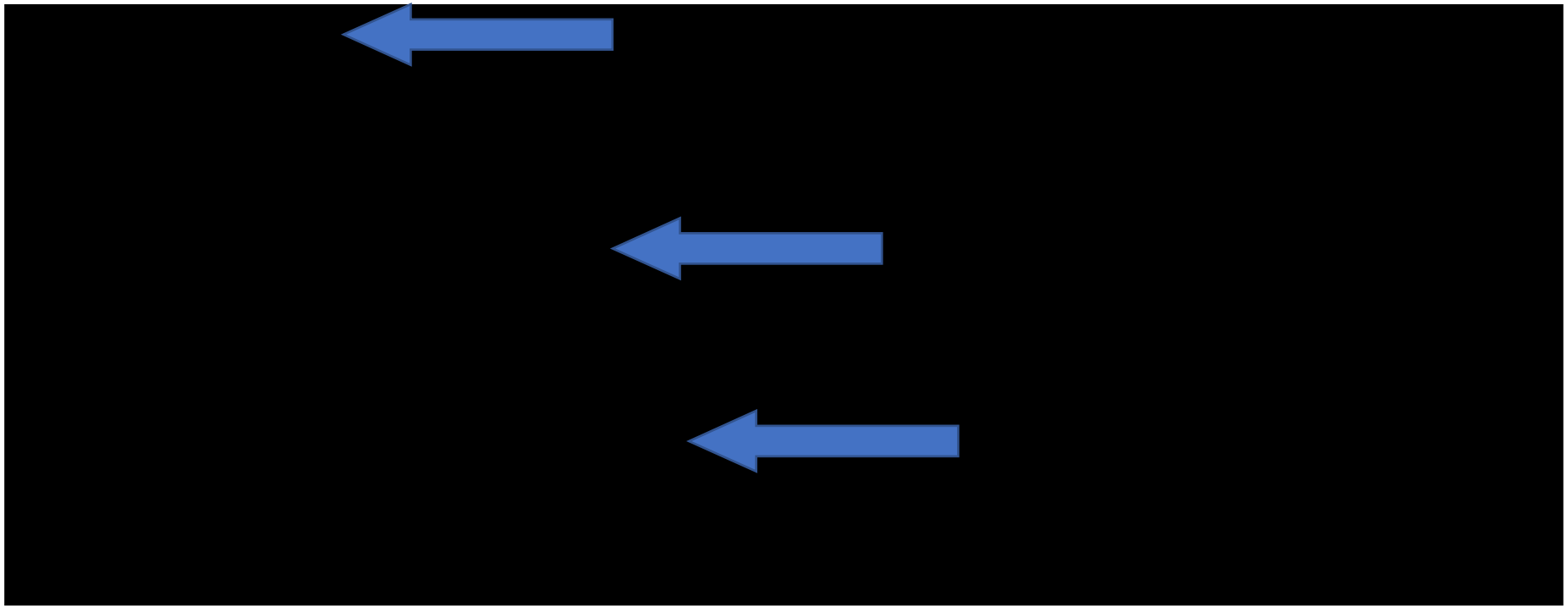

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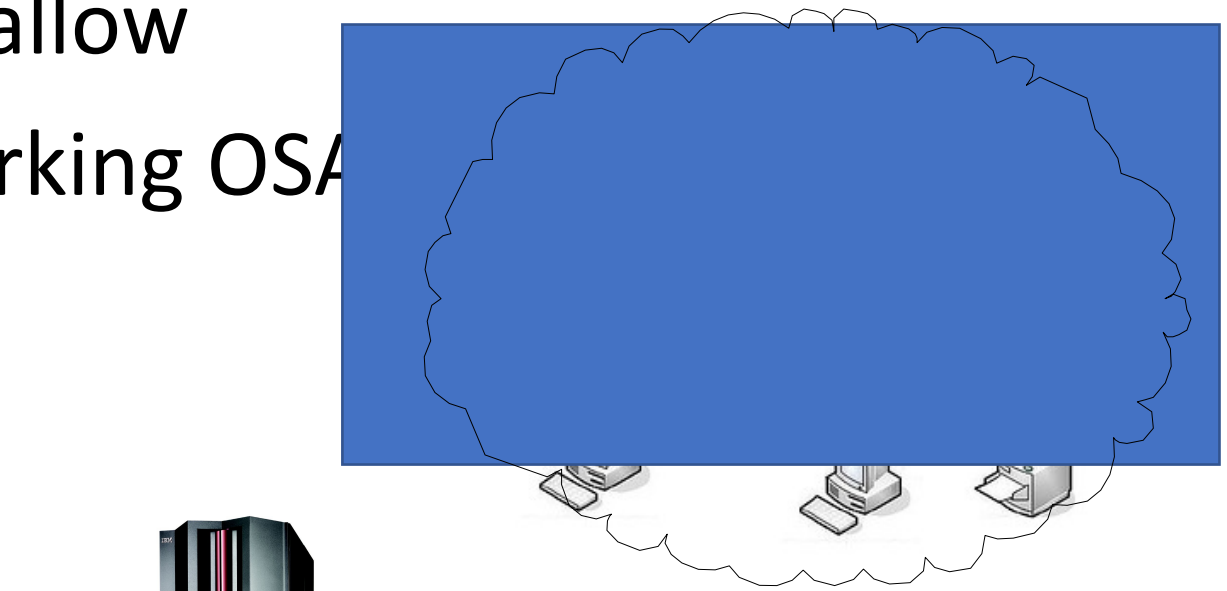
- Security Concerns Disallow
- New boxes absent working OSA
- New data centres
- Client deliveries



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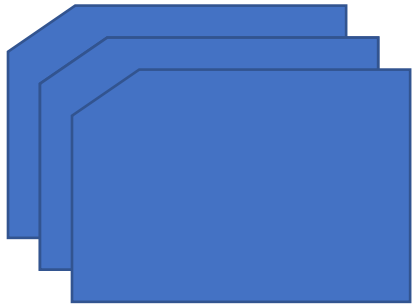
- Tools
  - DDR2CMSX (VM download page)
  - VMARC (VM download page)
  - FTP (workstation)



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Techniques

- Large staging CMS MDISKs on Both Sides
- DDR2CMSX DUMP MDISK to staging disk
- VMARC PACK the DDR Output (F/80)
- Use desktop FTP to get file
- Copy to clean USB Stick or External Drive
  - Even thinking of using DVD
- Move to desktop on target then FTP put CMS staging disk on target
  - VMARC UNPK
  - DDR2CMSX RESTORE

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