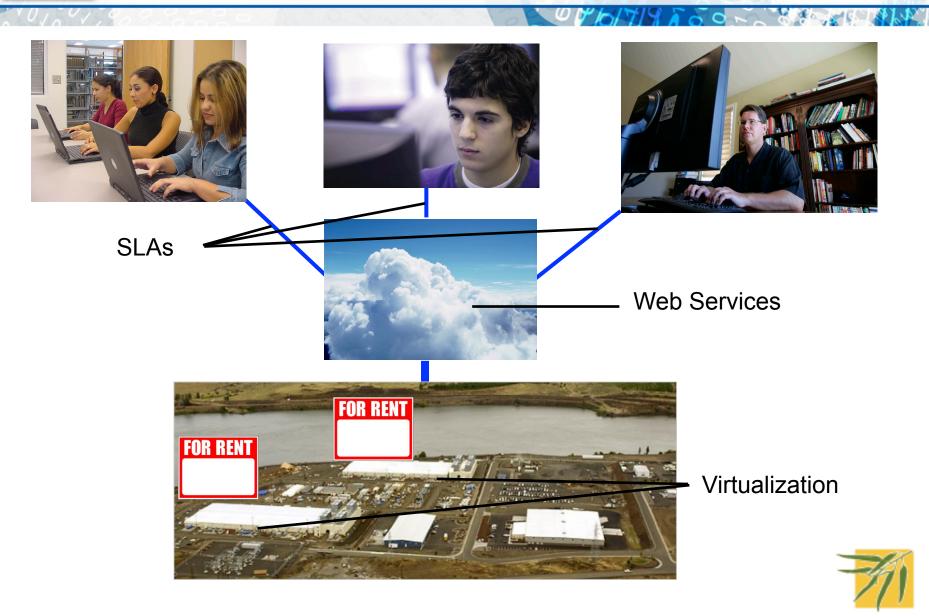


Why Private Clouds Are Likely to be Open Source

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eCommerce and Infrastructure

- Self-service and "zero touch."
 - Scalable automatic rental of resource intensive goods
- Transactional and asynchronous
 - Interaction with the site is transactional
 - Delivery is asynchronous
- Site integrity and site availability are critical
 - Individual transactions can fail but the site cannot
- Customer requests must be isolated
 - Service venue must manage competing needs
- Scale out for request volume, scale up for request weight
 - Customer requests are independent
 - Individual requests carry different requirements





eCommerce and Open Source

- eCommerce technologies are mature
 - Half-way through its second decade
- Some of the most prevalent technologies are open source
 - Apache, Tomcat
 - Java
 - J2EE
 - Apache Geronimo, JBOSS, OpenEJB, GlassFish, JOnAS, Spring
 - MySQL, memcached
 - Linux





Linux and Enterprise IT

- Linux is the operating system platform of choice
 - Hardware portable
 - Separates software lifecycle from hardware lifecycle
 - Prevents lock-in
 - Vast ecosystem of software
 - Linux distros provide QA (free or paid)
 - Transparent
 - Possible to own the source code for everything
 - Fast to remediate
 - Open source web community is often faster than paid support
 - Cost effective
 - Possible to mix free and paid offerings fluidly





Enterprise Cloud = Open Source

- If...
 - the most mature eCommerce technologies are open source
- And
 - Enterprise IT prefers open source platforms for deployment at scale
- And...
 - Private Clouds are the next platform for data centers
- Then
 - The On-premise Private Cloud will be built from Open Source
- Will Enterprise IT run a private cloud?





Private Cloud Advantages

- Separate the application software lifecycle from the infrastructure software lifecycle
 - Application "stacks" can include operating environment
 - Legacy applications can be transitioned gradually
- Separate application software from infrastructure configuration
 - Clouds support a unified configuration model
 - IT can reconfigure in response to technological innovation without breaking application execution
- Customized policy implementation
 - Private clouds must respect local policy definitions
 - One size does not need to fit all





More Private Cloud Advantages

- Flexible resource apportionment
 - The application "mix" can vary based on user needs or load and not infrastructure constraints
- Self-service, scalable, and automatic
 - Resource allocation and decommissioning does not require an infrastructure team and/or a personnel driven process
 - Movie rental analogy: Netflix instead of Blockbuster





Private Cloud Disadvantages

- Cloud application porting is not automatic
 - Can be incremental but requires developer time
 - Elasticity driven by unified configuration is the issue
- Cloud Heisenberg Uncertainty
 - It is not possible to know simultaneously where something happens in a cloud and when it happens.
- Enterprise IT process change
 - Infrastructure administration and management roles change due to the separation of concerns
 - "Application infrastructure" versus "cloud infrastructure"





Eucalyptus

- Elastic Utility Computing Architecture Linking Your Programs To Useful Systems
- Open source web services based implementation of elastic/utility/ cloud computing infrastructure
 - Born of an NSF-funded research project in 2008 at UC Santa Barbara
- Software overlay
 - integrates multiple hardware and software platforms
 - Configuration agnostic
 - Policy agnostic
- Built from "best of breed" open source eCommerce technologies





How do we know it is a Cloud?

- The name is power
 - In 2008 the academic and industry communities hotly contested any definition of cloud
- Turing Test:
 - Pick something that is undisputably a cloud and mimic it to the point where an adversary can't tell the difference
 - Amazon AWS
- Can we emulate Amazon AWS using open source components and commodity hardware so that a user can't detect the difference?
 - Amazon "the home version" generated a great deal of interest as freely available open source





Eucalyptus as a Business

- Today's Typical Customer:
 - "I need a private cloud, I want it to be open source, and I can't change my infrastructure."
- I need a private cloud
 - Hype cycle is driving many IT organizations to consider private cloud
 - Web 2.0 intensive companies are early adopters
 - Experienced in scalable eCommerce tech.
 - Amazon AWS is part of the adoption cycle
- I want it to be open source
 - Open source == cheap, transparent, avoids lock-in, etc.
- I can't change my infrastructure
 - Current hardware and software infrastructure must be amortized





Monetizing Eucalyptus

- Open source subscription model
 - Annual fee provides
 - Support
 - Customization expertise
 - Management expertise
 - Use of a small set of proprietary "plug ins"
 - Portability, performance, reliability but not functionality
 - Automatic upgrades
- Aggressive release cycle
 - Goal: new code and features every quarter
- Professional services
 - Training, custom development, etc.





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What Customers Buy

- Configuration and management expertise
 - There are an infinite number of ways to match Eucalyptus to existing infrastructure
- Access to supported upgrades
 - Cloud upgrade is a scary operation
 - New features are and release cycle are attractive
- Hybrid usage
 - The ability to move applications and data between private and public clouds makes Eucalyptus support useful for AWS
- Ecosystem
 - Eucalyptus has more than 100 supported partners
 - Anti-lock in, pro choice





Ghosts of Platforms Past

- Then (circa 2000)...
 - AIX, Coherent, Interactive Unix, HP-UX, Irix, NeXTSTEP, SCO, SINIX, SunOS/Solaris, Ultrix
- And now
 - Linux
- The difference is ecosystem
 - Proprietary Unix still exists but it is highly specialized
- The Platform is Open Source but the ecosystem is mixed
 - Most vendors port their proprietary Unix applications to Linux
 - A few of them just went open source with their platform





Eucalyptus Ecosystem





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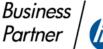
















Python interface to Amazon Web Services













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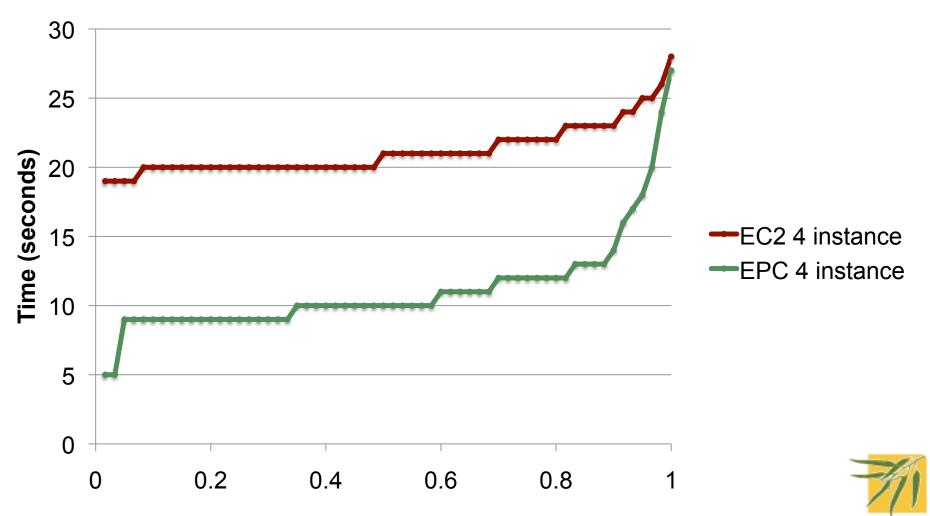






Performance

Four Instance Start-up Time (CDF-1)





Challenges

Early market

 Most monetizable combination of features, configuration, and ecosystem isn't yet visible

Open source QA

- The space of open source options is bigger than the space of options we sell typically
- Gets bigger every day

Big competition

 VMWare is arguably the most successful software company of the last decade





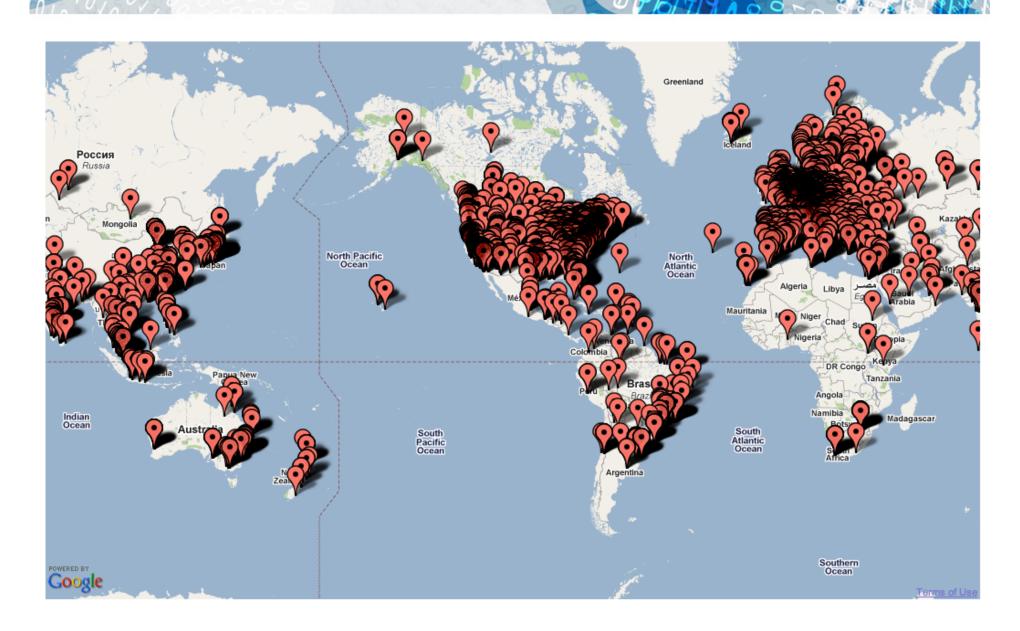
Winning with Open Source

- Industry standard APIs
 - Technologist driven standards efforts are always more tactical than practical
- Enterprise Open Source governance
 - Open source software successful in the enterprise almost always has an enterprise managing governance
 - Mitigates the risk caused by a lack of focus (software can do anything)
- Packaged and ubiquitous deployment
 - Customized deployments are useful, but static
 - The usage experience must be repeatable and zero touch
- Reciprocal licensing
 - GPL-style licensing prevents "bait and switch"





Which One is Yours?





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Thanks!

Questions?

