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# Virtualizing JBoss Enterprise Middleware with Azul

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# Agenda

Java Virtualization

Current Limitations

Azul – The Company

JBoss + Azul Solution

Benefits of the Solution

Q & A

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# Java Virtualization

## *State of the Union*

Definition – transparently creating a virtual entity as opposed to a physical entity (Network, Storage, Server, OS, Application Server, Application etc.)

Goal – ease of manageability through centralized administrative tasks while providing for scalability and resiliency

Current State – most of the components mentioned above are virtualized to some extent or the other

Current Limitations – goal has been met on the lower layers of the system stack (closer to hardware), NOT as much at the higher layers

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# Java Virtualization

## *Current Limitations*

For Java Applications, current state of virtualization provides

- Scalable virtualized storage
- Scalable virtualized compute BUT
- Most important resource - Memory is not scalable, is rigid AND
- Dependent on the OS and server hardware

Clearest Sign of this issue –

- Most commonly used heap sizes for Java applications has remained in the 2-4GB range for the past decade!

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# Java Application Memory Needs

## *Common Myths*

- 64 bit JVMs solve the problem
  - Not an addressing limit but practical issue with GC Pauses
- Light Weight Frameworks are the answer
  - Address the code complexity issue and in fact increase the memory footprint
- My servers don't have much memory
  - Sweet spot for commodity servers is now between 64-128GB; will require 40-50 JVMs to fill it up!
- Who needs more Memory?
  - Every application wants to do more customization (session state), more caching, needs to handle more data (Web2.0, mobile, dynamic XML)

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# Java Deployment Challenges

## *Inherent limitations of the Java Platform*

*....Java platforms are*

### Rigid

Instance footprint is fixed at the launch time

### Non-elastic

Can't dynamically scale; leads to poor utilization and fragility

### Not optimized

Unable to keep pace with commodity server capacities (e.g. cores & mem)

### Unstable

Already at their limits and complex & costly to scale out

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# Azul Systems

*Harnessing the power of virtualization*

Founded in 2002 and shipping 4<sup>rd</sup> generation product

Privately held with offices around the globe

Recognized leader with award-winning technology

Numerous industry firsts:

- Generational pauseless garbage collection

- Elastic memory

- OS-agnostic Java virtualization

Proven, mission-critical deployments in global 2000 accounts



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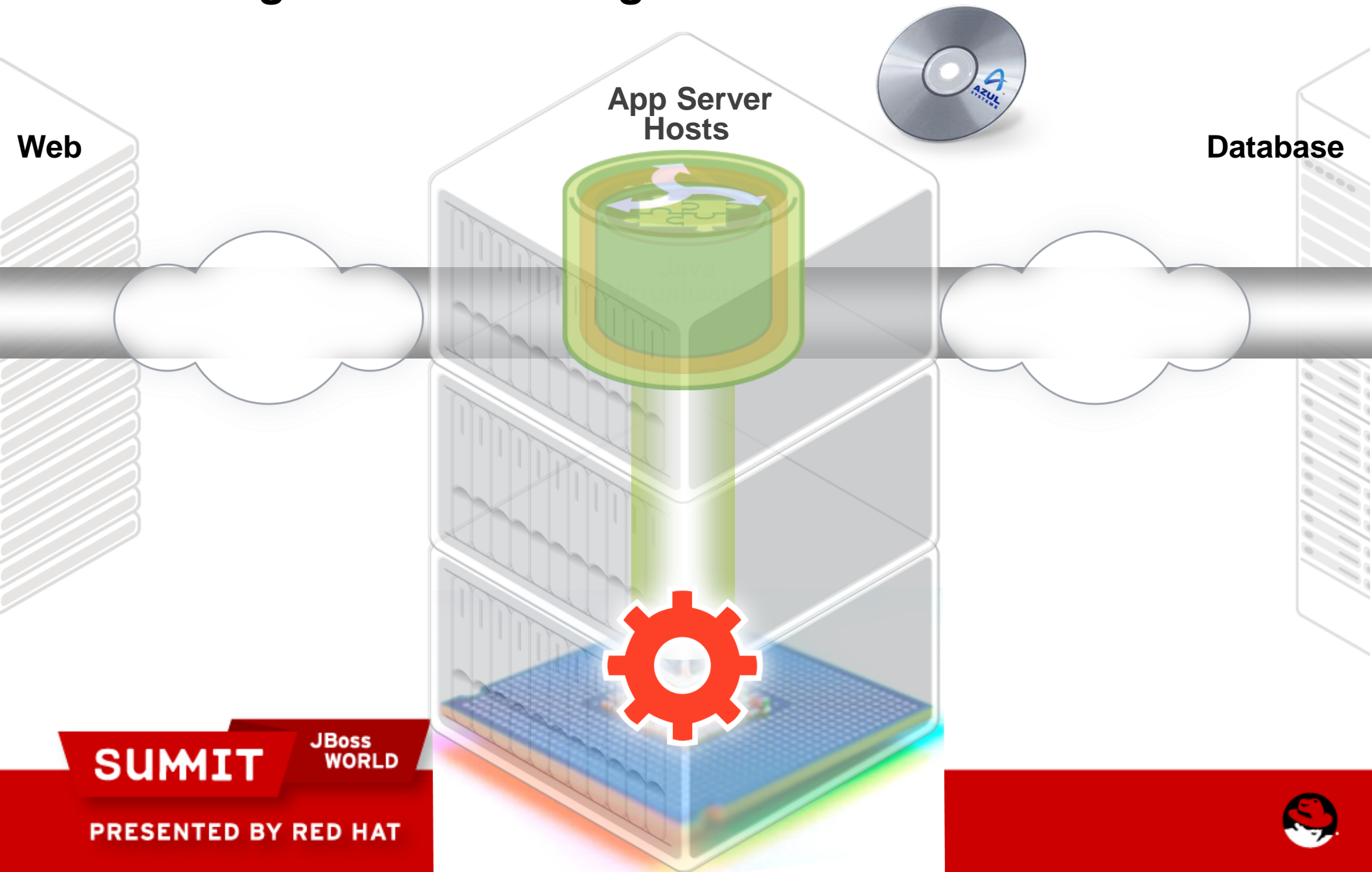
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# Java Virtualization

*Liberating Java from its rigidities*



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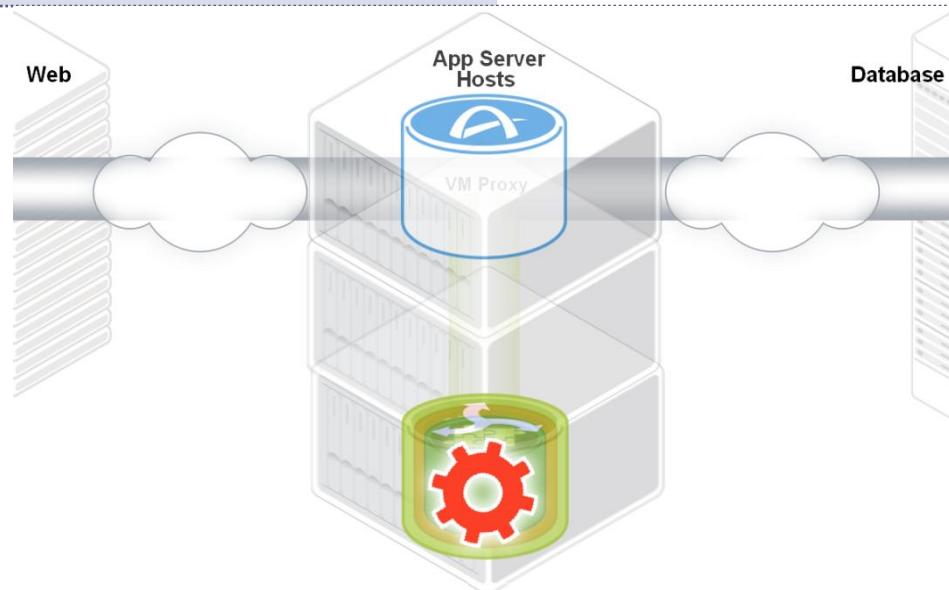
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# Java Virtualization

## *Bare-metal, proxy architecture*

Allows you to...	So that you can...
Use and manage application resources outside the constraints of guest Operating Systems	Enable application elasticity and maximize performance, reliability, visibility and manageability



Features	OS Agnostic	Solaris, AIX, Windows, Linux, HP-UX
	Non-x86 Java workloads	Allows for heterogeneous consolidation onto commodity HW
	Transparent to Security or HA Configs	Completely Transparent to App

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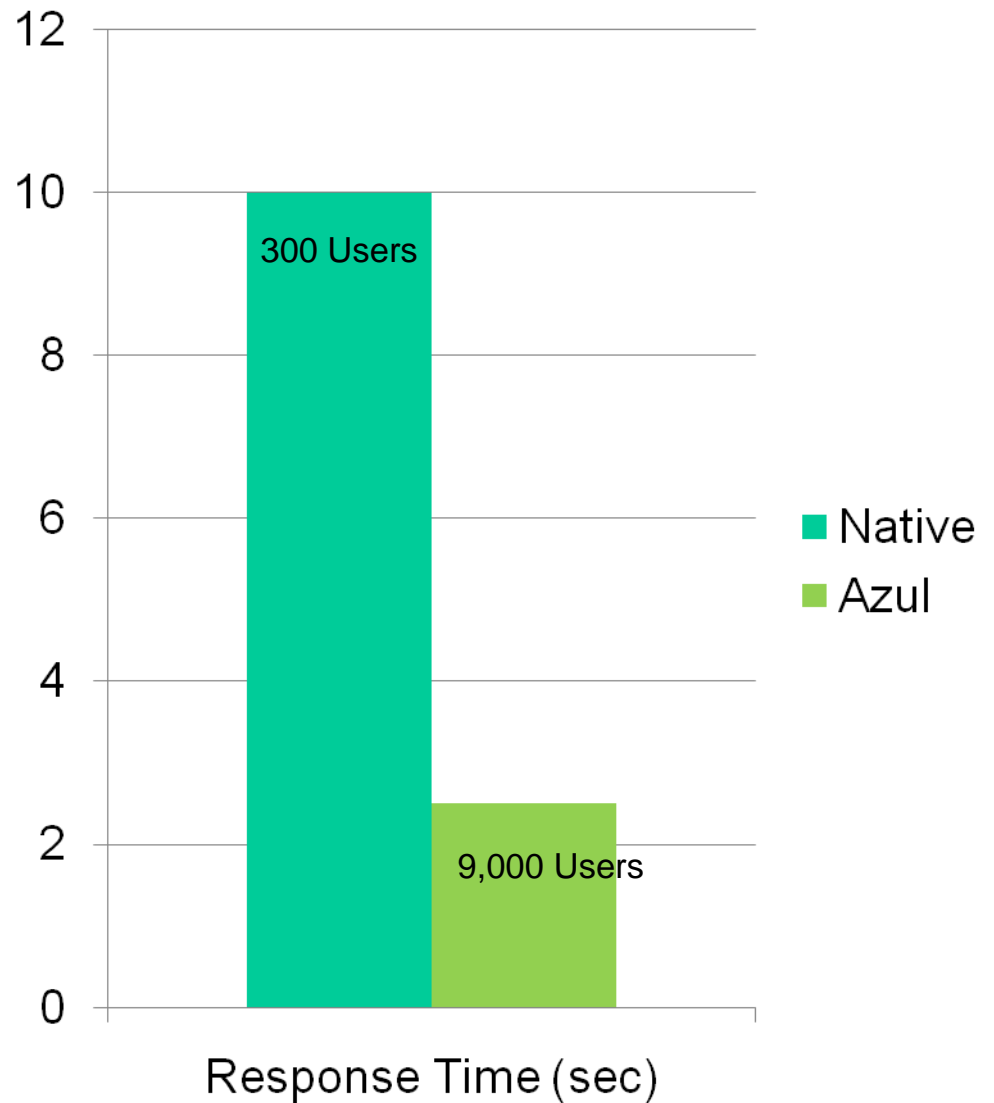
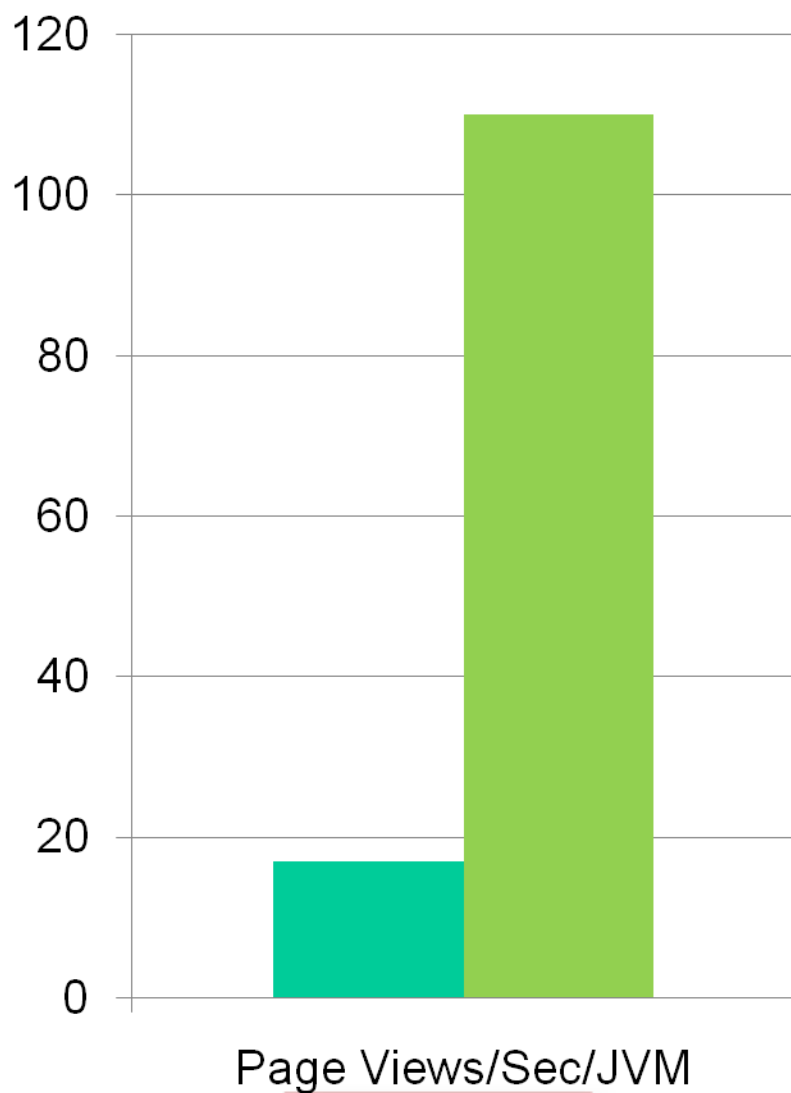
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# Breaking Java Scale Barriers

## *JBoss Portal on the Azul Solution*



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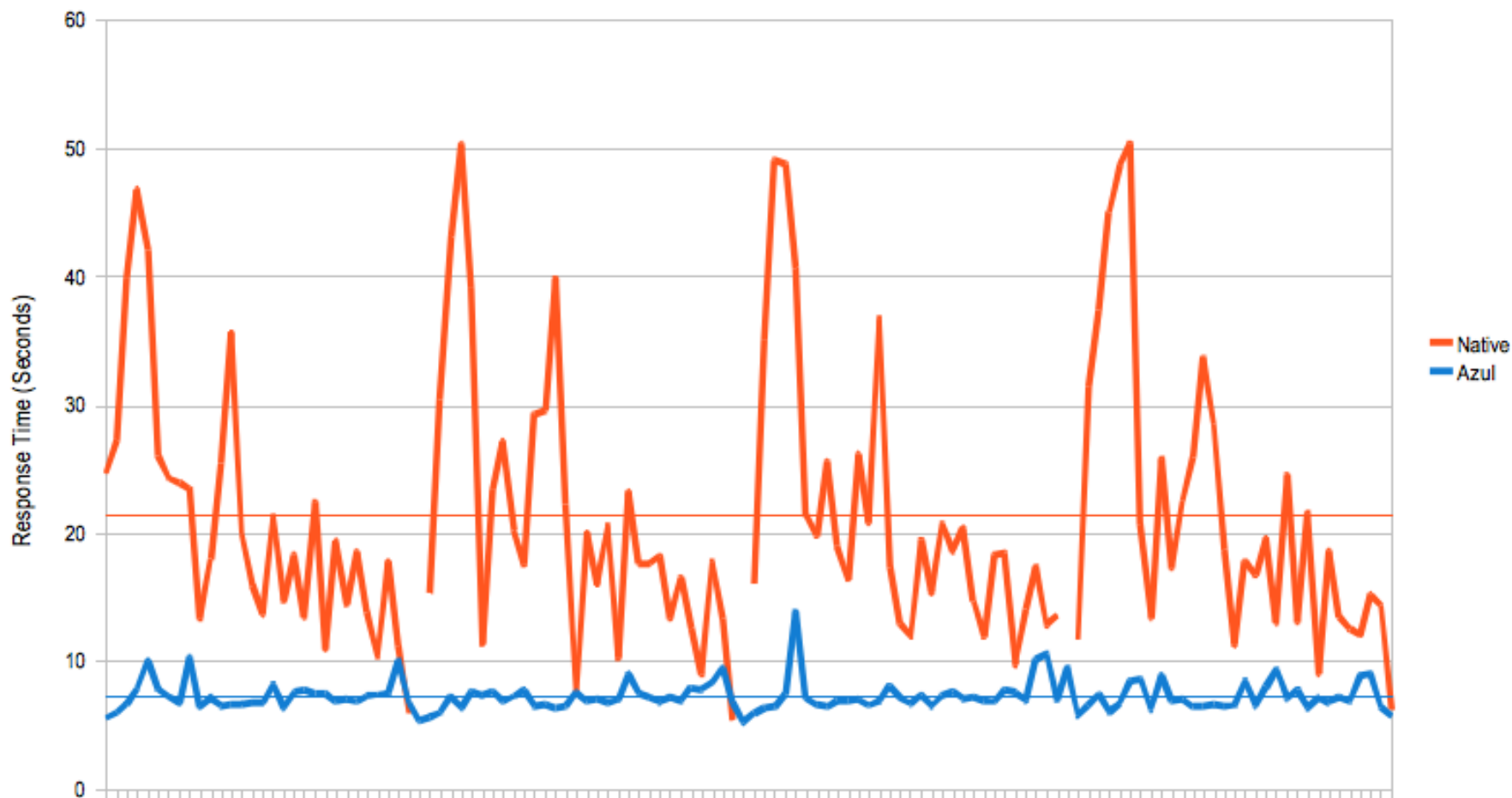
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# Breaking Java Scale Barriers

## *Giving app the resources they need*

Response Time Comparison  
via Web



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# Existing Deployments



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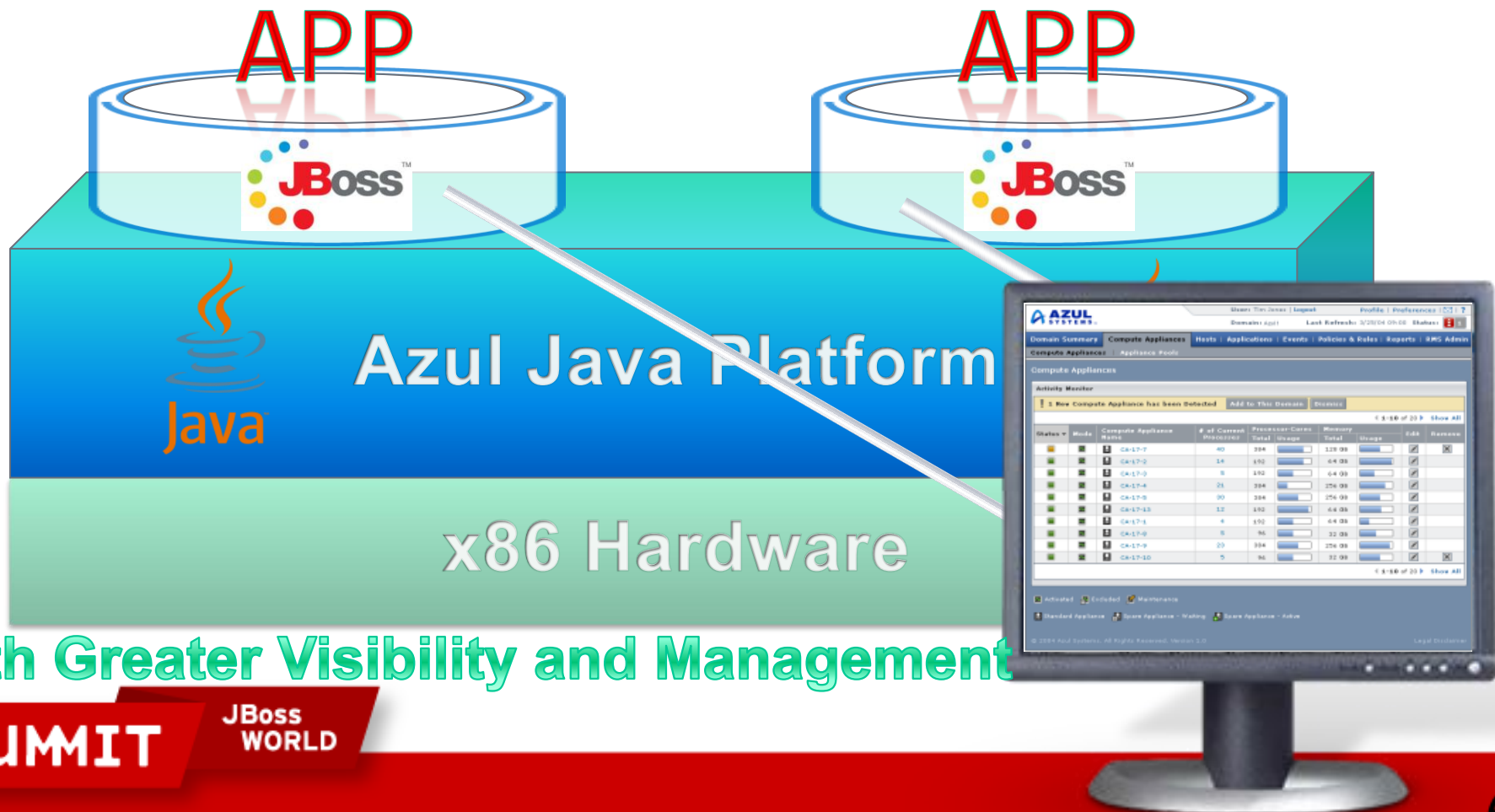
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# Simplifying Deployments

Fewer, More Elastic App Instances



With Greater Visibility and Management

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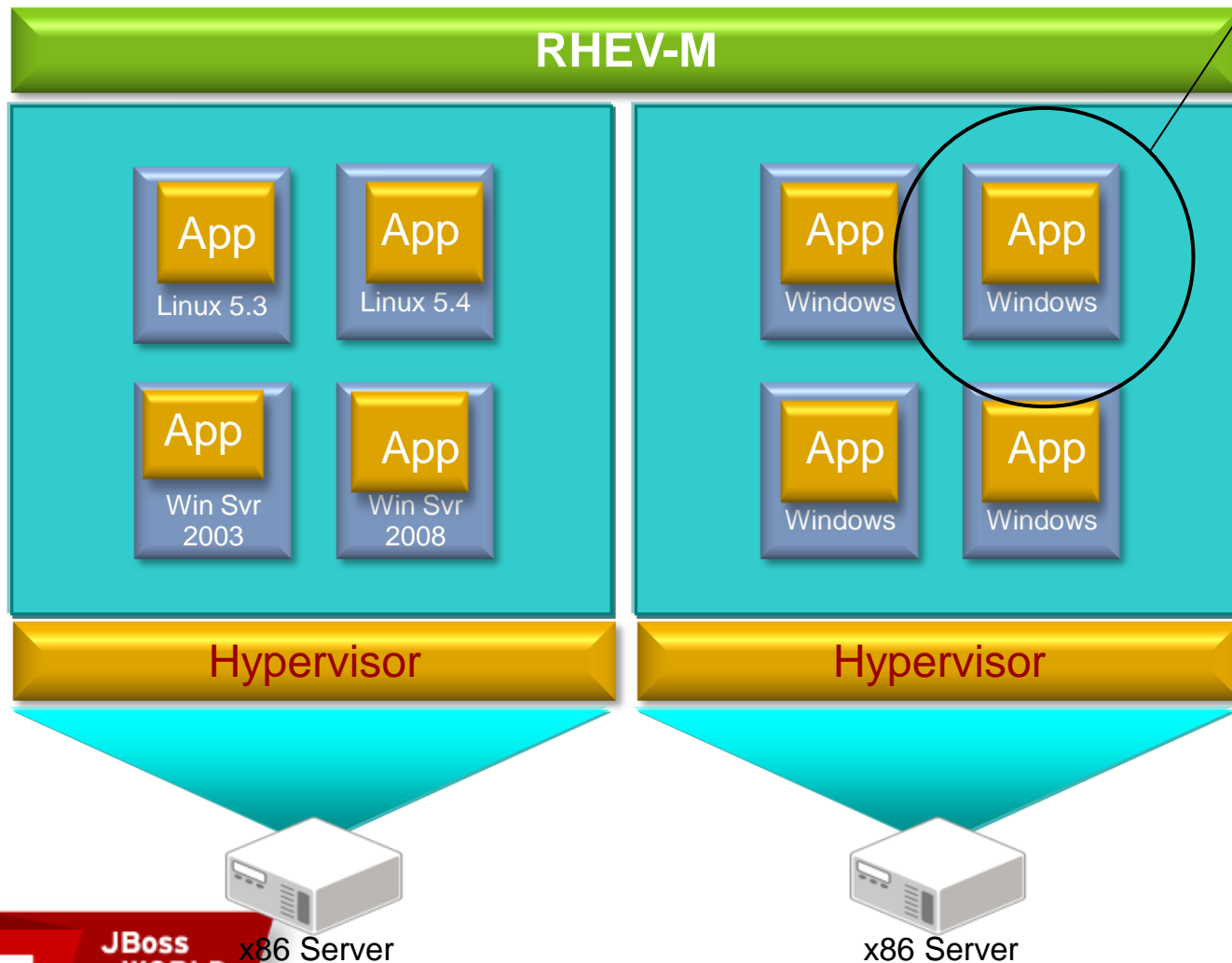
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# Traditional Virtualized Java Deployment

## *Example: Java Running under KVM*

Constrained to a few cores and few GB of mem



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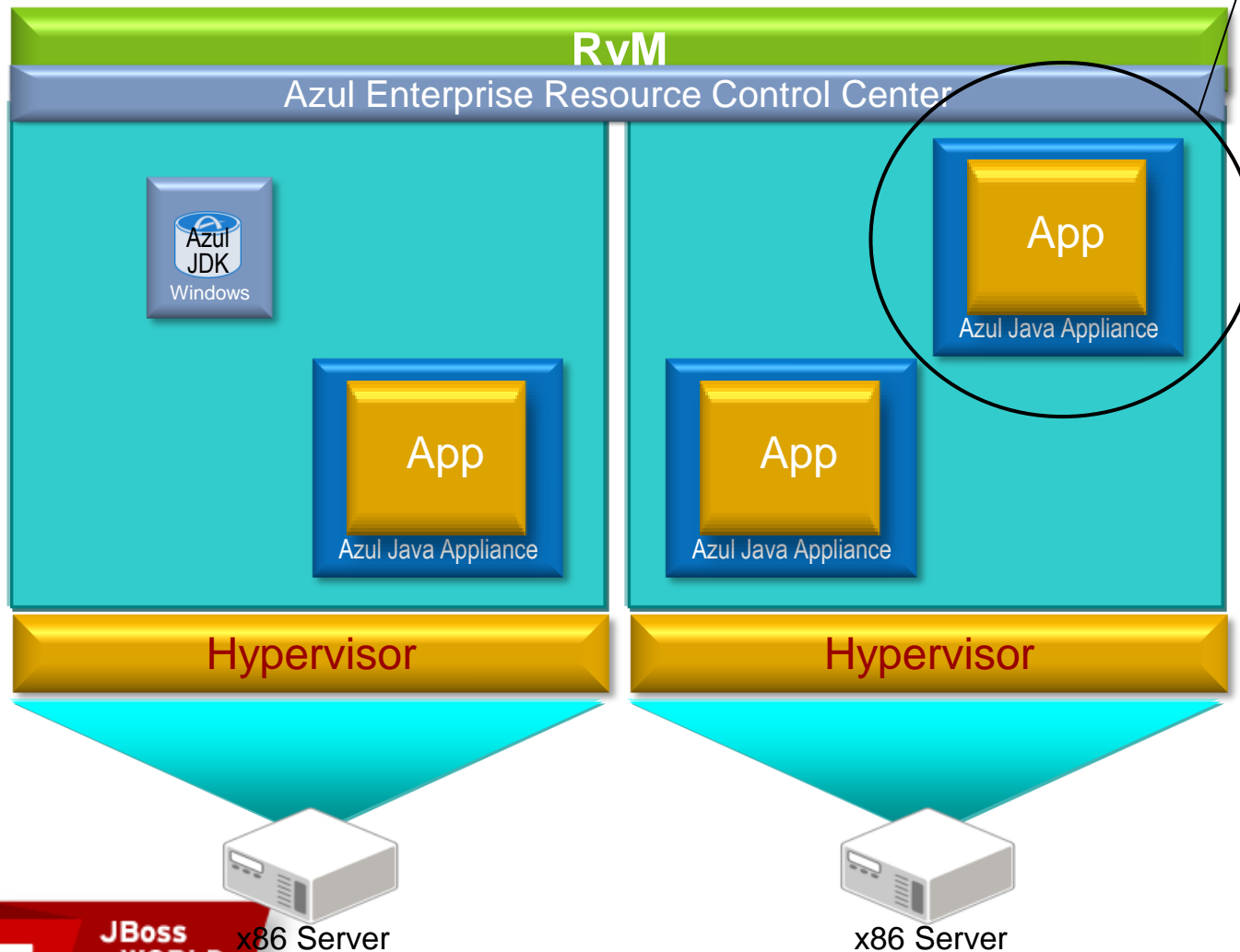
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# The Azul Elastic Java Platform

## *Azul x86 Java Virtual Appliance*

Dynamically grow to 10s of cores and 100s of GBs



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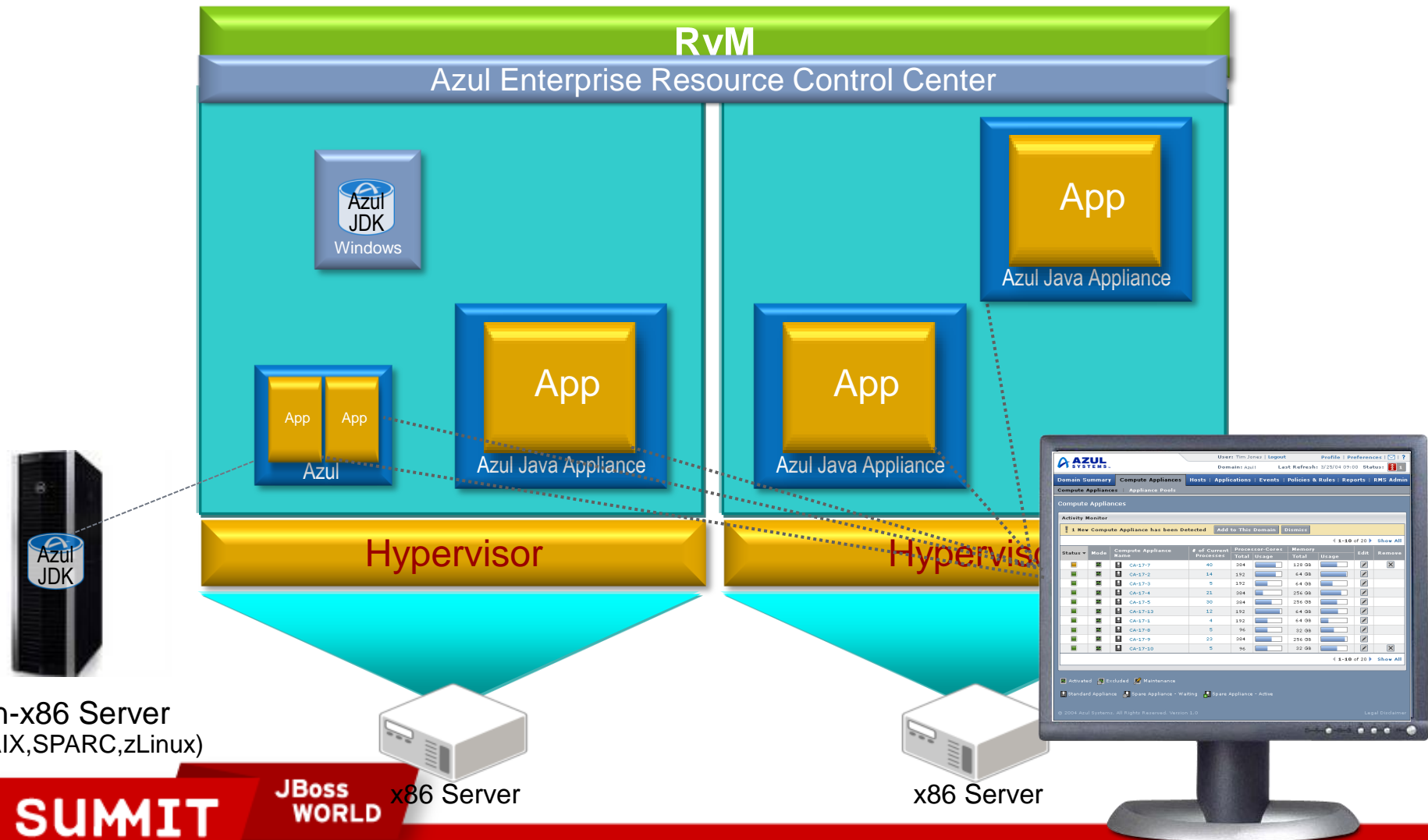
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# Azul Elastic Java Platform

## Supporting x86 and non-x86 Java Workloads



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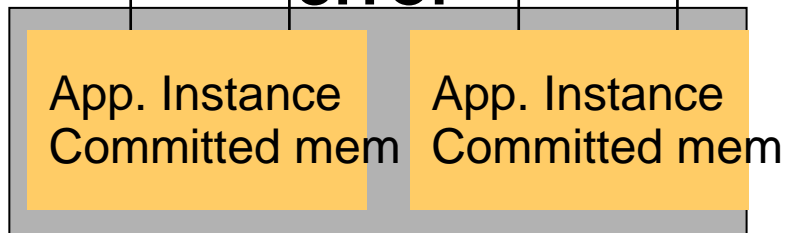
# Elastic Memory

*Better utilization AND greater resiliency*

Allows you to...	So that you can...
Elastically right-size memory based on real-time app behavior; utilize shared memory headroom	Improve application resiliency and uptime; faster time to deployment; higher resource utilization

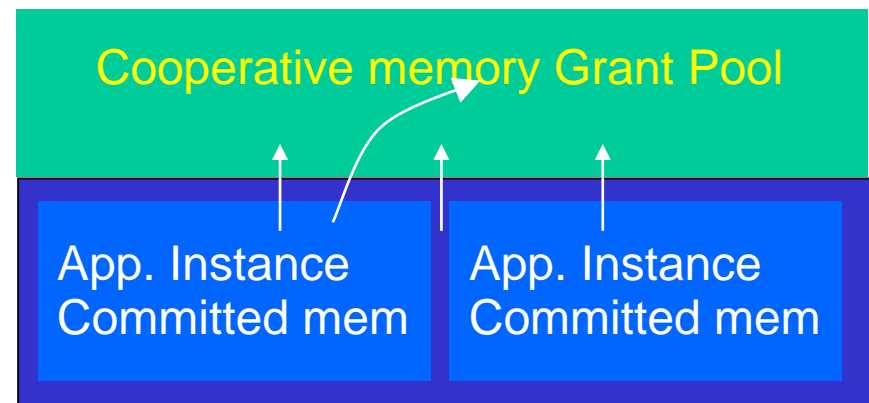
Traditional Systems

**Out of memory error**



Committable Memory

Azul G4 Platform



Committable Memory

Features	Reduces "out of memory" Errors	Increases App Resiliency
	Increases Memory Utilization	"soft landing" for memory leaks
	Headroom shared across all apps	Careful fine tuning eliminated

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# Performance Monitoring in Production

## *Always on and Zero Overhead*

### Allows you to...

**Collect real-time, fine-grain performance data in production & development environments with no application impact**

### So that you can...

**Dramatically improve problem resolution times; identify and eliminate performance issues**



### Features

**App Configuration Info**

**Open Sockets and File data**

**Thread Visibility & Stack Trace**

**System Call Profiling**

**Lock Contention**

**Memory Usage and Object Stats**

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# Most Elastic Java Platform

## Business Implications

Achieve consistently fast app response times

Improve customer experience and loyalty

Greater app availability, even during peaks

Room for future growth

Lower maintenance costs

## IT Implications

Orders of magnitude improvements in response time and throughput

Robust and elastic foundation for all your Java applications

Simplified deployments with unmatched production-time visibility and management

Fast ROI

Reduced TCO (>50%)

Reduced JVM instance count

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# The Azul Elastic Java Platform

- ✓ **Virtualized:** Server and OS agnostic, transparently separates capacity from configuration
- ✓ **Elastic:** Smoothly scale up & down within available infrastructure
- ✓ **Resilient:** Tap shared headroom to survive unexpected demand, policy-based management & enforcement with isolation
- ✓ **Efficient:** Maximize use of available physical resources
- ✓ **Visibility:** Fine-grain instrumentation, always on, from development through production with zero overhead and without code changes
- ✓ **Automated:** Deliver resources automatically based on real-time demand

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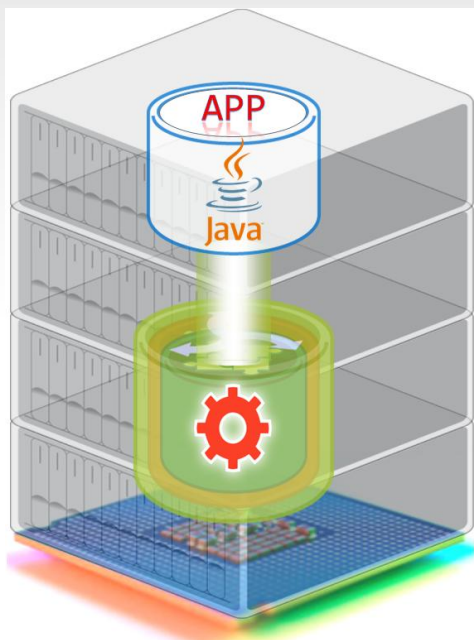
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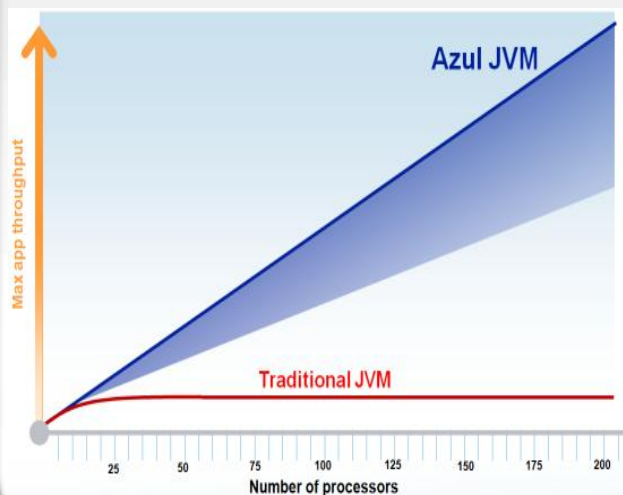
## Liberate Java from the OS

- More Elastic
- Java-Optimized
- Highly Scalable
- More Resilient



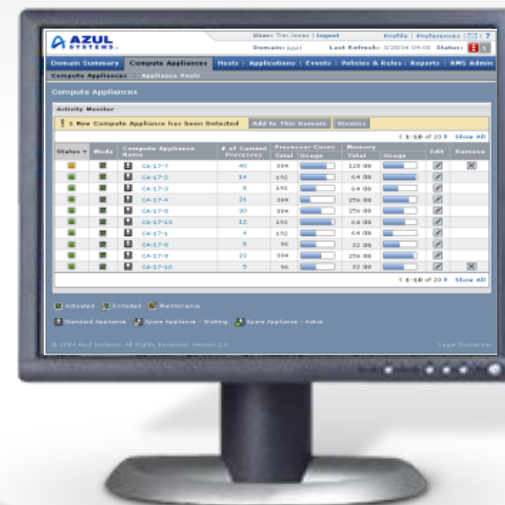
## Break the Scale Barriers

- Improved Utilization
- Better Response times
- Greater Scalability
- Higher Throughput



## Simplify Deployments

- Reduced Complexity
- Better Manageability
- Greater Visibility
- Lower TCO



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