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The W5 about Linux on System z – What, Why, When, Who, and Where

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- **Datacenters planning to adopt Linux have a key architectural choice to make in designing large-scale implementations.**
- **Is the best approach to running Linux scale-out with rack-optimized servers, to scale-up with large SMP servers using virtualization facilities to run many images on a single server?**
- **For many users, Linux on IBM System z may be the optimal choice.**
- **Jim will describe how Linux on System z, in combination with z/VM, will provide a robust Linux environment which integrates well with z/OS, z/TPF and z/VSE.**



Agenda

- **What Linux on System z is**
- **Why Linux on System z**
- **When should Linux on System z be used**
- **Who is using Linux on System z**
- **Where you can find additional information about Linux on System z**





First, a few words about naming ...

Long Form				Short Form	
IBM	eServer	zSeries	990 / 890	z990 / z890	
IBM	System	z9	EC / BC	z9 EC / z9 BC	

- **System z = System z9 + eServer zSeries**
- **Linux “naming”**
 - Linux on System z (or zSeries) refers to Linux on the mainframe
 - Linux for System z (or zSeries) refers to a 64-bit distro
 - Linux for S/390 refers to a 31-bit distro
- **To slash or not to slash**
 - Hardware **does not** have a slash
 - Software **does** have a slash
 - z/OS, z/VM, z/VSE, z/TPF
 - z/Architecture (“considered” software)



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What Linux on System z is



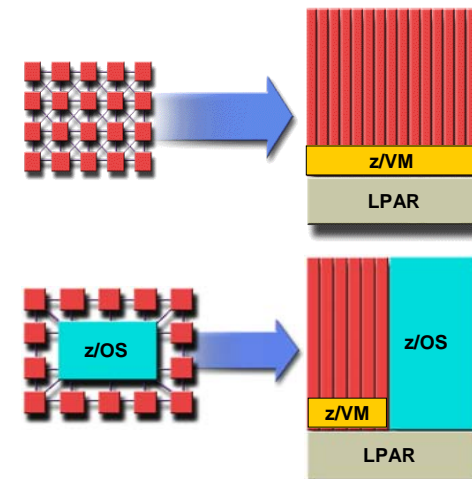
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What is Linux on System z?

- **A native mainframe operating environment**
 - Exploits IBM System z hardware
 - Not a unique version of Linux
- **Application sourcing strategy**
 - The IBM commitment to z/OS, z/TPF and z/VSE is not affected by this Linux strategy
 - Customers are offered additional opportunities to leverage their investments through Linux
 - New doors are opening for customers to bring Linux-centric workloads to the platform



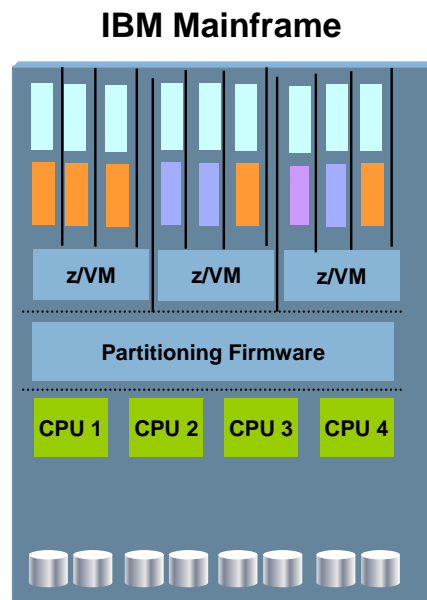


What System z brings to Linux

- **The most reliable hardware platform available**
 - Redundant processors and memory
 - Error detection and correction
 - Remote Support Facility (RSF)
- **Centralized Linux systems are easier to manage**
- **Designed to support mixed work loads**
 - Consolidation while maintaining one server per application
 - Complete work load isolation
 - High speed inter-server connectivity
- **Scalability**
 - System z9 EC scales to 54 application processors
 - **System z9 BC scales to 7 application processors**
 - eServer zSeries 990 scales to 32 application processors
 - eServer zSeries 890 scales to 4 application processors
 - Up to 8 dedicated I/O processors
 - 100s of Linux virtual servers



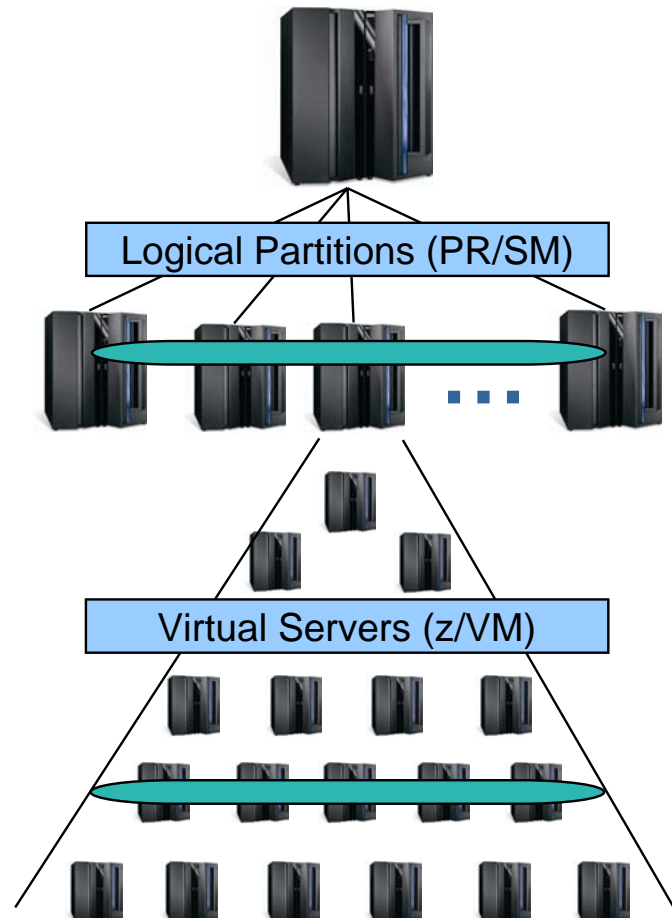
System z – A closer look at the ultimate virtualization resource



- **Utilization often exceeds 80%**
 - Handles peak workload utilization of 100% without service level degradation
- **Massive consolidation platform**
 - 60 logical partitions, 100s to 1000s of virtual servers under z/VM
 - Virtualization is built-in, not added-on
 - HiperSockets for memory-speed communication
 - Most sophisticated and complete hypervisor function available
- **Intelligent and autonomic management of diverse workloads and system resources based on business policies and workload performance objectives**



z/VM – unlimited virtualization



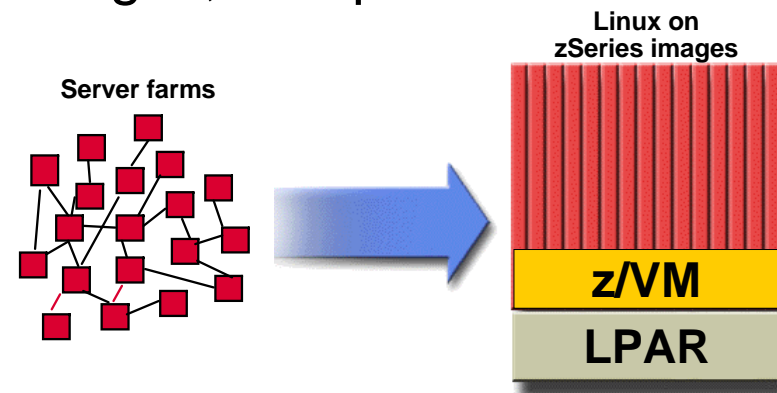
- **Mature technology – z/VM introduced in 1967**
- **Software Hypervisor integrated in hardware**
 - Sharing of CPU, memory and I/O resources
 - Virtual network – virtual switches/routers
 - Virtual I/O (mini-disks, virtual cache, ...)
 - Virtual appliances (SNA/NCP, etc.)
- **Easy management**
 - Rapid install of new servers – cloning or IBM Director task z/VM Center
 - Self-optimizing workload management
 - Excellent automation and system management facilities
 - Flexible solution for test and development systems



The value of z/VM for Linux



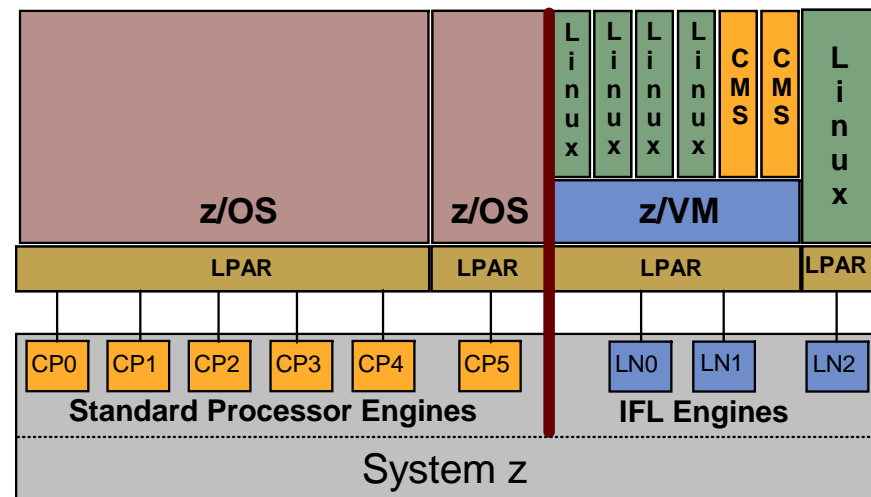
- **Enhanced performance, growth and scalability**
 - Server consolidation enables horizontal growth
 - N-tier architecture on two tiers of hardware
 - Extensive support for sharing resources
 - Virtual networking
 - Effective isolation of Linux images, if required
- **Increased productivity**
 - Development and testing
 - Production support
- **Improved operations**
 - Backup and recovery
 - Command and control





Integrated Facility for Linux

- **Additional engines dedicated to Linux workloads**
 - Supports z/VM and Linux on System z
 - IFLs on “sub-uni” systems run at “full speed”
 - z800, z890, **z9 EC**, **z9 BC**
- **Traditional mainframe software charges unaffected**
 - IBM mainframe software
 - Independent Software Vendor products
- **Linux and z/VM charged only against the IFLs**



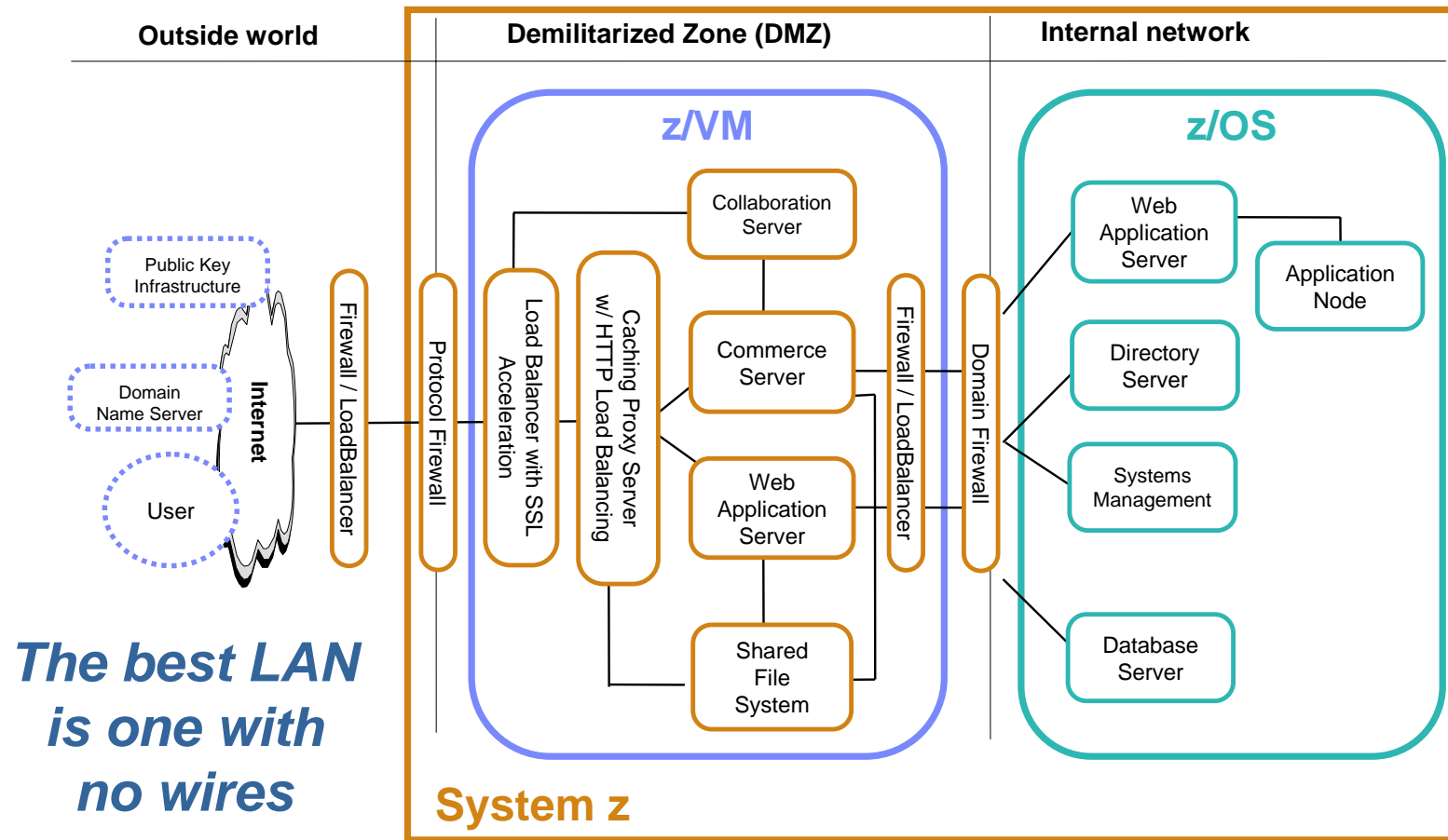


What is different about Linux on System z?

- **Access to zSeries specific hardware**
 - Crypto support – CPA, Crypto2
 - Traditional and Open I/O subsystems
 - Disk (ECKD or SCSI) and tape
 - SAN Volume Controller
 - OSA-Express and OSA-Express2 for very high speed communication between z/OS, z/VSE, z/TPF, and Linux
 - HiperSockets for ultra-high speed communication between z/OS, z/VSE, and Linux on the same machine
- **z/VM aware**
 - Enhanced performance
 - System management tools



Application serving with Linux on System z



The best LAN is one with no wires



Linux Utilities for IBM System z

Leverage the potential Linux brings to the mainframe

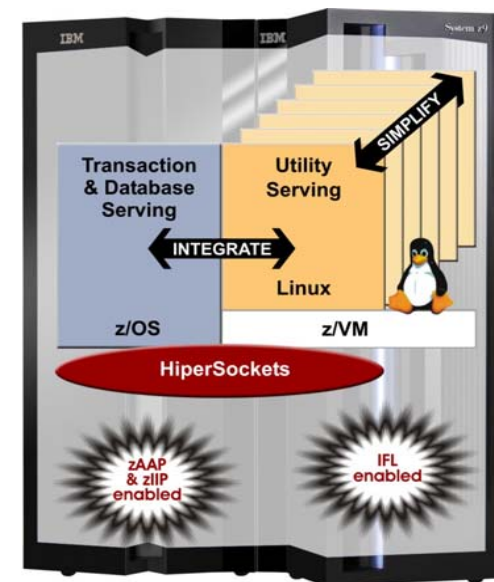
- **Linux Utilities provide specific infrastructure functions; they are existing products**
- **Tightly integration of ‘commodity’ workloads – utilities – with z/OS workloads can provide an ideal combination of computing strength and open source nimbleness**
- **Technical documentation, covering details on installation and configuration, to help an easy and fast start for production usage**
- **Benefit from the control and management that System z offers**





Linux Utilities for System z

- **End-to-end security for z/OS transactions**
 - System z "network in a box" protection with the StoneGate™ firewall
 - z/OS Web application business logic protection with webApp.secure™
 - End-to-end, centralized authentication and single sign on for z/OS transactions with IBM Tivoli® Access Manager WebSEAL
- **Systems Management addresses 'indirect' costs of computing**
 - Manage critical online business applications by proactively monitoring essential system resources on z/OS by running the essential components of OMEGAMON® z/OS Management Console on System z
- **Preserve current system network architecture (SNA) assets**
 - IBM Communication Controller for Linux on System z allows you to run NCP software that has been critical, stable network component for many years



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 - Ballroom 3



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Business Case for Linux on System z

- 1. Increased solutions through Linux application portfolio**
- 2. Large number of highly skilled programmers familiar with Linux**
- 3. Integrated business solutions**
 - Data richness from System z
 - Wide range of Linux applications
- 4. Industrial strength environment**
 - Flexibility and openness of Linux
 - Qualities of service of System z
- 5. Unique ability to easily consolidate large number of servers**



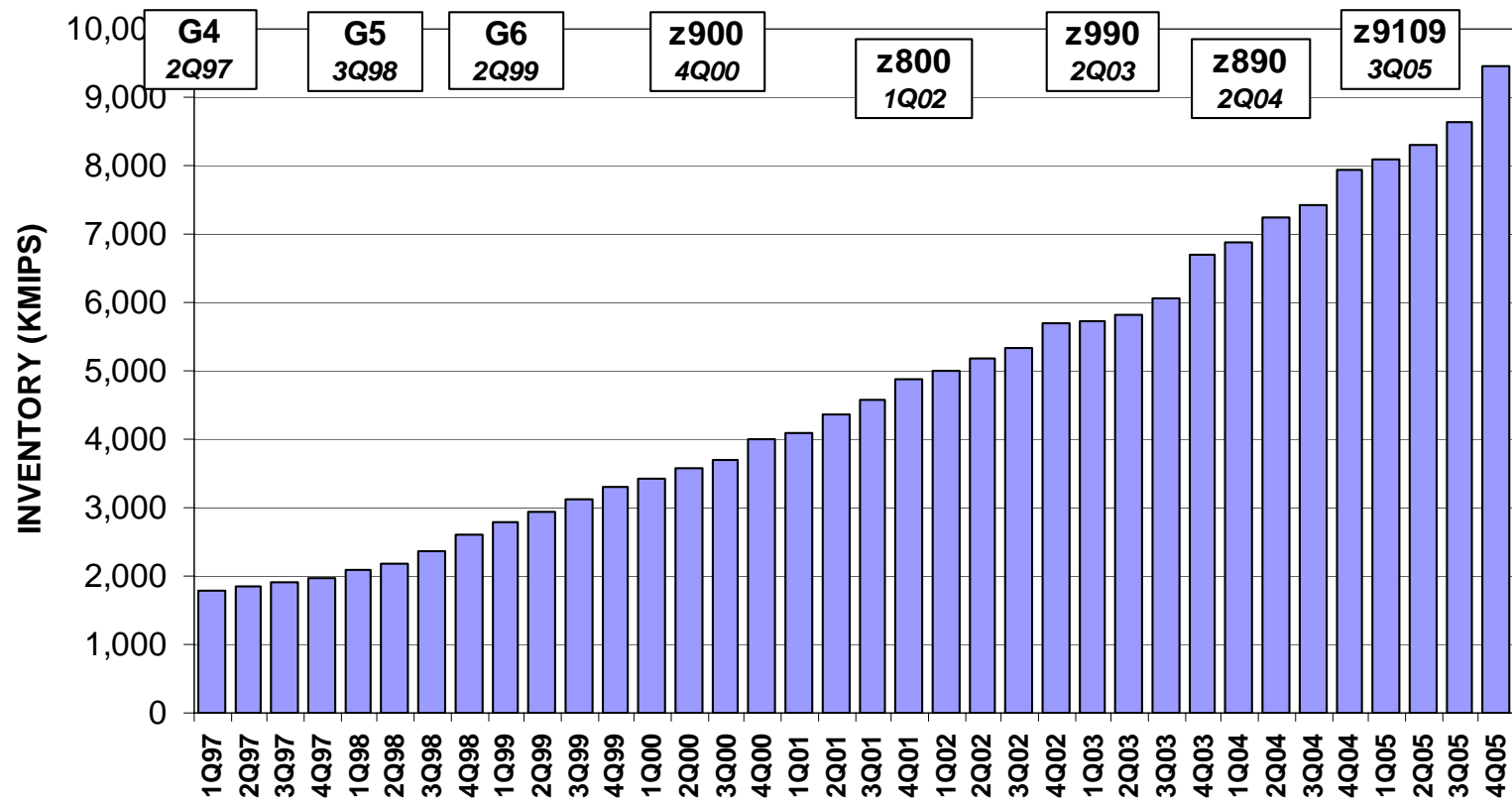


Value of Linux on System z

- **Reduced Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)**
 - Environmental savings – single footprint vs. hundreds of servers
 - Consolidation savings – less storage, less servers, less software licenses, less server management/support
- **Improved service level**
 - Systems management (single point of control)
 - Reliability, availability, security of zSeries hardware and z/VM software
 - High performance integration with z/OS
- **Speed to market**
 - Capacity-on-demand capability on zSeries
 - Dynamic allocation of on-line users, less than 10 seconds to add a new Linux server image using z/VM and IBM DS8000



Customers Are Installing More Capacity



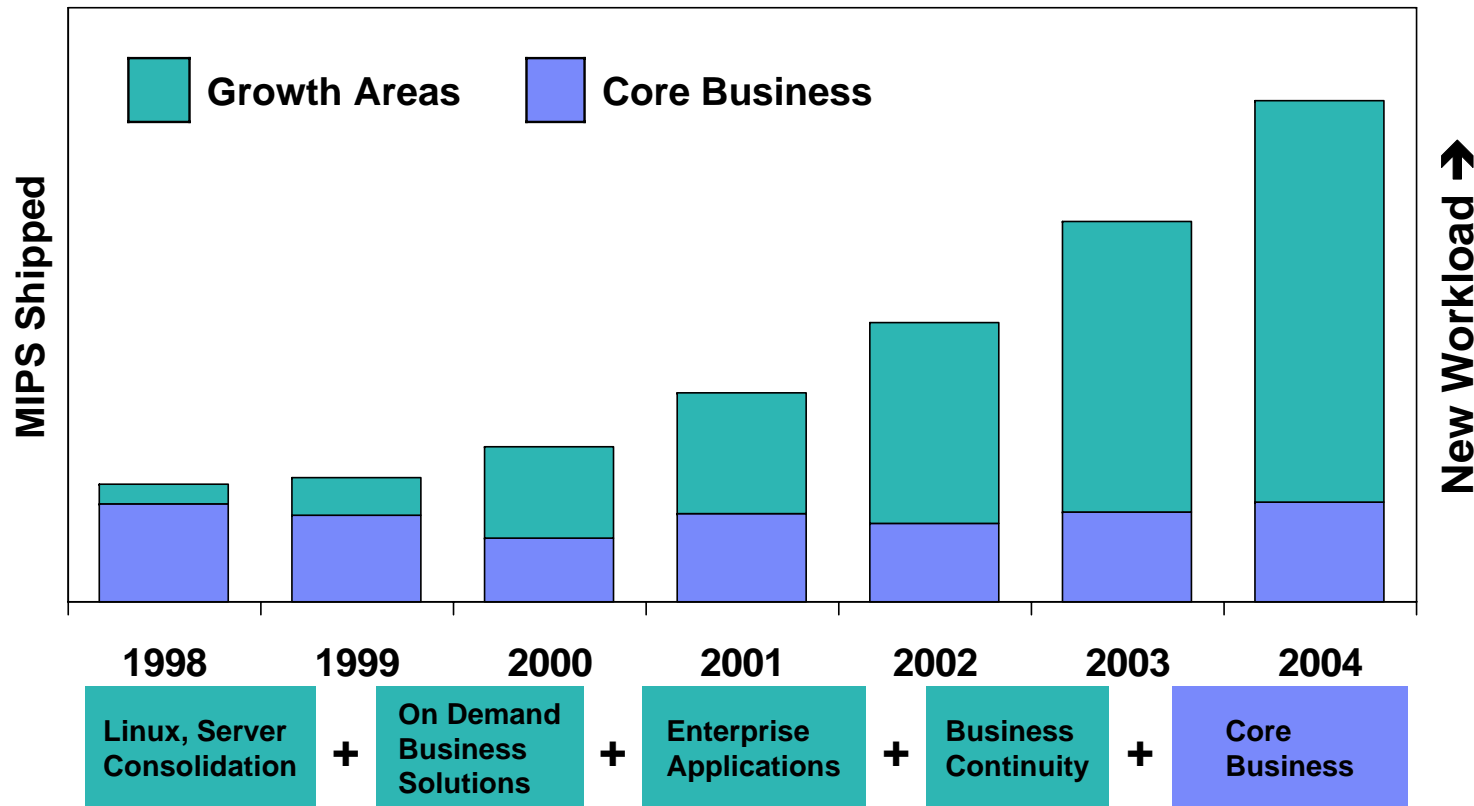
CAGR 1997-2000 = 26%

CAGR 2000-2005 = 19%

Source: IBM STG Finance



System z Advantage: Platform growth supporting core business and new workload





Customers perceive a distinct gap between mainframe capabilities and other platforms

Server Platform Perceptions – Ratings on a Scale of 1-5

Attribute	Rating by Platform		
	Mainframe	UNIX	“Wintel”
Availability	4.81	3.59	2.64
System Integrity / Security Controls	4.65	3.30	2.27
Backup and Recovery (Including Disaster Recovery)	4.54	3.35	2.70
Workload Management	4.49	3.07	2.23
Average Response Time	4.15	3.60	2.96
Data and Transaction Processing	4.49	3.61	2.75
Integration of data, applications across business processes	3.59	3.47	3.09
Average	4.39	3.43	2.66

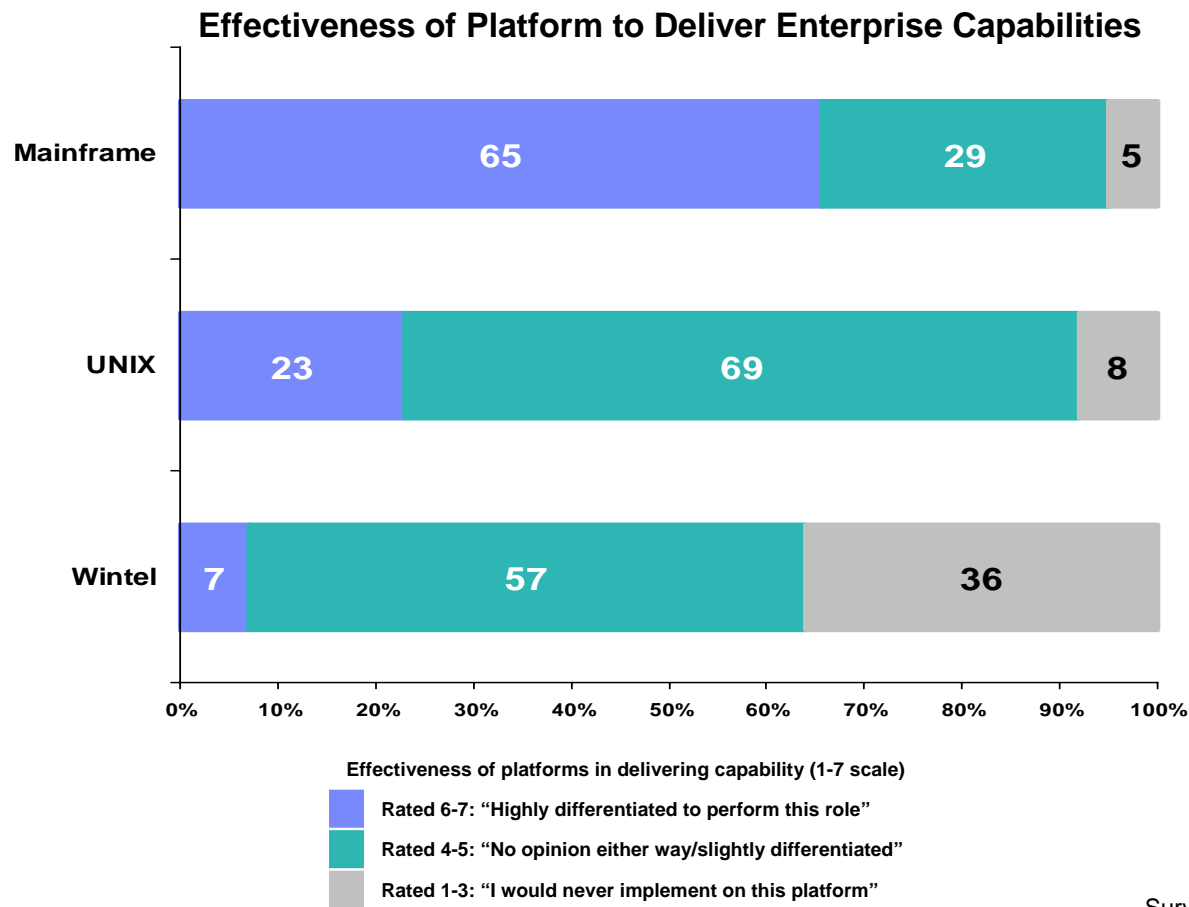
Respondents consistently view the mainframe as differentiated in its capabilities

Compared to market research in 2000, mainframe lead over Wintel has increased, gap over UNIX maintained

Survey of over 700 existing zSeries customers. Question: For each attribute shown below, please rate each platform based on your experience / perceptions. (Note that you may rate different platforms as having equivalent levels). 0 = Not sure; 1 = Poor, 2, 3 = Average, 4, 5 = Best-in-class



Customers viewed the mainframe as best suited to deliver enterprise wide capabilities



The mainframe is seen as substantially better suited to perform all Enterprise Roles, compared to other platforms

It is seen as most differentiated in its ability to deliver enterprise workload management

CIOs/CTOs believe in the mainframe's ability to deliver Enterprise Roles equivalent to that of other decision makers

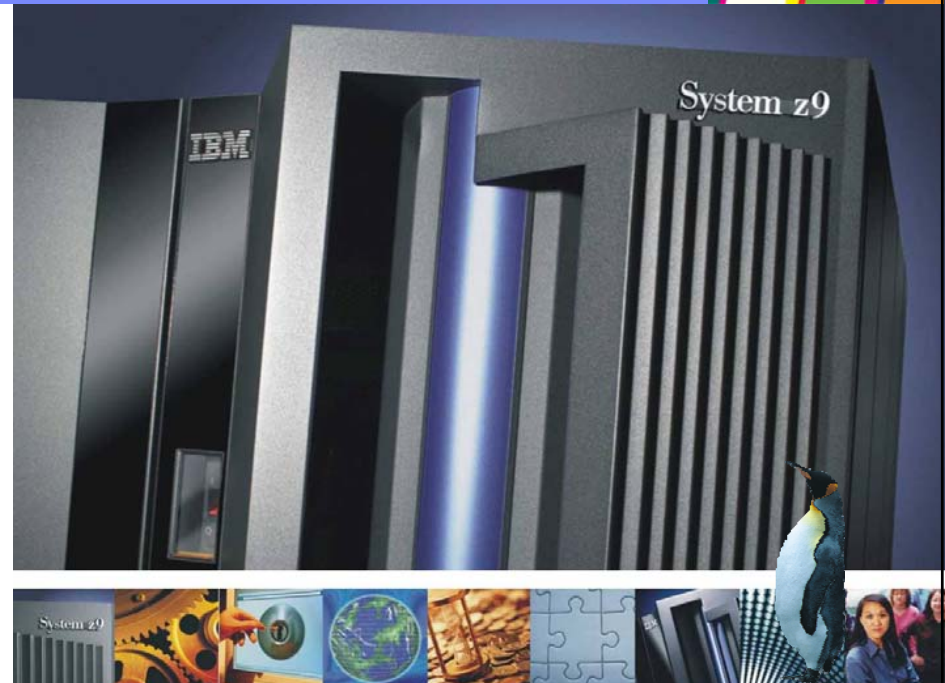
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When should Linux on System z be used



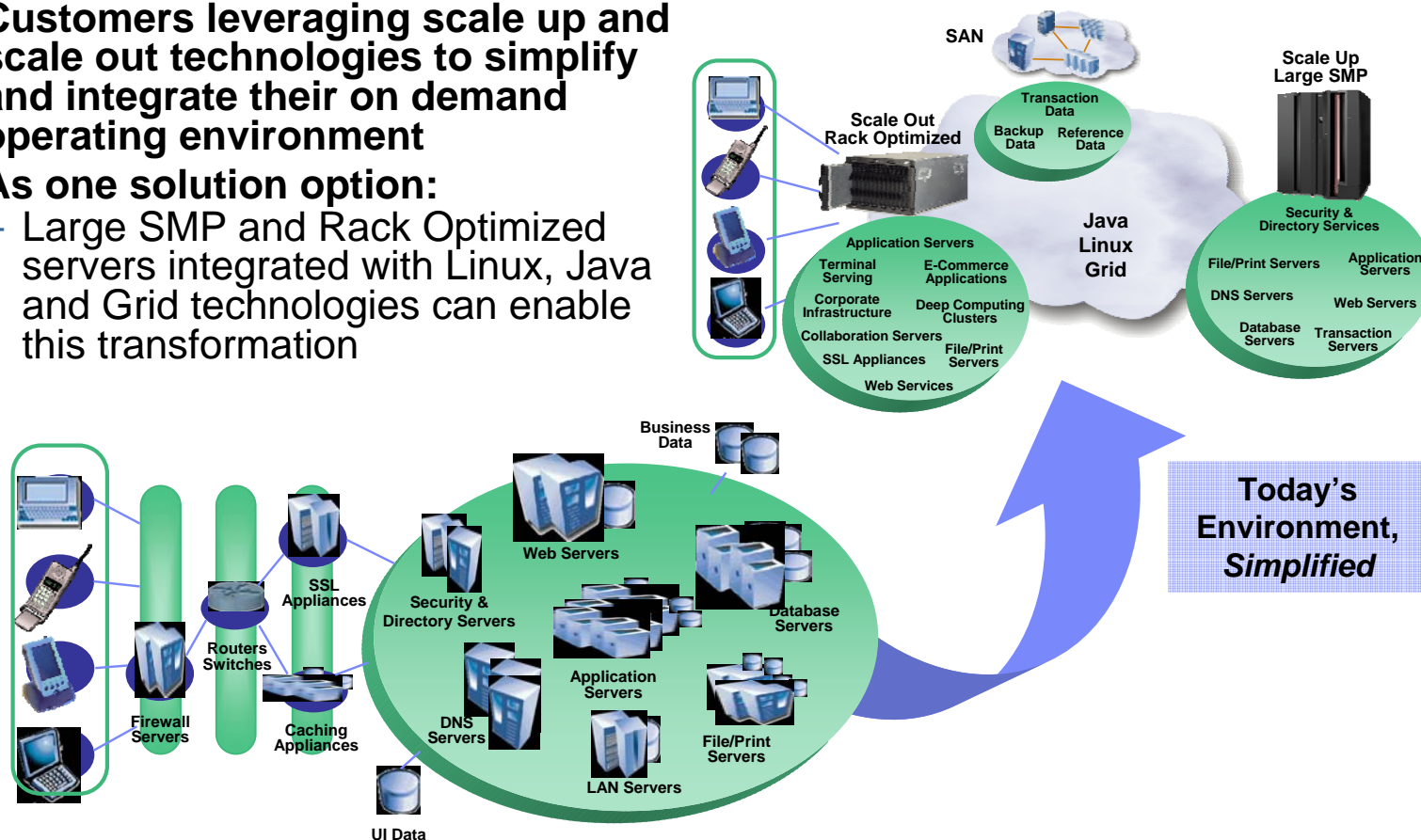
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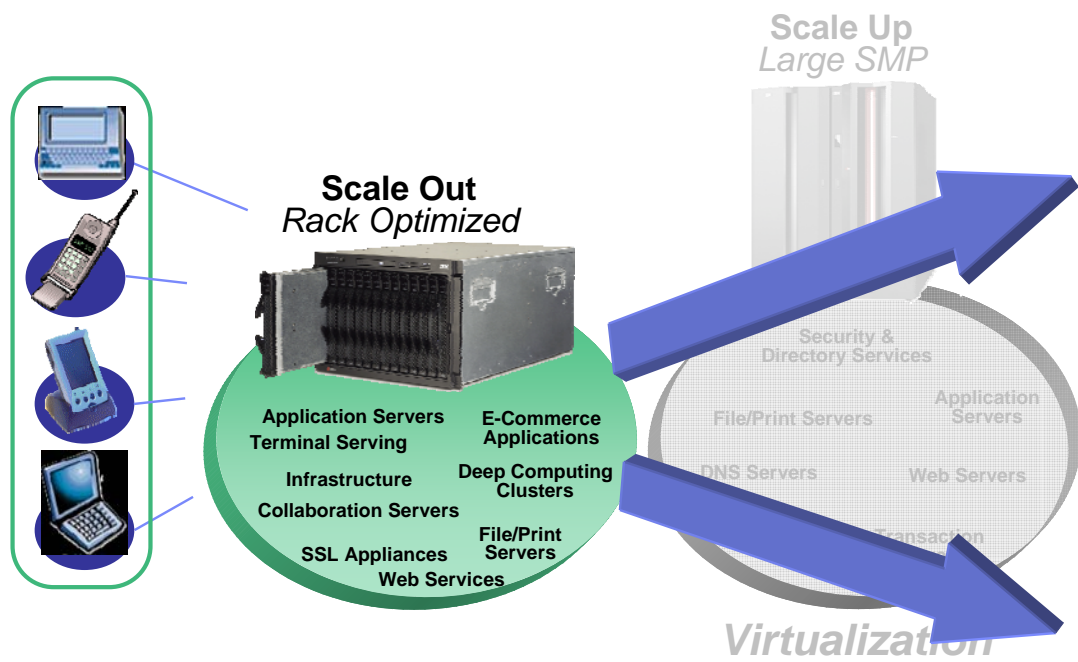
Infrastructure simplification

- Customers leveraging scale up and scale out technologies to simplify and integrate their on demand operating environment
- As one solution option:
 - Large SMP and Rack Optimized servers integrated with Linux, Java and Grid technologies can enable this transformation





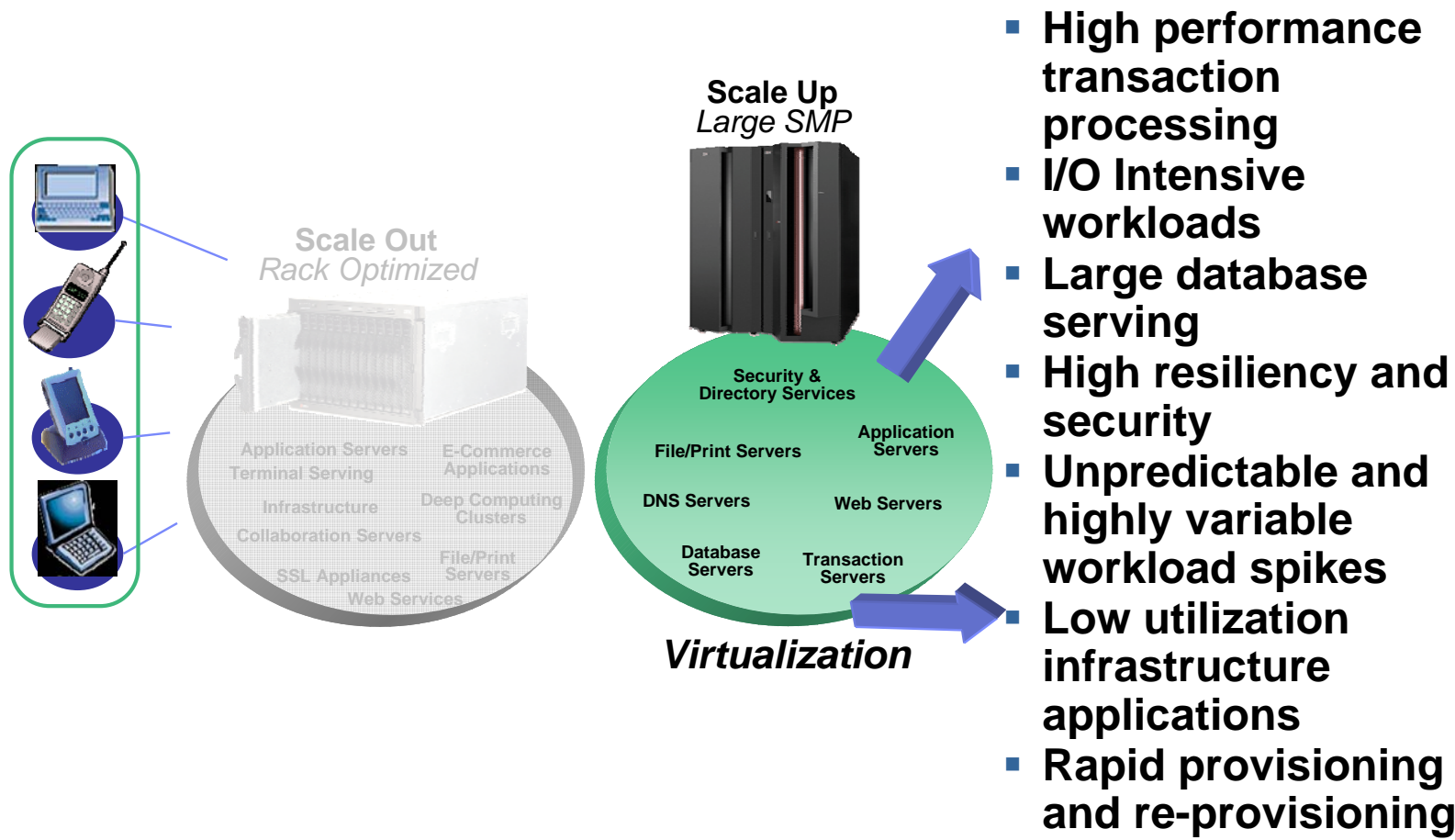
Ideal blade implementations



- **Clustered workloads**
- **Distributed computing applications**
- **Infrastructure applications**
- **Small database**
- **Processor and memory intensive workloads**
- **Centralized storage solutions**



Ideal mainframe implementations





Where to deploy on System z – z/OS or Linux?

Technical Considerations

Linux → z/OS

Quality of Service

Linux ← z/OS



Speed of deployment

Linux ← z/OS

Degree of portability





Other Considerations

- Application availability
- Workload Management function and granularity
- File sharing across a Sysplex
- Manageability and scaling characteristics
- Availability of skill


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Where to deploy – System z or “distributed”

Technical Considerations

System z		“distributed”
Quality of Service		
System z		“distributed”
Speed of deployment Instances 2 - n		
System z		“distributed”
Data Intensity		
System z		“distributed”
Compute Intensity		

Other Considerations

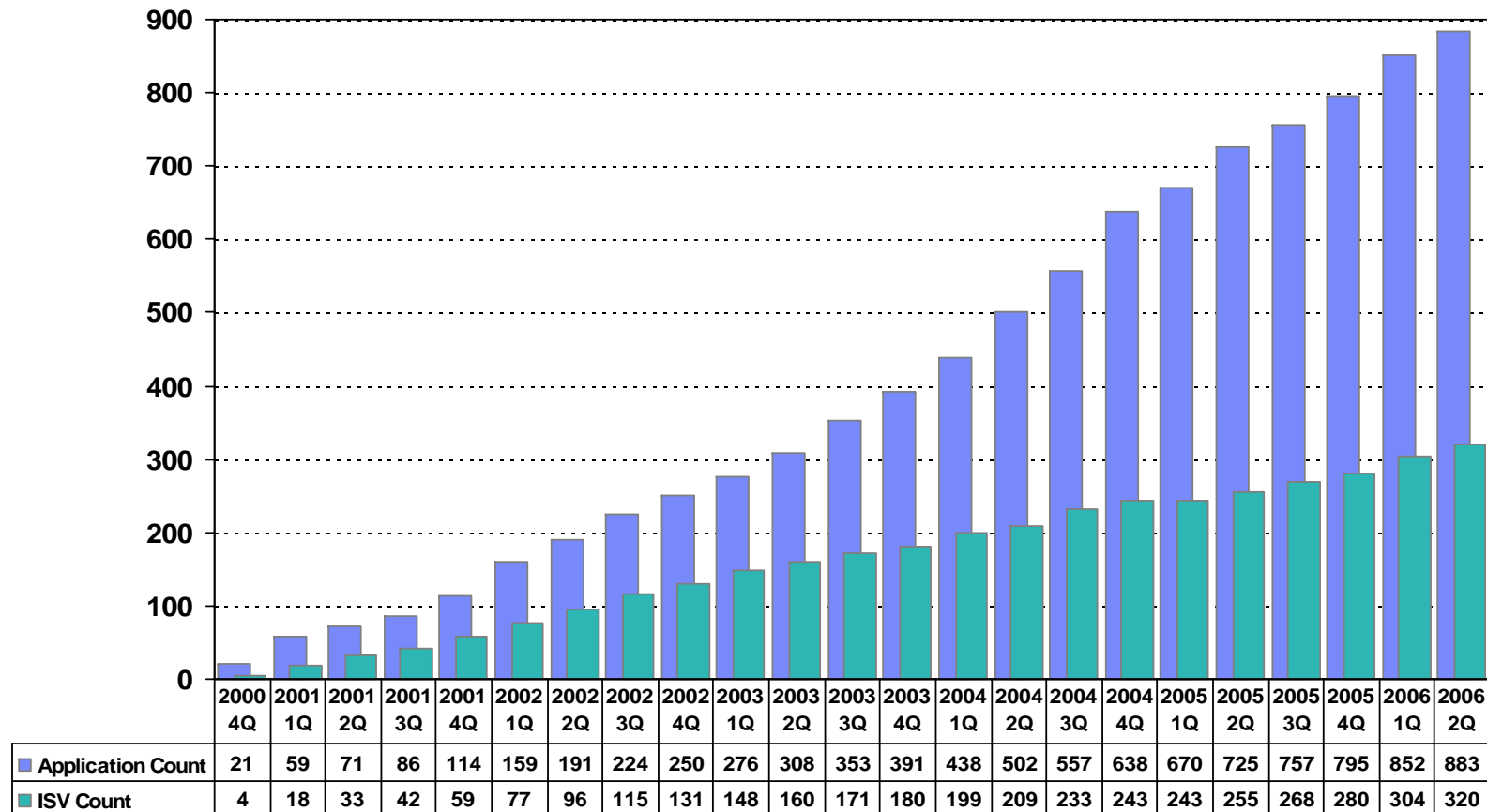
- **Application availability**
 - Certification of solution on hardware/software platform
- **Workload Management**
- **Manageability and scaling characteristics**
 - Especially DB2 on z/OS
 - Proximity of data to application
 - The best network is an internal network!

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Linux on System z ISV status

ibm.com/systems/z/solutions/isv/linuxproduct.html





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Who is using Linux on System z



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Current workload share on utilized IFLs

End 1Q2006 – primary applications

60%	Application serving for z/OS e.g. WebSphere, SAP, CICS TG, DB2 Connect
30%	Data serving e.g. Oracle DB, DB2 UDB
5%	Workplace serving e.g. Domino, other e-mail
5%	Infrastructure serving e.g. Apache, Samba
<1%	Linux application development/deployment

Notes: extrapolation based on analyzing 1/3 of inventory, excludes all IBM



University of Toronto



- **Business need**
 - U of T needed to reduce mainframe processing costs and increase computing capacity to support greater demand during the university's student registration periods
- **Solution implementation**
 - IBM z9 BC IFL running z/VM and Novell SLES
 - IBM DB2 UDB off-loaded from z/OS
- **Benefit of the solution**
 - The migration was easy to implement and didn't affect any of the university's 50,000 users
 - U of T expects to save \$30,000 per month in software costs, which adds up to more than \$1 million in savings over three years



US Office of Personnel Management

■ Current environment

- z900 IFL with 3 LPARs running z/VM and 45 Novell SLES images
 - Production, User Acceptance Test, Development, and SysProg Test
- Apache, WebSphere Application Server, DB2 UDB

■ Costs

- Linux on z solution → \$240K
- Linux on Intel solution → \$840K (lowest cost estimate)

- ***“... with an upgrade to a z9 BC my one IFL goes from 238 MIPS to 480 MIPS and my software charges stay exactly the same as they are today. ... Once I get a processor license for a piece of software I can bring up many of them virtually with no additional charges. Oh yes, the z900 IFL is not even breathing hard yet.”***

- Jim Marshall, US Office of Personnel Management, June 26, 2006



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Why Server Virtualization? Why Linux on System z?

- **Issues – facing us from Infrastructure perspective**
 - 78% of our distributed servers have peak utilization of < 50%
 - Server provisioning time is measured in weeks
 - Dynamically allocating processing power is difficult, for example:
 - Some applications may need more processing power on Fridays
 - Development may want a performance test environment for only 8 weeks
 - Opportunity exists to dramatically reduce the TCO of Server / Web Hosting
 - Data center power and floor space scarcity – 10s of millions of dollar investment
- **Enablers – assist us in changing the way we do business**
 - Virtualization Capabilities:
 - Ability to share resources across multiple applications / workloads
 - 40 year old concept from Mainframe
 - These capabilities are now available for ‘distributed’ applications thru Linux on System z
 - Standardization: New Custom Applications to be based on J2EE/Linux
 - Linux pricing on System z is significantly different from traditional z/OS MIPS
 - Middleware pricing (WebSphere, Oracle, UDB) on System z is rather attractive
 - Tools to automate provisioning are widely becoming available



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Completely new set of technology and fully operational environment was introduced over 4 months

- **A dedicated team**
 - Finalized the design and the business case,
 - Implemented the infrastructure,
 - Developed the rate structure and
 - Created operation processes and procedures within four months.
- **Applications are already in production today**
 - Nationwide.com runs on Linux on System z
 - 5 other mission critical applications are already in production
 - 10 more mission critical applications are in test mode
- **A total of 250+ virtual servers are in production today**
 - 200+ development and test servers are being supported by 3 IFLs!!
 - 50+ production servers are being supported by 3 IFLs!!
 - Tested scaling two applications 22x and 5x production levels simultaneously

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What are the overall benefits?

- **Significantly Better TCO – \$16 million savings over 3 years**
 - More than 50% reduction in web hosting monthly cost
 - Significant savings on middleware costs (WebSphere, UDB, Oracle, etc.)
 - Significant Data center floor space (80% reduction) and power conservation.
 - Higher CPU utilization
 - 50% less FTEs are needed to support hardware & OS due to shared read only libraries (Standalone Unix environment 1FTE:30 Servers; System z Virtualized environment 1FTE:80 Virtual Servers)
- **Significantly Faster Provisioning Speed**
 - Reduce web hosting environment provisioning from months to days
- **Dynamic Allocation of Compute Power**
 - Allocate more compute power to applications when they need it
 - Ability to dynamically upgrades compute power – On Demand Model
- **Leverage tried and true technology over 40 year for virtualization**



DGTIC – environment and pains

- **IT environment**
 - Over 150 UNIX servers (Sun, IBM pSeries)
 - Approximately 375 Oracle DB processor licenses
- **Several Intel servers**
 - 5 x zSeries 890 for a total of 2000 MIPS
 - System z9 EC as a Linux only server (5 IFLs)
 - Several departments with all similar pains
 - Security, networking, infrastructure, architecture / support / development, etc.
- **Customer pains that z9 EC addresses**
 - Demand for Web environment increasing and unpredictable
 - Available resources decreasing to deploy and support these servers
 - Need for improvement in cost for deploying the solutions and time-to-market
 - Disaster recovery



DGTIC – business case

- **Divided the customer environment into functional layers suitable for Linux on System z with high/low probability**
 - DB, WAS, Web, LDAP, Edge, Firewalls, Portal, etc.
- **Sizing on a sample of each layer**
 - Done by IBM Techline with available data
- **Built scenarios with customer data**
 - Divided the business case in 2
 - Tangible benefits (hardware, software, maintenance, disaster recovery) – overall 20+% savings
 - Intangible benefits (management, resources, speed of deployment)
- **Find the one application driving the most benefits**
 - Criteria:
 - Quick payback
 - Portability
 - Speed of migration
 - Stable system
 - The winner: Oracle DB – 40+% savings (\$1.2M per year just in software costs for Oracle)



DGTIC – intangible benefits

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Category	Importance	z/VM Description	Level	Distributed platform Description		
Disciplin-ability (production mentality)	50		50		20	30
Change management	5	Formal & part of the culture	5	Formal	2	
Start-up disk	5	Unique IPL pack (like z/OS)	5	Starting a project for a cloning engine	2	
Performance hardware	65		56		26	30
Partitions	3	Partitions take only what they need (determine by the weight)	5	Partitions take everything available (determine by the weight)	3	
Processor(s) I/O	3	Dedicated processors	5	Same processors (CPU & I/O)	1	
Flexibility (ad-hoc demand)	3	A partition can use unused cycles from other partitions	4	Partition will always use all cycles available (determine by the weight)	2	
On demand	2	Annual cost for the service	3	Must purchase additional processors	2	
Experience (virtualization)	2	Close to 20 years	4	2 years +	2	
Performance software	75		61		26	35
Virtual machines	4	Virtual machines only use what they need	5	See Partition	3	
Control	4	Weight & priority	4	Weight only	2	
Flexibility (ad-hoc demand)	4	A virtual machine can use unused cycles from other virtual machines	4	N/A		
Utilisation reporting	3	Performance ToolKit	3	In-house tool	2	
Deployment (speed)	50		44		21	23
New environment creation	4	Define a new virtual machine & use the cloner	5	Define a partition & install the operating system	3	
Network	3	New definitions VLAN (VM) & firewalls	4	Network cards, cables, ports in router if new server and firewall	1	
I/O	3	Shared FICON/ESCON ports	4	HBA + ports in director, cables if new server	2	
Easiness to manage software keys	10		8		4	4
	2	Calculated with the number of IFLs per partition	4	Add all processors on which the software is running, must consider virtual vs physical	2	
Disaster recovery	130		117		35	82
Exercises	4	Remote installation	5	Staff on site (New Jersey)	2	
Operating system recovery	5	Disk recovery (from backup)	5	Installation of the operating system	1	
Testing results	4	Complete & successful (the process is identical as z/OS)	4	Not enough time to complete the tests	1	
Hardware isolation	4	z/VM is independent of the hardware	4	Must have compatible hardware (might need the same identical hardware)	1	
Backups	5	Well known & integrated process (from mainframe expertise)	4	Limited trust in the process	2	
Inventory	4	One unique inventory	5	Multiple inventories	1	
Security	25		23		16	7
Certification	3	LPAR EAL5A	5	Partition EAL 4+	4	
Cryptography	2	CPACF + Crypto cards	4	Software	2	
RAS	55		48		22	26
Redundancy	4	Backup processors always available	5	Backup processors only available if on demand package available (\$)	2	
Operating system	4	100% of planned time	4	AIX, Windows, SAN	2	
Disks	3	Partitions 9980 & FICON	4	HDS 9585 & FCP and disk towers	2	
Total	460		407		170	237
			88.48%		36.96%	



DGTIC – next steps

▪ Where we stand

- Installed z9 EC December 2005
- Virtual architecture (z/VM V5.2) ready to receive Oracle DB
 - Cloning mechanism
 - VLANs
 - All 6 security zones
- Data recovery test successful
 - Never was successful with distributed platform
- Intrusion tests by security complete
- Hurdles anticipated – they are not technical
 - Internal politics
 - Education
- Should have around 150 instances of Oracle running by end of year
- Currently 70 instances with z9 EC running 10% busy

▪ What's next

- IBM WebSphere Application Server, IBM WebSphere Portal, IBM Lotus Domino, firewalls



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Where you can find additional information about Linux on System z



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 Rolf Künzler, CTO at LGT Financial Service AG, and his team are looking at additional Oracle databases for consolidation on zSeries. A driving force behind their analysis is use of their IBM mainframes as centralized "data centers", which offer optimized I/O processing for databases.
- **IBM Japan builds new accounting system for NYK Line**
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Summary of News and Updates

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 Read the [z/VM and VM Site News and Changes](#) for a summary of VM-related news, announcements, pointers, new classes, and places to hear about z/VM virtualization technology.

Worldwide announcement letters (US letters / product links below)

→ Apr. 27, 2006	New z/VM V5.2 Function Added in Support of System z9
→ Apr. 27, 2006	Introducing new members to the System z9™ family
→ Feb. 21, 2006	V1.2.0 Tape Manager & Operations Manager for z/VM
→ Dec. 16, 2005	z/VM V5.2 Generally Available

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Mark Post's Linux for Big Iron site

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Software

- ◆ [Linux/390 Distributions](#)
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- ◆ [Hercules - An S/390 Hardware Emulator](#)

Linux for S/390 Big Iron

Linux for S/390 and zSeries, also known as Linux/390, is the native port of Linux to the S/390 and zSeries hardware platforms. It runs on the bare hardware, in an LPAR and as a VM, or z/VM guest.

LinuxVM.org is the official home of the Linux/390 project. The purpose of the project is to provide a central source of Linux/390 information and software, and to explore the possibilities of Linux and CP integration or interoperation.

The list of Linux/390 Redbooks was getting a little too unwieldy to remain on the front page, so it has been moved to its [own page](#).

05/11/2006 - Mark Post announced that he was now now able to provide Linux/390 DVDs for people that want them:

Thanks to the vast generosity of John McKown, I now have a DVD burner on one of my Intel Slackware systems. As I said in a previous post, I am now willing to provide DVDs of any freely available Linux/390 distribution that you can find .iso files for. (If

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Poughkeepsie, NY – September 19-21, 2006

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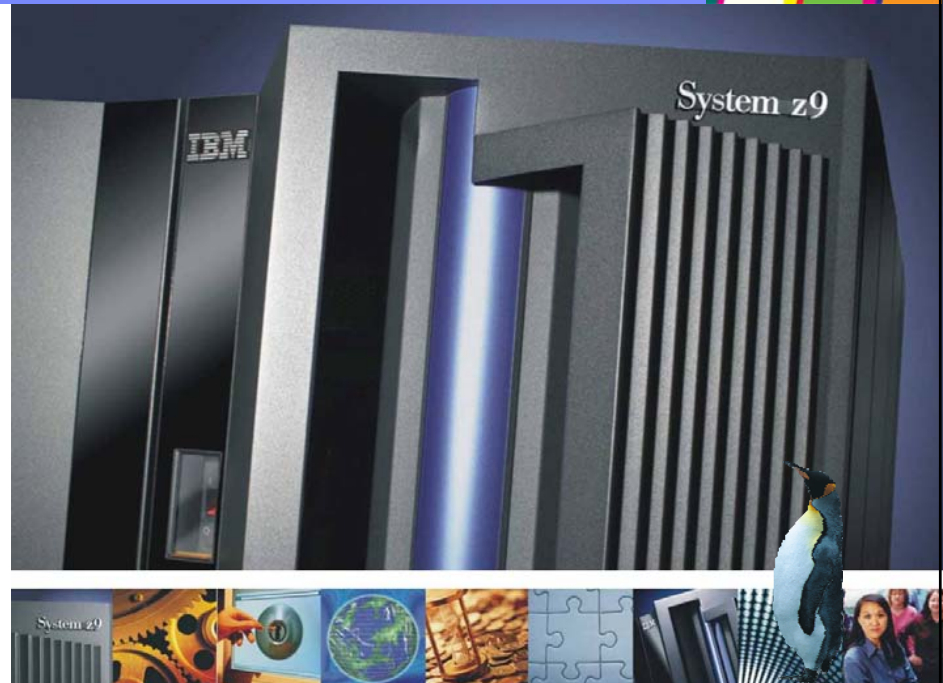
- **z/VM resources for Linux on IBM System z**
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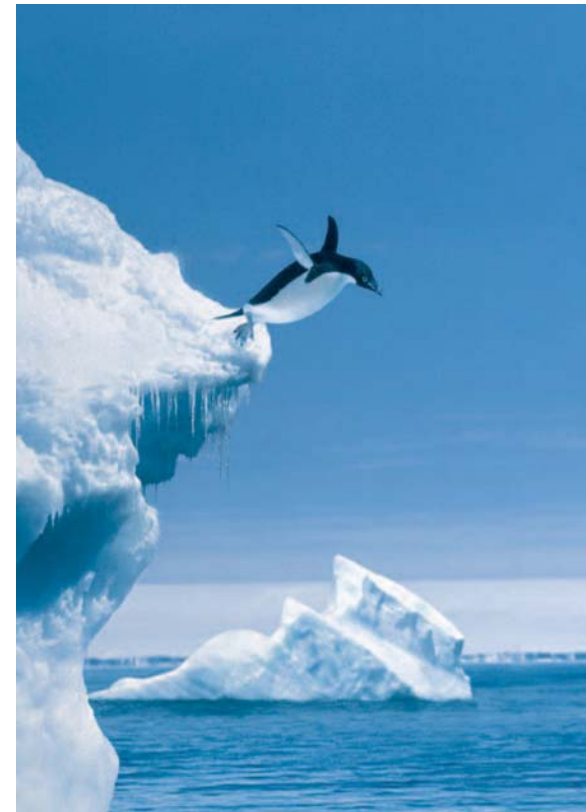
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