

Red Hat Expands Collaboration with SAP on Virtualization Projects

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Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization 3.0 Certified for SAP® Solution-based Production Environments; Red Hat Achieves New Virtualization Performance Records

RALEIGH, N.C. & BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- RED HAT SUMMIT AND JBOSS WORLD 2012 – Red Hat, Inc. (NYSE: RHT), the world's leading provider of open source solutions, today announced new steps in its collaboration with SAP AG (NYSE: SAP) focused on virtualization. Red Hat is working with SAP to provide customers with easier deployments of SAP® applications on physical Red Hat servers, in virtualized environments or in the cloud. The news comes as Irfan Khan, senior vice president and chief technology officer, Sybase, an SAP company, delivers a keynote address at the Red Hat Summit event in Boston.

Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization offers a comprehensive virtualization management solution for server and desktop virtualization. With version 3.0, delivered in January 2012, Red Hat delivered the first enterprise-ready, fully open source virtualization platform. Today, Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization is certified for running SAP business applications on Red Hat Enterprise Linux. With this, customers gain a virtualization platform with the ability to scale to support growing numbers of workloads and users as well as compatibility between Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization and the SAP ecosystem, all based on open source virtualization technology.

In two two-tier SAP Sales and Distribution (SD) standard application benchmarks, Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization and its Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) hypervisor running the SAP ERP 6.0 application achieved leading performance results. These results were achieved using Red Hat Enterprise Linux on KVM with IBM System x processors¹ and with Cisco UCS systems².

Availability

Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization 3.0 is available for production use with SAP solutions today.

Supporting quotes

Paul Cormier, president, Products and Technologies, Red Hat

"Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization is providing an open virtualization alternative to enterprises around the world, and the latest technology delivered through the 3.0 platform earlier this year provides exceptional performance, scalability, security, manageability and cost benefits. With Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization available for production for use with SAP solutions, we're now able to offer these benefits to joint Red Hat and SAP customers worldwide."

Tom Collett, global vice president, Technology Partners, SAP

"Today SAP solutions running on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Red Hat Enterprise Virtualization help enterprises to address their challenges of flexibility and price/performance. This is an excellent step forward with Red Hat to provide enterprises access to optimized technology from both companies for customers' virtualization infrastructures."

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¹ Two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark configuration and results for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.1 on KVM on Cisco UCS B230 M2 (2 processors/20 cores/40 threads): Running SAP enhancement package 4 for SAP ERP 6.0, Intel Xeon Processor E7-2870, 2.40 GHz, 64 KB L1 cache and 256 KB L2 cache per core, 30 MB L3 cache per processor, 128 GB main memory, one virtual machine using 40 virtual CPUs and the SAP MaxDB® 7.8 database. Achieved 5,100 SAP SD benchmark users and 28,080 SAPs. SAP certification number:

² Two-tier SAP SD standard application benchmark configuration and results for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.2 on KVM on IBM System x3850 (4 processors/40 cores/80 threads): Running SAP enhancement package 4 for SAP ERP 6.0, Intel Xeon Processor E7-8870, 2.4 GHz, 64 KB L1 cache and 256 KB L2 cache per core, 30 MB L3 cache per processor, 512 GB main memory, one virtual machine using 80 virtual CPUs and DB2 9.7. Achieved 10,700 SAP SD benchmark users and 58,750 SAPS. SAP certification number: 2012020.

Both results valid as of June 26, 2012. For more details, visit <http://www.sap.com/benchmark>.

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