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## Windows 8 Hyper-V Scalability

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# Design Principals

#### **MISSION CRITICAL WORKLOADS**

- Scale isn't just more virtual processors, it's *balance* 
  - Compute

- Memory
- Network I/O
- Storage I/O
- Server *resiliency*, *uptime* and *security* is paramount
  - More resources and capacity than ever

- Maximize hardware usage
- Virtualization benefits such as Live Migration should just work
  - No tradeoffs
- Virtual Machine performance must increase with cores
- Virtualize workloads considered "non-virtualizable"

## Balanced Scale Up



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# Balanced Scale Up

#### CPU AND MEMORY

# CPU Scale Comparison

	Windows Server 2008	Windows Server 2008 R2	Windows Server 8 Developer Preview
HW Logical Processor Support	16 LPs	64 LPs	160 LPs
Virtual Machine Processor Support	Up to 4 VPs	Up to 4 VPs	Up to 32 VPs
VP:LP Ratio	8:1	8:1 for Server 12:1 for Client (VDI)	Hyper-V scales with hardware capabilities
Max VMs/VPs per Host	128	384/512	1024/2048
Latest CPUs Instructions	Yes – at the time	Yes – at the time	Yes – now includes AMD: XSAVE, AES INTEL: AES/NI, PCLMULQDQ, XSAVEOPT

## Memory Scale Comparison

	Windows Server 2008	Windows Server 2008 R2	Windows Server 8 Developer Preview
Physical Memory Support	1 TB	1 TB	2 ТВ
Virtual Machine Memory	Up to 64 GB	Up to 64 GB	Up to 512 GB
Guest NUMA Support	No	No	Yes
Runtime Changes	No	No	Yes

### Hyper-V Scale Comparison Cluster and Live Migration

	Windows Server 2008	Windows Server 2008 R2	Windows Server 8 Beta
Cluster Scale	16 Nodes up to 1000 VMs	16 Nodes up to 1000 VMs	63 Nodes up to 4000 VMs
Live Migration	Yes, one at a time	Yes, one at a time	Yes, with no limits. As many as hardware will allow.
Live Storage Migration	No. Quick Storage Migration via SCVMM	No. Quick Storage Migration via SCVMM	Yes, with no limits. As many as hardware will allow.
Servers in a Cluster	16	16	64





# Demo

### CPU, Memory, & VHDX

# Scaling up: Physical NUMA

- NUMA (Non-uniform memory access)
  - Helps hosts scale up the number of cores and memory access
  - Partitions cores and memory into "nodes"
  - Allocation and latency depends on the memory location relative to a processor
- High performance applications detect NUMA and minimize crossnode memory access





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# Scaling up: Physical NUMA

#### This is optimal...

- System is balanced
- Memory allocation and thread allocations within the same NUMA node
- Memory populated in each NUMA node





# Scaling up: Physical NUMA

- This isn't optimal...
  - System is imbalanced
  - Memory allocation and thread allocations across different NUMA nodes
  - Multiple node hops
  - NUMA Node 2 has an odd number of DIMMS
  - NUMA Node 3 doesn't have enough
  - NUMA Node 4 has no local memory (worst case)





# Scaling Up: Guest NUMA

#### Guest NUMA

- Presenting NUMA topology within VM
- Guest operating systems & apps can make intelligent NUMA decisions about thread and memory allocation
- Guest NUMA nodes are aligned with host resources
- Policy driven per host best effort, or force alignment



vNUMA node A vNUMA node B



NUMA node 1 NUMA node 2 NUMA node 3 NUMA node 4

# Demo

# NUMA Settings

#### NETWORKING

## Extensibility

#### Customers want specialized functionality with lots of choice ...



Tenant 1: Multiple VM Workloads



Tenant 2: Multiple VM Workloads



## Extensibility

#### Customers want specialized functionality with lots of choice ... ... for firewalls, monitoring and physical fabric integration







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- Capture extensions can inspect traffic and generate new traffic for report purposes
- Capture extensions do not modify existing Extensible Switch traffic

Example: sflow by inMon





- Windows Filter Platform (WFP) Extensions can inspect, drop, modify, and insert packets using WFP APIs
- Windows Antivirus and Firewall software uses WFP for traffic filtering

Example: Virtual Firewall by 5NINE Software







Filtering extensions can also be implemented using NDIS filtering APIs

Example: VM DoS Prevention by Broadcom







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- Forwarding extensions direct traffic, defining the destination(s) of each packet
- Forwarding extensions can capture and filter traffic
  - Examples: Cisco Nexus 1000V and UCS NEC OpenFlow

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Network I/O path without SR-IOV





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- Increases throughput
- Supports Live Migration



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Network I/O path with SR-IOV

# Reliability

#### Even when hardware fails ...



Tenant 1: Multiple VM Workloads



Tenant 2: Multiple VM Workloads





# Reliability

#### Even when hardware fails ...





# Reliability

#### Even when hardware fails ... ... customers want continuous availability





# NIC Teaming



Network switch

- Multiple modes: switch dependent and switch independent
- Hashing modes: port and 4-tuple .
- Active active and active standby

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# Demo

### Network Bandwidth and NIC Teaming

#### STORAGE

### Dynamic, High Performance Storage

**HYPER-V STORAGE: SCALING TO NEW HEIGHTS** 

### Dynamic, High Performance Storage

HYPER-V STORAGE: SCALING TO NEW HEIGHTS

- Live Storage Migration
- Virtual Fiber Channel
- Support for File Based Storage on SMB 2.2
- Online MetaOperations
  - Live VHD Merge

- Native 4K Disk Support
- New VHDX
- Offloaded Data Transfer (ODX) & Trim

# VHDX: Highly Scalable

- >2TB disks
- Better performance (eliminate alignment issues)
- Resilient to corruption
- Embed user defined metadata
- Larger block sizes to adapt to workload requirements



# Hyper-V Storage Comparison

	Windows Server 2008	Windows Server 2008 R2	Windows Server 8 Developer Preview
Live Storage Migration	No. Quick Storage Migration via SCVMM	No. Quick Storage Migration via SCVMM	Yes, with no limits. As many as hardware will allow.
VMs on File Storage	No	No	Yes, SMB
Guest Fiber Channel	No	No	Yes
Virtual Disk Format	VHD up to 2 TB	VHD up to 2 TB	VHD up to 2 TB VHDX up to 16 TB
VM Guest Clustering	Yes, via iSCSI	Yes, via iSCSI	Yes, via iSCSI or FC
Native 4k Disk Support	No	No	Yes
Live VHD Merge	No, offline.	No, offline.	Yes
Secure Copy Offload (ODX)	No	No	Yes

## Offloaded Data Transfer (ODX)



# Hyper-V ODX Support

- Secure Offload data transfer
  - Fixed VHD/VHDX Creation
  - Dynamic VHD/VHDX Expansion
  - VHD/VHDX Merge
  - Live Storage Migration
- Just one example...

# Hyper-V ODX Support



Average ODX Desktop Time (seconds)

#### POWERSHELL

# Managing with PowerShell

- - Use PowerShell to manage and monitor Windows Server 8 Clouds
  - Leverage the PowerShell community and skills and build your own tools
  - Simple and consistent APIs to manage and monitor
  - Write WMIv2 providers, get PowerShell for free!

- File Servers & Shares
- Hyper-V configurations
- Virtual Machines
- Failover Clusters
- Network
   Configuration
- Hyper-V Extensible
   Switch
- Hyper-V Replica

# Demo

## PowerShell

#### Speaker, Title Group



### CLUSTERING

## Increased Scalability

Increased scale up and scale out

- 4x scale over Windows Server 2008 R2
  - Scale up to 64-nodes
  - Scale out to 4,000 VMs per cluster





Robust management tools

#### SUMMARY

# Leveraging Modern Hardware



#### Clustering

- Improved scale to 63 nodes and 4000 VMs per cluster
- Improved CSV with support for storage offloads, better backup, RDMA, LBFO and security

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