Cloud computing

Module -2

1-What is virtualization and virtualization type?

Virtualization is a technology that allows us to create multiple simulated environments or **virtual machines (VMs)** on a single physical computer. It's like running several computers inside one actual computer.

Each virtual machine works like a real computer with its own operating system and applications, but they all share the same physical hardware.

Types of Virtualization (Simple Explanation):

1. Hardware Virtualization

- Running multiple operating systems on one physical machine using software like **VMware** or **VirtualBox**.
- Example: You can run Windows and Linux on the same computer at the same time.

2. **Operating System Virtualization** (a.k.a. Containerization)

- Running multiple isolated applications using the same OS kernel.
- Uses tools like **Docker**.
- Faster and lighter than full VMs.

3. Server Virtualization

- Divides a physical server into several virtual servers.
- Each virtual server can run its own OS and apps.
- Helps save money and resources.

4. Storage Virtualization

 Combines physical storage from multiple devices into a single virtual storage system.

5. Network Virtualization

 Combines hardware (like routers and switches) and software into a single software-based network.

2-Type of hypervisor and how to manage it?

→ Types of Hypervisor and How to Manage Them

A **hypervisor** is software that creates and runs virtual machines (VMs). It separates the physical hardware from the virtual environments.

Types of Hypervisors:

1. Type 1 Hypervisor (Bare Metal)

- Installed directly on the physical hardware.
- Doesn't need an operating system.
- Fast and secure used in data centers and servers.

Examples: VMware ESXi, Microsoft Hyper-V (on server), Xen

✓ Pros: Better performance, stability✓ Cons: Harder to set up for beginners

2. Type 2 Hypervisor (Hosted)

- Installed on top of an existing operating system (like Windows or macOS).
- Easier for beginners good for laptops or personal use.

Examples: VMware Workstation, VirtualBox, Parallels

Pros: Easy to install and use

X Cons: Slower performance, depends on host OS

How to Manage a Hypervisor (Simple Steps):

For Type 1 (Bare Metal):

1. **Install hypervisor** directly on our hardware.

- 2. Use a **management tool** or **web interface** to create and manage VMs (like vSphere for VMware ESXi).
- 3. Configure CPU, RAM, storage, and network for each VM.

For Type 2 (Hosted):

- 1. Install VirtualBox or VMware Workstation on our OS.
- 2. Open the app and **create a new VM** (choose OS, disk size, memory, etc.).
- 3. Start the VM and install an operating system inside it.
- 3-Roles of virtualization in cloud computing?
 - → Virtualization plays a **big role** in cloud computing it's the **technology that makes the cloud possible**. Here's how:

Key Roles of Virtualization in Cloud Computing:

1. Resource Sharing

- Virtualization lets cloud providers split one physical server into many virtual machines (VMs).
- Each user gets their own **private space** on shared hardware.

2. Cost Efficiency

- No need for a separate physical machine for every task.
- Saves money on hardware, power, and maintenance.

3. Scalability

- It's easy to add or remove virtual machines as needed.
- Cloud can grow quickly to match demand (e.g., more users, more traffic).

4. Flexibility

we can run **different operating systems or applications** on the same physical server.

• Move VMs between servers without downtime.

5. Disaster Recovery

- Virtual machines can be backed up and restored quickly.
- Makes it easier to recover from crashes or failures.

6. Better Use of Hardware

- Virtualization ensures **less idle time** every server does more work.
- Increases performance and efficiency.

In short:

Virtualization makes cloud computing cheaper, faster, more flexible, and more reliable.

4-What is container?

→ A **container** is like a **lightweight box** that holds everything an app needs to run — the code, libraries, and settings — so it works the same **anywhere**.

Key Points (Simple):

- A container doesn't need its own full operating system, unlike a virtual machine.
- It shares the host computer's OS, making it faster and smaller.
- Containers are quick to start, use less memory, and are easy to move between computers.

Example:

Imagine we bake a cake (our app) and put it in a box with all instructions and tools. No matter where the box goes — our kitchen, a friend's house, or a bakery — it will always work the same.

Popular Container Tool:

• **Docker** is the most commonly used tool for creating and running containers.

Why Containers Are Useful:

- They make it easy to **develop**, **test**, **and deploy apps** across different systems.
- Help teams avoid the "it works on my computer!" problem.

5-What is high availability and live migration in virtualization?

→ High Availability (HA):

High Availability means our virtual machines (VMs) stay **online and running**, even if something goes wrong — like a server crashing.

In Simple Words:

If one computer fails, another one **automatically takes over**, so our apps and services **don't go down**.

Example:

Imagine a backup generator that turns on when the power goes out — that's what HA does for your VMs.

Live Migration:

Live Migration means moving a running virtual machine from one physical server to another **without turning it off**.

• In Simple Words:

It's like moving a sleeping person from one bed to another — they don't even notice.

Why It's Useful:

- Keeps apps running while doing maintenance or upgrades.
- Helps balance the load between servers.

Together:

High Availability + Live Migration = **Zero Downtime** our services keep running even during failures or maintenance.

6-Storage configuration –describe block storage, file storage and object storage---DAS NAS and SAN

→ the main types of storage and the systems that use them — all in plain,

Types of Storage

1. Block Storage

- Stores data in blocks (chunks) and treats each block as a separate hard drive.
- Very fast and flexible.
- Used by servers and databases.

Good for: Databases, virtual machines

X Not easy to share files directly

2. File Storage

- Stores data as **files in folders**, like how we organize files on your PC.
- Shared through a network with **file paths**.

✓ Good for: Shared folders, documents, pictures

X Slower than block storage

3. Object Storage

- Stores data as **objects** (file + metadata + ID).
- Used for massive amounts of data like photos, videos, backups.

✓ Good for: Cloud storage (like Amazon S3)

X Not good for traditional applications like databases

Storage Systems

1. DAS (Direct Attached Storage)

- Storage directly connected to one computer/server (like an external hard drive).
- Good for: Personal or small business use
- X Not sharable over a network

2. NAS (Network Attached Storage)

- A storage device connected to a **network**, like a shared drive.
- ✓ Good for: File sharing between users
 X Not ideal for high-speed performance

3. SAN (Storage Area Network)

- A **high-speed network** that connects multiple servers to shared block storage.
- ✓ Good for: Big companies, data centers
 ★ Expensive and complex to set up

7-Describe storage allocation and provisioning. Storage Allocation

→ • Storage Allocation (Simple Language)

Storage allocation means deciding how much space to give to a user, app, or virtual machine (VM) from available storage.

Think of it like this:

You have a big hard drive, and you divide it into smaller pieces for different people or uses.

Example:

If you have 1 TB of storage, you might allocate:

- 300 GB for a database
- 200 GB for backups

- 100 GB for a virtual machine
- The rest for other users

Storage Provisioning

Provisioning is the process of setting up and delivering that storage to where it's needed.

There are 3 types of provisioning:

1. Thick Provisioning

- All the allocated storage is reserved immediately, even if it's not used.
- Safe, but wastes space.

2. Thin Provisioning

- Storage is given out as needed, not all at once.
- Saves space, but can run out if not monitored.

3. Dynamic Provisioning

 Adjusts automatically based on current demand (used in cloud environments).