# OpenVMS @30 The Ride of a Lifetime



## OpenVMS: moving strongly into its 4<sup>th</sup> decade with full HP commitment



Respect our heritage
The future

### Respect our heritage

A vision is not a vision unless it says yes to some ideas and no to others, inspires people and is a reason to get out of bed in the morning and come to work.

-- Gifford Pinchot









(actually in Maynard, Massachusetts)



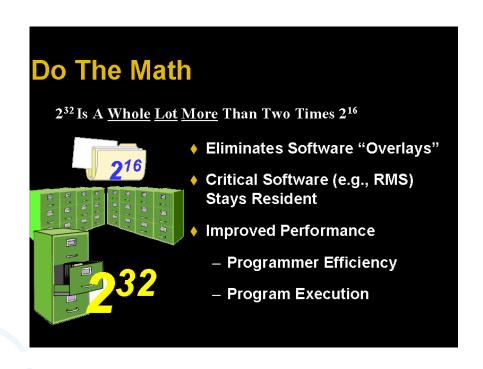
#### In the Beginning

Confining Software Environment, Limited Scaleability, Incompatible Systems



- PDP-11 Popularity
- 16-bit Architecture
- Architecture Limitations
- 1974: Should we build a 32-bit PDP-11?







April 1975 - Gordon Bell says YES!



#### **Initial VMS Design Team**

By November, 1975...

- Dave Cutler, project leader
- Andy Goldstein
- Roger Gourd, manager
- Roger Heinen

- Dick Hustvedt
- Hank Levy
- Peter Lipman
- Trev Porter







#### 1977 - The first version

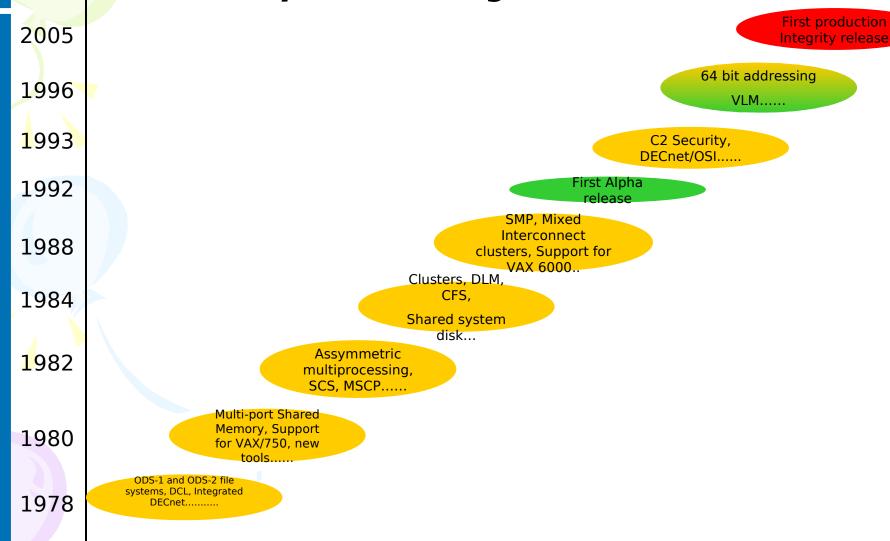
 The collusion of the Star and Starlet projects culminated in the VAX 11/780 computer and the VAX-11/VMS operating system, announced on October 25, 1977.

(BTW The Starlet name still survives in OpenVMS as a name of several of the main system libraries)





#### History of Major releases





#### And now for some fun!





#### **Anecdotes**

In 1986 DIGITAL created the first Internet firewall and establishes http://gatekeeper.dec.com as a major FTP site on the Internet

The first spam in computer history was sent in 1979 by a Digital employee. Over 400 people received his promotional message via the Arpanet network.

The first VMS Internals manual came out in 1982 and covered V2.2, it cost approximately \$250

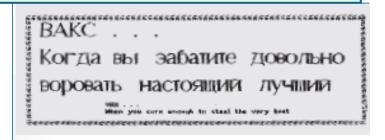
Sun Microsystems was sending its field service reps and solutions architects out for [Open]VMS training so that they could learn the internals of ... Windows! Compare the Internals an Data Structures Manual and "Inside Windows XXX"

Jim Hibbits started the Leper Colony, it was a group of old time DECUS folks, some of whom smoked and in California you had to go outside, and since they were all friends even the non smokers went outside and that's how they ended up with the name.

CERTS This web site which reports security vulnerabilities, to-date19 have been recorded for OpenVMS as against 1745 found for a softer OS or 346 for a brighter OS and 1790 for the newest OS on the block.

See www.CERT.ORG

WNT (Windows NT) is VMS +1 letter, Dave Cutler never officially confirmed if this was deliberate



Actual Russian words translated: VAX... when you care enough to steal the very best.

Its rumoured that a famous Irish dark beer uses OpenVMS for its Brewery production system, but nobody has ever returned sober enough to verify

#### Anecdotes

#### A Customer conversation

"So, you use OpenVMS to control the traffic of the half of city", I said.

"Oh, yes and many of the most important cities in the country", the customer answered.

"How many traffic lights do you control?"

"800 traffic lights in this city and 2000 vehicle detectors"

"And how many OpenVMS systems do you use?"

"Oh, just one!"

"Just one! What would happen if there is a problem with it?"

"Well, traffic lights have pre-programmed sequences just in case, but it is very rare we need them"

"Ok, by the way, the other half of the city is controlled by another company. Do you know which platform they use?"

"They use OpenVMS too...!"



# This one needs a slide all of it's own

Since the late 1970s the Minor Planet Center, and Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams, which both operate at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge MA, have been using OpenVMS.

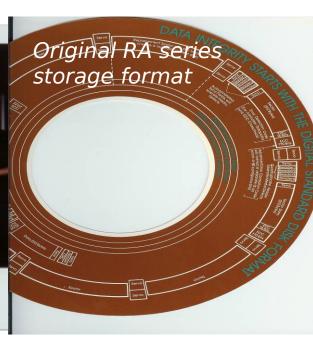
The Minor Planet Center is the worldwide clearing house for astronomers who observe minor planets (asteroids) and comets, particularly those that can come close to, or possibly hit, the earth! The Central Bureau is the worldwide clearing house for reports of transient celestial phenomena (.e.g. novae, supernovae, highenergy bursters) . As such, we run a 24x365 operation and downtime could have dire consequences for the planet.

This need for near-continual availability of internal and on-line services had required us to run an OS that is rock solid, well documented (both in printed form and at the command line), well designed (e.g., consistent use of command qualifier names), easy to learn yet powerful, resistant to viruses, with excellent Fortran compilers and built-in-from-the-ground-up security. We could not shutdown operations in order to install patches to fix gaping security holes every few days or weeks, like users of other OSes around here have to do. Taking all this into consideration, this has meant OpenVMS is the only option for us.

We started with an early V4 version on a pair of MicroVAX: we currently run V8.2 on a dozen Alpha-powered workstations and servers.

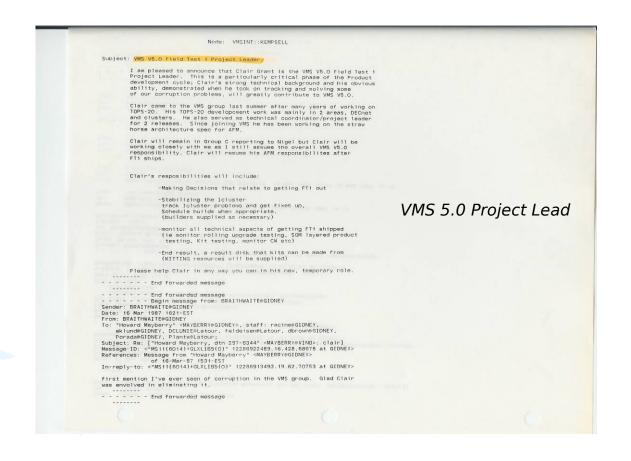




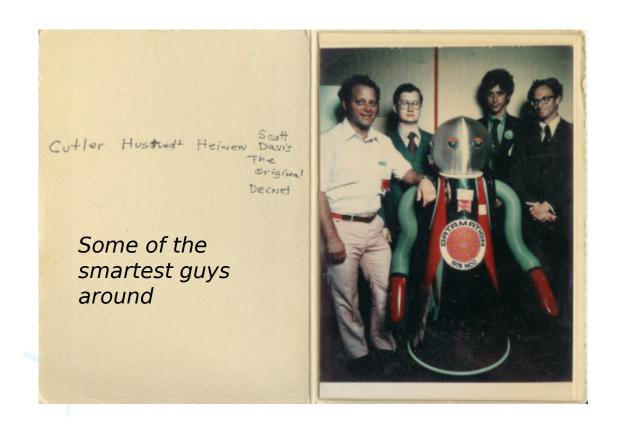










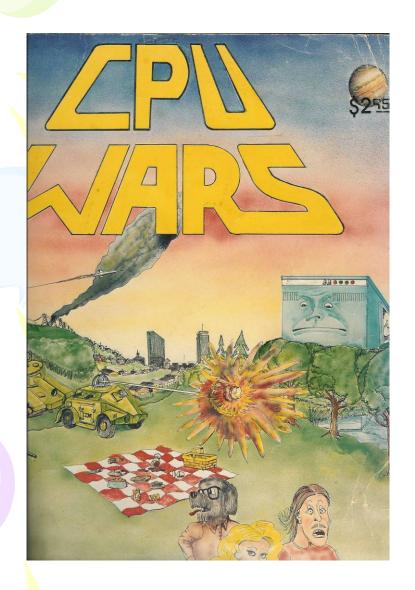


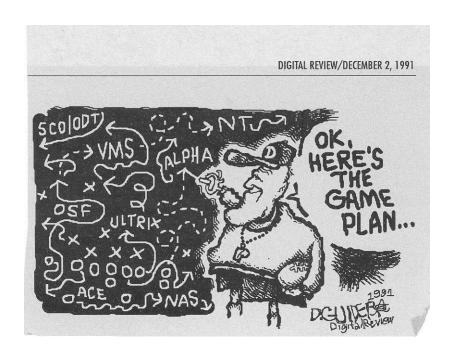


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damily of products, we are forming the WMS Systems and Servars Group,
and are pleased to arrounce Bill Demmar as Vice Prosident.
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will report to 5:11
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                   Rick Spitz
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The beginning of the VMS Group









#### Top Ten reasons to Run OpenVMS

- 1. SCO can't sue you
- 2. You want to run the only OS Kevin Mitnick admits he couldn't get into without being given the password
- 3. 9 out of 10 hackers prefer another OS
- 4. You want a system that won't trash the disk structure if you get a power failure
- 5. Your preferred unit of measurement for system uptime is years, not hours
- 6. You can count to more than five. Five nines that is (99.999% availability)
- 7. You know that "Reboot and if that doesn't work, Reinstall" is NOT the answer to every problem
- 8. You don't want to be a member of the Virus-of-the-Week Club
- 9. To you, "downtime" is a four-letter word
- 10. You want to run more than one thing on a system at a time



## The Purple bag competition





#### The Future!

"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there"

-- Charles F Kettering



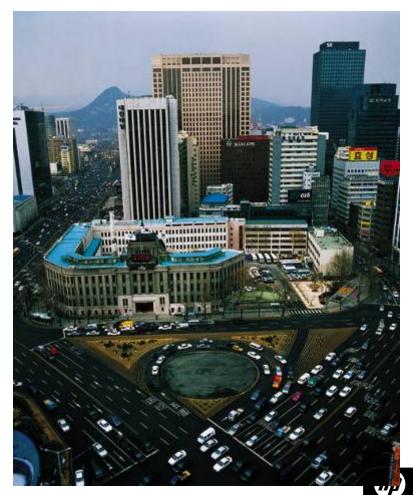
# HP OpenVMS Mission Critical & Secure Computing

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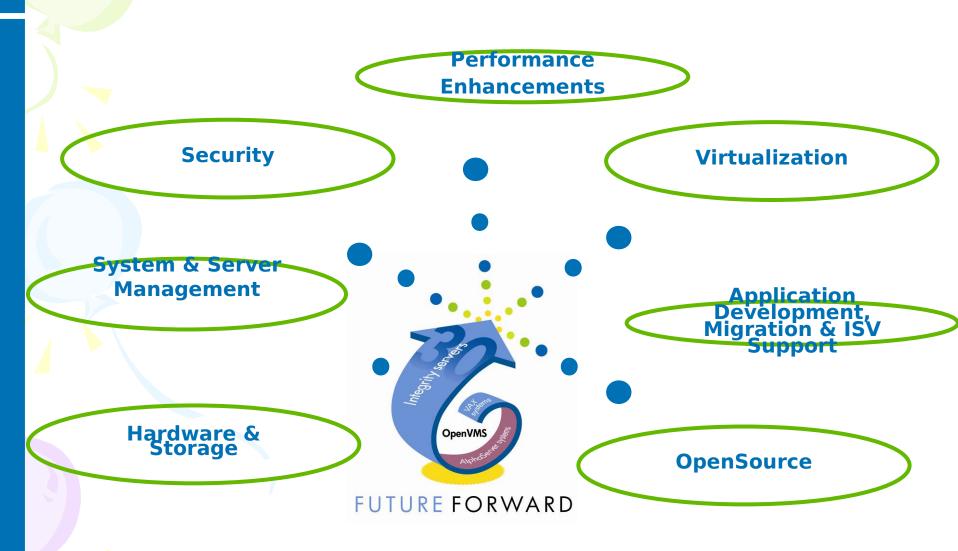
Hundreds of thousands systems installed with millions of users

OpenVMS provides the core IT infrastructure for:

- 1000's of major hospitals
- The world's largest CPU chip manufacturing
- Mobile phone billing systems scaling to millions of users
- Major futures and derivative exchanges worldwide
- Dominant in automated lottery systems
  - Many of the world's most demanding Government environments requiring security and availability



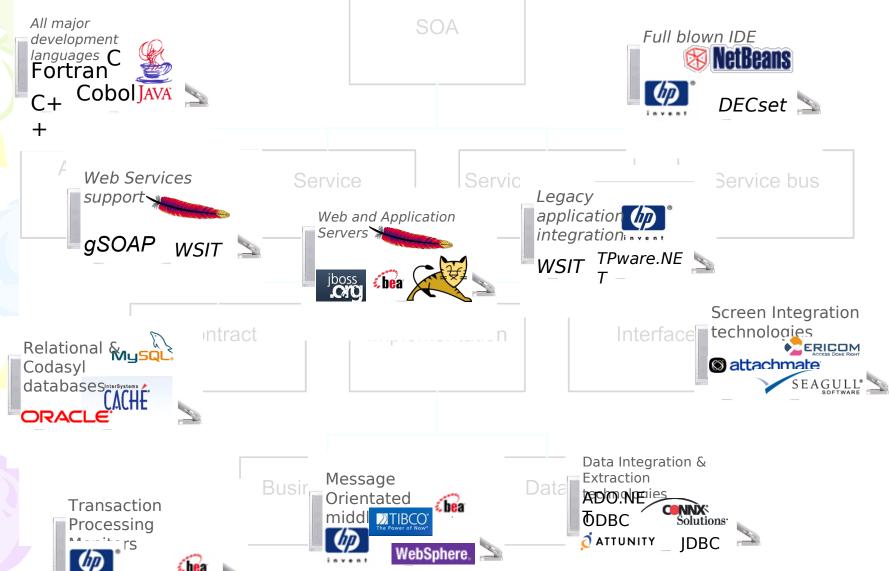
#### The OpenVMS investment





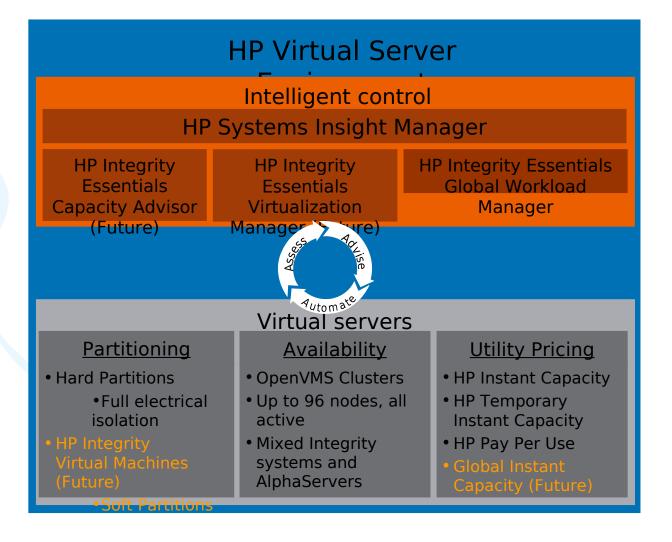
#### The OpenVMS Integrity server family ELE Entry class **HP Integrity HP Integrity** rx2660 **HP Integrity** rx6600 (up to 4 cores) rx3600 (up to 8 cores) (up to 4 cores) Modular **HP Integrity BL860c Blade** (up to 4 cores) Midrange **HP Integrity** rx8640 (up to 32 cores) High-end **HP Integrity** rx7640 **HP Integrity** (up to 16 cores) **Superdome** (up to 64 cores

#### The OpenVMS application ecosystem



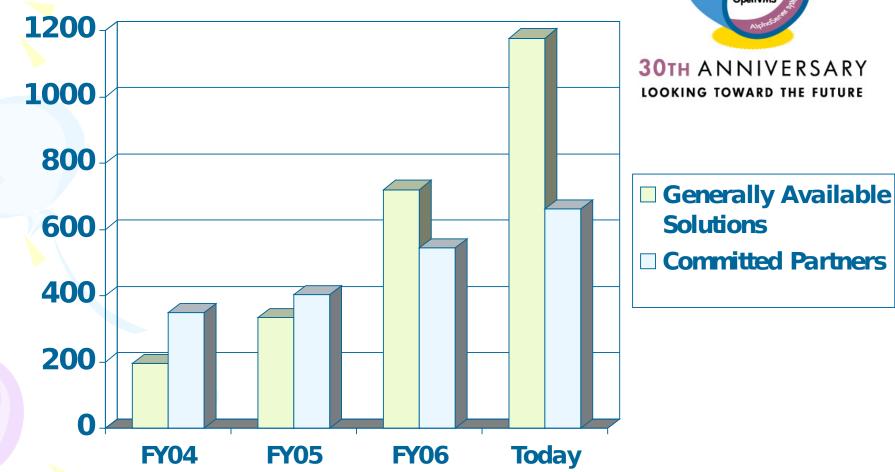


# HP Virtual Server Environment for HP OpenVMS Integrity systems





## More than 90% critical apps now available on OpenVMS\*





#### HP Integrity servers with OpenVMS provide a smooth transition with easier administration and rock solid security



Compiled approximately 500K lines of code, and had the core applications running in around 6 hours



Porting our 1.5 million lines of code to OpenVMS on Integrity required no code changes at all.



500,000 lines of Pascal code, only changing 5 lines of code



OpenVMS provides us with an operating system that requires minimal system administration.

Los Angeles Community College District

Data loss and identity theft in particular are huge concerns in the sector

# The OpenVMS Value Proposition

- Significant technology innovation
  - Integrity Servers Industry standard, multi OS, Blades
  - Availability Disaster Tolerant
  - Clustering Scalable to 96 nodes up to 800 kms or more apart, multi-architecture
  - Security System and Cluster, Fewest CERT advisories, Never hit by a virus to our knowledge
  - Integration Premier technologies
- TCO and TCU
  - Best in class
- Customers
  - Some of the largest and most successful organizations in the world
- Commitment
  - Intel and HP's continued commitment to the Itanium roadmap and Integrity servers
  - HP's commitment to the OpenVMS roadmap
  - Continued investment from ISVs



## And finally!





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