

Virtualization Overview



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What is it?

- Virtualization of is the abstraction of the manifestation of a resource from the actual physical instance of that resource.
- What Computing/Network resources can be virtualized?
 - Virtually anything! :)

Anything?

- In the context of this course. We're interested in virtualization along two dimensions:
 - Services
 - Hosts

Resource/Service virtualization

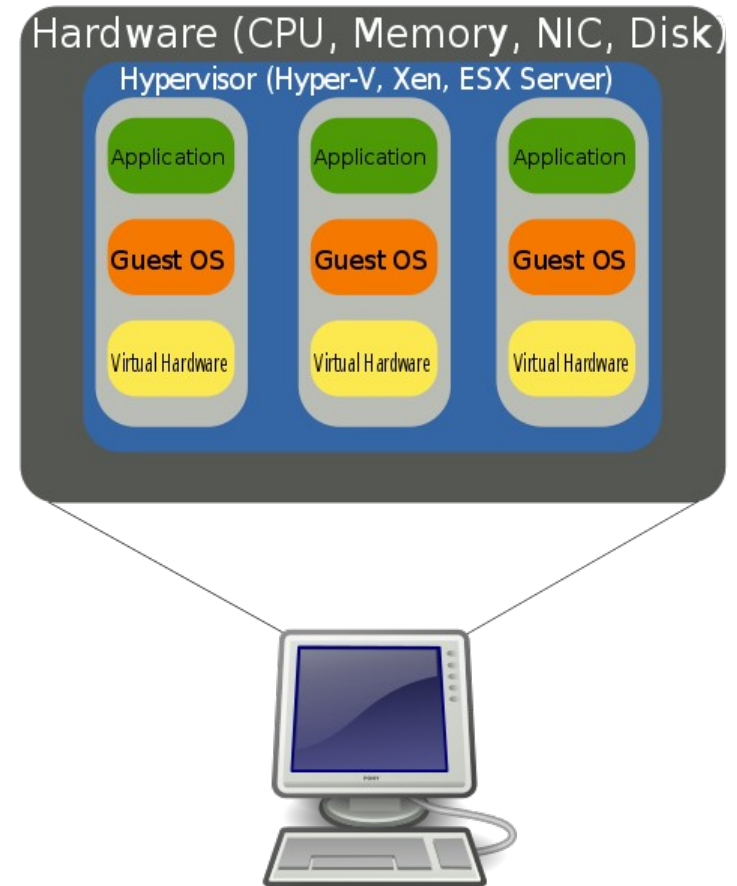
- Examples:
 - Load-balancers
 - DNS Based GLB
 - HTTP(S) Virtual Hosting
 - MX records
 - Virtual Switches
 - Virtual Routers
 - Virtual Firewalls

Resource Virtualization - Continued

- HTTP virtual hosts
 - Multiple websites on one system
- Load Balancing
 - One (or many sites or applications) across many systems
 - Can be done at Layer-3/4/7

Host Virtualization

- Examples
 - Vmware
 - Virtual-Box (used in class)
 - KVM
 - XEN
 - FreeBSD and Linux Jails
 - Windows Hyper-V



What problem are we attempting to solve with host virtualization.

Item 1 – Idle capacity.

Percent of the machines in your datacenter are idle percent of the time.

Capacity you're not using:

Cost money up front

Cost money to operate

Reduces your return on capital

Consolidating discreet systems into a smaller number of

Servers provides savings along virtually every

Dimension.

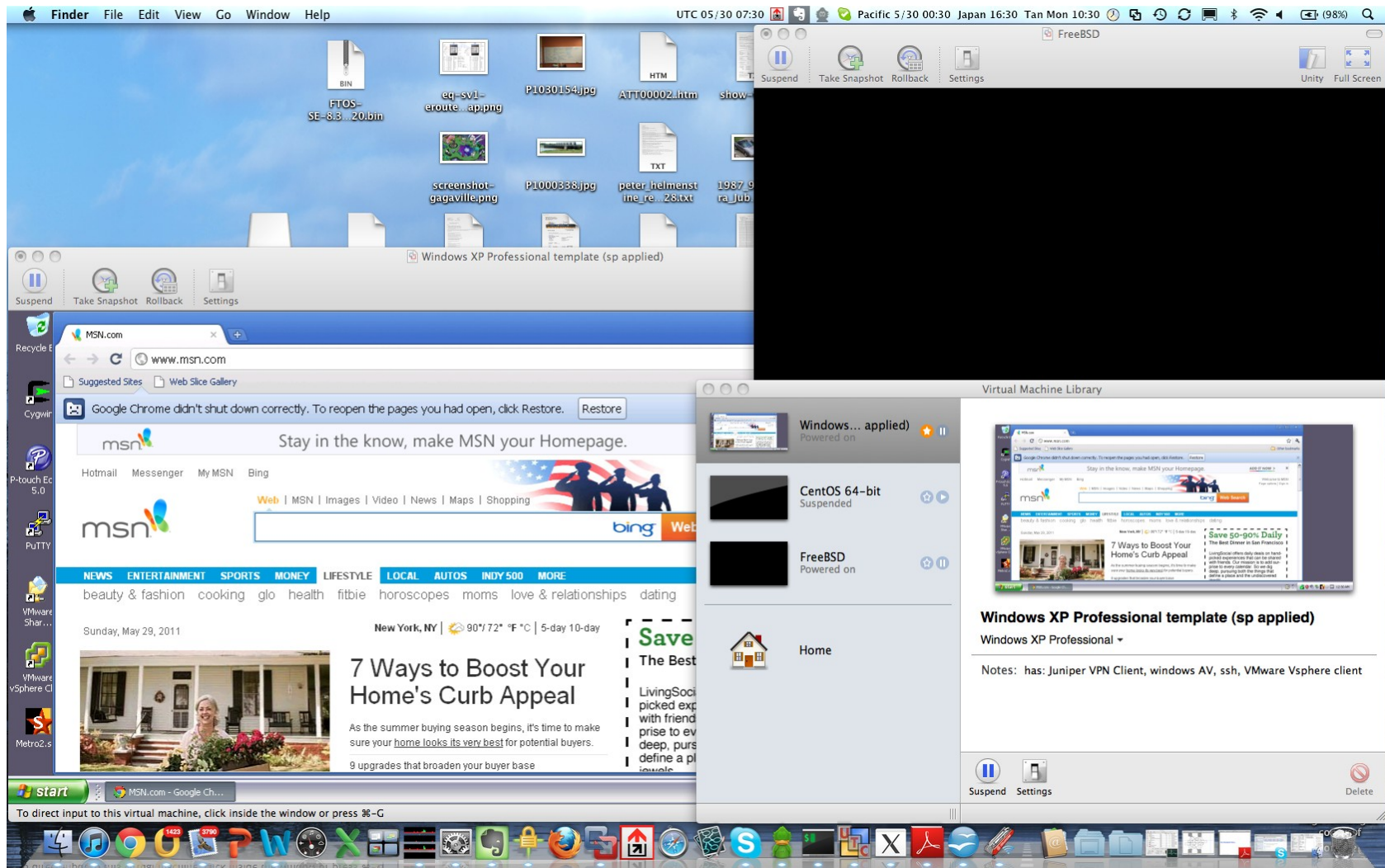
Problems - Continued

- Problem 2 – Provisioning
 - Spinning up a new service involves:
 - Acquiring the hardware
 - Building the server
 - Integration with existing services
 - With virtualization we're aiming to short-circuit that
 - Capacity is a resource
 - Machine instances may be cloned or provisioned from common basic images
 - Resources are purchased in bulk and assigned to applications as necessary.

Problems - Continued

- Problem 3 – Hardware abstraction
 - Operating systems, servers, and applications evolve at different rates.
 - Providing a common set of infrastructure resources means, virtualized systems are portable across servers
 - Hardware failure can more easily be managed.

Examples – Desktop Virtualization



Desktop Virtualization

- Uses

- Prototyping services or applications before deployment
- Utilities that don't run on your operating system
- Isolation of sandbox environments from your desktop
- Maintaining multiple versions of an environment for support purposes.
- Staying familiar with unix while running windows (consider compared to the alternative (dual-booting))

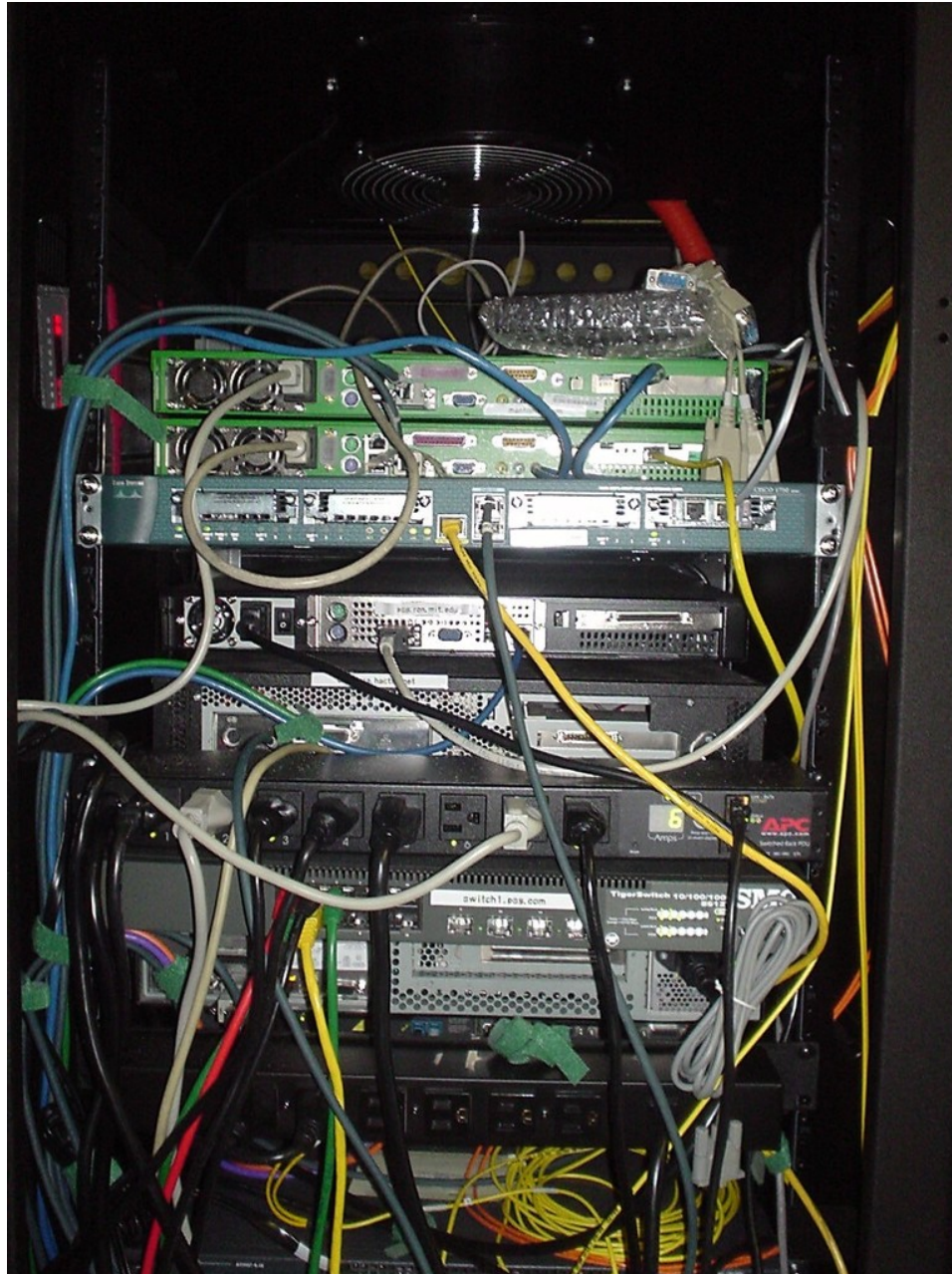
- Issues

- Emulating multiple computers on your laptop/desktop is somewhat resource intensive

- Vmware player and VirtualBox are free.

- <http://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
- http://downloads.vmware.com/d/info/desktop_downloads/vmware_player/3_0?ie=UTF-8

Examples – Server Virtualization



Server Virtualization - Continued

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for a VMware ESXi host. The left sidebar shows a tree view of the inventory, including the host and several virtual machines. The main pane shows the 'Virtual Machines' tab for the host, listing the following VMs:

Name	State	Provisioned Space	Used Space	Host CPU - MHz	Host Mem - MB	Guest Mem - %	Notes
ssh.rpki.net	Powered On	104.00 GB	104.00 GB	39	4165	3	
turing.wps.com	Powered On	102.00 GB	102.00 GB	5	2105	0	
ran.psg.com	Powered On	154.00 GB	154.00 GB	39	4187	3	
cent0.psg.com	Powered On	102.00 GB	102.00 GB	51	1453	1	
apnicrpki.rand.apnic.net	Powered On	5.29 GB	5.29 GB	57	717	9	
rip1.psg.com	Powered On	38.00 GB	38.00 GB	41	2085	4	
hiroshima.bogus.com	Powered Off	254.00 GB	250.00 GB	0	0		
nagasaki.bogus.com	Powered On	1023.00 GB	439.14 GB	124	4257	9	

Below the VM list is the 'Recent Tasks' section, which is currently empty. The interface includes a search bar for the VM list and another for the tasks list.

Server Virtualization

The screenshot displays the vSphere Client interface for a VMware ESXi host. The window title is "vm0.sea.rg.net - vSphere Client". The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Left Panel:** A tree view showing the host "vm0.sea.rg.net" and its associated IP addresses: apnicrpk1.rand.apnic.net, cent0.psg.com, hiroshima.bogus.com, nagasaki.bogus.com, ran.psg.com, rip1.psg.com, ssh.rpki.net, and turing.wps.com.
- Host Information:** "vm0.sea.rg.net VMware ESXi, 4.1.0, 260247".
- Summary Tab:** The active tab, showing host configuration details.
 - General:**
 - Manufacturer: Supermicro
 - Model: X7DWU
 - CPU Cores: 8 CPUs x 2 GHz
 - Processor Type: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5405 @ 2.00GHz
 - License: vSphere 4 Essentials Licensed for 2 physical CPU...
 - Processor Sockets: 2
 - Cores per Socket: 4
 - Logical Processors: 8
 - Hyperthreading: Inactive
 - Number of NICs: 2
 - State: Connected
 - Virtual Machines and Templates: 8
 - vMotion Enabled: N/A
 - VMware EVC Mode: N/A
 - Host Configured for FT: N/A
 - Active Tasks: 0
 - Host Profile: N/A
 - Profile Compliance: N/A
 - Resources:**
 - CPU usage: 750 MHz (Capacity: 8 x 2 GHz)
 - Memory usage: 20163.00 MB (Capacity: 32766.17 MB)
 - Datstore Table:**

Datstore	Capacity	Free	Last Update
datastore1	3.63 TB	2.45 TB	4/29/2011
 - Network Table:**

Network	Type
VM Network	Standard switch network
 - Fault Tolerance:**
 - Fault Tolerance Version: 2.0.1-2.0.0-2.0.0
 - Total Primary VMs: 0
 - Powered On Primary VMs: 0
 - Total Secondary VMs: 0
 - Powered On Secondary VMs: 0
- Recent Tasks:** A table with columns: Name, Target, Status, Details, Initiated by, Requested Start Time, Start Time, Completed Time. The table is currently empty.

Virtualized Servers as a Service (Amazon Web Services)

- Much as collocated servers, are available from a hosting provider, virtual servers are also available.
- Model is:
 - You pay for what you use.
 - Flexibility, need fewer servers today than you used, yesterday.
 - Leverage other amazon tools (storage/map-reduce/load-balancing/payments etc)

AWS

Navigation: EC2 Dashboard, INSTANCES, IMAGES, ELASTIC BLOCK STORE, NETWORKING & SECURITY

My Instances

Region: US West (N. California)

Viewing: All Instances | All Instance Types

Name	Instance	AMI ID	Root Device	Type	Status	Security Groups	Key Pair Name	Monitoring	Virtualization
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	i-7a255b3e	ami-c7643482	ebs	t1.micro	terminated	default	joelja_amazon_key	basic	paravirtual
<input type="checkbox"/>	empty	i-ac1213e8	ebs	t1.micro	running	bare	amazon	basic	paravirtual

You have selected an instance that is not running. Amazon CloudWatch Detailed Monitoring can only be enabled for running instances.

Avg CPU Utilization (Percent)

Time	Avg CPU Utilization (Percent)
5/30 08:30	~0
5/30 09:00	~0

Avg Disk Reads (Bytes)

Time	Avg Disk Reads (Bytes)
5/30 08:30	~0
5/30 09:00	~0

Avg Disk Writes (Bytes)

Time	Avg Disk Writes (Bytes)
5/30 08:30	~0
5/30 09:00	~0

Max Network In (Bytes)

Time	Max Network In (Bytes)
5/30 08:30	~0
5/30 09:00	~5,000

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AWS Steps

- Select availability zone
- Launch new instance
- Select appropriate ami
- Associate with ssh key
- Launch instance
- Add ip
- SSH into new machine instance.
- t1-micro-instances run \$54 a year + bandwidth

Try it for free...

- Free tier for the first Calendar year is (per month):
 - 750 hours of EC2 running Linux/Unix Micro instance usage
 - 750 hours of Elastic Load Balancing plus 15 GB data processing
 - 10 GB of Amazon Elastic Block Storage (EBS) plus 1 million IOs, 1 GB snapshot storage, 10,000 snapshot Get Requests and 1,000 snapshot Put Requests
 - 15 GB of bandwidth in and 15 GB of bandwidth out aggregated across all AWS services

AWS - Continued

- For provisioning purposes cli interaction is possible:
 - <http://aws.amazon.com/developertools/351>
- Along with tools to support the provisioning and destruction of virtual machines.

Provisioning and management

- Is the glue that makes virtualization usable
- In commercial virtualization environments the provisioning/management toolkits represent the bulk of the licensing cost (VMware) and the secret sauce (VMotion, disaster recovery, backup, etc)
- One end of the spectrum:
 - XEN tools – a collection of perl scripts for spinning
<http://www.xen-tools.org/software/xen-tools/>
 - KVM tools - http://www.linux-kvm.org/page/Management_Tools
- The Other:
 - Rightscale -
<http://www.rightscale.com/products/advantages/managing-systems-not-servers.php>

Variation In virtualized environments

- Enterprise and Government virtualized environments may tend towards heterogeneity.
 - e.g. the applications (servers) that are being virtualized have accumulated over time
 - Are different enough that management may be depressingly manual
- ASP/Internet services environments may be more homogenous.
 - Leverage a common set infrastructure primitives
 - Thousands of like-systems providing overlapping functionality across hundreds of servers
 - Traditional network elements (e.g. loadbalancers/firewalls) may be virtualized along with the application.

Can you spot the...

- Web server?
- Database server?
- Load-balancer?



Complimentary technologies

- NIC teaming or Link aggregation
- Network attached storage and network centric filesystems
 - Example NFS
 - Hadoopfs
- Distributed databases
 - Example mysql cluster
 - OracleRAC