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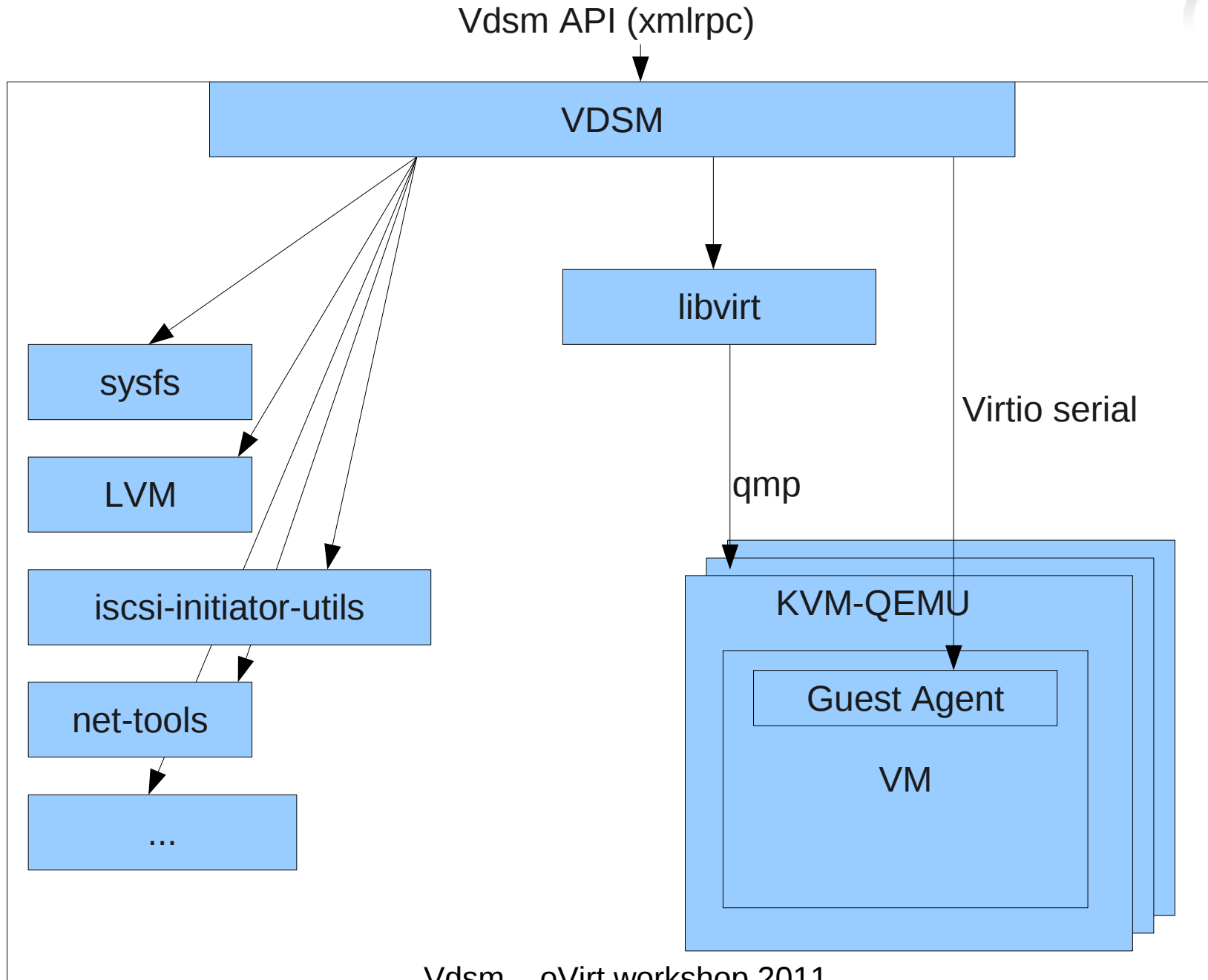
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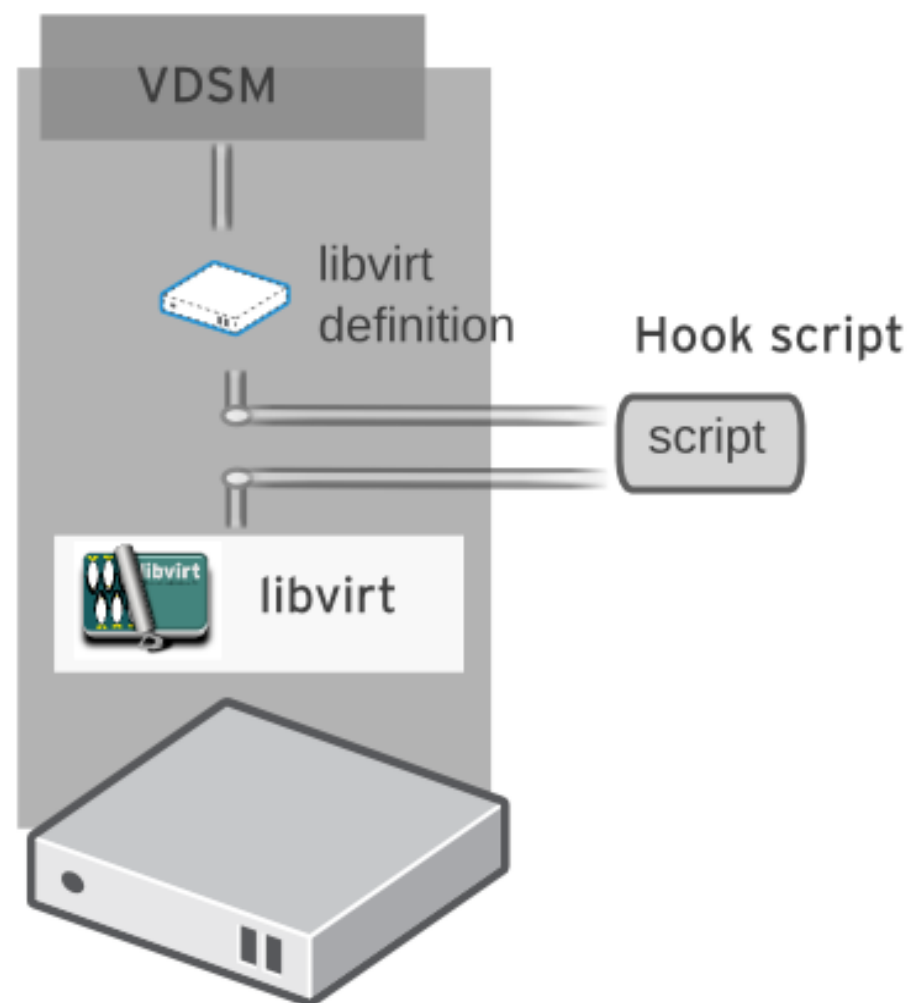
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- `ping`
- `fenceNode`

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 - getDeviceList
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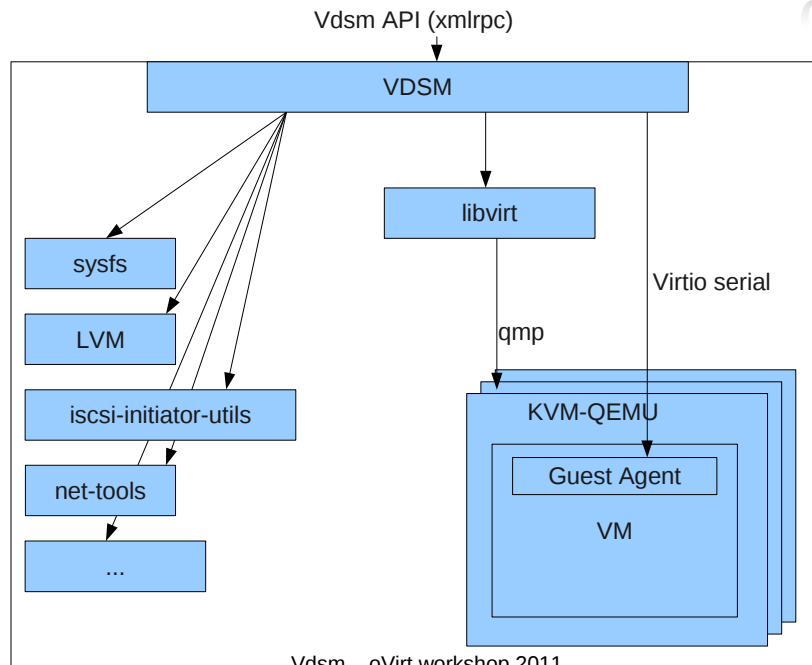
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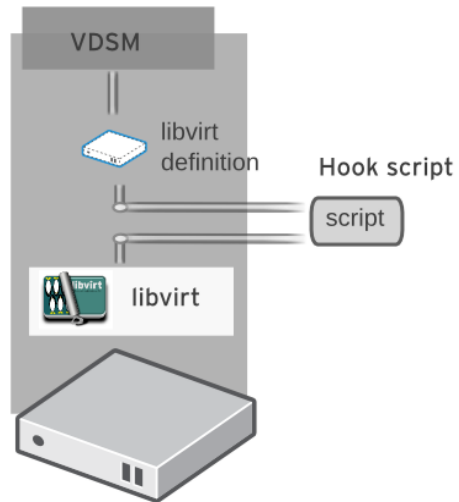
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