# Running a Successful Proof of Concept for Linux on z Systems

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- Why POCs for Linux on z Systems
- The Value of the z13 Platform
- Do's and Don'ts on Linux Proof Of Concepts

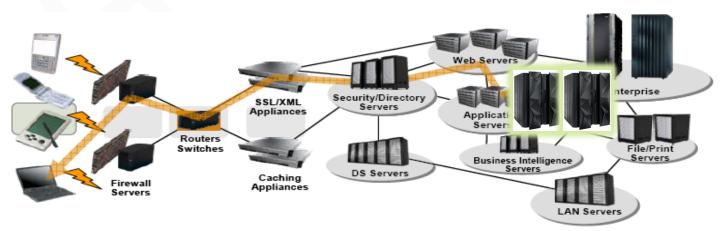
- Proof of Concepts for Linux on z Systems
  - Reduce Infrastructure complexity
  - Cost savings
  - High Availability / Disaster Recovery / Security
  - Application Development

## **Complexity in the Current Environment**

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- How many x86/UNIX servers are deployed every month?
- How much data center space is available, or will it become a problem?
- Is energy consumption growing?
- How many additional people are required to maintain the constantly growing number of servers?
- How will software license costs grow, including virtualization software?
- How can IT availability be ensured? What happens in the case of a disaster?



## The disadvantages of this model are beginning to

## outweigh the advantages

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## Advantages

- Has traditionally been cheap, fast and easy to add more servers
- To date, it's been "good enough"...
- Is this why x86 infrastructure are moving to the cloud???





## Disadvantages

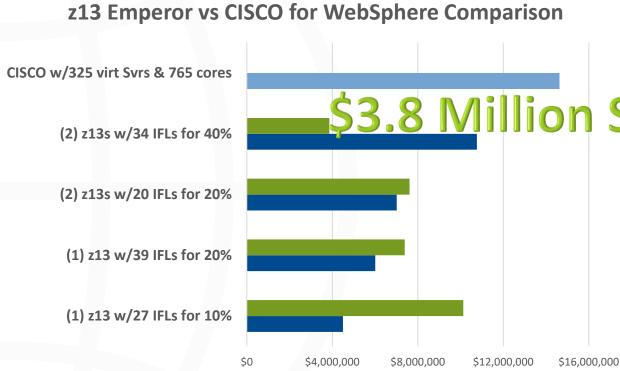
- Today's workloads require the fastest response times
  - Physical networking introduces too much latency, especially for massive, dispersed workload
- Software license costs are becoming unsustainable
- Labor intensive (management, provisioning, deployment, etc.)
- Datacenter environmental requirements continue to grow – power, space and cooling
- In general, operational expenses are getting out of hand



# How Sizings Effects the TCO? Comparative 5-Year Costs Between IBM System z 13 and Distributed CISCO

Servers

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#### Cisco

- 43 physical servers
- 325 WebSphere virtual servers
  - 146 Production

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8 Million Saving 103 QA
Development

- 5 Lab
- 765 cores

Z13 LinuxONE w/SMT
Size for concurrent peak of virt
servers

- 10% concurrent peak = 33
- 20% concurrent peak = 66
- 40% concurrent peak = 132

NOTE: Customer estimated CISCO Utilization. Distributed costs do not included HW refresh and HW maintenance. Z13 sizing assumes SMT 20% boost.

■ Savings ■ 5-yr TCO



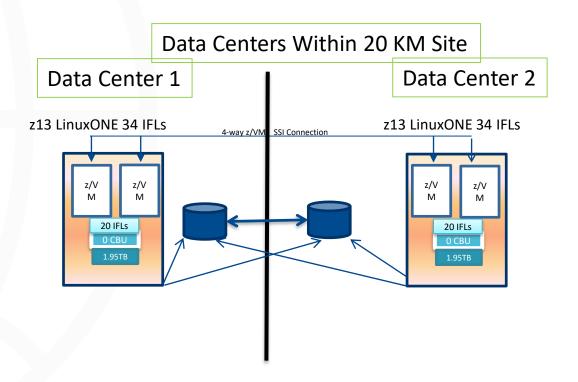
## WebSphere Cluster and SUSE High Availability

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SUSE High Availability Extensions assumes access to same disk array (40ms heartbeat)



Hardware Improvements

# VALUE OF THE Z13 PLATFORM

## The Value Statement Data Center Solutions

- The world's fastest and most scalable system IBM z13
  - Processing roughly 100 Cyber Mondays every day.
- Ideal for large scale data and transaction serving and mission critical applications
- Most efficient platform for Large-scale Linux® consolidation
- Capable of massive scale up, over 111 Billion Instructions per Second (BIPS) 5.0GHz processors
- SMT and SIMD on each core
- •PR/SM on z13 is designed for EAL5+ security certification



## Large Virtualization

## Why virtualize?

- Oracle supports zVM virtualization environment
- Greater RAS on System z, i.e. MTF 40+ years
- Increase productivity through virtualization
- Higher utilization of resources, i.e. 90% CPU
- Reduced power, cooling and floor space



### IBM LinuxONE Rockhopper ™





## IBM LinuxONE Emperor<sup>TM</sup>





Positioning	An <b>entry point</b> into the LinuxONE Systems family offering all the same great capabilities, innovation and value of LinuxONE with the flexibility of a smaller package	The <b>ultimate</b> flexibility, scalability, performance and trust for business critical Linux applications. With a <b>huge capacity</b> range you can grow with virtually limitless scale to handles the most demanding workloads in a single system
Hardware	Better environmentals, lowest cost, less memory, fewer cores, SMT, zAware	SMT, large memory, more cores, more I/O, enhanced crypto performance, more Logical Partitions, zAware
Cores	2 to 20 LinuxONE Cores Up to 4 TB	6 to 141 LinuxONE Cores Up to 10 TB
Hypervisor	z/VM and/or KVM for IBM z	

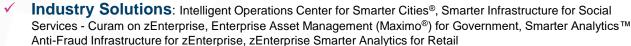
## Recommended Workloads for Linux on System z

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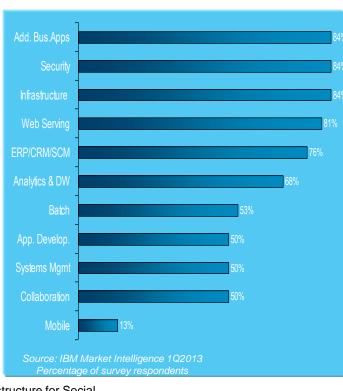
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- Data services: DB2, Cognos<sup>,</sup> SPSS, InfoSphere<sup>™</sup>, Informix, Oracle Database, IBI WebFOCUS, ...
- ✓ Business applications: WebSphere Application Server, WebSphere Process Server, Java<sup>™</sup>, ...
- ✓ Mobile application hosting: WebSphere Portal, IBM Worklight®,
- Security & Infrastructure services: WebSphere MQ, WebSphere Message Broker, WebSphere Enterprise Service Bus, DB2 Connect™, ...
- ✓ Email & collaboration: IBM Domino<sup>®</sup>, IBM Collaboration Solutions: Sametime, Connections, Forms, ...
- ✓ Business Process Management: Business Process Manager, WebSphere Business Monitor, FileNet® Business Process Manager, WebSphere Operational Decision Management, ...
- Enterprise Content Management: FileNet Content Manager, Content Manager, Content Manager On Demand
- ✓ Development & test: e.g. of WebSphere/Java applications Rational® Asset Manager, Build Forge®, ClearCase®, Quality Manager, UrbanCode







# DO'S AND DON'T ON LINUX PROOF OF CONCEPTS

## **Planning**

### **Project Initiation**

#### **Value Proposition**

- Learning the value of System z Linux
- Server Consolidation Sizings
- Business CaseDevelopment

#### **POC Initiative**

- Scoping POC
- POC IFL Sizings
- Real memory sizing
- Scope Document

#### **Project Definition**

#### **Infrastructure Planning**

- Hardware
- Software
- Network
- Security
- Disk
- Backup & Recovery

#### **Project Planning**

- Scope Document
- Project Plan
- Team Roster
- Systems Assurance
- SOW Consulting Svc
- Status Report
- Phone Support

#### **IBM Loaner Program**

- POR date
- Success Criteria
- Configs
- Sizings
- •IBM Contracts
- Linux Trial
- Software Trial

## Installation & Set Up

- •IBM loaner Eq.
- •zVM & Linux install
- Other SW install
- Network
- Security
- Disk
- •DB loads
- Application set up
- Other DistributedServers
- Weekly StatusMeeting
- •Status Report

#### **Testing**

- •Test Plan
- **>**Unit
- ➤ Volume/Performance
- Weekly Status Mtg
- •Status Report
- •Issues Management
- Escalation Process
- •Resource Management
  - •In house
  - Mainline
  - •IBM
  - •Linux vendor
  - ISVs

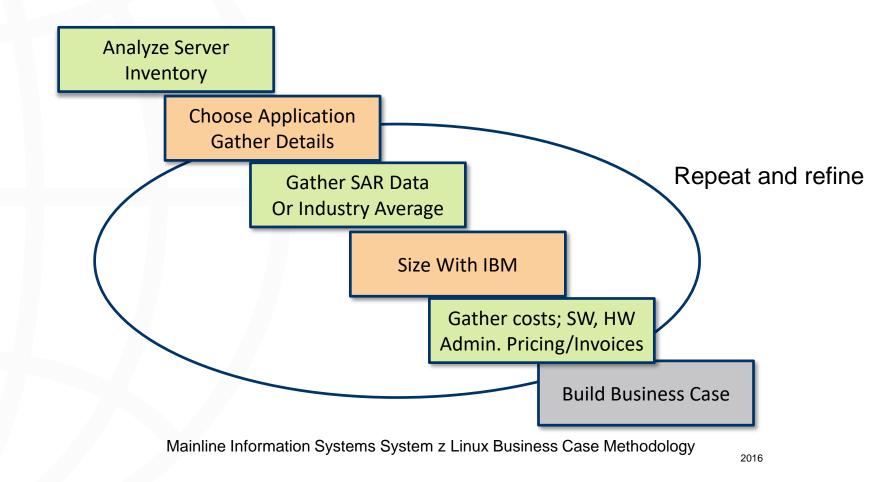
#### Closing

- POC Final Report
- •Success Criteria Acceptance
- •IFL Purchased or removed



- Production Implementation Planning
- Purchasing
- Technical Services
- Vendor 24x7 Support





## TCO: A Range of IT Cost Factors – Often Not Considered

- Availability
  - High availability
  - Hours of operation
- Backup / Restore / Site Recovery
  - Backup
  - Disaster Scenario
  - Restore
  - Effort for Complete Site Recovery
  - SAN effort
- Infrastructure Cost
  - Space
  - Power
  - Network Infrastructure
  - Storage Infrastructure
  - Initial Hardware Costs
  - Software Costs
  - Maintenance Costs
- Additional development/implementation
  - Investment for one platform reproduction for others
- Controlling and Accounting
  - Analyzing the systems
  - Cost
- Operations Effort
  - Monitoring, Operating
  - Problem Determination
  - Server Management Tools
  - Integrated Server Management Enterprise Wide

- Security
  - Authentication / Authorization
  - User Administration
  - Data Security
  - Server and OS Security
  - RACF vs. other solutions
- Deployment and Support
  - System Programming
    - Keeping consistent OS and SW Level
    - Database Effort
  - Middleware
    - SW Maintenance
    - SW Distribution (across firewall)
  - Application
    - Technology Upgrade
    - System Release change without interrupts
- Operating Concept
  - Development of an operating procedure
  - Feasibility of the developed procedure
  - Automation
- Resource Utilization and Performance
  - Mixed Workload / Batch
  - Resource Sharing
    - shared nothing vs. shared everything
  - Parallel Sysplex vs. Other Concepts
  - Response Time
  - Performance Management
  - Peak handling / scalability

- Integration
  - Integrated Functionality vs. Functionality to be implemented (possibly with 3rd party tools)
  - Balanced System
  - Integration of / into Standards
- Further Availability Aspects
  - Planned outages
  - Unplanned outages
  - Automated Take Over
  - Uninterrupted Take Over (especially for DB)
  - Workload Management across physical borders
  - Business continuity
  - Availability effects for other applications / projects
  - End User Service
  - End User Productivity
  - Virtualization
- Skills and Resources
  - Personnel Education
  - Availability of Resources





Routinely Assessed Cost Factors



## The Proof of Concept:

Don'ts

▶ Don't do a POC if you do not need to

Do's

- ➤ Linux on z Systems is proven technology!
  - ➤ Sell the value of Linux on z Systems
  - ➤ Show a Business Case with positive ROI
  - ➤ Design the architecture
  - ➤ Install and implement!



## DO'S AND DON'TS

## **Sizing and Business Case:**

- Do's > Do get all the facts from the SMEs
  - Distributed hardware specifications
  - Server utilizations
  - Refresh plans
  - Software costs
  - ➤ Size with actual utilization plan "fudge factor" as appropriate
    - > Estimates for Peak vs. average utilization
  - > Even at an Enterprise sizing Pick your workloads
  - ➤ High level vs. Detail Business Cases there is a difference!
  - ➤ Get Management and Executive Sponsorship on Business Case
  - ➤ New applications continue to be a sizing challenge It's a best guess

## Don'ts

➤ Choose one application for a business case



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## Scope:

## Do's

- Executive sponsorship is key
- >Agreed on success criteria by all the decision makers
- Define a manageable project with manageable workload in a manageable period of time

- Functional vs. benchmarks Don't do a benchmark
  - >Test real workloads not fabricated scenarios
  - Don't test on CPU intensive workload
- ➤Don't complicate POC with additional Linux tools
- ➤Don't install new, untested products unless you HAVE to
  - ➤ Beware of the learning curve
  - ➤ Include subject matter experts



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## DO'S AND DON'TS

## Plan:

### Do's

- >Team members with skin in the game
- ➤ Include the applications, DBA and Business Analysts
- >Representation of all groups involved (network, systems, distributed, DBAs, applications)
- ➤ Engage the 'experts' within Business Partners and IBM
- Project team needs to be fully engaged
- > Plan, Plan, Plan and work your plan

- Don't plan to do too much Evaluate only required products and solutions
- Don't wait to the end to define the test cases
  - > Define the test cases early on in the POC. Document and gain Executive sponsor concurrence



## DO'S AND DON'TS

## **Execute:**

## Do's

- Schedule weekly status meeting and document discussions
- ➤You must have the right tools to monitor your system Software trials available here too
- ➤ Resolve problems with SMEs, Business Partners and IBM

- Don't allow 'project sprawl'
- >Don't allow a POC to last 'forever'. Resolve the delays.
- Don't make multiple changes at the same time when doing performance tuning. Document each change.
- Don't set up each Linux guest identical to the last size it accordingly
- ➤ Don't forget to administer your new environment



## Do's and Don'ts

## **Planning for production:**

## Do's

- > Architect the production environment
- Follow an implementation plan
- ➤ Include the SMEs, Business Partners and IBM

- ➤ Don't upgrade application between the time of the POC and production cutover, stay with what is tested
- Don't forget about disaster recovery



## Why choose Linux on z Systems?

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## Why Linux on z Systems?

#### **Financial**

- ✓ Lowest overall TCO, Competitive TCA, superior QoS
- ✓ Reduced labor costs by reducing network, DBA and Security staffing Day-to-Day management
- ✓ Reduced software costs by reducing number of licenses through consolidation
- ✓ New Elastic pricing for managing cost of fluctuating capacity demands.

#### **Availability**

- ✓ Highest Availability hardware platform
  - + Mean Time to Failure is measured in decades
- ✓ CBU processors offer an agile and flexible methodology for continuous operations of distributed workloads on System z

#### Security

- ✓ Enterprise Assurance Level 5+ (EAL5+) certification insures that the highest levels of system assurance and security can be achieved.
- Existing cryptographic processors allow for more efficient operation of internal controls such as encryption of data

#### Management

- ✓ Support for vRealize to provision zVM virtual guests
- ✓ Improved workload management to ensure resources to high priority workloads

#### **Disaster Recovery**

- ✓ Implement on a System z platform where disaster recovery testing has consistently achieved successful tests
- ✓ Apply existing z/OS disaster recovery and business continuance practices to the distributed workloads



## QUESTIONS????