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All company sizes identify cost savings as a top benefit of server virtualization followed by availability and flexibility

- Companies and their IT organizations are almost always under pressure to cut costs
- Servers running one or a few applications are typically underutilized
- Consolidating servers through virtualization is one easy way to reduce costs



Source: IBM Study 6/08

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Server Partitioning and Virtualization *Affecting All Areas of Virtual Server Design and Deployment*



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Hypervisor Implementation Methods





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Virtual Resources

- Proxies for real resources: same interfaces/functions, different attributes.
- May be part of a physical resource or multiple physical resources.

Virtualization

- Creates virtual resources and "maps" them to real resources.
- Primarily accomplished with software and/or firmware.

Resources

- Components with architected interfaces/functions.
- May be centralized or distributed. Usually physical.
- Examples: memory, disk drives, networks, servers.

- Separates presentation of resources to users from actual resources
- Aggregates pools of resources for allocation to users as virtual resources



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- Bare-metal hypervisors offer high efficiency and availability
- Hosted hypervisors are useful for clients where host OS integration is important
- Hardware partitioning is less flexible than hypervisor-based solutions

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Chip Design Affects Virtualization Capabilities



- Mixed workloads stress cache usage, requiring more context switches
- Working sets may be too large to fit in cache
- "Fast" processor speed is not fully realized due to cache misses



- System z cache is able to contain more working sets
- Processor speed is optimized by increased cache usage
- Additional RAS function is beneficial for mixed workloads

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Server Architecture Genetics *Consider the Heritage of Today's Server Platforms*

x86 systems

- Key value proposition: <u>end-user autonomy</u>
- "Ctl-Alt-Del" not a problem for a single-user system

UNIX systems

- Key value proposition: <u>processor speed</u>
- Engineering/scientific computing with portability of applications and skills

Mainframe systems

- Key value proposition: <u>mixed workloads</u>
- Highest degrees of efficiency, availability, workload mgmt, security

Virtualization Essentials -

Virtualization technology can be significantly constrained or compromised (or enhanced) by the underlying system architecture.

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x86 Server Virtualization Landscape **Hypervisors**

- VMware ESX Server (proprietary)
- Xen (open source Linux)
 - Distributed by Novell (SLES 10) and Red Hat (RHEL 5)
 - Marketed by "Virtual Iron Software" and "XenSource" too
- KVM (open source Linux)
 - Integrated into the Linux 2.6.20 kernel
 - New strategic initiative for Red Hat ("Embedded Linux Hypervisor")
- Microsoft[®] Windows[®] (proprietary)
 - Virtual Server 2005 Longhorn (2007) Viridian (2007-2008)
- Many more (Solaris Containers, Virtuozzo, HP Integrity VM, ...)
 - So many x86 hypervisors presents a challenge for users

Solaris Containers, Virtuozzo, HP Integrity VM, ... The clear leader in this field is VMware, but it has seen some competition from Microsoft, and now XenSource Inc. and Virtual Iron Software Inc. are pushing to make Xen the open source competitor.

- "Sun to provide Xen virtualization on Solaris", Mark Fontecchio, SearchDataCenter.com, 05 Jul 2006

"KVM, which was presented to the public only barely two months ago, thereby easily overtakes other virtualization solutions such as Xen, OpenVZ and Vserver, which are based on other approaches, on the path toward integration into the kernel.

- Heise Online, www.heise.de/english/newsticker/news/82344, 11 Dec 2006

So many x86 virtualization offerings makes it challenging for users to select the right technology for an x86 environment.



x86 Server Virtualization Landscape Systems Management

- VMware VirtualCenter
- Virtual Iron Virtualization Manager
- XenSource XenEnterprise
- Microsoft System Center Virtual Machine Manager
- IBM Systems Director
 - Including IBM Director and IBM Tivoli Provisioning Manager



x86 Virtualization Pain Points More Reasons for Using System z Virtualization Technology

- Disaster recovery
- Speed of deployment
- Virtual machine sprawl and lifecycle management
- Chargeback and licensing
- Security
- I/O intensive workloads

There is a downside to x86 virtualization that represents an opportunity for hosting workloads on System z virtualization technology instead.





- Supports a wide range of unmodified Windows and Linux versions
- Guest OS runs in User Mode; privileged instructions trap to Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM)
 - "Trapping and mapping" is a significant source of performance overhead
- Guest OS binary code is translated incrementally at load time
 - Instructions that behave differently in User Mode vis-à-vis Supervisor Mode must be replaced with explicit trap instructions so the appropriate behavior will occur
- Modified Linux device drivers run in the VMkernel
- Intel VT hardware feature is used only for 64-bit guests

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VMware Virtual Infrastructure

- Local, Fibre, NAS and iSCSI storage
- 8-way Virtual SMP
- 255 GB guest memory
- Unified GUI
- VMotion
- DRS
- HA

Architecture





VMotion[™] Technology

Instantly shift running systems across hosts often with imperceptible downtime



- Proactively migrate systems across an environment to optimize workloads
- Perform zero downtime, rolling hardware upgrades
- Proactively migrate VMs to new hosts in response to hardware failure

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VMware Virtual Infrastructure



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System z Virtualization Technology A Shared Everything Architecture



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IBM System z Virtualization Leadership Extreme Levels of CPU Sharing





IBM System z CPU High Availability Concurrent Processor Reassignment

- Used to concurrently change the physical backing of one or more logical processors
- The state of source physical processor is captured and transplanted into the target physical processor
- Operation is transparent to operating systems
- Used for processor sparing and book replacement





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System Design Affects Virtualization Capabilities



Up to 16 Crypto Express2 CPUs
High scale performance for SSL transactions

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Up to 336 I/O Processors

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System Design Affects Virtualization Capabilities



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- The I/O infrastructure is shared by LPARs at native speeds, without hypervisor involvement
- Up to 8 physical channels process the I/O requests to the shared devices
 - This reduces the possibility of I/O queuing delays at the channels or at the shared storage controller

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z/VM – An Exceptional Virtualization Platform

z/VM can massively scale a virtual server environment with a mix of virtual <u>and</u> real resources for each virtual machine

- ➡ With exceptional levels of performance, availability, and security
- Virtual and real assets can be non-disruptively added when needed
- Over 40 years of continuous innovation in virtualization



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Relative

z/VM CPU Resource Controls Highly Granular Sharing of System Resources

- Allocate system resources per guest image using 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"
 - Also use VMRM to prioritize I/O operations among guest images via "I/O Priority Queuing"

SHARE Lin1 ABSOLUTE 40% ABSOLUTE 60% LIMITSOFT

SHARE Lin2 ABSOLUTE 20% ABSOLUTE 30% LIMITHARD

SHARE Lin4 RELATIVE 100 RELATIVE 200 LIMITSOFT SHARE Lin5 RELATIVE 100 RELATIVE 200 LIMITSOFT

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Notes:

Absolute

- --- = limit can be exceeded if unused capacity is available (LIMITSOFT)
 - = limit will not be exceeded (LIMITHARD)

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Resource Sharing and Scalability *Scale Up <u>and</u> Out with Linux on z/VM*

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

Add more resources to existing server non-disruptively...





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Single-System, Multi-LPAR, Linux-on-z/VM Environment Maximizing Resource Utilization and System Availability



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Linux-on-z/VM and Flexible, Efficient Growth z/VM V5.4 Function Enhances System Availability

- Clients can start small with Linux on System z and non-disruptively grow their environment as business dictates
- Users can dynamically add CPUs, memory, I/O adapters, devices, and network cards to a running z/VM LPAR
- z/VM virtualizes this capability for guest machines



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Extreme Virtualization with Linux on z/VM VMRM Cooperative Memory Management (VMRM-CMM)



Linux and z/VM Technology Exploitation **Collaborative Memory Management Assist (CMMA)**

- Extends coordination of memory and paging between Linux and z/VM to the level of individual pages using a new hardware assist (CMMA) on z9 and z10 systems
- z/VM knows when a Linux application has released a page of memory
- Host Page-Management Assist (*HPMA*), in conjunction with CMMA, further reduces z/VM processing needed to resolve page faults
- Can help z/VM host more virtual servers in the same amount of memory
- Supported by z/VM V5.3 and later and Novell SLES 10
- Full support not accepted by Linux community
- Future distributions likely to implement a subset of function
 - Supporting "Stable" and "Unused" states



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Transaction Rate versus Number of Hosted Servers *Apache Servers with 1GB of Memory Each – z/VM with 8GB of Memory**



* z/VM running in IBM System z9 LPAR with 6GB of Central Storage and 2GB of Expanded Storage

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z/VM Technology: Advanced Disk Support



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Extreme Linux-on-z/VM Virtualization Linux Exploitation of z/VM DCSS Support

- Discontiguous Saved Segments (DCSS)
 - Share a single, real memory location among multiple virtual machines
 - Can reduce real memory utilization
- Linux exploitation: shared program executables
 - Program executables are stored in an execute-inplace file system, then loaded into a DCSS
 - 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
 - Helps enhance overall system performance and scalability
- z/VM V5.4 support enhancements:
 - Segments can reside above 2 GB address line
 - Enables even greater system scalability
 - New addressing limit is 512 GB

Note: Maximum size of a single DCSS is 2047 MB





Extreme Virtualization with Linux on z/VM Linux Exploitation of z/VM Virtual Disks in Storage (VDISK)

- VDISK support is Data-in-Memory technology
 - Simulate a disk device using real memory
 - Achieve memory speeds on disk I/O operations
 - VDISKs can be shared among virtual machines
- Linux exploitation: high-speed swap device
 - Use VDISKs for Linux swap devices instead of real disk volumes
 - Reduces demand on I/O subsystem
 - Helps reduce the performance penalty normally associated with swapping operations
 - An excellent configuration tool that helps clients minimize the memory footprint required for virtual Linux servers
 - Helps improve the efficiency of sharing real resources among virtual machines



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System z and N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV)



With N_Port ID Virtualization



= virtual Worldwide Port Name (WWPN)

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z/VM Support for N_Port ID Virtualization

- FICON Express features on System z9 and z10 support FCP N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV)
- NPIV enables zoning and LUN masking on a virtual machine basis
- Multiple operating system images can now concurrently access the same or different SAN-attached devices (LUNs) via a single, shared FCP channel
 - Can increase channel utilization
 - Less hardware required
 - Helps reduce the complexity of physical I/O connectivity
- Supported by z/VM V5.4, V5.3, and V5.2

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IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller Software V4.3

- z/VM and Linux for System z support SAN Volume Controller (SVC) V4.3
- SVC allows z/VM and Linux to access SCSI storage from multiple vendors as a single pool of disk capacity
- z/VM FBA emulation allows CMS users to access SVC-managed disk space
- New function in SVC V4.3:
 - Space-Efficient Virtual Disks use disk space only when data is written
 - Space-Efficient FlashCopy uses disk space only for changes between source and target data
 - Virtual Disk Mirroring helps improve availability for critical applications by storing two copies of a virtual disk on different disk systems
- Supported in z/VM V5.3, V5.4, and V6.1
 - z/VM V5.2 support available with PTF for APAR VM64128

Learn more at: ibm.com/storage/support/2145



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z/VM Virtual Networking Using the z/VM Virtual Switch



- Eliminates need for router to connect virtual servers to physical LAN segments
 - May reduce overhead associated with router virtual machines
 - Allows virtual machines to be in the same subnet with the physical LAN segment
- Supports Layer 2 (MAC) and Layer 3 (IP) switching
 - Includes support for IEEE VLAN
 - Provides centralized network configuration and control
 - Easily grant and revoke access to the real network
 - Dynamic changes to VLAN topology can be made transparent to virtual servers



z/VM Integrated Systems Management Using the System z Hardware Management Console (HMC)

Included in z/VM V5.4

- Allows basic z/VM functions to be performed from HMC
- Network connection not required
- Uses SCLP hardware interface to access z/VM systems management APIs

Supported operations:

- View z/VM guests
- Activate z/VM guests
- Deactivate z/VM guests
- Display guest configuration and status

z/VM V5.3 also supported

 Requires PTFs for APARs VM64233 and VM64234



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IBM Systems Director VMControl Image Manager for Linux on System z Version 2.1 – Available July 24, 2009

- VMControl Image Manager is a plug-in to IBM Systems Director V6.1
 - Effectively replaces the "z/VM Center" extension of IBM Director V5.20
- Provides support to manage and automate the deployment of virtual images from a centralized location
 - A virtual image consists of an operating system instance and the software stack, such as middleware and applications, running on that operating system
- VMControl Image Manager provides a graphical interface to create and deploy Linux images on z/VM and AIX images on Power systems
 - Definition of these system images is based on the industry-standard Open Virtualization Format (OVF) specifications – facilitates importation of virtual images
 - Deploy an all-in-one solution instead of OS, middleware, and application piece parts
 - Clone already-tested system configurations
 - Propagate virtual image updates to all instances
- IBM Systems Director and VMControl Image Manager help support a Dynamic Infrastructure
 - Helps improve responsiveness to changing business needs
 - May increase operational productivity
 - Can help reduce service and support costs







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Monitoring System z Virtual Linux Servers Using IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux V4.1.2

- Combined product offering that monitors z/VM and Linux for System z
- Provides work spaces that display:
 - Overall system health
 - Workload metrics for logged-in users
 - Individual device metrics
 - LPAR data
- Provides composite views of Linux running on z/VM
- New function in V4.1.2:
 - Additional monitoring to help identify bottlenecks in the I/O subsystem
 - Processor spin lock wait statistics



Learn more at: ibm.com/software/tivoli/products/omegamon-xe-zvm-linux

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IBM Tivoli Virtualization Management for System z Helping Clients Manage and Control Their Virtualized IT Infrastructure





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z/VM Statements of Direction

Clustered Hypervisor Support and Guest Mobility

Overview of Planned New Function

- Clients can cluster up to four z/VM systems in a Single System Image (SSI)
- Provides a set of shared resources that can be used by both z/VM and hosted virtual machines, with full awareness of sharing by the clustered z/VM systems – be they on the same and/or different z10 servers
 - Directory, minidisks, spool files, Virtual Switch MAC addresses
- Helps simplify systems management for a multi-z/VM environment
 - Single user directory
 - Cluster management from any system
 - Apply maintenance to all systems in the cluster from one location
 - Issue commands from one system to operate on another
 - Built-in cross-system capabilities
 - Service consolidation: run one copy of service virtual machines for the cluster
 - Resource coordination and protection: network and disks

- Z/VM 1 Cross-system communications for "single system image" management Z/VM 3 Shared disks Z/VM 4 Private disks
- Dynamically move Linux guests from one z/VM system to another in the cluster via Live Guest Relocation
 - Helps reduce planned outages; enhances workload management
 - With z/VM: dynamically move work to available resources <u>and</u> dynamically move resources to work
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System z LPAR and z/VM: World-Class Server Virtualization

Helping clients reduce costs and improve control of their IT infrastructure

- Virtualization
 Consolidation
- Logical Partitioning (LPAR) and z/VM are complementary technologies
 - Both employ great hardware and firmware (PR/SM) innovations developed over the years
 - Virtualization is a part of the basic componentry of the System z platform

Together, System z LPAR and z/VM technology provide:

- High performance "on the metal" virtual servers for larger, performance-critical workloads
- The ability to provision 1000s of additional virtual servers flexibly and on demand

- LPAR
 - Host a relatively small number of very highperformance virtual servers
 - Very low overhead, hardware-based virtualization through partitioning
- z/VM

✓ Workload management

- Host large numbers of highperformance virtual servers
- Low overhead, hardware-based, true virtualization with extreme levels of software augmentation

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System z Consolidation and Virtualization Success Stories Maximizing your IT Competitiveness

1	First National Bank Omaha	Consolidated more than 500 distributed Sun and x86 systems to Linux on z/VM.	 7x increase in system utilization Improved system reliability 67% reduction in staffing
2	BALDOR MOTORS • DRIVES • GENERATORS	Consolidated SAP infrastructure to IBM System z: DB2 database runs on z/OS and SAP applications run in z/VM virtual machines.	 Enhanced SAP availability and performance 60% performance improvement for batch work Reduced IT spending from 1.8 to 1 percent of sales Easier to manage and maintain systems
3	Nationwide [®] On Your Side [™]	Made strategic decision to deploy J2EE applications on Linux and z/VM to avoid building a new data center.	 Streamlined application development & operations On schedule to save more than \$16M over 3 years 50% reduction in web infrastructure costs 80% reduction in floor space
4	Hannafore	Consolidated 300 Linux store servers onto a single mainframe. Introduced new web portal for business partners.	 Running 62 virtual servers instead of 300 servers Significant labor savings across IT organization Improved customer and partner satisfaction

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IBM System z Achieves High Core-to-Core Ratios When Consolidating from Distributed Environments

- A fundamental strength of z/VM is its ability to overcommit system resources: "Do more with less" leads to cost savings for hardware and software
- Demonstrates unique IBM value proposition against competitive scale-out solutions (e.g., Sun, HP, Others)
- Real customers, real workloads!

Customer	Distributed Cores	System z Cores	Ratio of Distributed to System z cores*
Nationwide	450	21	21 to 1
Large Bank	111	4	27 to 1
Government Agency	292	5	58 to 1

* Client results will vary based on each specific customer environment including types of workloads, utilization levels, target consolidation hardware, and other implementation requirements.



Actual Customer Saves \$1.5M with Oracle on System z Versus 45 Oracle x86 Servers



5-year Cost Comparison	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year
x86	923 625	1 847 250	2 770 874	3 694 499	4 618 124
System z	1 482 559	1 871 822	2 261 085	2 650 348	3 039 611
Delta	558 934	24 572	-509 789	-1 044 151	-1 578 513

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Large Bank Reduces Space and Energy Requirements Saves More Than \$1.5M (detailed information for previous slide)

	FROM	ТО
Current Hardware Infrastructure	45 x86 (HP + Dell)	IBM System z10 Enterprise Class (z10 EC)
Footprints	45	1
Cores	111	4 IFLs
Average utilization	Less than 10%	60%
Peak utilization	35%	85%
# of DBs; size of DB	111 Oracle DB	111 Oracle DB
Application	Oracle 10G databases	Oracle 10G databases
OS	Linux	Linux Red Hat RHEL5 + z/VM
Energy usage		75% less
Floor Space usage		28% less
TCO: 5 years	\$4.62M	\$3.04M / Savings: \$1.58M

Summary of Benefits:

- 111-to-4 core reduction; 45:1 footprint reduction
- Up to 72% software maintenance cost reduction
- Improved application reliability, and efficient Disaster Recovery capabilities

Topics

- Business drivers for server consolidation
- Server virtualization and hypervisor basics
- x86 virtualization
- System z virtualization differentiation
 - Extreme virtualization with z/VM and System z
 - Some customer examples
 - Summary



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System z and z/VM Virtualization Leadership *Virtualization Adoption Issues for x86 Systems*

Getting started with x86 virtualization is the easy part

- There is plenty of "head room" on a typical x86 server to run a proof of concept
- Even on a small scale, x86 consolidations can save money
- But large-scale adoption of x86 virtualization technology has issues...

x86 virtualization solutions are relatively immature

- Chargeback can be a challenge
- Capacity planning is difficult to accomplish
- There is little opportunity to consolidate I/O-intensive workloads
- There is no LPAR alternative for performance-critical workloads
- x86 virtualization does not eliminate the need for discrete servers or the need to manage them
 - x86 virtualization actually adds a layer of complexity to managing distributed servers
- Given the limited scalability of x86 systems, server sprawl will continue
- What technology is the right technology?
 - ESX? Virtual Server? Xen? KVM? Linux-VServer? QEMU? Integrity Virtual Machines? Virtuozzo? Containers?
- Will your x86 virtualization technology provider be the right strategic partner in 3 years?
- Are you ready to re-purchase your x86 servers when the next "must have" chip technology is released?
- Will you discover software licensing issues for technologies like VMotion?
- Will Microsoft restrict its software from supporting your virtualization solution?
 - See: www.vmware.com/solutions/whitepapers/msoft_licensing_wp.html as an example

When Do You Need More Than "Good Enough"? Business Drivers – Making the Case for Mainframe Virtualization

- When <u>business continuance</u> is a high priority
- When you want to spend less on environmental expenses such as <u>floor space and energy</u>
- When business results suffer as a result of IT resources not matching customer demand
- When <u>speed to market</u> affects your business results
- When your IT staff wants to optimize their <u>productivity</u> for deploying and managing virtual servers
- When workload growth and decline is difficult to <u>predict</u>, be it production, development, or test and assurance systems
- When your server applications need fast, flexible and secure <u>access to</u> <u>z/OS or z/VSE</u> data and applications
- When <u>innovation</u> is stifled because your staff cannot experiment or develop new solutions using existing resources



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Moving Linux Images

VMware VMotion (and similar x86 technologies)

- Moving a running Linux virtual server is how workload management is accomplished with virtualized x86 systems
- Can also be used to move virtual machines off a "hot" server
- Helps customers manage planned downtime

System z and z/VM

- Virtual server workload management is very robust with System z and z/VM
 - Very granularity allocation of real resources helps absorb workload spikes
 - Capacity on demand can quickly satisfy the need for more hardware
- System z is a very "green" machine (power consumption is not a problem)
- Live guest migration indeed helps avoid planned outages
 - Running multiple copies of z/VM (even on the same CEC) can help mitigate this issue
 - Tivoli Systems Automation and clustered Linux solutions also offer improved availability
 - Even so, live guest migration is a z/VM investment candidate, focusing on a) reducing planned outages, b) helping customers manage virtual servers deployed across multiple z/VM systems



What is z/VM System Security?

- Knowing who is accessing the system or its resources
- Ensuring a user only has access to system resources specifically permitted
- Knowing who is accessing (or failing to access) what resources
- Security is only meaningful in the presence of system integrity
 - Integrity prevents bypass of security controls
 - Audit trail confirms conformance



Learn more: "z/VM Security and Integrity" - ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/library/techpapers/pdf/gm130145.pdf

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IBM System z Ecosystem – the Growing z Community Dramatic Growth Responding to Market Demand



Expanding System z application portfolio driven by ISV growth:

- 2008: 130 new ISVs; 600+ new applications/tools
- More than 5,000 applications available
- More than 2,450 applications for Linux on System z
- Over 1,400 ISVs building applications

IBM Academic Initiative is driving skills growth on System z

- 50,000 students attended mainframe education
- 481 schools registered offering 29 separate courses, with more to come
- Student Mainframe Contests:
 - 10 contents
 - More than 1,000 schools
 - More than 8,000 students

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