

# Customer Example (Fictitious): Bartok, Inc.

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## The Environment

- 1000 x86 servers maintained annually worldwide
  - 1 CPU: 300
  - 2 CPU: 500
  - 4 CPU: 200
- Several hundred physical servers deployed annually

## The Goals

- Reduce expenses, labor, time, and floor-space required to run hundreds of workloads
- Increase agility of business operations

## The Outcome

- 1,000 servers virtualized
- 12:1 consolidation ratio
- \$6.5M (NPV) TCO savings over 3 years

# Server Consolidation: Server Hardware

- Hardware reduction driven by type of workloads being virtualized

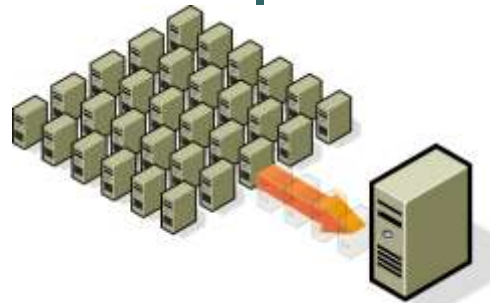
- Average consolidation ratios typically range from 8:1 to 15:1
- Average Workload/CPU = 4:1

## BEFORE

Before		
Type	Quantity	Price
1 CPU	300	\$4,000
2 CPU	500	\$6,500
4 CPU	200	\$14,000
8 CPU	0	\$30,000

## AFTER

After		
Type	Quantity	Price
1 CPU	0	\$4,000
2 CPU	38	\$10,000
4 CPU	38	\$23,000
8 CPU	4	\$45,000



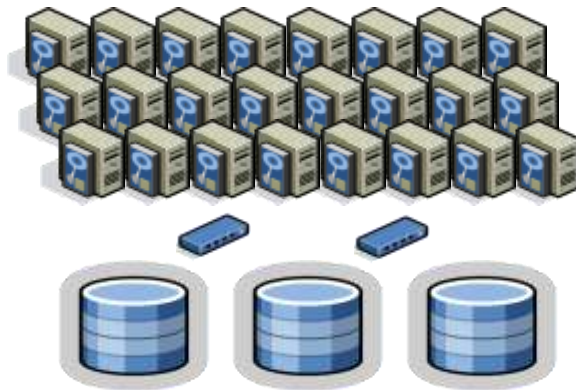
✓ \$5,816 saved per workload

Server Hardware Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ (1,434,000)	\$ 2,416,667	\$ 2,416,667	\$ 2,416,667	\$ 5,816,000

# Server Consolidation: SAN Environment

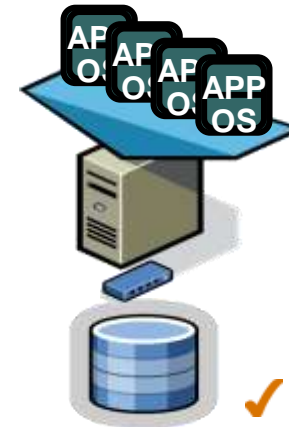
## BEFORE

- 1000 servers
- 500 HBAs
- 22 SAN Switches (24 port)
- 5 TB Storage



## AFTER

- 80 servers
- 160 HBAs
- 8 SAN Switches (24 port)
- 25 TB Storage



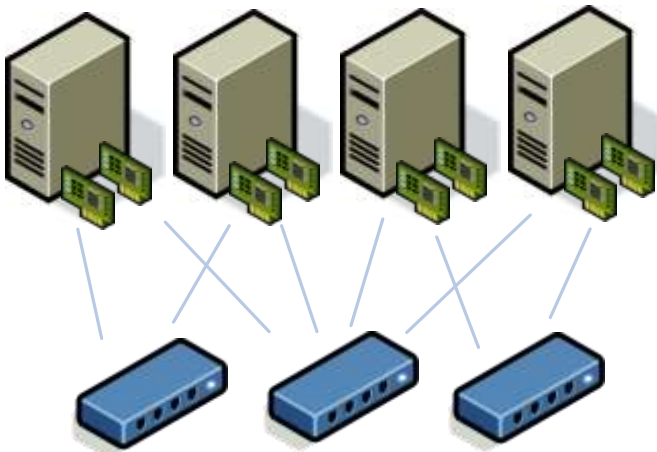
✓ \$290 saved per workload

SAN Environment					
	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
HBA	\$ -	\$ 113,333	\$ 113,333	\$ 113,333	\$ 340,000
SAN Switches	\$ -	\$ 23,333	\$ 23,333	\$ 23,333	\$ 70,000
Storage	\$ -	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (40,000)	\$ (120,000)
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 96,667	\$ 96,667	\$ 96,667	<b>\$ 290,000</b>

# Server Consolidation: Network

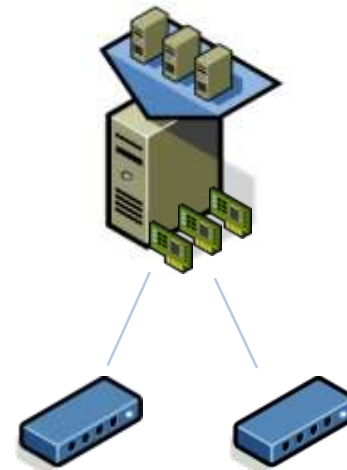
## BEFORE

- 1000 servers
- 2 NICs per server
- 84 Network Switches



## AFTER

- 80 servers
- 3 NICs per server
- 10 Network Switches



✓ \$296 saved per workload

Network					
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total	
\$ -	\$ 98,667	\$ 98,667	\$ 98,667	\$ 296,000	

# Server Consolidation: Power

• Power consumption calculated from steady-state usage of computing infrastructure, but there are other savings:

- Other IT Loads: Network switches, SAN components, etc.
- Non-IT Loads: transformers, uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), power wiring, fans, air conditioners, pumps, humidifiers, lighting

• CPU correlates to U according to the following: 1 CPU = 1U, 2 CPU = 2U, 4 CPU = 4U, 8 CPU = 6U

## BEFORE

Before		
Type	Quantity	Power Rating
1 CPU	300	475W (0.475 kW)
2 CPU	500	550W (0.550 kW)
4 CPU	200	950W (0.950 kW)
8 CPU	0	1600W (1.6 kW)

## AFTER

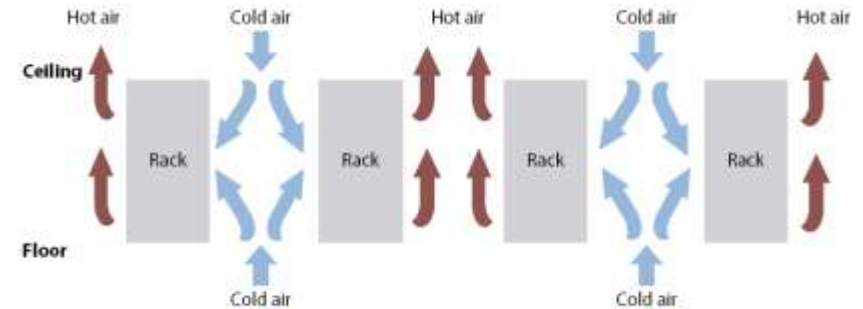
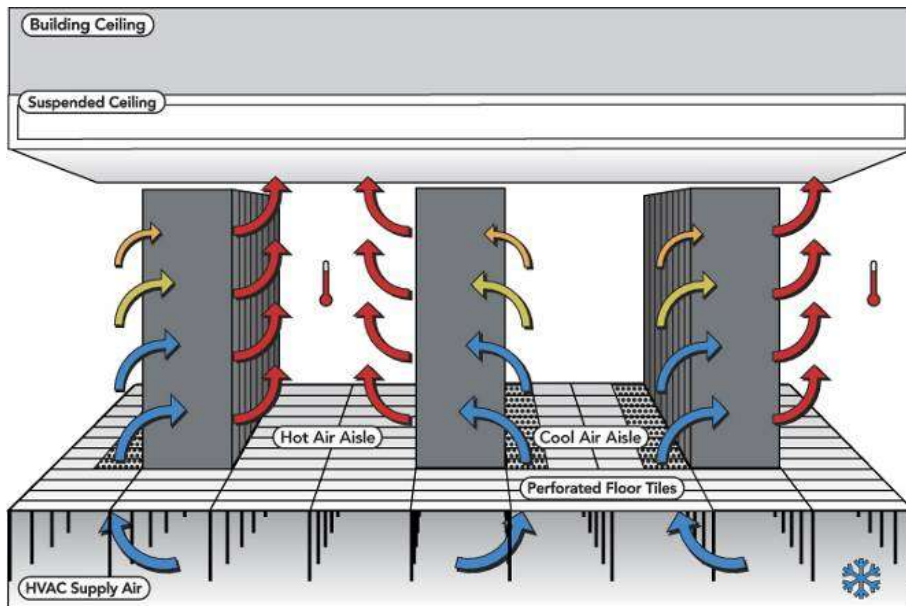
After		
Type	Quantity	Power Rating
1 CPU	0	550W (0.550 kW)
2 CPU	38	675W (0.675 kW)
4 CPU	38	1150W (1.15 kW)
8 CPU	4	1900W (1.9 kW)

✓ \$759 and 355W saved per workload

Power (Computing Infrastructure) Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ -	\$ 253,160	\$ 253,160	\$ 253,160	\$ 759,481

# Density and Thermal Management

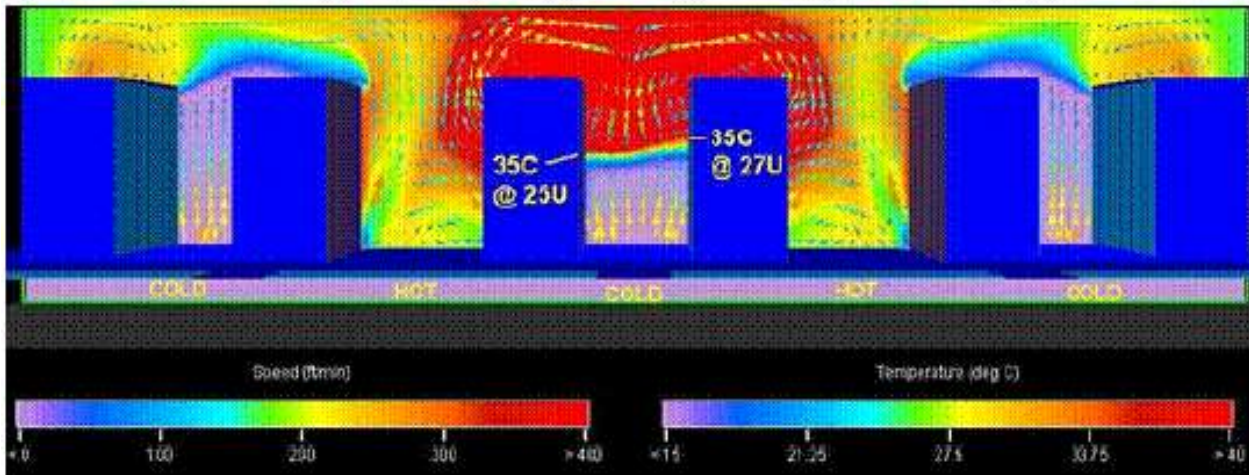
- Power consumed by the data center must be evacuated in the form of heat
- Heat dissipation is very difficult, and even more expensive than power consumption
- Data center design is important
  - Airflow inefficiencies are the number one cause for x86 downtime
  - Disk drive failure is #2, and is heavily correlated with airflow inefficiencies
  - Hot-aisle/cold-aisle design (depicted below) more efficient than front-to-back airflow, where heat emission from back of one server is the intake of the front of another server



Source: Forrester Research, Inc.

# Density and Thermal Management

- Even with proper design, airflow redundancy is required to achieve proper cooling
  - In the event of CRAC (Computer Room Air Conditioning) unit failure, airflow redundancy can satisfy cooling requirements.
  - Many data centers have areas where heat density is greater than other areas. Focused redundancy satisfies localized data center cooling requirements (see below)
- Additional redundancy is required for humidity
  - Humidification required to reduce potential for static discharge
  - Most air conditioning systems induce humidity loss
  - Supplemental humidification is required, further burdening CRAC units



# Server Consolidation: Cooling

- Cooling requirements driven by airflow characteristics

- AC power consumed in the data center is completely converted to heat. Therefore, 1 kW of power consumption = 1kW of heat produced. From power calculations:
  - Total power consumed before VMware = 508.8 kW
  - Total power consumed after VMware = 64.4 kW
- Other important assumptions
  - 0.8 W of power consumed by cooling equipment for 1W of heat dissipation (empirically determined in HP Labs)
  - 25% redundant airflow required (from previous slides)
  - 25% increase in cooling required to handle inefficiencies such as humidity (from previous slides)

Cooling Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ -	\$ 316,451	\$ 316,451	\$ 316,451	\$ 949,352

✓ \$949 and 444W saved per workload

# Server Consolidation: Data Center Real Estate

- Data Center Real Estate depends on several parameters
  - Assume 60kW per sq ft data center (average for most data centers)
  - Cost per square foot to build data center: \$600 (conservative estimate)
  - Percent of space used by rack: 30% (Data centers not fully loaded largely because of cooling issues)
  - Units per rack: 24U
    - where U is a rack unit, which is the amount of space taken up by a piece of data center equipment in a rack. 1U is typically 1.75 inches high)
  - Data Center Life: 10 years (assume 6% annual percentage rate)

## BEFORE

Before	
Required Space	2,053 sq ft
Total Cost of Data Center	\$ 1,232,000
Monthly Payment	\$ 13,678

## AFTER

After	
Required Space	257 sq ft
Total Cost of Data Center	\$ 154,000
Monthly Payment	\$ 1,710

✓ \$430 saved per workload

Data Center Real Estate Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ -	\$ 143,616	\$ 143,616	\$ 143,616	\$ 430,848

# Server Consolidation

VMware Infrastructure not only reduces servers in the data center...

...it reduces racks, too.



# Server Consolidation

- Consolidation Results

• Servers:	1000	→	80
• HBAs:	500	→	160
• SAN Switches:	22	→	8
• Network Switches:	84	→	10
• Computing Power (kW):	407	→	52
• Cooling Power (kW):	509	→	64
• Real Estate (sq ft):	2053	→	257

- Per Workload Savings

• Servers Hardware:	\$5,816
• SAN Components:	\$290
• Network:	\$296
• Computing Power:	\$759
• Cooling Power:	\$949
• Real Estate:	\$431
• TOTAL:	\$8541 per workload



# Infrastructure Provisioning

## BEFORE

- From 20 hours to build a server and re-load application...
  - Build and configure hardware
  - Load operating system
  - Load configuration tools (Backup, Resource Kit, Monitoring, etc...)
  - Assign 2 IP addresses
  - Build 3 network connections, copper or fiber
  - Turn over to applications team to re-load and re-configure software
  - Test applications
  - Coordinate outage / data migration

## AFTER

- To 1 hour to copy a virtual machine and restart
  - Redirect virtual disk to new VMware virtual machine instance  
*[Tools already loaded]*  
*[Application already loaded, configured]*
  - Done

# Infrastructure Provisioning

Recall: 1000 servers before, 80 after, 3 year refresh rate

- Over a 3 year period, 333 servers replaced per year before virtualization, 27 servers replaced per year after virtualization (ignoring new workloads)
- 2 hours required to perform ESX installation across 80 servers = 160 hours
- \$60/hour administrator rate

## BEFORE

- 333 servers replaced per year
- 20 hrs per workload:  $20 \times 333 = 6660$  hours



## AFTER

- 27 servers replaced per year
- 1.5 hrs per workload (conservative):  $1.5 \times 333 = 500$  hours

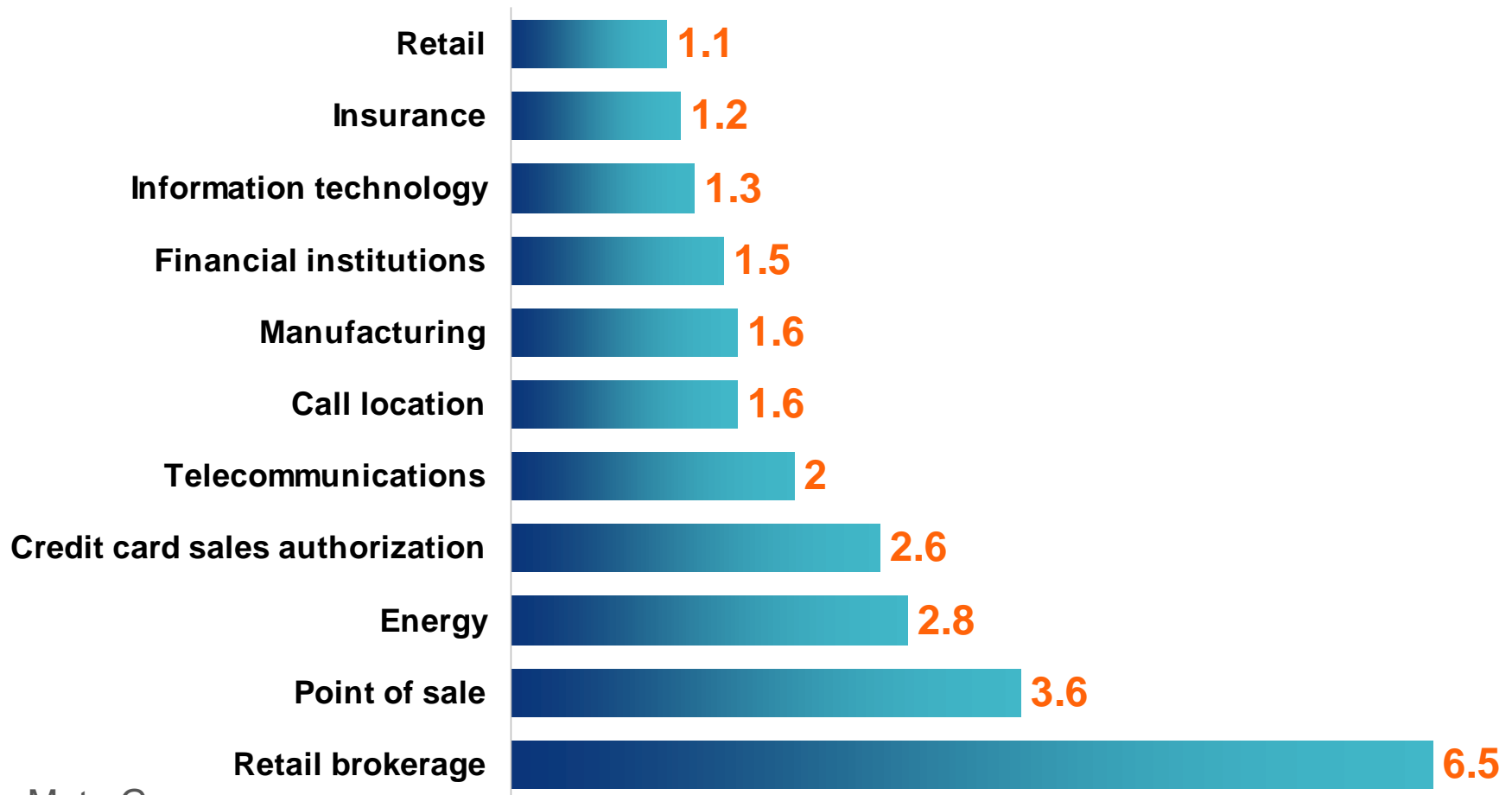


- ✓ 333 servers replaced per year = ~ 6,000 labor hours saved

Infrastructure Provisioning Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ -	\$ 370,326	\$ 370,326	\$ 370,326	\$ 1,110,979

# Business Continuity: The Cost of Downtime

Millions of dollars per hour in lost revenue by industry



Source: Meta Group

# Business Continuity: Unplanned Downtime

• Unplanned downtime can be very costly, but VMware Infrastructure mitigates these costs:

- VMware can conservatively reduce downtime by 75% (Sample of customers)
  - Virtual Machines can be proactively moved from overloaded hosts
  - Virtual Machines can be quickly restored on other servers if a host experiences hardware failure
- Yankee Group study reports approximately 15 hours of x86 downtime per year (not entirely dedicated to hardware, but still can be used as first-order approximation)
- Assume \$20,000 cost of downtime (Emerson Study<sup>1</sup>)

**BEFORE**

$$Costs_{UnplannedDowntime(Before)} = (\$20,000)(15) = \$300,000$$

**AFTER**

$$Costs_{UnplannedDowntime(After)} = (\$20,000)(3.75) = \$75,000$$

Unplanned Downtime Savings				
Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
\$ -	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000	\$ 675,000

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.continuitycentral.com/news02575.htm>

# Business Continuity: Recovery

- In event of failure, VMware can offer not only savings but survival based on quick and easy recovery
  - Complex server configuration unnecessary with VMware Infrastructure due to virtual machine hardware independence
  - Multi-step restorations are simplified to single-step file recovery
  - 94% of companies that experience a disaster do not experience long-term survival (Cummings, Haag & McCubbrey 2005)

## BEFORE

- 40 hours for full recovery

$$Cost_{\text{Recovery}(\text{Before})} = (\$20,000)(40) = \$800,000$$

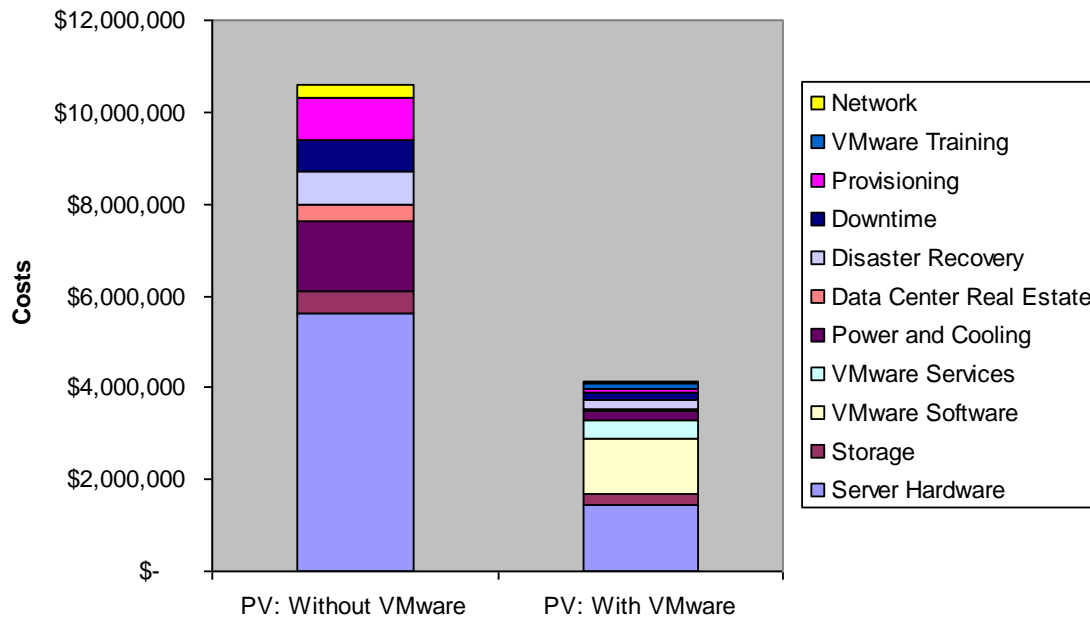
## AFTER

- 10 hours for full recovery

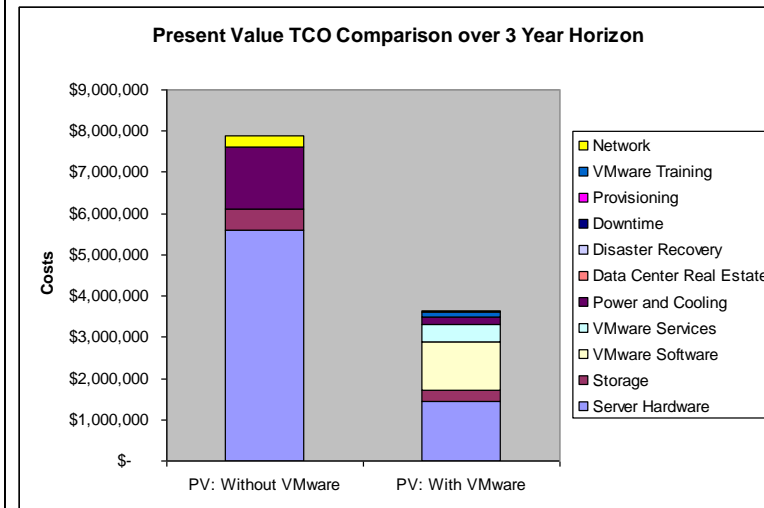
$$Cost_{\text{Recovery}(\text{Before})} = (\$20,000)(10) = \$200,000$$

✓ \$600,000 saved if disaster occurs

**Present Value TCO Comparison over 3 Year Horizon**



**Excluding Soft Costs**



**✓ 3 Year TCO Reduction (NPV): \$6,461,244**