

"Laufzeitsystem" für ein SAP Rechenzentrum

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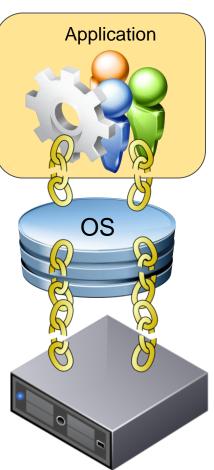


Basic concept of FF4S

Challenges of a traditional "SAP silo" architecture

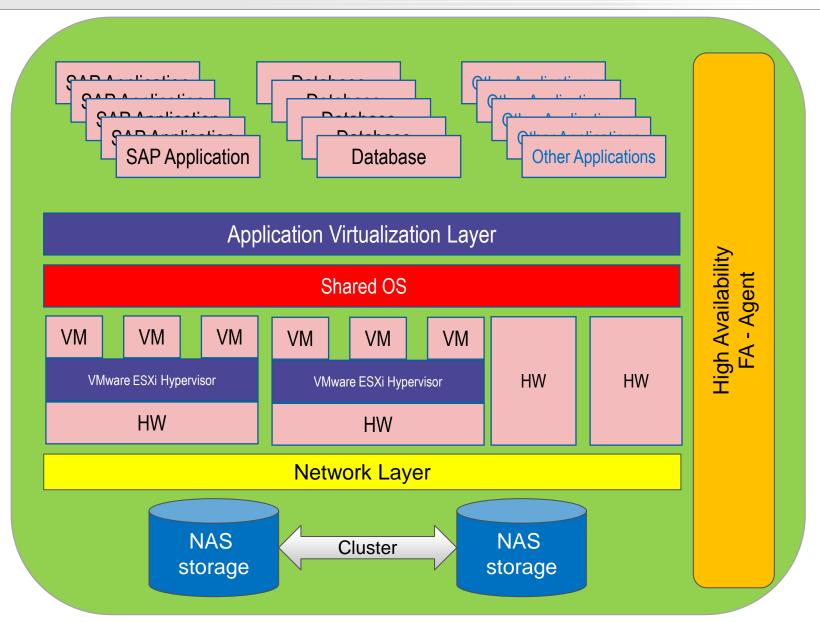


- Static environment: Every layer is tightly connected to the layer underneath
 - Applications cannot be moved from one server to another server
- Low flexibility: Hardware / Software changes usually impact:
 - The layer on top (operating system / application)
 - Application provisioning takes usually very much time
- Low utilization of the server resources
 - One application per server
 - The server is sized for the peek performance
- High administration effort for installation, operation and maintenance :
- High energy consumption, rejected heat, floor space, Support
- High Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)
- → Target: build a virtualized infrastructure



FlexFrame for SAP Architecture





From Challenges to Solutions



Concept of FlexFrame for SAP (FF4S):

- Consolidation and dynamic use of system resources
- Integrated and pre-tested solution that manages a complete SAP infrastructure – from applications down to the hardware
- Shared NAS Storage for operating system and SAP
- Shared Operating System (Single System Image) for ease of maintenance → less admin efforts and no provisioning issues
- Virtual LAN technology for multi tenant capability → less complexity in cabling, simple & easy to manage
- SAP application virtualization for flexibility and high availability → leads to higher utilization and easy server changes
- Integrated server and SAP installation and orchestration
- LDAP repository for all system- and operating information
- Monitoring of SAP operating incl. high availability management
- Management features to reduce complexity of dynamic virtual infrastructure



Single image concept Server initialization Lifecycle management

Single Shared Linux OS



- LINUX image
 - based on a standard Linux derivate
 - is prepared to be used by every server in the FlexFrame configuration
 - is used to initialize every server of the infrastructure
- image concept
 - allows to apply Linux (Security) Fixes in Maintenance Mode by admin
 - allows administrator to apply additional software in Maintenance Mode
 - keeps one-time done changes (next generation inherits changes)

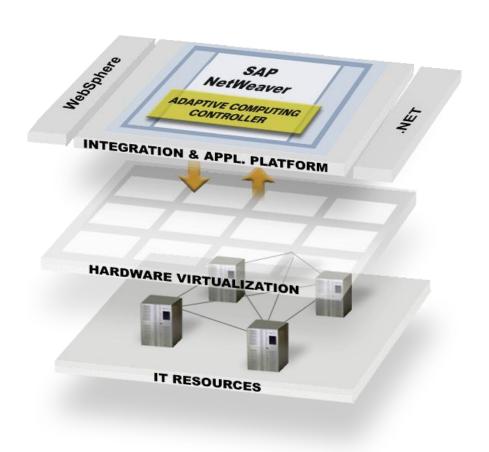
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SAP application virtualization, flexibility, high availability

SAP Service Virtualization





any SAP service

at any time

at any (v) server

SAP
Database
OS

VMs Network

Server Storage

FlexFrame for SAP – Application virtualization layer



- Each SAP service
 - is independent from the hostname and IP address of the real server it is running on
 - has located its software stack and data on a central NAS storage

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Virtualized and high available SAP services – Customer Benefits



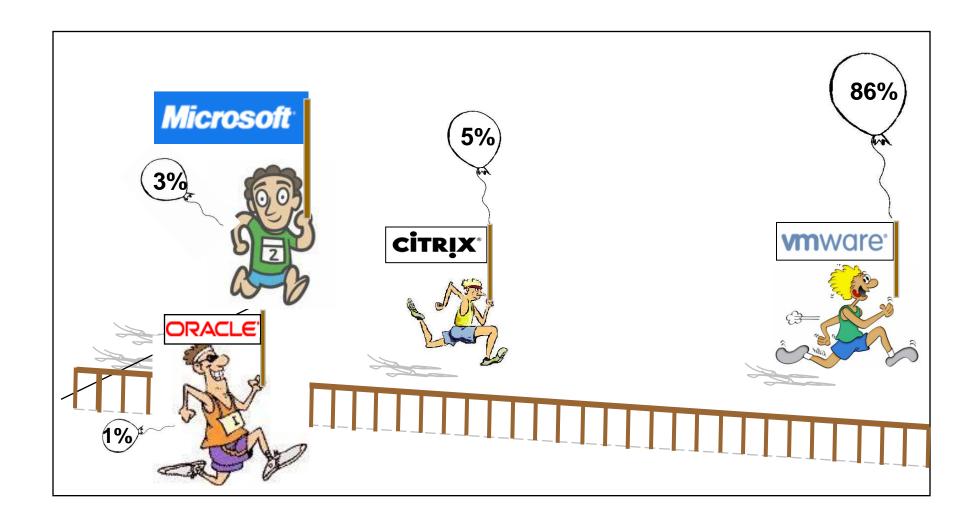
- Flexible usage of servers for all SAP services without increasing the administration costs
- Increased utilization of servers is possible
 - basis for intelligent workload balancing
 - reduced HW investment
- High Availability (HA) for all SAP Services
 - per design, without complex administration challenges
 - adding new server without maintenance efforts for HA



VMware Virtual Server integration

The race of the Hypervisor providers (Market share)





VMware Virtual Server support – function overview



Integrated Server Virtualization

- ESX server as a additional FF4S server node type
- ESX/VM server administration and configuration fully integrated in FF4S
- Usage of virtual servers as additional resource based on VMware ESXi
- Support of mixed environments with physical and virtual servers bases on one image
- Switching of SAP services from virtual to physical servers and vice versa
- Allows to run VMs belonging to different FF4S pools on the same ESX Server



Conclusion

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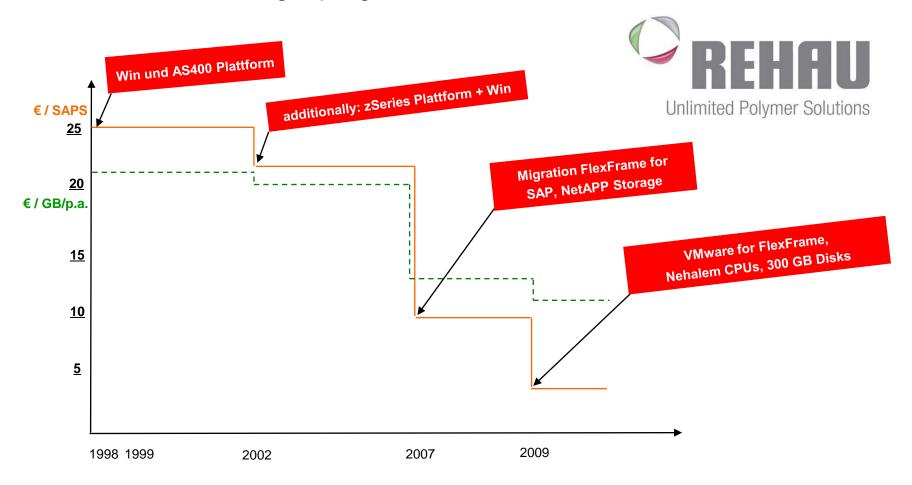
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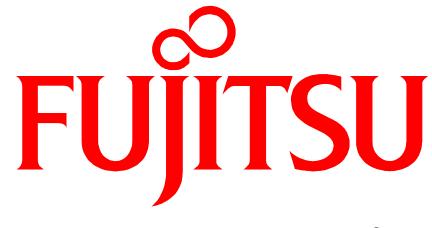
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Achieved Benefits



- FlexFrame for SAP Reduces substantiated the TCO!
 - SAPS and Storage progression of costs





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