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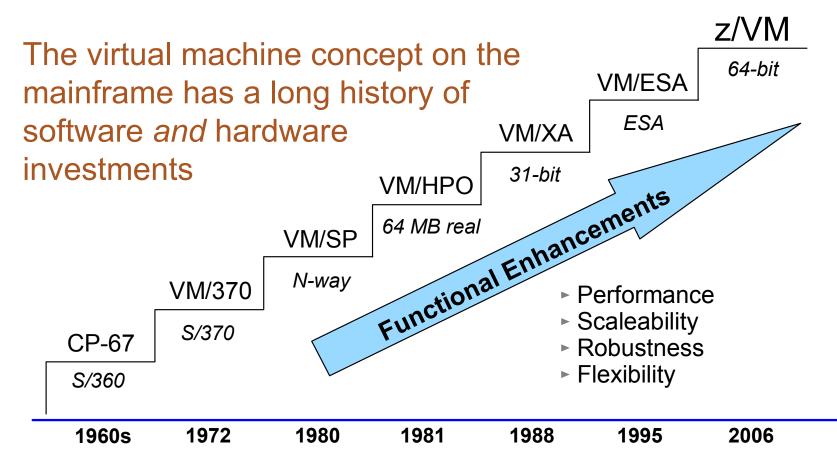
# **Topics**

- Virtualization Technology and z/VM the Basics
- Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL) and z/VM
- The Value of z/VM for Linux





# IBM Mainframe Virtualization Technology Evolution



System z virtualization starts on the chip...a combination of architecture, hardware, firmware, and software functionality



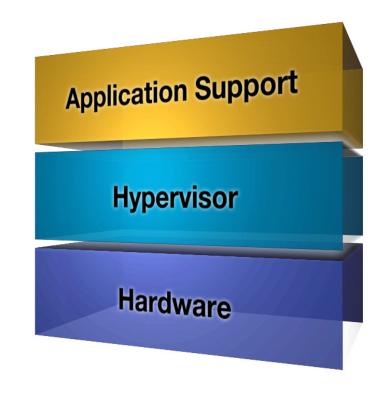
#### zSeries Virtualization: a Multidimensional Solution Virtualization is built in, not added on

#### On demand scale out solutions are composed of multiple dimensions of function:

- Application Support Dimension (open, stable)
  - Open, stable operating system
  - Virtual server awareness infrastructure
  - Enterprise applications
- Hypervisor Dimension (poweful, flexible)
  - Shared-memory based virtualization model
  - Granular resource sharing and simulation
  - Flexible virtual networking
  - Resource control and accounting
  - Server operation continuity (failover)
  - Server maintenance tools and utilities

#### Hardware Dimension (robust, reliable)

- Legendary reliability, scalability, availability, security
- Logical partitioning (LPAR)
- Processor and peripheral sharing
- Interpartition communication
- Virtualization support at the hardware instruction level (e.g., SIE)

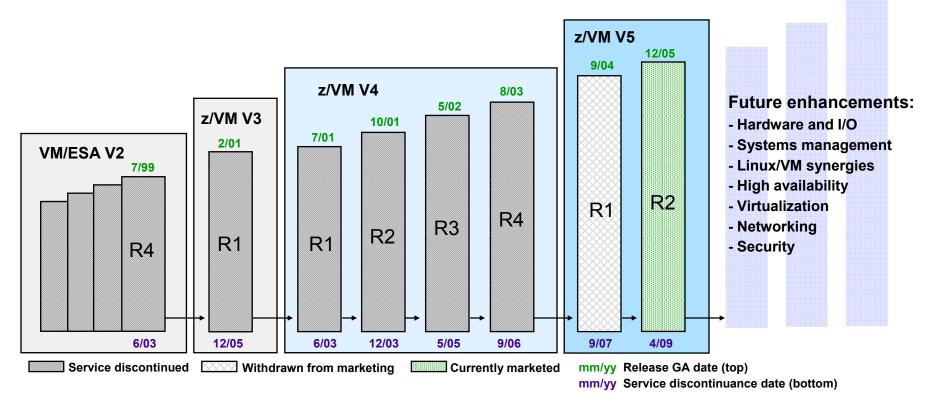




### Recent z/VM Release History

### z/VM Version 5: High-Value Virtualization Technology

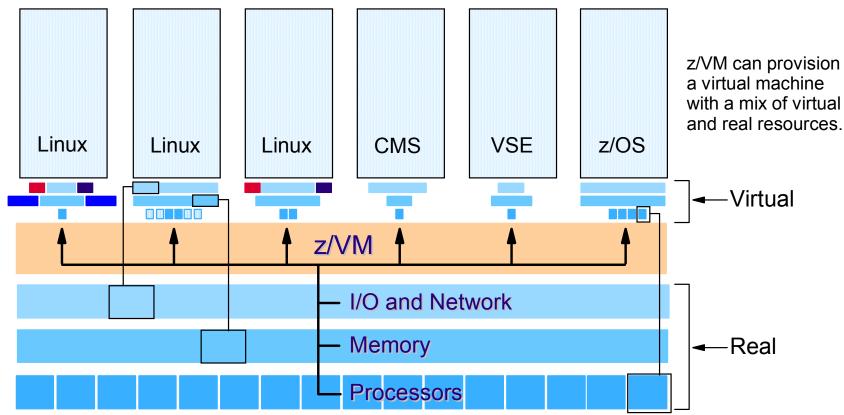
- ★Generating new business with Linux on System z
- ★Enabling growth for existing VM customers





# z/VM Technology: More than Partitioning

A <u>Virtual Machine</u> simulates the existence of a dedicated real machine, including processor functions, storage, and input/output resources.



Linux on z/VM is the industry's most advanced virtual blade solution

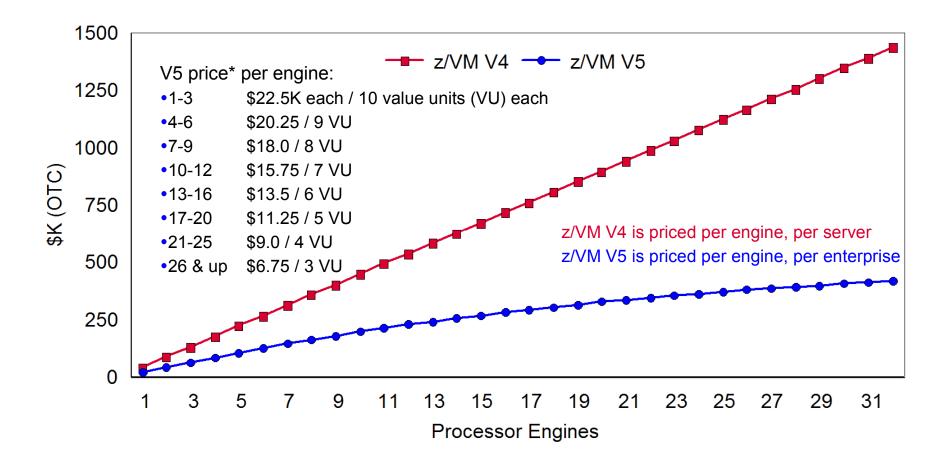
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# z/VM Version 5 Product Information

- Runs on IBM System z9 (z9-109) and IBM eServer zSeries (z800, z900, z890, z990) processors and other equivalent servers
  - The z/VM V5 Control Program requires 64-bit addressing (z/Architecture)
  - 64-bit and 31-bit (ESA/390) virtual machines are supported
- Runs on Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL) processor engines as well as standard processor engines
- IPLA software product (5741-A05) with new, improved pricing Ts&Cs
  - One-time charge license fee, priced on a per-engine basis
  - Price/engine decreases (on a tiered basis) as more engines are licensed
  - Engines can be <u>aggregated</u> across an enterprise for licensing purposes
  - Ordered via the System Delivery Option (SDO) (5741-A06)
- Optional Software Subscription & Support (S&S) product (5741-SNS)
  - Required to receive IBM support center services
  - Entitles customers to future z/VM releases and versions
  - Annual, renewable license charge
- Includes priced features
  - DirMaint, RACF/VM, Performance Toolkit for VM
  - Pre-installed, but disabled (license required; same pricing model as base)



### z/VM Version 5 Pricing

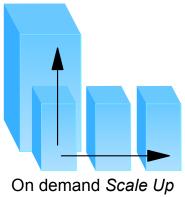


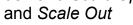
\*U.S. prices as of 1 Oct 2006

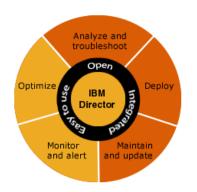


# Key z/VM V5.2 Business Value Propositions

- Significant "Scale out" and "Scale up" support for hosting virtual server workloads
  - Improved utilization of large real memory configurations
  - Improved memory management for Linux guests running on a z9-109 server\*
  - Improved bandwidth for QDIO operations in a CPU-constrained environment (support for z9-109, z990, z890 servers only)
  - Improved throughput and response time for minidisk I/O in an I/O-constrained environment\*
- Enhanced virtual networking support
- Improved FCP/SCSI support
- Support staff productivity gains with IBM Director







\* References post-GA support previously announced via Statements of Direction on July 25, 2005



# zSeries Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL)

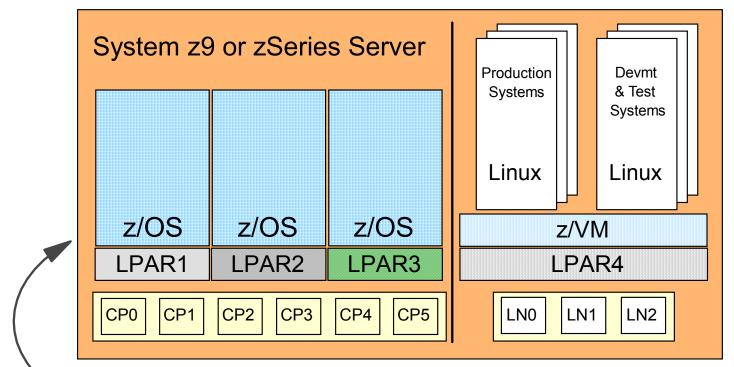
- IFLs are processors dedicated to Linux-only workloads
  - Allocated from the set of spare processors on MCM
  - Less expensive than standard processors
  - Will not support traditional mainframe operating systems
  - Only usable in LPAR mode; cannot be mixed with standard processors



- Available with System z and zSeries servers, G5/G6, Multiprise 3000
  - Fully configured standard-engine servers do not have spare processors available for IFLs
- Adding IFLs does not change a server's model designation
  - No increase in fees for IBM or vendor software installed on standard processors



### Sample IFL Configuration



 IFL engines have no impact on z/OS licensing and associated software fees 3-engine z/VM V5 charges\* (U.S. prices)

Year 1	\$84,390	OTC plus S&S
Year 2	\$16,890	S&S
Year 3	\$16,890	S&S
3-Yr Total	\$118,170	

\* As of 1 Oct 2006



#### The Value of z/VM for Linux Why Run Linux on z/VM?

#### Infrastructure Simplification

- Consolidate distributed, discrete servers and their networks
- IBM mainframe qualities of service
- Exploit built-in z/VM systems management

#### Speed to Market

- Deploy servers, networks, and solutions *fast*
- React quickly to challenges and opportunities
- Allocate server capacity when needed

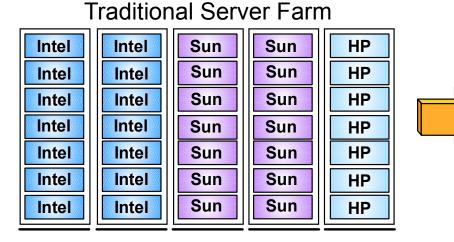
#### Technology Exploitation

- Linux with z/VM offers more function than Linux alone
- Linux exploits unique z/VM technology features
- Build innovative on demand solutions



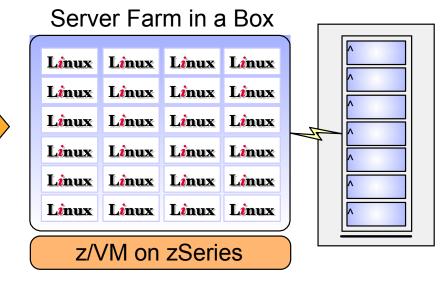


### Infrastructure Simplification with Linux on z/VM



Discrete servers consume incremental expense

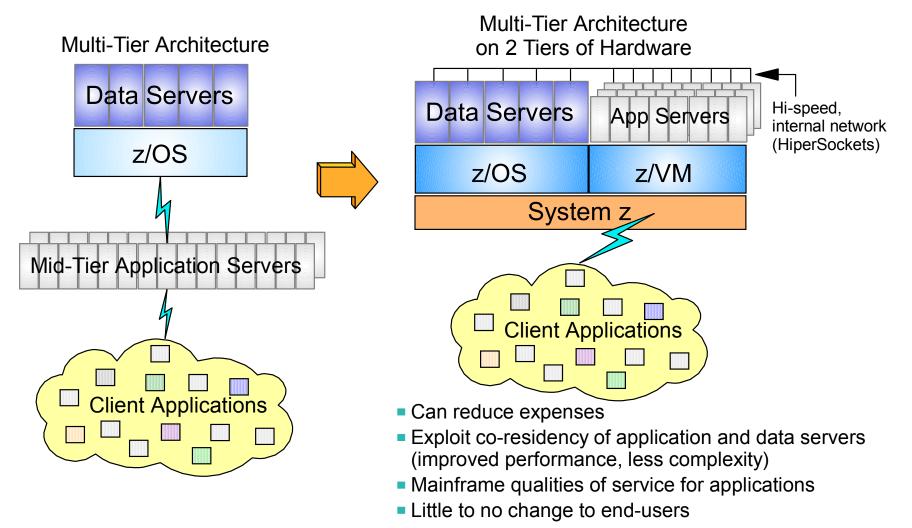
- Hardware price and maintenance
- Floor space, power, cooling
- Additional support staff
- Per server (engine) software fees (ouch!)
- Connectivity requires kilometers of cables
- High availability ensured by spares / re-boots
- Disaster recovery difficult to test



- Can <u>reduce costs</u> without sacrificing server autonomy (one server per application)
- Virtual, high-speed, inter-server connectivity
- Exploit an architecture designed for <u>high</u> <u>availability</u>
- Mainframe <u>qualities of service</u>
- <u>Tested</u> disaster recovery services
- Connect to discrete servers as required



# Infrastructure Simplification – Application Integration

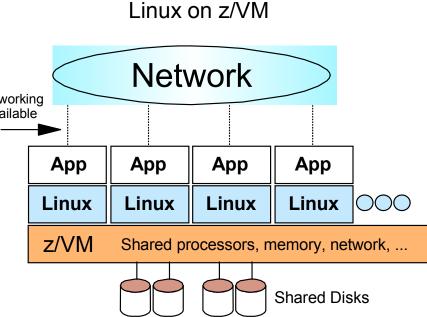




# Achieve Rapid Horizontal Growth with Linux on z/VM

#### Typical UNIX environment Network Virtual networking options available with z/VM -App App App App UNIX UNIX UNIX UNIX Server Server 000 Server Server

- Dedicated processors, disks, adapters, ...
  - Resources wasted when idle
- Complex system management
  - Networking and software products required for command and control
- New servers available in hours / days



- Shared resources
  - Idle capacity given to servers that need it
- Simplified system management
  - Everything in one box
  - Automation tools included in z/VM
- New servers online in minutes / seconds
- On/Off Capacity on Demand available



### z/VM Technology Exploitation for Linux

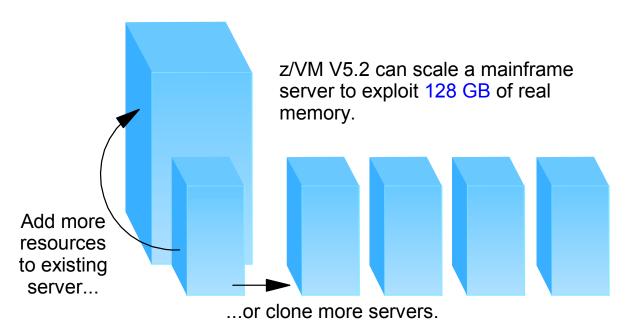
- Resource sharing and scalability
- Virtual networking and network consolidation
- Advanced disk support
- Systems managment, provisioning, command and control





Resource Sharing and Scalability Scale Up and Out with Linux on z/VM

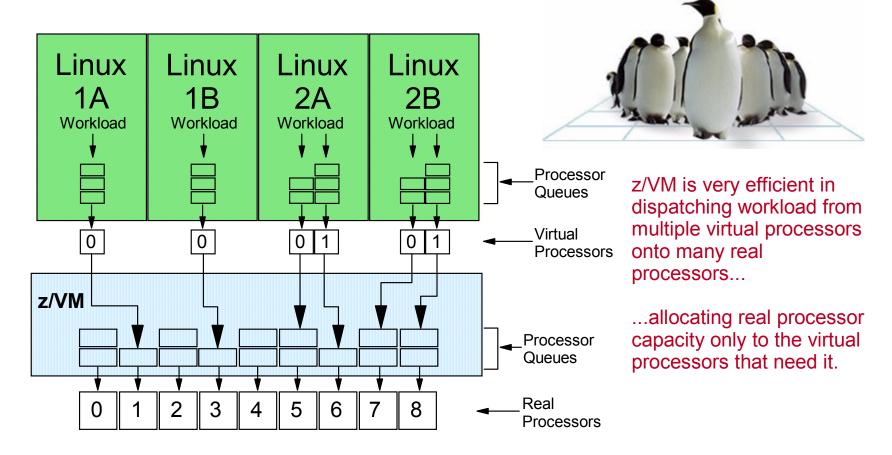
- With z/VM you can grow horizontally and vertically on the same zSeries server...dynamically
- Provision a virtual machine for peak utilization and allocate its resources to other servers during off-peak hours... automatically





# Server Sprawl on z/VM is a Good Thing!

Maximize throughput of a multi-image Linux environment by exploiting z/VM support for large n-way (Symmetrical Multiprocessing)





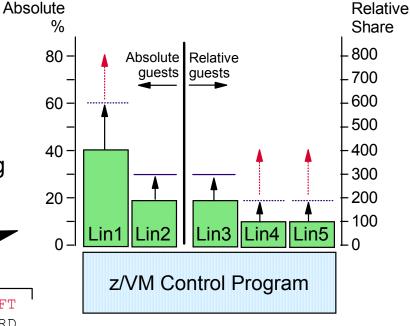
### z/VM Technology – CPU Resource Controls

Allocate system resources per Linux image using SET SHARE command

- This is a highly flexible and self-managed function of the z/VM Control Program
- Reserve CPU capacity for peak usage
  - Use it when needed
  - Relinquish the processor cycles for other servers when not needed
- "Absolute guests" receive top priority
- The Virtual Machine Resource Manager can be used to monitor and adjust remaining capacity allocated to "Relative guests"

#### VM Directory Entries

SET	SHARE	Lin1	ABSOLUTE	40%	ABSOLUTE	60%	LIMITSOFT
SET	SHARE	Lin2	ABSOLUTE	20%	ABSOLUTE	30%	LIMITHARD
SET	SHARE	Lin3	RELATIVE	200	RELATIVE	300	LIMITHARD
SET	SHARE	Lin4	RELATIVE	100	RELATIVE	200	LIMITSOFT
SET	SHARE	Lin5	RELATIVE	100	RELATIVE	200	LIMITSOFT

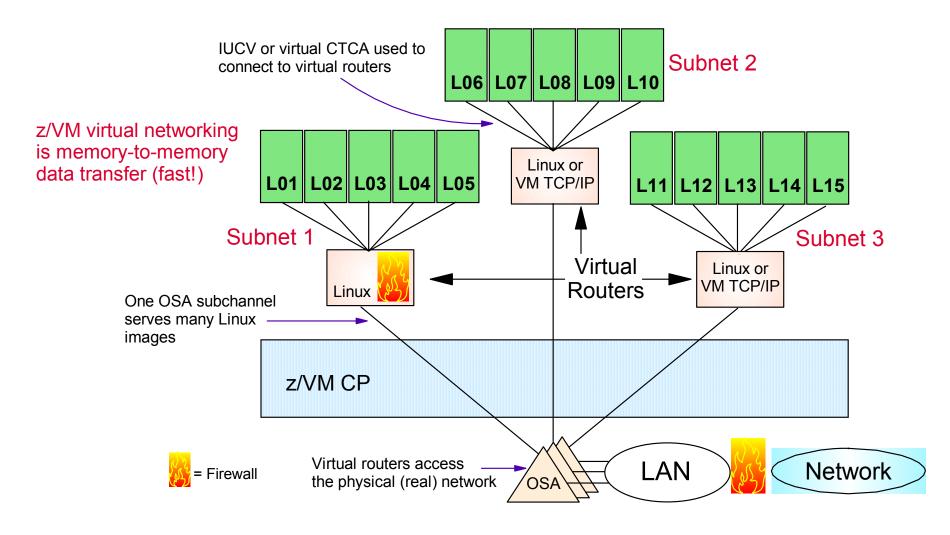


#### Notes:

- = limit can be exceeded if unused capacity is available (limitsoft)
  - --- = limit will not be exceeded (limithard)



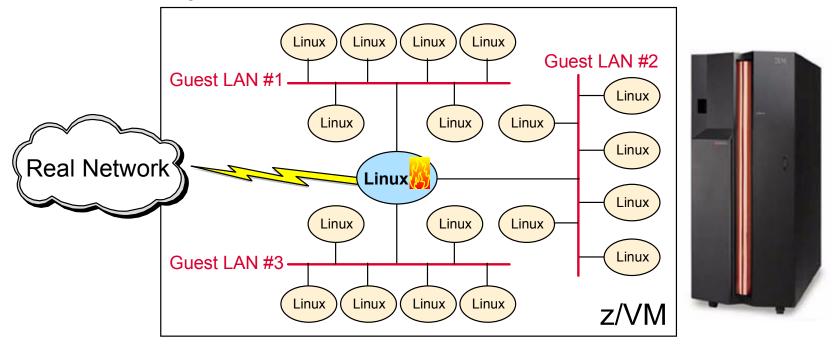
#### z/VM Virtual Networking – Point-to-Point Connections





#### z/VM Virtual Networking – Using z/VM Guest LANs

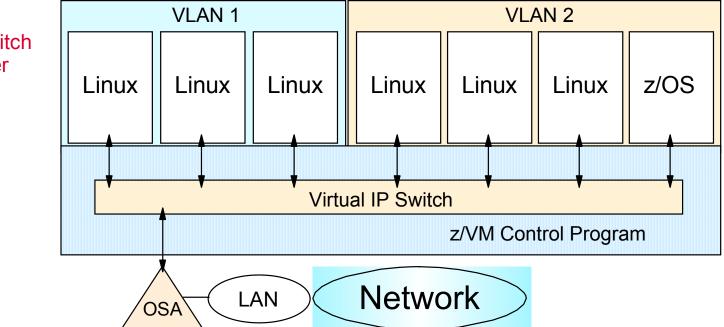
- A Guest LAN is a "virtual" LAN created by the z/VM Control Program
- OSA Express (QDIO) and HiperSockets Guest LANs can be created
  - Point-to-point, Multicast, and Broadcast (QDIO) connections are supported
- Linux images can connect to one or more Guest LANs
  - And connect to real network adapters at the same time
  - This enables a Linux image to provide external routing and firewall services for other Linux images





### z/VM Virtual Networking – Using z/VM Virtual IP Switch

- Introduced in z/VM V4.4, enhanced in z/VM V5 includes support for IEEE VLAN
- Eliminates need for router to connect virtual servers to physical LAN segments
- Provides centralized network configuration and control
  - Easily grant and revoke access to the real network
  - Manage configuration of VLAN segments
  - "On the fly" changes to VLAN topology can be made transparent to virtual servers



z/VM Virtual IP Switch enables even faster access to external networks!



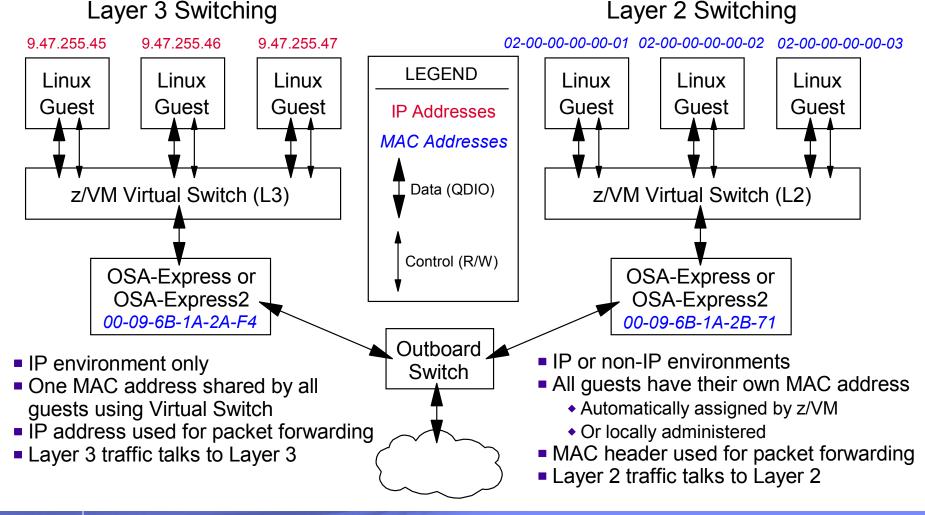
#### z/VM Virtual Networking Virtual Switch Support for Layer 2 Mode

#### z/VM Virtual Switch support can operate in Layer 2 mode

- Works in conjunction with OSA-Express and OSA-Express2 support for Link Layer (Layer 2) transport mode on z9-109, z890 & z990 servers only
- Allows destination and target nodes to be referenced by Media Access Control (MAC) addresses rather than IP addresses
  - Supports IP and non-IP protocols (e.g., IPv4, IPv6, IPX, NetBIOS, SNA, AppleTalk, DECnet)
  - Linux images deployed as guests of z/VM can operate more efficiently
- z/VM Virtual Switch support will...
  - Provide flexible and automatic MAC address generation and assignment ensuring uniqueness within and across z/VM images, LPARs, and Servers
  - Perform protocol-independent Ethernet switching
  - Authorize/manage guest connections and IEEE 802.1q VLAN assignments
- Support details
  - z/VM V5.2 support is available in the base product
  - z/VM V5.1 support requires PTFs for APARs VM63538 and PQ97436



#### z/VM Virtual Switch Support Layer 3 Compared to Layer 2 Switching



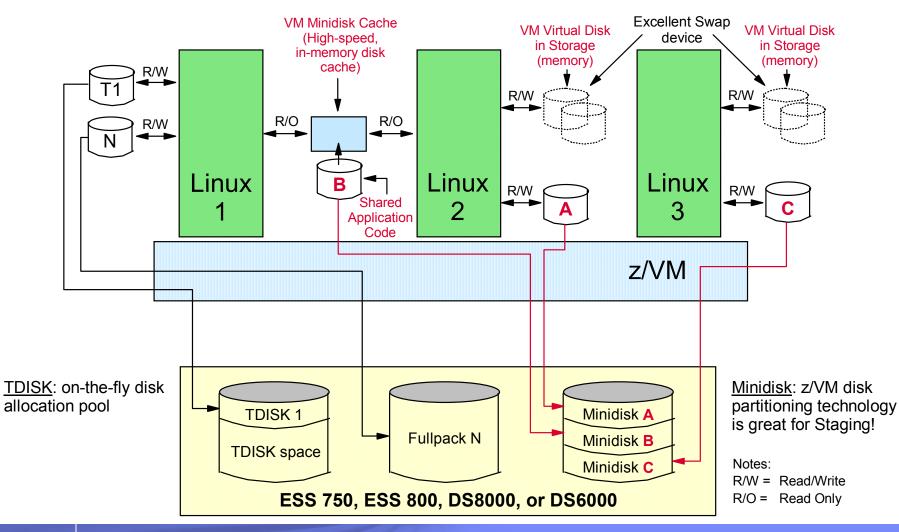


### z/VM Technology – Disk

- Use z/VM Minidisks to partition and share disk storage among Linux virtual servers
- Exploit Minidisk Cache for high-speed access to read-only data
- z/VM Virtual Disks in Storage (VDISKs) provide memory-to-memory data transfer speeds for read and write operations
- Temporary Disks (TDISKs) can be dynamically attached to Linux servers when additional disk space is needed for adhoc operations
- With z/VM V5, customers can configure a Linux-on-z/VM server with SCSI-only disk drives
  - SCSI disks can be directly attached to Linux guests
  - z/VM V5.1 and V5.2 can use SCSI disks for system disk operations (e.g., install, paging, spooling)...this includes CMS and its tools and utilities
  - SCSI disks supported by z/VM V5.2 include: ESS 750, ESS 800, DS8000, and DS6000
  - Connectivity to a fibre-channel fabric is via System z9 or zSeries FCP channels



### z/VM Technology – Disk





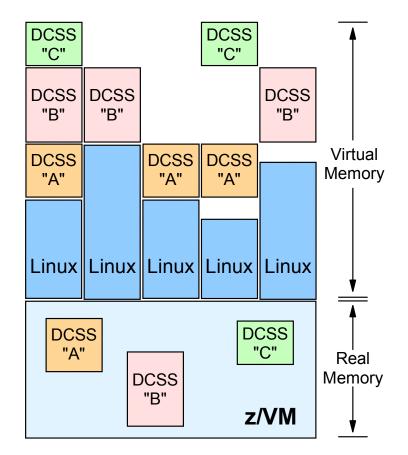
#### Linux and z/VM Technology Exploitation Linux Exploitation of z/VM Discontiguous Saved Segments (DCSS)

#### DCSS support is a z/VM exclusive

- Share a single, real memory location among multiple virtual machines
- High-performance data access
- Can reduce real memory utilization

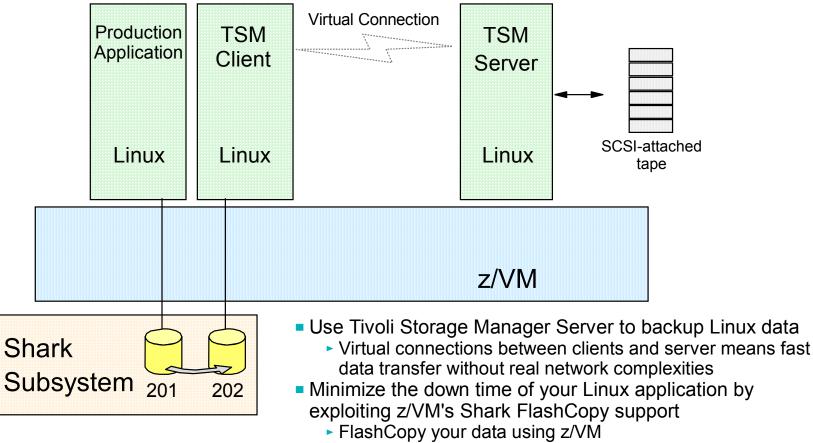
#### Linux exploitation support available today

- Execute-in-place (xip2) file system
- DCSS memory locations can reside outside the defined virtual machine configuration
- Access to file system is at memory speeds; executables are invoked directly out of the file system (no data movement required)
- Avoids duplication of virtual memory and data stored on disks
- Enables throughput benefits for Linux guest images and enhances overall system performance and scalability





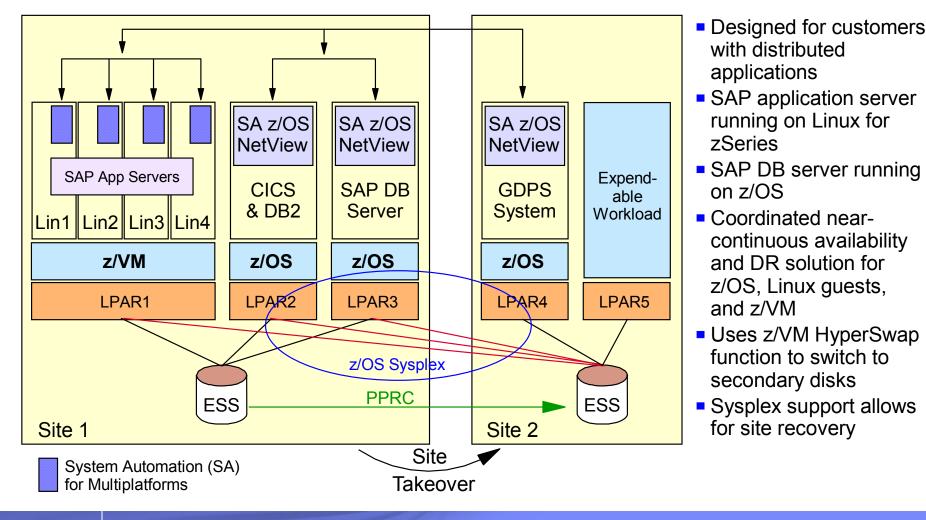
### z/VM Technology – Data Backup



- Run the TSM client code in a separate Linux server image
- Your production application is back online in seconds



# GDPS/PPRC Multiplatform Resiliency for zSeries



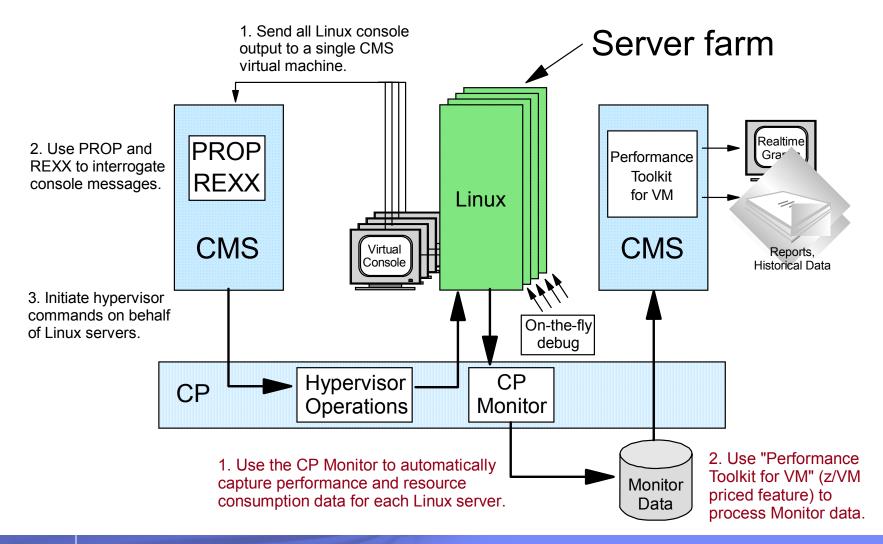


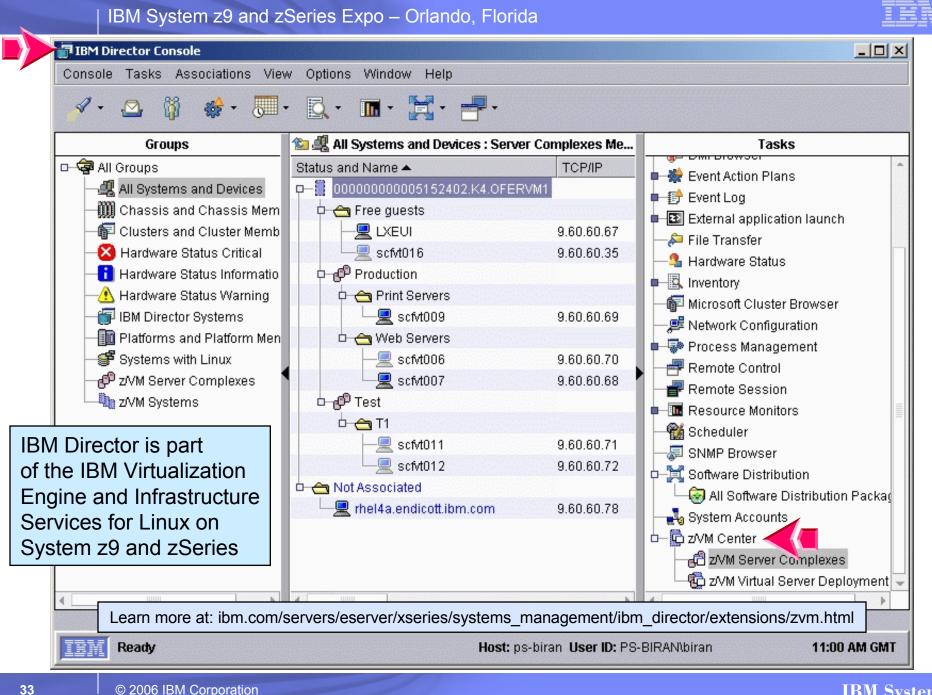
# z/VM Provisioning and Command & Control

- Built-in z/VM facilities enable cost-effective command and control
  - Performance data collection and reporting for every Linux image
  - Log accounting records for charge-back
  - Automate system operations with CMS, REXX, Pipelines, virtual console interrogation using PROP (VM programmable operator)
  - Dynamic I/O reconfiguration (e.g., dynamically add more disks)
  - Run EREP on z/VM for system-level hardware error reporting
  - Priced z/VM features:
    - DirMaint simplifies task of adding/modifying/deleting users
    - Performance Toolkit for VM performance recording and reporting
    - RACF/VM security services
- Samples, examples, downloads available
  - IBM Redbooks
  - VM web site (ibm.com/eserver/zseries/zvm)
- Extensive suite of solutions available from ISVs
  - Visit ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/os/linux/apps/all.html



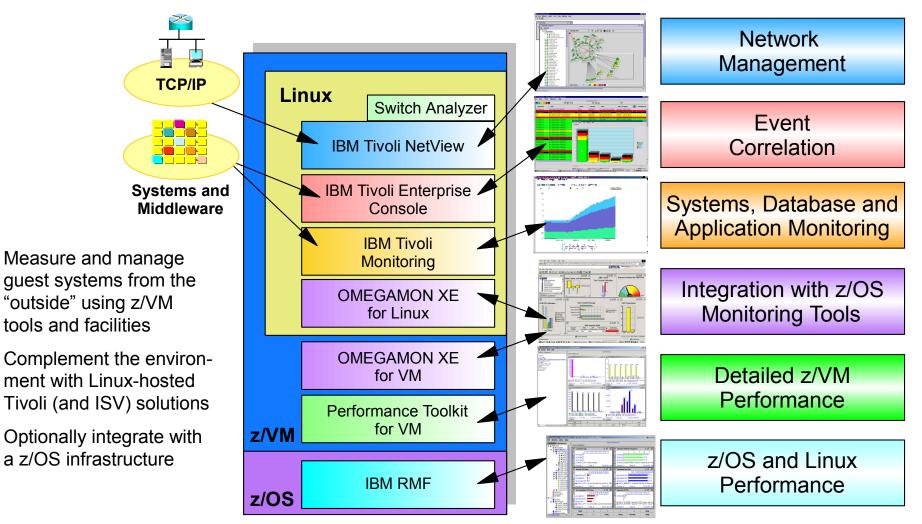
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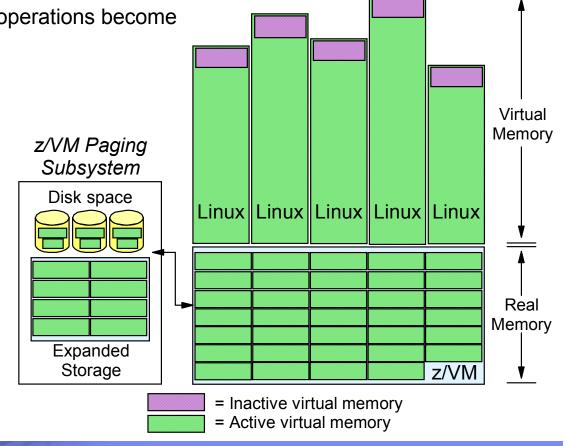
### Monitoring Linux on System z





#### Linux and z/VM Future Technology Exploitation Collaborative Memory Management

- <u>Problem scenario</u>: virtual memory utilization far exceeds real memory availability
- z/VM Control Program paging operations become excessive
- Overall system performance and guest throughput suffers

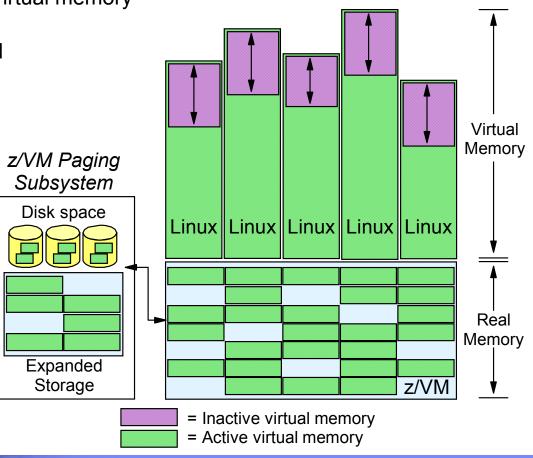






#### Linux and z/VM Future Technology Exploitation Collaborative Memory Management

- <u>Solution</u>: real memory constraint detected and Linux images signaled to reduce virtual memory consumption
- Linux memory pages are released
- Demand on real memory and z/VM paging subsystem is reduced
- Overall system performance and guest image throughput improves
- z/VM V5.2 support available with PTF for APAR VM64085

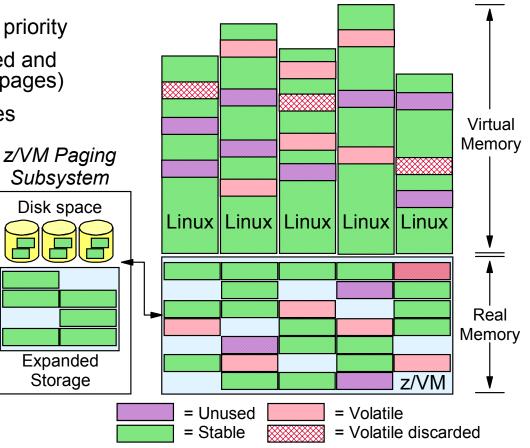


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### Linux and z/VM Future Technology Exploitation Collaborative Memory Management Assist

- <u>Solution</u>: exchange page usage information between Linux guests and z/VM
- Reclaim "unused" pages at higher priority
- Bypass host page writes for unused and "volatile" pages (clean disk cache pages)
- Signal exception if guest references discarded volatile page
- Use host page management assist to re-instantiate pages for next use
- Supported by System z9





### Problem: Discrete Servers for Testing are Costly Another Reason to Deploy Linux on z/VM

- Development, test, quality assurance, etc. need servers too
  - These systems represent incremental expense
  - They add to the complexities and inefficiencies of server sprawl
  - Reconfiguring test environments is cumbersome, adds time
  - Innovation is stifled...many What if...? exercises fail to reach proof-of-concept stage

### Linux servers on z/VM are ideal for development and support

- Give Linux systems to every developer, tester, student, etc.
- Execute complex test scenarios with minimal duplication of real resources
- Mirror production environments on separate z/VM test systems
- Exploit legendary z/VM debugging support
- Constrain resource consumption of test systems using z/VM built-in allocation controls



### Key Learning Points Linux and z/VM – Changing the Server Landscape

#### Industry-leading virtualization technology

- Host tens to hundreds of virtual Linux servers on a single mainframe
- Exploit high performance virtual networking among Linux images
- Take advantage of functionally rich, built-in systems management functions

#### Infrastructure simplification

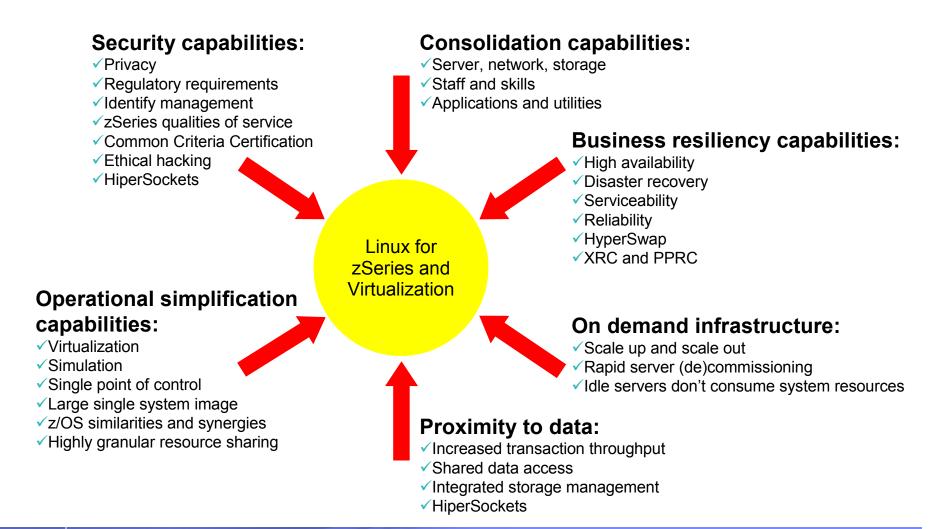
- Exploit z/VM technology on IFL or standard processor engines
- Reduce hardware expense and complexity with virtual servers and virtual networks
- Simultaneously test and deploy different levels of Linux kernels on the same z/VM image
- Host Linux-based on demand solutions side-by-side z/OS environments

#### On demand computing

- Provision servers in minutes, not days or weeks
- Monitor, manage, and reconfigure servers dynamically without interruption
- Record and report virtual and real resource consumption for chargeback and capacity planning



### Linux and z/VM on System z9 and zSeries Providing Unmatched Value Propositions for Linux Workloads





# Key Points – Distributed Costs

- The cost of running additional workload on distributed servers goes up linearly
  - Labor is now the highest cost element in distributed environments
  - Administrative staff costs increase in proportion to number of servers
  - New workload requires additional servers
  - Cost of additional servers is linear
  - Cost of software licenses is linear
  - Electrical and air conditioning costs also increasing
- Net: scale out strategies on distributed systems do not reduce the cost per unit of work as the workload grows

This pricing discussion is based on list prices

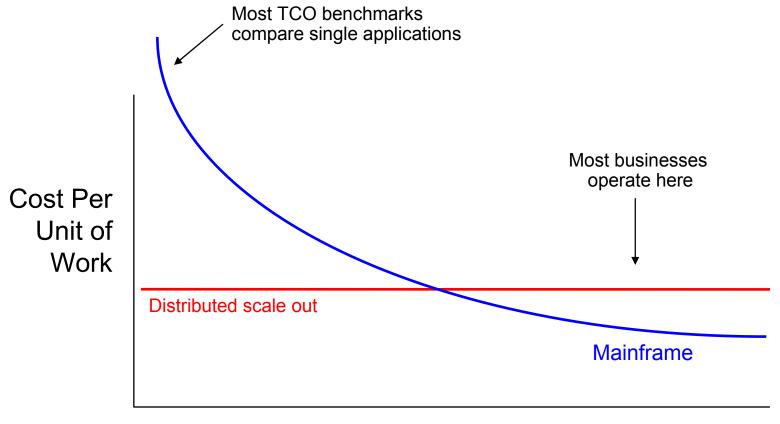


# Key Points – Mainframe Costs

- The cost of running incremental workload on the mainframe goes down as the total workload grows
  - Labor costs hold steady as workload grows
  - IBM pricing policies designed to favor the addition of more workload
  - Special hardware pricing for new workload types
  - Lower software costs per transaction as workload grows
  - Lower electrical and air conditioning consumption than server farms
- Customers have learned that a mainframe running high-throughput workloads are the most cost efficient platform



### Mainframe Cost per Unit of Work Decreases as Workload Increases



Data Center Workload



# **First National Bank of Omaha**



First National Bank Omaha

	Servers	Reliability	Utilization	Staff
<i>First move:</i> Implemented distributed computing architecture that became too difficult to monitor, maintain, upgrade and scale	30+ Sun Solaris servers 560+ Intel servers	Unacceptable		24 people growing at 30% per year Seven times better ization on mainframe hardware
<i>Next move:</i> Consolidated back on the mainframe	One z990	Much improved	84% - with additional capacity available on demand	Reduced to 8 people

7x better utilization also reduces software licensing, labor, power, and cooling costs accordingly



### Hannaford Goes Real Time with Linux on System z9

- Northeastern United States supermarket chain
- Consolidated 300 Linux store servers on to a single mainframe
  - Running 62 virtual servers instead
  - Orders now received directly from store aisles; just-in-time inventory management
  - Introduced new web portal for business partners
- Reduced costs while improving customer and partner satisfaction
  - Significant labor savings across the IT organization

### Read more at: biz.yahoo.com/iw/051205/0103015.html

"The only way we'd consider consolidating critical data from hundreds of servers onto one system was by choosing an IBM mainframe for its legendary reliability and availability."



- Bill Homa, Senior Vice President and CIO of Hannaford Brothers Company



## Linux and z/VM Resources

#### IBM Learning Services Classes

- Installing, Configuring, and Servicing z/VM for Linux Guests (ZV062)
- z/VM and Linux Connectivity and Management (ZV100)
- z/VM RACF and DirMaint Implementation (ZV200)
- Linux Basics a zSeries Perspective (HLX13)
- Linux Implementation for zSeries (ZL100)
- Advanced Solutions for Linux on zSeries (ZL150)
- Deploying WebSphere and Advanced e-business Applications on Linux for zSeries (LINX5)
- Deploying WebSphere Centric Products on Linux for zSeries (LINX6)
- Find more info at: ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/os/linux/ed.html
- z/VM Security and Integrity whitepaper
  - ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/library/techpapers/gm130145.html

#### Linux for zSeries and S/390 listserver

- www.marist.edu/htbin/wlvindex?linux-390
- IBM Global Services
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