

Linux Optimization with IBM System z Virtualization

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Topics

- IBM System z virtualization overview
- Advanced z/VM virtualization technologies





IBM System z Virtualization Genetics

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





System z Virtualization Technology A Shared Everything Architecture



Most sophisticated and functionally complete hypervisors Able to host z/OS, Linux, z/VSE, z/TPF, and z/VM-on-z/VM Shared everything architecture Highly granular resource sharing (less than 1% utilization) Any virtual CPU can access any virtual I/O path within the attached logical channel subsystem z/VM can simulate devices not physically present Application integration with HiperSockets and VLANs Intelligent and autonomic workload management

Shared resources per mainframe footprint Up to 64 OS-configurable CPUs Up to 11 SAP processors Up to 1.5 TB of memory Up to 1024 channel paths Up to 16 internal HiperSockets networks

HW (LPAR) and SW (z/VM) hypervisors Hardware support, SIE, microcode assist Virtualization is transparent for Op Sys execution Hardware-enforced isolation

IBM System z: The Ultimate Virtualization Platform

- Virtualize everything with very high levels of utilization
 - CPU, memory, network, I/O, cryptographic features, coupling facility, ...
- Massively scale your workload on a single System z mainframe
 - Host tens-to-hundreds of virtual machines on z/VM
 - Each virtual machine on z/VM can access up to 24,576 devices
- Non-disruptively add anything
 - Up to 64x CPU scalability per mainframe, 32x scalability per z/VM LPAR
 - z/VM is designed to support more than 1 TB of active virtual memory
- Security for everything
 - Highest security classification for general purpose servers
 - System z LPAR technology is EAL 5 certified
- Optimize and integrate it all with the IBM software portfolio

Smart economics: start small and grow big in the same box

Consolidate all types of workloads

Helps secure your virtual servers and reduce business risk

Increase staff productivity and virtualize the enterprise

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Advanced z/VM Virtualization Technologies

- Resource sharing and scalability
- CPU and memory
- Advanced disk support
- Virtual communications and network consolidation
- Systems management, provisioning, command and control







IBM System z Virtualization Leadership Extreme Levels of CPU Sharing



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IBM System z CPU High Availability Concurrent Processor Reassignment

- Used to concurrently change the physical backing of one or more logical processors
- The state of source physical processor is captured and transplanted into the target physical processor
- Operation is transparent to operating systems
- Used for processor sparing and book replacement





System Design Affects Virtualization Capabilities

System z packs a lot of compute power into a single box With TCO-friendly pricing

Up to 64-way SMP



Share up to 64 processors with up to 60 LPARs

Configure these processors as CPs, IFLs, zAAPs*, zIIPs*, or ICFs*

* No software license fees

2 Standard Spare PUs

Up to 11 System Assist Processors



Offload system processing to dedicated CPUs (no impact to software license fees)



Up to 336 I/O Processors



Up to 16 Crypto Express2 CPUs High scale performance for SSL transactions



- The I/O infrastructure is shared by LPARs at native speeds, without hypervisor involvement
- Up to 8 physical channels process the I/O requests to the shared devices
 - This reduces the possibility of I/O queuing delays at the channels or at the shared storage controller



Resource Sharing and Scalability *Scale Up <u>and</u> Out with Linux on z/VM*

- With z/VM you can grow horizontally and vertically on the same System z server...dynamically
- Provision a virtual machine for peak utilization and allocate its resources to other servers during off-peak hours... automatically

Add more resources to existing server non-disruptively...



Linux-on-z/VM and Resource Sharing Additional Cost Savings and Operational Efficiencies

- A fundamental strength of z/VM is its ability to share system resources to an extreme level
- Virtual machines can simultaneously access the I/O and networking resources available on a System z machine
 - Both real and virtual (z/VM) resources can be used with very high levels of bandwidth and reliability for enhanced workload throughput
- Linux can exploit z/VM-unique facilities for even higher levels of resource utilization and operational efficiencies
 - Increase staff productivity and reduce memory consumption by sharing Linux program executables with z/VM DCSS technology
 - Improve memory utilization with Virtual Disks in Storage and Cooperative Memory Management
 - Enhance virtual networking bandwidth and availability using Link Aggregation and the z/VM Virtual Switch



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 20-to-1 overcommitment of CPU capacity:

Software licensed for two CPUs can run in 40 virtual machines



Linux-on-z/VM and Flexible, Efficient Growth New z/VM V5.4 Function Enhances System Availability

- 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



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z/VM V5.4 – An Exceptional Virtualization Platform

z/VM can massively scale a virtual server environment with a mix of virtual <u>and</u> real resources for each virtual machine

- With exceptional levels of performance, availability, and security
- Virtual and real assets can be non-disruptively added when needed



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z/VM CPU Resource Controls Highly Granular Sharing of System Resources

- Allocate system resources per guest image using SHARE command
 - This is a highly flexible and self-managed function of the z/VM Control Program
 - Reserve CPU capacity for peak usage
 - Use it when needed
 - Relinquish the processor cycles for other servers when not needed
 - "Absolute guests" receive top priority
 - The Virtual Machine Resource Manager can be used to monitor and adjust remaining capacity allocated to "Relative guests"
 - Also use VMRM to prioritize I/O operations among guest images via "I/O Priority Queuing"

SHARE	Lin1	ABSOLUTE	40%	ABSOLUTE	60%	LIMITSOFT
SHARE	Lin2	ABSOLUTE	20%	ABSOLUTE	30%	LIMITHARD
SHARE	Lin3	RELATIVE	200	RELATIVE	300	LIMITHARD
SHARE	Lin4	RELATIVE	100	RELATIVE	200	LIMITSOFT
SHARE	Lin5	RELATIVE	100	RELATIVE	200	LIMITSOFT



Notes:

- ---- = limit can be exceeded if unused capacity is available (LIMITSOFT)
 - = limit will not be exceeded (LIMITHARD)

Extreme Virtualization with Linux on z/VM VMRM Cooperative Memory Management (VMRM-CMM)

- Problem scenario: virtual memory utilization far exceeds real memory availability
- Solution: real memory constraint corrected by z/VM Virtual Machine Resource Manager
- Linux images signaled to reduce virtual memory consumption
- Demand on real memory and z/VM paging subsystem is reduced
- Helps improve overall system performance and guest image throughput



Learn more at:

OLTP Database Environment with VMRM-CMM and CMMA Excerpt from "z/VM Large Memory – Linux on System z" Whitepaper

Throughput for 10 guests

z/VM 5.2, z/VM 5.3, CMMA, VMRM-CMM, VMRM-CMM & CMMA



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Linux and z/VM Technology Exploitation Collaborative Memory Management Assist (CMMA)

- Extends coordination of memory and paging between Linux and z/VM to the level of individual pages using a new hardware assist (CMMA)
- z/VM knows when a Linux application has released a page of memory
- Host Page-Management Assist (*HPMA*), in conjunction with CMMA, further reduces z/VM processing needed to resolve page faults
- Can help z/VM host more virtual servers in the same amount of memory
- Supported by System z9 and z/VM V5.3 and later
- Linux support available with Novell SLES 10 SP1



Transaction Rate versus Number of Hosted Servers *Apache Servers with 1GB of Memory Each – z/VM with 8GB of Memory**



* z/VM running in IBM System z9 LPAR with 6GB of Central Storage and 2GB of Expanded Storage

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Paging Space Utilization versus Number of Hosted Servers Apache Servers with 1GB of Memory Each – z/VM with 8GB of Memory*



* z/VM running in IBM System z9 LPAR with 6GB of Central Storage and 2GB of Expanded Storage

z/VM Technology: Advanced Disk Support



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Extreme Linux-on-z/VM Virtualization Linux Exploitation of z/VM DCSS Support

- Discontinguous Saved Segments (DCSS)
 - Share a single, real memory location among multiple virtual machines
 - Can reduce real memory utilization

Linux exploitation: shared program executables

- Program executables are stored in an execute-inplace file system, then loaded into a DCSS
- DCSS memory locations can reside outside the defined virtual machine configuration
- Access to file system is at memory speeds; executables are invoked directly out of the file system (no data movement required)
- Avoids duplication of virtual memory
- Helps enhance overall system performance and scalability

z/VM V5.4 support enhancements:

- Segments can reside above 2 GB address line
- Enables even greater system scalability
- New addressing limit is 512 GB

Note: Maximum size of a single DCSS is 2047 MB



Extreme Virtualization with Linux on z/VM Linux Exploitation of z/VM Virtual Disks in Storage (VDISK)

- VDISK support is Data-in-Memory technology
 - Simulate a disk device using real memory
 - Achieve memory speeds on disk I/O operations
 - VDISKs can be shared among virtual machines
- Linux exploitation: high-speed swap device
 - Use VDISKs for Linux swap devices instead of real disk volumes
 - Reduces demand on I/O subsystem
 - Helps reduce the performance penalty normally associated with swapping operations
 - An excellent configuration tool that helps clients minimize the memory footprint required for virtual Linux servers
 - Helps improve the efficiency of sharing real resources among virtual machines



System z and N_Port ID Virtualization (NPIV)



With N_Port ID Virtualization



= virtual Worldwide Port Name (WWPN)

IBM System Storage SAN Volume Controller Software V4.3

- z/VM and Linux for System z support SAN Volume Controller (SVC) V4.3
- SVC allows z/VM and Linux to access SCSI storage from multiple vendors as a single pool of disk capacity
- z/VM FBA emulation allows CMS users to access SVC-managed disk space
- New function in SVC V4.3:
 - Space-Efficient Virtual Disks use disk space only when data is written
 - Space-Efficient FlashCopy uses disk space only for changes between source and target data
 - Virtual Disk Mirroring helps improve availability for critical applications by storing two copies of a virtual disk on different disk systems

Supported in z/VM V5.3 and V5.4

 z/VM V5.2 support available with PTF for APAR VM64128

Learn more at: ibm.com/storage/support/2145



z/VM Virtual Switch Link Aggregation Support Enhanced Networking Bandwidth and Business Continuance



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z/VM Virtual Switch Support Layer 3 Compared to Layer 2 Switching



z/VM Virtual Switch and OSA-Express Port Isolation

- Allows users to restrict guest-to-guest communications within a Virtual Switch by exploiting OSA-Express QDIO data connection isolation
- Provides a mechanism to isolate a QDIO data connection on an OSA port
 - Enables network isolation for operating systems sharing physical network connectivity



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z/VM Command and Control Infrastructure

Built-in z/VM facilities enable cost-effective command and control

- Performance data collection and reporting for every Linux image
- Log accounting records for charge-back
- Automate system operations with CMS, REXX, Pipelines, virtual console interrogation using PROP (VM programmable operator)
- Dynamic I/O reconfiguration (e.g., dynamically add more disks)
- Run EREP on z/VM for system-level hardware error reporting
- Priced z/VM features:
 - DirMaint simplifies task of adding/modifying/deleting users
 - Performance Toolkit for VM performance recording and reporting
 - RACF Security Server for z/VM security services (including LDAP)
 - RSCS provides NJE connectivity support for Linux systems
- Samples, examples, downloads available
 - IBM Redbooks
 - z/VM web site (www.vm.ibm.com/download)
- Extensive suite of solutions available from ISVs
 - Visit: ibm.com/systems/z/os/linux/apps/all.html



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z/VM Technology – Command and Control Infrastructure Leveraging the IBM Software Portfolio



z/VM Integrated Systems Management Using the System z Hardware Management Console (HMC)

Included in z/VM V5.4

- Allows basic z/VM functions to be performed from HMC
- Network connection not required
- Uses SCLP hardware interface to access z/VM systems management APIs

Supported operations:

- View z/VM guests
- Activate z/VM guests
- Deactivate z/VM guests
- Display guest configuration and status

z/VM V5.3 also supported

 Requires PTFs for APARs VM64233 and VM64234



GDPS/PPRC Multiplatform Resiliency for System z



- Designed for customers with distributed applications
- SAP application server running on Linux for System z
- SAP DB server running on z/OS
- Coordinated nearcontinuous availability and DR solution for z/OS, Linux guests, and z/VM
- Uses z/VM HyperSwap function to switch to secondary disks
- Sysplex support allows for site recovery



z/VM Virtualization Leadership The Value of Scaling on a Single Hypervisor

- Grow virtual server workloads without linearly growing energy costs
- Enhance staff productivity with a single point of control at the hypervisor level
- Dynamically add and remove physical resources in a single machine to optimize business results
- Exploit hypervisor automation tools with higher degrees of integration and optimization









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Backup Material

IBM System z Virtualization Genetics

Over 40 years of continuous innovation in virtualization System z10 Refined to support modern business requirements System z9 z/VM V5 64-Bit **zSeries** VM/ESA Virtual Switch **ESA** Guest LANs Set Observer Virtual Machine Resource Manager Virtual Disks in Storage Performance Toolkit **CMS** Pipelines **QDIO Enhanced Buffer State Mgmt** Accounting Facility Minidisk Cache HiperSockets Absolute | Relative SHARE SIE on SIE Automated Shutdown Discontiguous Saved Segments Named Saved Systems I/O Priority Queuina Instruction TRACE Start Interpretive Execution (SIE) Host Page-Management Assist LPAR Hypervisor Integrated Facility for Linux HyperSwap Inter-User Communication Vehicle (IUCV) VM Assist Microcode Adapter Interruption Pass-Through **CP-67** Conversational Monitor System (CMS) Dedicated I/O Processors Multiple Logical Channel Subsystems (LCSS) S/360 Diagnose Hypervisor Interface Program Event Recording (PER) Open Systems Adapter (OSA) Network Switching Translation Look-Aside Buffer (TLB) REXX Interpreter Large SMP Control Program Hypervisor **Dynamic Virtual Machine Timeout** Dynamic Address Translation (DAT) Zone Relocation Expanded Storage Multiple Image Facility (MIF) N Port ID Virtualization (NPIV) 1960s 1972 1980 1981 1988 2008... 1995

IBM System z – a comprehensive and sophisticated suite of virtualization function

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System z and z/VM Virtualization Leadership Integrated Technology Stack

Mainframe virtualization enhancements can be delivered where they belong

- In hardware and/or firmware
- In the hypervisor, operating system, or application layers
- All of the above for some technology advances
- Enables a coordinated and timely delivery of support for new hardware (e.g., servers, storage, networking)
- System z virtualization users can receive support from a single vendor (IBM) for resolving issues and addressing functional requirements

The combination of LPAR and z/VM on System z offers powerful options for:

- Workload management and isolation
- System resource sharing
- Business continuance (e.g., failover)
- Application integration with z/OS

Co-residency of Linux-on-z/VM and z/OS can mean...

- Linux and z/VM systems can exploit z/OS technologies for enhanced qualities of service (e.g., GDPS/PPRC Multiplatform Resiliency for System z)
- z/OS users can deploy applications and services on Linux that may more easily integrate with their existing mainframe operations and infrastructure

System z and z/VM Virtualization Leadership Flexible and Functionally Rich Systems Management Tooling

Users can run z/VM as a guest of z/VM

- Added flexibility for test and verification, release-to-release migration support, user education and training
- Beneficial for hosting disaster recovery solutions
- z/VM offers an extensive suite of built-in tools and utilities for debug, problem determination, and system automation
 - Trace and trap at the instruction level, with no modification of the guest operating system expected
 - Record and report resource utilization with a high degree of selectivity and frequency
 - Sniff virtual network traffic among guest systems
 - Automate system operations with PROP and SET OBSERVER
- The Performance Toolkit for VM[™] allows users to monitor system activity and capture resource consumption data to enable chargeback and capacity planning
 - The Performance Toolkit also works with "OMEGAMON[®] XE for z/VM and Linux" for enterprise-level performance monitoring
- The "z/VM Center" task of IBM Director provides fast and easy provisioning of virtual Linux server images on z/VM

The Power and Flexibility of System z Virtualization

- Over 40 years of continuous innovation in virtualization technologies
- Multiple images concurrently share all physical resources
- Resources delivered as required, automatically, based on business-oriented goals
- New OS images can be started without affecting ongoing work
- Hardware assists used to accelerate virtualization operations (e.g., SIE)



z/VM-Mode LPAR Support for IBM System z10

New LPAR type for IBM System z10: z/VM-mode

Allows z/VM V5.4 users to configure all CPU types in a z10 LPAR

Offers added flexibility for hosting mainframe workloads

- Add *IFLs* to an existing standard-engine z/VM LPAR to host Linux workloads
- Add *CPs* to an existing IFL z/VM LPAR to host z/OS, z/VSE, or traditional CMS workloads
- Add zAAPs and zIIPs to host eligible z/OS specialty-engine processing
- Test integrated Linux and z/OS solutions in the same LPAR

No change to IBM software licensing

Software continues to be licensed according to CPU type

Provisioning Linux Virtual Machines on System z *Using IBM Director for Linux on System z with z/VM Center*

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Monitoring System z Virtual Linux Servers Using IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux V4.1.2

- Combined product offering that monitors z/VM and Linux for System z
- Provides work spaces that display:
 - Overall system health
 - Workload metrics for logged-in users
 - Individual device metrics
 - LPAR data
- Provides composite views of Linux running on z/VM
- New function in V4.1.2:
 - Additional monitoring to help identify bottlenecks in the I/O subsystem
 - Processor spin lock wait statistics

Learn more at: **ibm.com**/software/tivoli/products/omegamon-xe-zvm-linux

IBM Tivoli Virtualization Management for System z *Helping Clients Manage and Control Their Virtualized IT Infrastructure*

IBM System z Virtualization Infrastructure

- IBM System z hardware (including LPAR hypervisor)
- IBM z/VM Version 5

Monitoring for Virtualization Infrastructure

- z/VM Virtual Machine Resource Manager (included with z/VM)
- IBM z/VM Performance Toolkit for VM (z/VM priced feature)
- IBM Director
- IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE on z/VM and Linux
- IBM Tivoli Monitoring
- IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager for SOA
- IBM Tivoli Usage and Accounting Manager

Automation for Virtualization Infrastructure

- IBM Operations Manager for z/VM
- IBM Tivoli Netcool OMNIbus
- IBM Tivoli Workload Scheduler

Provisioning Management

- IBM z/VM DirMaint (z/VM priced feature)
- z/VM Center task of IBM Director
- IBM Tivoli Provisioning Manager

Resiliency Management

• IBM Tivoli System Automation for Multiplatforms

Application Layer Management

- IBM Tivoli Application Dependency Discovery Manager
- IBM Tivoli OMEGAMON XE for Messaging
- IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager for Response Time
- IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager for Web Resources
- IBM Tivoli Composite Application Manager for Transactions
- IBM Tivoli License Compliance Manager

Extended Infrastructure Management (Security)

- IBM z/VM RACF Security Server (z/VM priced feature)
- IBM Tivoli zSecure
- IBM Tivoli Access Manager for e-business
- IBM Tivoli Access Manager for OS
- IBM Tivoli Federated Identity Manager
- IBM Tivoli Identity Manager
- IBM Directory Server
- IBM Directory Integrator

Extended Infrastructure Management (Storage)

- IBM SAN Volume Controller (SVC)
- IBM Tivoli Storage Manager
- IBM TotalStorage Productivity Center
- IBM Backup and Restore Manager for z/VM
- IBM Tape Manager for z/VM
- IBM Archive Manager for z/VM

Extended Infrastructure Management (Network)

- IBM z/VM RSCS (z/VM priced feature)
- IBM Tivoli Network Manager IP Edition

Business Services Management

- IBM Tivoli Business Service Manager
- IBM Tivoli Service Request Manager
- IBM Change and Configuration Management Database (CCMDB)

For specific releases, refer to Tivoli Platform Support Matrix at: ibm.com/software/sysmgmt/products/support/Tivoli_Supported_Platforms.html

z/VM Systems Management Products from IBM

IBM Operations Manager for z/VM

- Helps improve the monitoring and management of z/VM virtual machines by *automating* routine maintenance tasks
- Enables users to *automatically respond* to predictable situations that require intervention
- Assists with monitoring and problem determination by allowing authorized users to view and interact with *live consoles* of z/VM service machines or Linux guests

IBM Backup and Restore Manager for z/VM

- Provides z/VM system administrators and operators the ability to efficiently and effectively backup and restore files and data on z/VM systems
- Can also backup and restore images of *non-z/VM guest systems* such as Linux

IBM Tape Manager for z/VM

- Manages and monitors tape resources; helps increase data availability and improve operator efficiency
- Automates common daily tape operations and helps eliminate tedious, often error-prone, manual tasks

IBM Archive Manager for z/VM

- Addresses storage and data management concerns by allowing users to archive historical or other infrequently used data to *increase data availability*
- Helps companies comply with data storage requirements mandated by fiscal or legal regulations and policies

System z Virtualization Leadership *Offering Virtual Server Solutions the IT Industry Demands*

Highly scalable, granular, and efficient virtual server hosting

- Capable of running thousands of virtual servers on a single mainframe
- Designed to run memory-rich and I/O-intensive (disk and network) workloads with data integrity
- Able to achieve extremely high levels of physical CPU, memory, networking, and disk resource sharing
- Allows significant over commitment of real resources, resulting in higher utilization while processing peak business demands and maintaining service levels – "doing more with less"

Infrastructure simplification and flexible operations

- Can improve the efficiency of your IT staff with robust and powerful systems management capabilities, allowing staff to quickly provision and manage more virtual servers
- Provides non-disruptively adding and removing of physical resources (CPU, memory, I/O, networking) to satisfy virtual server requirements in response to changing business demands
- Can host Linux applications side-by-side LPARs on the same mainframe with fast and secure connectivity, leveraging z/TPF, z/VSE, and z/OS secure data serving

Virtual server integrity and security

- For decades z/VM and the mainframe have been architected for secure processing, offering high levels of integrity and security
- System z servers have achieved EAL 5 certification; z/VM has achieved EAL 4+ certification, offering system solutions that have been methodically designed, tested, and reviewed for secure operations

z/VM Virtualization Leadership Support

- High levels of RAS built into the hardware
- Non-disruptive On/Off Capacity on Demand capability
- Linux and z/OS application integration
- Highly granular allocation of hardware assets
 - Add "small" server images to existing configuration with minimal impact to other server images expected
- Large-scale server hosting
 - Potentially hundreds of server images
- Resource consumption recording / reporting
 - Capture data at hypervisor level (CP Monitor)
 - Useful for charge-back, capacity planning, problem determination, and fix verification
- Hot stand-by without the hardware expense
 - Idle backup images ready to run (or be booted) if primary servers fail
- Autonomic, non-disruptive disk failover to secondary storage subsystem capability
- Architecture simulation
 - Help satisfy configuration requirements without necessarily suffering expense of real hardware

- In-memory application sharing
 - Share program executables among multiple server images
- Server-memory-cached disk I/O
 - High-speed read access to files on disk
- Virtual Disks in Storage
 - High-speed read and write access to files in memory (excellent swap devices for Linux)
- Built-in console message routing
 - Route messages from all virtual servers to a single virtual machine (system automation)
- Virtual Machine Resource Manager
- "Hands free" auto-logon of server images
 - Using z/VM "Autolog" support
- Initiate operating system shutdown from "outside" the server image
 - Without requiring agent running on guest operating system
- Up to 256 Linux servers can share a single System z cryptographic card using z/VM
- Clone, patch, and "go live" with easy rollback

Extreme Virtualization with System z *Opportunities for Cost Savings*

- Energy and floor space savings
- Reduced software license fees via CPU over-commitment
- Enhanced staff productivity via large-scale virtual server deployment on a single z/VM hypervisor
- Reduced application outages reliability and redundancy of System z infrastructure
- Flexible configuration options for business continuance (e.g., Capacity Backup on Demand)
- Cost-attractive economic model for technology refreshes (e.g., specialty engines carry forward to next generation)