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Planning a Proof of Concept for deploying Oracle Database on Linux on System z

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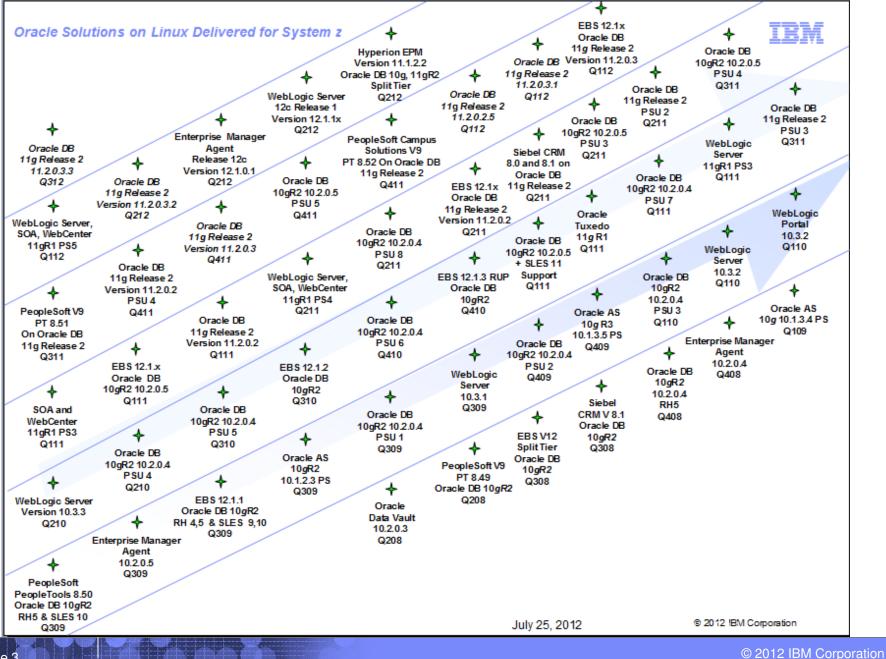
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Agenda

- Oracle Solutions on Linux on z
- Terminology
- Oracle DB on Linux on z (Loz) through the eyes of availability
- Getting started Sizing
- Proof of Concept
 - z/VM, Linux, Oracle DB, disk
 - Load the database and test
 - Performance evaluation
- Production Readiness
- Summary of PoC









Is Oracle Database current on Linux on z - Yes

- Current Patch Set Update July 2012
 - 11.2.0.3.3 (patch 13923374) available
 - 11.2.0.2.7 available
 - 10.2.0.5.8 (now in extended support) available

Critical Patch Update Advisories are available at the following location:

Oracle Technology Network: http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/topics/security/alerts-086861.html

The Critical Patch Update Advisory - July 2012 is available at the following location:

Oracle Technology Network: http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/topics/security/cpujul2012-392727.html



Don't call it zLinux - It is really Linux on z

- zLinux is an IBM term for running Linux on z
- zLinux is NOT a special distribution of Linux created by IBM.
- Linux can run natively on System z or under z/VM (i.e. virtualization)
- Linux on z (Loz) is a better term and is less confusing in the Oracle space
- SLES and Red Hat have Oracle certified distributions for Loz
 - SLES 10 and 11
 - Red Hat 5.x



Does Oracle DB install differently on z - NO

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Linux x86-64 RedHat 5.7 Oracle DB 11.2.0.3

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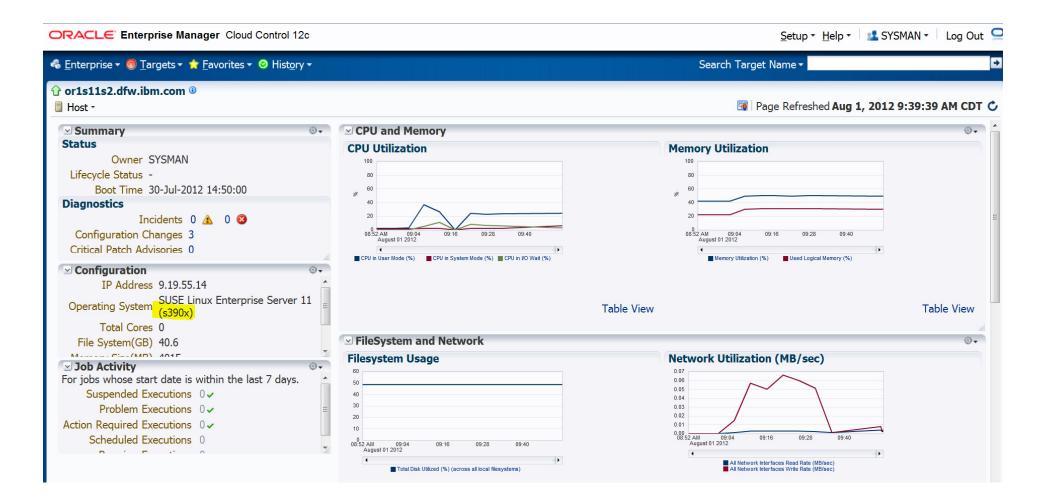


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Oracle EM Grid Control View of a database running on z



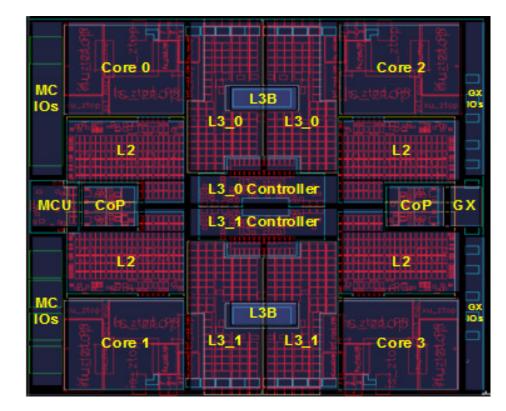


What is an IFL (Integrated Facility for Linux)?

- An IFL is a specialty engine (i.e., core) on a System z
 - Runs at 5.2 GHz on a z196
- Oracle uses the term core for purposes of core based pricing
- From an Oracle licensing perspective an IFL = one core
- Yes, the System z10, <u>z196</u> and z114 have quad core processors BUT an IFL represents one core for Oracle licensing purposes. Yes, you can purchase z capacity on a core by core basis and these cores are called IFLs



z196 Quad Core PU Chip Detail



12S0 45nm SOI Technology

- 13 layers of metal 3.5 km wire **1.4 Billion Transistors**
- **Chip Area 512.3mm**² 23.5mm x 21.8mm 8093 Power C4's 1134 signal C4's

- Up to Four active cores per chip
 - 5.2 GHz
 - L1 cache/ core
 - 64 KB I-cache
 - 128 KB D-cache
 - 1.5 MB private L2 cache/ core
- Two Co-processors (COP)
 - Crypto & compression accelerators
 - Includes 16KB cache
 - Shared by two cores
- 24MB eDRAM L3 Cache
 - Shared by all four cores
- Interface to SC chip / L4 cache
 - 41.6 GB/sec to each of 2 SCs
- I/O Bus Controller (GX)
 - Interface to Host Channel Adapter (HCA)
- Memory Controller (MC)
 - Interface to controller on memory DIMMs
 - Supports RAIM design

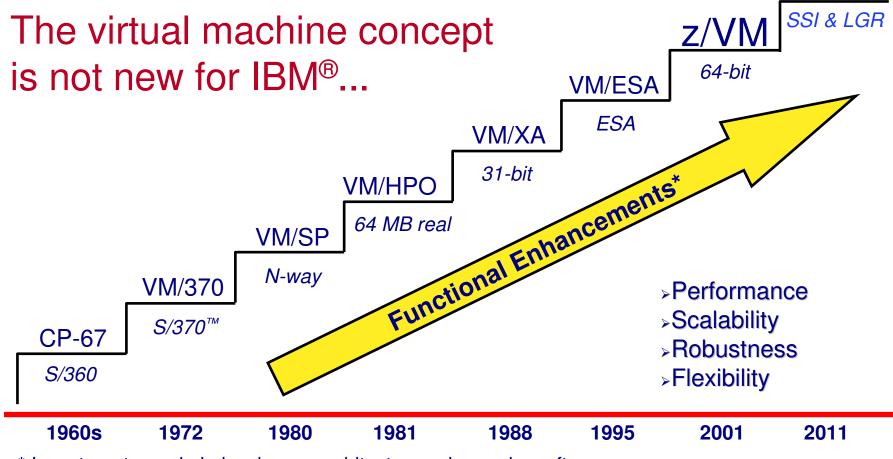


Is Oracle DB Standard Edition supported on z?

- Only on z10 BC and z114
 - Qualifies based upon number of sockets
- Must use **Enterprise Edition** for other models of System z
 - z196
 - z10 EC
 - z9 and z9 BC
 - z990 and z890
 - z900 and z800



IBM Virtualization Technology Evolution



* Investments made in hardware, architecture, microcode, software



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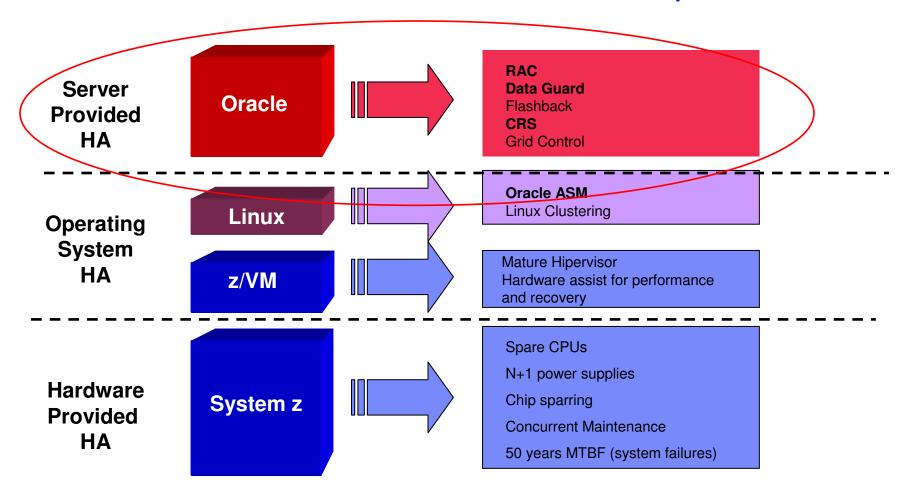
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are being tested in the PoC?

aka - Begin with the end in mind

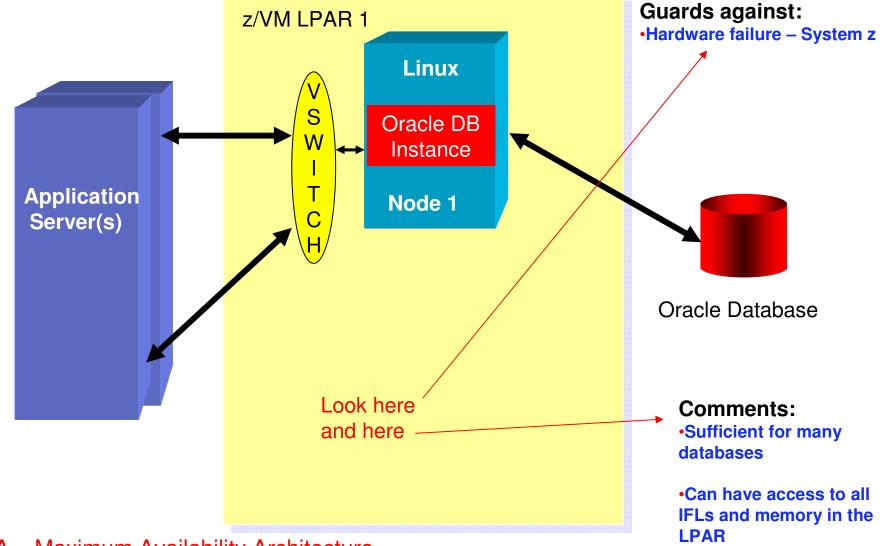
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Building Blocks of HA for Oracle DB on Linux for System z





Oracle Database without Oracle MAA

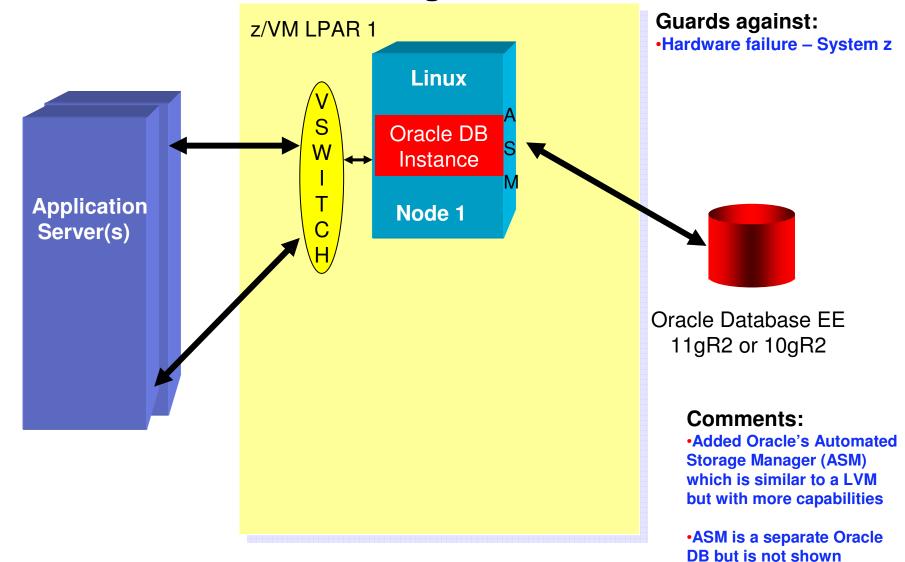


MAA – Maximum Availability Architecture

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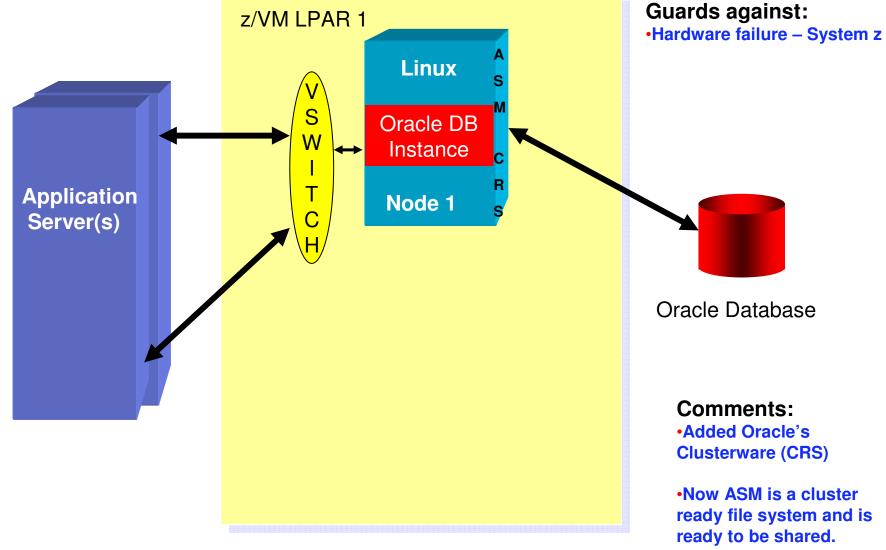


Oracle Database - building Oracle MAA





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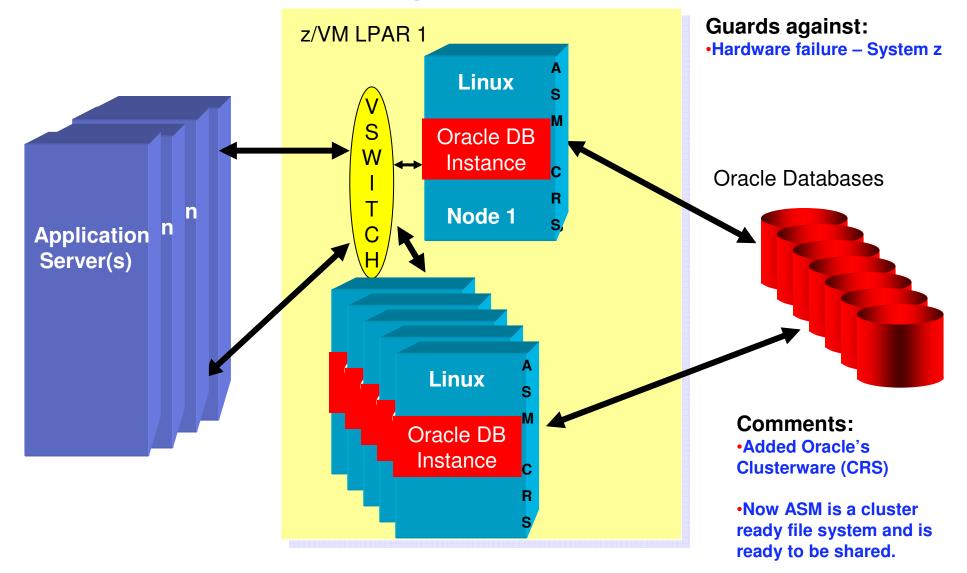


ASM instance not shown

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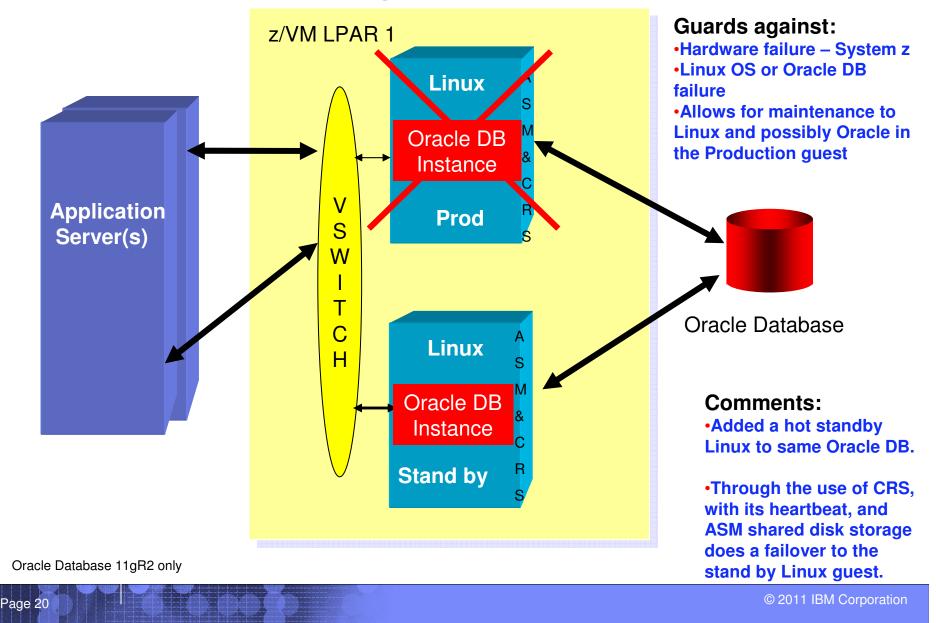


Oracle Database - building Oracle MAA - no RAC





Oracle Database - building Oracle MAA - RAC One Node



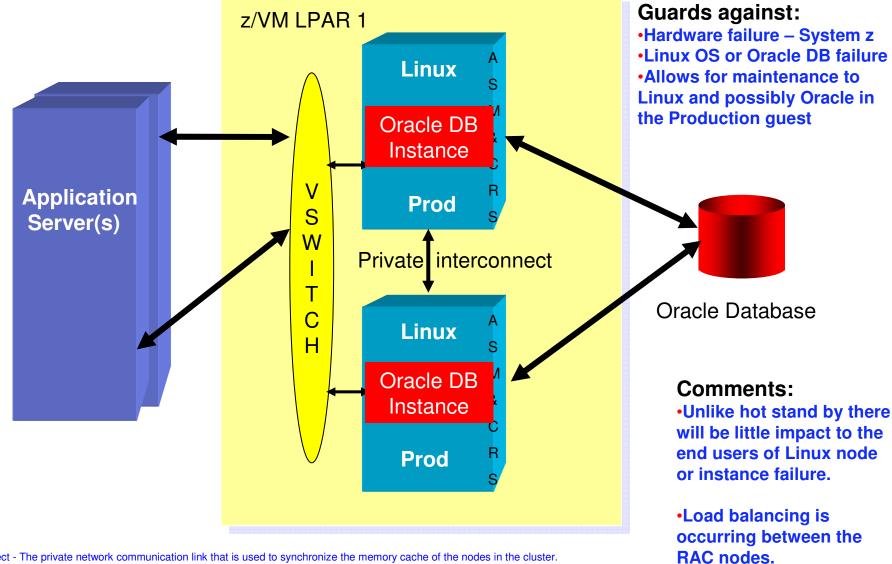


Oracle RAC One Node Comments

- Can also be accomplished across LPARs using HiperSockets connections.
- Can be accomplished across different System z platforms using appropriate network connectivity.
- Only allowed between Oracle databases using the same binaries (i.e. Linux on z in this case)
 - Oracle Clusterware and Oracle RAC do not support heterogeneous platforms in the same cluster. For example, you cannot have one node in the cluster running Oracle Linux and another node in the same cluster running Solaris UNIX. All nodes must run the same operating system; that is, they must be binary compatible. Oracle RAC does not support machines having different chip architectures in the same cluster. However, you can have machines of different speeds and sizes in the same cluster.
- An outage that can affect users can be of a short duration (short duration?)



Oracle Database building Oracle MAA - RAC

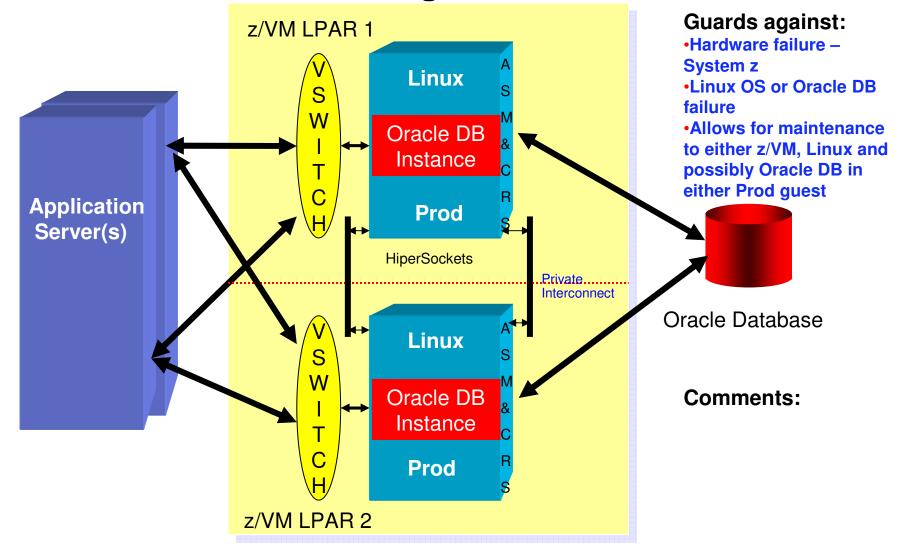


Interconnect - The private network communication link that is used to synchronize the memory cache of the nodes in the cluster.

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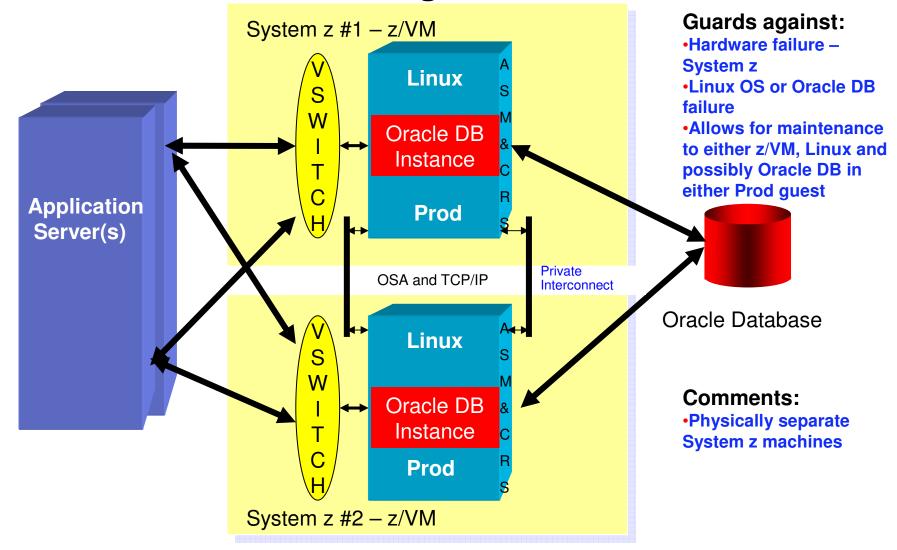


Oracle Database - building Oracle MAA - RAC





Oracle Database - building Oracle MAA - RAC



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Deploying RAC for High Availability

- RAC Real Application Clusters
 - Active/Passive configuration
 - One node processes work
 - The other node waits for the first node to fail
 - Active/Active configuration
 - All nodes process work
 - If any node fails the cluster is re-mastered.
 - Besides availability, RAC can be used for workload distribution
 - All work does not have to go through all nodes
 - Deploy
 - In the same LPAR for test/dev applications
 - Across LPARs for LPAR maintenance or software failures (most common implementation)
 - Across CECs when taking entire systems down is a "common" occurrence

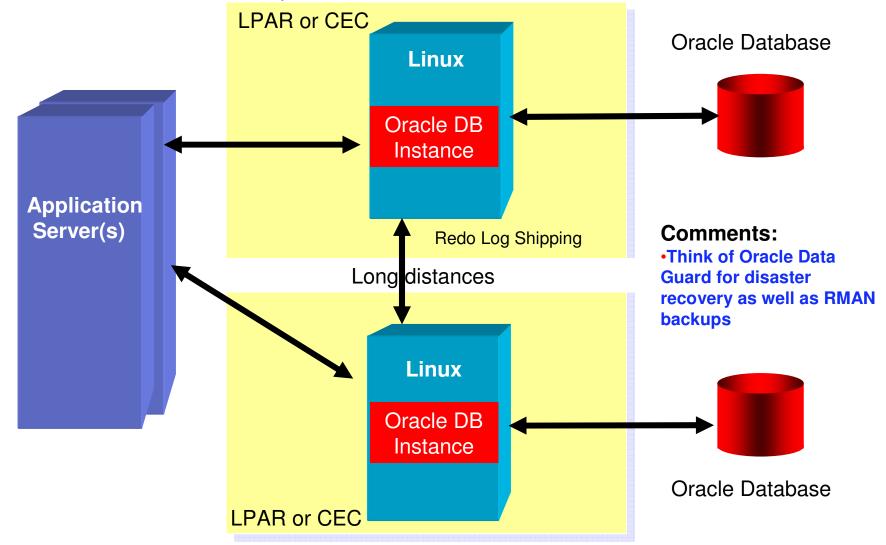


Oracle Standby and Replication Solutions for Disaster Recovery

- Standby replication to standby database
 - Oracle Data Guard
 - Uses redo log shipping for log apply or SQL Apply
 - Less data transmitted than replication
 - Sync or async
 - Various configurations of logical and physical standby databases
 - Both production and standby databases must be installed from same CD/DVD
 - Support for heterogeneous systems not supported yet
 - Both systems must match for endian, chip set and headers
 - Data Guard generally deployed between CECs



Disaster Recovery Database - Data Guard



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High Availability for Oracle database on Linux for System z

- System z highly available platform
 - Attention to detail over decades of engineering
 - Fault Tolerant (HA) design
 - Elimination of single points of failure
 - Driving to 100 years MTBF
- Oracle Maximum Availability Architecture
 - Best Practices based on Oracle database technology
 - Constantly evolves with new releases
- Synergistic
 - Continue on your path with Oracle Grid using System z
 - Develop a Grid strategy for Oracle on Linux for System z
 - Take advantages of the HA/DR features of IBM and Oracle technologies



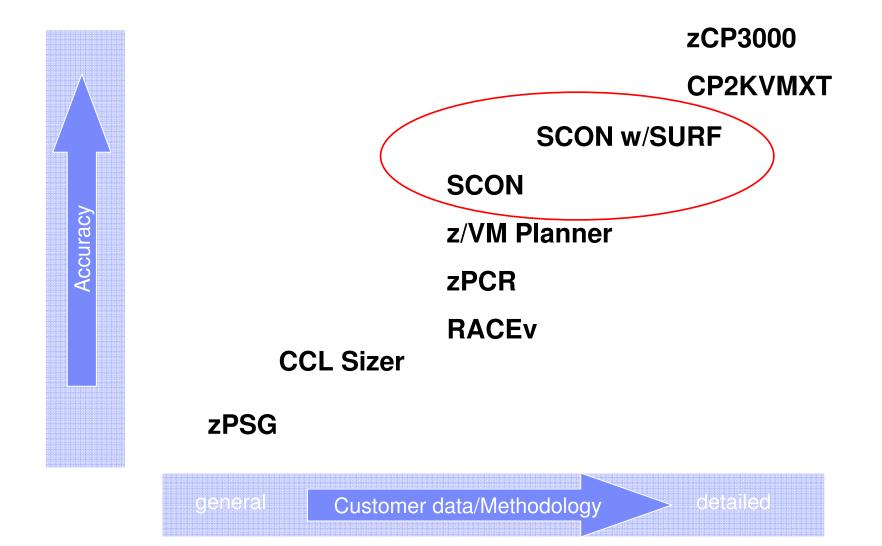
Sizing - the most important step

For PoC or full production

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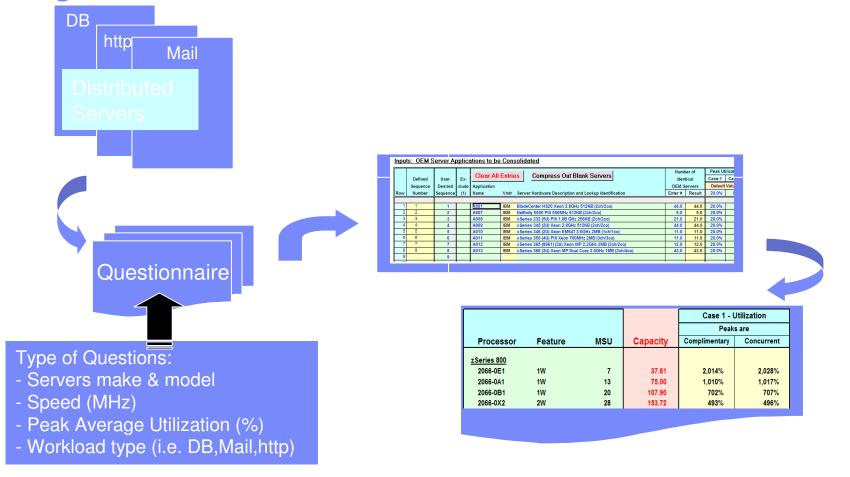


System z Sizing Tools



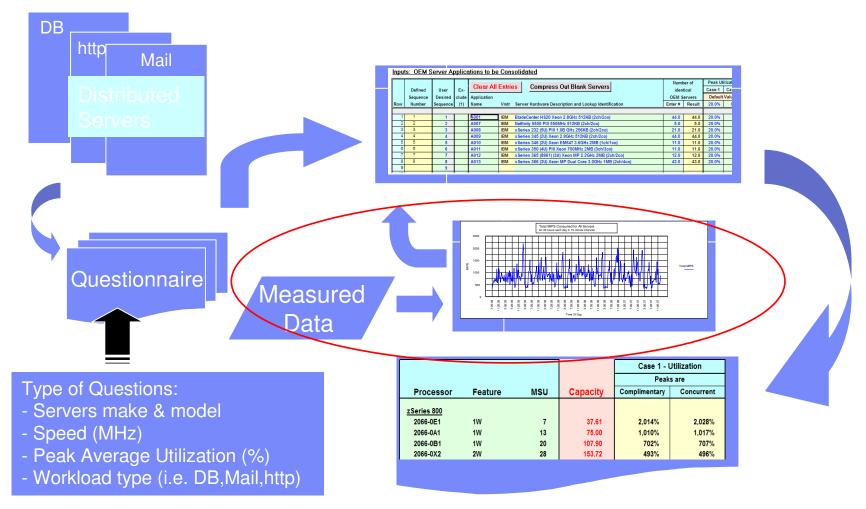


System z Linux Server Consolidation Sizing Process - SCON





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Oracle Database Memory sizing

- Obtain Oracle SGA and PGA sizes from all database instances
 - Prefer Advisory sizes from multiple AWR reports.
- Calculate individual guest storage requirements (assume MB): Sum of (optimized) SGA and PGA settings + 256 MB for ASM + 512 MB for Linux + 512 MB for Oracle Enterprise Manager 12c agent (if used) + threads and process memory + 10%* **
- Apply a z/VM memory over commit factor such as 1.2 or 1.5.
- System z memory = real memory for guests + memory for z/VM and expanded storage (4 GB).

*Increase estimate when Oracle SGA is large and there are expected to be hundreds of dedicated server connections or use hugepages with Oracle 11gR2 ** A large overall virtual storage requirement may result in larger Page Tables in Linux which require extra guest storage. Consider hugepages but without AMM.



PGA Memory Advisory from an Oracle AWR report

PGA Memory Advisory

· When using Auto Memory Mgmt, minimally choose a pga_aggregate_target value where Estd PGA Overalloc Count is 0

PGA Target Est (MB)	Size Factr	W/A MB Processed	Estd Extra W/A MB Read/ Written to Disk	Estd PGA Cache Hit %	Estd PGA Overalloc Count
896	0.13	148,138.91	182,994.64	45.00	1,297
1,792	0.25	148,138.91	173,054.91	46.00	1.197
3,584	0.50	148,138.91	30,487.16	83.00	0
5,376	0.75	148,138.91	30,487.16	83.00	0
7,168	1.00	148,138.91	29,701.39	83.00	0
8,602	1.20	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
10,035	1.40	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
11,469	1.60	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
12,902	1.80	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
14,336	2.00	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
21,504	3.00	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
28,672	4.00	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
43,008	6.00	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0
57,344	8.00	148,138.91	12,032.42	92.00	0

It appears that the allocated memory of 7,168 MB may be twice as large as required for this Oracle instance.

(Pull v\$pgastats to find maximum)



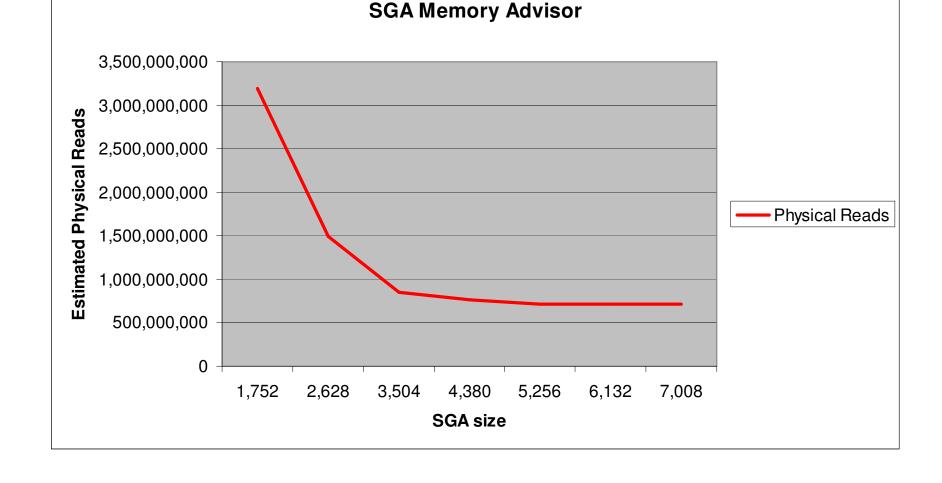
SGA Target Advisory from an Oracle AWR report

SGA Target Advisory

SGA Target Size (M)	SGA Size Factor	Est DB Time (s)	Est Physical Reads
2,304	0.25	317,428	14,503,025
4,608	0.50	282,694	11,631,530
6,912	0.75	270,413	10,965,119
9,216	1.00	263,535	10,396,434
11,520	1.25	258,791	10,003,449
13,824	1.50	255,418	9,725,864
16,128	1.75	252,915	9,517,935
18,432	2.00	252,150	9,454,517

It appears that the allocated memory of 9,216 MB might be reasonable.





SGA Memory Advisor - Charted



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Threads for dedicated servers

Determine the number of dedicated threads and multiply that by 4.5 MB for required real memory to include in guest sizing.

The logons current below may give a hint about number of threads in use if dedicated.

Instance Activity Stats - Absolute Values

Statistic	Begin Value	End Value
session cursor cache count	20,573	21,027
opened cursors current	186	91
workarea memory allocated	870,391	3,575
logons current	124	30

Statistics with absolute values (should not be diffed).

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Obvious comments about sizing

- Garbage in, garbage out.
- Choose appropriate time frames that represent reasonable capacity usage
- Do not make guesses about the sizing input
- Get the IFL capacity, I/O subsystem setup, and the memory amounts at the proper levels before starting any testing
- Engage an IBM System z Oracle specialist or IBM Techline to assist with sizing



Proof of Concept (PoC)





PoC part 1

- Engage a System z Oracle specialist to assist with PoC planning
- Attend education if possible
- Verify all applications included in the PoC are certified on System z
 - Oracle's E-Business Suite (DB only), PeopleSoft (DB only), and Siebel (DB only)
- Obtain IFLs and memory as per the sizing process
 - No zIIPs, zAAPs or CP's for this environment
 - Choose I/O subsystem (i.e., ECKD or SCSI)
- Install z/VM and z/VM Performance Toolkit
- Install Linux
 - Choose certified levels of SUSE or Red Hat Go to support.oracle.com (id and password required) – notes 1082253.1, 741646.1, 1290360.1
 - Verify required Oracle modules have been installed RPM checkers available – support.oracle.com note 1086769.1
 - Consider using VDISK for first and second swap spaces
- Use Oracle Orion to validate the I/O subsystem even before a Oracle database is installed
 - Performs Oracle database like I/O

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Education/Workshops - WSC

- LXOR6 (Wildfire Workshops)
- Customizing Linux and the Mainframe for Oracle DB Applications
 - For clients considering a move of Oracle to Linux on System z
 - Topics include hardware technologies, software components, best practices, performance and tuning, performance tools, linux distributions, tools and services for sizing
 - Two person teams installing VM, Linux (SUSE or RHEL), and Oracle
- No charge, Client Team Registration
- Offered in Various Cities across North America
 - Chicago, September 25 27
 - Boston (Waltham), October 23 25
 - Atlanta, TBD
- 2.5 days, Attendees responsible for travel expenses
- Combination Lectures and Lab Exercises



Disk or DASD options

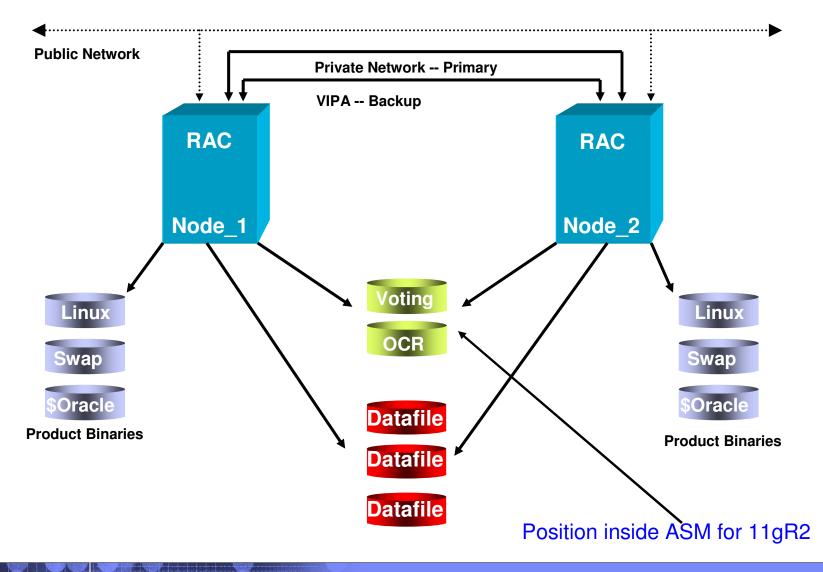
- Disk: <u>XIV</u> or SCSI
 - For Oracle database
- DASD (3390 or ECKD)
 - Use for z/VM, Linux and Oracle binaries
 - For Oracle database
 - Performance
 - Best HyperPav subsystem on DASD and HyperPav driver support in Linux distribution

SLES 11 update 1

- Good HyperPAV or PAV on DASD subsystem. Additional setup work in z/VM and Linux required
- Decent No PAV. Setup work in z/VM and Linux



Overview of Major RAC Components



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Storage - Testing with Oracle Orion - 1

ORION Simulates Oracle reads and writes, without having to create a database

and helps to isolate I/O issues. When a database is optimally configured you can expect to get up to 95% of the thorughput of Orion.

./orion_zlinux -run oltp -testname mytest -num_disks 2 -duration 30 -simulate raid0

ORION VERSION 11.2.0.0.1 Commandline: -run oltp -testname mytest -num_disks 2 -duration 30 -simulate raid0 This maps to this test: Test: mytest Small IO size: 8 KB Large IO size: 1024 KB IO Types: Small Random IOs, Large Random IOs Simulated Array Type: RAID 0 Stripe Depth: 1024 KB Write: 0% Cache Size: Not Entered Duration for each Data Point: 30 seconds Small Columns:, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 Large Columns:, 0 Total Data Points: 22

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* Results are NOT representative of normal DASD performance



Storage - Testing with Oracle Orion - 2

-run oltp -testname mytest -num_disks 2 -duration 30 -simulate raid0

This maps to this test: Test: mytest Small IO size: 8 KB Large IO size: 1024 KB IO Types: Small Random IOs, Large Random IOs Simulated Array Type: RAID 0 Stripe Depth: 1024 KB Write: 0% Cache Size: Not Entered Duration for each Data Point: 30 seconds Small Columns:, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 Large Columns:, 0 Total Data Points: 22 Name: /dev/sda1 Size: 10737401856 Name: /dev/sdb1 Size: 10737401856

2 FILEs found. Maximum Small IOPS=24945 @ Small=24 and Large=0 Minimum Small Latency=0.60 @ Small=12 and Large=0

Download - http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/tech/orion/index.html

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Storage - Testing with Oracle Orion - 3

- Be careful with the Orion options you choose. The writes are destructive.
- Perform Orion testing before installing the Oracle database to validate the I/O subsystem



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Moving data is like moving water - must have adequate flow throughout



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AWR - I/O statistics

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PoC part 2

- Install Oracle database –11gR2 (11.2.0.3) or 10gR2 (10.2.0.5)
 - Consider starting with Oracle ASM versus LVM ext3 files
 - Utilize UDEV rules rather than ASMLIB see Oracle support note ID 1350008.1, 1089399.1
 - If using ext3 then verify Oracle init.ora has the following settings: filesystemio_options = setall (direct I/O) disk_asynch_io=true to eliminate Linux double caching which wastes storage and CPU resources

Calculate kernel parmeters shmmax and shmall for each guest.

- Consider using Linux Hugepages for large SGAs (Oracle DB 11gR2 only)
 - The more connections the larger the page table reduction.
 - Limitations: No AMM.
- Create appropriate disk multipathing for XIV, V7000 or SCSI
 - Consider running Orion again to test multipathing
 - See Oracle support note ID 1350008.1
- Load database from another Oracle database source
 - Use transportable tablespace or database for metadata when endian formats are the same <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endian</u>
 - Additional steps, like rman conversions, are required for unlike endian formats
 - Import/export may be required when the source database is older than 10gR2



Oracle without HugePages Linux 4K Page Tables after 70 minutes

Linux Swap and Page Tables using 87.7 GB of Memory!

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Oracle database on Linux for System z



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Inactive:	3016924 kB
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Inactive(anon):	0 kB
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Inactive(file):	3016924 kB
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Mlocked:	7872 kB
SwapTotal:	43272816 kB
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Dirty:	20 kB
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13 Linux x86 64-bit	Little	
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12 Microsoft Windows x86 64-bit	Little	
17 Solaris Operating System (x86)		Little
18 IBM Power Based Linux	Big	
20 Solaris Operating System (x86-64)	Little	
19 HP IA Open VMS	Little	



PoC part 3

- Run PoC testing
 - Collect performance data by enabling:
 - z/VM Performance Toolkit
 - Note that you must now think about virtualization versus dedicated resources
 - sar and iostat data from the Linux on z guest(s)
 - AWR reports from the Oracle database
 - Review performance reports
 - z/VM Performance Toolkit
 - Understand CPU, memory, and paging consumption for the LPAR
 - Review virtual machine consumption of resources
 - Evaluate I/O performance
 - Verify VDISK usage
 - Linux using sar and iostat data
 - CPU, memory, swapping, and I/O performance for each guest
 - Oracle AWR report and Oracle Enterprise Manager screens
 - I/O performance
 - SGA and PGA usage via automatic memory management (see previous chart) Normal DBA tuning review
 - Review for poor performing SQL
 - Locking and latching
- Rerun PoC if changes are made
 - Does the PoC validate the initial sizing?



PoC part 4

- Think in terms of virtualization different mind set
- Does that Oracle database require all of that memory it had in the nonvirtualized environment?
- Should you have a active/passive/stand by setup in the same z/VM?
 - Optimize use of resources
- Did the guests get properly prioritized with respect to other guests in z/VM?
- What workloads are peaking at the same time
 - CPU peak
 - Memory load
 - I/O subsystem
- DBA's, Linux admins, and z/VM sys progs must work as a team in any virtualized environment

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AWR - other statistics

Top 5 Timed Events

Event	Waits	Time(s)	Avg Wait(ms)	% Total Call Time	Wait Class
db file sequential read	6,073,284	74,443	12	35.5	User VO
CPU time		64,668		30.8	
log file sequential read	173,131	8,093	47	3.9	System VO
log file parallel write	189,657	3,668	19	1.7	System I/O
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SQL ordered by Elapsed Time

Resources reported for PL/SQL code includes the resources used by all SQL statements called by the code.
 % Total DB Time is the Elapsed Time of the SQL statement divided into the Total Database Time multiplied by 100

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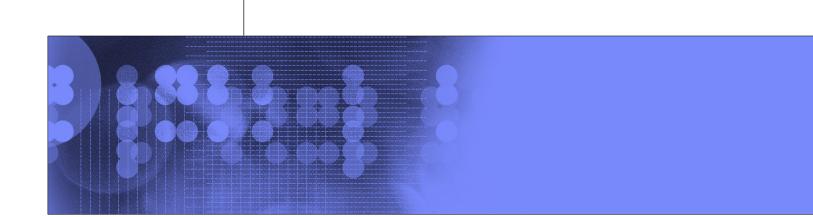
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SYS_TIME	268,498
USER_TIME	6,493,552
LOAD	4
RSRC_MGR_CPU_WAIT_TIME	0
PHYSICAL_MEMORY_BYTES	33,711,116,288
NUM_CPUS	4



Production Readiness



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Production Readiness

- Did the PoC validate the initial sizing
 - If not, attempt to resize or use PoC information as the basis for estimation
- Did the PoC test the availability requirements established during the requirements phase (i.e., Oracle MAA)
 - Standalone DB
 - RAC with Active/Active or Active/Passive
 - Use of multiple physical System z machines
 - Data Guard for Disaster Recovery
- Is there sufficient IFL capacity, memory, and I/O capacity for production
 - Are you ready to measure capacity usage over the long term.
- Are the latest Oracle patches applied?
- Consider z/VM prioritization to appropriately manage the large number of guests



Summary

- Sizing in advance is important; really, it is.
- Optimize virtualization benefits with regard to allocation of resources
- PoCs with smaller and less important Oracle databases might be a good start
- Oracle database on Loz can handle ERP sized databases
 - PeopleSoft
 - Siebel
 - E-Business suite
- Oracle database on Loz can handle data warehouse applications
- IBM and Oracle continue to work together and invest in improving the Oracle on Linux on z solution



Information Sources

- http://www.ibm.com/redbooks
 - SG24-6482-00 Experiences with Oracle Database 10g on Linux for zSeries
 - SG24-7191-00 Experiences with Oracle 10gR2 Solutions on Linux for System z
 - SG24-7573-00 Using Oracle Solutions on Linux on System z
 - SG24-7634-00 Experiences with Oracle Solutions on Linux for IBM System z
 - REDP-4788-00 Installing Oracle 11gR2 RAC on Linux on System z
- http://linuxmain.blogspot.com
- http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/tips
 - General z/VM Tuning Tips
- http://www-124.ibm.com/developerworks/oss/linux390/index.shtml
 - Lot's of information on Linux for System z
- http://www-128.ibm.com/developerworks/linux/linux390/perf/index.html
 - Hints and Tips for tuning Linux on System z
- http://www.zseriesoraclesig.org
 - Special Interest Group of Oracle users on the mainframe (z/OS and Linux)
- http://www.mail-archive.com/linux-390%40vm.marist.edu/
 - Marist List Server

My Oracle Support Notes

- 1306465.1 Getting Started 11gR2 Grid Infrastructure, ASM and DB (IBM: Linux on System z)
- 1290644.1 Requirements for Installing Oracle 11gR2 on SLES11 on IBM: Linux on System z (s390x)
- 1306889.1 Requirements for Installing Oracle 11gR2 on RHEL 5 on IBM: Linux on System z (s390x)
- 1308859.1 Requirements for Installing Oracle 11gR2 RDBMS on SLES 10 SP3 on IBM: Linux on System z (s390x)
- 1086769.1 Ensure you have prerequisite rpms to install Oracle Database and AS10g(midtier) on IBM: Linux on System z (s390x)

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System z Social Media

- System z official Twitter handle:
 <u>@ibm system z</u>
- Top Facebook pages related to System z: -<u>Systemz Mainframe</u>
 -<u>IBM System z on Campus</u>
 -<u>IBM Mainframe Professionals</u>
 -Millennial Mainframer
- Top LinkedIn Groups related to System z:
 - -Mainframe Experts Network
 - -<u>Mainframe</u>
 - -IBM Mainframe
 - -System z Advocates
 - -Cloud Mainframe Computing
- YouTube
 -<u>IBM System z</u>



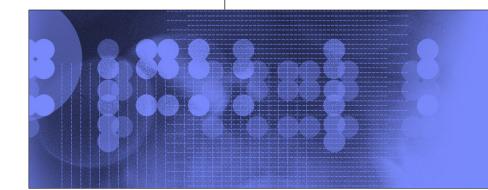
- Leading Blogs related to System z:
 - -Evangelizing Mainframe (Destination z blog)
 - -Mainframe Performance Topics
 - -Common Sense
 - -Enterprise Class Innovation: System z perspectives
 - -<u>Mainframe</u>
 - -MainframeZone
 - -Smarter Computing Blog
 - -Millennial Mainframer



Questions?



Survey and Handouts



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Topics -- Oracle Solutions On Linux on z

Backup Charts

IBM Oracle Alliance – a Shared Commitment to Client Value

Sustained Collaboration for Customers

Oracle 25 Years, PeopleSoft 23 Years, JD Edwards, 35 Years, Siebel 13 Years

Mutual Executive Commitment

ORAC

- Dedicated, Executive-led Alliance teams
- Regular Senior executive reviews and functional Executive interlocks

Over 140K Total Joint Customers Worldwide

Hardware and Software support via Applications Unlimited, over 30,000 Application joint customers

Award Winning Oracle Services Practice

- Over 5,500 Successful Joint Services Projects
- > 10,000 Oracle skilled resources worldwide
- IBM Solution Workbench For Oracle

Vibrant Technology Collaboration

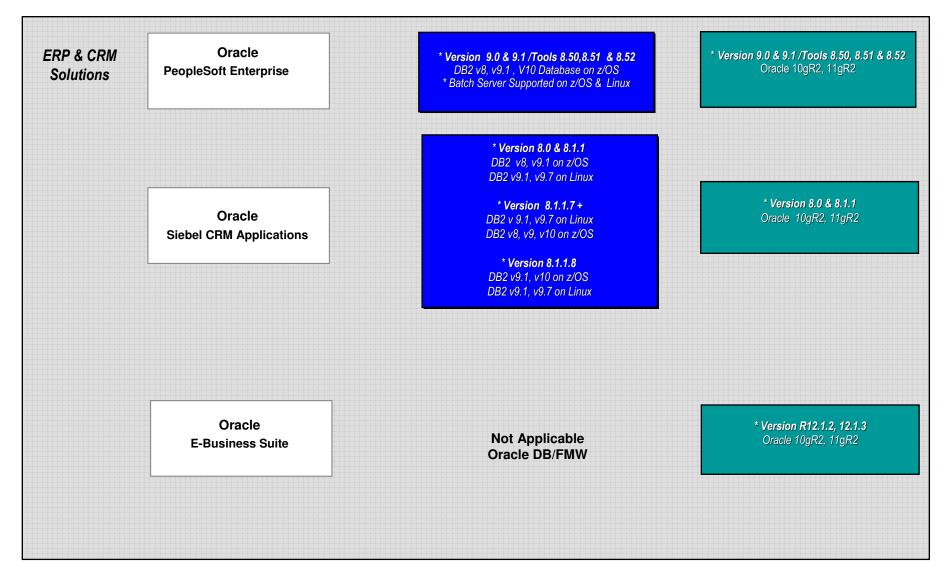
- Continued joint development delivering Oracle SW optimized for IBM HW
- Substantial investment in skills and resources
- Dedicated International Competency Center

Cooperative Customer Support Process

- Dedicated On-Site Resources
- Significant Program Investments

Oracle Applications for System z Server on Linux* IBM Data Server on DB2 z/OS and or Linux*

* Note: Multi-Platform "Split Tier" Configuration – Only the Database runs on System z Servers unless otherwise noted





Oracle Industry Applications for System z Servers

IBM Data Server on DB2 z/OS and or Linux*

Oracle DB Server on Linux

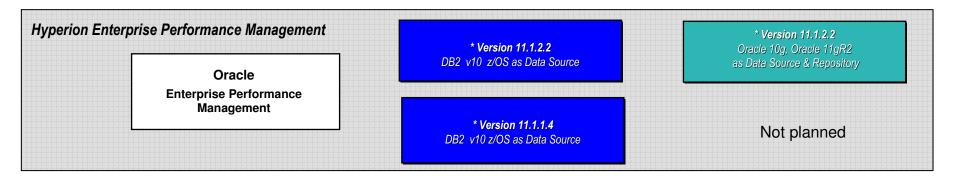
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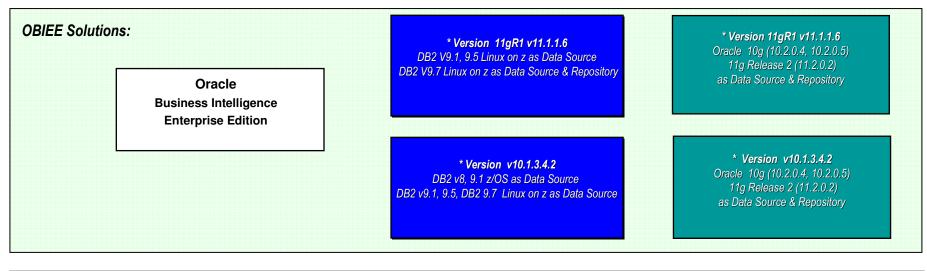


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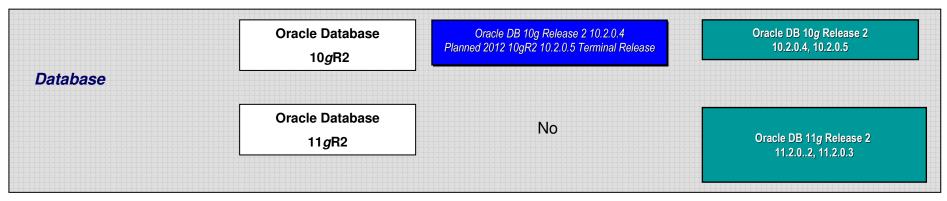


Golden Gate:		Version 11.1.1.1.0 for z/OS	Version 11.1.1.0 for Linux on z
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Oracle Technology Solutions for System z Servers

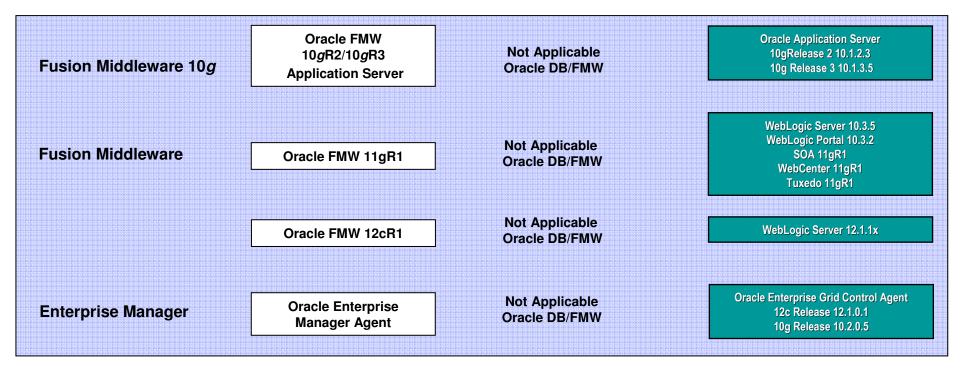
Oracle DB Server on z/OS

Oracle DB Server on Linux



Oracle Fusion Middleware on z/OS

Oracle Fusion Middleware on Linux





IBM and Oracle's Commitment to Oracle on Linux for System z

To meet the rapid growth of Linux, server virtualization and IT Optimization, IBM and Oracle have increased development and support investments to deliver complete, open and integrated solutions to our customers. Specifically, IBM and Oracle have:

- IBM and Oracle have expanded porting resources to make Oracle technology infrastructure current and complete for Linux on System z ("LoZ")
- IBM is investing in >40 development and tech staff to bring LoZ solutions to market
- IBM is investing in hardware resources for Oracle development on LoZ
- IBM dedicated resources to engage customers in design, proof-of-concept and benchmark activities
- Aligned our technical support organizations to simplify problem resolution
 - Dedicated Oracle System z team in Oracle Support
- Published IBM and Oracle customer collateral covering various topics regarding Oracle on Linux on System z

Why System z for Oracle:

- High Availability Requirements
- Open Standards and Linux
- Disaster Recovery Requirements
- Customer Data on Mainframe
- Increased Performance Requirements
- Utilization of IFL Specialty Engines
- TCO versus Total Cost of Acquisition
- 'Green' Value from Mainframe
- zEnterprise servers can virtualize everything with up to 100% utilization rates
- System z has the highest security rating or classification for any commercial server





- In 1Q 2011 Oracle delivered as scheduled 11g Release 2 (11.2.0.2) Database for Linux on IBM System z Servers
 - Oracle Real Applications Clustering (RAC) is included
- Oracle has been delivered on Linux for System z since 2002 (9i, 10*gR1 and* 10*g*R2).
- Customers have implement both large and small databases on Linux for System z
- Oracle 11g Release 2, along with the standard features, has many new options that are detailed in the document Oracle® Database New Features Guide 11g Release 2 (11.2) E17128-04.
 - New features include:
 - Real Application Testing which provides the capability to capture live workloads and rerun them to access capacity needs, and consolidation benefits.
 - Huge page support, which provides more efficient operation of the Linux OS by reducing memory used by page tables.



Oracle's Dedicated Level 2 System z Support

Enhancement to existing Support for Linux on System z Servers

- Manager, Raimund Reng
- System z skilled and knowledgeable
- WW Support
- Level 2 support team
- Request z team connected when z environment problems
- Joint User/Oracle/IBM Conference Calls
- Webcasts, Oracle z support update



Oracle's New Patch Set Support Update

Enhancement to existing Support for Linux on System z Servers

Patch Set Update – Linux on z

- Policy Change on Patch Set Update (PSU)
 - Beginning with the October 2009 Critical Patch Update release, Oracle will now deliver Patch Set Updates for all platforms on the release date including Linux on z.

What is a PSU and when is it provided?

- PSU is a bundle of patches Oracle recommends to apply. It consists of CPU, Generic patch bundle, RAC patch bundle and Data Guard patch bundles
- Quarterly released
- Benefit for Linux on z Customers
 - · Verified and tested before provided to the customer
 - Easy database maintenance
 - · Recommended patches now also available for Linux on z
 - · Reduces problem situation and downtime.
- What About Critical Patch Updates (CPUs)?
 - In the future single Critical Patch Updates are only available on request via service requuest (SR)

Raimund Reng, Oracle Support – September 2009



My Oracle Support Communities

- Migration from the older Forum format
- Actively managed and moderated
- Encourages user posts
- Spotlight and highlight posts
- Specific community for System z customers
- Accessed via My Oracle Support (Metalink)
 - support.oracle.com, click on Community, Subscribe to and Click on zSeries Platforms
- Announcements will be made in Community Featured Section !
 - "Webinars" One hour "brownbag" type presentations given by Oracle Support
 - First one planned in December 2010
 - Topic will be ASM
- Join the Oracle Linux on z community and help to shape the future:
 - Provide feedback
 - Exchange ideas
 - Get answers
 - Expand networks
 - Share successes



Workshops – WSC

- LXOR6 (Wildfire Workshops)
- Customizing Linux and the Mainframe for Oracle DB Applications
 - For clients considering a move of Oracle to Linux on System z
 - Topics include hardware technologies, software components, best practices, performance and tuning, performance tools, linux distributions, tools and services for sizing
- No charge, Client Team Registration
- Offered in Various Cities across North America
 - April 24, Las Vegas (Collaborate, 1 Day Lab)
 - 2Q 2012 TBA
- 2.5 days, Attendees responsible for travel expenses
- Combination Lectures and Lab Exercises





International zSeries Oracle SIG

- Independent User Organization
 - President, Mike Zechman
 - Worldwide user participation
 - No cost to be a member
 - Oracle and IBM Participation
- Annual Conference
 - Next is April 2012, Las Vegas, Mandalay Bay
- Longest running still active Oracle User Group
- Official recognition and involvment by Oracle and IBM
- Website <u>www.zseriesoraclesig.org</u>
 Presentations, Links, Bulletin Board



Customers running Oracle on Linux on IBM System z

Hundreds of customers running Oracle on Linux on IBM System z

- Various sizes and deployments
- Across industries
- Active volunteer led System z Oracle User Group (www.zseriesoraclesig.org)

Small System z customer example

- -Oil and Gas industry services provider
- Serves 4,200 companies, 44,000 users, \$80B in transaction detail yearly
- -Was Windows, Dell, Linux
- Issues rapid company growth, server sprawl, cost control, hardware outages
- Solution z10 BC, 3 IFLs, 24 GB
 - SLES10, Oracle 10g EE
 - Databases: 7 production, 400 GB 3 TB, 7 virtual servers/database



Customers running Oracle on Linux on IBM System z

Large System z customer example

- -Large government installation
- 100 IFLs, z10 EC Oracle RAC environment across 2 z10 EC servers with Oracle ASM
- -35 TB Database and 45 TB Flash Recovery Area
- Project is getting very high I/O throughput inserting 5.79 billion records in a 7 hour window and updating another 320 million records (exceeds 5 year SLA)



Customers running Oracle on Linux on IBM System z

Large System z customer example

- -Leading systems integrator and IT consulting firm
- -z990 x 2, z9 EC S54 x 4, z10 EC E64 x 1 (192GB to 256GB per box)
- -32 IFLs per z990, 54 IFLs per z9 EC, 64 IFLs per z10 EC

-All Linux

- -5 LPARs per CEC (4 for Oracle, 1 for management)
 - 16 shared IFLs per LPAR, 45 GB Memory per LPAR
- -4 nodes RAC running on same CEC with HiperSockets interconnect
- -2,000 3,000 transactions per second at peak
- -Response time less than 1 sec (threshold 5 sec)
- -DB Size ->5 TB for online and ~50 TB for data warehouse
- -Benefits TCO, Extreme high availability, scalability

-Planning z196 upgrade



IBM zLinux vs. x86 Consolidation Study – Save ~\$6M over 5 Years (1)

Potential cost savings projections below are based on modeling a US Financial Institution's current state data for their Oracle DB environment running on x86/Linux vs. Linux on zEnterprise

Sizing	Current	AltCase1 9:1	Change				
Server Type	Mixed - x86	z196-ELS-1bk					
Total Cores/ IFLs	352	6	-98%	8,000			
Used Cores/ IFLs	352	6	-98%				
Total Sockets/ IFLs	153	6	-96%	7,000 -			
#Logical Servers	53	53	0%	6,000 -			
<pre>#Physical Servers (or #IFLs)</pre>	51	6.00	-88%	0,000			
Total RIP Capacity(installed)	275,129	27,464.6	-90%	5,000 -			Depreciation**
Total RIP Workload(used)	22,233	22,233.1	0%	-,			Staff Cost
Ave %Utilization	8%	81%		4,000 +			Electric
Estimate # Network Ports	103	4					Space
				3,000 -			Software M&S
Annual Operating Costs (AOC)				2 000			
Software M&S	\$1,226,324	\$113,424	-91%	2,000 -			
Hardware Maint*	\$0	\$0	0%	1,000 +			
Space	\$4,297	\$1,543	-64%	1,000			
Electric	\$49,901	\$21,574	-57%	0			-
Staff Cost	\$90,167	\$54,512	-40%		Cur	Alt.1	
Depreciation**	\$140,525	\$144,309	3%				
Total AOC	\$1,511,214	\$335,362	-78%				
Est Potential Savings /Yr		\$1,175,852					
5 Year Projection							
OTC + 5x AOC	\$7,556,070	\$1,676,809			Current	Consolid	ated
5 Yr Savings		\$5,879,261			State	to z IF	

(1) Notes:

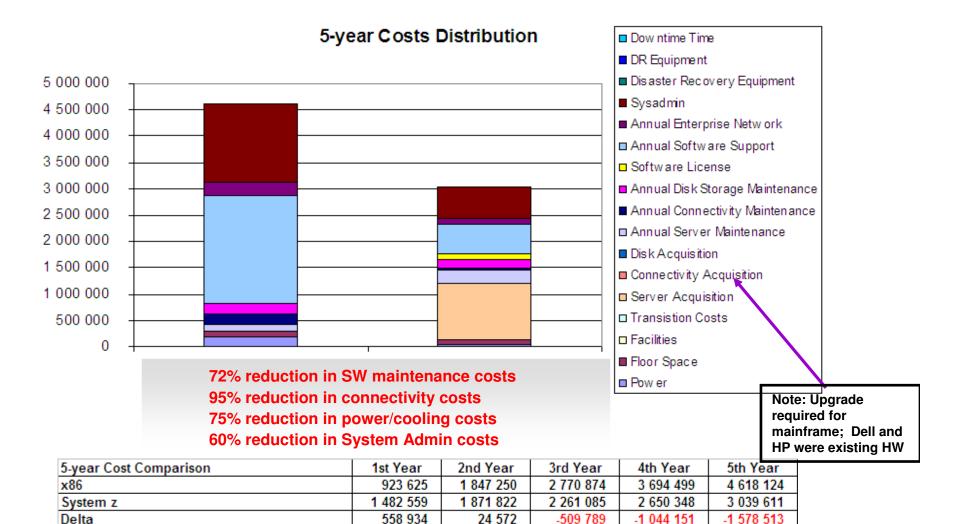
•Existing server utilization based on customers reported distributed server utilization rates

•Financial results based on 5 year depreciation mode I and include IBM System z ELS bundle (including HW, HW maintenance and virtualization software costs)

•RIP = Relative Indicator of Performance (across platform) and is based upon 3rd party and IBM observed performance analysis



Large Bank Saves \$1.5M with Oracle on System z vs. 45 Oracle x86 Servers



Prices are in USD. Prices may vary in other countries.

details on next chart

Large Bank Saves \$1.5M with Oracle on System z, Reduces Space and Energy Requirements (Details for Previous Chart)

	FROM	то
Current hardware infrastructure	45 x86 (HP + Dell)	IBM System z10 Enterprise Class (z10 [™] EC)
Footprints	45	1
Cores	111	4 IFLs
Avg utilization	Less than 10%	60%
Peak utilization	35%	85%
# DBs, size of DB	111 Oracle DB	111 Oracle DB
Application	Oracle 10G databases	Oracle 10G databases
OS	Linux	Linux + z/VM
Energy usage		75% less
Floor Space usage		28% less
TCO: 5 years	\$4.62M	\$3.04M / savings: \$1.58M

Summary of Benefits:

- 111-to-4 core reduction, 45:1 footprint reduction
- Up to 72% software maintenance cost reduction
- Improved application reliability, and efficient Disaster Recovery capabilities



Financial Client Consolidates 61 Sun and HP Servers to System z10 and Saves 96% on Power and Cooling

	FROM	ТО
Current hardware infrastructure	Sun and HP servers	z10 EC™
Footprints	61	1
Cores/Memory	442 cores / 1440 GB	16 IFLs / 82GB
Avg Utilization	13.3%	40%
Peak Utilization	28.7%	92%
# DBs, size of DB	61	61
Application	Oracle databases	Oracle databases
OS	Sun Solaris, HP-UX, Linux	Linux
Savings: Power & cooling (Whr) Heat (BTUs/hr)	345,618 Whr 737,030 BTUs/hr	14,766 Whr - 96% 39,648 BTUs/hr - 95%

Summary of Benefits: Software savings, energy requirements reduced, better utilization



Questions for Oracle Database consolidation

General questions:

- Are you using more than 10 Oracle DB x86 servers?
- Is your department considering or complying with mandates to use open source software to help lower software licensing costs?
- Are you having difficulty meeting peak time demand and SLAs?
- Do you need higher levels of uptime for your customers?
- Would you like to increase the productivity of your IT staff and enable them to manage even more server images?
- Would you like to take advantage of many reliability and systems management best practices that do not exist on distributed systems platforms?

ClOs:

- What are you planning to do to reduce rising Oracle licensing costs?
- Are you aware that server consolidation can significantly reduce both hardware and software licensing costs?
- Can you support business needs for rapid change?
- How much cost and time does your organization spend on manual processes?
- Are you concerned about data centre growth in terms of space and

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Information Sources

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- http://otn.oracle.com
 - Oracle Select "Downloads"
- http://www.vm.ibm.com/perf/tips
 - General z/VM Performance & Tuning Tips, Capacity planning
- <u>https://support.oracle.com</u>
 - Oracle Support Webpage (My Oracle Support)
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