

Enabling Cloud Computing with WebSphere Podcast Education Series

WebSphere Virtual Enterprise – a business overview Marc Haberkorn, IBM WebSphere Product Management



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Virtual Enterprise – *Doing More With Less*

Challenge:

- Increase server utilization and scalability so that I can optimize my capital & administration costs
- Ensure my most important applications are given priority according to my business and IT policies
- Flexibly respond to unforeseen application demand
- Provide high availability and redundancy for my business-critical applications

WebSphere Virtual Enterprise allows organizations to optimize their infrastructure investment and to prioritize their applications in a mission-critical manner

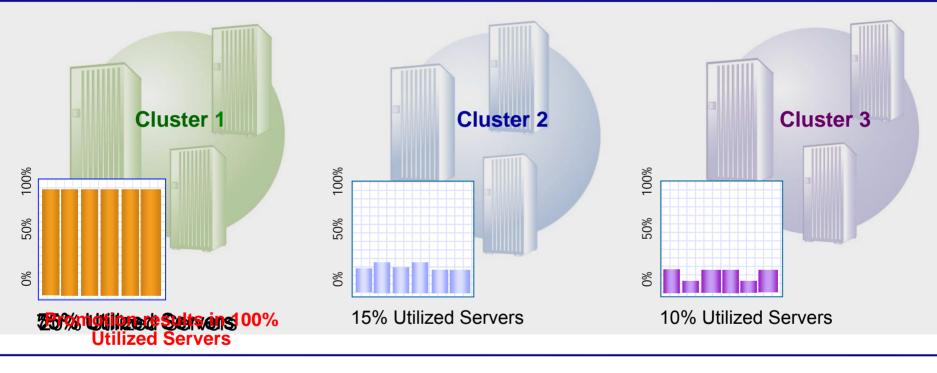


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Resource Optimization: An Example

An ad campaign or promotion results in a huge increase in insurance quotes ...



Quote Processing

Auto Insurance

Home Insurance



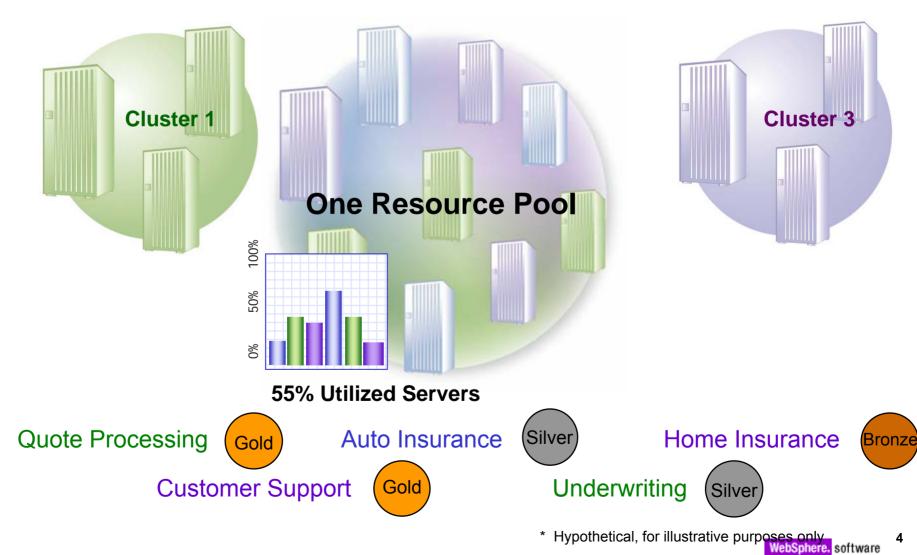
Quote processing time increases ... Customers grow tired of waiting ... Lost Revenue.

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Resource Optimization: An Example

WebSphere Virtual Enterprise maximizes utilization and improves responsiveness!





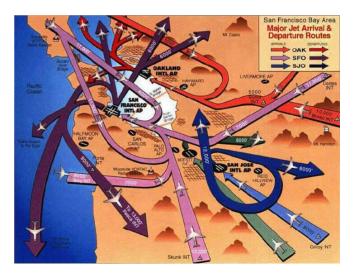
Intelligent Workload Management Drives Up Utilization of App. Infrastructure Using Application Knowledge

What is Policy-based Workload Management?

- Manage in-bound transaction (workload) requests ... in real time
- Route work to the application server that can do it best
- Streamline processing through the system for higher priority requests (give them priority)
- Ensure that in-bound requests do not overwhelm backend application resources (moderate flow ... just like the airlines)
- Requires application knowledge!

Results in:

- Better application performance
- Optimal resource utilization
- Optimal throughput & responsiveness
- Satisfied end users

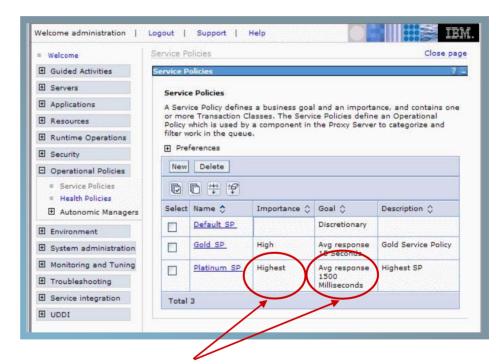


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Application Prioritization: Doing What's Important to You

VE easily allows an administrator to specify the relative importance of applications; VE then manages to it

- Service policies are used to define application service level goals
- Allow workloads to be classified, prioritized and intelligently routed
- Enables application performance monitoring
- Resource adjustments are made if needed to consistently achieve service policies



Service Policies define the relative importance and response time goals of application services; defined in terms the end user result the customer wishes to achieve

- Deploy new applications without jeopardizing application or service

- Coordinate activation of application versions & routing of requests to the application
- Test final pre-production level of an application version with a select group of users

Results In

availability

- Easy validation of new versions of applications & services
- Support "rolling" upgrades no planned downtime

to "Always On" Infrastructure

What is Application Edition Management?

Upgrade applications without interruption

- Ability to roll-back with one click minimize unplanned downtime
- More agile and flexible application & service deployment

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Streamlining Deployment of Applications and Services Leads

Key Capability: Health Management

What is Health Management?

- Proactively deal with application and application infrastructure issues *before* they become acute problems ... automatically
- Health conditions and associated corrective actions
- Requires application and infrastructure insight!
- Requires application knowledge!

<u>Results In</u>

- Better availability
- Less administration required
- Satisfied end users







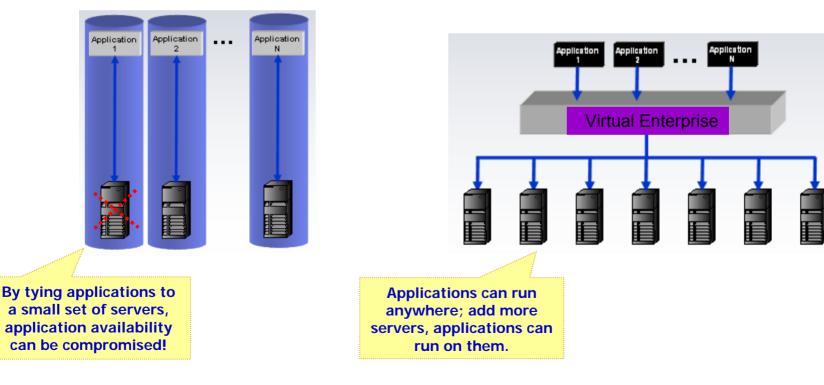


High Availability

By running applications across a pool of resources, applications become inherently highly available; if a server fails, VE moves the work to other servers

Siloed Applications & Resources

Single Pool of Resources



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Levels of Virtualization



- Coordinate, schedule and manage workload across a pool of resources
- Schedulers, workload managers, etc.



- **Application Virtualization**
 - > Running an application within a VM



- **Server Virtualization**
- Partitioning / Hypervisors



Virtual Memory



Network Virtualization

- > Virtual LANs (VLANs)
- > Virtual Private Networks(VPNs)



Microprocessor Virtualization

- > Multi / Hyper Threading
- > Hardware assisted virtualization (Intel, AMD)

Application Virtualization



Application Virtualization & Server Virtualization

If I'm using server virtualization, do I really need WebSphere Virtual Enterprise?



- What's going on in that black box?
- Are you managing at the black box level?
- Isn't what's going on inside really important?
- Can you get inside?

The virtual machine is running ... but is your application or service available?



Application Virtualization & Server Virtualization

- WebSphere Virtual Enterprise adds value to WebSphere (WAS ND) Virtualized Environments
 - WVE increases WebSphere efficiency
 - Increase in throughput and decrease in response time
 - More balanced allocation of available resources
- VMware dynamic CPU allocation added no benefit to dedicated WebSphere instances and it degraded the performance of WAS ND clusters
- WVE performance much better then WAS ND + VMware dynamic cpu allocation
 - 2X the throughput
 - 50% lower response time

Large US Airline

Problem

- Key customer applications experienced spiky CPU utilization and irregular response times
- Application updates required a site outage and result in lost revenue

Solution

- WebSphere VE's work load management dynamically adjusts server weights and evens out CPU utilization and response times
- WebSphere VE's Application Edition Management allows application update with continuous availability

Key VE Features / Benefits

- Application updates with no lost revenue
- Better customer experience by monitoring/managing to response times
- Future use of service policies for differentiated quality of service





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