

# **Mz - "Managing z"**

**A systems management tool for z/VM and Linux**

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- **Introductions**
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- **Why? What? Who? and How?**
- **Why Open source?**
- **Function provided**
- **Command line vs. Web interfaces**
- **Documentation**
- **Demonstration**

# Introductions

- Who am I?
  - ▶ Michael Maclsaac
  - ▶ 26 years at IBM
  - ▶ Lots of different jobs
- Who are you?
  - ▶ Who has tried Mz?
  - ▶ To do systems management of z/VM and Linux
    - All *roll your own*?
    - Single encompassing tool?
    - Some tools, some *roll your own*?

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- A. **Absolutely not!**

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- Lightweight?
- Free?
- Open source?
- Powerful?
- Fast?
- Intuitive?
- Solid?
- Well-tested?

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## Why? What? Who? and How?

- To solve the business problem of *virtual server sprawl*
- To build the *foundation* before the *storefront*
  - ▶ 2 interns, summer of '08
- To prototype real-world requirements:
  - ▶ "No root login"
  - ▶ RPM history/reporting
  - ▶ OVF reference implementation
  - ▶ Device conflicts/reporting
  - ▶ Start and stop Linux (not poweron, poweroff)
  - ▶ z/VM health screen
- To help you the customer solve your IT needs and be successful

# Why? **What?** Who? and How?

- What is Mz?
  - ▶ A systems management tool on z that is:
    - agentless and daemonless (& RDB-less)
  - ▶ A tool with commands of the form **mz<verb><object>**
    - Linux verbs: **mk** (make), **ls** (list), **rm** (remove), etc
    - Objects: **server**, **client**, **tree**, **appliance**, **monitordata**, etc.
  - ▶ A tool with the Linux file system as its database
  - ▶ A tool that crosses CECs and LPARs
  - ▶ Allow pings, copies and commands to all Linuxes in parallel
  - ▶ Command-line-centric, with a growing Web interface
  - ▶ Able to support 1st, 2nd and 3rd level Linux systems
  - ▶ A "poor man's" backup and monitoring tool

## **What?** (cont'd)

CEC 1

LPAR 1 - z/VM	LPAR 2 - z/VM
Virtual Machine 1 Linux	Virtual Machine 4 Linux
Virtual Machine 2 Linux	Virtual Machine 5 Linux
Virtual Machine 3 Linux	Virtual Machine 6 Linux

CEC 2

LPAR 3 - z/VM	LPAR 4 - z/VM
Virtual Machine 7 Linux	Virtual Machine 9 Linux
Virtual Machine 8 Linux	Virtual Machine 10 Linux

# What? (cont'd)

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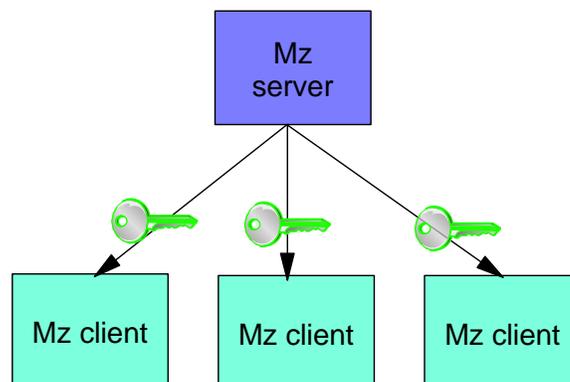
CEC 2

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# What? (cont'd)

An Mz "server"

CEC 1 LPAR 1 (z/VM)

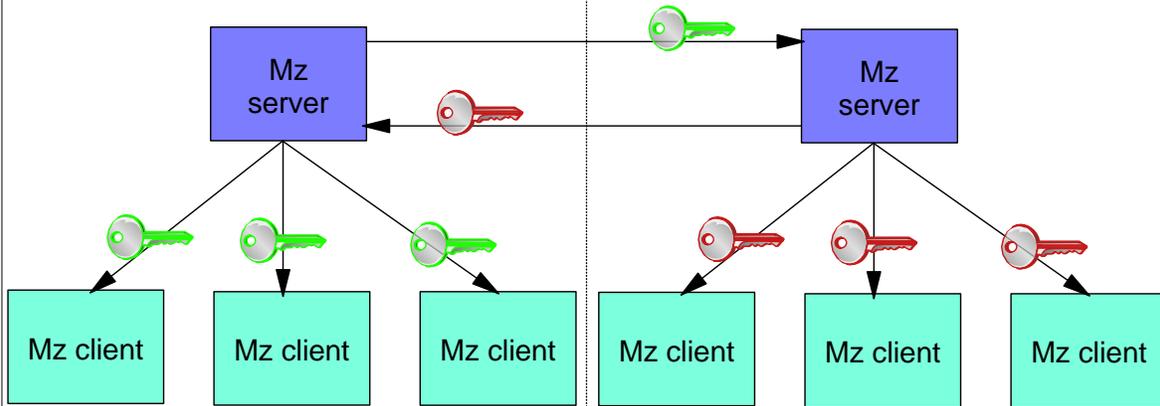


# What? (cont'd)

An Mz "cluster"

CEC 1 LPAR 1 (z/VM)

CEC 2, LPAR 1 (z/VM)

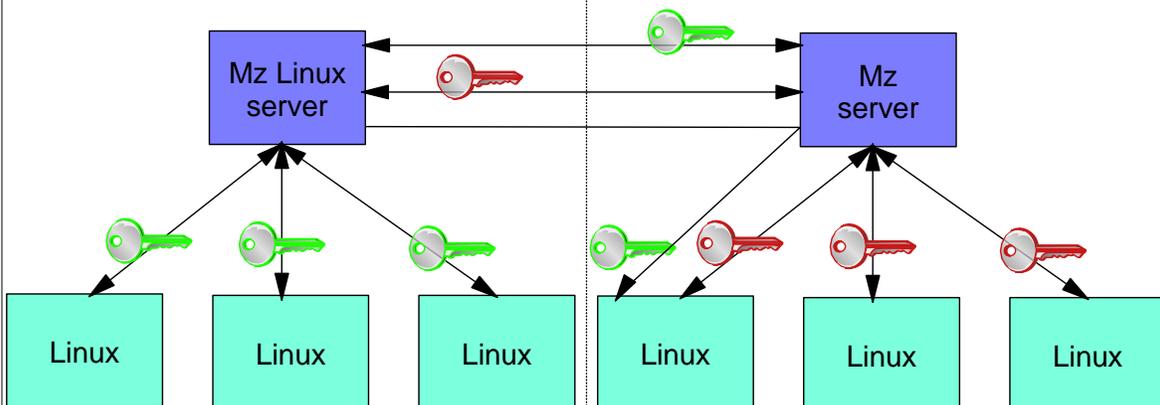


# What? (cont'd)

Cross-LPAR/CEC key exchange

LPAR 1 (z/VM)

LPAR 2 (z/VM)



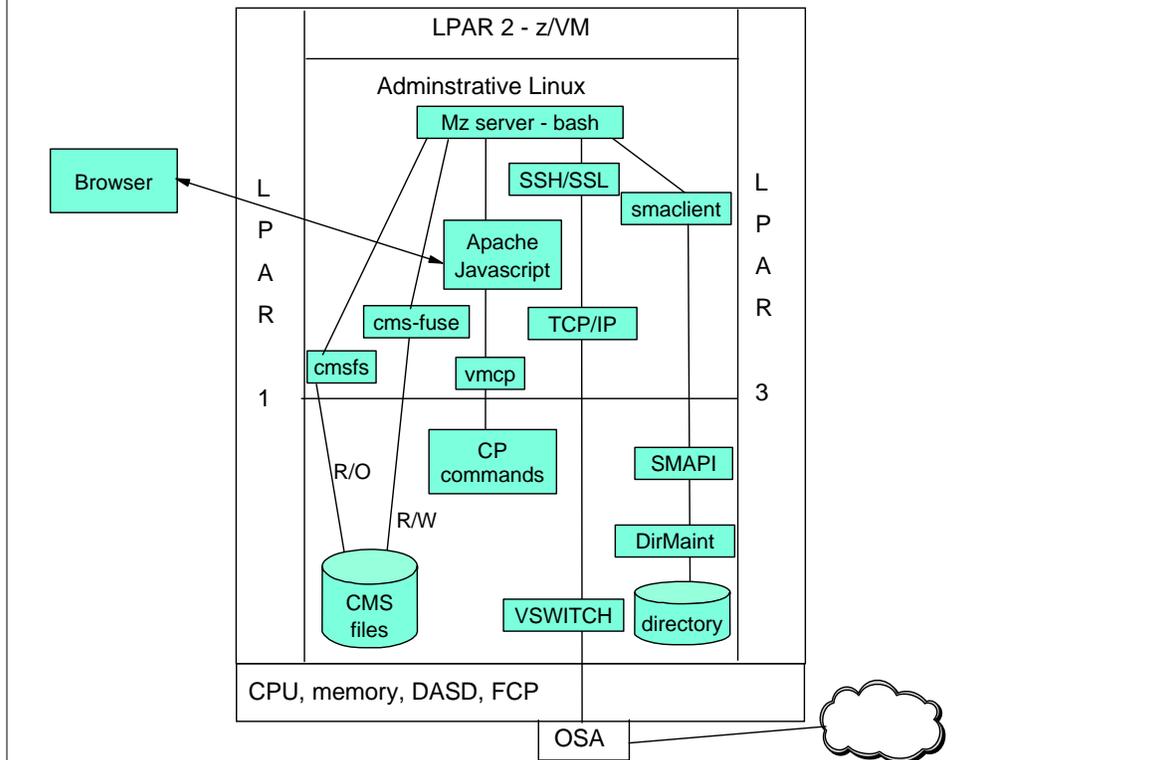
# One more question

- **Q.** Is Mz cross-platform?
- **A.** No
- **Potter's rule of systems management:**
  - ▶ "The temptation in systems management is to try to abstract function and code across platforms. Resist that temptation - it is better to drill down into a platform-specifics sooner rather than later."

## Why? What? **Who?** and How?

- Coders
  - ▶ Myself
  - ▶ Marian Gasparovic
  - ▶ Two others (mentioned in the PDF)
- Collaborators
  - ▶ Carlos Ordonez
  - ▶ Alan Altmark
- Supporters
  - ▶ many (mentioned in the PDF)
- Community contribution?

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# Why open source?

- It's the best software development model
  - ▶ Linux is the only cross-IBM-platform operating system (QED)
- To be able to "Release early, release often"
- To enable community contribution
- To be sure it's the best model:
  - ▶ Document reasonably well
  - ▶ Don't put out crap code
  - ▶ Don't abandon and leave dead projects

# Function provided

- Captures z/VM and Linux hierarchy cross-enterprise
- Command line interface
  - ▶ Many **mz-verb-object** commands
- Web interface
  - ▶ **mzdevices**: show system devices in a table
  - ▶ **mztable**: show Linux, z/VM systems in a table
  - ▶ **mztree**: show a hierarchy of the tree
  - ▶ **mzhelp**: show a help screen
- **Description** and **owner** fields for all z/VM & Linuxes
- Capture and deploy with OVF
- *No-root* SSH support
- Monitoring
- Shared devices

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## Command line vs. Web interfaces

- CLI is
  - ▶ function-centric for the sysadmin
- Web interface is
  - ▶ R/O except **Description** and **Owner** fields
  - ▶ Richer in drill down capabilities?

## **Documentation**

- One manual as a PDF (~60 pages)
- Help flags
- CLI help command
- Web help page
- No man pages (yet)

## **Demonstration**

- Network dependent...

# Questions?

- Any questions?
- URL: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/managing-z/>
- e-mail: [mikemac at us.ibm.com](mailto:mikemac@us.ibm.com)