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Global forces are driving a fundamentally different world





- New incentives to reduce cost
- Financial crisis putting new lens on TCO claims





 Increased M&A activity in a tight economy requires rapid integration



 Government IT priorities are increasingly aligned with those of business

 Major stimulus packages include both funding for IT infrastructure – and increased scrutiny



* Technology has enabled solutions that weren't feasible in the last downturn

Bandwidth has evolved, providing greater capacity and reliability at much lower costs



The growth of Linux for business-critical workloads



Linux continues to enable new ways of doing business

Edge and Web Infrastructure

- Community Driven
- Internet Enabled
- Worldwide Volunteers
- Typical **Applications**
- Apache
- Lightweight
- E-mail Servers DHCP
 - HPC
- database

Application and Data Serving

- Open Industry Driven
- Open elements of IT industry join existing community
- Linux adoption in the enterprise accelerates
- e-Business Applications
- Application Servers
- Mission critical database
- Dynamic Business Models

Business-Critical Enterprise Workloads

- Competition Driven
- Accepted as mature, open, lower-cost alternative for hosting DB, BI, ERP, CRM in business-critical environments
- Linux is a permanent presence in the datacenter
- Next-generation workloads
- Virtualization / consolidation
- Cloud and dvnamic infrastructure
- New business models

2005 - 2006

2007 - 2010

(1991) 1999 - 2004



IBM's Linux strategy is aligned with our clients' needs

* Linux for Business-Critical Workloads

- Key drivers
 - Demand for a lower-cost, enterprise-grade OS
 - Demand for support of Linux on highly reliable and highly available platforms

 General acceptance and ISV support of Linux for core datacenter workloads

* Linux in the Mid-Market

- Key drivers
 - Microsoft license agreements drive excessive cost for small business
 - Increased need for enterprisegrade applications and middleware for smaller businesses

Project Big Green Linux

- Key drivers
 - Rising energy costs
 - Incremental datacenter expansion leading to sprawl, with increased management costs
 - Ever increasing capacity requirements

* Emerging Technologies

- Key drivers
 - Growing need for solution to the complexity problem, as complexity is a key driver of cost

Linux on the Desktop

- Key drivers
 - Need for cost reduction but increased productivity
 - Usage paradigms outgrowing one-size-fits-all approach



The Future runs on System z, the largest scalable server



... System z delivers extreme business value by helping to reduce cost, manage risk, and improve service.





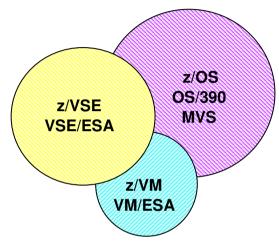


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Operating Systems on IBM System z

Traditional Mainframe Operating Systems



Standard Processors

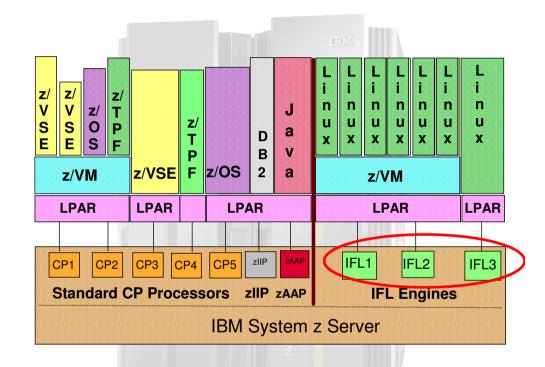
- CP
 - For z/OS, z/VSE, z/VM workloads

Specialty Processors

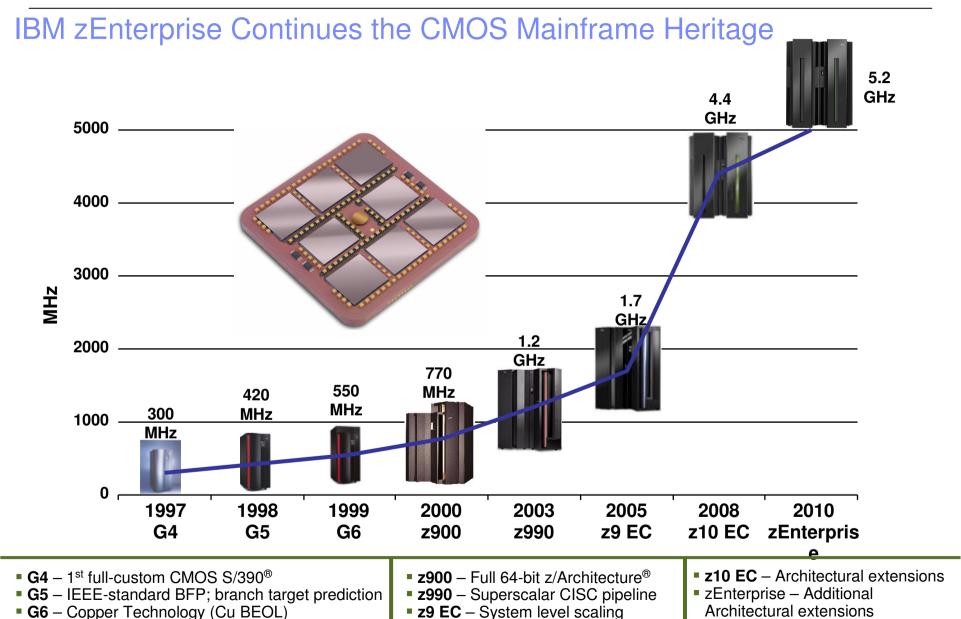
- CF (Coupling Facility)
 - For Parallel Sysplex with z/OS

IFL (Integrated Facility for Linux)

- For Linux and Linux applications
- zAAP (zSeries Application Assist Processor)
 - For offload of Java applications from z/OS
- zIIP (System z9 Integrated Information Processor)
 - For z/OS offload of DB2 distributed requests







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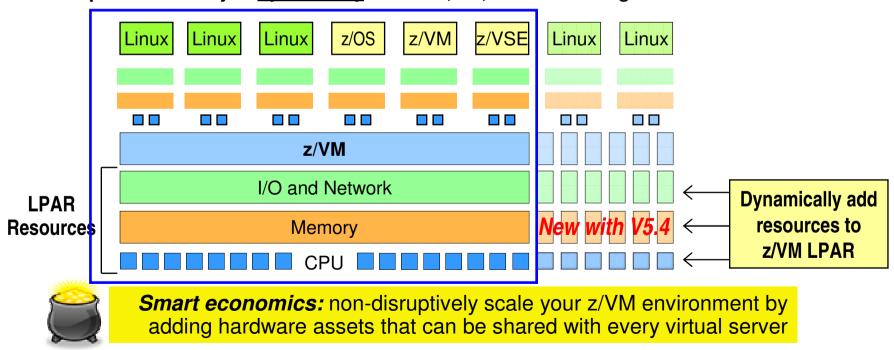


Virtualization – per Excellence

Virtualization for different workloads on the same layer

z/VM V5.4 and 6.1 Function Enhances System Availability

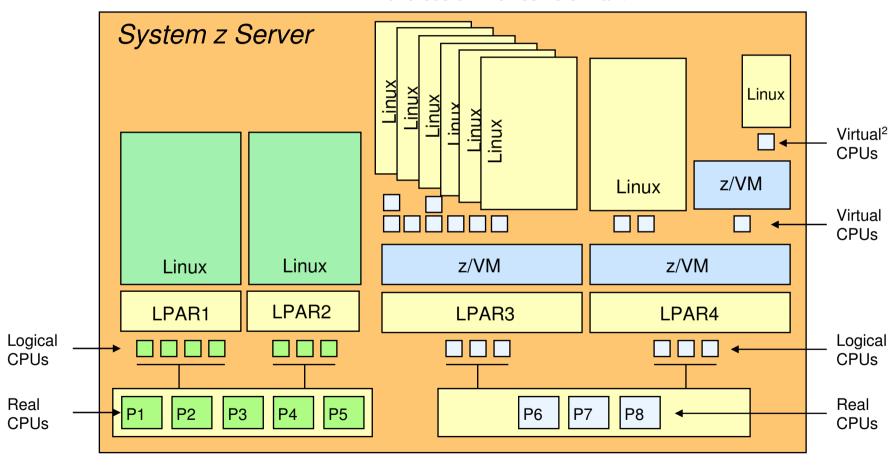
- Users can non-disruptively add memory to a z/VM LPAR
 - Additional memory can come from: *a)* unused available memory, *b)* concurrent memory upgrade, or *c)* an LPAR that can release memory
 - Memory cannot be non-disruptively removed from a z/VM LPAR
- z/VM virtualizes this hardware support for guest machines
 - Currently, only z/OS and z/VM support this capability in a virtual machine environment
- Complements ability to <u>dynamically</u> add CPU, I/O, and networking resources





System z Virtualization

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

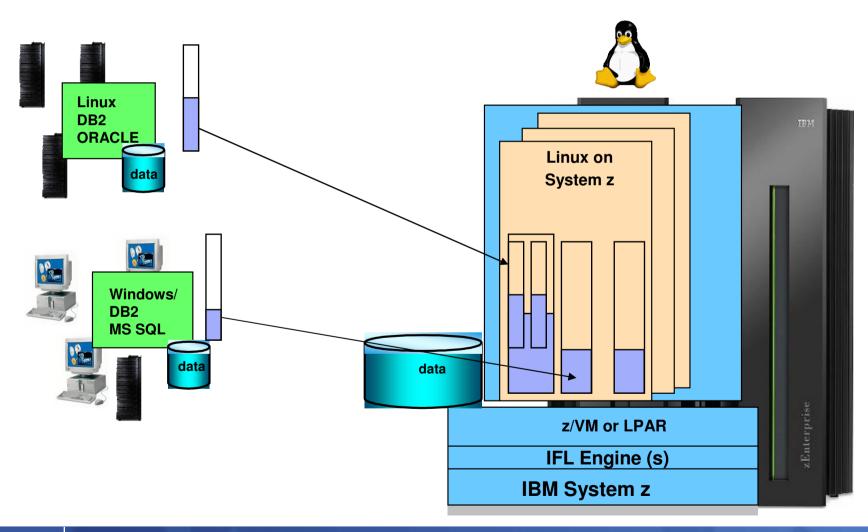


P1 – P8 are Integrated Facility for Linux (IFL) Processors



Linux on System z as workload concentrator

Virtualize, Consolidate, Integrate







Key Benefits (Value Proposition)

- Expects to save \$16M over the next 3 years
- Initial phase consolidated 250+ Production,
 Development & Test servers to 6 IFLs
- Savings will be in cooling, maintenance, software and equipment costs
- Lower middleware and application software costs
- 50% reduction in monthly charges for Web infrastructure
- Dramatically improved server provisioning speed

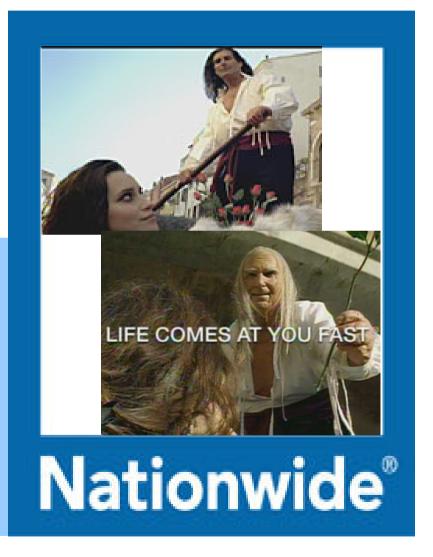
IFLs reduced the space and power consumption by 80% vs. the alternative distributed server solution.





Upgrade Server "Hardware" on the fly

- Add IFLs and real memory to an LPAR non-disruptively.
- Add virtual CPUs and virtual memory to a guest non-disruptively.
- Create servers for a temporary project, then delete them when done.
- Nationwide.com runs on WebSphere on Linux for System z
- Superbowl 2006 commercial -- anticipate 22X increase in traffic.
- Rent 1 IFL for 2 weeks.
- Test to anticipated load before superbowl.
- Handle superbowl load for a few weeks.
- After superbowl, returned the IFL.
- Zero downtime during this process. Zero time spent acquiring/provisioning new servers. Zero time spent changing server configurations.



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Bank of New Zealand

A bank uses Red Hat Enterprise Linux on System z10 to reduce their carbon footprint, and address datacenter cost and capacity concerns

The Bank of New Zealand reduce their datacenter footprint by 30%, heat output by 33%, carbon footprint by 39%, and expects a 20% ROI

* The Challenge

- A datacenter with 200 Sun servers was at capacity end
- Bank of New Zealand needed to grow, reduce emissions and costs, become more open, and seeks to become carbon-neutral by 2010

* The Solution

 Consolidate 200 Sun servers down to just 1 IBM System z10 mainframe running Red Hat Enterprise Linux

* The Benefit

- Bank of New Zealand reduced power consumption by close to 40%, heat output by 33%
- Just one administrator is needed per 200 virtual servers
- New environments are deployed in minutes, not days

"Deploying IBM mainframes with Red Hat Enterprise Linux to address our carbon footprint and cost savings concerns was a very big deal, especially at the senior management level."

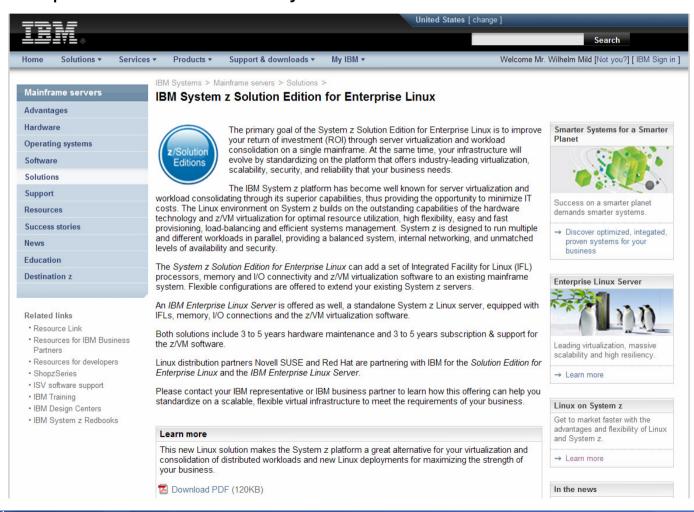
Lyle Johnston
Infrastructure Architect
Bank of New Zealand

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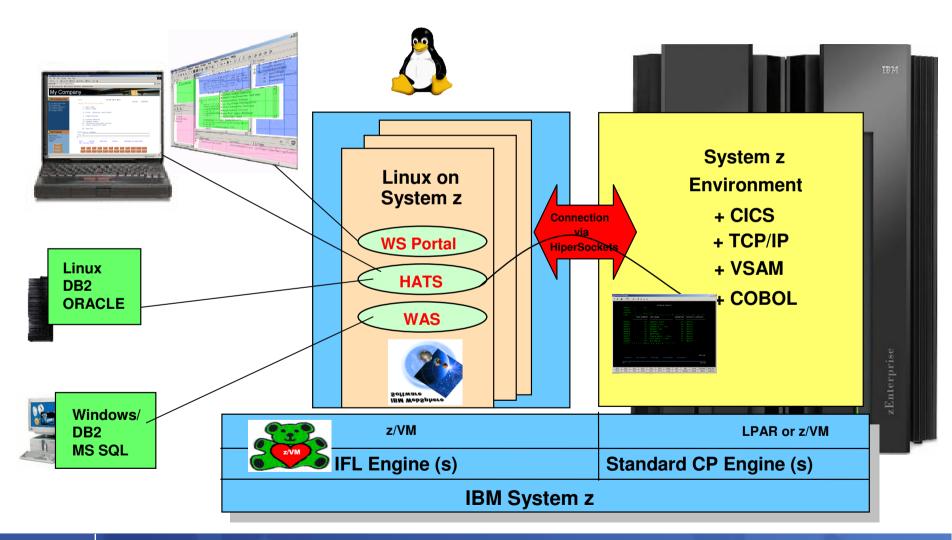


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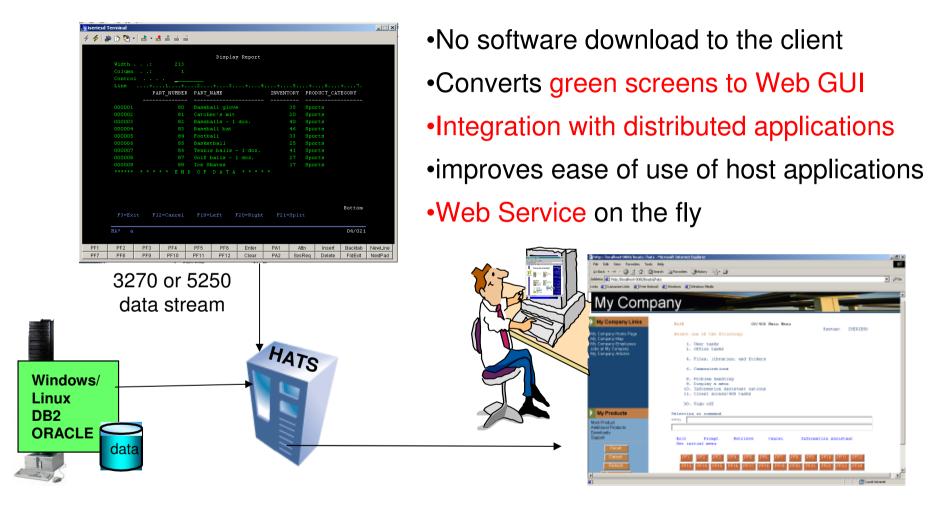
Scenario 1: Linux on System z as Central Access Hub

Web enable, improve interface, simplify, extend existing applications





Application Integration with Host Access Transformation Services (HATS)

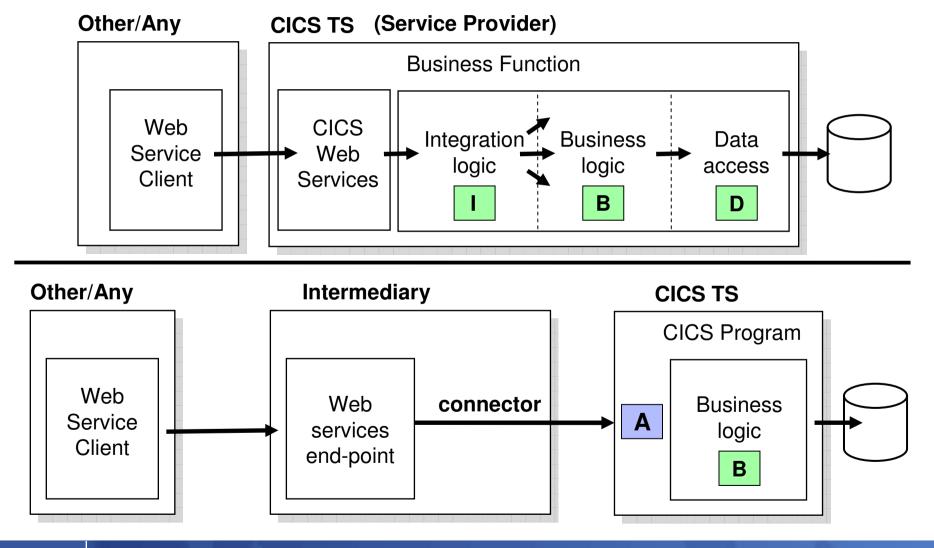


Screen transformation rules running on WebSphere Application Server

HTML in a Browser



The Two Models of CICS Integration





.NET application run on Linux on System z

- 03/2009 Announcement Novell / SUSE
 - New Version of MONO runs .NET applications

 High scalable Web environment possible with Linux on System z

Centralization on a large scalable platform on Linux



Novell's Mono Gets Faster and More Visual

Novell delivers new releases of Mono and MonoDevelop, making .NET on Linux easier and Windows-based development for Linux deployment faster.

March 31, 2009

By Sean Michael Kerner: Amore stories by this author.

Novell is making it easier for a Microsoft .NET developer to de applications on Linux, whether they develop their application on Linux, with the release of Mono 2.4.

Mono is a .NET on Linux implementation and the new version Monday, promises greater compatibility and better performan deploying .NET apps on Linux. Also, Novell is also releasing M an improved IDE (define) for building .NET applications.

All told, the two new releases continue Novell's push to ensu remains a viable platform choice for .NET applications. The ne on the heels of Novell's SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 releating to the first time commercial support for Mono.

"MonoDevelop 1.x was the basic foundation, but we knew it many features," Miguel de Icaza, vice president of developme Novell (NASDAQ:NOVL) and leader of the Mono project told In "The editing experience now is night and day."

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rebuilt the edit ground up. MonoDevel

ground up. MonoDevelop 2.0 now includes an integrated debugger, trackable changes and code templates. Additionally, MonoDevelop 2.0 now uses the same msbuild file format for project code that is used by Microsoft's Visual Studio.

Visual Studio integration

While MonoDevelop offers Linux developers a way of natively developing .NET application on Linux, Windows developers tend to use Microsoft's Visual Studio. Making Mono a more attractive deployment target for Visual Studio developers is also part of De Icaza's plans.

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He commented that for developers that are comfortable with Visual Studio today, they should keep using it and just publish to Linux for deployment instead of a Windows Server.

"Today's story for Visual Studio is pretty good, you just have to hit the publish button and it will give you a site that will run on Mono," De Icaza

said. "But we want to do a lot more integration points. We are working on a Visual Studio plug-in but we're not announcing that today. That will do more than what we can do today."

The new plug-in when available will allow for more integrated Visual Studio to mono debugging and control than what is currently available.

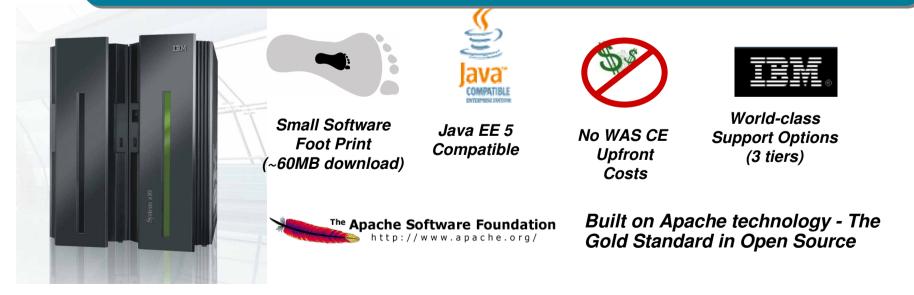


Special Software offerings: WebSphere Application Servers and the Open Source Consolidation

WHAT IT IS: Package of products and services to consolidate open source application servers on System z10 BC running Linux, to lower TCO of hardware, software, and administrative costs

WebSphere Application Server Community Edition with Elite Support Offering
WebSphere Virtual Enterprise
WebSphere Application Server

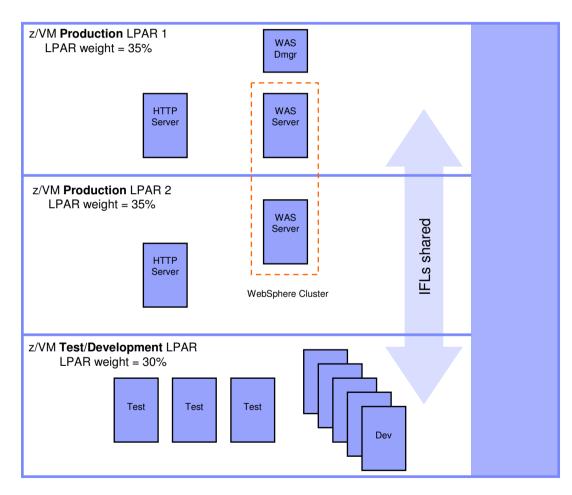
A new Java EE application server built on open source Apache Geronimo technology and optimized for z10 virtualization capabilities





Typical Recommended Solution on Linux on System z





- All Linux virtual servers draw from a common pool of memory and IFLs.
- Resources from a failed server flow to surviving servers
- Small application clusters (Just enough nodes for failover)
- Smaller cluster reduces failure points
- Two LPARs run production workload.
- Applications run in clusters split between the prod LPARs.

Each blue box is a virtual Linux server.

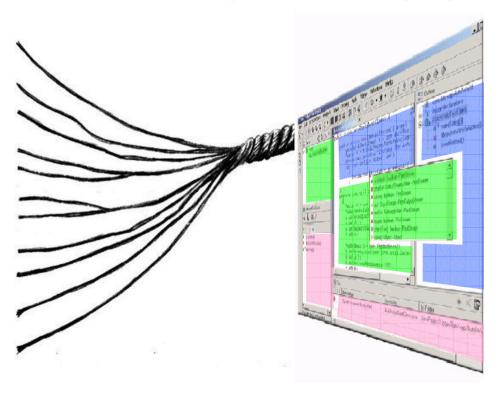
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Application integration with Portal

- Enterprise Applications
- Messaging
- Search
- Collaboration
- E-meetings
- Web Content
- People Finder
- Knowledge Management
- Business Intelligence
- Document management
- Host systems

A single point of personalized interaction with applications, content, processes and people





Benefits with Linux on System z

- High Stability inherits from System z
- Highly Scalable horizontally and vertically
- High availability and load balancing in the box
- Very flexible environment with Virtualization z/VM
- Use of Standard interfaces and applications
- Very effective integration with existing applications



State Court....

serves timely information to protect public safety with IBM WebSphere Software

Business Challenge

 State Supreme Court needed centralized system to provide magistrates and other agencies with up-to-date and around-the-clock access to offender information

Solution

- Online system for processing offenders and reviewing records of previous arrests
- WebSphere Application Server on the mainframe fields queries from users and retrieves information from a new centralized database of offenders across the state

Benefits

- Improved public safety through more informed magistrate decisions and better ability to track and identify suspects across the state
- Increased productivity among court staff
- Reduced application development time



Customer Quote

"WebSphere Application Server scales quickly and easily while also supporting the Java-based applications that represent our future direction. It gives us the foundation we need for new applications and services to come."





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Bad Data Can be Costly

83% of data integration projects either overrun or fail



Inaccurate or incomplete data is a leading cause of failure in business-intelligence and CRM projects

25% of time is spent clarifying bad data

Scrap and rework Increased costs

Lack of consumer confidence

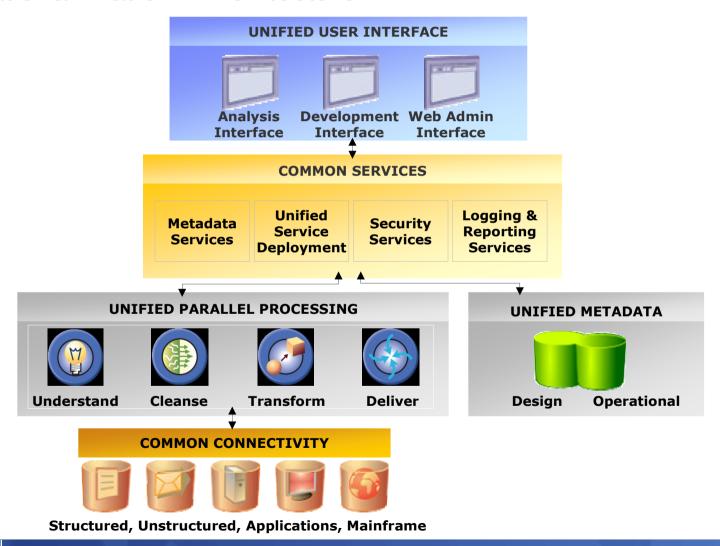
Lost opportunities

Low data quality costs companies \$611 billion annually

Undetected defects will cost 10 to 100 times as much to fix upstream



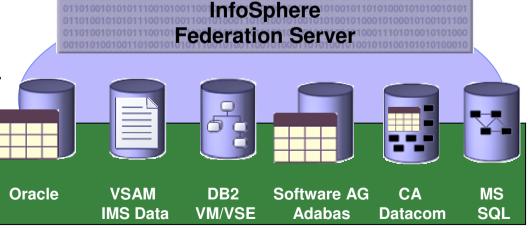
InfoSphere Information Server for Linux on System z Operational Platform Architecture





InfoSphere Federation Server on Linux on System z

- Integrating at the data layer Federation of data
 - Read from and write to federated mainframe data sources using SQL
 - Standards-based access via JDBC, ODBC, or Call Level Interface
 - Including for mainframe VSAM data and flat files
 - Multithreaded with native drivers for scalable performance
 - Metadata-driven means...
 - No mainframe programming required
 - Fast installation & configuration
 - Ease of maintenance
 - Works with existing and new...
 - Mainframe infrastructure
 - Application infrastructure
 - Toolsets

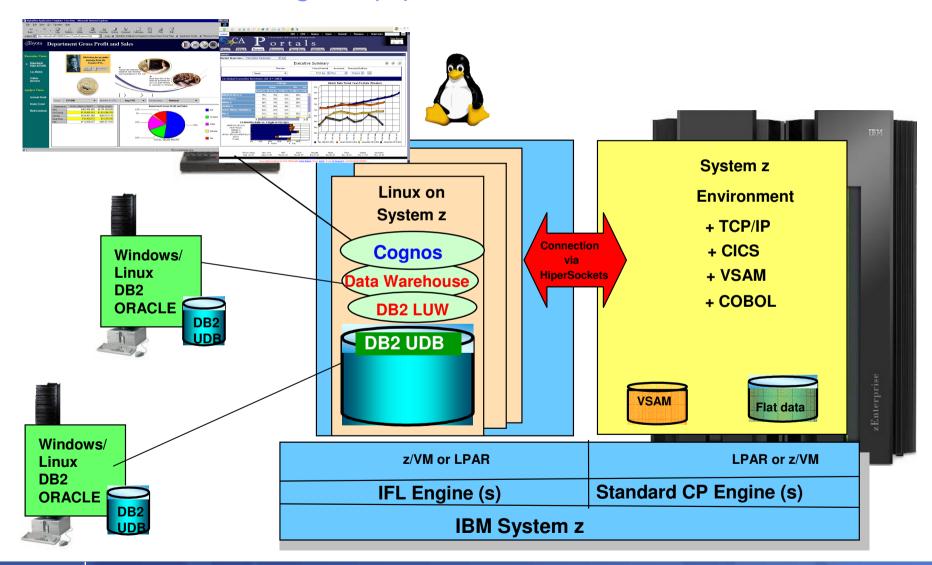


SQL



Scenario 2: Linux on System z as data hub

Consolidate, Integrate, Evaluate, Decide, Base for Business Intelligence (BI)





DB2 9 with pureXML feature – A Hybrid Data Server

XML Developer

"I see a sophisticated XML repository that also supports SQL."



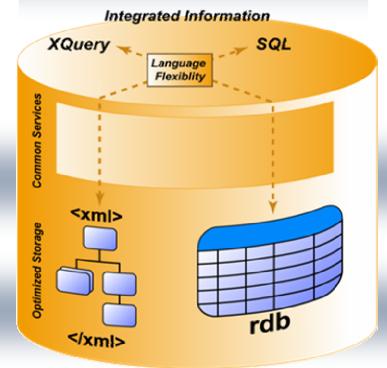


SQL Developer

"I see a sophisticated RDBMS that also supports XML."

Mature Services

Optimized Storage Models



Familiar Tooling

Optimized Performance & Scale

New XML applications benefit from:

- Ability to seamlessly leverage relational investment
- Proven Infrastructure that provides enterprise-class capabilities



Benefits with Linux on System z

- High Scalability of Databases
- Very flexible environment with z/VM
- High Availability, Stability inherits from System z
- Use of Standard ASCII databases
- Very effective consolidation and federation
- Excellent possibilities for centralized data analysis
- Rapid decisions with BI solutions
- Centralized data management



Province of Québec, Canada

Improves citizens' services while saving money and improving operation

Government of the province of Québec, Canada

- Relies heavily on large Web-based application environment to serve the needs of its citizens
- DGTI (Direction generale des technologie de l'information) supports applications and underlying infrastructure

Situation:

 Fast growth of applications and infrastructure (150+) distributed servers, staffing pressures

• Problems:

- Slow deployment of new applications, limited general manageability (including backup/recovery)
- Rising software licensing costs, especially for the Oracle environment

• Solution:

- IBM System z9[™] Enterprise Class (z9 EC) was ideal choice: robust virtualization capabilities, proven high availability and ease of management
- Consolidated approximately 60 hard-to-manage distributed server environment (UNIX® servers) to single z9 EC server with 5 IFLs and 96GB of memory running SUSE Linux® Enterprise Server (SLES) operating system under z/VM®
 - 80+ Oracle 9i and 10g database instances consolidated to the z9
 - Consolidation from 60 servers down to 1 server resulted in significant reduction in Oracle licenses
 - Plan to move WebSphere Application Server and Domino instances as well



Results:

New application deployment time fell from several weeks to days Saved CA\$1.2M (software licensing) & reduction in management cost Drastic improvement in backup and recovery operations





Satyam

Achieving up to 88% faster response times

Business challenge:

Satyam has a strong presence in the IBM Cognos business intelligence space. Its delivery of IBM Cognos software has been vital in helping its clients use information as a strategic asset for improved business performance and competitive advantage. As its clients migrate business intelligence solutions to the IBM System z platform for outstanding performance and energy efficiency, Satyam sought to test performance of Cognos 8.3 BI for Linux on System z.

Solution:

Through the IBM Beta Testing Program for Cognos 8.3 Bl for Linux on System z, Satyam confirmed the seamless integration with IBM DB2 and IBM WebSphere Application Server software; easy migration to the System z platform; exceptional application performance; and robust scalability. Staff found that often report response times on the System z platform were between 15% and 88% faster giving clients rapid access to business information through a single, real-time consolidated view.

Benefits:

- Better performance and throughput for up to an 88% decrease in report response times
- Gains a competitive edge through delivery of a proven and tested business intelligence environment
- Enables more effective decision making through a single, real-time and consolidated view of business information

"IBM Cognos 8 BI for Linux on System z is a powerful business intelligence solution on a mainframe platform which addresses all important parameters related to performance and scalability. This provides a single, real-time and consolidated view of business information to support operational processes and disperse information to the right teams across the company for more effective decision making."

— Hemant Kulkarni, Head, BI Technology CoE, Satyam

Solution components:

- IBM Cognos® 8.3 BI for Linux® on System z[™]
- IBM DB2® 9.5
- IBM System z9® Business Class
- IBM WebSphere® Application Server 6.1



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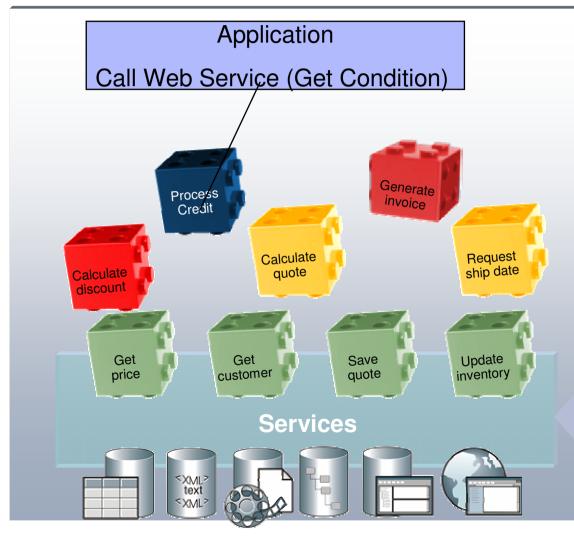




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SOA evolution - Integrating Logic across platforms



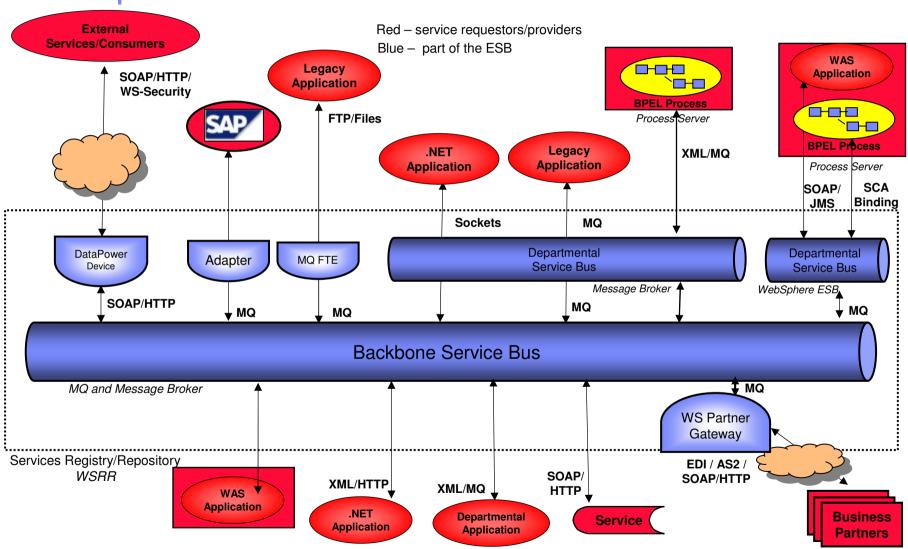
Information as a service makes information more accessible, consistent, and flexible

Publishing consistent, reusable services for information that make it easier for processes to get the information they need from across a heterogeneous landscape of application and data.

- Select data from sources
- Run Business logic
- Transform data to target



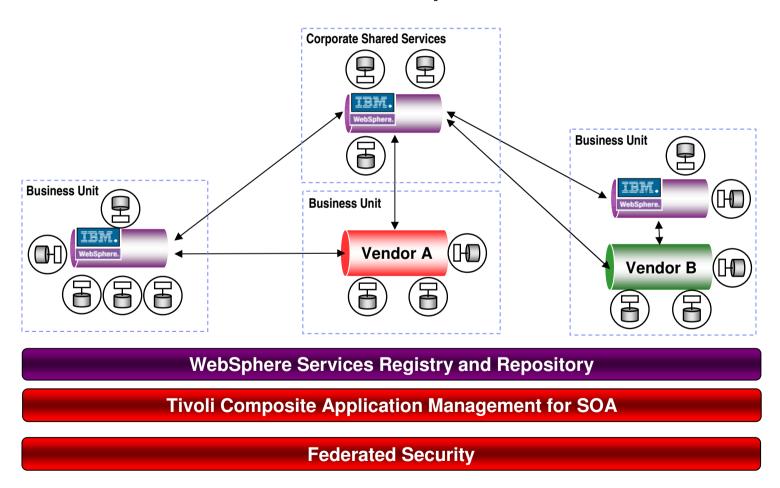
Example of Federated ESB





Federated ESB Topology Patterns

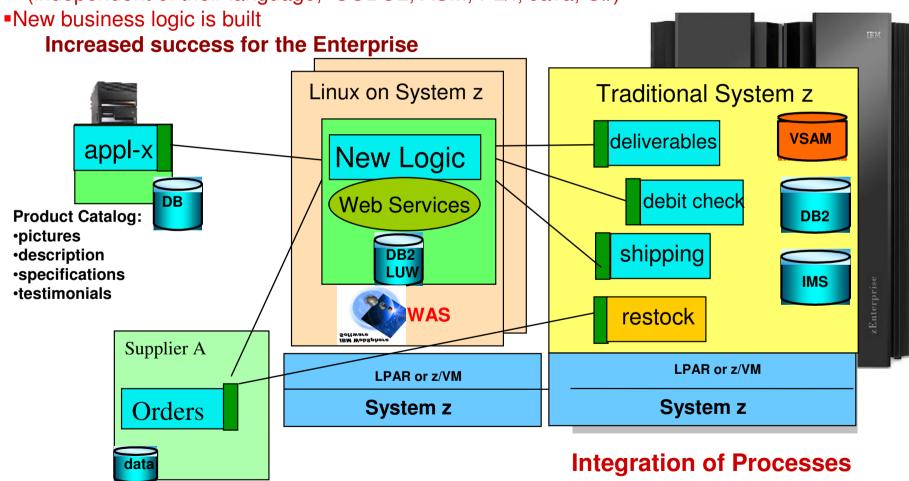
A single enterprise-wide ESB is rarely attainable – most businesses will have multiple ESBs across business units





Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) – the way to new applications and processes

- Applications look the same for all users
- Core applications can be enhanced with an interface (independent of their language, COBOL, ASM, PL/I, Java, C#)





Benefits with Linux on System z

- High Scalability and effective Hub for applications
- Use of Standard SOA architecture and interfaces
- Very good possibility for new solutions
- High performance integration with transactional load
- System z integration with distributed applications using standard interfaces
- High scalable ESB using WMQ or WebSphere ESB



St. George Bank

Saves \$15M USD through re-use of key business functions with SOA

- Business Need
 Growth by acquisition of several regional banks
- Integrate multiple applications with disparate back-end systems

Solution

Service oriented architecture than re-uses business functions and loosely couples them to back-end systems with IBM messaging middleware

Benefits

- Significant improvement in customer satisfaction
- Ability to present customized bundled offerings to cross-sell and drive more revenue.

"In our messaging layer, we have 200 services, which have completely opened up the core systems that the bank runs. And within those 200 services, we get 47% re-use. Some of them are used two or three times and some of them are being re-used up to 10 or 12 times. "

Greg Booker, Head of Group Architecture



"We no longer want to invest the time and resources in two or three year initiatives. Business is changing so fast these days that we can't afford to roll something in production that represents the thinking of three years ago."

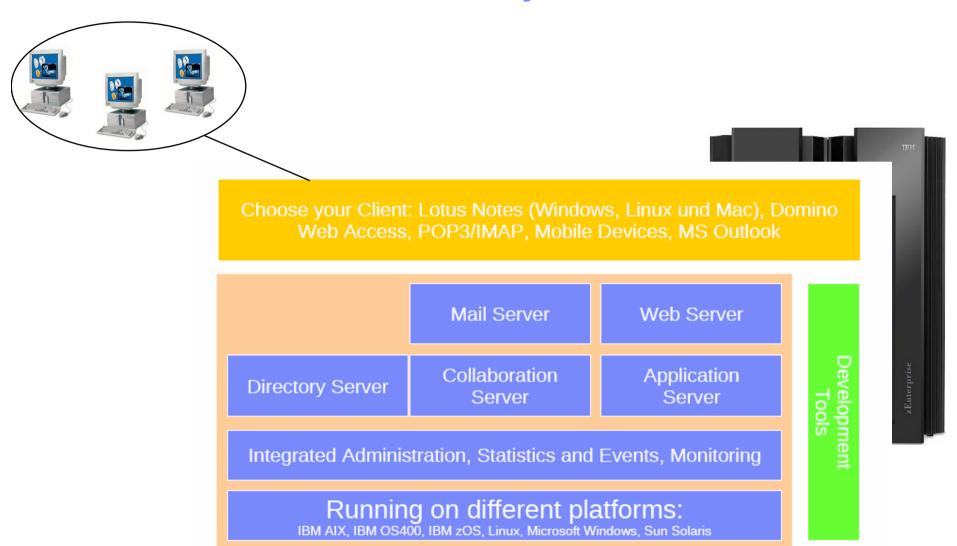




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Lotus Domino – more than just Mail server





High Availablility of Lotus Domino

Domino Clustering

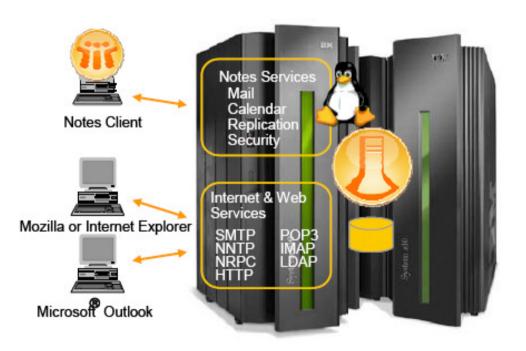
- High Availability of critical databases (mail and applications)
- Fail over and Workload Balancing
 - Active/Hot-Standby
 - Active/Active
- Supported by Domino Utility Server and Enterprise Server
- Use of any supported hardware and operating system
- Can be combined with operating system cluster



Linux on System z as Mail and Collaboration Hub

Mail

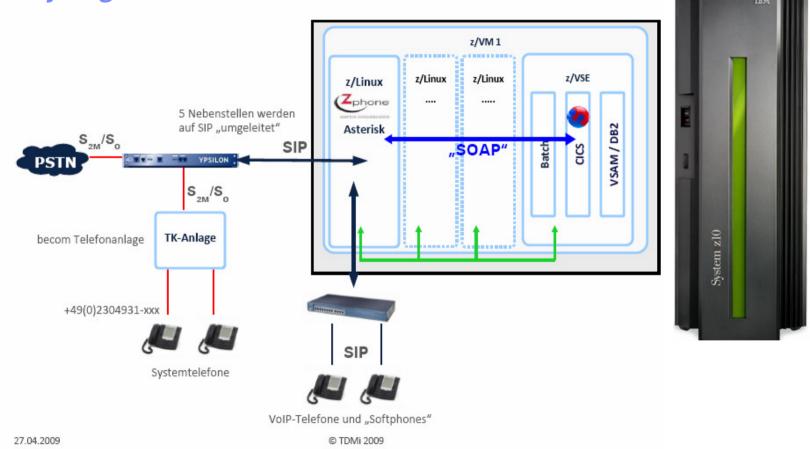
- Lotus Domino for Linux on System z
- ISV products such as :
 - Bynari,
- Open source products:
 - Exchange4Linux, Evolution, Kroupware, OpenGroupware, Postfix, sendmail
- Asterisk- manages telefone calls, mails





IBM System z – the next generation **voice** Hub! – **more than a simple Phone Server**

"Asterisk® is the world's leading open source telephony engine and tool kit"



(http://www.asterisk.org/support/about)



Benefits with Linux on System z

- High Scalability for Mail servers
- Very good possibility for integrated solutions
- System z integration with mailing applications using standard interfaces



Winnebago Industries

Slashing e-mail costs and administration time

Business challenge

One of the country's leading manufacturers of recreational vehicles, Winnebago Industries, was using an outdated e-mail system.

Winnebago needed to replace its e-mail system with one that could handle thousands of users.

Solution

Winnebago Industries chose a solution from Bynari, Inc., an IBM Advanced Business Partner, Insight Server on the Linux operating system running on the company's existing IBM System z[™] mainframe.

Insight Server is a Linux operating system-based e-mail solution that runs on all IBM platforms and can handle thousands of users. It includes anti-spam and anti-virus protection, backup and recovery software and a complete statistics tool to monitor performance.

Benefits

- Slashed e-mail serving costs by 80 percent
- Reduced e-mail management time by 50 percent
- Enjoyed nearly 100 percent email availability



""Winnebago Industries is a 24/7 shop so it's critical that their e-mail is up all the time — and that's where Linux really shines."

— Hyun Kim, President, Bvnari. Inc







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Enterprise Backup Hub

Implement TSM on Linux on System z as central Backup Hub Linux DB2 **ORACLE Windows** DB₂ Linux on Info on MS SQL **Demand** System z System z **Production** Linux on System z **Environment** TSM Server **DB2 LUW** Storage Pools + TCP/IP (Tivoli Connection Data + VTAM Storage Warehouse + CICS TS **HiperSockets** Manager) + VSAM DASD + COBOL + DB2 Tapes / VTS Tivoli **DB2 LUW** ர சு z/VM or LPAR z/VMor LPAR IFL Engine(s) **CP Engine(s) IBM System z**



Solution Benefits with Linux on System z

Centralized Backup procedure for the enterprise

 One central tool for System z and distributed backups and archives

 Use of Stability of System z for Recovery and High availability





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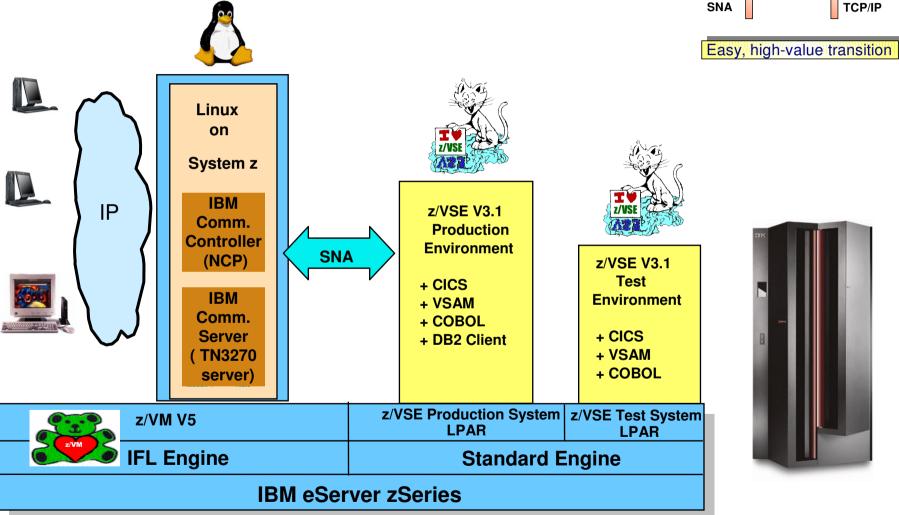


7. Linux on System z as SNA hub



Network Infrastructure Simplification: 374x (NCP) and TN3270 network replacement



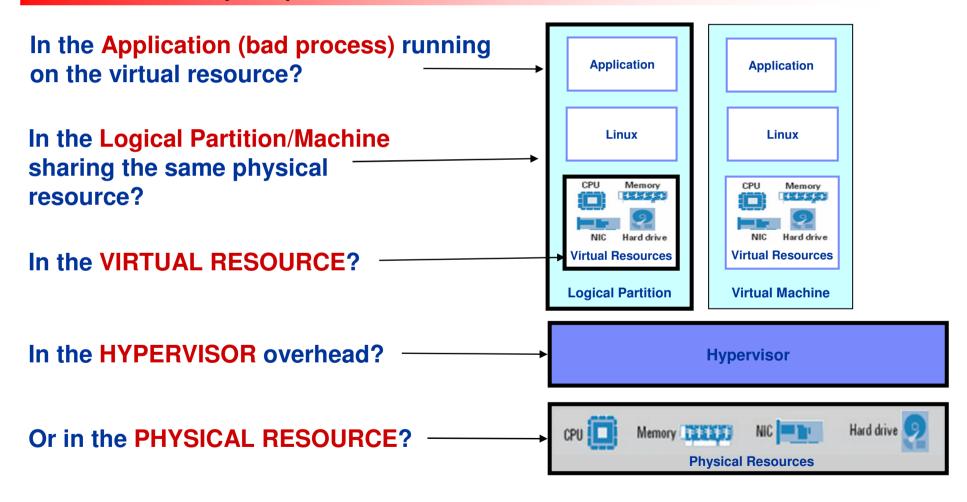






Anticipating Virtualization Challenges When a virtual environment has a problem, where did it originate?

The are no "virtual performance problems", only very real performance problems manifested in a very complex consolidated, virtual environment.





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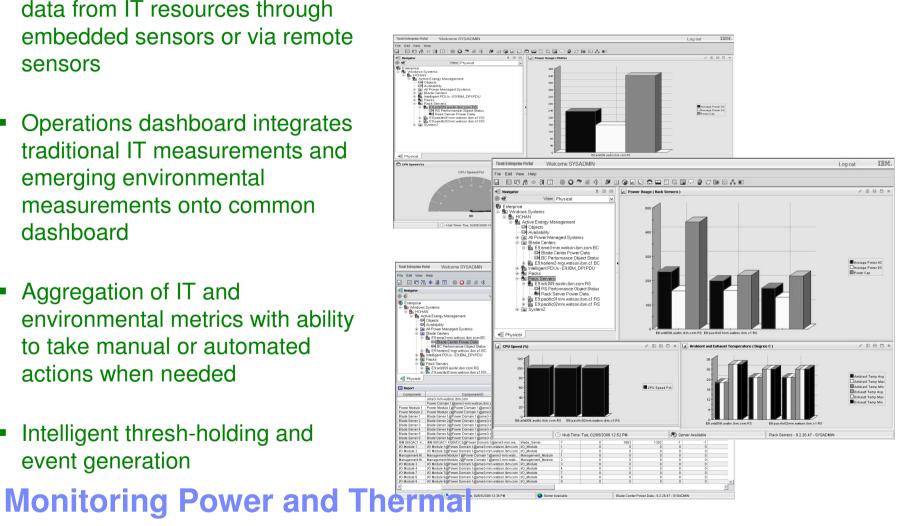
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Tivoli Monitoring for Green Energy **Data Center Optimization and Reporting**

Metric Collection, Analytics, Thresholding and Eventing

- Monitor power usage and thermal data from IT resources through embedded sensors or via remote sensors
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- Aggregation of IT and environmental metrics with ability to take manual or automated actions when needed
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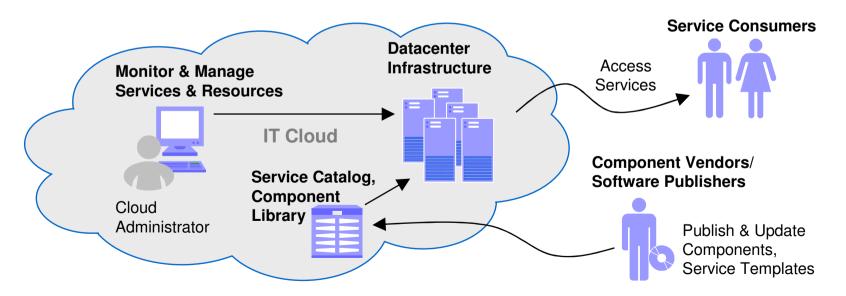
Linux perfect match: Cloud Computing

A user experience and a business model

Cloud computing is an emerging style of IT delivery in which applications, data, and IT resources are rapidly provisioned and provided as standardized offerings to users over the web in a flexible pricing model.

An infrastructure management and services delivery methodology

 Cloud computing is a way of managing large numbers of highly virtualized resources such that, from a management perspective, they resemble a single large resource.
 This can then be used to deliver services with elastic scaling.





TRANSZAP

Guaranteed application uptime to SaaS customers







Triple digit growth

Transaction

volume

69,000 users

6800 Companies

SaaS customers

BENEFITS to Clients

Comparison to Distributed





"Our business and reputation rest on promising a fast, reliable and secure service to our clients," said Peter Flanagan, CEO of Transzap. "We're a small company but our transaction data volumes are growing upwards of 100 percent, annually. We couldn't trust our business to any competitive product other than the IBM System z."

Superior Scalability and Availability

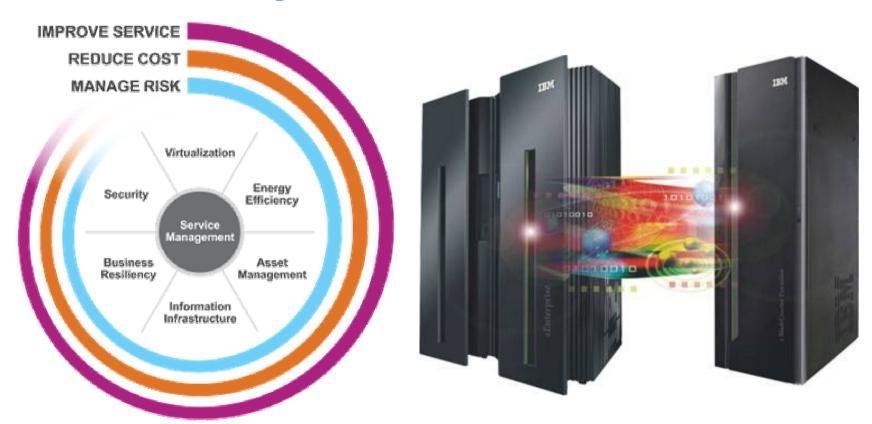


Transzap offers its customers a suite of financial tools delivered via Software-as-a-Service model. It operates Oildex, an ePayable system and digital data exchange.





The Future runs on System z, the largest scalable server

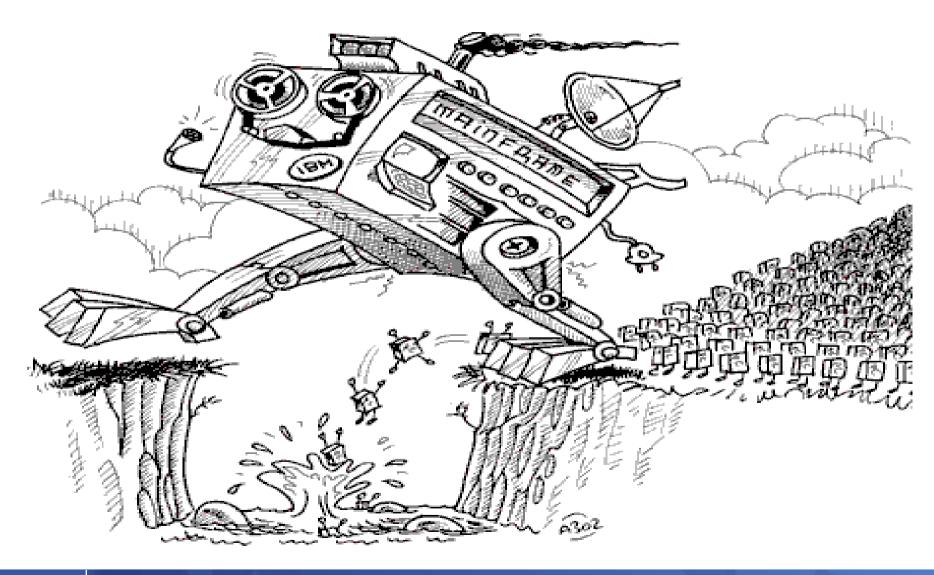


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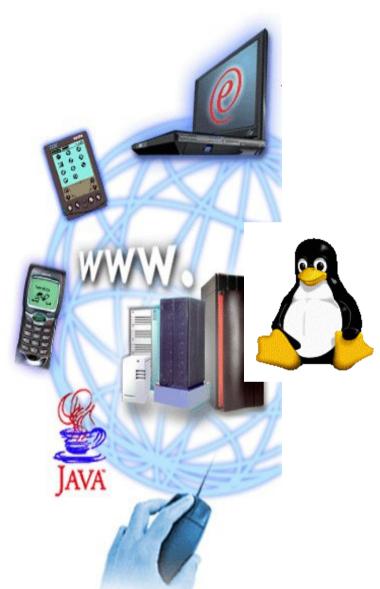
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More Information about Linux on System z

Linux on System z in IBM:

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

Linux on System z at Developerworks:

http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390

Tuning Linux on System z:

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IBM Systems Consolidation Evaluation Tool:

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