

Motivations

Old idea from the 70s

IBM VM/370 – A VMM for IBM mainframe

- Multiplex multiple OS environments on expensive hardware
- Desirable when few machines around

Interest died out in the 80s and 90s

- Hardware got cheap
- The era of the personal computer (Windows)

- ➡ Revived by the Disco work
led by *Mendel Rosenblum*, later lead to the foundation of *VMware*
- ➡ Another important work *Xen*