

Virtualization Advancement with Linux

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Economics of Computing are Changing

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Virtualization advancement with Linux

- History of Virtualization and Linux Virtualization
- Recent KVM Advances
- Virtualization Management Advances
- Virtualization on large enterprise systems
- Virtualization for the Cloud







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Why would a client choose KVM ?

An Open Alternative

- Most recent step in the evolution of x86 virtualization technology
- An open source alternative to other hypervisors for both Windows and Linux workloads



A Smarter Choice

Lower total **cost** of ownership compared to other providers



- Enterprise-class performance, scalability and security
- Technical leadership and business agility through open source development community
- Open: avoids vendor lock-in
- Ecosystem of Virtualization Management tools and ISV applications



Summary and Proof Points *KVM is Ready for Business*

Performance

KVM published **94%** higher virtual machine consolidation in SPECvirt; KVM holds the **Top 7** virtual machine consolidation scores on SPECvirt (1)

Security

SE Linux enables KVM to provide Mandatory Access Control security between virtual machines

Lower Cost

KVM is **39%** cheaper over a 3-year TCO compared to competition (2)



"We believe that Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) is a truly highperformance virtualization technology, which fully exceeds our needs"

> Anja Schaffer, Director, Data Center International, Cortal Consors

(1) Source: SpecVirt_sc2010 results: http://www.spec.org/virt_sc2010/results/specvirt_sc2010_perf.html
(2) Source: Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization for Servers: Competitive pricing guide, 2010



Brazilian Federal Highway Police (DPRF)

"In the final results, it offered us energy saving, easier management of assets and more availability for services. Compared to proprietary solutions, we saved more than 80% in the overall cost."

Lourival Filho, Brazilian Federal Highway Police (DPRF)



KVM Performance

- Tuned Performance of KVM is Excellent
 - Many examples
- Out-of-the-box Performance of KVM is poor
 - IBM, Red Hat, SuSE, Canonical, and others working to make this better
- Sweeping Generalities
 - ✓ KVM excels on large-memory, large-core systems
 - Excels with high-end I/O hardware
 - Strong virtual block I/O
 - Lags virtual network I/O (recent kernels fix this)



KVM Data Center Performance

- In a data center, hypervisor performance heavily influenced by data coming into and going out of the physical hardware
 - Data center design is just as important as hypervisor performance and tuning
- How you use KVM also effects how it performs
 - Guest provisioning practices and how they interact with storage and networking choices
 - Density of Virtual Machine loading on servers; how heavily to over-commit resources



KVM is Gaining Momentum: the Open Virtualization Alliance

An alliance that includes leading...

- Virtualization
- Data Center and
- Cloud Solution Providers



to help...

- Increase overall awareness of KVM
- Drive the **adoption** of KVM based solutions
- Foster an ecosystem of third-party solutions around KVM.
- Encourage KVM interoperability
- Promote Best
 Practices and
 highlight Customer
 Successes



KVM Manageability

- Manageability has been a weakness for KVM
- Dramatic Improvement over the past 12 months
 - RHEV 3 from Red Hat
 - VMControl 2.4 from IBM
 - Smart Cloud Provisioning from IBM
 - xCAT, Moab from Adaptive Computing
 - Backup, p2v, v2v from Acronis
 - Red Hat KVM marketplace
 - http://marketplace.redhat.com/rhev/

Server Hardware

Operating System

KVM is driven by industry organizations with strong membership and execution plans



(as of 5/30/12)

OVA Key Activities:

Customer Successes

Web









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Growth of an open virtualization ecosystem requires more than just a hypervisor

- Feature rich management platform
- Well defined APIs throughout the stack
- Active and OPEN development community
- Readily accessible systems and tools for all users
- 3rd party products that extend the hypervisor

oVirt Key Activities

- Initial seeding based on RHEV-M 3.0 Beta
- Components now available as open source
- Almost 4700 downloads

23%

15%

Events, Educational Webcasts, Analyst Papers, Case Studies, Press Releases,

- First integrated community release: Feb 9, 2012
- Asia developer training tour happened in March (Beijing and Shanghai)



KVM adoption has increased sharply over the past 6 months

• Drivers of adoption:

- Technical progress of KVM Solutions
 - Improvements in RHEL 6.x over RHEL 5.x
 - Improvements in RHEV-M 3.0 over v2.2
- Derivation of trust and maturity as characteristics of KVM due to time in the marketplace
- Emerging view that KVM is a fundamental feature of the Linux Operating System
- Economic Factors
- Cloud computing



KVM Customer References





Virtualization is the foundation of delivering higher value stages of Cloud





Case Study: IBM SmartCloud Enterprise

"KVM provides effective price points, enhanced scalability, and performance capabilities that are well suited to IBM enterprise needs"

- Jan Jackman, VP, Global Cloud Services, IBM Global Technology Services

IBMSmartCloud

- Spans 8 datacenters
- •1000 KVM hosts
- 6000 Virtual Machines
- IBM System x iDataPlex servers
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux with KVM

Agility and reducing risks

- Lower virtualization management costs
- Multi-tenant security

Higher quality services

- Supports both Windows and Linux
- Guaranteed quality of service for virtual machines

Doing more with less

- Economy of scale through low KVM unit cost
- Higher densities of virtual machines delivers scalability

Case Study: IBM Research Compute Cloud



First and largest Cloud inside IBM

- Worldwide, on-demand and always available
- KVM chosen for cost, performance and stability of environment
- IBM Research Compute Cloud migrated from Xen to KVM with no disruption
- Over 200 iDataplex Nodes using KVM
- 2,000 concurrent instances
- 600+ custom images in Cloud Catalog
- Thousands of users across 39 countries
- IBM internal chargeback on IBM Research Compute Cloud usage



Linux virtualization is greatly expanding IT capabilities.

- KVM offers the function, performance, and flexibility needed across a broad range of solutions.
- The collaborative efforts around Linux virtualization are rapidly improving KVM and other components.
- **Cloud and other solutions will build on Linux virtualization.**





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