## Virtualizing on VMware vSphere Software?

Reduce risk with fault-tolerant Stratus ftServer platforms

## Virtualization solutions that eliminate downtime, data loss, and performance degradation





#### **Tier 1 Application Virtualization**

- Stratus<sup>®</sup> ftServer<sup>®</sup> systems offer multicore symmetric multi-processing (SMP) and are ideal for I/O-intensive workloads such as: database engine, enterprise resource planning, card/payments processing, and cloud computing.
- Automatic "out-of-the-box" 99.999+% uptime protects your most critical applications from host faults that would otherwise result in VM failures.
- ftServer systems run all standard vSphere<sup>™</sup> products including DRS, vMotion<sup>™</sup>, Storage vMotion and VMware<sup>®</sup> HA, without any modifications.
- Stratus' internal and external fault-tolerant storage configurations are geared to a variety of speed and capacity requirements.
- Stratus Uptime Appliance for VMware vCenter<sup>™</sup> Server guarantees the highest levels of uptime for VMware's universal management platform.
- ftServer systems: No performance degradation, no failover, no restarts.

Uptime. All the time.

#### **Remote/Branch Virtualization**

- Low-end ftServer systems are ideal for volume deployments at remote sites, branch offices and shop floors.
- There's no need for additional hardware, multiple software licenses, or costly external storage.
- · Zero downtime and data loss.
- Automatic fault-detection, isolation, and reporting.
- Stratus 24/7 "lights out" monitoring and management services.



# **Dispelling the Myths**

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#### ftServer Systems

- Fault-tolerant ftServer systems are much more expensive than configurations that use commodity servers.
- Hardware fault tolerance requires proprietary hardware, modified software and usually supports only a handful of guest operating systems (OS).
- Fault-tolerant hardware is difficult to integrate into existing VMware ecosystems.

 ftServer systems are cost-effective solutions than can cost less than equivalent VMware configurations before considering the cost of downtime.

REALITY

- ftServer systems are built with industrystandard components, run off-the-shelf VMware vSphere 5.x, and are compatible with all VMware-supported guest OSs.
- ftServer systems transparently deliver fault-tolerance and seamlessly integrate with standard vSphere products.

VMware HA does not protect the host server or hypervisor against downtime or Zero downtime and data loss with complete multi-core SMP



Best used with

ftServer systems

**vm**ware<sup>®</sup>

Not suitable for

**vm**ware<sup>®</sup>

Tier 1 apps

#### VMware HA

- Provides complete host protection.
- VMware HA eliminates downtime due to application crashes/restarts.
- VMware HA eliminates data loss.
- No management is required
- performance degradation.
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   VMware HA performs a rapid restart upon VM failure which may take many minutes or hours for large systems.
  - Data uncommitted to disk is lost during application or server crashes and restarts.
  - Cluster capacity, policies, resources and software changes must all be managed / tested to validate proper operation.

#### VMware FT

- VMware FT provides fault-tolerant protection for Tier 1 workloads.
- VMware FT Is limited to a single processor core (vCPU). Tier 1 applications require multi-core symmetric multiprocessing.

#### VMware and Stratus

Complete protection for your host, VMware hypervisor, and VMs.

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