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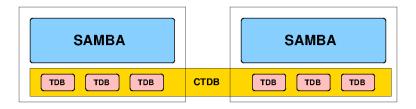
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- Recovery helper
- NFS support factoring
- IP allocation
- NAT gateway
- LVS support
- TCP connection killing
- Recovery lock
- Monitoring in recovery daemon

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