



Virtualizing SAP HANA Deployments


Why Infrastructure Matters



March
24
2023


Trusted Advisor

Brett Murphy
Client Executive



brett.murphy@cleartechnologies.net
317-496-7591





Passionate evangelist for Enterprise Compute, Storage & Software technologies. Recognized specialist in software cost reduction and competitive selling. Focus over the past 12 years has been on Architecture & Solution Design for clients running large, complex ERP environments.

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/murphy-brett/>



Nation State Actors and their Proxies Capable of **Cyber Warfare**

Your Cyber Warfare Threat

Russian Intelligence Services Conducting Cyber Warfare

GRU

Main Directorate of the General Staff of the Armed Forces



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GRU>

SVR

Foreign Intelligence Service



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_Intelligence_Service_\(Russia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_Intelligence_Service_(Russia))

FSB

Federal Security Service



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Security_Service

Russian Trained and Supported Proxies Conducting Cyber Warfare

The Cooming Project *XakNet* *MUMMY SPIDER*

SALTY SPIDER *SCULLY SPIDER* *SMOKEY SPIDER* *WIZARD SPIDER*

Killnet

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killnet>

Partial List Only

Sandworm

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandworm_\(hacker_group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sandworm_(hacker_group))

Your Cyber Warfare Threat

Chinese Intelligence Services Conducting Cyber Warfare

PLA Unit 61398



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLA_Unit_61398

PLA Unit 61486



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PLA_Unit_61486

MSS

Ministry of State Security



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_State_Security_\(China\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ministry_of_State_Security_(China))

Chinese Trained and Supported Proxies Conducting Cyber Warfare

Double Dragon

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double_Dragon_\(hacking_group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Double_Dragon_(hacking_group))

Hafnium

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hafnium_\(group\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hafnium_(group))

Honker Union

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Honker_Union

Network Crack Program Hacker Group (NCPH Group)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Network_Crack_Program_Hacker_Group

Partial List Only

Your Cyber Warfare Threat

North Korean Intelligence Services Conducting Cyber Warfare

Bureau 121



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bureau_121

Reconnaissance General Bureau (RGB)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reconnaissance_General_Bureau

North Korean Trained and Supported Proxies Conducting Cyber Warfare

Lazarus Group



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lazarus_Group

Partial List Only

Your Cyber Warfare Threat

Iranian Intelligence Services Conducting Cyber Warfare

Iranian Cyber Army



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iranian_Cyber_Army

Revolutionary Guard Corps



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_Revolutionary_Guard_Corps#Basij

Basij



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basij>

Passive Defense Organization (NPDO)



<https://www.iranwatch.org/iranian-entities/passive-defense-organization>

Iranian Trained and Supported Proxies Conducting Cyber Warfare

Rocket Kitten

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rocket_Kitten

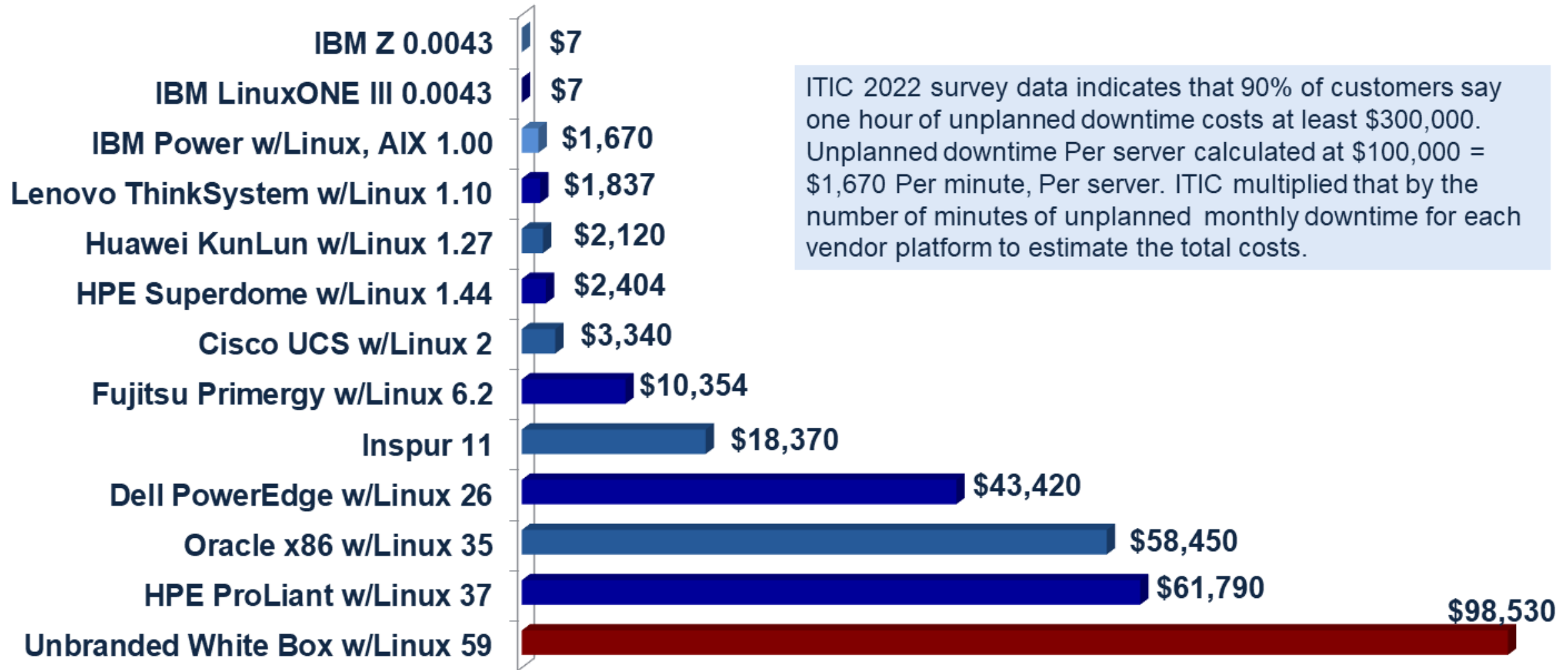
Iranian Cyber Brigades



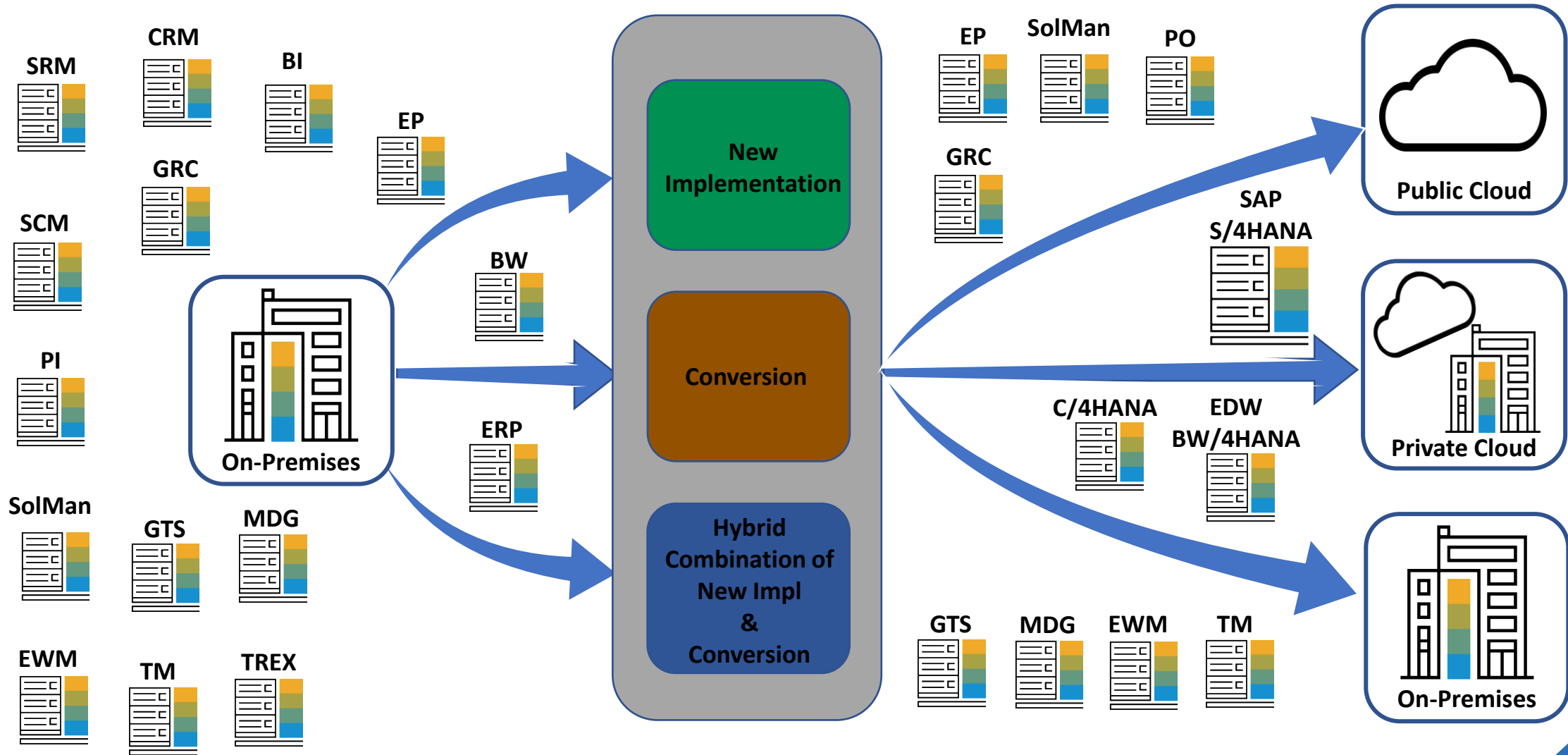
<https://www.interregional.com/en/hacker-brigades/>

Partial List Only

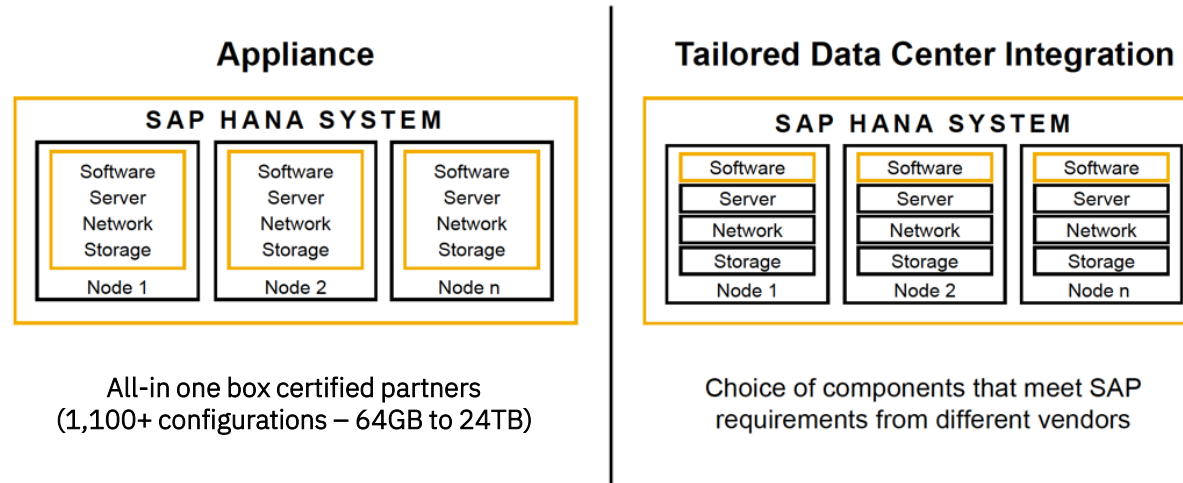
Monthly Cost Unplanned Downtime Per Server/Per minute, Assuming Cost of \$100K Hourly in August 2022



SAP Big Picture

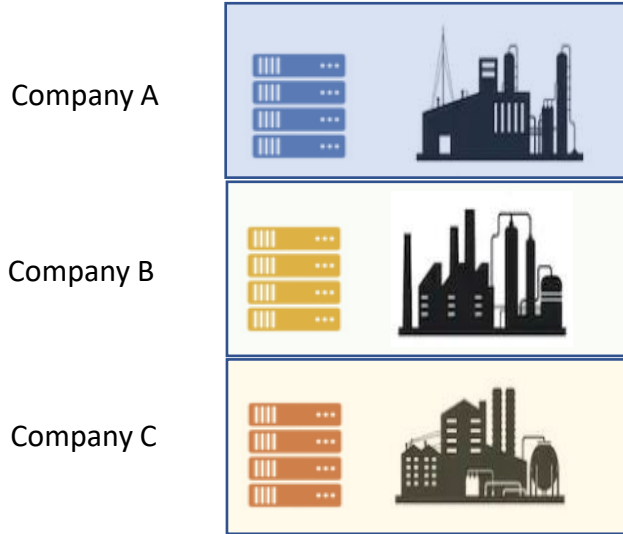


Two deployment options to choose from

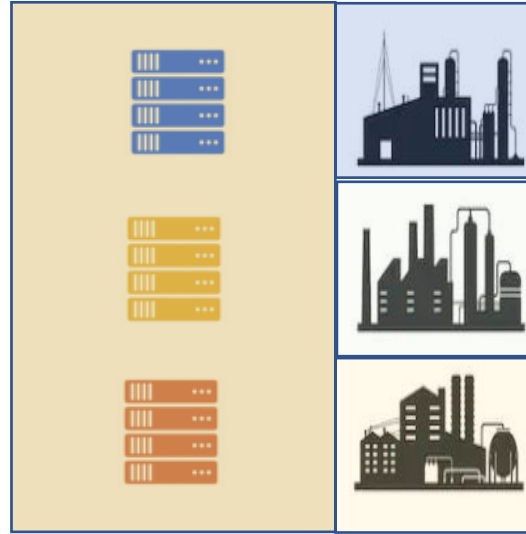


Consistency Matter?

On-Premises



Private Cloud



Public Cloud



=>

Bare Metal



*

Bare Metal



*

Bare Metal



*

GCP KVM

Azure Mod-Hyper-V

AWS Nitro



=>



IBM Power

Visit us: <https://www.ibm.com/it-infrastructure/power>

Watch "The Legacy and Future of IBM POWER with IBM POWER10"

SAP HANA EXCELLENCE



Best SAP Performance

2.7x

Per core performance of 8-socket E1080 two-tier SAP SD benchmark compared to best x86 8-socket HPE Superdome Flex



Largest Customers

45

of America's top 50 largest revenue generating companies are active Power customers



Most Reliable

>= 99.9999%

Availability rating in ITIC survey of 1,200 corporations across 28 vertical markets



SAP on Power

40TB

Largest certified Memory instance



SAP on Power

> 4,500

SAP HANA on Power customers



Highly Secure

< 0.013%

Security vulnerabilities in PowerVM hypervisor compared to VMware



SAP on Power

16 LPARs

Highest # of production virtual partitions



SAP on Power

> 70

SAP HANA on Power Public References

IBM Power Security



- ✓ Enhanced end-to-end security, co-optimized with PowerVM
- ✓ Built-in security features at all layers in the stack (i.e., processor, memory, systems, firmware, OS, and hypervisor).
- ✓ Transparent encryption of all the memory
- ✓ Transparent encryption/compression for fast VM mobility
- ✓ Cybersecurity (Transparent memory encryption, 4x crypto engines, ready for quantum-safe cryptography)
- ✓ 100X fewer security vulnerabilities than VMware

Protect data from
core to cloud

- Transparent memory encryption
- Support for Quantum safe cryptography and Fully Homomorphic Encryption
- 2.5X faster AES crypto performance per core vs. Power E980⁴
- Advanced protection for ROP attacks



Processor:

- Processor Instruction Retry
- Dynamic deallocation of cores for predictive errors
- L2/L3 Cache ECC protection with cache line-delete
- CRC checking with retry, lane sparing, and 1/2 bandwidth mode for processor-to-processor fabric busses
- Architecture for persistent guarding of failed elements

Memory (Differential DIMM – DDIMM):

- Full x4 chipkill corrections, can survive 3 chipkills, leveraging memory ECC and spare DRAMs without memory bandwidth performance loss
- Dynamic row repair allows for fixing certain DRAM fails without taking the memory/system down
- Uses fewer signals than ISDIMMs which means lower chance for bus failure
- CRC protection with OMI bus retry
- Operational with up to 4 OMI lane failures
- Redundant on-board Power Management IC (PMIC) to handle single phase errors
- Redundant temperature sensor
- Hypervisor Memory Mirroring

Other:

- First Failure Data Capture
- Power & Cooling redundancy
- Redundant System Clocks
- Redundant Service Processors
- Trusted Platform Module (TPM) for secure Boot
- Hot Plug & Repair I/O adapters (PCIe GEN5)
- Passive node to node cabling for reliability and ease of repair



IBM Power Memory Performance

With SAP HANA being an in-memory database, system memory is crucially important in keeping your SAP application running 24x7

New Differential DIMM Technology (DDIMM)

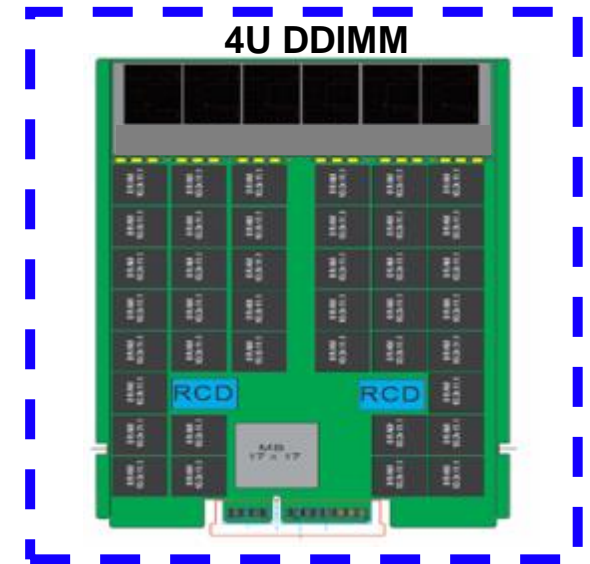
4U Enterprise DDIMM has enhanced buffer, N+1 voltage regulation, and spare DRAM technology

New Open Memory Interface (OMI)

Providing higher bandwidth and flexibility for future memory technologies

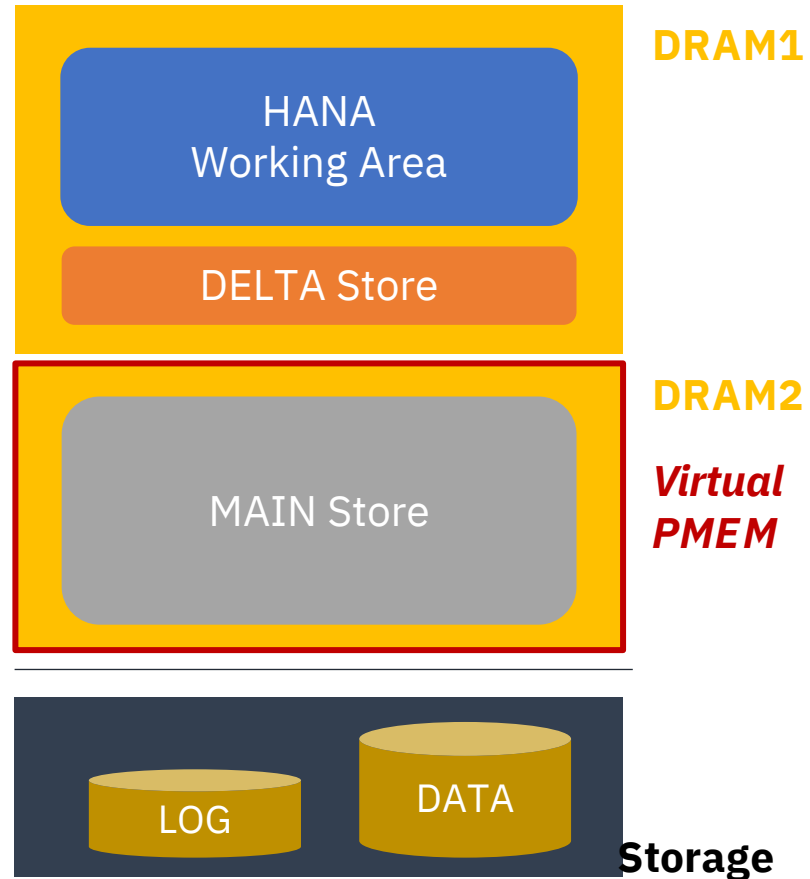
Full memory encryption for added security

- 2X better memory RAS than industry standard DIMMs¹
- 2.4X higher memory bandwidth than scalable x86 processors
- DDR4 running at up to 3200 Mbps data rate provides 409 GB/s peak memory bandwidth per socket
- Transparent memory encryption with no additional management setup and no performance impact
- Chipkill technology with advanced ECC protects from memory chip failure - plus spare
- Active Memory Mirroring (AMM) feature supported - Mirrors hypervisor memory to provide resiliency from uncorrectable memory errors



How it will work

- DRAM is split into two regions DRAM1 & DRAM2
- Data in DRAM2 are preserved across HANA, OS, and LPAR restarts, i.e. it is *virtually persistent*.
- DRAM2 is advertised as PMEM device (standard Linux i/f exploited by HANA)
- DRAM2 region is initialized with Main region when used for the first time
- Restart of HANA or Linux do **not** require main region to be re-loaded from storage into memory
- Storage is used for data persistency; changes to database continuously logged to LOG volume



Client Value

- Fast Restart of SAP HANA environment in case of planned and unplanned downtime
- Applicable to >90 % of maintenance scenarios*
- No additional cost
- No impact on runtime performance or latency

* According to survey with large POWER customers.



PMEM Advantages

**Faster SAP HANA
restart**

**Improves shutdown
time**

Maximize uptime

**Preserves runtime
performance**

NUMA aware PMEM

Continue to get faster insights

Virtualization enabled

**Change PMEM
allocation on demand**

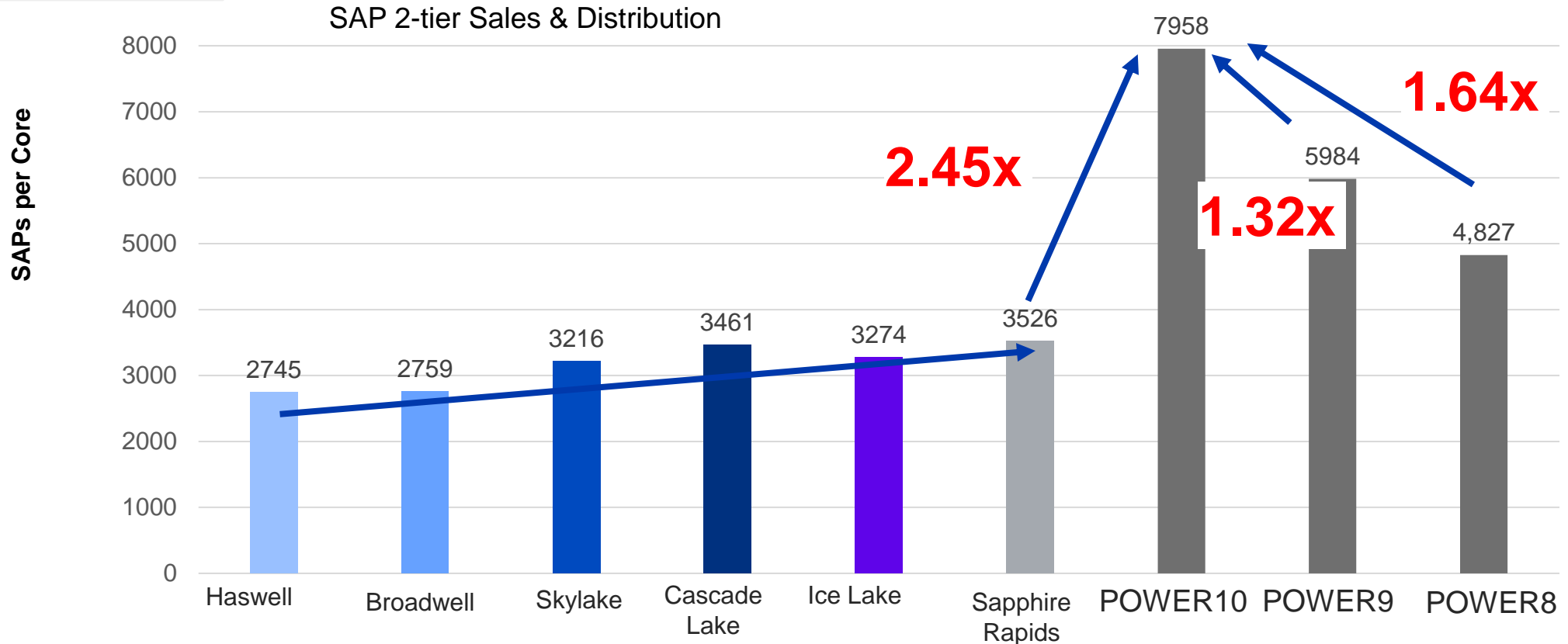
Improved flexibility

***Available at no additional cost on
Power Systems servers!***



SAP SD Benchmarks

Power Systems continuously improves per core performance



Source: <https://www.sap.com/dmc/exp/2018-benchmark-directory/#/sd>

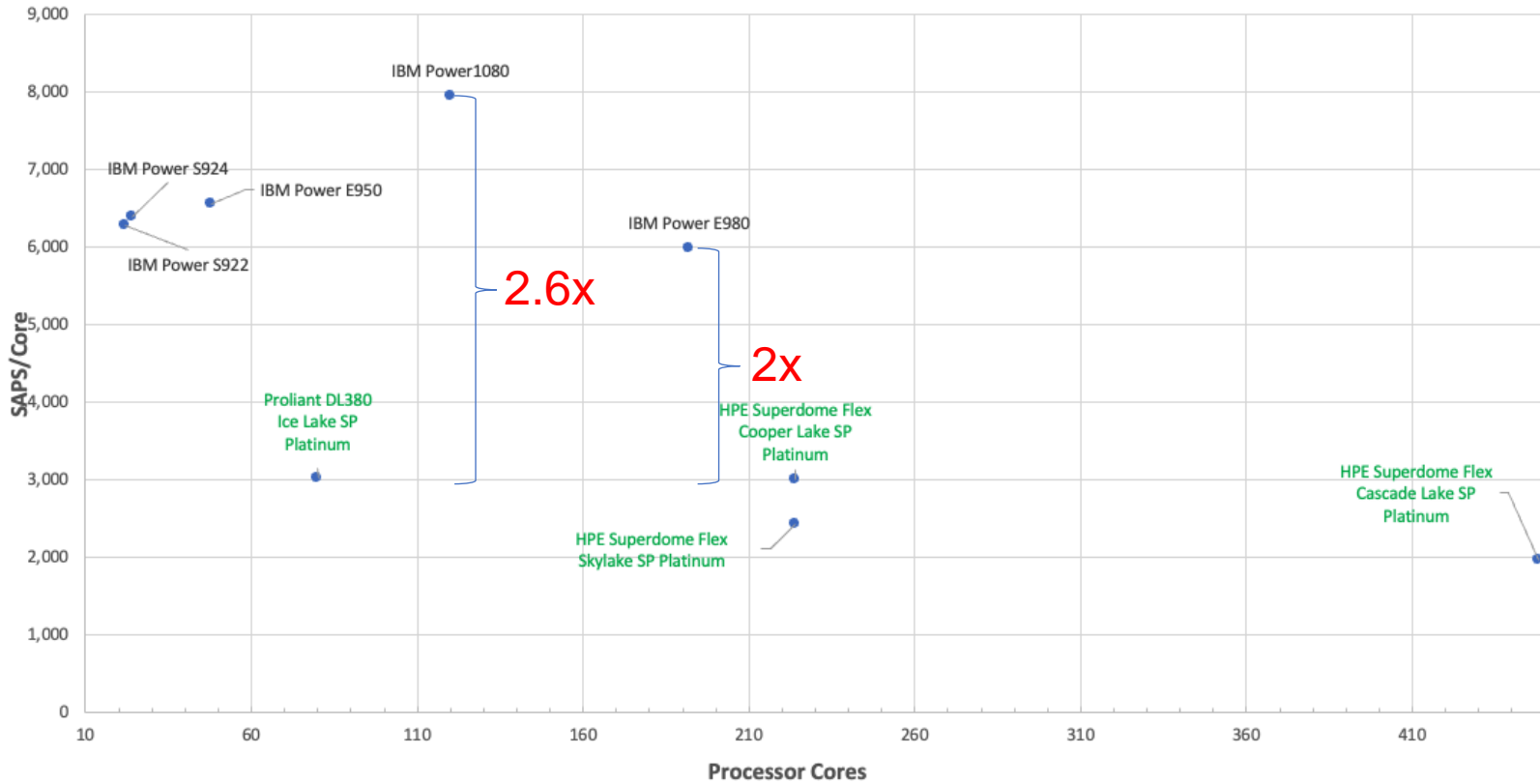
- World record 8-socket performance
- More performance per core
 - 4X vs 16-socket Intel¹
 - 2.7X vs 8-socket Intel²

1. Google Cloud Platform; two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark running SAP ERP 6.0 EHP5 (cloud); Intel Xeon Platinum 8280L 2.7 GHz, 16p/448c/896t, 157,000 SD benchmark users (892,270 SAPS), running Windows Server 2019 and Microsoft SQL Server 2017, Certification # 2021008.
2. HPE Superdome Flex; two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark running SAP ERP 6.0 EHP5; Intel Xeon Platinum 8380H 2.9 GHz, 8p/224c/448t, 122,300 SD benchmark users (670,830 SAPS), Windows Server 2016 and Microsoft SQL Server 2012, Certification # 2021006.



IBM Power vs HPE

IBM Power vs. HPE



Power10 with 120c are **2.6x** better than HPE Superdome Flex 280 with Cooper Lake using 224c

Power10 with 120c are 4x better than HPE Superdome Flex with Cascade Lake using 448c

Power10 E1080 - 8 sockets
120c
995,050 SAPS

HPE 280 – 8 sockets
224c
670,830 SAPS

HPE 280 – 16 sockets
448c
877,050 SAPS



BW on HANA and BW/4HANA (OLAP Workloads):

ScaleUp: 40 TB

(Up to 20TB for L class sizing; up to 40TB is allowed for M & S class sizing)

ScaleOut: 16 x 32 TB = 512 TB

Suite on HANA and S/4HANA (OLTP & Mixed Workloads):

ScaleUp: 32 TB

ScaleOut (S/4HANA only): Min. 2 x 6 TB up to 4 x 32 TB = 128 TB

Models L/S1022, L/S1024, and E1050 supported with production HANA since November 8, 2022

- E1050:
 - Up to 96 cores, 16 TB
 - Up to 8 production LPARs
- L/S1022, L/S1024:
 - Up to 48 cores – 8 TB
 - Up to 4 production LPARs

- Model E1080 supported with HANA production since February 24, 2022
- - Up to 240 cores - 40 TB OLAP & 32 TB OLTP
- - Up to 16 productions LPARs



What's Different

Reliability – Enhanced availability through redundancy and enterprise memory

Scalability – Support up to 40TB memory in a single instance

Flexibility – Adjust sizing on the fly with no downtime

Performance – World record benchmarks and 2x memory bandwidth

Virtualization – Fully supported on Power with no performance impact

Security – Built-in Security extend to Storage

What's The Same

SAP Itself – SAP Code does not change across platforms

Operating System – RedHat or SUSE

Management Tools – Chef, Ansible, OpenStack, and more!

Application / Database Skills



What's the 'V' Difference

x86

SAP Support for VMware is very restrictive

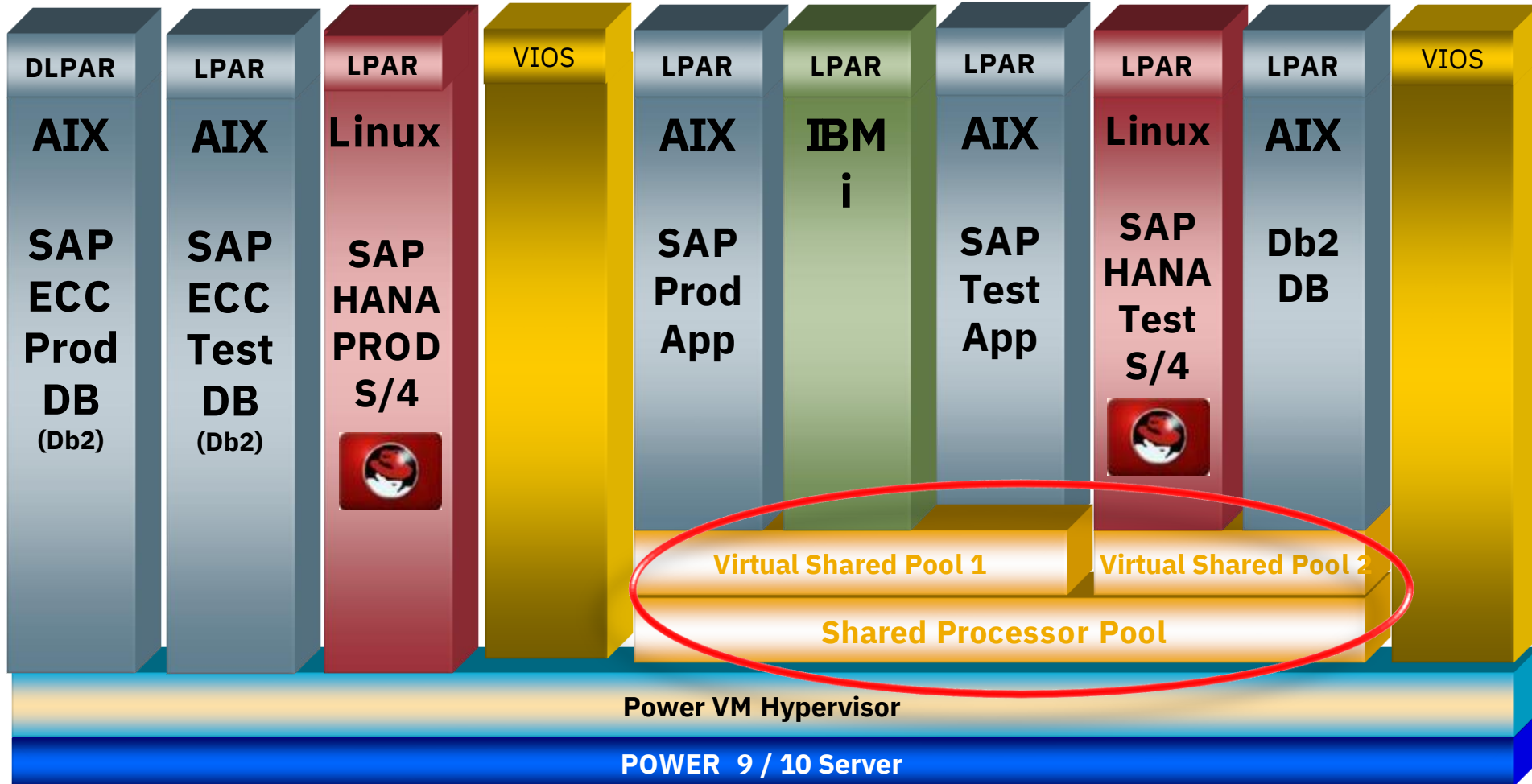
- Production HANA VM CPU Sizing Options:
 - Minimum ½ Socket (½ socket HANA VMs can only share the other ½ socket with other HANA VM's)
 - Next size up is 1 Full Socket
 - Then 2 Socket
 - *CPU granularity beyond one socket on x86 is in full socket increments!*
 - CPU's MUST be set to Dedicated mode
- Memory allocation could result in stranded CPU capacity.
- SAP supports up to 12TB of memory in a VM, or 24TB bare metal.
- VMware Restricts Performance
 - SAP recommends 15% buffer for CPU due to VMware overhead
 - VMware virtual network latency increases as CPU utilization increases - <https://kb.vmware.com/s/article/83957>

Power

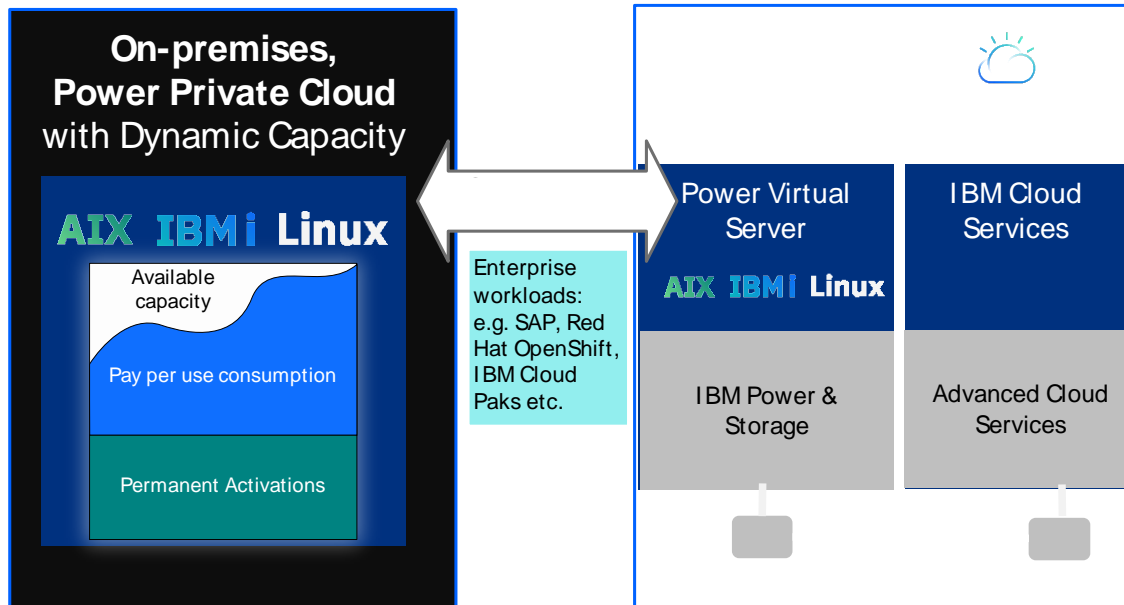
SAP Supports nearly every feature of PowerVM

- Production HANA VM CPU Sizing Options:
 - Minimum 4 Virtual Processors
 - Can increase Entitlement in increments of .01
 - There are no restrictions on socket boundaries
 - CPU's can be shared across all other VM's on the system – over commitment is supported
 - Dynamic add/remove of CPU is supported without reboot
- Memory Size is not tied to sockets, cores, or system architecture. Any combination of CPU + Memory is supported as long as the assignments are greater than the minimum requirements of 4 Virtual Processors and 128GB of RAM. Memory minimum is the same as on x86.
- Can increase/decrease memory in 1GB increments without downtime
- SAP supports up to 40TB of memory in a VM
- PowerVM does not introduce additional CPU overhead
 - SAP does not have a buffer recommendation when using PowerVM





Consistent experience for elastic computing across the IT environment



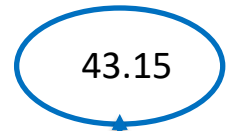
- Consistent and compatible IT architecture – no additional middleware or application refactoring required
- Extend workloads across on-premises and Power Virtual Server
- Consistent management and automation services across hybrid & heterogeneous architectures



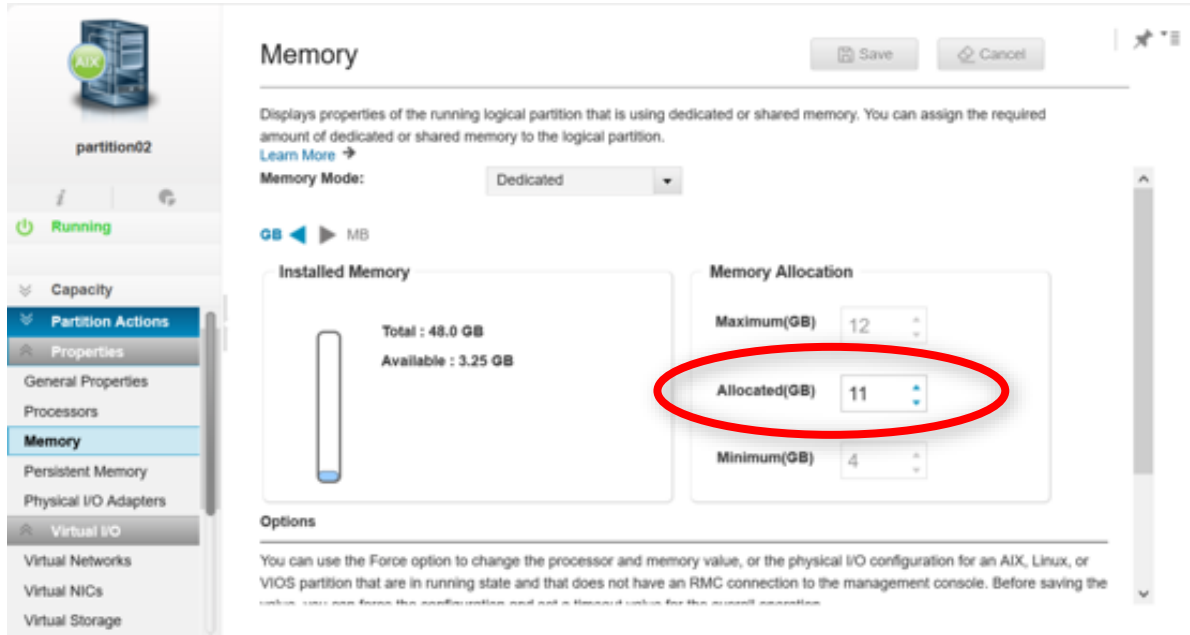
Infrastructure Granularity

LPAR	LPAR Details	Memory in GB	vCPUs	Entitlement	Guaranteed cores
1	HANA OLAP L	1,200	10.0	75%	7.5
2	HANA OLAP S	1,200	5.0	75%	3.75
3	HANA OLAP S	1,200	5.0	50%	2.5
4	HANA OLAP M	1,440	8.0	60%	4.8
5	HANA OLTP1 High Priority	960	4.0	75%	3
6	HANA OLTP2 Low Priority	960	4.0	50%	2
7	App-Server 1	320	8.0	50%	4
8	App-Server 2	320	8.0	50%	4
9	App-Server 3	320	8.0	50%	4
10	App-Server 4	320	8.0	50%	4
11	test1	128	2.0	30%	0.6
12	test2	512	2.0	30%	0.6
13	test3	256	4.0	30%	1.2
14	test4	128	4.0	30%	1.2
15	demo	256	5.0	30%	1.5
Total Resources Required		9264.0	80.0		43.15

Looks like ...
Smells like ...
Hybrid Cloud!



Memory Flexibility



SAP HANA now supports changing the memory size without restarting SAP HANA

DLPAR Memory **add** and **remove** on the HMC allows you to change the **memory** allocated to an LPAR **dynamically** in the range of Min and Max as defined in the LPAR profile without restarting the LPAR

See SAP Note [3114051](#) for more details

IBM “Dynamic LPAR” (DLPAR) operation to add memory to or remove memory from a running LPAR on POWER9

- LPARs must use HANA 2.0 SPS05 revision 52 (or newer) and SLES 15 SP2 or RHEL 8.3
- Use a DLPAR operation to adjust memory if you immediately need more memory to fulfill a critical business task, and shutting down the SAP HANA system is not possible.

- When adding or removing memory permanently to or from an LPAR it is required to verify the sizing of the target configuration to ensure it still satisfies the workload requirements for that LPAR. If the new configuration does not satisfy the workload demand, then corrective actions need to be taken.

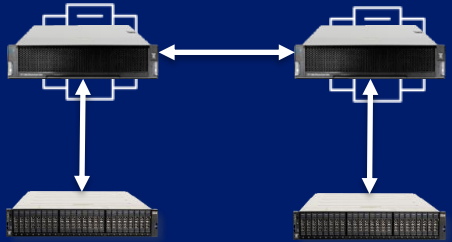


Increasing Security, Performance & Resiliency



IBM Spectrum Virtualize

Enhanced High-availability
Zero RPO/RTO



Multi-Platform Support

Pure HPE IBM

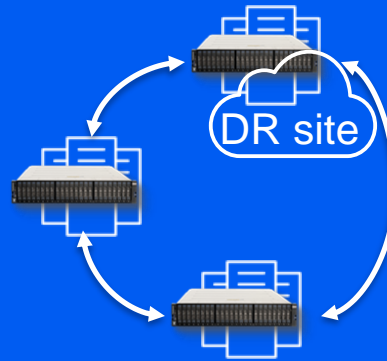
Dell/EMC NetApp 500+ others...

HyperSwap
Zero RPO/RTO



100% data availability guarantee

Enterprise Disaster Recovery
>Zero RTO



2-site and 3-Site Options
Can be combined with HyperSwap



1

Make Immutable Copies of Data

Safeguarded Copy

CSM/CDM/Internal Scheduler to automate creation and restore of data copies

2

Test Copies of Data

Isolated infrastructure to test data copies

Ensure copies are not corrupted/infected using application tools Test infrastructure can be logically or physically isolated

Blueprint for testing and recovery process

3

Automate Process

Automation of taking copies and testing

Automation of test & restore process



Automated Cyber Resilience and Recovery



Protect

Isolated & Immutable Snapshots

Detect

Automated Ransomware Scanning Engine

Recover

Safe Recover Point Identification

Rapid Data Recovery

June 2022



2H 2022



2023+



Cyber Resilience Assessment Tool (CRAT)

- **Workshop includes:**
- Two-hour virtual consulting workshop with IBM Storage, Security, & Resiliency POV
- Assessment probes over 100 different controls across 23 key categories from a Cyber Resilience standpoint
- Delivered using technology / vendor neutral framework
- Audience – IT Director / Storage Management teams + member of the Client Security Team

- **Client Outcomes:**
- Identification of blind-spots and recommended areas for improvement
- Discovery of the utilization of various existing solutions, integrations and overlaps that can be fine-tuned
- Customized Cyber Resilience strategy fitting the client's vision & mission

Deliverables:

- Detailed assessment report – **Sample Report**
- Management presentation
- Prioritized list of recommended improvements & considerations

SAP HANA Technical Assessment (SHAT)

- **Workshop includes:**
- Eight-hour virtual consulting workshop with Clear SAP POV
- Assess Business Scenario Report
- Details extracted from the system
- Assessment probes Functional & Technical areas across 23 key categories from a Cyber Resilience standpoint
- Evaluating SAP and 3rd party tools
- Review functions & customizations

- **Client Outcomes:**
- Reduction of test scope
- Know where custom code can be retired and made more efficient
- See the impact to the business process
- Governance – clarify of role conflicts

Deliverables:

- Detailed assessment report – **Sample Report**
- Management presentation
- Combined findings & enhanced business case



About Clear Technologies



- On-premises, Private Cloud and Public Cloud hosting & infrastructure reseller
- SAP Infrastructure Practice
- Managed services
- Hardware, Software & Services focused



- Cloud based storage reporting and analytics
- Heterogenous storage dashboard
- SaaS



We are a single point of contact, committed to consistently delivering the solution and services that are the best fit for your business.

- 30-year Value-Added Reseller
- Long history with Systems & Storage
- Strategic focus on SAP, and other innovative solutions
- Extraordinary Net Promotor Score
- Cognitive Leadership Program
- 3 IBM Champions

