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Test Infrastructure Life Cycle

Enterprise clouds leverage hyper-converged infrastructure technologies, mixing compute and storage resources into systems which are then shared by multiple application workloads. When architecting these infrastructures, it is important to test different real-world datacenter scenarios to understand how controlled and uncontrolled situations affect consistent application performance.

X-Ray models and tests typical datacenter scenarios that mirror the infrastructure lifecycle requirements including: pure infrastructure and application performance, performance while using infrastructure data protection features, performance scaling capabilities, and implications of failure scenarios. As shown below, tests have been categorized into typical phases of the infrastructure lifecycle.

Infrastructure Life Cycle Phase	Related Tests
Infrastructure Performance Measure raw infrastructure performance.	Four Corner Microbenchmark Throughput Scalability
Application Performance Model application-specific workloads and measure performance.	VDI Scalability OLTP Simulator
Data Protection Measure effects of data protection features on application workload performance.	Snapshot Impact VM Clone Impact
Infrastructure Resiliency Measure effects of unplanned infrastructure failure events on running applications.	Sequential Node Failure Rolling Upgrade Extended Node Failure
Infrastructure Scalability Measure effects of introducing new application workloads on infrastructure running existing workloads.	Database Colocation HCI Workflow

Testing Summary

Test Scenarios	Test Result Name	Systems Tested
HCIBenchmark	HCIBenchmark on Nutanix - AWS-i3.metal-3Node	AWS-i3.metal-3Node (3-Node Nutanix 6.0.2.4 on AHV)

Target System Details

AWS-i3.metal-3Node

Cluster Version	Nodes	Usable Capacity
6.0.2.4	3	18.15 TiB

Node ID	Hypervisor Version	CPU	RAM	Attached Storage
10.210.2.22	Nutanix 20201105.30007	2 x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5- 2686 v4 @ 2.30GHz Cores - 36	503.52 GiB	3 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.51 TiB SSD
				3 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.51 TiB SSD
				1 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.49 TiB SSD
				1 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.54 TiB SSD
10.210.2.7	Nutanix 20201105.30007	2 x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5- 2686 v4 @ 2.30GHz Cores - 36	503.52 GiB	1 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.54 TiB SSD
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10.210.2.38	Nutanix 20201105.30007	2 x Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5- 2686 v4 @ 2.30GHz Cores - 36	503.52 GiB	1 x Amazon EC2 NVMe Instance Storage 1.53 TiB SSD
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HCIBenchmark

Test Description - (HCIBenchmark)

This test allows you to run customized storage workloads on one or more VMs. You can adjust common storage microbenchmark parameters, including the working set size, block size, and the target I/O rate. Workloads are evenly distributed across every disk on every VM. Setting the target I/O rate to 0 performs a max throughput test. Higher IOPS and lower latency indicate better performance.

How X-Ray runs the test

Setup

Deploy the desired number of workload VMs per host.

Fill virtual disks with the desired amount of random data.

Measurement

Run the desired workload configuration for the requested amount of time across each VM.

HCIBenchmark on Nutanix- Test Result Details

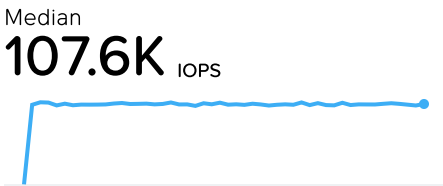
Target : AWS-i3.metal-3Node (3 node Nutanix 6.0.2.4 on AHV)

Preset: custom

Type	Value
Number of VMs deployed across the cluster	3
Number of disks attached to each VM	6
VM working set size (MB)	2048
Workload read percent	50
Workload random percent	50
Number of I/O operations left outstanding per disk	6
Workload block size in kilobytes	8
Target IOPS rate per VM (0 for unlimited)	0
Runtime in seconds	600

Start Time	RunTime	Result
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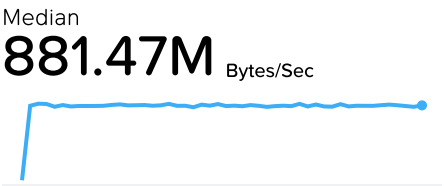
Result Summary



Max.
111.45K IOPS

Min.
661.2 IOPS

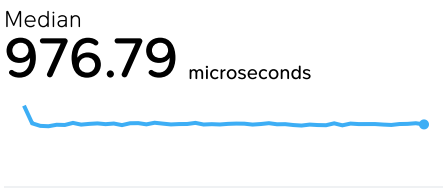
💡 Higher IOPS indicates better performance.



Max.
912.9M Bytes/Sec

Min.
52.69M Bytes/Sec

💡 Higher throughput indicates better performance.

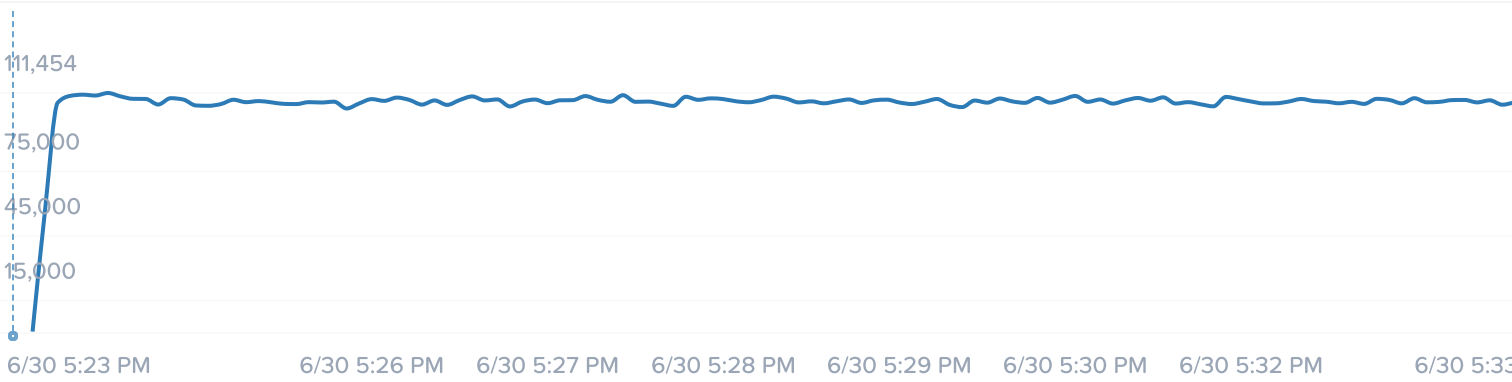


Max.
4.97K microseconds

Min.
945.09 microseconds

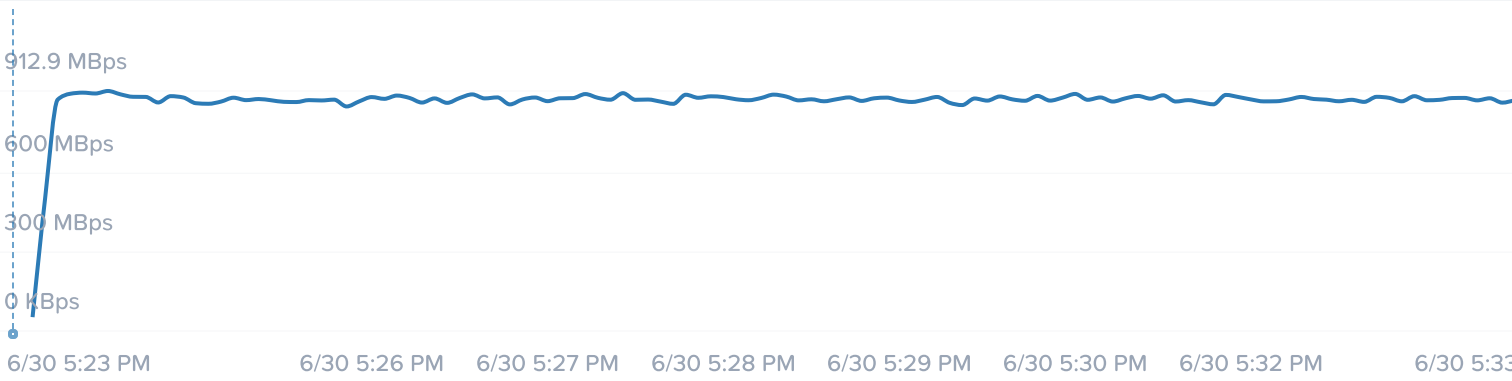
💡 Lower latency indicates better performance.

Workload Aggregated IOPS



Min	Max	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
● 661	111,454	107,602	106,433	10,802

Workload Aggregated Throughput



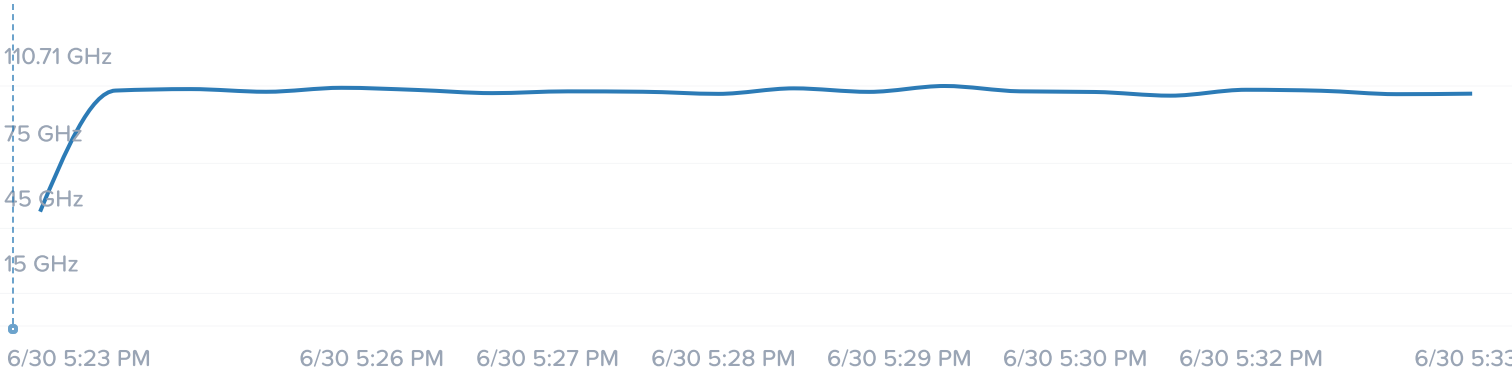
Min	Max	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
● 52.69 MBps	912.9 MBps	881.47 MBps	872.64 MBps	83.31 MBps

Workload Aggregated Latency

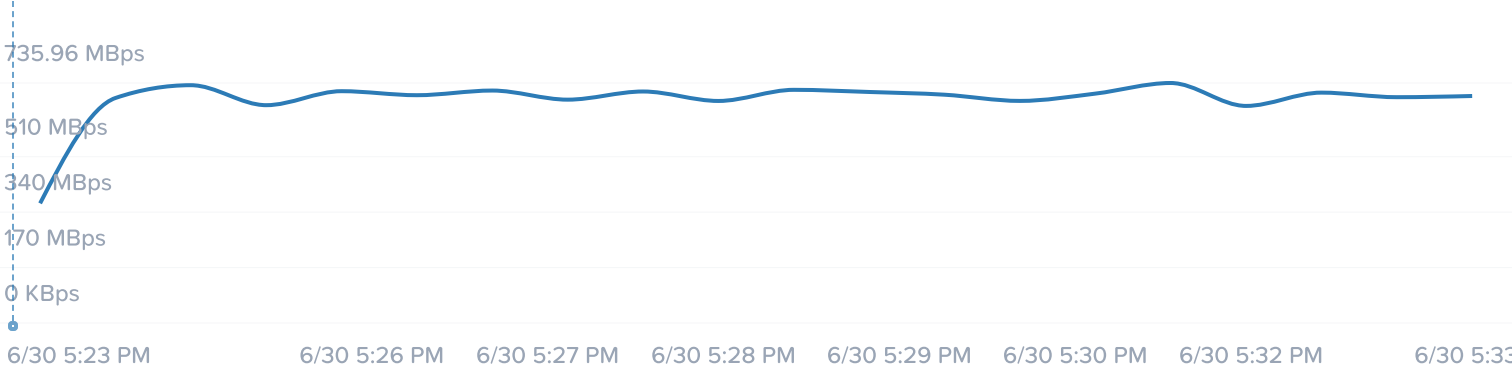


Min	Max	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
● 0.95 ms	4.97 ms	0.98 ms	1.01 ms	0.36 ms

Cluster CPU Usage



Cluster Network Received



Cluster Network Transmitted

