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# Multi-tenancy Virtualization Challenges & Solutions

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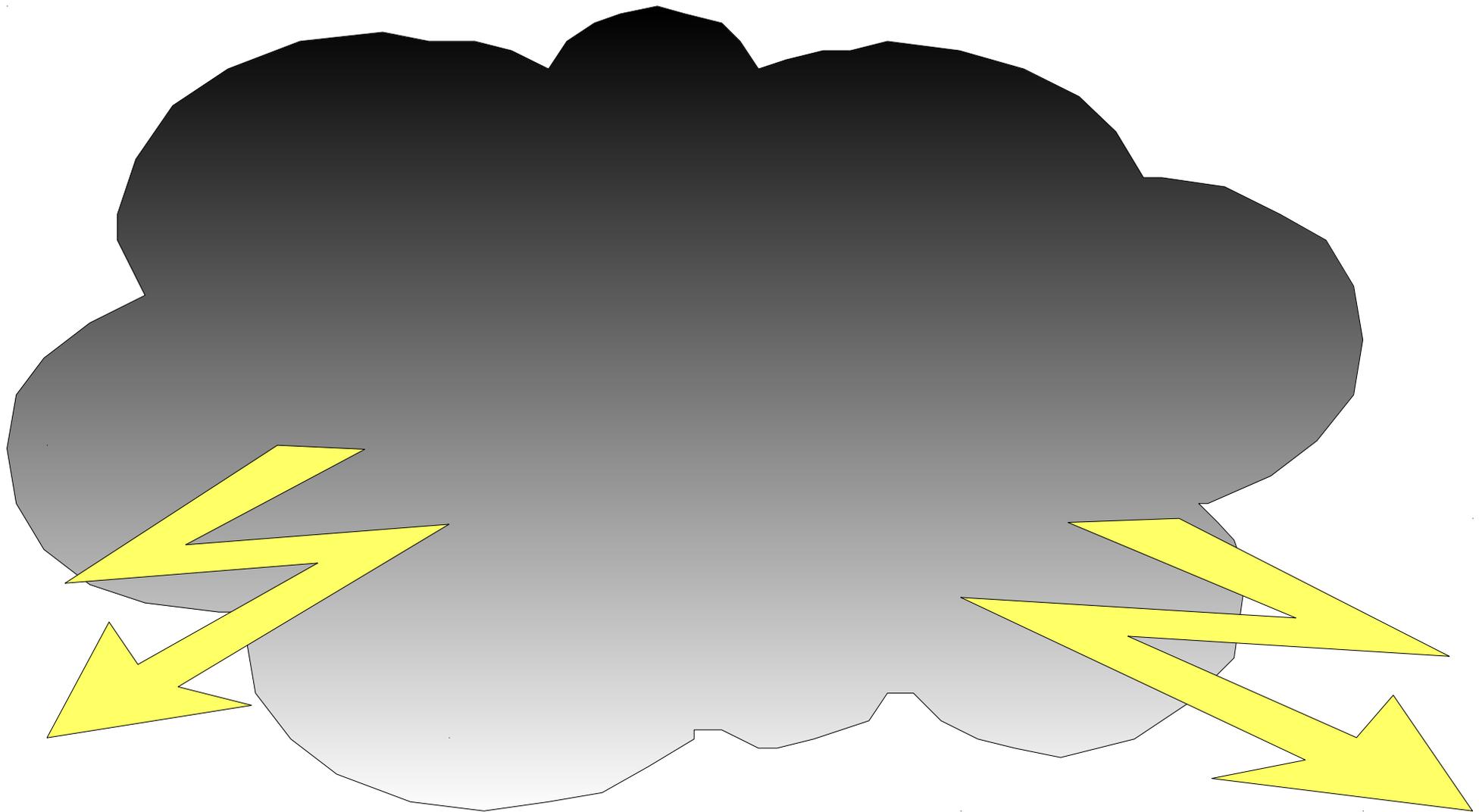
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# What is Cloud?



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# What is IaaS?

IaaS = Infrastructure-as-a-Service



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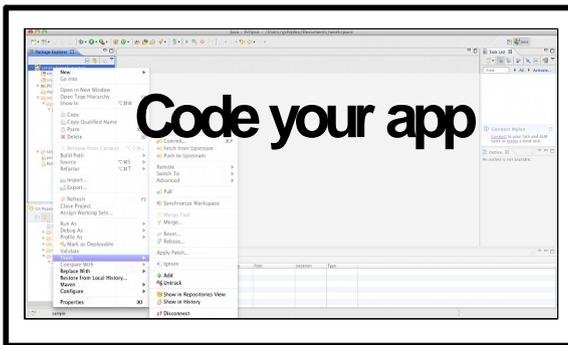
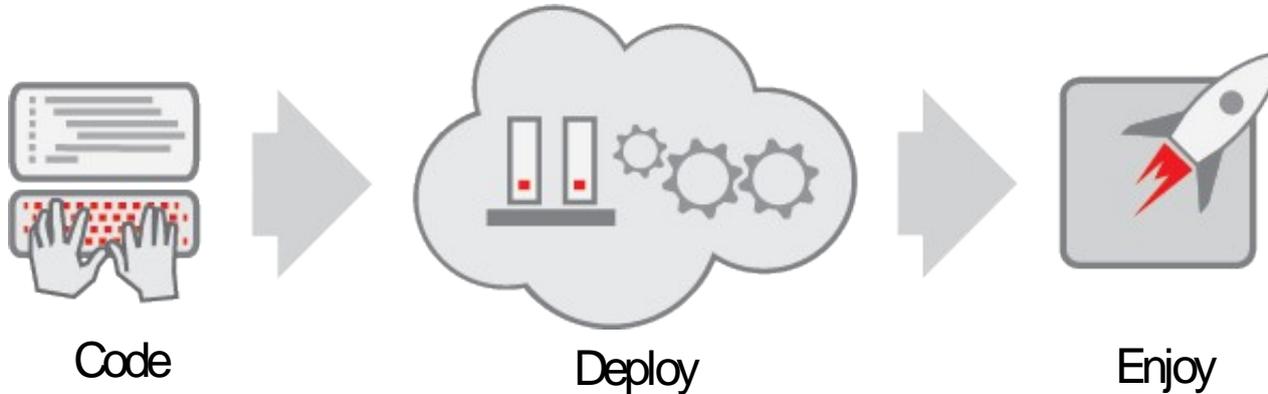
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# What is PaaS?

## PaaS = Platform-as-a-Service

(AKA, a Cloud Application Platform)



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OPENSIFT

# OpenShift is PaaS by Red Hat

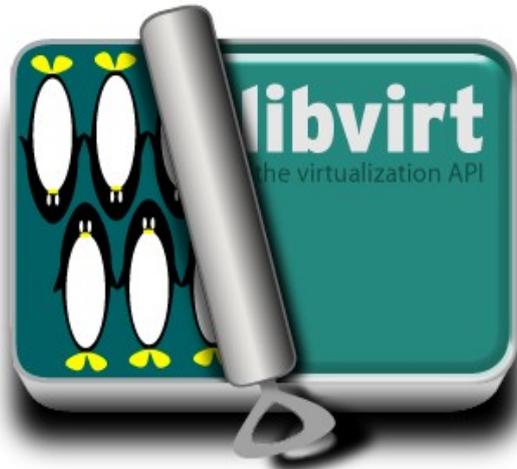
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# What should you look for when choosing where to live?



OPENSIFT

cgroups

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# Quality???



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# Quality!!!



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Red Hat Enterprise Linux  
certified on more platforms  
than any other OS — from  
desktop to mainframe



Broad ISV Choice



Database  
Choice



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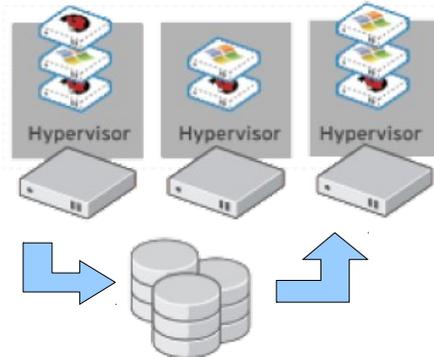
# Red Hat Enterprise Linux is Rock Solid

## SCALABLE



- Systems to 108 cores, 2 TB RAM, 16 I/O slots
- Designed to scale to 4,096 cores and up to 64 TB RAM
- Industry benchmarks show near-linear scaling to 64+ cores

## Flexible



- Resource management: cGroups
- Integrated hypervisor
- Migrate VMs regardless of hardware

## Reliable

Self healing, automatic isolation of CPU/RAM

Improved hardware awareness of multi-core and NUMA

Energy efficient power management features

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# Maintenance ???



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# Maintenance !!!



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# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Updates are Great!!!

DON'T RIP out/replace Foundation but repair/Improve it.

- Released once or twice a year
- Bug fixes and hardware enablement
- New features in minor releases exception
- Extended Update Support (EUS) program.
- Security/Bugfixes for high-priority issues released asynchronously and don't wait for minor releases.
- Why risk your data with Knock-Offs

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# External Security ???

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# External Security !!!



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# Red Hat Security Response Team

- Goal
  - Quickly address security issues that arise in products
- Established over 11 years, members span 10 countries
- Monitor vulnerabilities/threats from public/private sources
  - Triage vulnerability severity and determine fix strategy
  - Produce communications to customers
  - Manage process to get the right fix out at the right time
- 99.7% response within one business day of receipt

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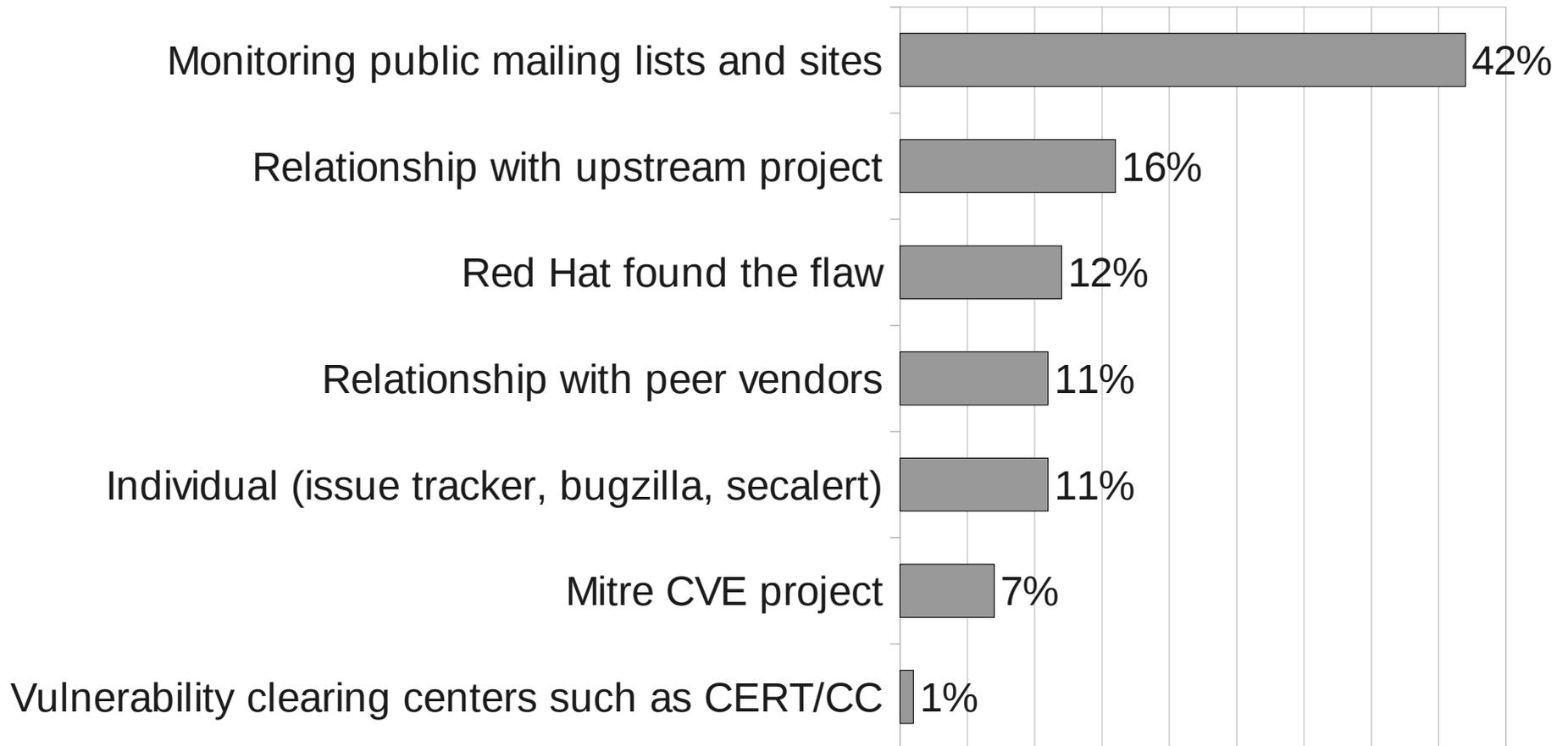
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# How we find out about the vulnerabilities



36% of the vulnerabilities reported to us in advance of public disclosure

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data: 12 months to March 1 2012, 733 vulnerabilities



# Internal Security Controlling Tenants



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# Internal Security Same Tools?

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# Hypervisor Vulnerabilities

- Hypervisor == All code used to run tenants
  - Not theoretical
  - Potentially Huge Payoffs
  - Xen Already Compromosed
    - Even Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5
  - Google “vmware vulnerabilities” - 500,000 Hits
  - Big topic at Black Hat conference

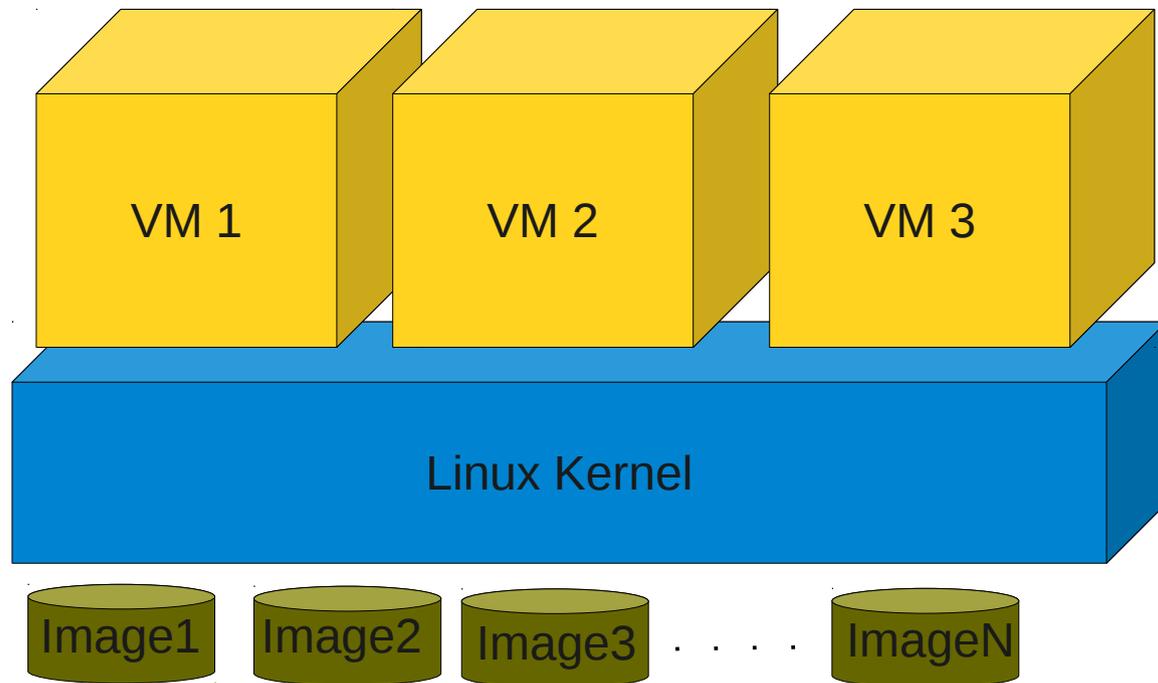
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# Virtual machine processes all have equal access to the system...



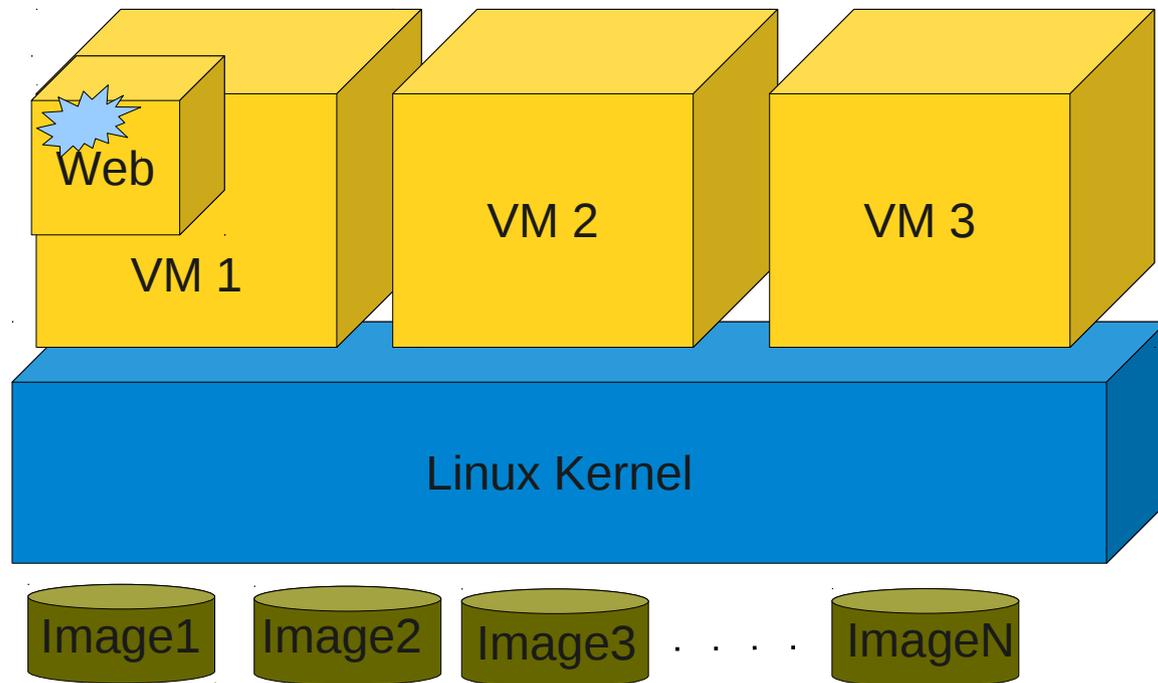
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...if application on virtual machine  
is attacked...



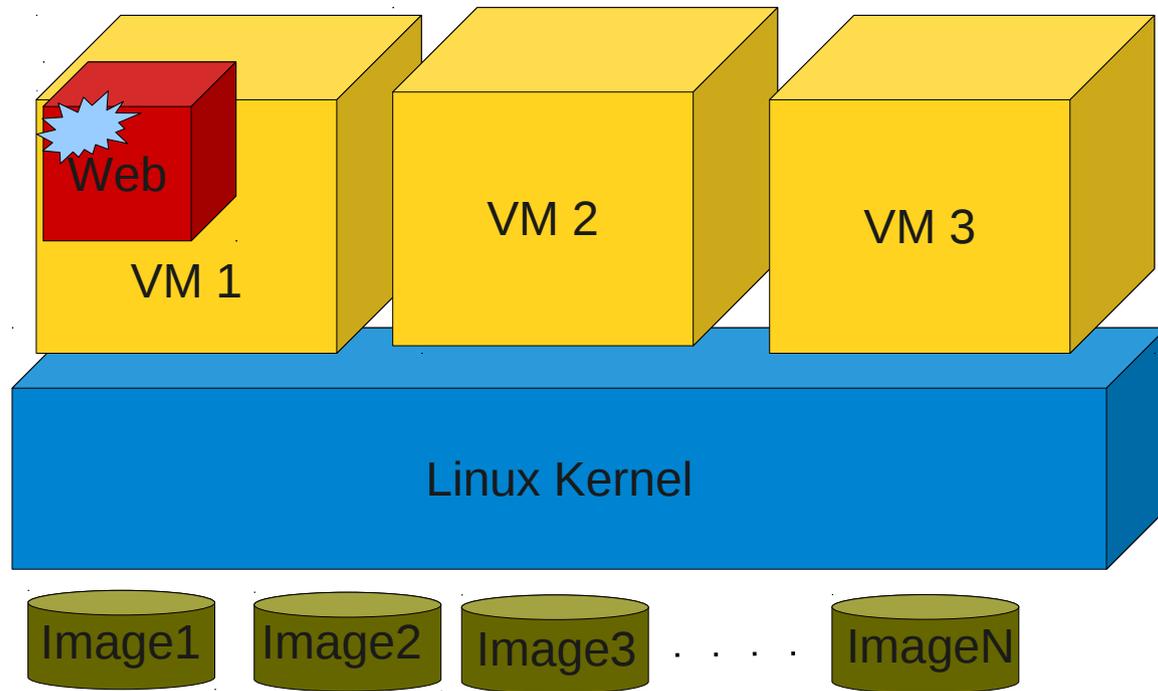
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...compromised...



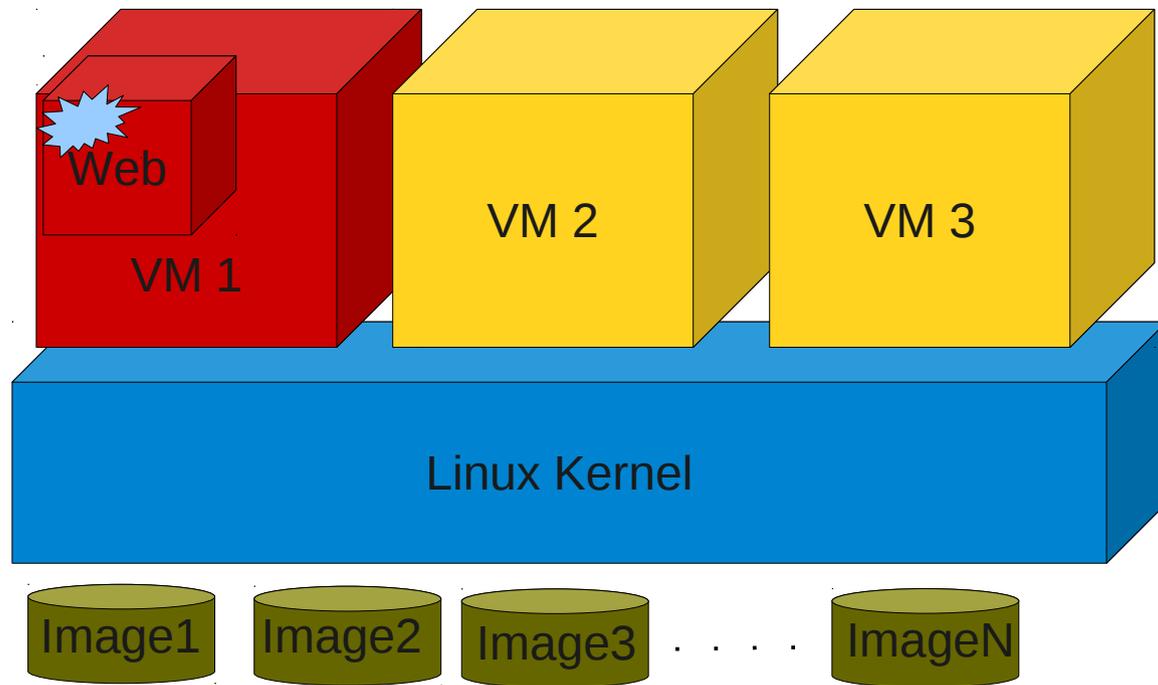
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...and gets a privilege escalation...



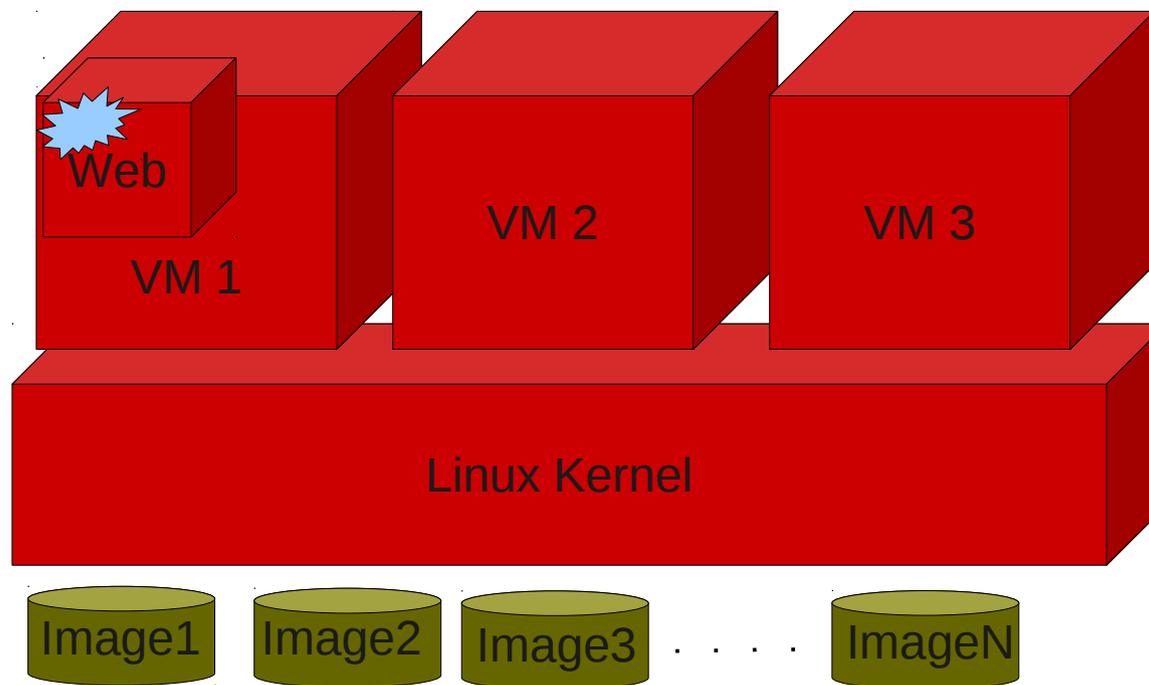
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.. and your machine has a Hypervisor Vulnerability ...



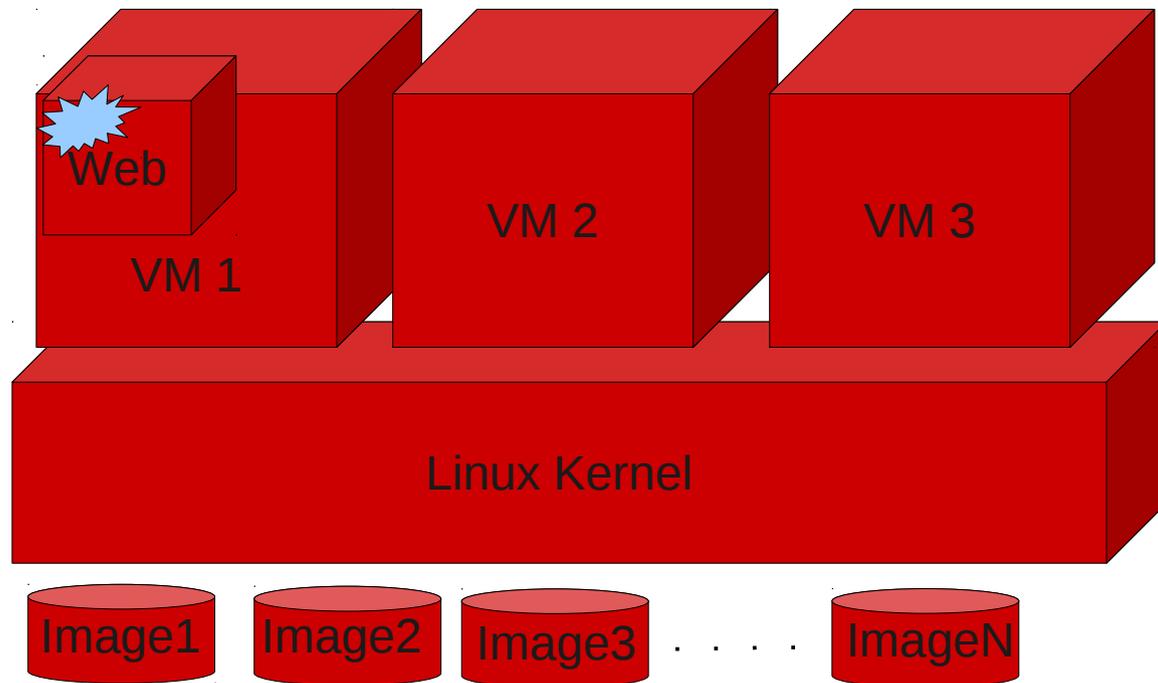
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.. But not just the running VM's and host, but all images ...



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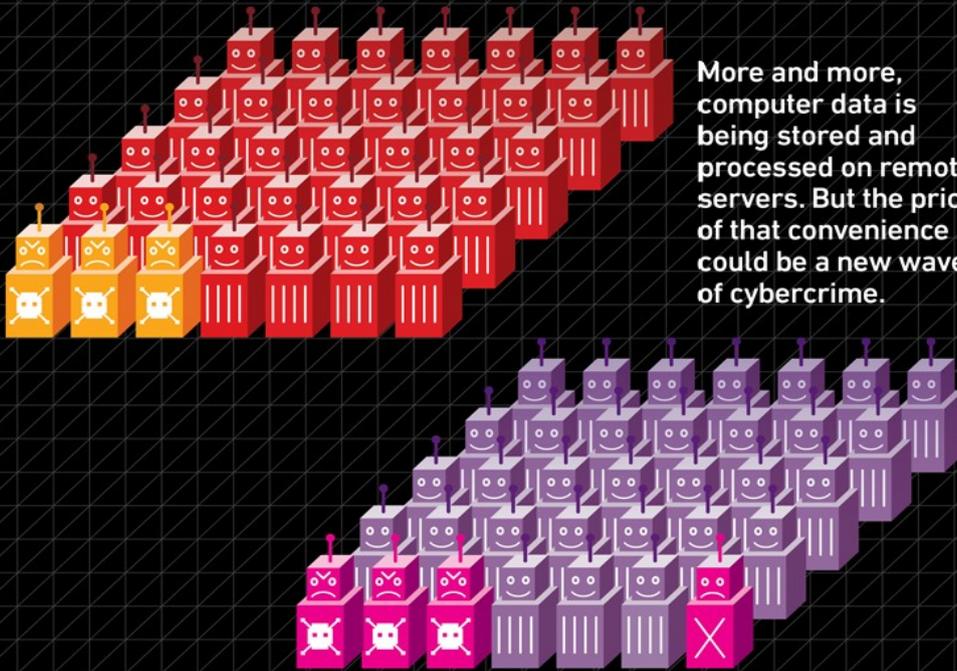


# Popular Science Magazine April 2011

DATA SECURITY

NEXT UP: HOW 2.0

## HACKING THE CLOUD



More and more, computer data is being stored and processed on remote servers. But the price of that convenience could be a new wave of cybercrime.

BY RENA MARIE PACELLA  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY HYPERAKT

The illustration depicts a grid of server racks arranged in a staircase pattern. The racks are colored in a gradient from yellow to purple. Many racks have smiling faces, while others have sad faces, angry faces, or skull and crossbones symbols, representing different states of security or data integrity. The background is a dark grid pattern.

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# SELinux to the rescue



SELinux is all about labeling

SELinux – All Processes get labels

**KVM VM's are processes!!!**

SELINUX – All Files/Devices Get Labels

**KVM Virtual images are stored on files/devices!!!!**

SELinux Policy:

- Governs Process Labels access to Process/File Labels.

Kernel Enforces these Rules.

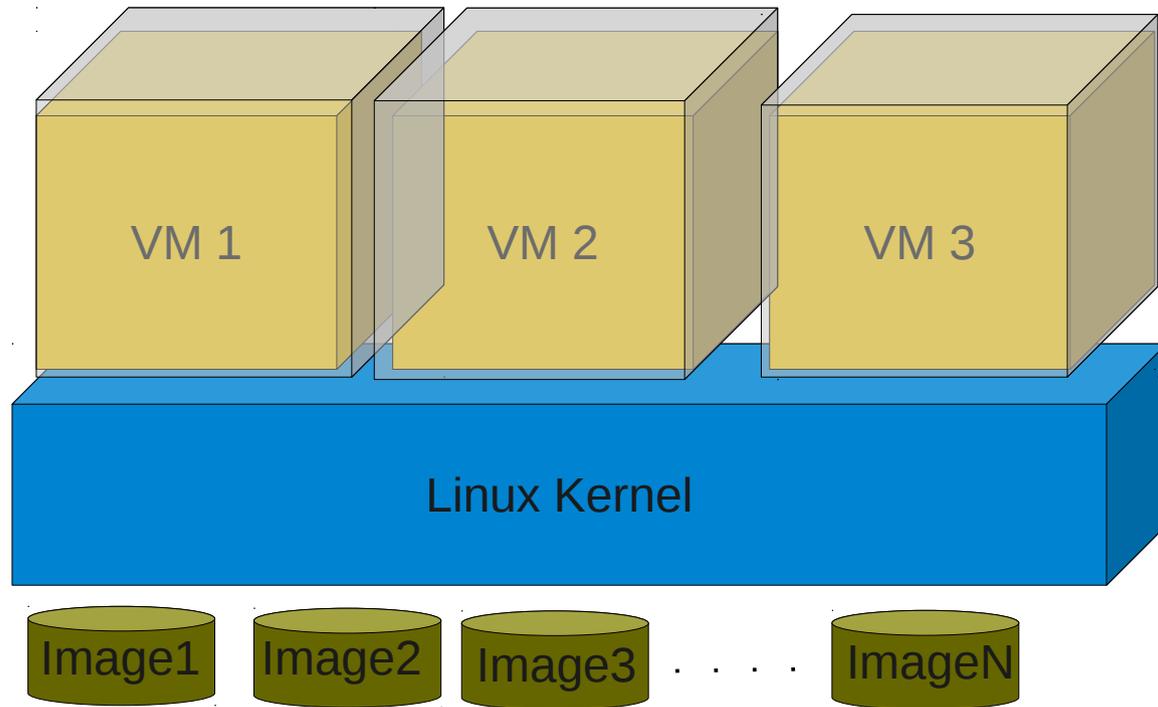
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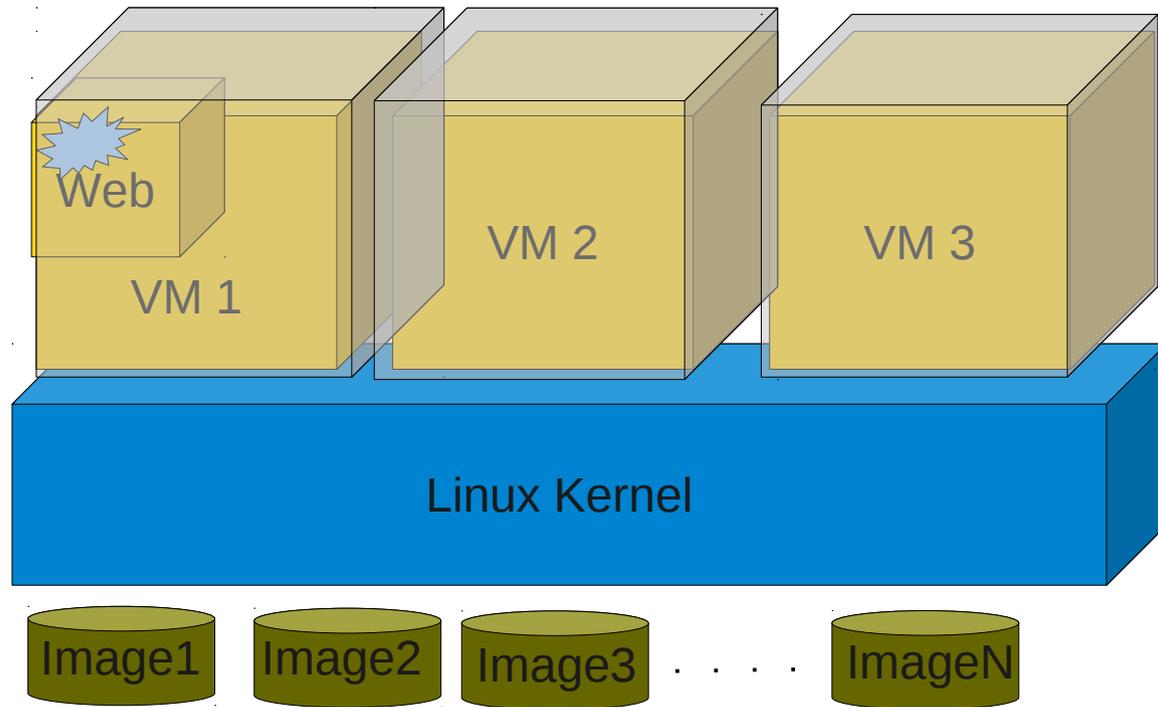
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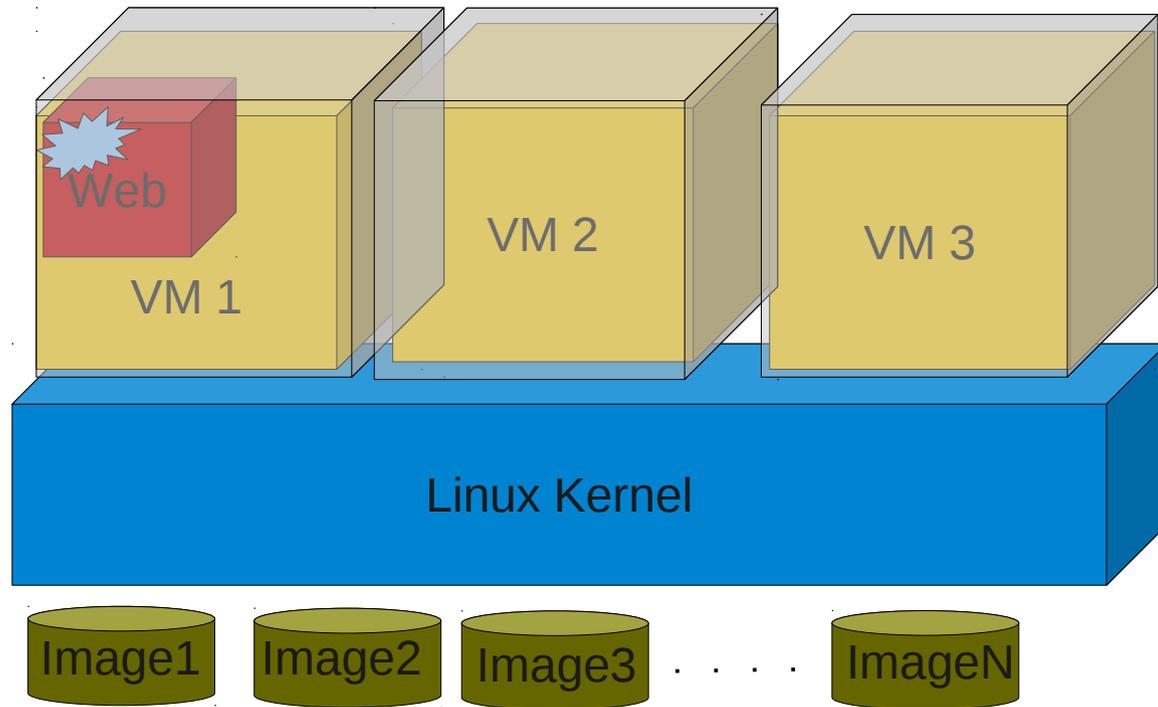
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...compromised...



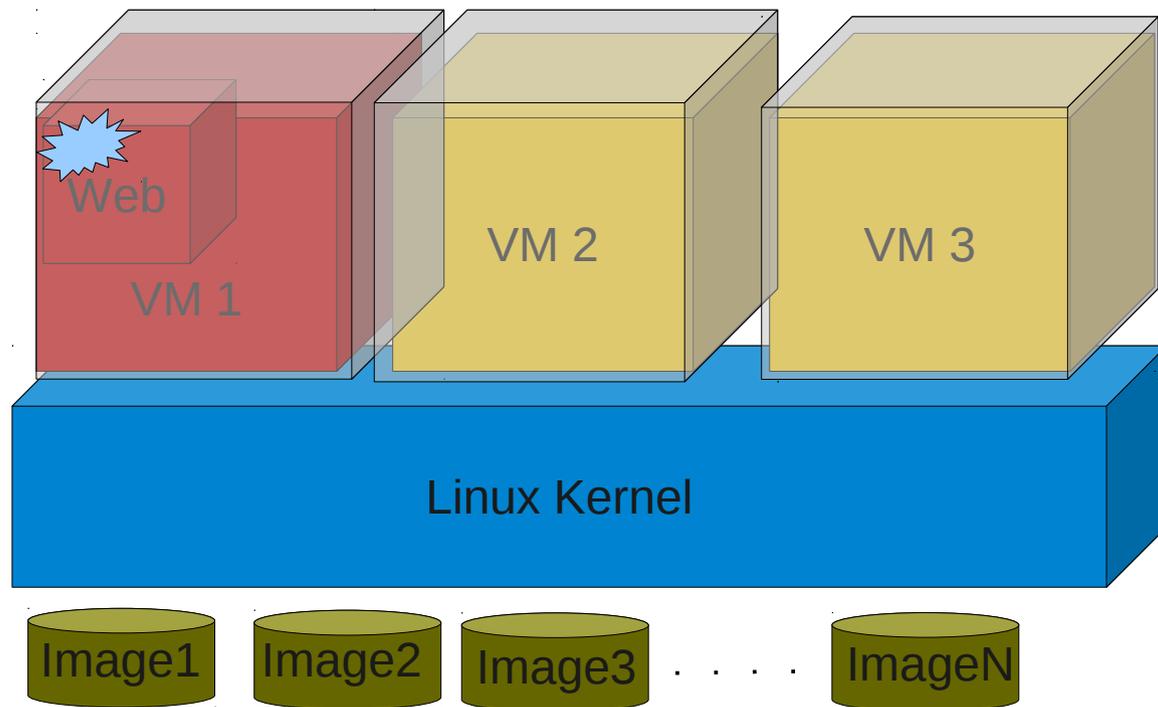
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# SELinux Force Fields...



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DANWALSH

# Dan Walsh's Blog

## Got SELinux?



### sVirt to the Rescue

At the recent [Black Hat conference](#) Nelson Elhage presented:

[Virtualization Under Attack: Breaking out of KVM](#)

The exploit, [CVE-2011-1751](#), would allow a cracker to execute code in qemu-kvm process on the host.

Note: Red Hat fixed this problem back in May 2011 prior to the publication of the paper and exploit. Customers who applied our security updates are not affected by this issue. So 0 days of exposure.

In the presentation there is this bullet point:

- **qemu-kvm is often sandboxed using SELinux or similar, meaning that successful exploitation will often require a second privesc within the host.**  
(Fortunately, Linux never has any of those)

This means that SELinux/sVirt on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Fedora confines this outbreak!

In a previous blog, [Fun with sVirt](#), I showed how you can simulate this vulnerability to see what access was available. Not much...



danwalsh August 25th, 2011

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# Svirt Demo

<http://people.fedoraproject.org/~dwalsh/SELinux/Presentations/svirt.ogv>

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# Shared Resources !

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# Shared Resources !



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# Control Group Overview

- Control Group is a generic framework where several "resource type of controllers" can be plugged into and managed different resources of the system such as process scheduling, memory allocation, network traffic, or IO bandwidth.
- Two types of control mechanisms
  - Proportional and Maximum Bandwidth Control
- Controller Types Supported
  - CPU/CPUset, Memory, Networking, Block IO, etc.

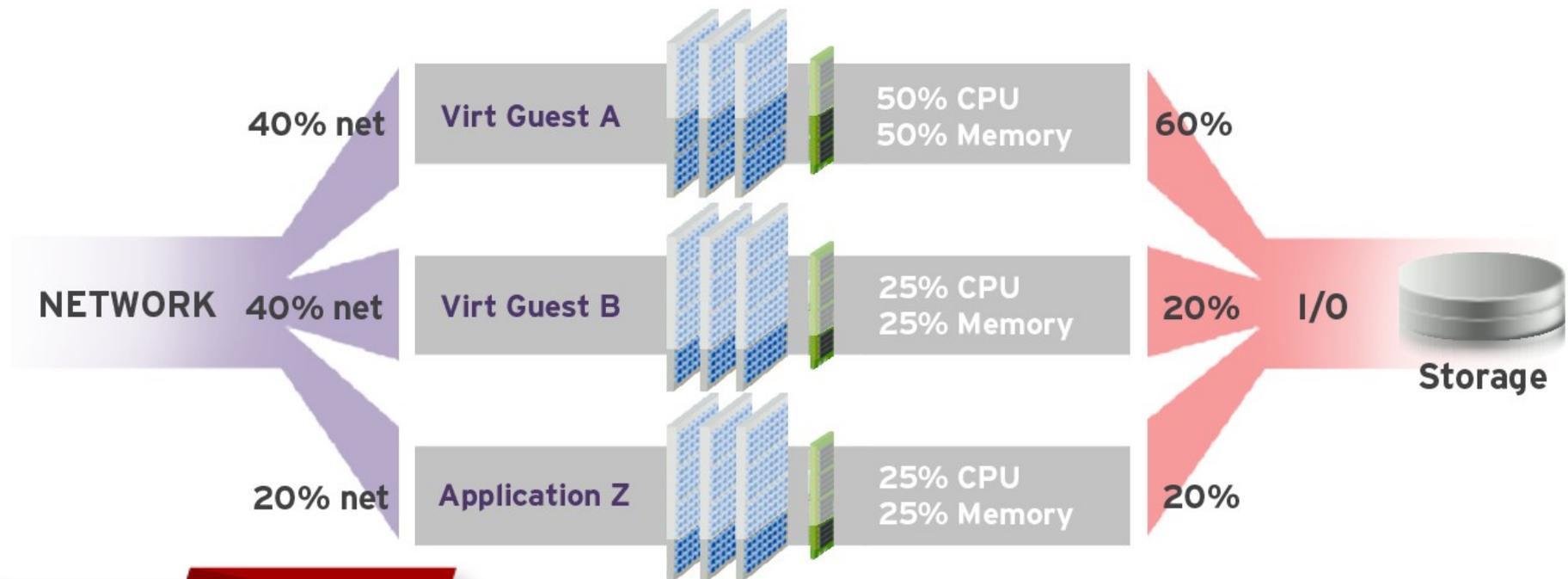
	RHEL6.2	RHEL6.3+	RHEL 7+
CPU	Proportional & Maximal	Proportional & Maximal	Proportional & Maximal
Memory	Maximal only	Maximal only	Maximal only
Networking	Proportional & Maximal	Proportional & Maximal	Proportional & Maximal
Block IO	Proportional & Maximal	Proportional & Maximal	Maximal [Proportional bandwidth will not work by default]



# Resource Management: Control Groups

Ability to manage large system resources effectively

- Control groups (cgroups) for CPU/Memory/Network/Disk
- Benefit: guarantee Quality of Service & dynamic resource allocation
- Ideal for managing any multi-application environment
  - From backup jobs to the Cloud



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# Cgroups Demo

- <http://people.fedoraproject.org/~dwalsh/SELinux/Presentations/cgroups.ogv>

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# Internal Security Futures

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# SECCOMP/Libseccomp

- Selectively disable syscalls with seccomp
  - ~312 syscalls/x86\_64, not including x86
  - Most applications use subset of all the syscalls
  - Reduces chance of kernel exploitation if app is exploited
- Some syscalls are “riskier” than others
  - Not fully protected by LSM/SELinux
  - History of vulnerabilities due to syscall complexity
- libseccomp makes seccomp easy to use
  - Simple architecture independent API for developers



# Secure Linux Application Containers

- Run hundreds of servers simultaneously
  - Similar to Openshift
- Little overhead
- SELinux protections built in
- Uses all Namespaces

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# Verifying the Boot Sequence

- UEFI Secure Boot
- Trusted Boot
  - TXT
  - TPM

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