閱讀摘錄與筆記

The NIST Definition of Cloud Computing (2011)

NIST: National Institute of Standards and Technology (美國國家標準暨技術研究院)定義了 Cloud Computing 的範疇。

五種主要性質:

- on demand self-service: consumer is self-servable to the service
- · broad network-access: accessable through network easily
- resource pooling: customer has no control over the provided resources
- · rapid elasticity: resource elastically provisioned and released
- measured service: optimize resource use by leveraging a metering capability (metering involves bussiness models)

三種服務: (根據 levels of the service/application)

- Infrastructure as a service (laas)
- Service as a service (Saas)
- Platform as a service (Paas)

四種模型: (根據 provider 與 user 的角色)

- public cloud: access and resource is opened to public
- private cloud: access and resource is limited to private (for security reasons)
- · community cloud: access and resource shared among audience
- hybird: 以上三種的任意混合

看完以上定義之後,再看看 Virtual Machine 之中重要的性質:

VIRTUAL IS BETTER THAN REAL

- Virtual objects are often related to the following
 - Resource Sharing
 - > Protection, Safe execution, Isolation
 - Security, Privacy
 - Flexibility
 - Interoperability, Platform Independence, Portability

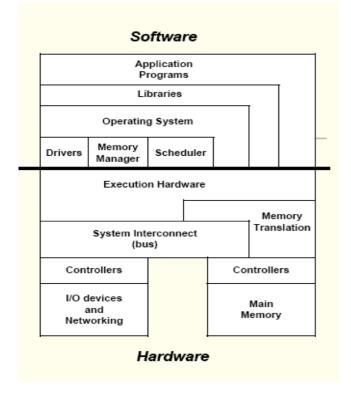
Cloud Computing

VIRTUALIZATION PROPERTIES

- Isolation
 - Fault isolation
 - Performance isolation
- Encapsulation
 - Cleanly capture all VM states
 - Enables VM snapshots, clones
- Migration
 - Independent of physical hardware
 - Enables migration of live VMs
- Interposition
 - Enables transparent resource overcommitment, encryption, compression, replication.

Abstraction is key!

在 HW 之上,有 OS, Library, App. 這三層主要的抽象化。



HW 將邏輯電路抽象化為 ISA。

OS 在 ISA 上作抽象化,提供 ABI —— User level ISA + OS System Calls 。
Library 在 ABI 上作抽象化,提供 API —— User level ISA + Library Calls (such as Clib, OpenGL)

這時 VM 介入抽象化中, hypervisor 可以監控控制底下 VM 的行為,對使用者而言即是 cloud service。 更進一步抽象化 hypervisor 的行為,使用者無需知道硬體細節,環境 (硬體/OS/Library)被提供端部署好之後馬上就可以使用。