

A Novel Framework for Virtual Desktop Environment with vApp

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ABSTRACT

Virtualization technology is transforming today's IT community, offering new possibilities to improve the performance and efficiency of IT infrastructure by a dynamic mapping of the PC resources, enabling to run several applications and operating systems on a single physical system. Virtualization also offers elevated ease of use and error recovery solutions by encapsulating entire systems into single files that can be replicated and restored on any destination machine. This paper brings new elements related to the concept of virtualization, presenting the principles, the new architectures and the advantages of the virtualization. A new framework has been drawn for using different types of operating system(OS) with a vApp in a single operating system. Creating the vApp's in VMware Studio and using the vApp anywhere any time.

Keywords

Virtualization, vApp, VMware Studio, Operating System (OS).

1. INTRODUCTION

Among the leading business challenges confronting CIOs and IT managers today are: cost-effective utilization of IT infrastructure; responsiveness in supporting new business initiatives; and flexibility in adapting to executive changes. Driving an additional sense of urgency is the continued climate of IT budget constraints and more stringent regulatory necessities. Virtualization [5] is a fundamental technological innovation that allows skilled IT managers to deploy creative solutions to such business challenges. Now a day's virtualization plays a major role in IT infrastructure.

2. VIRTUALIZATION OVERVIEW

Virtualization plays a major role behind the cloud computing concept. For cloud computing virtualization is mind, because without virtualization there is no more cloud computing. Virtualization provides many key functions like resources allocation, data storage, network and many more.

2.1 Virtualization in a Nutshell

Simply put, virtualization [5] is an idea whose time has come. The term virtualization roughly describes the separation of a resource or request for a service from the underlying physical freedom of that service. With virtual memory, for illustration, computer software gains access to more memory than is physically installed, via the background swapping of data to hard disk storage. Similarly, virtualization techniques are capable of applied

to other IT infrastructure layers - together with networks, storage, laptop or server hardware, operating systems in addition to applications. This blend of

virtualization technology - or virtual infrastructure - provides a layer [1] of generalization among computing, storage and networking hardware, and the applications running on top of it. The exploitation of virtual infrastructure is non-disruptive, because the user experiences are largely unaffected. However, virtual infrastructure gives administrators the advantage of managing pooled resources across the enterprise, allowing IT managers to be quicker to respond on the way to dynamic organizational needs and to better leverage infrastructure reserves [4].

In this type of architecture the physical machine runs only one host operating system. Physical machine is tended to do only one particular job.

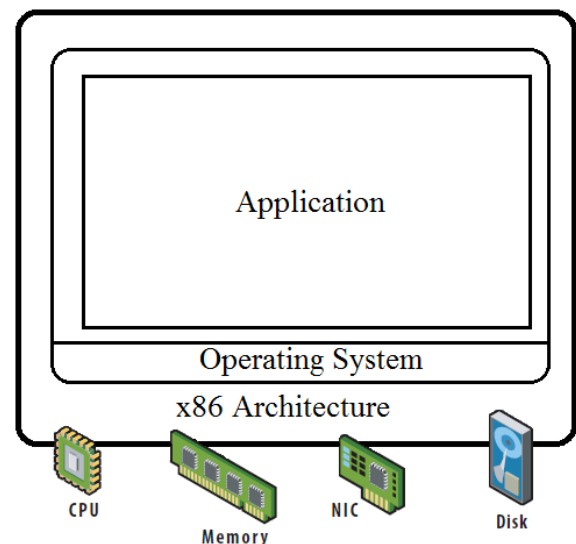


Fig 1: Before Virtualization

- Single OS image per physical machine
- Software and hardware tightly attached to only one machine.
- Running multiple applications on same machine often creates clash some time.
- Underutilized resources, resources are not utilized properly.
- Inflexible and costly infrastructure, running only one Operating System in one machine may take huge costly infrastructure to be maintained.

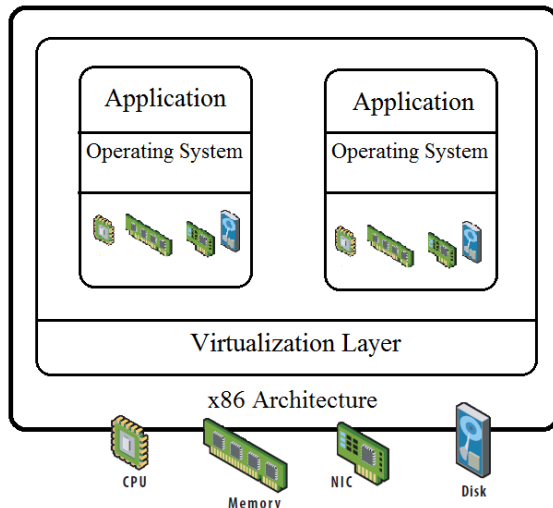


Fig 2: After Virtualization

- Hardware-independence of operating system and applications, can more than one physical Machine after virtualization
 - Virtual machines can be moveable to any system
 - Can manage OS and application as a single unit by encapsulating them into virtual machines

2.2 Using virtual infrastructure solutions such those enterprises IT managers can address challenges that include:

Server Consolidation and Containment– Eliminating ‘server sprawl’ via deployment of systems as virtual machines (VMs) that can run safely and move transparently across shared hardware, and increase server utilization rates are more comparing with before.

Test and Development Optimization– Rapidly provisioning test and development servers by reusing pre-configured systems, enhancing developer collaboration and standardizing development environments.

Business Continuity– Reducing the cost and complexity of business continuity (high availability and disaster recovery solutions) by encapsulating entire systems into single files that can be replicated and restored on any target server, thus minimizing downtime.

Enterprise Desktop– Securing unmanaged PCs, workstations and laptops without compromising end user autonomy by layering a security policy in software around desktop virtual machines [1].

3. VIRTUALIZATION APPROACHES

While virtualization [1] has been a part of the IT scenery for decades, it is only recently (in 1998) that VMware delivered the benefits of virtualization to industry-standard x86-based platforms, which now form the preponderance of desktop, laptop and server shipments. A key benefit of virtualization is the ability to run multiple operating systems on a single physical system and share the underlying hardware resources – known as partitioning. Today, virtualization can apply to

an collection of system layers, together with hardware-level virtualization, operating system altitude virtualization, and sophisticated language virtual machines. The two approaches typically used with software-based partitioning are hosted and hypervisor architectures.

3.1 Hosted Virtualization Approach

A **hosted** approach provides partitioning armed forces on top of an ordinary operating system and supports the broadest range of hardware configurations [4][2].

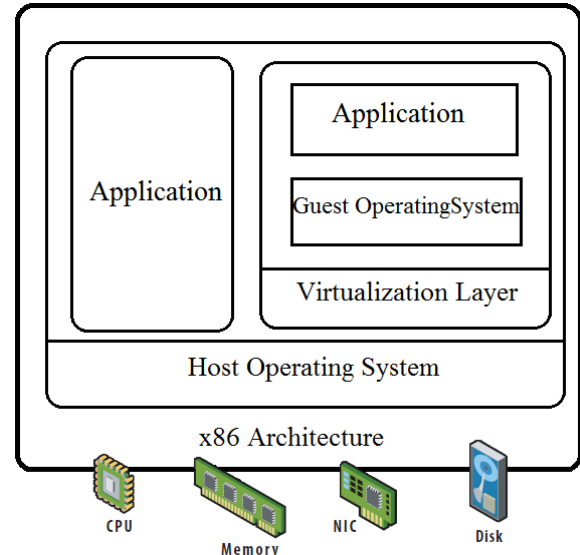


Fig 3: Hosted Architecture

- Installs and runs as an application
- Relies on host OS for device support and physical resource management

3.2 Hypervisor Virtualization Approach

In difference, **Hypervisor** architecture is the first layer of software installed on a clean x86-based system. Considering that it has direct access to the hardware resources, a hypervisor is well-organized than hosted architectures, enabling greater scalability, forcefulness in addition to performance. Hypervisors [2][4] can be designed to be tightly coupled with operating systems or can be agnostic to operating systems. The latter come within reach of provides customers with the capability to implement an OS-neutral management paradigm, thereby providing further rationalization of the data center. Application-level partitioning is another approach, some place by many applications share a single operating system, but this offers less isolation (and higher risk) than hardware or software partitioning, and narrow support for legacy applications or various environments. Conversely, various partitioning techniques can be combined, even though with increasing convolution. Hence, virtualization is a broad IT initiative, of which partitioning is just one aspect. Other benefits include the isolation of virtual machines and the hardware-independence that results from the virtualization course of action. Virtual machines [2] are highly well-located, and can be moved or copied to any industry-standard hardware display place, despite the consequences of the make or replica. Thus, virtualizations facilitate adaptive IT resource management, and greater responsiveness to shifting business conditions.

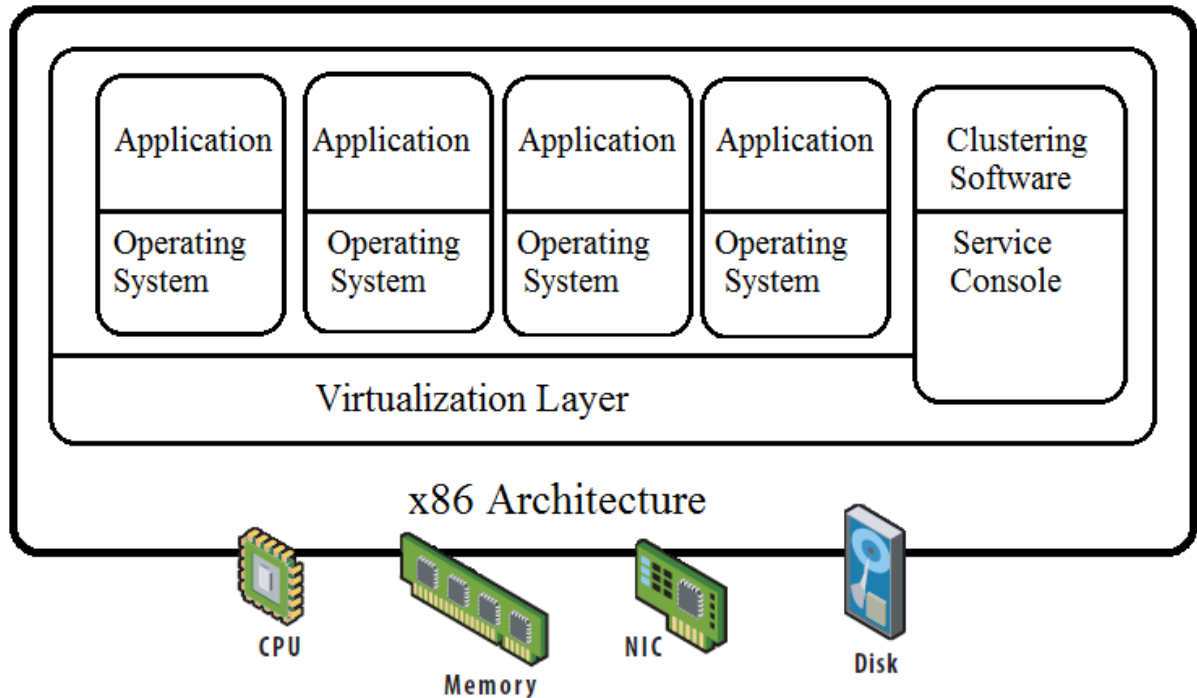


Fig 4: Bare Metal (Hypervisor) Architecture

- Lean virtualization-centric kernel, can many application under one Virtualization Layer.
- Service Console for agents and helper applications, shareable with other's to get report about it.

4. VIRTUAL APPLIANCES DEFINED

Virtual appliances [5][7] are prebuilt software solutions comprising one or more virtual machines that are package, updated, maintained and managed as an entity. Software developers create virtual appliances by developing self contained and optimized application stacks that are customized for their workload and embedded with an operating system (OS) of choice. Virtual appliances are fundamentally changing how software is developed, distributed, deployed and managed. For developers [6] and the organizations that license their software, the reimbursement of virtual appliances include a cutback in development and distribution costs, accelerated time in the direction of market, a more protected software delivery system, and the aptitude to leverage industry-leading virtualization platforms.

In addition, virtual appliances [6] are more secure and reliable than traditional software and easier to install and manage. Because virtual appliances are preconfigured, they help organizations diminish the time and expense associated with application deployment—including the patching and ongoing management of the software. Organizations use virtual appliances to gain access to the advanced capabilities of virtualization [1] platforms—such as at the same time as high availability, scalability, backup and live exodus—while gaining

greater flexibility and freedom of choice as to how and where they run their applications.

4.1 vApp

VMware newly introduce the vApp, a software solution optimized premeditated for cloud computing. A consistent entity composed of one or more virtual machines [8]; the vApp can be stimulated and managed as a unit. A vApp specifies and encapsulates mechanism of a multitier application as well as the operational policies as well as service levels unrelated by means of it. The vApp gives application owners a standard way to describe policies for an application, which singular datacenters can consistently interpret and run. The vApp is a kind of virtual applications that be capable of be build by ISVs, system integrators, significance-added resellers, and onsite IT administrators. The Open Virtualization Format (OVF) [1] standard 1.0 is in use to represent a solo virtual machine or combination of numerous virtual machines. At the same time as implement, draft OVF standard 0.9 cannot symbolize more than one virtual machine. We can organize a vApp through vCenter Server among the vSphere Client, or with ovf tool. Virtual Center 2.5 and ESX/ESXi 3.5 support OVF 0.9 only. We can run all or part of a vApp on ESX/ESXi 3.5 if we deploy the vApp in the course of vCenter Server 4.

By building the virtual application it will reduce work load on the physical machine. In virtual application only required file are loaded for the start up the application. Remaining files will be loaded when there are required which will save the time for starting time virtual vApp [7].

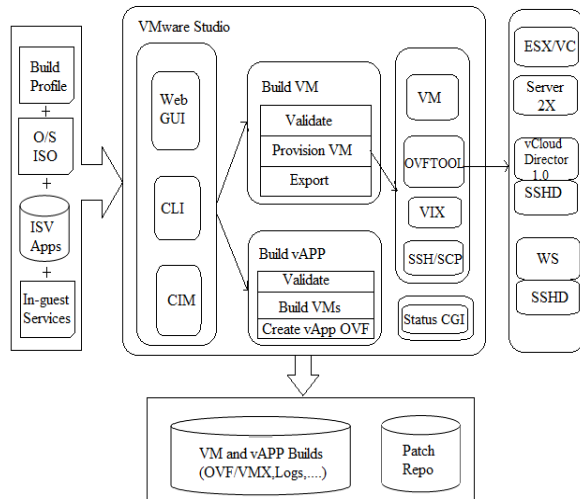


Fig 5: Virtual Studio Architecture

4.2 To Create Virtual Build Profile in Virtual Studio

To create a VM or a vApp [1], you formulate a build profile using the VMware Studio Web console or Eclipse boundary. The build profile specifies the ISO image of a Linux or Windows operating system and the software applications to run on that operating system. For a Linux-based VM, the build sketch also specifies in-guest services, in other words VAMI. The left side of fig shows inputs to the build system. Before you build a VM or vApp, VMware Studio[1] authenticates the build profile. To prerequisite a VM, the build system uses a VMware product platform to generate a virtual machine from the operating system ISO and the application set you specify. A successful VM build is exported in the direction of a network-accessible location on the VMware Studio appliance. This VM contains the OS and appliance packages as amorphous in build profile. The VM also have boot scripts configured the in-guest management sketch out embedded, and is customized according on the way to specifications of your build profile. On top of VMware product platforms that support the vSphere API [1] (formerly the VIM API), the build system uses the ovf tool to generate and move the VM. On VMware product platforms that do not support the vSphere API, the build system uses the VIX API to generate and move the VM. To build a vApp, the construct system takes a set of VM build profiles or successfully built VMs, and packages them together by means of an OVF descriptor [1]. Because the developer of a vApp, can specify start order and resource allocation for the constituent VMs and applications, but many aspects of the vApp remain bendable until the administrator decides at deployment time [7].

To create a build profile in VMware studio it should run this VMware workstation or in Virtual box. When run this it gives an ip address to open it on the browser. When running it will ask you the user name password to login in to it. Once login in to the VMware studio we can build our own application in the VMware studio [1]. Like that for new frame work here we try to build new virtual application with different operating system to

run in any type of environment. With this type of application we can run the any type of operating system on any environment. Its like bring one environment to another environment with help of vApp. This is built in the VMware studio.

5. VIRTUALIZATION SPIRIT OF CLOUD COMPUTING

Cloud computing is the name which is getting representation from the Internet, is becoming a popular term and has been used by an increasing number of organizations. In cloud computing environment, services are not provided by a single server or a small group of servers; instead, various computing and storage services are provided by some collection of data centers owned and maintained by a third party. This paper proposed a new frame work for different types of virtual servers. Approximating keep all virtual servers in cloud environment for providing the different types of operating system(OS) services in cloud environment. For providing different types of OS services in cloud is not a simple work. But by use of virtualization we can make it simple like creating vApp's using the VMware products like VMware Studio. With the help of VMware studio we can make different type OS vApp's. Virtualization makes difficult effort in to more simple toil. Here we are giving a new frame work for how different users can access any type of OS with help of virtualization concept. For example if user is running windows OS in his desktop but he wants to use the ubuntu OS for some for a application work. With the help of cloud computing concept we run the ubuntu OS window in his desktop. Main thing behind is virtualization.

5.1 A Framework for Deploying of Different types OS in Cloud with help of Virtualization

VMware studio is an integrated development tool that takes existing software applications, packages them into virtual machines and vApps. VMware Studio can build both Linux-based VMs and Windows-based virtual machines and vApps, running single tier or multitier applications. This is a framework for deploying of Different OS in cloud. Some time we suddenly can come to use of different OS but we don't have OS in our system but we have to use it extremely without delay, on that time we can use the virtual services in cloud with the help of Virtual vApp for different types of OS. When someone is working in a meticulous way there is need to change their way is so difficult. Like when some is using particular platform there is need to change their platform suddenly, it take some time to build the environment. With the help of cloud computing a new framework which will give any type of Operating System as a service. Just like if someone is running windows 7 OS in his/her desktop top suddenly they required ubuntu/Linux OS, where they will go they have to set the entire environment to use. But using this frame work they will get required OS with a single click.

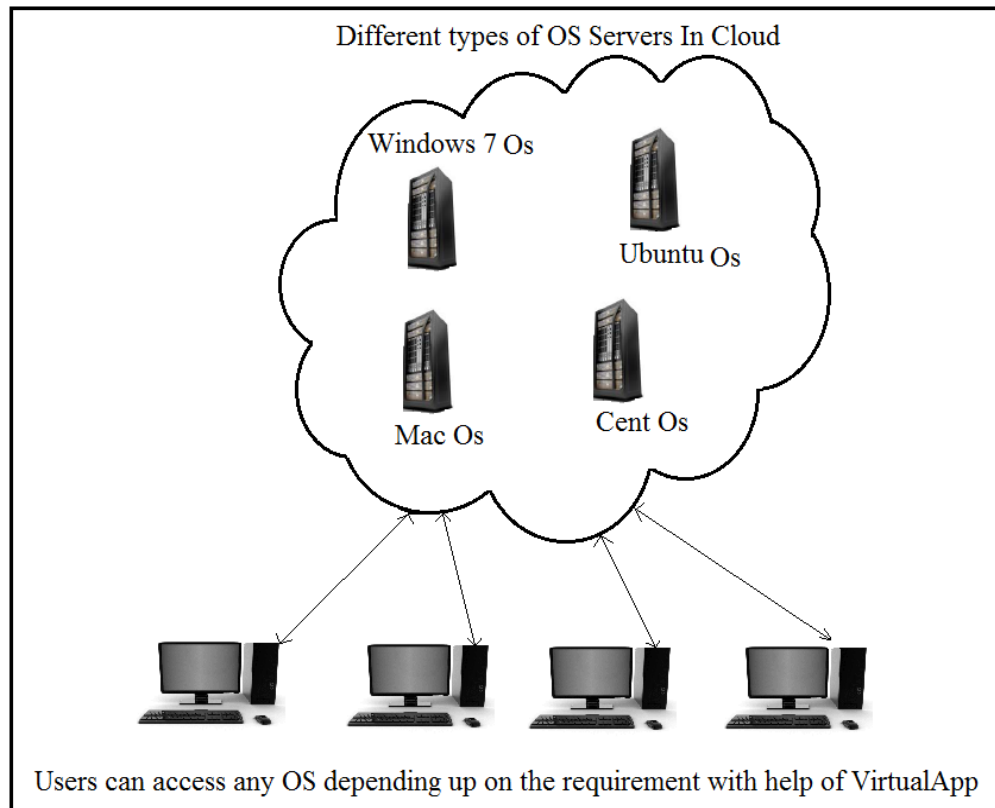


Fig 6: A Framework for different users using different OS with help of vApp

6. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY

In existing there is no such a frame work to get new Operating System (OS) environment into present working system suddenly on demand to work on new platform. With this new design of frame work it's possible to shift in to new platform and work there with wasting of time to install the entire required environment.

Table1: Difference b/w Existing and Proposed System

Difference's	Time taken to change from one OS to other OS	Required to install the any type of OS in system
Existing System	10-15mins	YES
Proposed System	2-5mins	NO

7. CONCLUSION

This paper proposed a new design for a framework to use the different operating system (OS) in cloud services with the help of virtualization vApp. Different people can connect to cloud services and access the liked OS to run on their desktop which is not having on their desktop the OS. Concluding that creating a new virtual vApp in VMware Studio to implement a new vApp framework. Future scope is after successful creation of different virtual OS vApp's, calculating the performance of each individual virtual OS vApp, to know which virtual OS vApp is better to use in current running OS environment.

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