# Effectively running Linux on IBM System z in a virtualized environment and cloud



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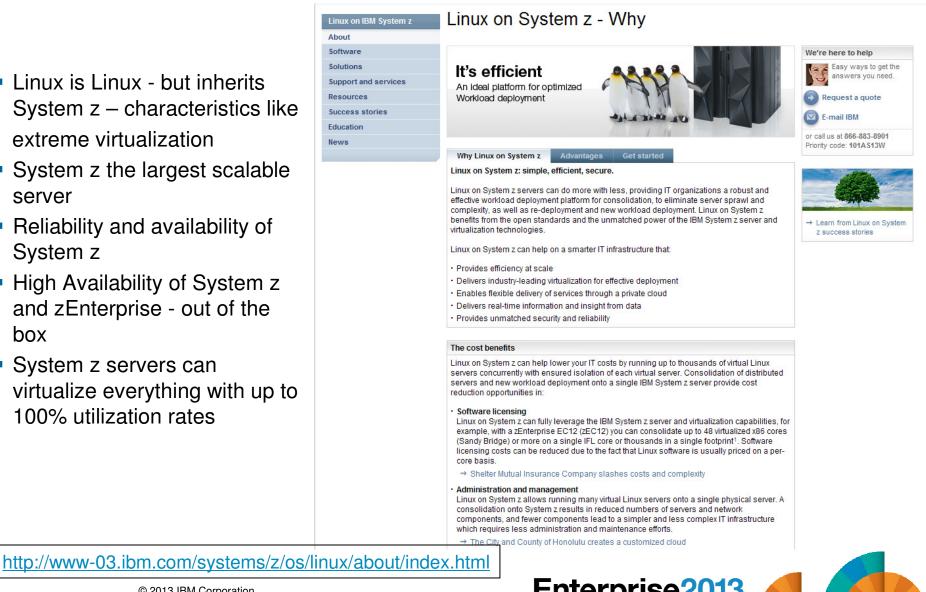
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# Why Linux on and System z is a great Linux

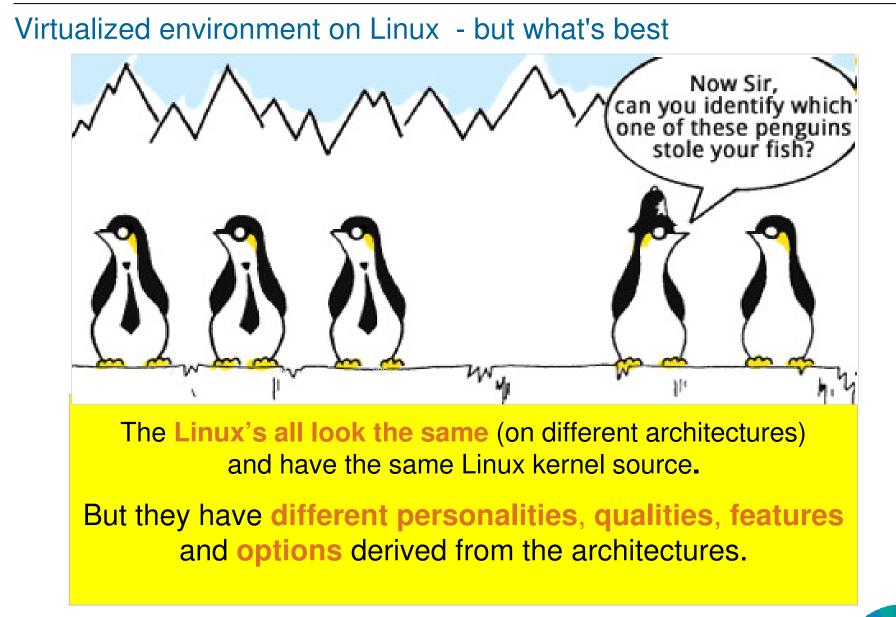
- Linux is Linux but inherits System z – characteristics like extreme virtualization
- System z the largest scalable server
- Reliability and availability of System z
- High Availability of System z and zEnterprise - out of the box
- System z servers can virtualize everything with up to 100% utilization rates



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## Linux on System z has a Continuous Focus on Characteristics the Workload Benefits from

#### **Security Capabilities:**

- Centralized Authentication,
- Cryptographic Acceleration,
- Regulatory requirements, Identity management, Common Criteria Certification, Image Isolation,
- Physically secure communications with HiperSockets<sup>™</sup> and Guest LANs

#### Operational Simplification Capabilities:

- Virtualization,
- Resource Sharing
- Single Point of Control,
- Single System Image,

#### **Consolidation Capabilities:**

 Server, Network, Storage, Applications, hosting of different workloads at the same time

#### **Business Resiliency Capabilities:**

- High Availability,
- Disaster Recovery, Serviceability, Reliability,
- Storage failover (HyperSwap<sup>™</sup>), Data replication (XRC, PPRC)

#### Flexibility / On demand Capabilities:

- Mixed Workloads: Scale-up & scale-out,
- Rapid server (de)commissioning,
- Idle Servers don't consume resources

#### Proximity to z/OS managed Data:

- Increased transaction throughput, HiperSockets
- Shared data access
- Integrated storage management







# What is Virtualization and why is it important ?

Virtualization is the logical representation of resources not constrained by physical limitations

- Enables user flexibility
- Centrally manage many resources as one
- Dynamically change and adjust across the infrastructure
- Create many virtual resources within single physical device
- Eliminates trapped capacities



A comprehensive platform to help virtualize the IT infrastructure



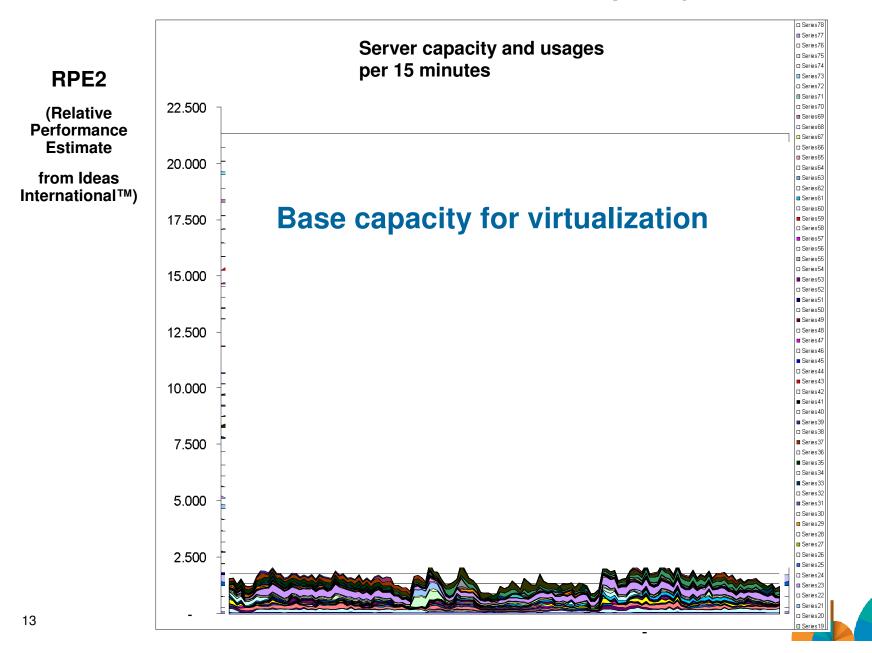


# Terminology – 'Virtualization'

- If it's there and you can see it it's real.
- If it's there and you can't see it it's transparent.
- If it's not there and you can see it it's virtual.
- If it's not there and you can't see it you erased it.



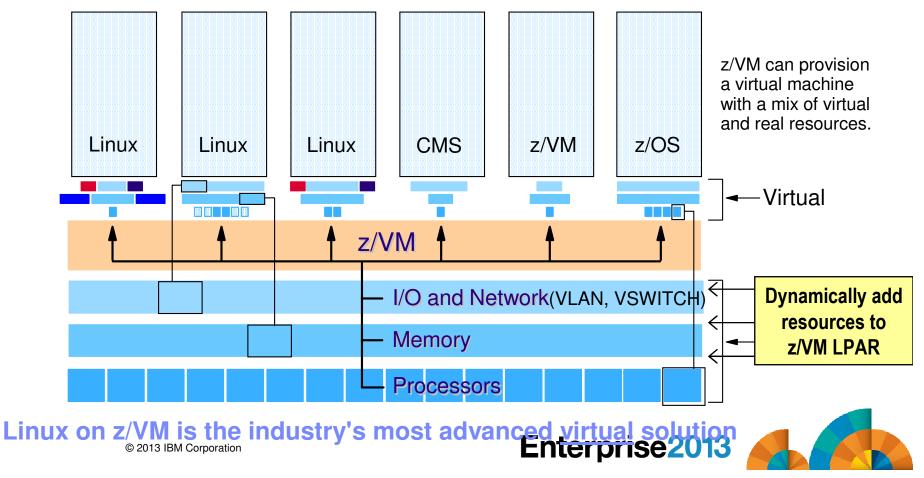
## **Accumulated USED Distributed Server capacity**





# Global Virtualization in System z and zEnterprise z/VM Technology: Share everything

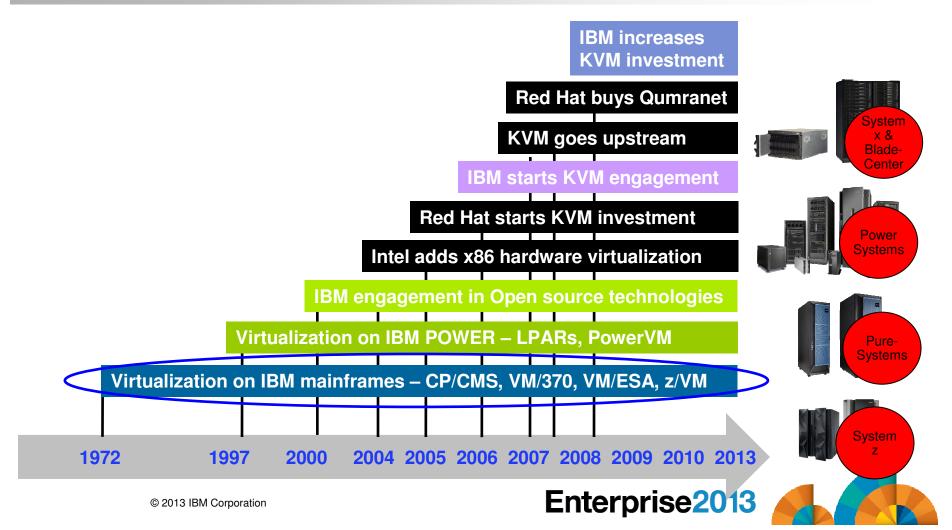
- z/VM simulates the existence of a dedicated real machine, including processor functions, storage, and input/output resources.
- z/VM includes network Virtualization, high availability and integrated security between VMs
- It supports uniquely, over commitment on all levels.
- •z/VM Virtualizes in a single virtualization Layer different workloads





# A Brief History of IBM and Virtualization

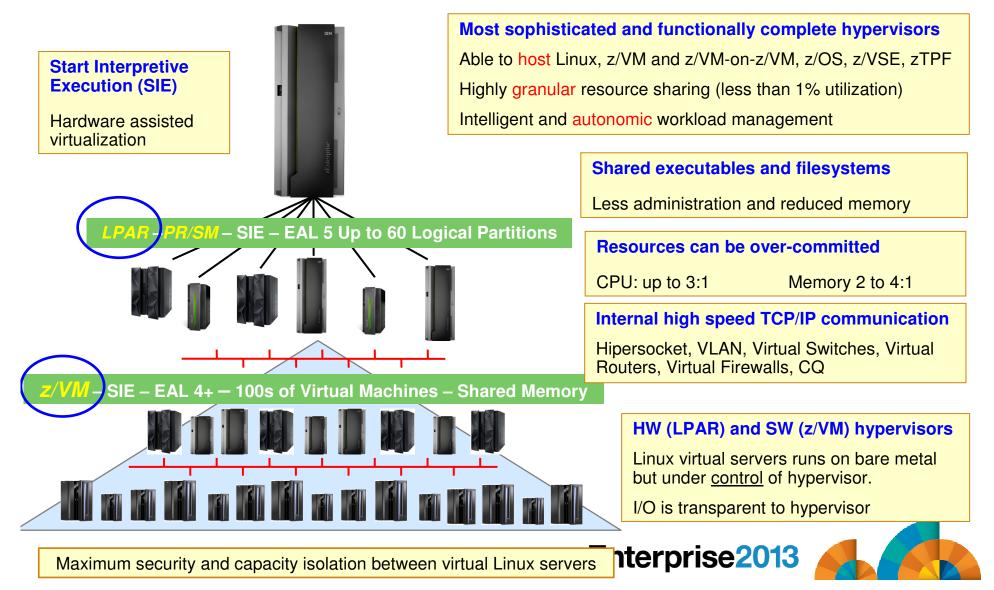
IBM has 40 years of experience in virtualizing our servers. Virtualization was originally developed to make better use of critical hardware. Hardware support for virtualization has been critical to its adoption.





# System z Multidimensional Virtualization Technology

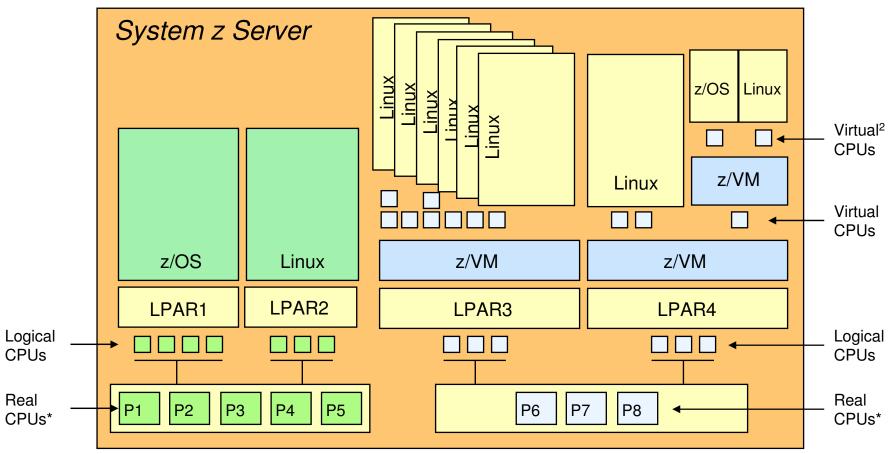
Build-in and Shared Everything Architecture





# Effective via System z Virtualization

Note: There are typically dozens or hundreds of Linux servers in a z/VM LPAR.



P1 – P8 are Central Processors (CP) or Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL) Processors

\* - One shared Pool of CPUs per machine (CEC) only

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### IBM Virtualization on System z, with Linux on System z -Scalable to thousands of Linux guests



# 41,400 separate instances of Linux





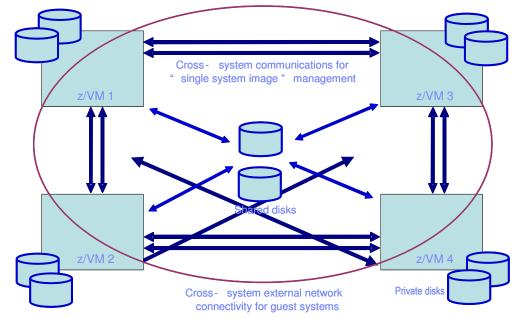




## Increased flexibility in virtualization Single System Image (SSI) Feature Clustered Hypervisor with Live Guest Relocation

- Single System Image (SSI)
  - Connect up to four z/VM systems as members of a Single System Image cluster
  - Cluster members can be run on the same or different System z servers
- Simplifies management of a multi-z/VM environment
  - Single user management
  - Cluster management from any member
    - Apply maintenance to all members in the cluster from one location
    - Issue commands from one member to operate on another
- Live Guest Relocation (LGR)
  - Non-disruptively move Linux guests from one z/VM member to another
  - Reduce planned outages
  - Enhance workload management
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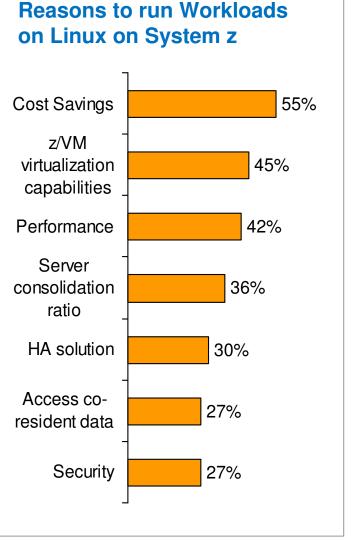
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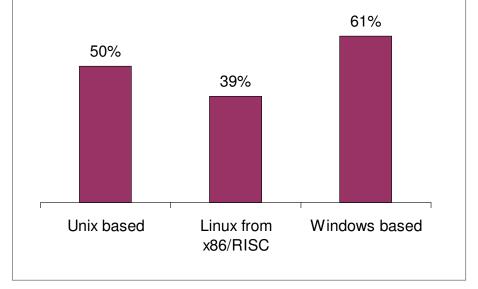




# Client feedback from IBM Systems Directions Study Consolidation and Virtualization together increase the effectiveness



### Previous Platform for Consolidated Workloads on Linux on System z



Source: March 2012 IBM Market Intelligence, Percentage of survey respondents



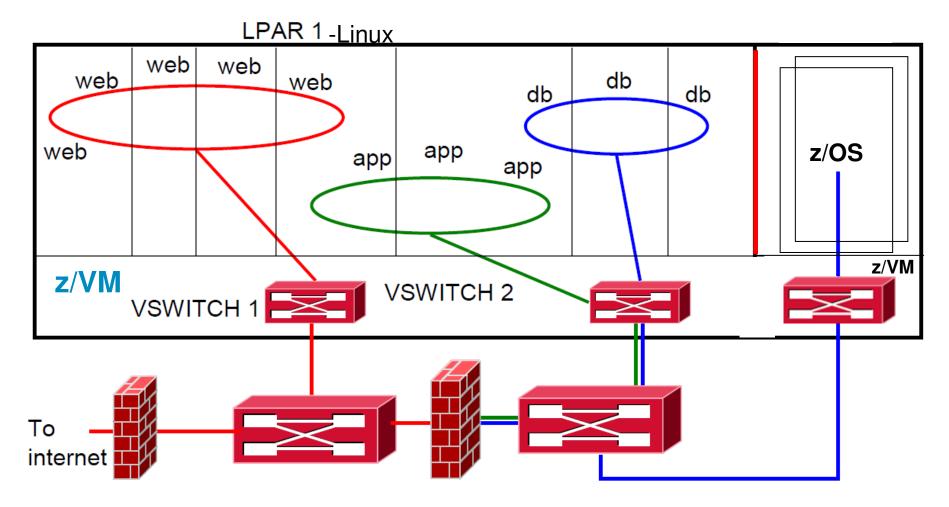


# Effectively running Linux on z virtualized with z/VM





# z/VM Multi-zone Network VSWITCH (red - physical isolation)



With 2 VSWITCHes, 3 VLANs, and a multi-domain firewall

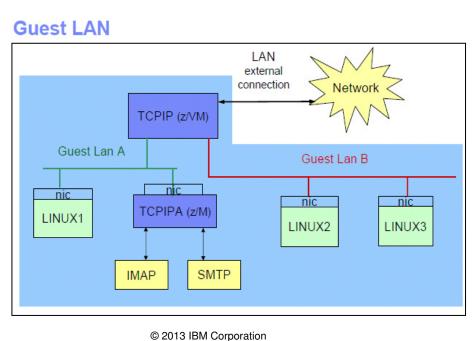
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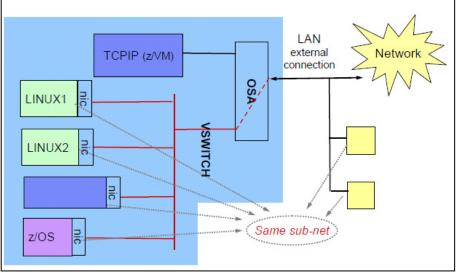


## Network Virtualization - in z/VM

- z/VM virtualizes network connectivity
  - VLAN
  - VSWITCH
- Virtual connectivity uses memory to memory connections
  - Very high bandwidth
  - Low latency
  - Internal no physical devices

#### Virtual SWITCH





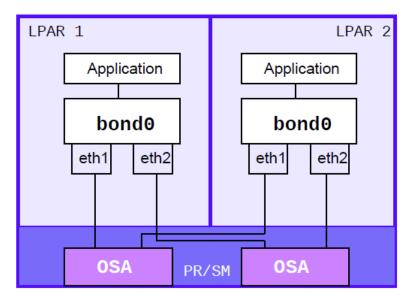


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# System z virtual network bandwidth enhancement and Automated Failover

Resource Virtualization: **OSA Channel Bonding** in Linux on z

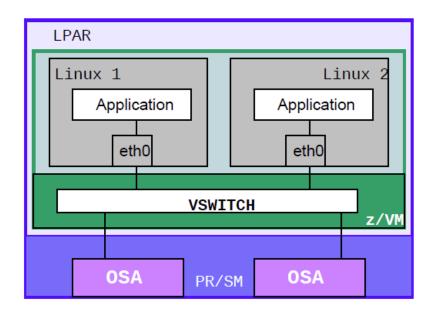


- Linux *bonding* driver enslaves multiple OSA connections to create a single logical network interface card (NIC)
- Detects loss of NIC connectivity and automatically fails over to surviving NIC
- Active/backup & aggregation modes
- Separately configured for each Linux

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#### Network Virtualization:

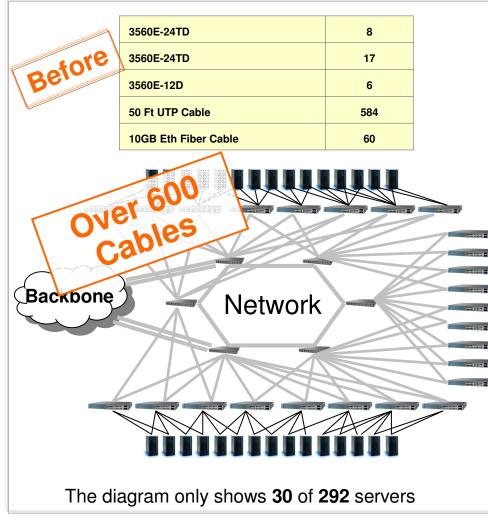
#### z/VM Port aggregation

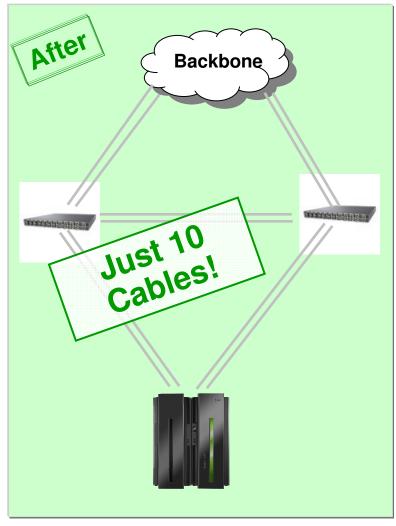


- z/VM VSWITCH enslaves multiple OSA connections. Creates virtual NICs for each Linux guest
- Detects loss of physical NIC connectivity and automatically fails over to surviving NIC
- Active/backup & aggregation modes
- Centralized configuration benefits all guests







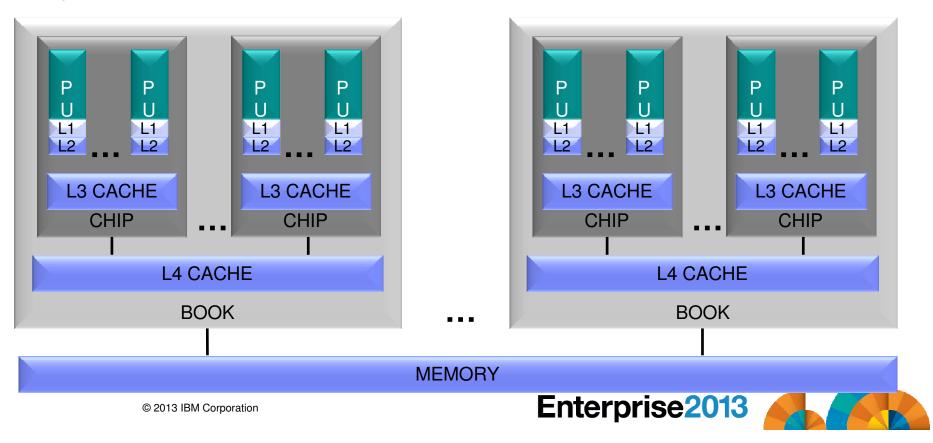


Data is based on real client opportunity and on internal standardized costing tools and methodologies. Client results will vary by types of workloads, technology level of consolidated servers, utilization factor, and other implementation requirements. Savings will vary by client.





- Processor cache structures become increasingly complex and critical to performance
- Re-dispatch virtual CPU near where its data may be in cache based on where the virtual CPU was last dispatched
- Keep virtual CPUs of the same virtual machine near one another





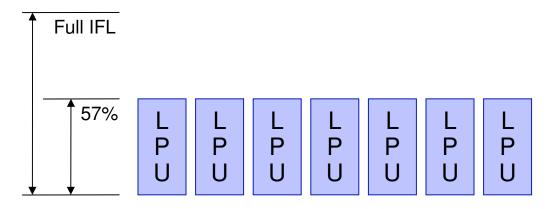


# Horizontal vs. Vertical CPU Management

• Today's "horizontal" management distributes the LPAR weight evenly distributed across the logical processors of the z/VM LPAR

#### Horizontal:

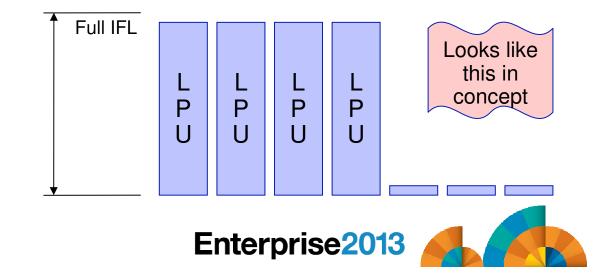
The logical processors are all created/treated equally.
z/VM dispatches work evenly across the 7 logical processors



• "Vertical" management attempts to minimize the number of logical processors, allowing LPAR to similarly manage logical CPUs

#### Vertical:

•The logical processors are skewed to where some get greater share of the weight. •z/VM dispatches work accordingly to the heavier weighted workload.



# Linux interaction with the z/VM Hypervisor CMSFS user space file system support

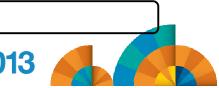
- Allows to mount a z/VM minidisk to a Linux mount point
- z/VM minidisk needs to be in the enhanced disk format (EDF)
- The cmsfs fuse file system transparently integrates the files on the minidisk into the Linux VFS, no special command required

```
# cmsfs-fuse /dev/dasde /mnt/cms
# ls -la /mnt/fuse/PROFILE.EXEC
-r--r---- 1 root root 3360 Jun 26 2009 /mnt/fuse/PROFILE.EXEC
```

- By default no conversion is performed
  - Mount with '-t' to get automatic EBCDIC to ASCII conversion

# cmsfs-fuse -t /dev/dasde /mnt/cms

- Rread & Write support available
- use "vi" to edit PROFILE.EXEC anyone ?
- Use fusermount to unmount the file system again
  - # fusermount -u /mnt/cms



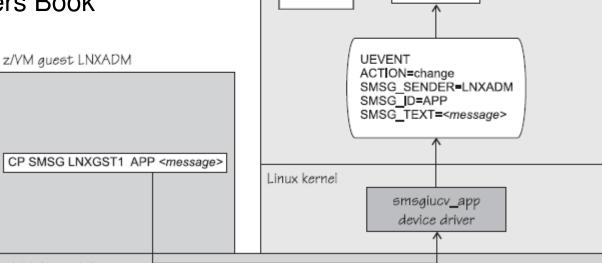


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# Automated z/VM actions via Linux Deliver z/VM CP special messages as uevent

- Allows to forward SMSG messages to user space programs
  - Message needs to start with "APP"
- The special messages cause uevents to be generated
- See "Writing udev rules for handling CP special messages" in the Linux on z Device Drivers Book



z/VM Control Program



udevd

Linux instance LNXGST1

Linux user space

udev rule



Application



# Manage z/VM resources within the range of the guest definition - Tool cpuplugd

- Sizing Linux z/VM guests made effective with cpuplugd
- Oversized guests often cause additional management effort by the Hypervisor and undersized guests often have performance-related issues with workload peaks
- A large amount of guests with large ratios of resource overcommitment (more virtual resources than are physically available) and changing workload characteristics over time makes a correct sizing even more challenging
- The cpuplugd daemon available with SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES 11) SP2 or Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.2, greatly enhances the capability:
  - to define rules
  - define the performance parameters for the rule set.
- This tool now enables the operating system of the guest to manage the resources within the range of the guest definition.
- The Linux cpuplugd daemon, can be used to automatically adjust CPU and memory resources of a Linux z/VM guest.
- The description ZSW03228-USEN-00 is available at the IBM Information Center
- http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/Inxinfo/v3r0m0/index.jsp?topic=%2Fliaag%2Fl0cpup00\_2012.htm



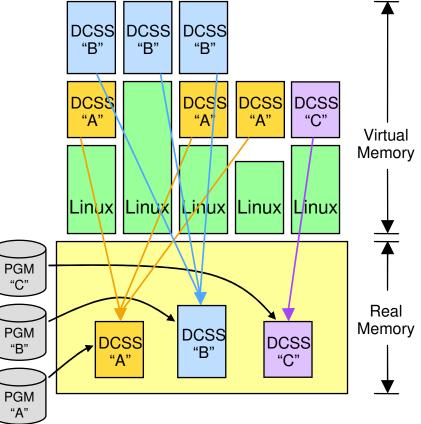
### Effective Virtualization with Linux on z and z/VM shared memory *Linux Shared Memory Exploitation for many Virtual machines*

### z/VM Discontiguous Saved Segments (DCSS)

- DCSS support is Data-in-Memory technology
  - Share a single, real memory location among multiple virtual machines
  - Can reduce real memory utilization
- Use Cases:
  - As fast Swap device
  - For sharing read only data
  - For sharing code (e.g. program executables/libraries)
- The large DCSS allows the installation of a full middleware stack in the DCSS (e.g. WebSphere, DB2, etc)
- The DCSS becomes a consistent unit of one software level
- NSS Named Saved System for a bootable Linux image

http://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/dw/linux390/perf/ZSW03186USEN.PDF





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# Effective Virtualization with Linux and z/VM SRM

Virtual Machine Resource Manager

- Real memory constraint corrected by z/VM
   Virtual Machine Resource Manager (SRM)
  - Linux images signaled to reduce virtual memory consumption
  - Demand on real memory and z/VM paging subsystem reduced

## z/VM Virtual Disks in Storage (VDISK)

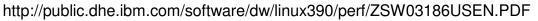
- Simulate a disk device using real memory
- Use VDISKs for Linux swap devices instead of real disk volumes
- Reduces demand on I/O subsystem

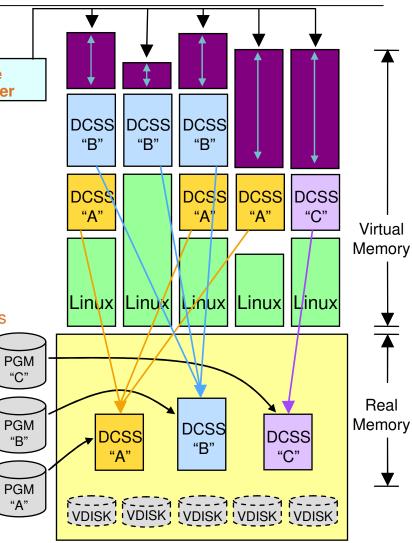
## Linux guest: shared program executables

- Execute-in-place (xip2) file system
- Access to file system is at memory speeds; executables are invoked directly out of the file system (no data movement required)

## Data-in-Memory technology

- Share a single real memory location among multiple VMs
- Reduce real memory utilization





inactive virtual memory





# Memory overcommitment

- Memory overcommitment, often mentioned as major benefit of virtualized environments
  - Memory overcommitment is the ability to use more virtual memory as physically available memory. It is based on the assumption that not all guests use their memory at the same time and/or some guests are over-sized in their memory setup.
- The most common mistake made with Linux guests under z/VM is over-configuring Linux memory:

 In a virtualized environment under z/VM, oversized guests place unnecessary stress on the VM paging subsystem:

- Real memory is a shared resource, caching pages in a Linux guest reduces memory available to other Linux guests.
- Larger virtual memory requires more kernel memory for address space management.
- Very different definitions exist for the level of memory overcommitment
  - they are independent of the used middle ware
  - "Common" System z ratio is from 1.5 : 1 to 3: 1 virtual (guest memory) to physical memory
     E.g. run guests defined with a total of 3GB on 1 GB real memory
  - Performance can be heavily degraded when memory overcommitment level is to high
- Identify "rules"
  - Determine the minimum amount of physical memory required to run with an acceptable performance
  - Identify a dependency on the used middle ware / applications







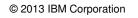
# **Test Scenario**

#### Test environment

Running a mix of server types as Linux guests on z/VM:
 LPAR with 28GB central storage + 2 GB expanded storage

Guest workload	Guest Memory		
WebSphere Application Server	13.5 GB (Java heaps 8GB)		
Database DB2	12.0 GB (memory pools about 2 GB)		
Tivoli Directory Server (ITDS)	1.5 GB		
Idling guest	1.0 GB		
Test scenarios			

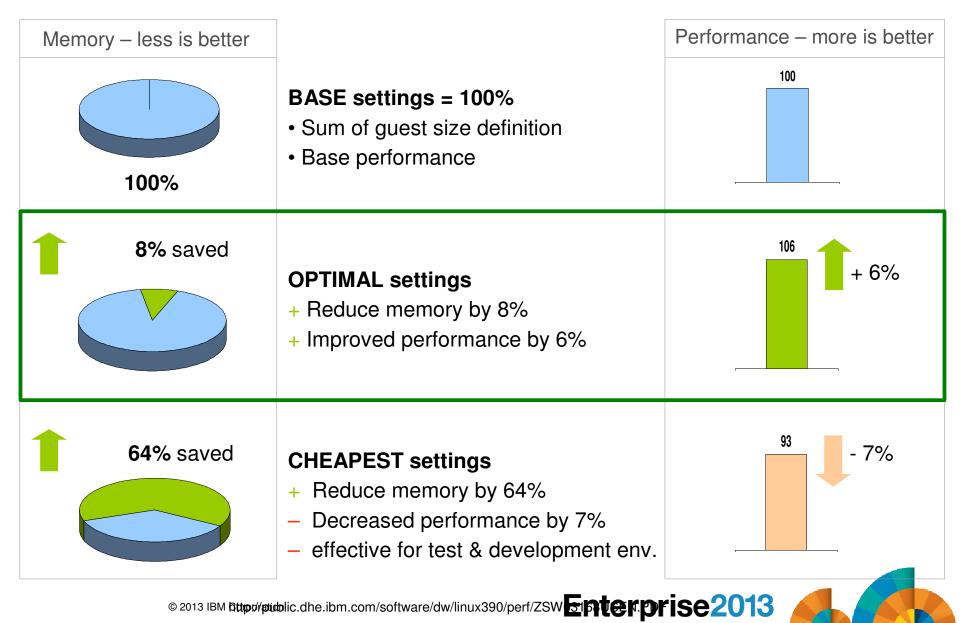
- Leave the guest size fix
- Decrease the LPAR size in predefined steps to scale the level on memory overcommitment
- Measure the execution time of a predefined workload (TPM)







# Test Results





# Virtualization Considerations for Linux guests

- Default SRM settings (q srm) CMS guests are typically Q1 guests and Linux Q3 guests
  - **LDUBUF** : Q1=100% Q2=75% Q3=60%
  - **STORBUF**: Q1=125% Q2=105% Q3=95%
- LDUBUF Defines amount of paging "capacity" to be used in scheduler algorithms
  - -60% for Q3 means:

All Q3 guests together can use maximum 60% of paging resources - if already used  $\rightarrow$  eligible list

- Recommendation:

SET SRM LDUBUF 100 100 100

to allow all Q3 guests to allocate the whole paging space

- STORBUF to partition host storage (central storage)
  - -95% for Q3 means:

All Q3 guests together can use only 95% of the system storage

- $\rightarrow$  This prevents memory overcommitment when running Linux guests
- Recommendation:

SET SRM storbuf 300 250 200

to allow all Q3 guests to allocate twice the amount of real storage

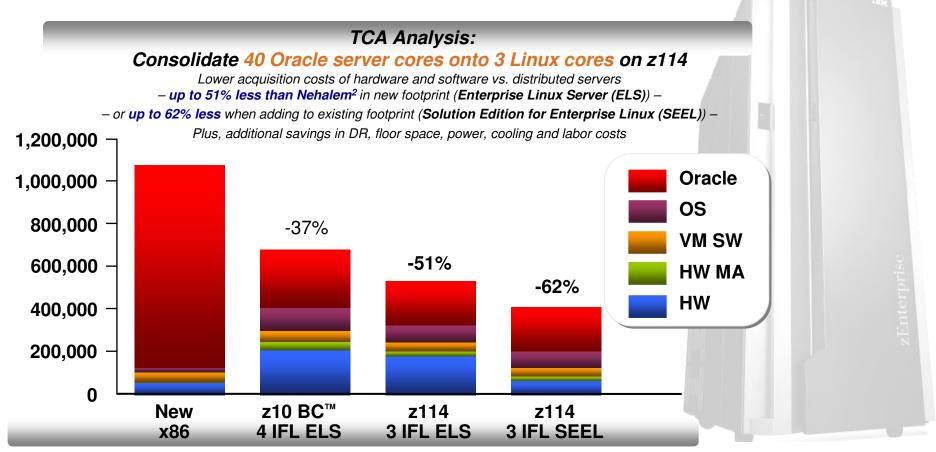
- Depending on the level of overcommitment and amount of active/inactive guests, it might be necessary to go even higher, e.g. SET SRM storbuf 300 300 300
- Ensure to have sufficient paging space!





# The economics of virtualization and consolidation with Linux on z

- Consolidate an average of 30 distributed servers or more on a single core, or hundreds in a single footprint.
- Deliver a virtual Linux server for approximately \$500 per year or as little as a \$1.45 per day per virtual server (TCA)<sup>†</sup>

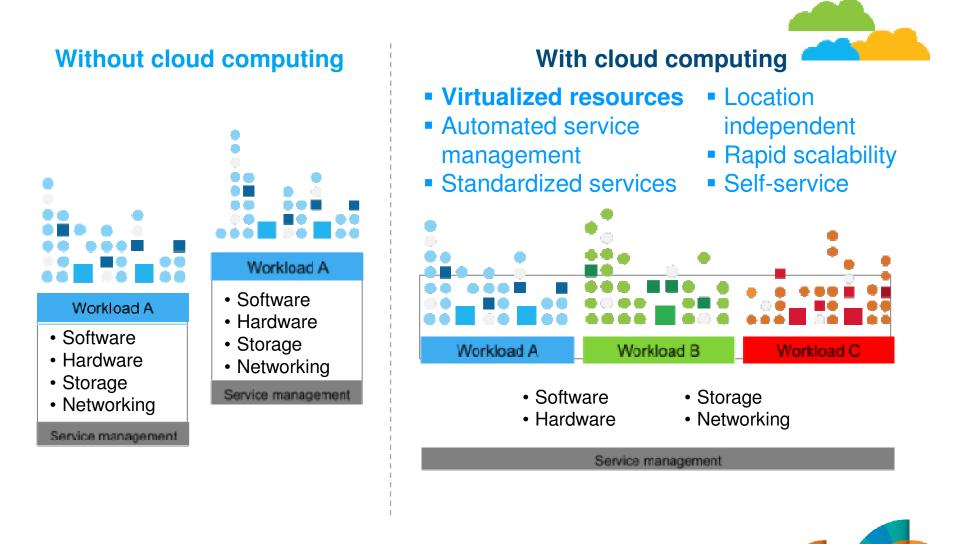


Based on US Enterprise Linux Server pricing. Pricing may vary by country. Model configuration included 10 IFL cores running a mixed workload averaging 31 virtual machines per core with varying degrees of activity. Includes zEnterprise hardware and z/VM virtualization software. Does not include Linux OS or middleware software. Distributed server comparison is based on IBM cost modeling of Linux on zEnterprise vs. alternative distributed servers. Given there are multiple factors in this analysis such as

utilization rates, application type, local pricing, etc., savings may vary by user.



# What is Different About Cloud Computing?



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# Definition – National Institute of Standards and Technology



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SP 800-146	May 2012	Cloud Computing Synopsis and Recommendations Sp800-146.pdf
SP 800-145	Sept. 2011	The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing

http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsSPs.html#800-145





Cloud Service

### IBM Cloud Computing Reference Architecture (CC RA) – Cloud Livecycle Management 'Best Practices'

Publically available RA whitepaper on ibm.com:

http://public.dhe.ibm.com/common/ssi/ecm/en/ciw03078usen/Cl W03078USEN.PDF

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Consumer Creator The IBM CC BA is based on Best Cloud Services Common Cloud Management Platform (CCMP) Practices from: Existing & 3rd party Business-Processservices. Partner as-a-Service Ecosystems - IBM Cloud Projects with clients Cloud Service Integration - IBM Public Cloud Offerings like Tools Software-as-a-Service Operational Business Service Smart Cloud Enterprise Support Support Creation Services Services Tools (OSS) (BSS) Platform-as-a-Service The CC BA consists of 21 detailed Consumer In-house IT Documents, with best-of-industry Infrastructure-as-a-Service knowledge regarding Cloud Architecture, Design and Infrastructure Implementation

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#### CCRA OpenGroup submission:

http://www.opengroup.org/cloudcomputing/uploads/40/23840/ CCRA.IBMSubmission.02282011.doc

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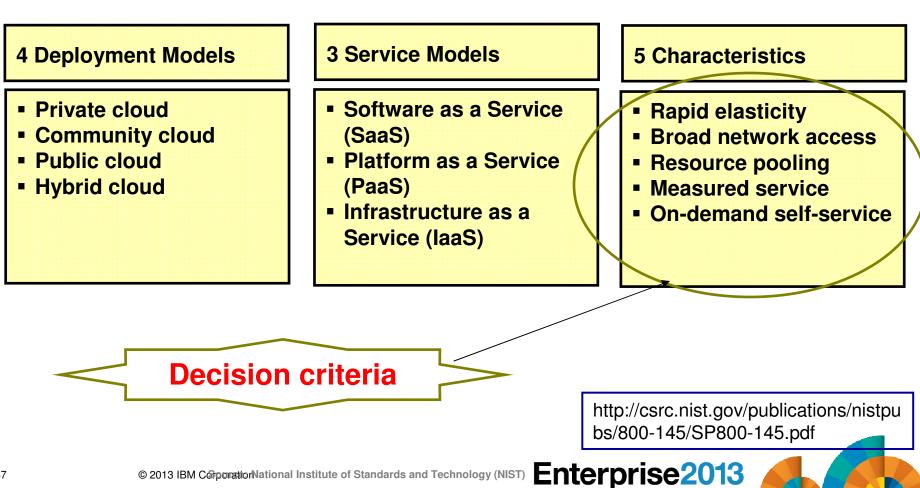


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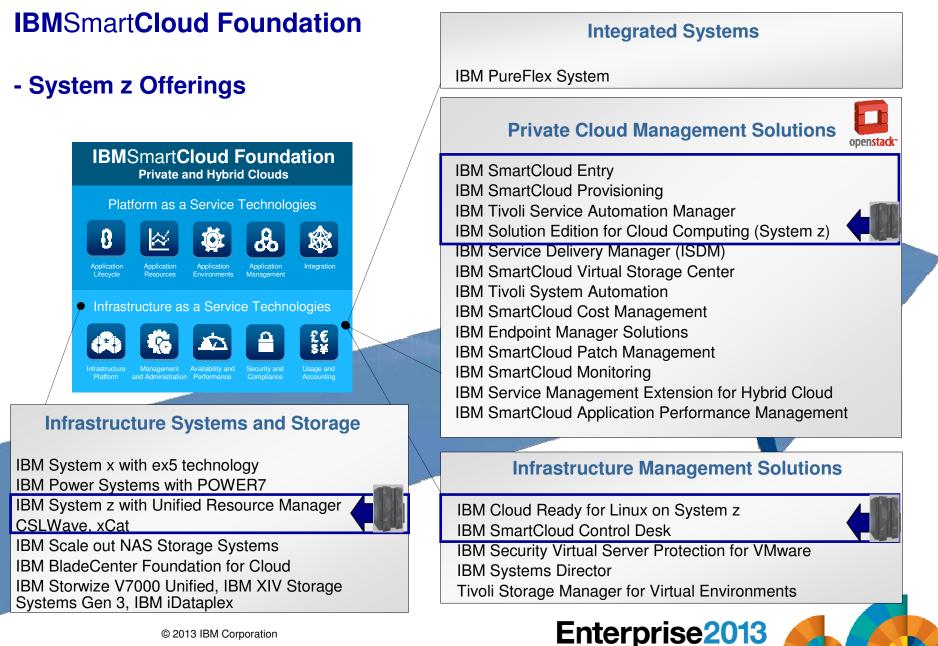
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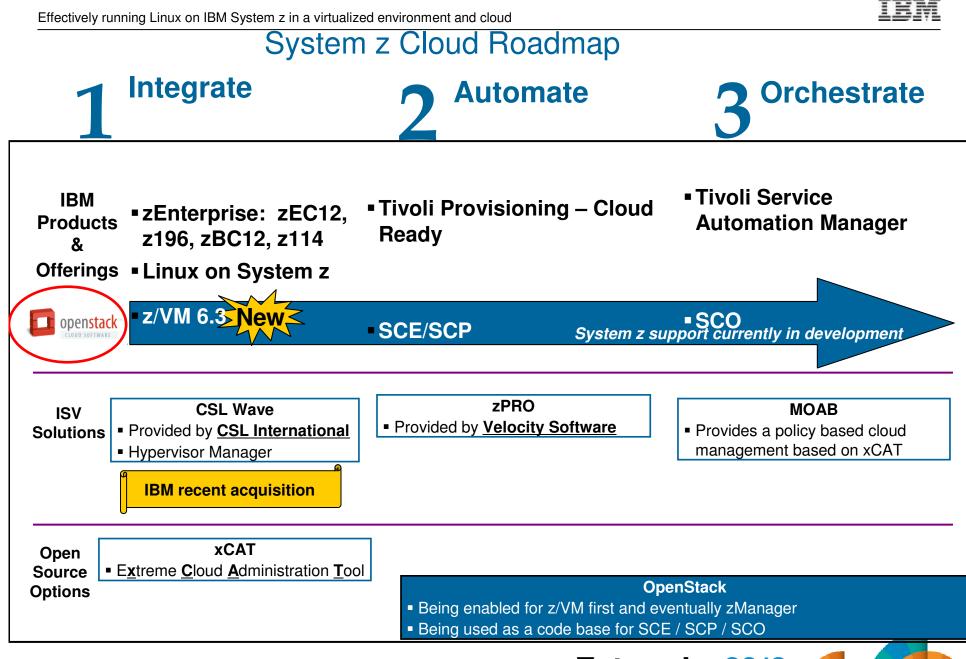
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## **Cloud Computing – Deployment, Service, Characteristics**







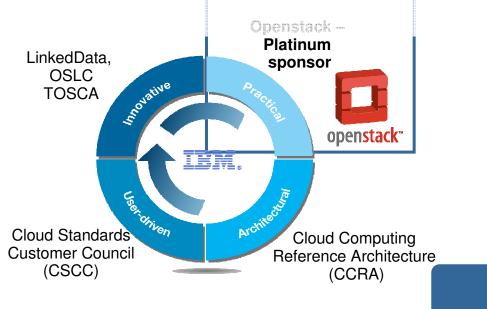








## Openstack – Industry Accepted IaaS Cloud Computing Model



#### IBM joins the new OpenStack Foundation as Platinum Sponsor

## Objectives

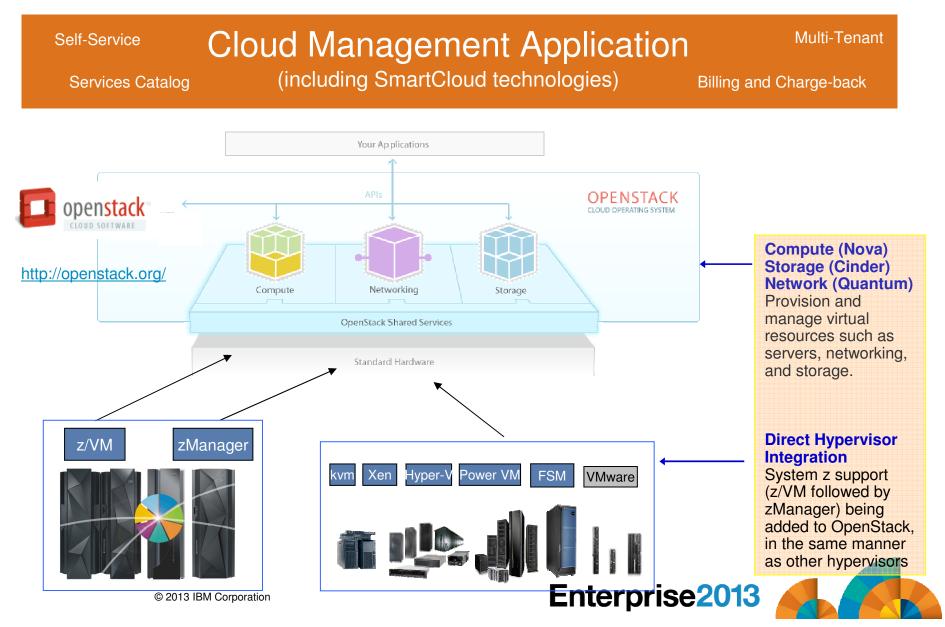
- OpenStack is an Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) cloud computing project that is free open source software released under the terms of the Apache License.
- Managed by the OpenStack Foundation, a non-profit corporate entity established in September 2012
- More than 150 companies have joined the project among which are AMD, Intel, Canonical, SUSE Linux, Red Hat, Cisco, Dell, HP, IBM, NEC, VMware and Yahoo
- It is portable software, but is mostly developed and used on the Linux operating system.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenStack





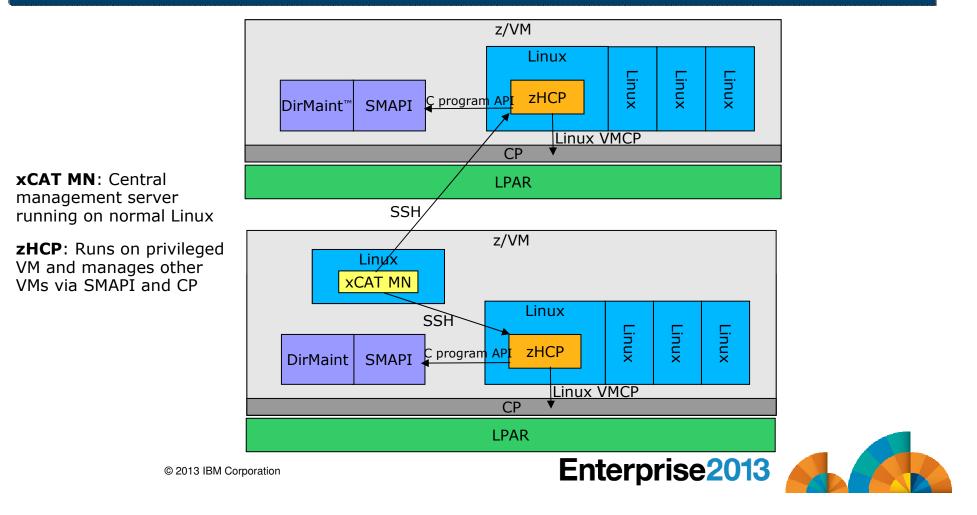
## System z - Participation in OpenStack





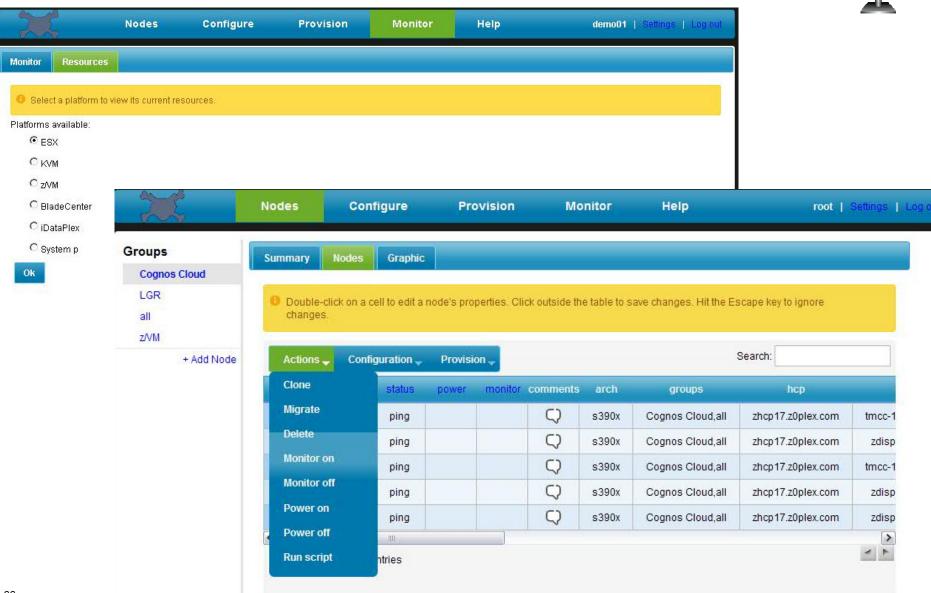
#### A z/VM Cloud Management with Open Source multi-platform tool xCAT xCAT Architecture on System z http://www.vm.ibm.com/sysman/

- Stands for Extreme Cloud Administration Toolkit xCAT
- Tool to manage, provision, and monitor physical and virtual machines including IBM servers
- Open sourced in 2007 and licensed as EPL (Eclipse Public License)
- Used by NASA, University of Toronto, IBM, Adaptive Computing, Los Alamos Laboratory, and more!





### xCAT GUI – Nodes, Actions, incl. Migrate





#### xCAT GUI – Nodes, Summary





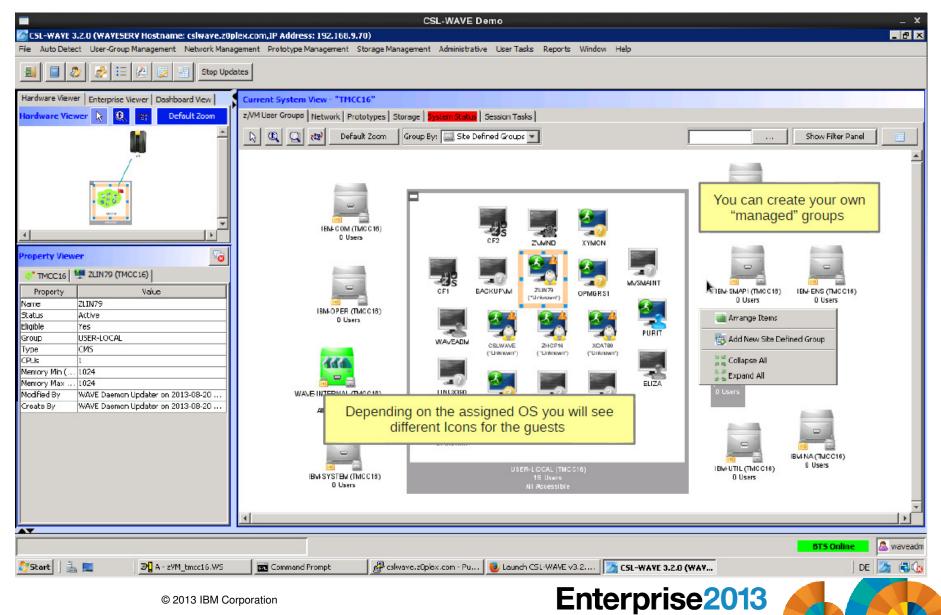


#### New IBM tool: CSL-WAVE – z/VM and cloud management



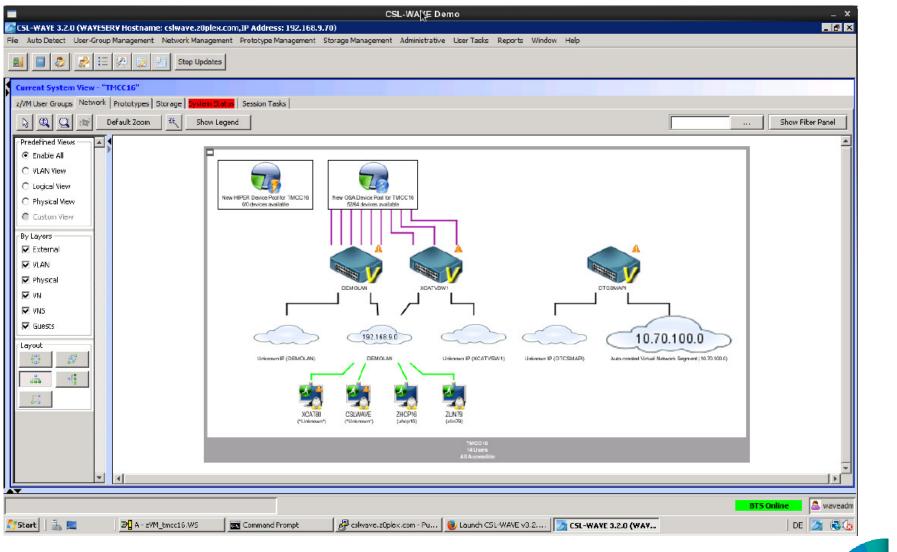


#### Hardware Viewer – the z/VM Users group





#### Hardware Viewer – the Network







## **Dedicated Device Pools**

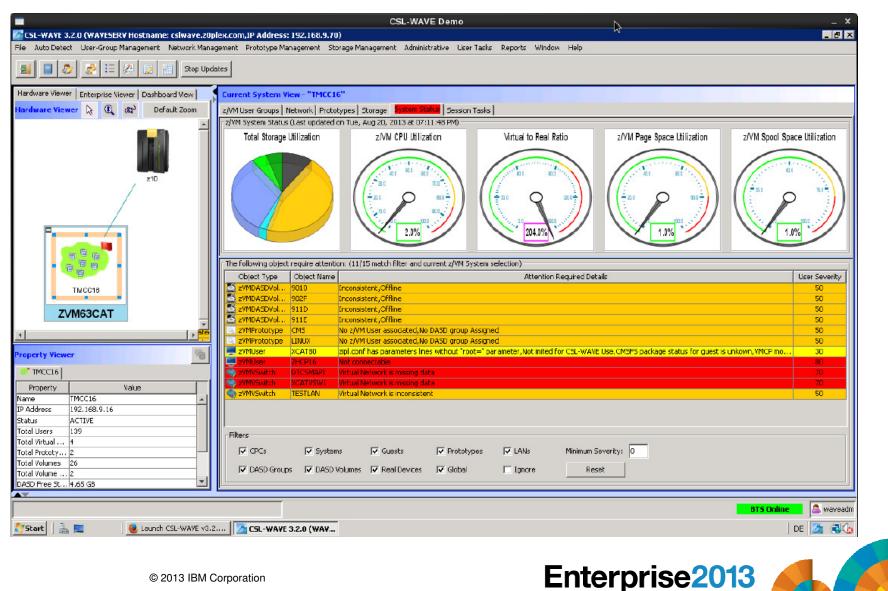
- Drilling into the Device Pool Manager, we get to the actual Device Pools which list information about each device in the pool
- Information such as:
  - Device Address ONLINE status Usage Owner LOCK status IAN (Intelligent Active Note) status

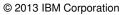
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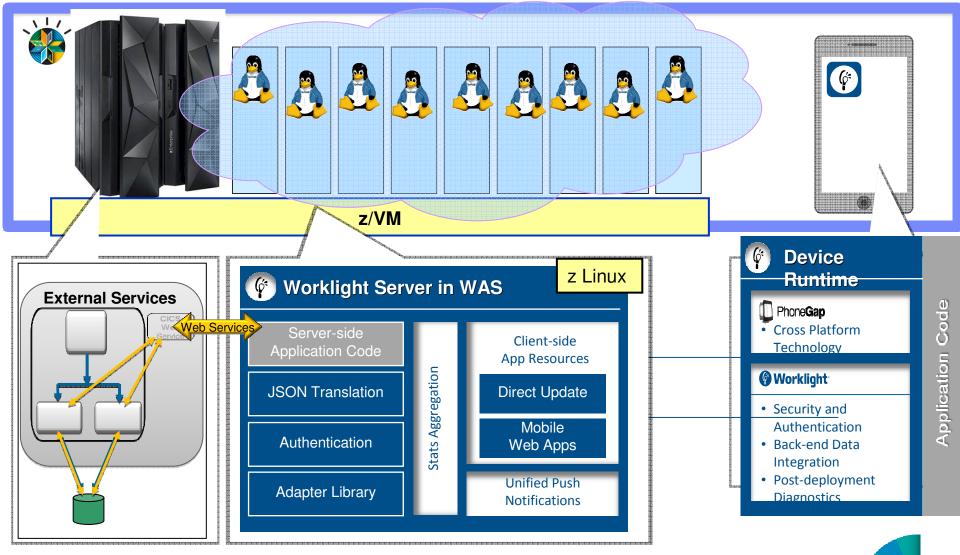
#### System Viewer – the system activity







#### **MobileFirst:** Linux on z and IBM Worklight Server – A Cloud environment on System z for mobile Devices



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#### Cloud Test Drive with Linux on System z Effective Virtualized environment

- Up to 90 days, free of charge, access to up to 3 Linux on z servers under z/VM
- Hands-on experience with Cloud, Linux on z, z/VM, ٠ Tivoli Provisioning Manager (TPM), and a selection of 5 system images based on SUSE or Red Hat
  - SLES 11 SP1 Base
  - RHEL 5.8 Base ٠
  - SLES 11 SP1, DB2 9.7 Fixpack 5, WAS 8.5, IBM HTTP Server 8.5
  - RHEL 5.8, DB2 9.7 Fixpack 5, WAS 8.5, IBM HTTP Server 8.5
  - SLES 11 SP1, Oracle 11gR3, WAS 8.5, IBM HTTP Server 8.5
- Simple remote access over the internet to zEnterprise in the IBM Washington System Center in Gaithersburg, Maryland
- Customize your own Linux cloud with your own secure data



Don Bagwell, Mitch Green, Barry Silliman Valerie Spencer, Doug Yellick

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Guided exercises for training

http://techsales5.austin.ibm.com/tsna/techxpress.nsf/request.html







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# **IBM** System z customers with effective virtualization and cloud solutions



Moved to System z from Lintel to deliver the availability and security their clients demand of their e-Procure-to-Pay SAAS, while supporting the strong growth the company is experiencing



Casas Bahia centralized operations on System z to support rapid growth and reduce IT costs

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Consolidated Windows-based systems to Linux on z to achieve substantial cost efficiencies and introduce cloud solutions



http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/z/os/linux/solutions/



Satyam has positioned the mainframe as a platform to reach the SMB audience in growth markets with hosted web business services



Entering provider space for cloud services for universities, schools systems and other public entities





Their massive-multi-player game and virtual world application middleware runs on System z. (www.taikodom.com)





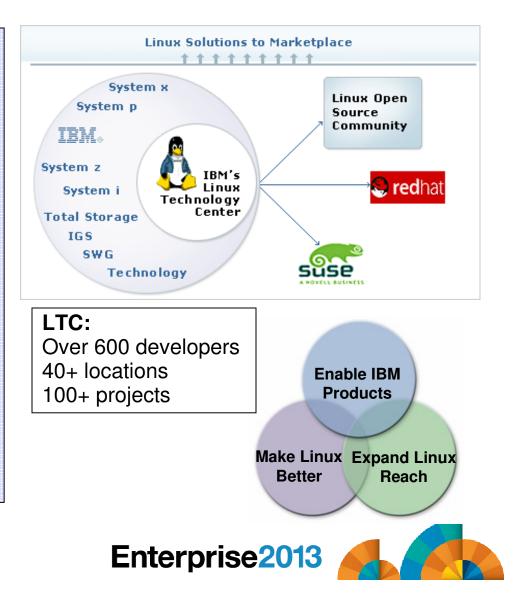


## **IBM Linux Technology Center, LTC**

#### IBM Linux Technology Center (LTC) Development team for all server and software platforms and other key initiatives, such as:

- Linux on POWER, Linux on Cell, Linux on System z and z/VM
- Security: EAL certifications, Trusted Computing, SELinux, sHype
- Virtualization: z/VM, Xen/KVM, APV support
- Systems Management: kdump, SystemTap, xCAT

Technical liaison to IBM's customers and Linux Distribution Partners





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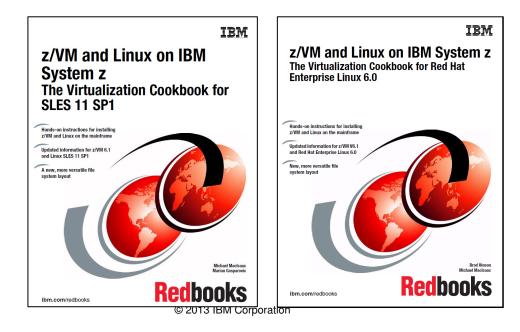
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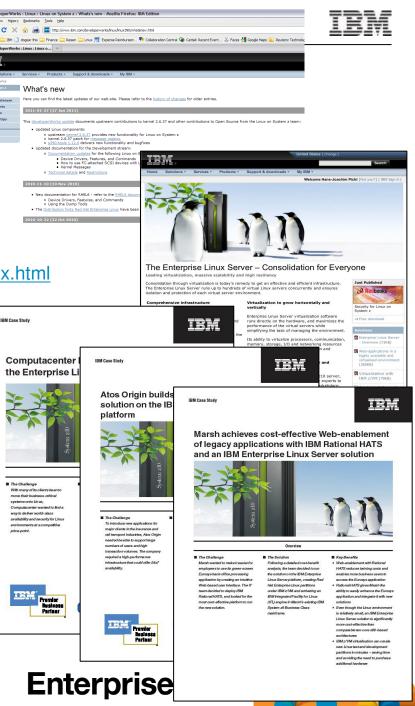
## **Additional Information**

- Enterprise Linux Server information: <u>http://www-05.ibm.com/de/promotions/els/</u>
- IBM Information Center Linux on System z <u>http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/infocenter/Inxinfo/</u> v3r0m0/index.jsp?topic=%2Fliaag%2Fl0lgr00\_2012.htm
- Linux on z Hints and Tips
- http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/perf/index.html

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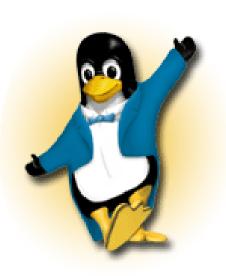
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# **Questions?**







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## Additional Information

- IBM Systems System z z/VM, Home http://www.vm.ibm.com/ | http://www.ibm.com/vm/
- Linux on System z Information Center

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- Extreme Cloud Administration Toolkit (xCAT) Overview (IBM) http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/software/xcat/index.html
- Cloud Computing with xCAT on z/VM (by Thang Pham) http://www.vm.ibm.com/sysman/xcatinfo.pdf

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