

Consolidation and Virtualization Update with Linux and z/VM on IBM System z IFL Specialty Engines





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Today, businesses and IT face more challenges and uncertainty than ever before

- An unprecedented global economic downturn
- Increasing customer expectations and competitive pressures
- An explosion in the volume of data
- Exponential growth in communication subscribers and devices

The result: systems and infrastructure that are reaching a breaking point





Virtualization and Security Should IT Managers Be Concerned?

Virtualization security risks being overlooked, Gartner warns

Gartner raises warning on virtualization and security.

Companies in a rush to deploy virtualization technologies for server consolidation efforts could wind up overlooking many security issues and exposing themselves to risks, warns research firm Gartner.

"Virtualization, as with any emerging technology, will be the target of new security threats," said Neil MacDonald, a vice president at Gartner, in a published statement.

- NetworkWorld.com, April 6, 2007

Virtual Servers Introduce Real Risk

Sixty percent of virtualized servers will be less secure than the physical servers they replace through 2012. So says Neil MacDonald, vice president and fellow at Gartner. Virtual machines by themselves aren't inherently less secure. The problem is how VMs are deployed.

- Posted by Sharon Fisher at NetworkComputing.com, March 26, 2010





A Smarter IT Infrastructure Addresses Today's Challenges... and **Tomorrow's Opportunities**



REDUCE COST

Not just containing operational cost and complexity, but achieving *breakthrough* productivity gains through virtualization, optimization, energy stewardship, and flexible sourcing.

IMPROVE SERVICE

Not only ensuring high availability and quality of existing services, but also meeting customer expectations for real-time, dynamic access to innovative *new* services.

MANAGE RISK

Not only addressing today's security, resiliency, and compliance challenges, but also preparing for the new risks posed by an even more *connected* and *collaborative* world.





Many clients are **reducing costs**, **improving service**, and **managing risk** by consolidating servers and deploying new workloads on the *industry's most capable virtualization platform*.





IBM System z

Delivers Superior IT Optimization and Consolidation for Your Enterprise

Reduce Cost	System z delivers superior resource sharing and virtualization efficiency – helping users optimize their spending on energy, floor space, software, and staffing.
Improve Service	System z provides an extensive set of time-tested command and control functions that help users maintain service agreements during peak periods and satisfy business demands with incredible speed and agility .
Manage Risk	System z offers unrivaled system availability and flexible business continuance and disaster recovery options to help clients protect their business.

System z offers a clear advantage over competitive alternatives because it delivers better business value in these key areas.



IBM System z Virtualization Genetics *The Key to Unlocking the Value of Consolidation on System z*

- System z is thoroughly architected to host a mixed set of applications in a highly virtualized environment
- This is accomplished with a coordinated set of investments that permeate the technology stack of hardware, firmware, hypervisors, and operating systems
- This means clients can efficiently maximize the utilization and security of all system assets, including: CPU, memory, I/O adapters and devices
- All with exceptional levels of operational ease and cost efficiencies



"But there's another key factor that could impede the growth of x86 server virtualization. With the mainframe, most system components [come] from the same vendor (IBM). With x86 server virtualization, the microprocessor, server platform, storage, hypervisor and operating systems typically come from multiple vendors. 'These vendors may have conflicting objectives,' Burns writes."

- Charles Burns, author of "The Many Faces of Virtualization: Understanding a New IT Reality", quoted in NetworkWorld.com*





Sample Linux on z/VM IFL Configuration



IFL processors have no impact on z/OS license fees

...a potential source of cost savings given z/VM's ability to overcommit CPU capacity

Linux on z/VM and Resource Overcommitment A Key Aspect of Cost Savings When Running Linux on System z

- A fundamental strength of z/VM is its ability to overcommit system resources: "Do more with less"
- Users can host an environment that consumes considerably more CPU and memory, in aggregate, than what is configured in the z/VM LPAR
 - This can translate into cost savings for hardware and software
 - Consider a Linux on z/VM environment with a 25-to-1 overcommitment of CPU capacity:

Software licensed for two **real CPUs** can run on 50 virtual CPUs in this example







Linux on z/VM: Flexible, Efficient Growth

- 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







IBM System z Virtualization Support *Saving Money and Reducing Complexity Helping You "Do More with Less"*

- Consolidate more servers per core and spend less on software, more than 70% less in some cases
- Manage more server images with fewer people, up to 50% improvement in staff productivity
- Save up to 80% on energy and floor space
- Deploy new servers and applications faster
- Absorb workload spikes and maintain service level agreements with less complexity
- Spend less on disaster recovery







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Why are Data Centers Consolidating to System z?

- Virtualization on IBM System z offers unique value compared to competitive scale-out solutions from Sun, HP, and others
- Superior availability and security reduces risks and improves service levels
- Extremely efficient virtualization technology lowers costs System z achieves very high core-to-core consolidation ratios
- Real customers, real workloads

Customer	Distributed Cores	Ratio of Distributed to System z Cores*	Ratio of Distributed to System z cores*	
Allianz	60	30 to 1	48 hour migration	
Government Agency	292	58 to 1	70% cost savings	
Bank of Russia	200	50 to 1	Reduces payment processing costs by 95%	

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





Superior <u>Efficiency</u> and <u>Scalability</u> with z/VM on System z A Benchmark Study on Virtualization Platforms for Private Clouds

Find White Paper at: www.ibm.com/systems/z/os/linux/library/



Virtual Machine images running WebSphere Application Server workload were created and placed on:

An 8-core IBM x3950 (4 @ 3.5GHz dual-core) with 64 GB of total physical memory running popular x86 hypervisor





What Makes a Best Fit Workload for Linux on System z?

Leverage classic strengths of IBM System z

- High availability
- High I/O bandwidth capabilities
- Flexibility to run disparate workloads concurrently
- Requirement for excellent disaster recovery capabilities
- Security

Shortening end-to-end path length for applications

- Co-location of applications
- Consolidation of applications from distributed servers
- Reduction in network traffic
- Simplification of support model

Consolidation Effects

- Power requirements
- Software costs
- People Costs
- Real Estate
- Workloads requiring extreme flexibility





Yahoo! Finance: Survey Predicts Continued Strong Growth of Linux Use on Mainframes* June 15, 2009

"The study surveyed 100 IT executives and managers at companies with at least \$2 billion in annual revenue about their use of the Linux operating system on IBM mainframes. 93% of respondents projected that their use of IBM's IFL (Integrated Facility for Linux) specialty mainframe processor would increase or at least remain steady over the course of the next two years. *42% projected that their use of the IFL would grow between 21% and 40%*, and 10% projected that it would grow more than 76%."

"The two main reasons cited by respondents for this increased use of Linux on the mainframe were: 1) the desire to take advantage of computing capacity available on their mainframe's central processors and/or IFLs, and 2) *their assessment that using Linux on the mainframe would be more cost-effective than other platforms*. Respondents also said they were using Linux on the mainframe to support "green" computing initiatives and infrastructure consolidation strategies."

^{*} http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Survey-Predicts-Continued-prnews-15547427.html?.v=1



Extreme Virtualization with IBM System z *Cost Saving Opportunities*

Energy and floor space savings

- Up to 80% in some cases, including IBM itself

Reduced software license fees via CPU over-commitment

- One System z client saved 90% on software license fees with Linux-on-z/VM
- Enhanced staff productivity with large-scale virtual server deployment and management using z/VM
 - 50% or more productivity boost experienced by many

Reduced application outages

- Running z/VM on the highly reliable System z platform is the best of both worlds
- Flexible configuration options for business continuance
 - Multiple LPARs on a single system enables failover without duplication of hardware
 - Capacity Backup on Demand CPUs gives you cost-attractive multi-system failover
- Low cost economic model for technology refreshes
 - System z9 specialty engines carry forward when upgrading to System z10
 - Refresh hundreds of virtual servers by upgrading a single box





Clients Deploy Dedicated System z Servers For Workload Consolidation with Linux

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Source: "Allianz consolidates from 60 servers to 1 mainframe in 48 hours" Computerworld, November 4, 2009 -- http://www.computerworld.com.au/article/324815/allianz_consolidates_from_60_servers_1_mainframe_48_hours





A government organization consolidates applications and data to drive down costs of hardware, software, and management by 70%!



Customer: A regional North American government organization

Other benefits: Superior resiliency and security Single administrator productivity Infrastructure simplification Lower energy costs



Automobile Services Company Selects IBM System z, Linux and WebSphere as New Strategic Direction for Enterprise Middleware

Business challenge:

Client relied on a Microsoft .net infrastructure running on HP blades to connect its various systems. Ad-hoc functionality and non-standard interfaces created support and scalability challenges that made the company less agile in responding to business requirements and new opportunities.

Solution:

A new project offering in-car communication services prompted the company to pursue an IBM WebSphere SOA-based enterprise standard for middleware running on Linux on System z. The System z solution significantly outperformed a Microsoft / HP alternative.

Benefits:

- IBM solution gives the client a more flexible middleware infrastructure to support innovative new solutions
- Increased responsiveness allows client to bring new offerings to the marketplace sooner rather than later
- Client is in a better position to differentiate itself from competitors

The client cited value, performance, and robustness as the primary reasons for selecting the IBM solution.

Solution components:

- IBM System z
- Linux on System z
- IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager
- IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON
- IBM WebSphere Process Server
- IBM WebSphere Service Registry and Repository
- IBM WebSphere Modeler





Recent Linux on System z Success Stories

New mainframe customer selected System z to create an advanced IT platform to support explosive Internet growth



China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC):

CNNIC decided to use IBM System z as the IT foundation of its *Prospective Business Research Platform* after stringent tests and simulations on various industry solutions. CNNIC chose IBM's mainframe technology for its superior integration capability as well as unmatched stability and security required for its IT infrastructure. ⁽¹⁾ Strong business continuity, security, and cost efficiency by deploying Linux and z/OS on IBM System z virtualization technology



Handelsbanken (Sweden):

"Customers entrust us with their hard earned savings so it's paramount that we select one of the industry's most powerful and secure servers - the IBM System z," said Roger Rydberg, technical manager at Handelsbanken. "[System z] allows us to keep up with business climate changes because we can add or eliminate capacity any time based on customer demands. We can even make changes easily without having to stop any services." ⁽²⁾ Stable, predictable, easy-tomanage environment; license fee cost savings and improved server performance



Salt River Project (USA):

"We were very interested in Linux on the mainframe for the enhanced utilization, flexibility, workload consolidation, and management capabilities offered there," said Kevin Masaryk, Senior Linux/UNIX Administrator. "A key success for us is the ability to consolidate multiple workloads into one instance of Red Hat Enterprise Linux as opposed to running in our traditional environment, where each workload would have to run on a separate server; that's a huge benefit for us." ⁽³⁾

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Linux on System z Business Perspective A Convergence of Market Forces

- 1. The adoption of virtualization for consolidation is now the industry norm
 - Clients are looking to take the next step very large scale consolidation
 - But there are challenges:
 - Questions over the scaling of x86 virtualization solutions
 - Speculation over the longevity of some UNIX® offerings
- 2. Linux on System z has strong acceptance in the market
 - High level of adoption from existing mainframe clients
 - Bringing new clients to the System z platform
 - Underpinning technologies are designed for very large scale computing with the highest Qualities of Services
- → The convergence of two forces:
 - Linux on System z is the ideal platform for clients looking for a large scale consolidation solution



IBM System z Offerings for Large Scale Consolidation

The Enterprise Linux Server

A dedicated IBM System z server for large-scale Linux workloads

System z Solution Edition for Enterprise Linux

Additional capacity on an installed IBM System z server for large Linux workloads

Offerings include

- System z IFL specialty processors, memory, and I/O connectivity
- Hardware maintenance for three to five years
- z/VM virtualization software package with three to five years of subscription and support
- Supported with new promotions from Linux Development partners Novell and Red Hat
- Very competitive pricing
 - Competitive TCA with scalable Linux and UNIX alternatives
 - Total Cost of Ownership and Qualities of Service that blow away the competition
 - Price / performance improves as you grow your environment
 - Pricing starting at under \$2,000 per virtual server for 3 years for large-scale consolidations⁽¹⁾

More Solution Editions include: SAP, Business Resiliency, Security, WebSphere, Application Development, Chordiant, ACI, Data Warehousing, Cloud

IBM Enterprise Linux Server

Transforming the Economics for Large Scale Consolidation

Enterprise Linux Server (z10 EC) Price per IFL

Includes: IFL, 16 GB memory, z/VM, 3 years maintenance and S&S

- The new Enterprise Linux Server dramatically reduces the marginal cost of scaling for consolidations
 - The average cost of consolidation declines significantly as the scale of consolidation increases
 - The marginal price of an incremental IFL can be as much as 80% less than the single IFL price
 - You don't have to buy big to save big!

Note: participation and pricing may vary by country.

Unprecedented Economies of Scale for Consolidation on Linux on System z

* Based on July 2009 pricing for IFL (\$75K) and memory (\$2250/GB) with discounted software and hardware maintenance for 3 years.

IBM Enterprise Linux Server – z10 BC Machine Enterprise-Class Linux Virtualization in a Smaller Footprint

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z/VM Release History

Helping clients "do more with less"

- ★ Higher core-to-core consolidation ratios
- ★ Higher levels of resource sharing and utilization
- ★ Higher levels of staff efficiency

IBM has received certification of z/VM V5.3 from the German Federal Office of Information Security (Bundesamt für Sicherheit in der Informationstechnik) for conformance to the Controlled Access and Labeled Security protection profiles (CAPP and LSPP) of the Common Criteria standard for IT security, ISO/IEC 15408, at Evaluation Assurance Level 4+ (EAL 4+).

While z/VM V5.4 and V6.1 have not been officially evaluated for conformance, they are designed to meet the same standards.

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z/VM Version 6.1 The Foundation for System z Virtualization Growth Announced October 20, 2009; Available October 23, 2009

Establishes a new z/VM technology base for IBM System z10 and future systems

- z/VM V6.1 only operates on z10 EC, z10 BC, and future generation servers
- Acknowledges the *highly attractive economics* of workload consolidation on z10 servers
- Allows optimization of z/VM function for greater business value on newer hardware

New function and packaging for z/VM V6.1

- Exploitation of the System z10 server cache management instructions to help improve the performance of z/VM virtual networking for guest-to-guest streaming workloads
- Better integration with IBM Systems Director by providing the z/VM Manageability Access Point (zMAP) agent (including the Platform Agent for Linux) with z/VM V6.1 for easier agent installation
- Support for FICON Express8 designed to provide faster access to data (link data rate of 8 Gbps)
- Support for Crypto Express3 the next generation cryptographic feature for System z (via PTF)
- Support for IBM System Storage DS8000 Extended Address Volumes (via PTF)
- Inclusion of several functional enhancements previously delivered in the z/VM V5.4 service stream

Product announcement includes statements of direction for future z/VM support

- z/VM hypervisor clustering support: "Single System Image"
- Linux virtual machine mobility support: "Live Guest Relocation"

Integrated Function in z/VM Version 6.1 Previously Delivered in the z/VM V5.4 Service Stream

- Port isolation security that provides the ability to restrict guest-to-guest communications within a z/VM Virtual Switch by exploiting OSA-Express2 and OSA-Express3 QDIO data connection isolation with required minimum MCLs
- Additional support for Linux guests using *Dynamic Storage Reconfiguration* (DSR)
- SSL server that operates in a CMS environment instead of requiring a Linux distribution
- Providing I/O device information from the I/O definition file (IODF) using Hardware Configuration Definition (HCD) for the World-Wide Port Name (WWPN) prediction tool
- Support for the IBM FlashCopy SE feature on the IBM DS8000 which provides a space-efficient snapshot
 capability that can greatly reduce the storage capacity needed for point-in-time copies
- Multiple *file dump* support
- Support for the IBM System Storage Enterprise 3592 Tape Controller Model C06 and 3592 Tape Drive Model E06, including DFSMS/VM
- Display *encryption and solid-state* indicators for IBM DS8000
- DFSMS/RMS support for disk-only configuration of IBM Virtualization Engine TS7720 (via z/VSE)

Additional Function Delivered in the z/VM V6.1 Service Stream

- IBM System z10 Crypto Express3 support (APAR VM64656)
- IBM DS8000 Extended Addressing Volumes dedicated and full-pack minidisks only (APAR VM64709)
- Dynamic EDEV Path Control support (APAR VM64743)
- IBM XIV disk support for z/VM system use (e.g., paging, spooling) (APAR VM64708)

XIV Load Balanced Virtual Machine Storage

- Benefits of XIV architecture
- Intuitive Management Interface
- Snapshot technology enables granular Guest OS recover Quickly mount snapshot to pick and choose with Guest OS to restore

Snapshot used for backup

Benefits of Linux-on-z/VM virtual infrastructure

- Maximum consolidation to reduce data center footprint
- Streamline deployment and configuration processes
- Automatic and dynamic load balancing

Native z/VM support for XIV (e.g., paging, spooling) is available now via service for z/VM V5.4 and V6.1

Next Generation Virtual Storage Meets Linux on System z Virtualization

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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
- 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 **and** dynamically move resources to work

z/VM and System z Virtualization Leadership Multi-Level Workload and Resource Management Dynamically Adding Resources to Work <u>and</u> Moving Work to Resources

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IBM Systems Director VMControl Image Manager for Linux on System z Version 2.1

Announced July 21, 2009; 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

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

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

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