LEVERAGING THE COMMERCIAL MARKET TO POWER THE EXASCALE DATA CENTER

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POWER & COOLING TRENDS IN THE COMMERCIAL MARKET

- -Rising power/server
- -Which drives IT and facility efficiency improvements
- -Generally low (but rising) CPU utilization, which dives:
 - Scalable power across performance range
 - Lower idle power
 - Power capping, for precise provisioning
- -Free air cooling

- -Low but rising power density
- -Modular facilities (containers)

FREE AIR COOLING—EARLY DEPLOYMENTS SHOWING SIGNIFICANT PROMISE

– HP Enterprise Services Datacenter, Wynyard, UK



http://h10134.www1.hp.com/news/features/5138/

http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/newsroom/press/2010/100517b.html

 "NetApp RTP Data Center is First Ever Data Center to Earn EPA's Energy Star for Superior Energy Efficiency " July 14, 2010

http://www.netapp.com/us/company/news/news-rel-20100714.html

– Pros

- Super low cooling cost
- Lowest potential capital

- Cons
 - Harder to reuse waste heat
 - Environmental catastrophe vulnerability
 - Theoretical max rack power 30-40kW?
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LOW (5-15KW) BUT RISING (20-30KW) RACK POWER DENSITY

- PUE and building structural costs go down with increasing rack power density
- At some point, IT-hardware cooling costs rise significantly with density
- Free air cooling should always be cheaper (both capital and operating) than water cooling
- We don't yet know the 15 30 45 ultimate limit of air cooling or Density (kW/rack) cost burden of high-density water cooling When will the solution cost less if spread out?

structure cost

water cooling cost

air cooling cost

MODULAR FACILITIES—HP POD



– Pros

- Low acquisition cost
- Pay as you grow
- 6wk PO to ship, empty or full of IT
- Max efficiency as technology advances
- Max flexibility. Segregate apps and customize support, e.g., Tier levels, w/ or w/o UPS, etc.
- Ultimate future-proofing

750kW for 22 racks



- Cons
 - Network diameter issues
 - Unknown support for non-standard IT gear (not 19" rack, air cooled)



HP POD—BREAK-THRU COST MODEL "FROM DIRT TO DATACENTER"



KEY TAKE-AWAYS FOR LEVERAGING THE COMMERCIAL MARKET

- -Air is free. Why not use it?
- -Commercial products will be optimized for <u>low</u> density. What keeps you from spreading out?
- -Modular facilities maximize flexibility and minimize cost. **Can you afford not to use them?**
- -Site selection can drive many other decisions.
 Why does your data center have to be where it is?







PERFORMANCE AND POWER TRENDS



CPU performance rising 30-45%/yr

10x performance increase in 3 yrs requires 10/1.3³=4.7x more servers



Power/server bumpy ride

- ~+12%/yr before 2006
- ~-12%/yr 2006-2009
- ~+4-7%/yr future

4.7x more servers in 3 yrs could consume 4.7*1.07³=5.6x more aggregate IT power

TYPICAL POWER & COOLING EFFICIENCY





Improving PUE from 2.0 to 1.2, 5.6x more IT power and would still require 5.6/2.0*1.2=3.3x more total datacenter power

Source: HP Critical Facilities Energy Audit Services, 39 datacenters, 2008-2009

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