

# Real-life Example with Refactoring of Jazz/CLM/DevOps Infrastructure Into a Private Cloud

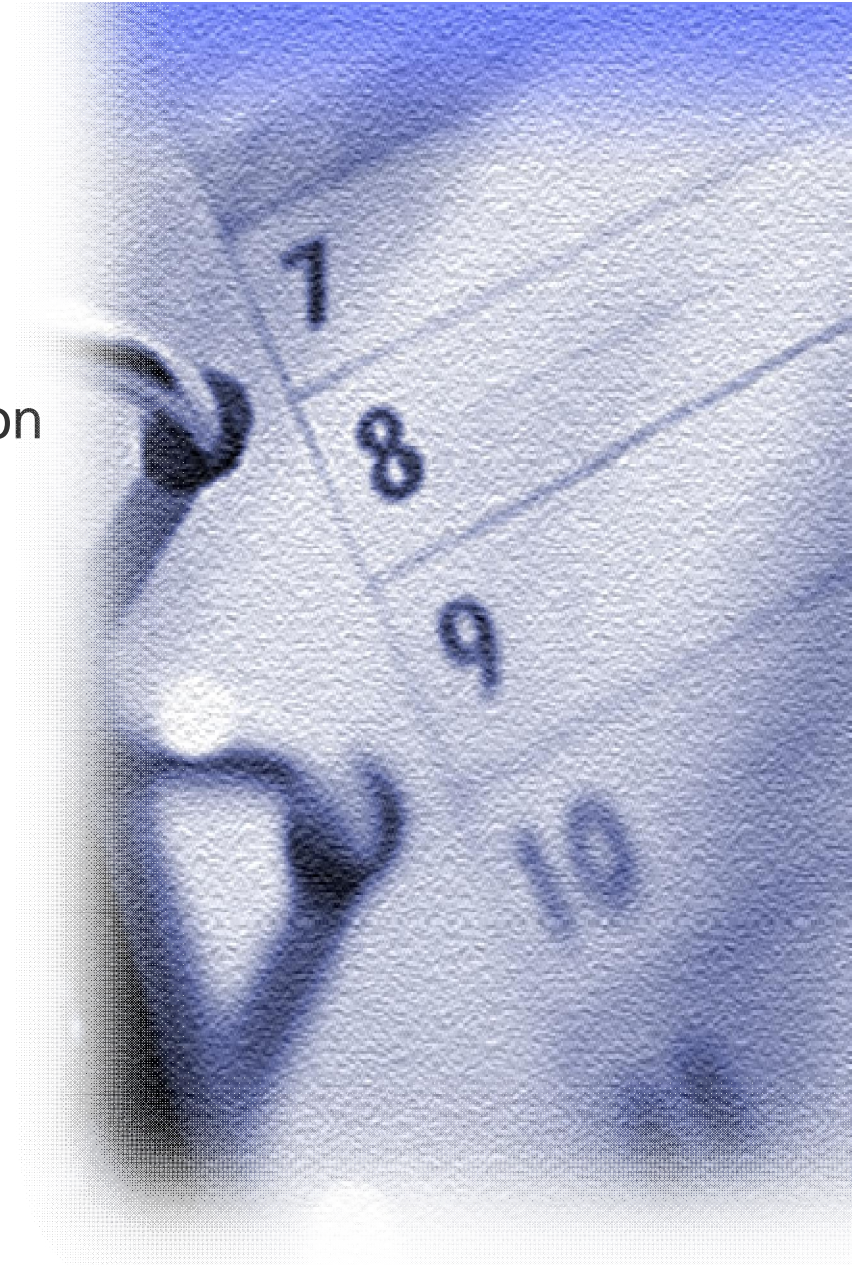
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# Agenda

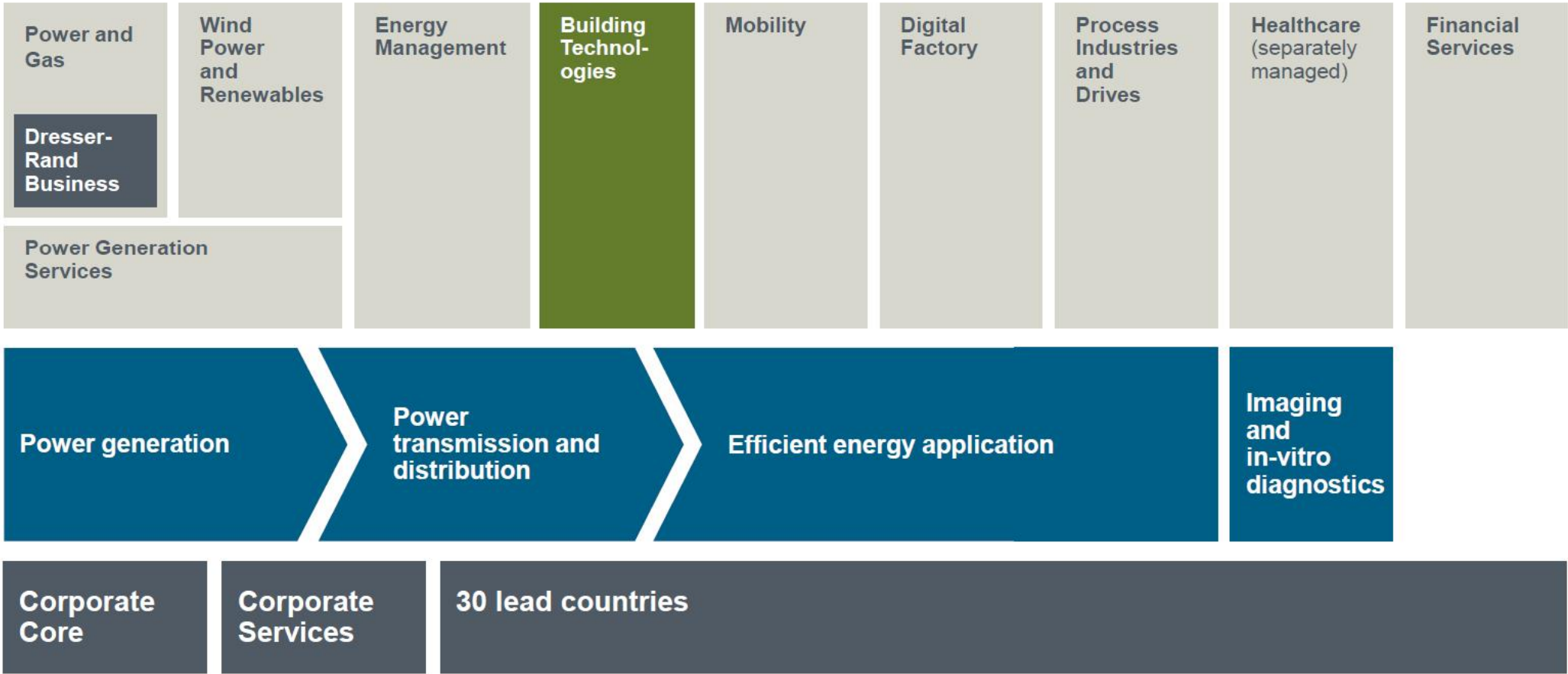
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# Building Technologies: a Siemens Division





## Building Technologies: Solutions Examples

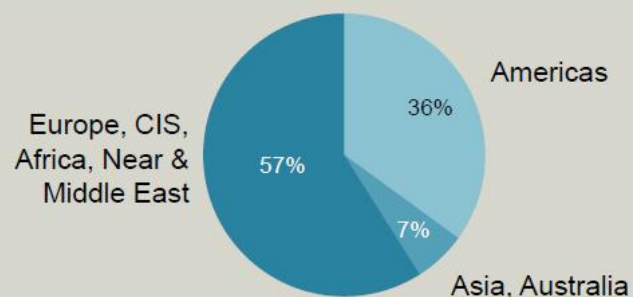
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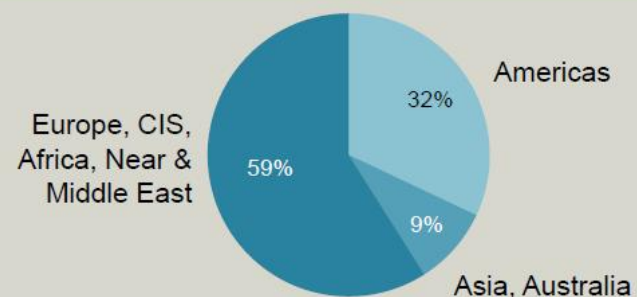
## Building Technologies Division: Our key figures

	2014 fiscal year 10/1 – 9/30	2015 fiscal year 10/1 – 9/30
<b>New orders</b> (€ million)	5,587	6,099
<b>Revenue</b> (€ million)	5,569	5,999
<b>Profit</b> (€ million)	511*	553*
<b>Employees</b> (on 9/30, excl. trainees)	27,091*	27,095*

### Revenue



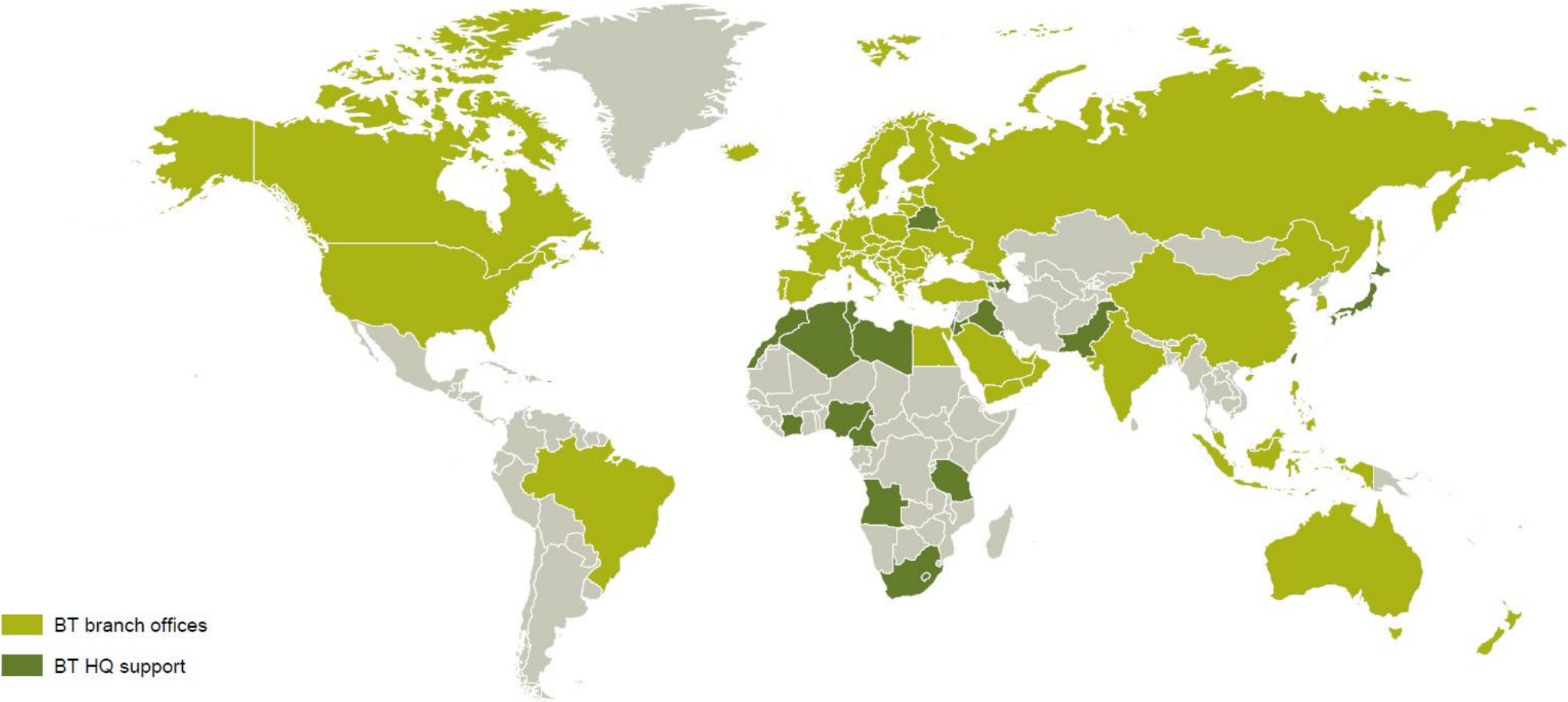
### Employees



\*new structure

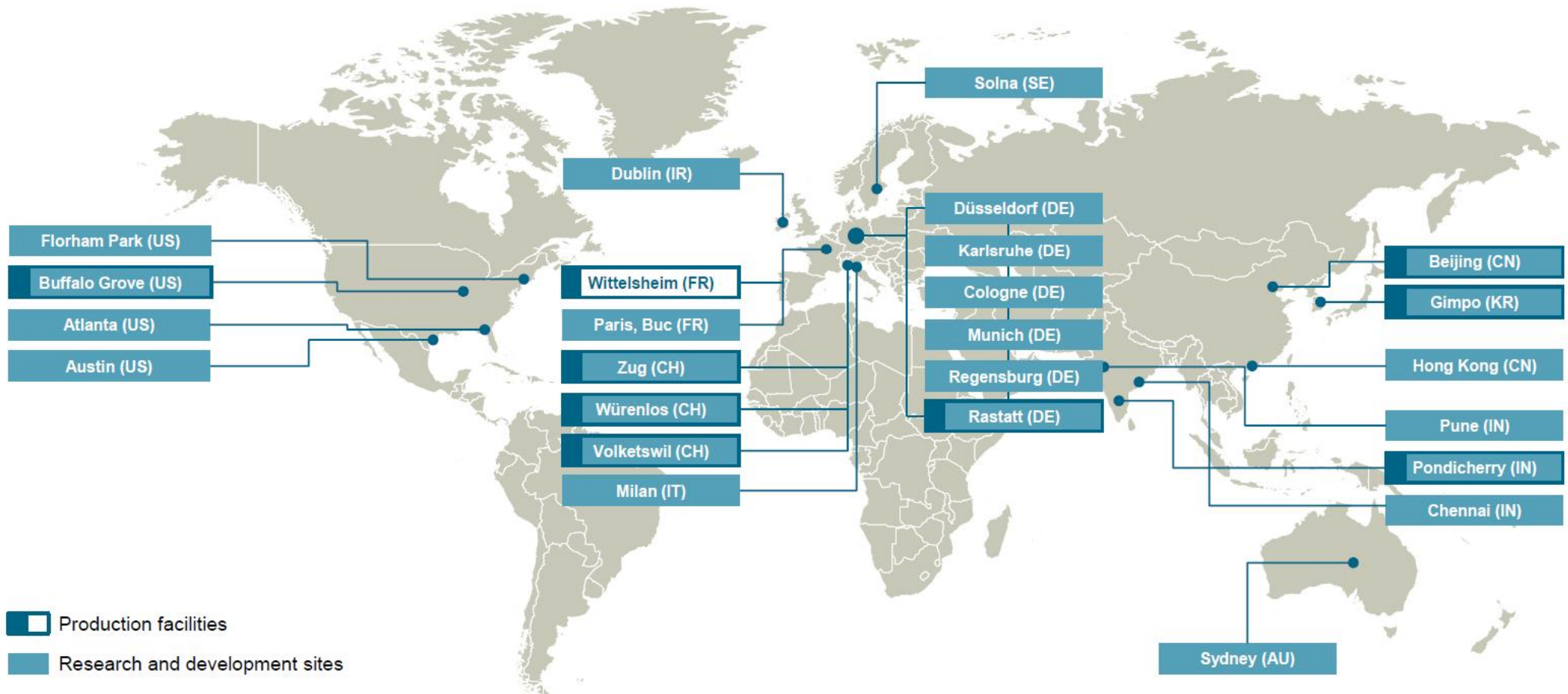


We are there for our customers around the world thanks to our global presence



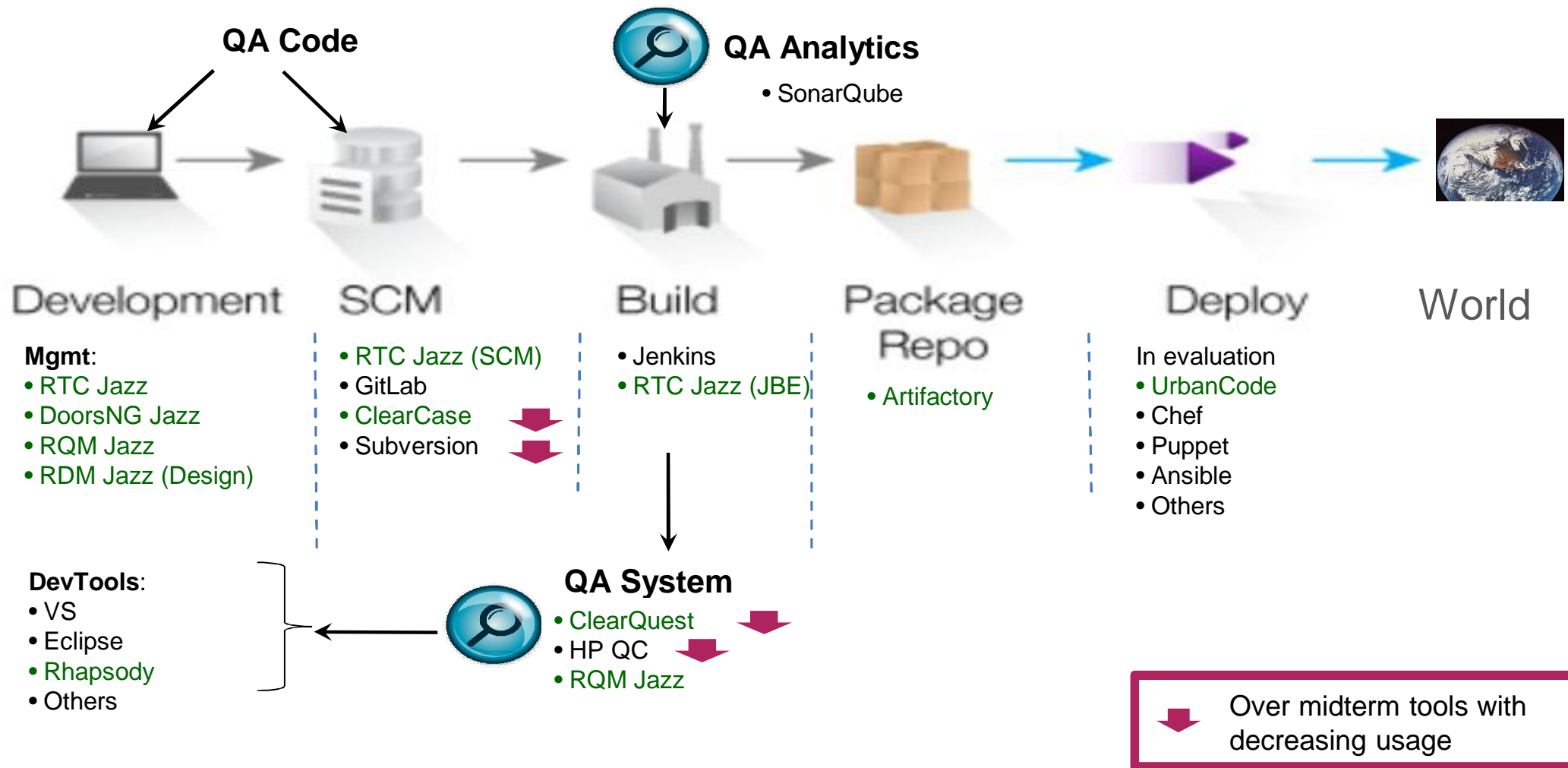
## Where are our „Jazz“ Users?

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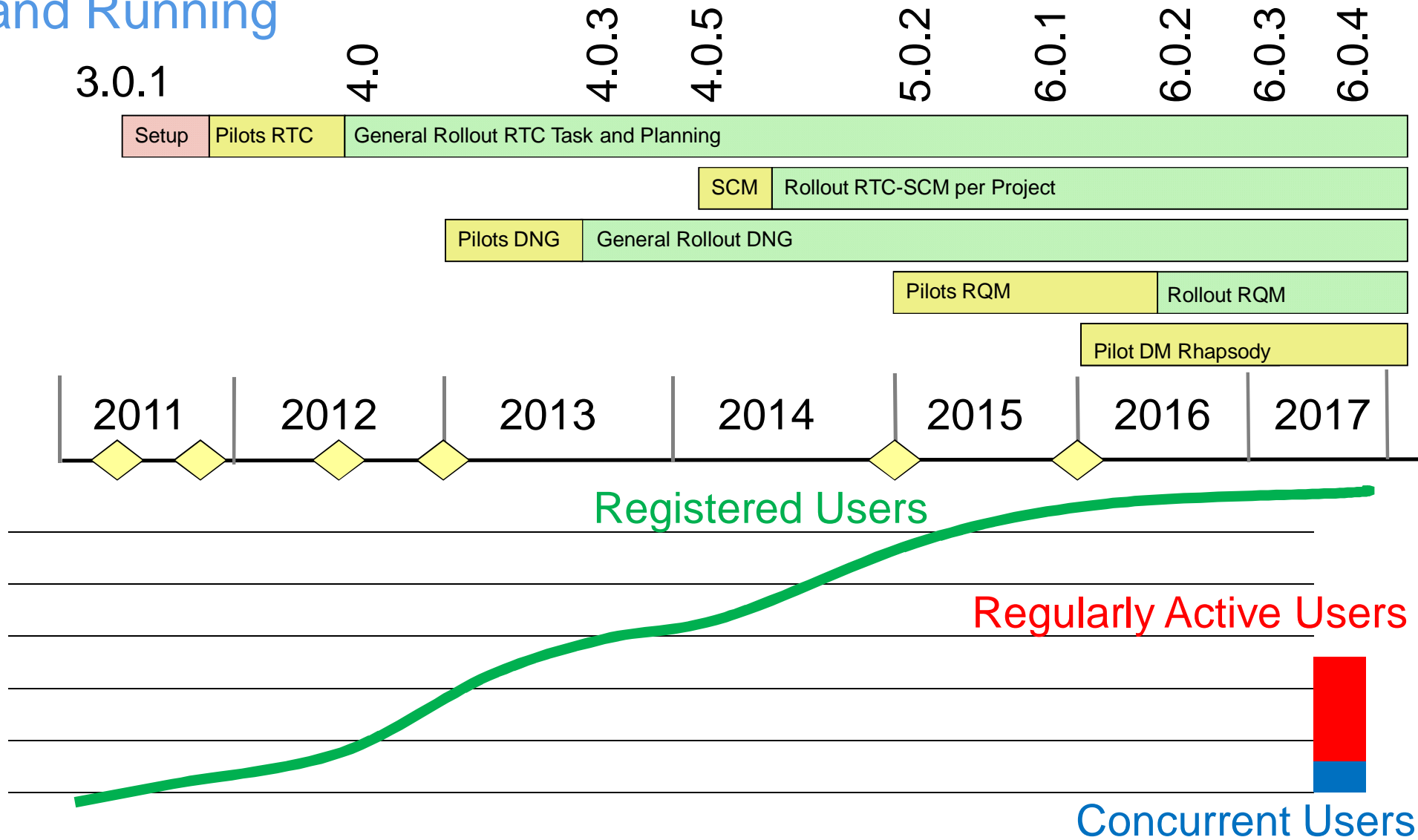
# The Software Development Factory



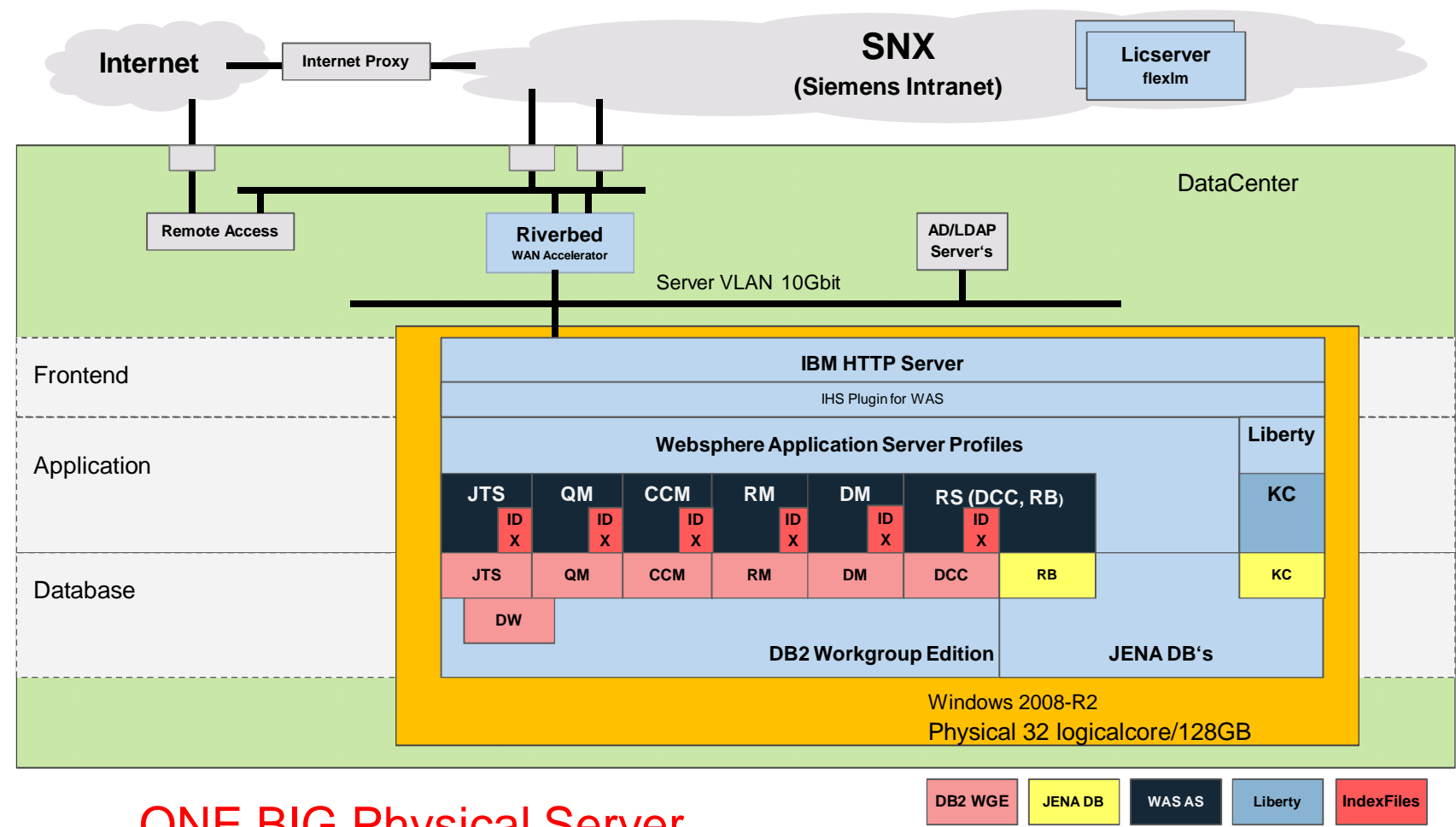
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# The Early Years

# Get Up and Running



# Keep it Simple



Great for  
startup

Comfortable  
for Admins

No Latency  
internal

ONE BIG Physical Server



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# Why to leave the Comfort Zone

## The Bell rings – Events hitting the System Admins

- **DNG guzzling all the Memory**

- To less Memory for DNG and file caching (OS) of Index files.
- 128GB is to less for our size for an ALL-IN-1 system
- Views with 5-10 minutes load time
- Discussions with support are very hard, if the configuration does not match their expectation

- **RTC Birt Reports on Dashboards kills the Disk Performance**

- IO problems on the database, especially for Data Warehouse (DW) table spaces and indexes
- DW table spaces and indexes spread over 3 RAID channels but still
  - up to 5min 100% disk IO
  - queue length of 10+ just by starting RTC dashboards

- **LQE does not work**

- Impossible to start. “Native Memory exhausted”
- Show stopper for Global Configuration

- **IBM Support under Fire**

- Very difficult to identify which application made other applications bad responding.
- Performance is always a “blind flight” in such an environment.

# Big Brother – the central IT – makes pressure

- **Security – OneAD**

- Siemens decided to rebuild the Corporate Active Directory (AD) to reach higher security, higher automation and lower cost.
- From a Multi Domain Forest to new Single Domain Forest
  - Reinstallation in new AD Forest
  - Support multiple forests during more than two years

- **(Private) Cloud First**

- Siemens decided to bring all application servers into the Cloud. First step private IaaS of an external provider
- Make applications ready for public Cloud like AWS, AZURE, Others
- All application owners should prepare/renovate their applications to be cloud ready
  - Physical Servers only on Exception request
  - Decomposition into smaller cloud ready pieces similar Amazon T-Shirt sizes
  - Automation of Deployment e.g. UrbanCode, Ansible, GitHub...)

- **Operating System Renewal**

- At least Windows Server 2012-R2 or Redhat Linux 7.x
  - Reinstallation on Windows 2012-R2

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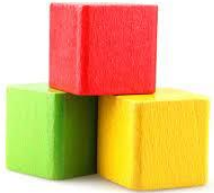
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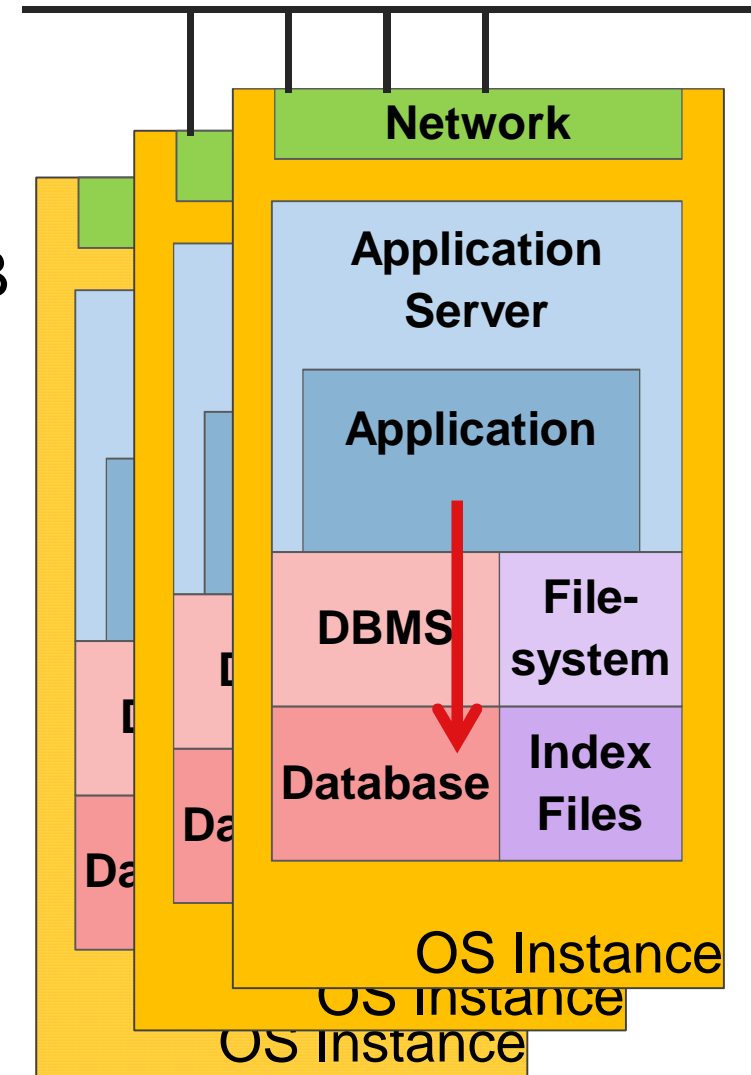
# Vertical Slicing



Minimal Latency between App and DB



Standard Building Blocks



## Migrate to WAS Liberty



Small footprint



Simple admin



Cloud ready



- ➔ Simple migration from WAS to Liberty
- ➔ Easy deploy with standard files
- ➔ Only two profile specific files
- ➔ Start as a Service
- ➔ Easy patch deployment

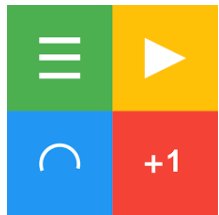
## T-Shirt Size



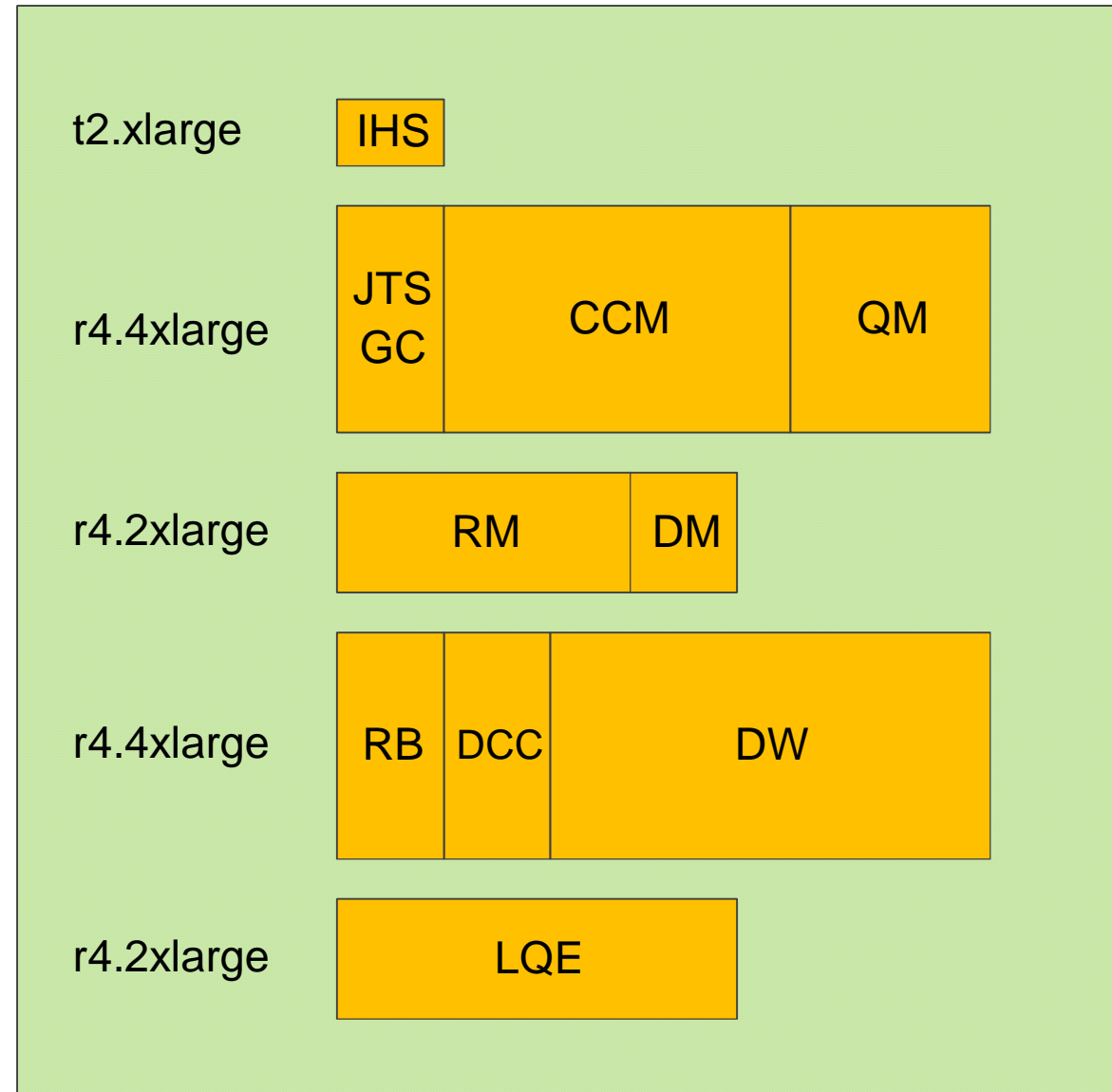
AWS like Standard Catalogue



Flexible Up/Down size



Split / Add / Merge Instances  
on Experience

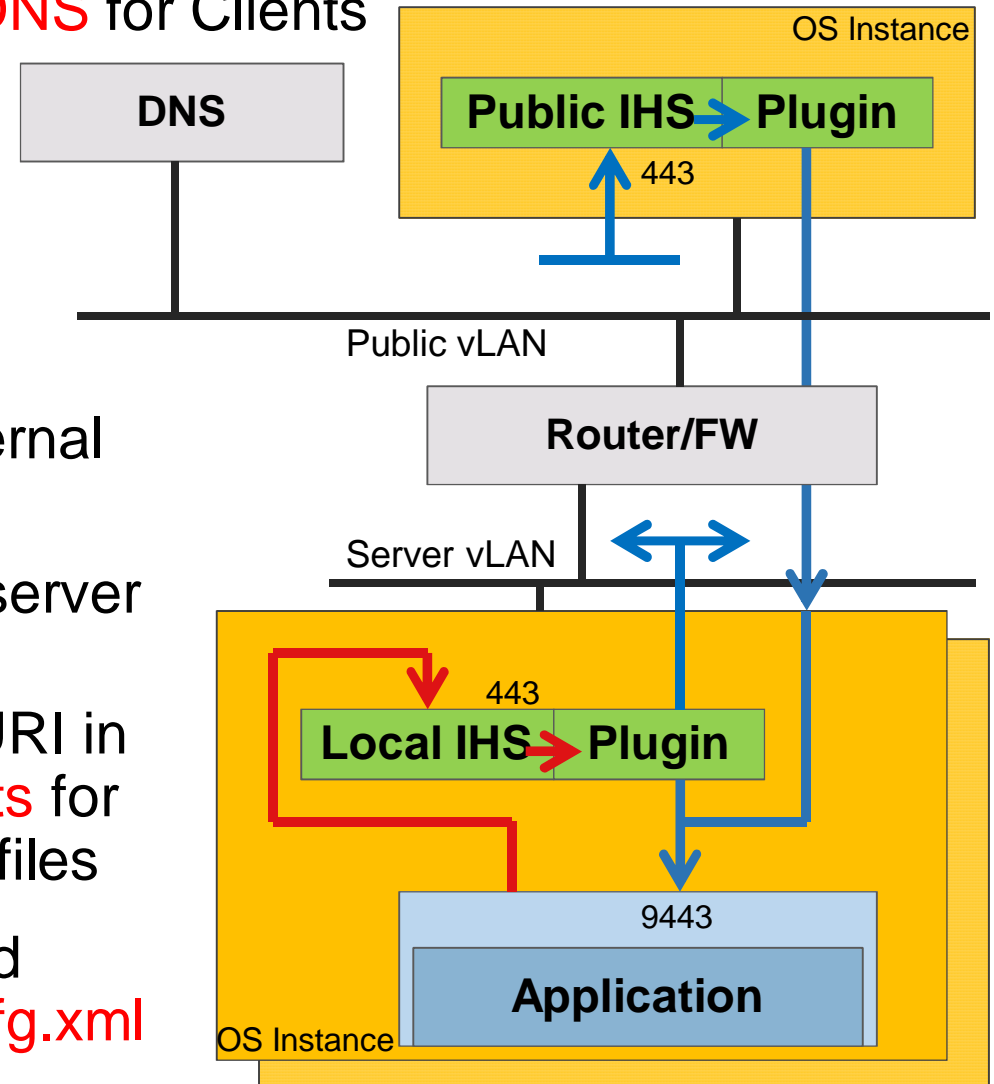


## Multiple Reverse Proxies

- REST calls to itself with no latency
- REST calls between Apps are kept internal
- Security by not letting clients into app server

- Stable URI in `etc/hosts` for App Profiles
- Standard `plugin-cfg.xml`

→ Stable URI in  
**DNS** for Clients





# Standardized Disk Layout



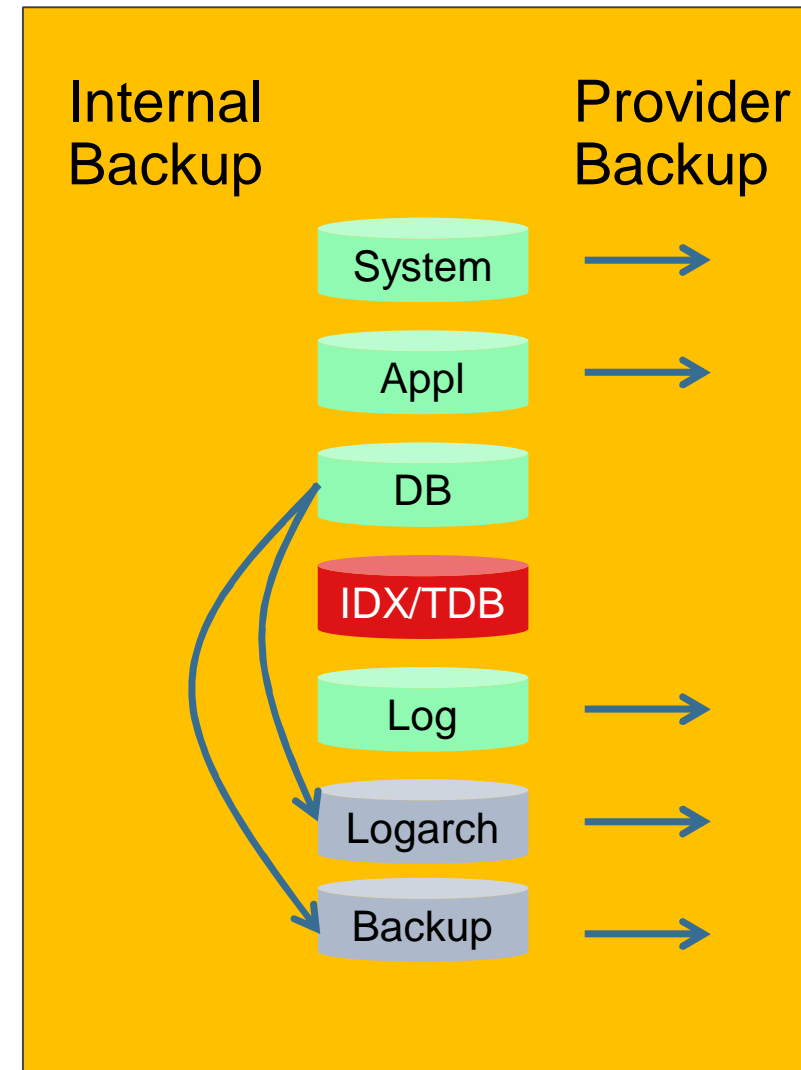
Smaller Backup-footprint by excluding Disks



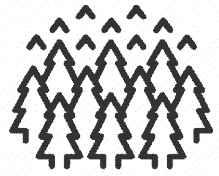
IOP requirements per Disk



Easier Automation with Standards



## Multiple Forest Support (1)



Multi  
Domain  
Forest



2 years



Single  
Domain  
Forest



CLM does not officially support  
multiple forest

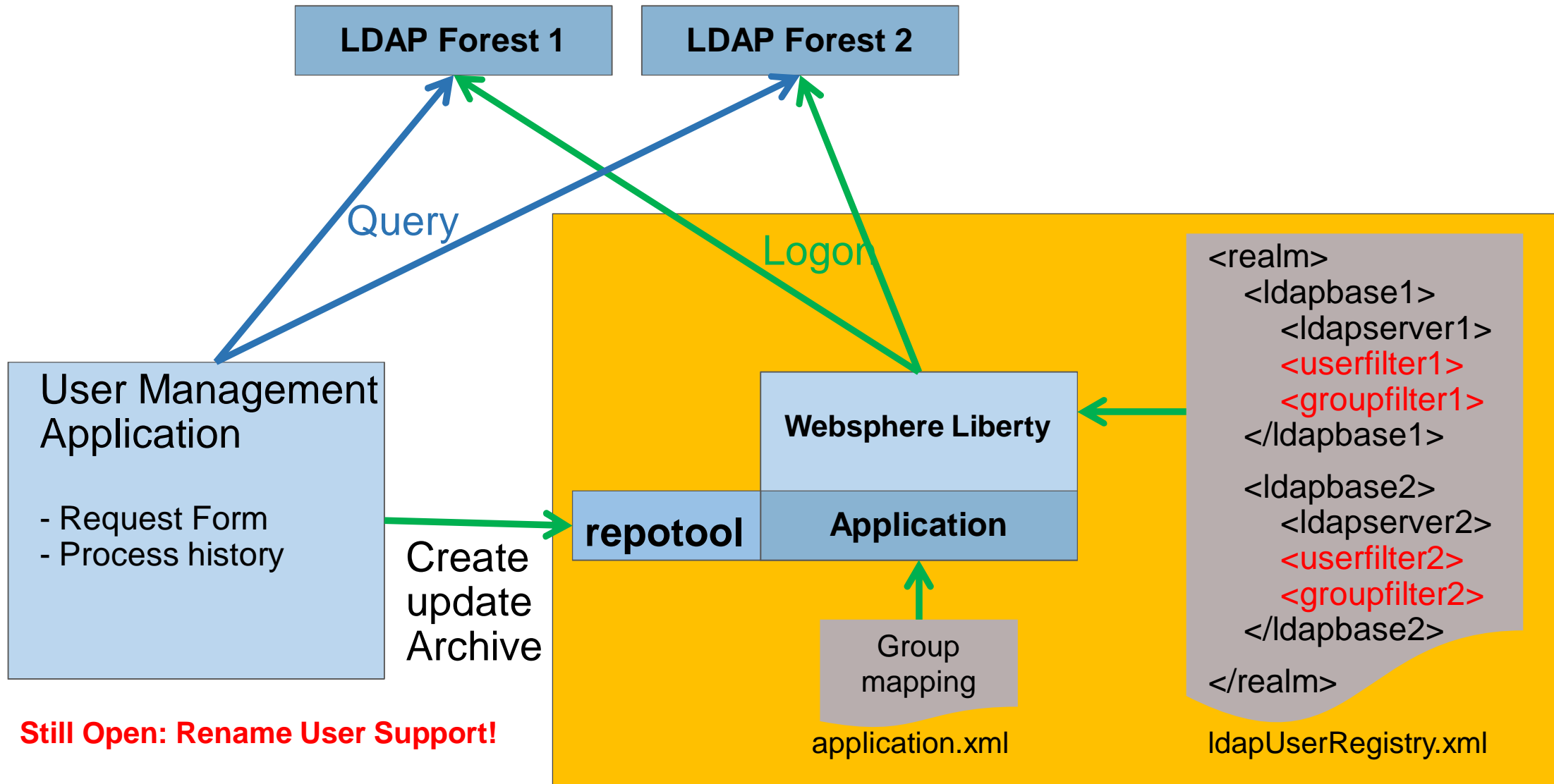


Namespaces are overlapping  
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ad001.siemens.net

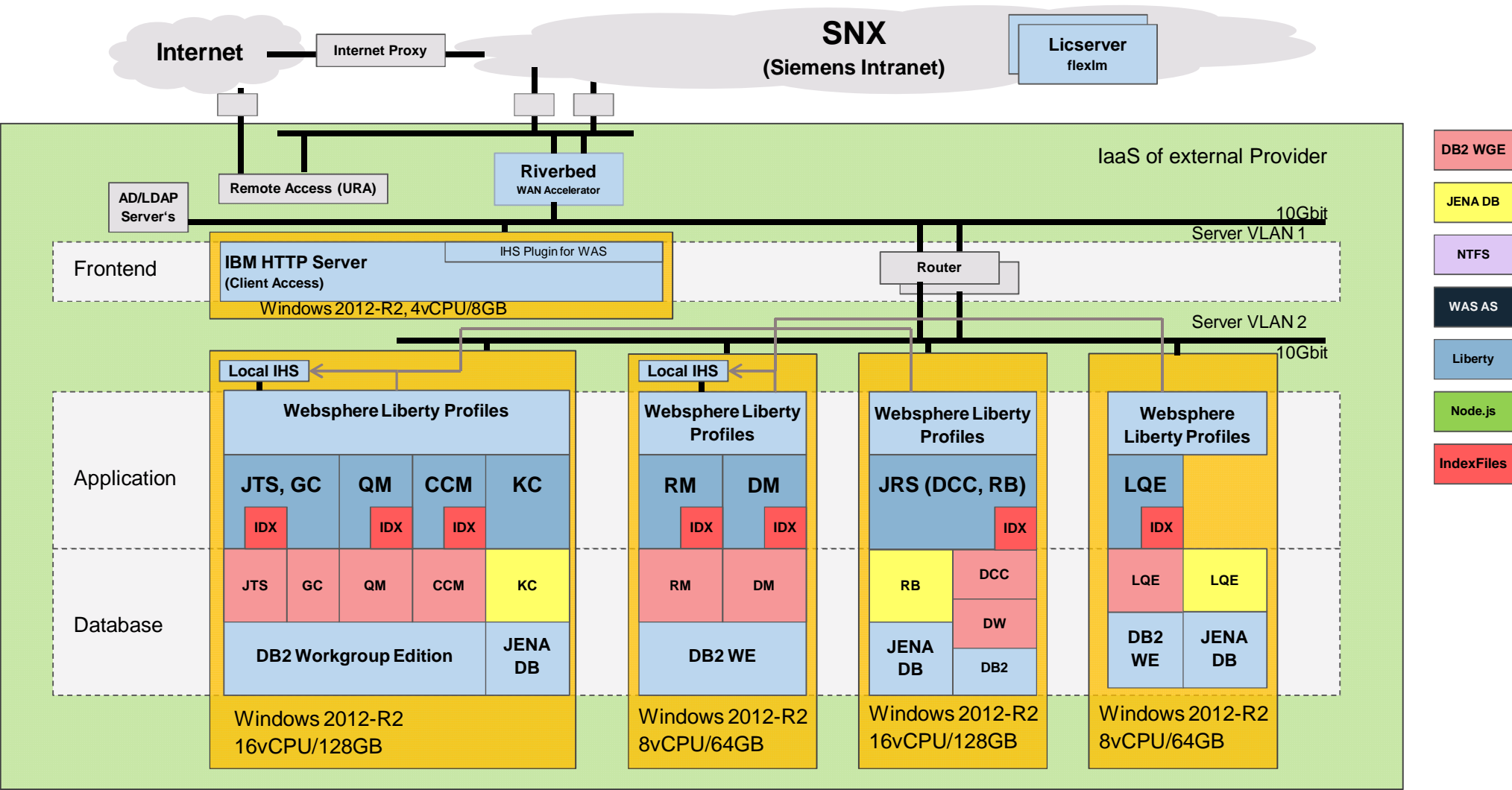


How to do User Management

## Multiple Forest Support (2)



# Infrastructure, Nov.2017 / IaaS on Private Cloud





## Experience after 12 months of operation



- Factors **faster** than old infrastructure
- up to 250 concurrent users **without** seeing performance degradations
- Instances are **oversized**. Specially regarding number of cores
- **LQE reindex performance acceptable now with workarounds (next slide)**



- **One** unplanned **downtime** of 6 hours because of Virtual SAN Problem on Cloud Data Center (VMware)



- Independent pieces are **easier** to manage
- Liberty is a **excellent** application server and simple to handle
- We have to do **more automation**

## - Special Adventures - Experience with LQE



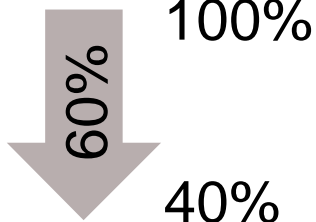
Full Reindex must be possible within 24 hours  
Often an App update requires a reindex of one or more data sources

Removing all resources on reindex requires more than 60% of reindex time!



4 times  
faster

- Increase IOP of Jena TDB disk to >3000 IOPs
- get latest LQE Patches (hope all is in latest version)
- use Direct-IO mode



- Prepare a second LQE Instance before upgrade for reindexing containing **EMPTY** data sources

Questions

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Your Experiences

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Discussion

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