The Virtual Machine Manager

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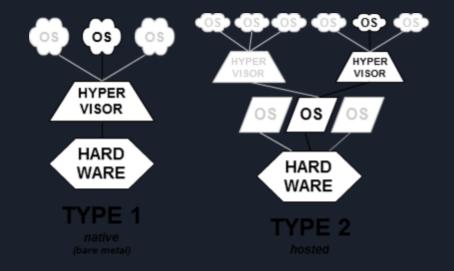
Introduction

What is a hypervisor?

A hypervisor is a piece of software that enables the use of multiple virtualized Operating Systems running on top of the same hardware or Operating System depending on the type.

Also Known As

- Virtual Machine Monitor
- Control Program
- Cambridge Monitor System



History

Still Relatively New Technology

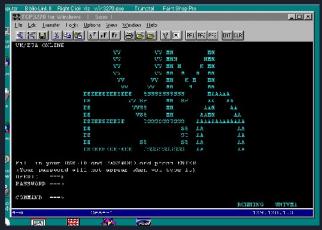
1960s- First Virtualization Software - Hypervisor known as the "Control Program"

1970s- Going public with the first release of the VM/370

1980s- Enhancements, Leveraging hardware depending on workload

1990/2000s- More enhancements, 64 bit support, firmly set in stone for business/education/consumer application



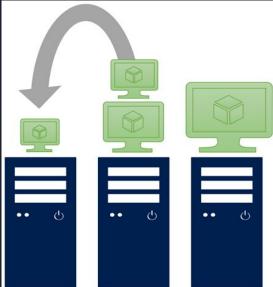


Importance

Ok... What does it do?

- Server Implementation/Machine Independence
- Administrators can move VM's for workload balancing
- Test Programs
- Consolidate Servers in larger cloud environments for more workload balancing

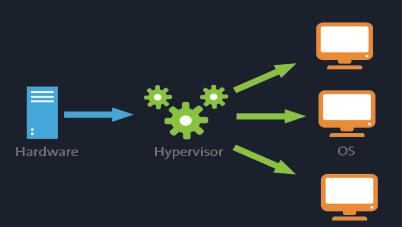


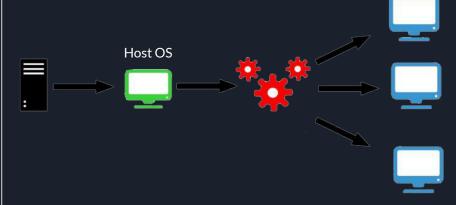


The Types of Hypervisor

Type 1

- Called "Bare metal" Hypervisors
- Focus on Computational Efficiency
- Primary Hypervisor within Production





- Called "Hosted" Hypervisors
- Focus on End-User Productivity
- Used to ensure a reproducible development environment

Type 2

Type 1

Type 2

Runs Directly on Hardware

Runs on Operating System

Focuses on Computational Efficiency

Virtualizes Machines Hardware and All

Focuses on End User Productivity

Operates in kernel space

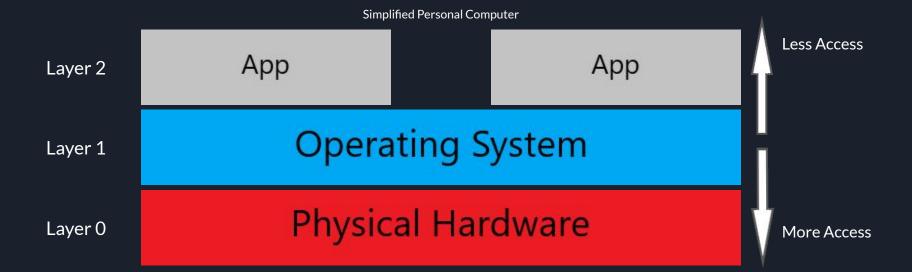
Efficient use of resources

Requires OS to deliver computational needs

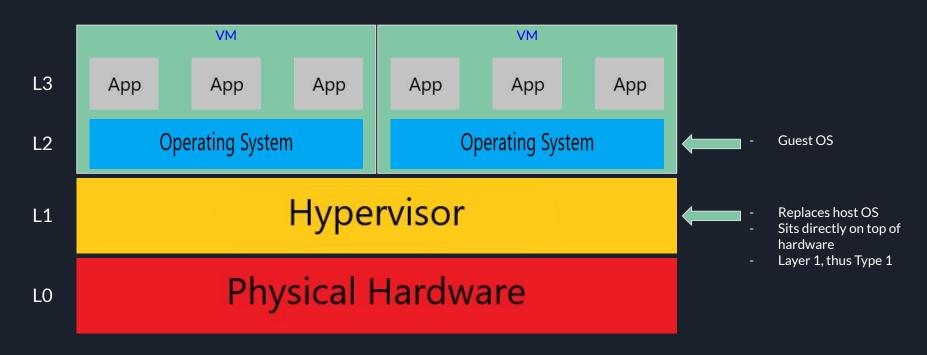
Requires Separate Management Machine

Potential Security Risks due to requirement of another OS

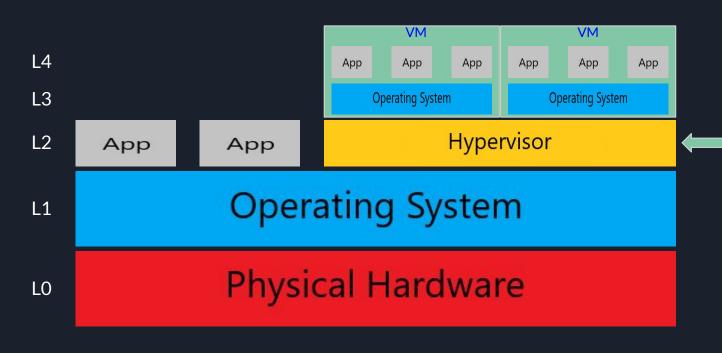
- Computer Systems can be visualized in 'Layers'.
- Each layer holds a different component/subsystem.



Type 1 Hypervisor - 'Bare Metal'



Type 2 Hypervisor - 'Hosted'



- Runs at the application layer. 'Hosted' by the system/host OS.
- Layer 2, thus Type 2
- Relies on host OS for resources

Key Differences in Interactions Between Type 1 & 2 Hypervisors

- Type 1 Hypervisors replace the OS.
 - Directly control of resource allocation.
 - Operates in 'Kernel Mode', unrestricted access
- Type 2 Hypervisors operate in the 'Application Layer'
 - Must request resources. Syscalls to OS/Kernel.
 - Operates in 'User Mode', restricted access

Privilege and control are the big separator between Type 1 and 2 Hypervisors.

Modern Advances in Hypervisor Technology

- Containers
- Evolution of operating systems
- Function as a service (Faas)



Operating Systems Evolution

VMXA -SYSTEM V

LINUX 2.6

AIX POSIX

SOLARIS 10

RT-11 --- CP/M

MS-DOS 1.0 DR/DOS

WIN Server 2003

WIN 3.0 OS/2 WIN 3.1 WIN NT WIN 9X



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Future Work

- Conduct an analysis to assess the performance and reliability differences between containers and virtual machines.

