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                       requirements that are needed to exploit certain enhancements. First we
                       provide an overview, where we have grouped the various enhancements
                       and their discussion into the categories availability and recoverability,
                       performance and capacity, systems management, and application
                       enablement. Then we have more detailed chapters for describing the
                       individual enhancements. The base enhancements part of the book
                       describes the base product enhancements that apply to all users
                       migrating to IMS Version 8. The Parallel Sysplex enhancements part of
                       the book describes enhancements in IMS Version 8 that apply to both
                       existing users of IMS Version 6 or IMS Version 7 in a Parallel Sysplex
                       environment and users that are considering sysplex functionality. The
                       Common Service Layer part documents the Common Service Layer
                       (CSL), new in IMS Version 8, which is the next step in IMS Parallel
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