Viewing zones on IBM fiber optic switches



Overview

Planning for fabric zoning With the logical switch feature, you can divide a physical chassis into multiple fabric elements. Each of these fabric elements.

Key Takeaways

Zones on IBM Fibre Channel switches can be viewed and managed using either the IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center for automated zoning or directly via switch commands for manual inspection.

Understanding Zoning

Zoning partitions a SAN into logical groups of devices that can communicate with each other while isolating them from other devices, enhancing security and stability.

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M switches support two main types of zoning: WWPN (World Wide Port Name) Zoning: Also called "soft" zoning, it is based on the WWPN of devices. This allows devices to connect regardless of the physical switch port, providing flexibility for dynamic SAN environments.

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Port Zoning: Also called "hard" zoning, it is based on the physical switch ports. All devices connected through a port in a zone can communicate with each other. This method is less flexible when multiple devices share a port or when NPIV (N_Port ID Virtualization) is enabled.

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Zones can also include peer zoning and LSAN zones for inter-fabric connectivity, allowing principal and nonprincipal devices to communicate while maintaining isolation from other devices. Viewing Zones via IBM Cloud Infrastructure CenterIf your environment uses IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center with Virtual Fabrics: Logical fabrics and switches can be registered with the center. When a volume is attached to a virtual machine, the system automatically creates or updates zones for the associated storage provider.

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M environments, zones are created when the volume is attached to the compute node; in z/VM environments, zones are created when the volume is attached to the virtual machine. This approach automates zoning management and ensures that virtual machines are correctly zoned without manual intervention. Viewing Zones Directly on IBM SwitchesFor manual inspection: Connect to the switch via serial console or telnet/SSH using the switch IP (default 10.

77. 77. 77) and login credentials.

Use commands such as:configshow to display the current zoning configuration.ipaddrshow to view IP settings.switchname and hostname to identify the switch in the fabric. Inspect zones to see which WWPNs or switch ports are members of each zone. This helps verify connectivity and troubleshoot SAN access issues.

Best Practices

Use peer zones where possible for better scalability and management. For switches joining a fabric, set the defzone policy appropriately (No Access if devices are online, All Access if no devices are online) to avoid excessive RSCN traffic.

Coordinate LSA

N zones explicitly when sharing devices between fabrics. By combining automated tools like IBM Cloud Infrastructure Center with direct switch commands, administrators can effectively view, verify, and manage zones on IBM Fibre Channel switches, ensuring proper SAN segmentation and device connectivity.

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Planning for fabric zoning

With the logical switch feature, you can divide a physical chassis into multiple fabric elements. Each of these fabric elements is referred to as a logical switch. Each logical switch functions as an

Monitoring fabrics and zones in the GUI

You can monitor switches and fabrics in the IBM Spectrum Control GUI. You can also enable automatic zoning so that new zones are created during storage provisioning, if necessary, to connect a server

Zoning Overview

This chapter describes zoning and provides the procedures to manage zones. An administrator can partition the network into logical groups of devices through zoning.

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The devices can be zoned as part of regular zones, Traffic Isolation (TI) zones, or Frame Redirect (RD) zones. • If you specify a single Port ID (PID) or world wide name (WWN), the command displays the

Zone Configurations

When enabling a new zone configuration, ensure that the size of the defined configuration does not exceed the maximum configuration size supported by all switches in the fabric.

Fabric Zoning for the IBM Spectrum Virtualize and FlashSystem NPIV

There are two types of zoning: WWPN Zoning and Switch-Port Zoning. WWPN zoning is also called "soft" zoning and is based off the WWPN that is assigned to a specific port on a fibre

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Different Types of Zones Type of Zones Single Initiator Based Zones Peer Zones and Target Driven Peer Zones Switch Port Based Zoning

Fiber Optic Links

Fiber optic links, which use one optical fiber for sending and another for receiving, use IBM duplex connectors, duplex jumper cables, and require two trunk fibers.

Fiber optic channel link configuration

Fiber optic channel links, which require separate optical fibers for sending and receiving information, use IBM duplex or FICON® duplex connectors, duplex jumper cables, and 2 trunk fibers. A fiber optic

IBM Fiber Optic Links Maintenance Information

This document provides maintenance information for IBM Fiber Optic Links, including FICON, Coupling Links, and Open Systems Adapters. It covers both single-mode and multi-mode fiber optic cables.

Switch management

Switch management You can use the management functions built into the switch to monitor the fabric topology, port status, physical status, and other information to help you analyze switch performance

Fabrics and zones

Switch zoning capabilities When you select a fabric in which to perform zoning operations, Fabric Manager determines the capabilities of the switches in the SAN and limits the zoning operations

Troubleshooting Ports

•Ensure that a Fibre Channel port is configured to the appropriate port mode for your configuration. The default port mode is auto on the 16-port 2-Gbps Fiber Channel switching modules

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