# VIRTUALIZATION



## ROOTS OF VIRTUALIZATION

- Technology evolution both drives and is driven, by ever increasing levels of abstraction in hardware and software
- High-level programming language allow software development, while shielding programmers away from the complexity of OS
- OS provides a lower level of abstraction that frees software developers from the complex and varied details to interact with and manage physical resources such as memory and I/O devices
  - OS must be fully cognizant of the hardware on which it resides





Why Virtualization is Important?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUUC\_eDb2z0

#### EXAMPLE — VIRTUAL MEMORY

- Memory virtualization enables software programs to gain access to more memory than is physically installed, by background swapping of data to disk storage.
  - Virtualization techniques can be applied to other IT infrastructure layers –
    - Networks, storage, server hardware, operating systems and applications.

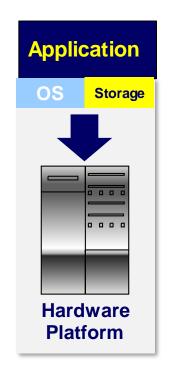


#### Virtualization in Practice

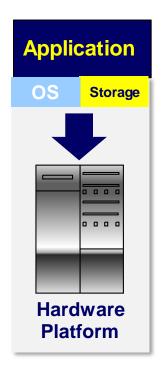


#### SERVER CONSOLIDATION

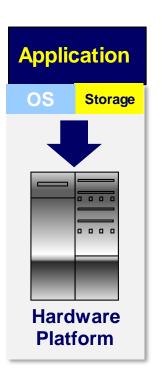
#### TRADITIONAL SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE



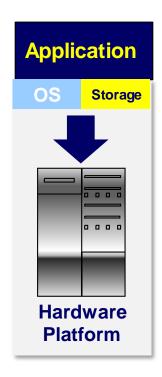
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Application Server



Database Server



Email Exchange Server

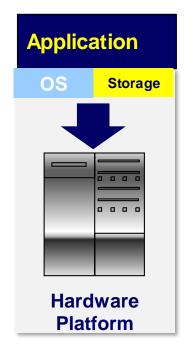


#### THE TRADITIONAL SERVER CONCEPT

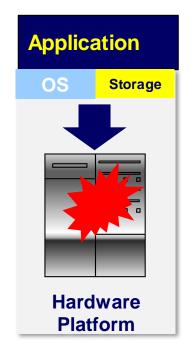
- Servers are viewed as an integral computing unit
  - The unit includes the hardware, the OS, the storage, and the applications.
- Servers are often identified and referred to by their function
  - File server, Database server, SQL server, Web server Exchange server, ...
- When current server capacity reaches its limit, a NEW server must be added



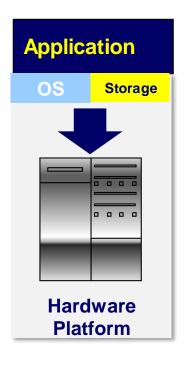
#### SERVER FAILURE



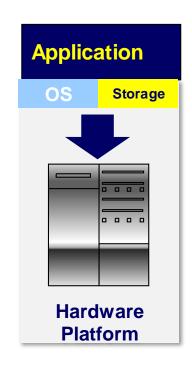
**Internet Web and Information Server** 



**Application Server** 



**Database Server** 



Email Exchange Server

A hardware failure causes service interruption



#### THE TRADITIONAL SERVER CONCEPT

#### **Advantages**

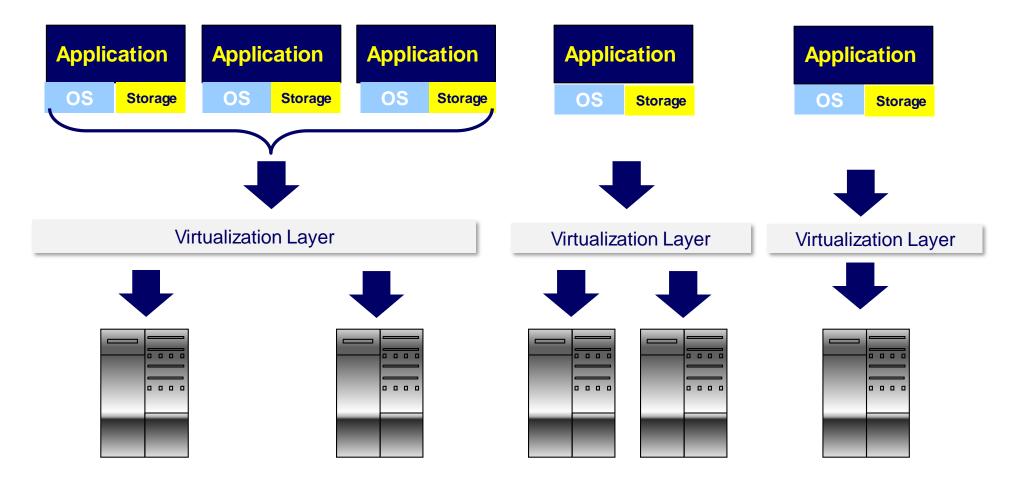
- Ease of configuration and conceptualization
- Ease of deployment
- Backup is manageable
- The client-server paradigm is wellsuited for a variety of applications and services
  - Virtually, any application or service can be deployed on such a computing infrastructure

#### **Disadvantages**

- Maintenance cost is high
  - Acquisition and hardware repair cost
- Replication is challenging
  - Redundancy is costly and difficult to implement
- Scalability may be a limiting factor
- Highly vulnerable to hardware failures
- Often, utilization is low



#### VIRTUALIZED SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE





#### SERVER VIRTUALIZATION

- Server virtualization enable server Consolidation and Containment
  - Eliminating "server sprawl" via deployment of systems as "virtual machines" that can run safely and move transparently across shared hardware
- A virtual server can be serviced by one or more hosts, and one host may house more than one virtual server.
  - This is results in increased server utilization rates
    - From 5-15%, traditional servers, to 60-80%



#### THE VIRTUAL SERVER CONCEPT

- Virtual servers can still be referred to by their function i.e. email server, database server, etc.
- If the environment is built correctly, virtual servers will not be affected by the loss of a host.
- Hosts may be removed and introduced almost at will to accommodate maintenance.



#### THE VIRTUAL SERVER CONCEPT

- Virtual servers can be scaled out easily.
  - Amount of resources allocated to a virtual server can be adjusted dynamically to meet the computation requirements of the virtual server
- Server "cloning" can be easily achieved
  - Multiple, identical virtual servers can be easily created based on server templates
- Virtual servers can be migrated from host to host dynamically, as needed.



#### VIRTUALIZATION ADVANTAGES

- Workload consolidation to reduce hardware, power and space requirement
- Ability to run multiple OSs, and leverage their advantages based on the application
  - Run legacy software on more efficient, modern architecture
  - Dynamically migrate workloads to provide fault tolerance
- Provide redundancy to mitigate of disaster
- Greater automation

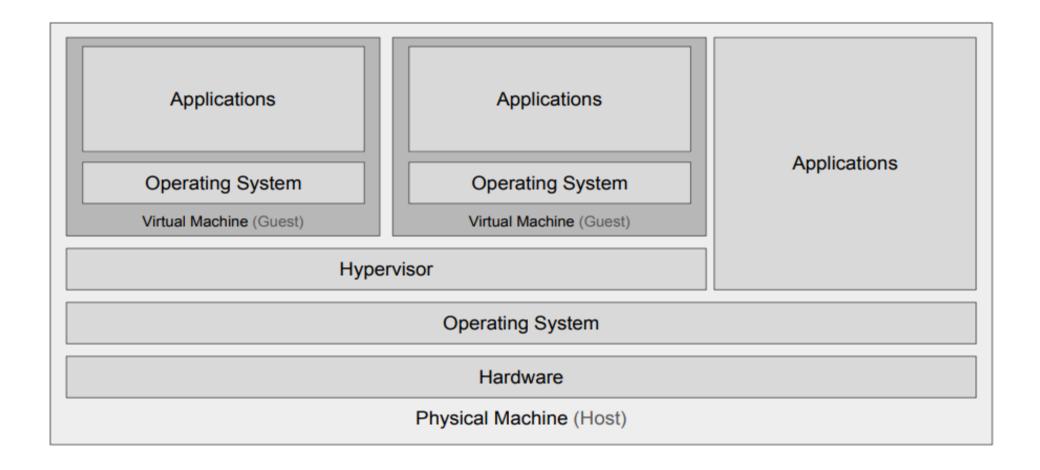


#### VIRTUALIZATION - DEFINITIONS

- Virtualization
  - The process of creating a virtual version of a physical object.
- Virtual Machine
  - Visual representation of a physical machine (Not JVM).
- Virtual Machine Monitor (VMM) or Hypervisor
  - A process that separates a computer's operating system and applications from the underlying physical hardware.
  - Hypervisor monitors and manages running virtual machines.
- Host Machine
  - The physical machine that a virtual machine is running on.
- Guest Machine
  - The virtual machine, running on the host machine.



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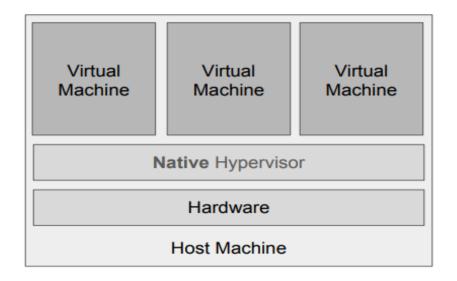
- Virtualization abstracts the hardware of computing infrastructure into several different execution environments,
  - Creates the illusion that each separate environment is running on its own private computing infrastructure
  - Makes servers, workstations, storage, network and other systems independent of the physical hardware layer
- The fundamental technology that powers Cloud Computing!
  - Virtual resources can be started and stopped easily and quickly



#### **HYPERVISORS**

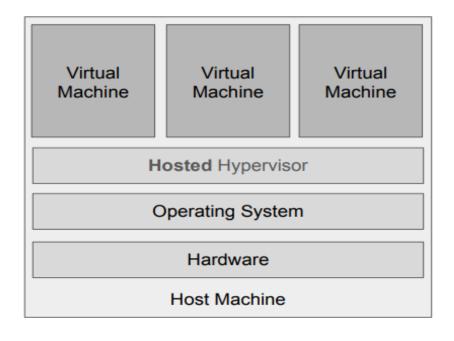
- Type 1: Native Hypervisors
  - Run directly on the host machine and share resources (such as memory and devices) between guest machines
  - Examples: VMware ESX and XEN.

Type 1 - Native



- Type 2: Hosted Hypervisors
  - Run as an application inside an operating system, and support virtual machines running as <u>individual processes</u>.
  - Examples: VirtualBox, QEMU, and JVM.

Type 2 - Hosted





## VIRTUALIZATION

Software Network Server Storage Memory Data Desktop Full **OS Level** Virtual Application Internal Block Level Desktop Integration Infrastructure Application **Partial** Database Hosted OS Level Virtual External File Integration Desktop Para Service



#### VIRTUAL RESOURCES IN THE CLOUD

- Network virtualization the process of combining hardware and software network resources and network functionality into a single, software-based administrative entity, a virtual network
  - External Network Virtualization VLAN
  - Internal Network Virtualization Software defined network
- Server virtualization is the process of using software on a physical server to create multiple partitions or "virtual instances" each capable of running independently.

• Storage virtualization pools physical storage from multiple network storage to enable a single storage device that is managed from a central console



### VMS IN THE CLOUD

- Getting VMs from
  - AWS EC2
  - Azure
  - Google Cloud









#### TODO ITEMS:

- First homework deadline is next week. Check Canvas for details.
- [Optional]: Reading on Canvas for physical servers vs. virtual servers.
- Before next lecture, install Docker on your machine.
  - https://www.docker.com/products/docker-desktop
  - Some students may experience issues downloading and installing docker on their machines due to older Windows versions.
    - For those students facing issues, please try Docker toolbox installation.



# OPTIONAL MATERIALS



# VIRTUALIZATION COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS



# QUESTIONS

- Mention the types of virtualization.
- What are the main benefits of virtualization?
- Explain memory and storage virtualization.
- What is hypervisor?

