

## Today's Objectives

- Virtualization
- Cloud Computing
- Amazon Web Services

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## Data Center

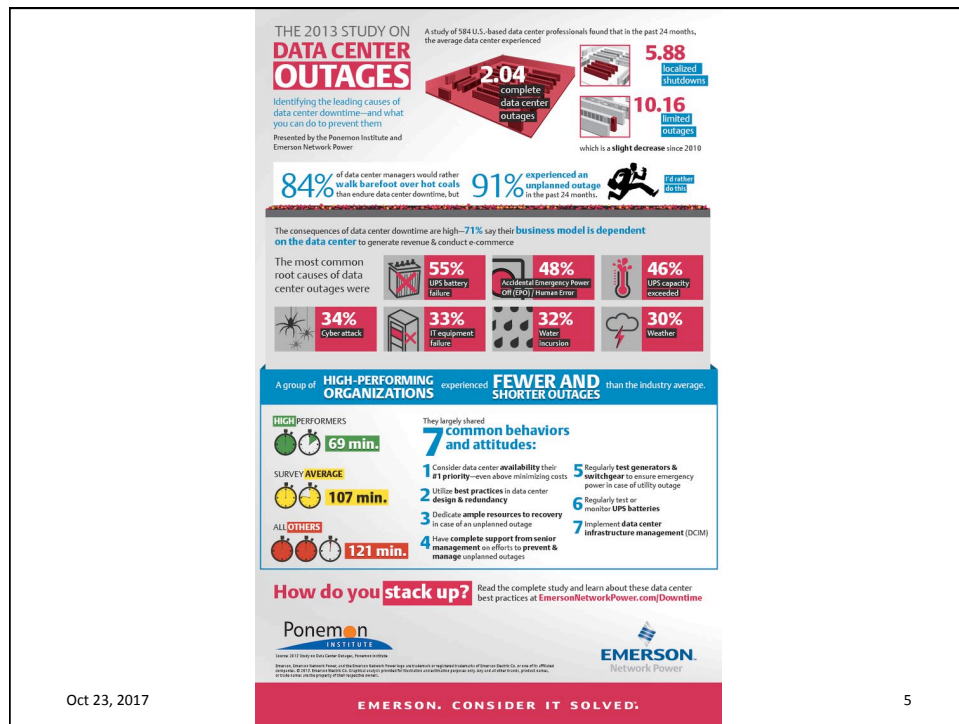
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## Tiny Bookstore

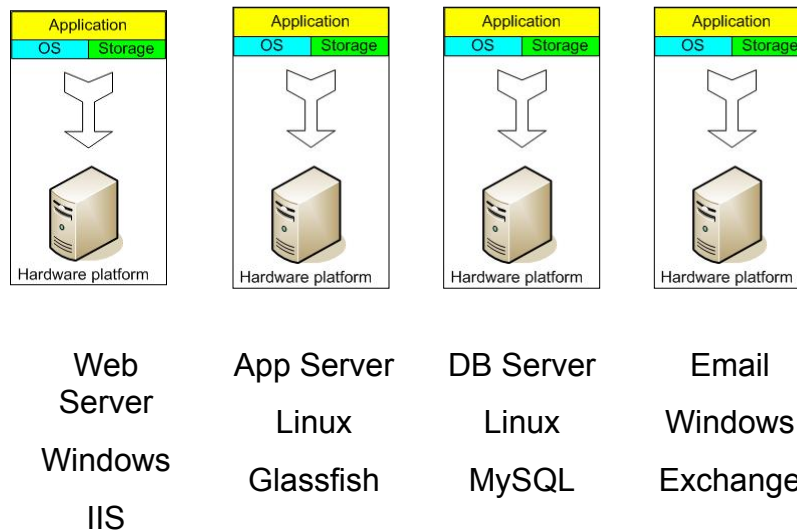
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## The Traditional Server Concept



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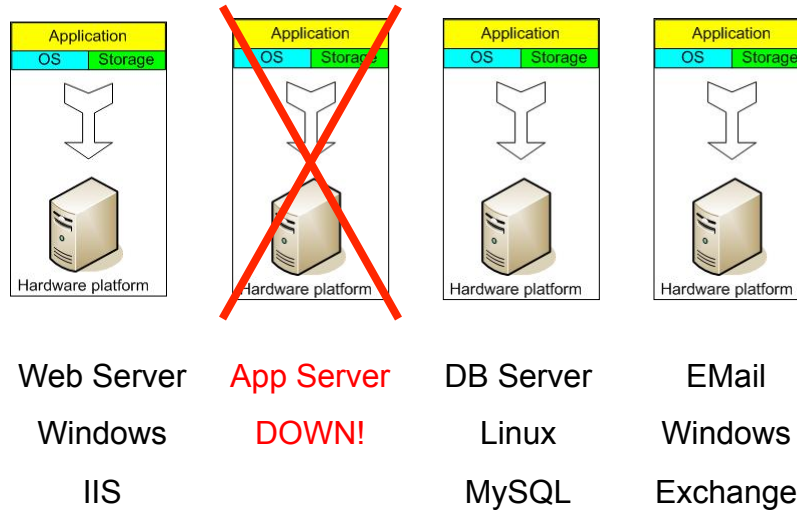
- System Administrators often talk about servers as a whole unit that includes the hardware, the OS, the storage, and the applications.
- Servers are often referred to by their function
  - Web server, SQL server, File server, etc.
- If the File server fills up, or the Web server becomes overtaxed, then sys admin must add a new server

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## And if something goes wrong ...



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## The Traditional Server Concept

- Unless there are multiple servers, if a service experiences a hardware failure, then the service is down.
- System Admins can implement clusters of servers to make them more fault tolerant.
- However, even clusters have limits on their scalability, and not all applications work in a clustered environment.

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## The Traditional Server Concept

- Pros
  - Easy to conceptualize
  - Fairly easy to deploy
  - Easy to backup
  - Virtually any application/service can be run from this type of setup
- Cons
  - Expensive to acquire and maintain hardware
  - Not very scalable
  - Difficult to replicate
  - Redundancy is difficult to implement
  - Vulnerable to hardware outages
  - In many cases, processor is under-utilized

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## Historical Trends: Virtualization

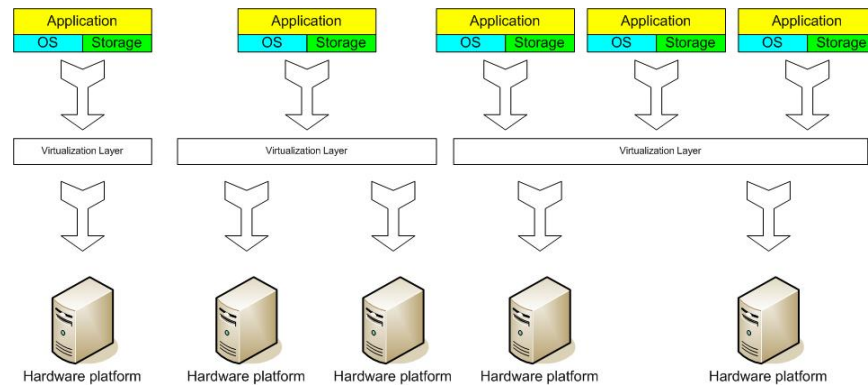
- **Virtualization**: The ability to run multiple operating systems on a single physical system and share the underlying hardware resources
- 1960s – OS-VM, VM-360 – Used to split mainframes into logical partitions.
- 1998 – VMWare – First practical implementation on X86 but at significant performance hit
- 2003 – Xen paravirtualization
  - Efficient, lightweight – any hardware
  - BUT requires kernel support
- Late 2000s – Intel and AMD add hardware support for virtualization.

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## The Virtual Server Concept



Virtualization layer between *Guest* OS and hardware

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## The Virtual Server Concept

- Virtual servers seek to encapsulate the server software (OS, applications, and storage) away from the hardware
- Servers end up as mere files stored on a physical box or in enterprise storage.
- One host typically houses many virtual servers (virtual machines or VMs)
- A virtual server can be serviced by one or more hosts, e.g. storage, services, etc.

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## Hypervisors or Virtual Machine Monitor

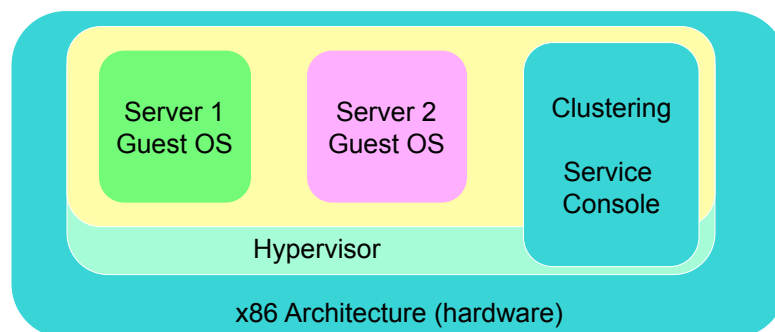
- A piece of computer software, firmware, or hardware that creates and runs virtual machines.
- **Host** machine: A computer on which a hypervisor is running one or more virtual machines
- Each virtual machine has a **guest operating system**, which is managed by the hypervisor.
- Multiple instances of a variety of operating systems may share the virtualized hardware resources.

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## Hypervisors and Virtual Machines



Hypervisor: intercepts hardware requests

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## The Virtual Server Concept

- Virtual servers can still be referred to by their function (e.g., web, file, ...)
- 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.

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## The Virtual Server Concept

- Virtual servers can be scaled out easily
  - If admins find that the resources supporting a virtual server are being taxed too much, they can adjust the amount of resources allocated to that virtual server
- Server templates can be created in a virtual environment to be used to create multiple, identical virtual servers
- Virtual servers themselves can be migrated from host to host almost at will.

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## The Virtual Server Concept

- Pros
  - Resource pooling
  - Highly redundant
  - Highly available
  - Rapidly deploy new servers
  - Easy to deploy
  - Reconfigurable while services are running
  - Optimizes physical resources by doing more with less
- Cons
  - Slightly harder to conceptualize
  - Slightly more costly (must buy hardware, OS, Apps, **and** abstraction layer)

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## Virtual-\* Allows for the Scale of Abstraction to Increase Over Time

- Run one process within certain resource limits.
  - Op Sys has virtual memory, virtual CPU, and virtual storage (file system).
- Run multiple processes within certain resource limits.
  - Resource containers (Solaris), virtual servers (Linux), virtual images (Docker)
- Run an entire operating system within certain limits.
  - Virtual machine technology: VMWare, Xen, KVM, etc.
- Run a set of virtual machines connected via a private network.
  - Virtual networks (SDNs) provision bandwidth between virtual machines.
- Run a private virtual architecture for every customer.
  - Automated tools replicate virtual infrastructure as needed.

# CLOUD COMPUTING

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## Historical Trends

- Shared Utility Computing
  - 1960s – MULTICS – Concept of a Shared Computing Utility
  - 1970s – IBM Mainframes – rent by the CPU-hour. (Fast/slow switch.)
- Data Center Co-location
  - 1990s-2000s – Rent machines for months/years, keep them close to the network access point and pay a flat rate. Avoid running your own building with utilities!
- Pay as You Go: Utility computing
  - Early 2000s - Submit jobs to a remote service provider where they run on the raw hardware. Sun Cloud (\$1/CPU-hour, Solaris +SGE), IBM Deep Capacity Computing on Demand (50 cents/hour)

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## Cloud Computing

- Cloud Computing: general term used to describe the class of network-based computing that takes place over the Internet,
  - basically a step on from Utility Computing
  - a collection/group of shared, integrated, and networked hardware, software and Internet infrastructure (called a platform).
  - Using the Internet for communication and transport provides hardware, software and networking services to clients
- Platforms hide complexity and details of underlying infrastructure from users and applications
  - Provide graphical interface or API (Applications Programming Interface)
- Resources are provided to computers and other devices on demand – pay per use.

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## Basic Cloud Characteristics

- Cost-effective means of virtualizing and making use of resources more effectively
  - Low start-up costs – pay for use helps to kick-start companies
- “no-need-to-know” in terms of the underlying details of infrastructure
  - applications interface with the infrastructure via the APIs.
- “flexibility and elasticity” allows these systems to scale up and down at will
  - utilizing the resources of all kinds
    - CPU, storage, server capacity, load balancing, and databases
  - Scaling is proportional to demand (revenue) so it’s a good business model
- “pay as much as used and needed” type of utility computing and the “always on, anywhere and any place” type of network-based computing.

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## Basic Cloud Characteristics

- **Remotely hosted:** Services or data are hosted on remote infrastructure.
- **Ubiquitous:** Services or data are available from anywhere.
- **Transparent** to users and applications → can be built in multiple ways
  - branded products, proprietary open source, hardware or software, or just off-the-shelf PCs.
  - In general, built on clusters of PC servers and off-the-shelf components plus Open Source software combined with in-house applications and/or system software
- **Commodified:** utility computing model similar to traditional utilities, like gas and electricity
  - you pay for what you would want!

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## Cloud Computing Use

- Vast range of Cloud Computing applications
  - Virtual private servers, Web hosting, data servers, fail-over services, etc.

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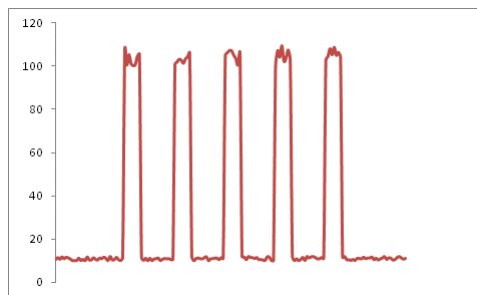
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## Motivation Example: Forbes.com

- You offer on-line real time stock market data
- Why pay for capacity weekends, overnight?

**Rate of  
Server  
Accesses**



*9 AM - 5 PM,  
M-F*

*ALL OTHER  
TIMES*

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## Forbes' Solution

- Host the web site in Amazon's EC2 Elastic Compute Cloud
- Provision new servers every day, and deprovision them every night
- Pay just \$0.10\* per server per hour
  - \* more for higher capacity servers
- Let Amazon worry about the hardware!

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## Cloud computing: Virtualization

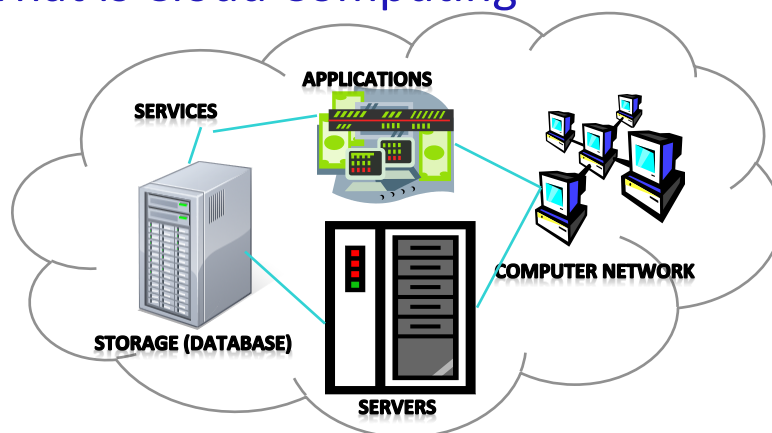
- You don't have to own the hardware
- You "rent" it as needed from a cloud
- There are public clouds
  - e.g. Amazon EC2, and now many others (Google, Microsoft, IBM, Sun, and others ...)
- A company can create a private one
  - With more control over security, etc.

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## What is Cloud Computing

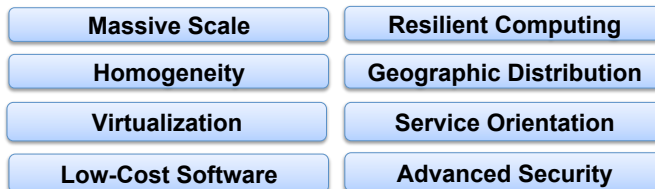


- Shared pool of configurable computing resources
- On-demand network access
- Provisioned by the Service Provider

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## Cloud Computing Characteristics

### Common Characteristics:

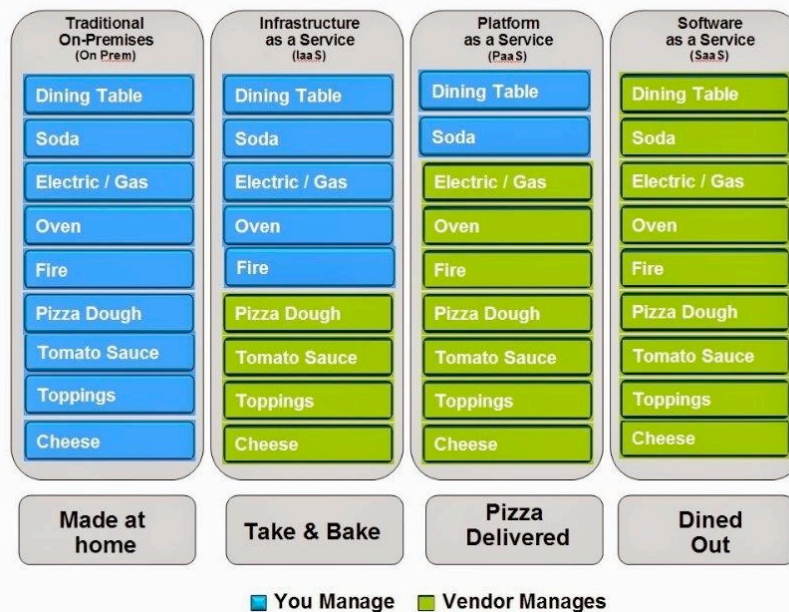


### Essential Characteristics:



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## Pizza as a Service



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## SaaS and PaaS

- **SaaS: Software as a Service**
  - an application is hosted as a service provided to customers across the Internet
  - SaaS alleviates the burden of software maintenance/support
  - but users relinquish control over software versions and requirements
- **PaaS: Platform as a Service**
  - provides a computing platform and a solution stack as a service
  - Consumer creates the software using tools and/or libraries from the provider
  - Consumer controls software deployment and configuration settings.
  - Provider provides the networks, servers, storage and other services

## IaaS: Infrastructure as a Service

- IaaS providers offer virtual machines, virtual-machine image libraries, raw (block) and file-based storage, firewalls, load balancers, IP addresses, virtual local area networks (VLANs), and software bundles.
- Pools of hypervisors can scale services up and down according to customers' varying requirements
- All infrastructure is provided on-demand

## Looking Ahead

- Map Reduce – tonight
- Tiny Bookstore – tomorrow