

Keynote Speech: Xen ARM Virtualization

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SEC Overview

Corporate Philosophy

We will devote our people and technology to create superior products and services thereby contributing to a better global society.



History

1969

- Established the company

1972

- Started manufacturing B&W TV

1992

- Ranked #1 in DRAM
- Developed the cellular telephone system

2002

- Became market leader in flash memory
- Achieved leading share of LCD panel market

2004

- Introduced mobile WiMAX technology (World's 1st)

2006

- Ranked #1 in TV market

2007

- Ranked #2 in global handset market

2010

- No.1 revenue in global electronics industry (\$134B)

Global Top Tier



Business Divisions

Visual Display



Mobile Comm.



Memory



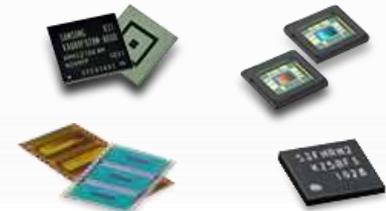
IT Solutions



Telecomm. Systems / HME



System LSI



Digital Appliances



Digital Imaging



LCD



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Recent Technology Leadership

Pioneering new technologies



DMC R&D Center Overview

Core R&D Domain (1/3)

1. NG Comm. & Networking

Conduct research for
NG communication systems
& connectivity solutions in advance

- NG mobile comm. system
- Wired/Wireless connectivity
- NG broadcast & service technologies



2. Advanced Media Processing

Create NG multimedia devices
using innovative technologies

- NG display & audio solution
(UHD, 3D, Amp, Speaker)
- NG video/audio codec
- Realistic graphics
- Medical imaging



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Core R&D Domain (2/3)

3. Convergence & Platform Solutions

Build a new kind of ecosystem
for multi-device convergence
& improve platform competitiveness

- Multi-device convergence
(AllShare¹, Smart Home)
- Mobile S/W platform (SLP)
- Cloud service platform



1) AllShare : Integrated Service Solution of SEC (IT/Smart CE/Non-IT Devices)

4. Intelligent/Emotional Interaction

Create customized
intelligent/emotional UX

- UI identity for SEC's device
- Multimodal interaction
(Flexible & Ambient interface)
- NG UX (Context awareness)



Core R&D Domain (3/3)

5. Differentiated Device Solutions

Differentiate mobile device through innovative module solution & sensor application

- Camera SoC (DSC/CAM common)
- Mobile camera module
- Sensor application
- New function module (EMR¹ pen)



1) EMR: Electro Magnetic Resonance

6. Eco-friendly Solutions

Develop eco-friendly core technologies & create new business opportunities

- Energy management (HEMS, BEMS)
- Energy saving (printer, air conditioner)
- Life-care solution
(Water/Air care, u-Health, etc.)
- Clean material

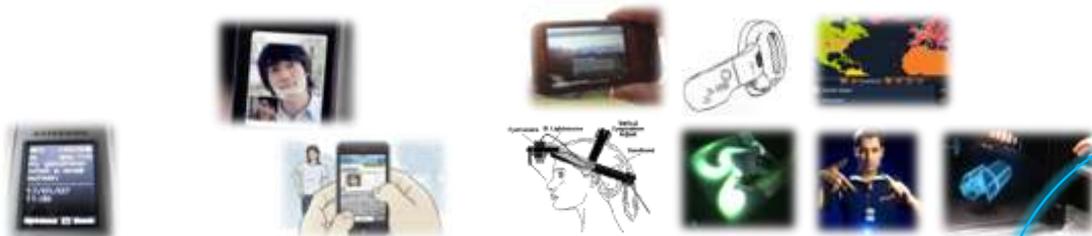


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Future Computing Trends

Changes in Computing



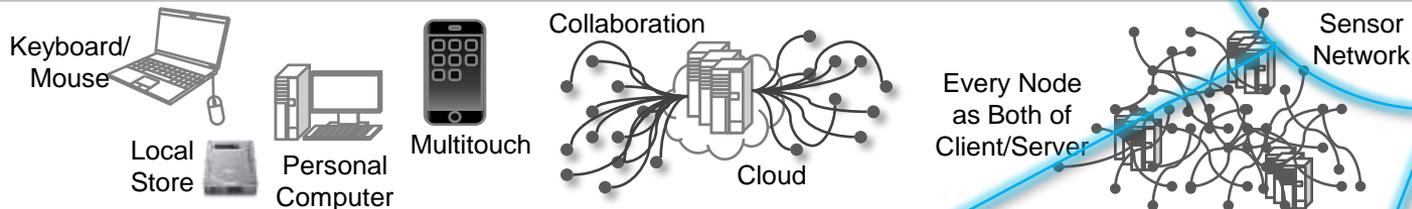
Closed
Centralized
Correct Info.
Stationary

- Keyboard/Mouse
- Voice Call, SMS
- Centralized/Concentrated
- Known Comm. Entities

- Multitouch
- Video Call, MMS

- Augmented Reality
- Eye-Tracking
- Distributed/Scattered
- Unknown/Utrusted Comm. Entities
- Gesture
- Manytouch
- Interactive 3D UI
- Realtime Web

Open
Distributed
Correct+Timely Info.
Mobile



Embedded

Single-core

Multi-core

Many-core

IT

Single-core

Multi-core

Many-core

- UC Berkeley Sensornet Chip (TI MSP430 8MHz core, 10KB RAM)

- [2009]**
- Tiger 1GHz Single-Core
 - Dunnington 3GHz 6-core

- [2012]**
- ARM 2GHz 4-core
 - Intel 4GHz 32-core

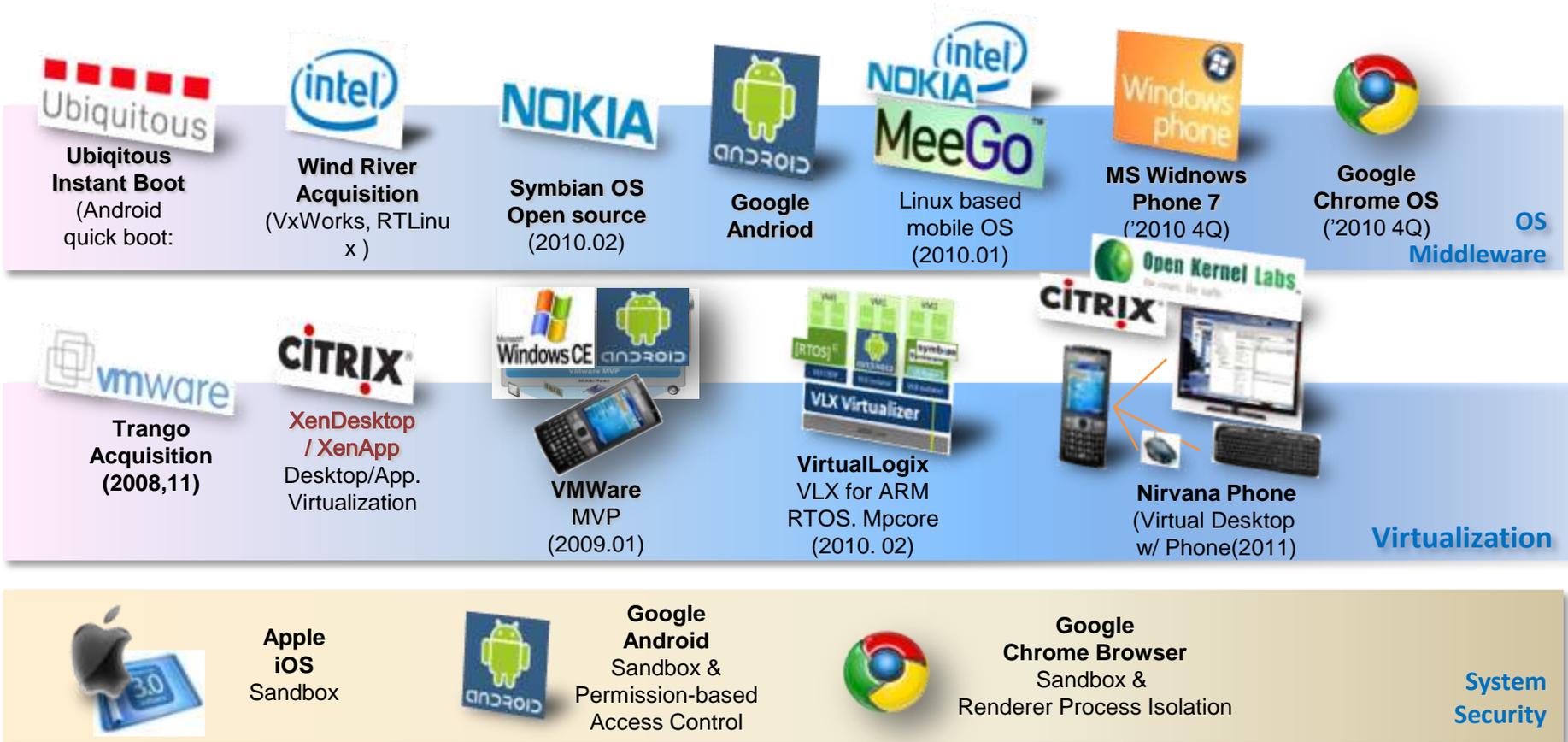
- [2017]**
- ARM 3GHz 8-core
 - Intel 6GHz 128-core
 - SensorNet Chip (128MHz core, 160KB RAM)

“Privacy”

“Realtime”

Industry Trends

- Introduction of Virtualization Technology in Embedded Devices
- Strengthening of Smartphone Features



* RTM : Root of Trust Measurement



Why CE Virtualization?

- 1 – **HW Consolidation:** AP(Application Processor) and BP(Baseband Processor) can share multicore ARM CPU SoC in order to run both Linux and Real-time OS efficiently.
- 2 – **OS Isolation:** important call services can be effectively separated from downloaded third party applications by Xen ARM combined with access control.
- 3 – **Rich User Experience:** multiple OS domains can run concurrently on a single smartphone.



AP SoC +BP SoC -> Consolidated Multicore SoC



Secure Smartphone



Rich Applications from Multiple OS

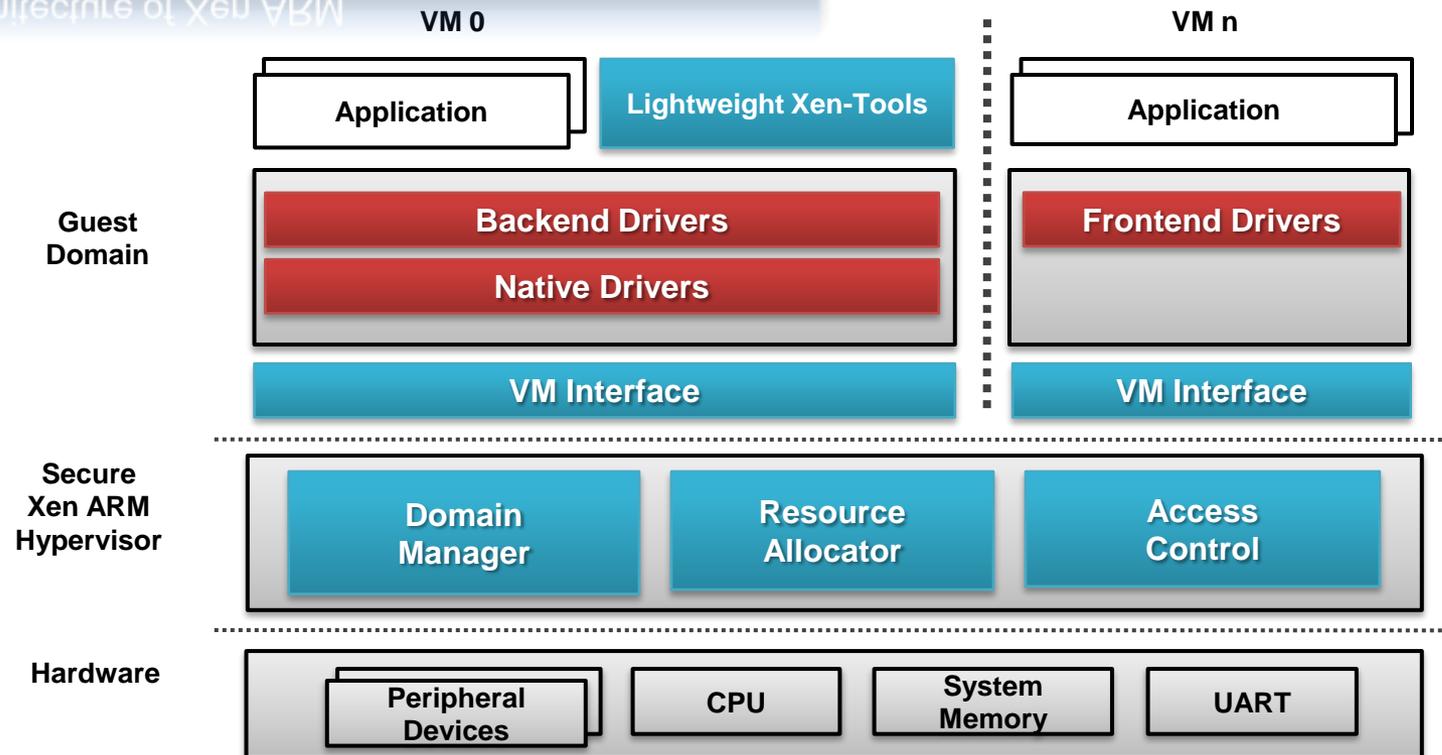


Xen ARM Virtualization

Goals

- Lightweight virtualization for secure 3G/4G mobile devices
 - High performance hypervisor based on ARM processor
 - Fine-grained access control fitted to mobile devices

Architecture of Xen ARM



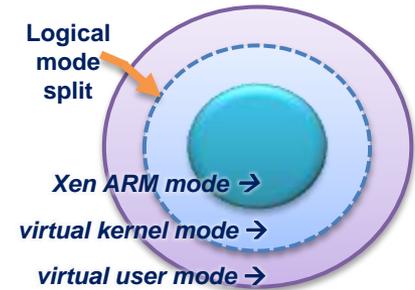
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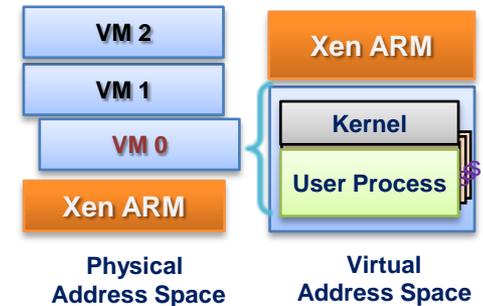
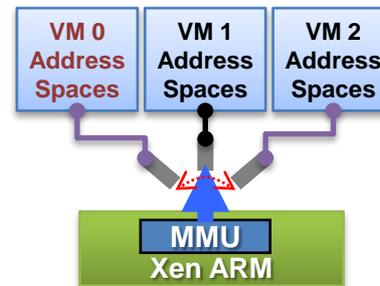
▪ CPU virtualization

- Virtualization requires 3 privilege CPU levels, but ARM supports 2 levels
 - Xen ARM mode: supervisor mode (most privileged level)
 - Virtual kernel mode: User mode (least privileged level)
 - Virtual user mode: User mode (least privileged level)



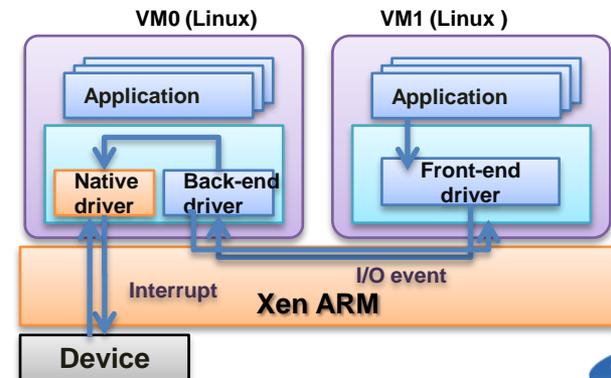
▪ Memory virtualization

- VM's local memory should be protected from other VMs
 - Xen ARM switches VM's virtual address space using MMU
 - VM is not allowed to manipulate MMU directly



▪ I/O virtualization

- Split driver model of Xen ARM
 - Client & Server architecture for shared I/O devices
 - Client: frontend driver
 - Server: native/backend driver



Performance Evaluation

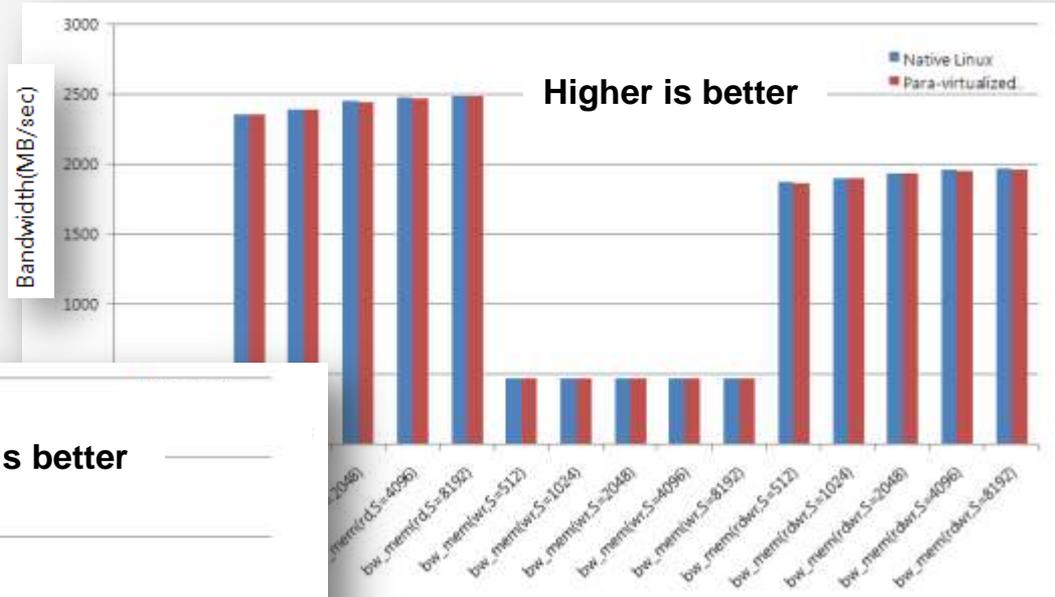
Virtualization Overhead

Micro-benchmark Results

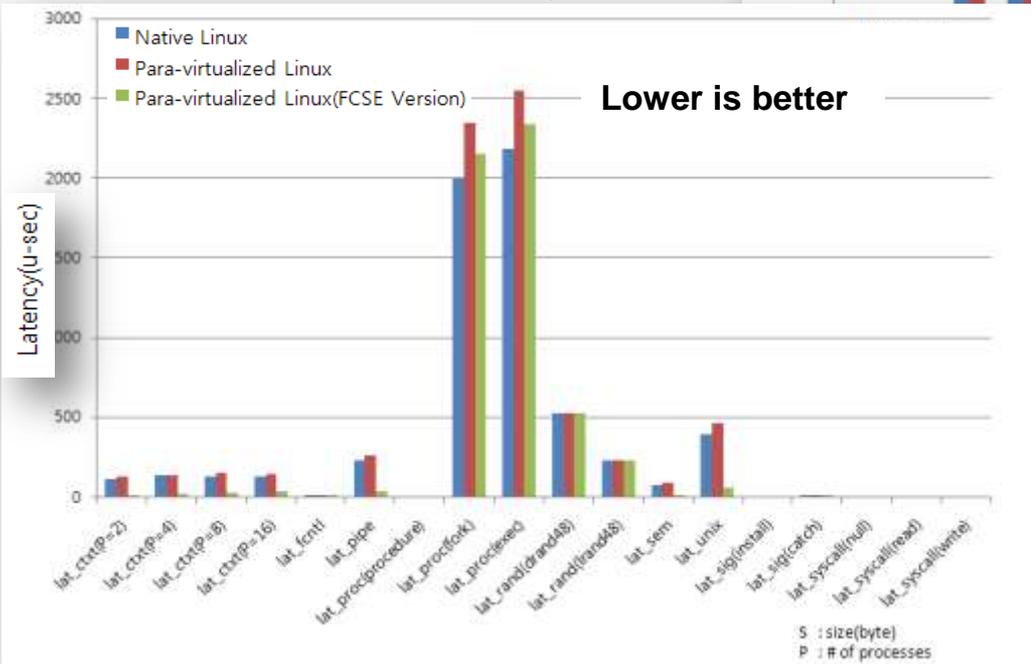
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LMBENCH Micro Benchmark (Bandwidth)



LMBENCH Micro Benchmark (latency)



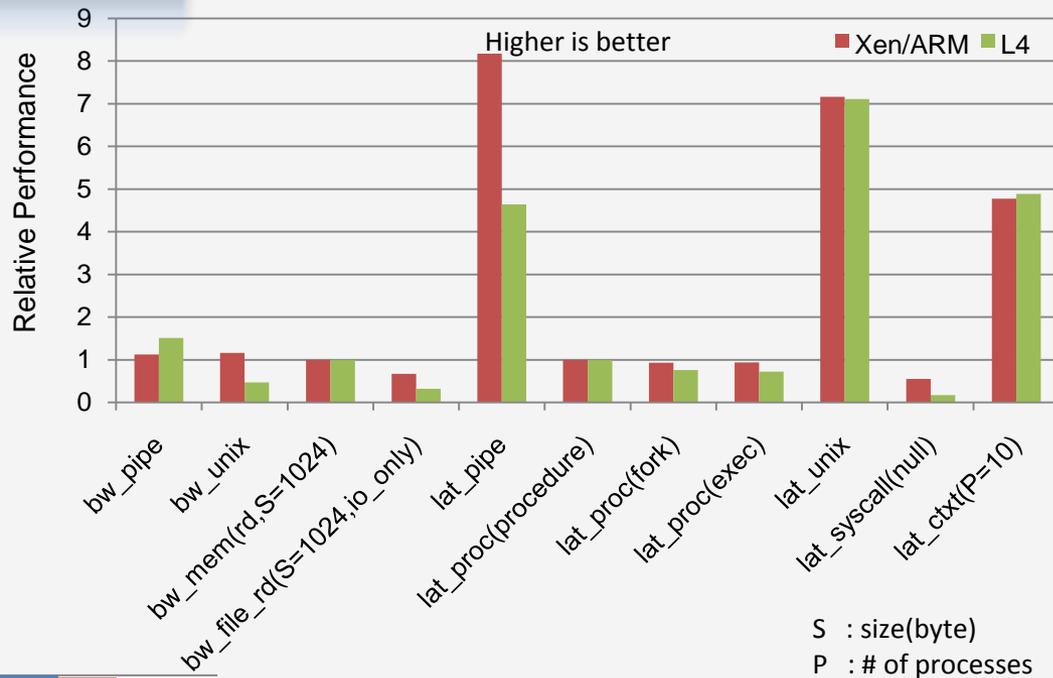
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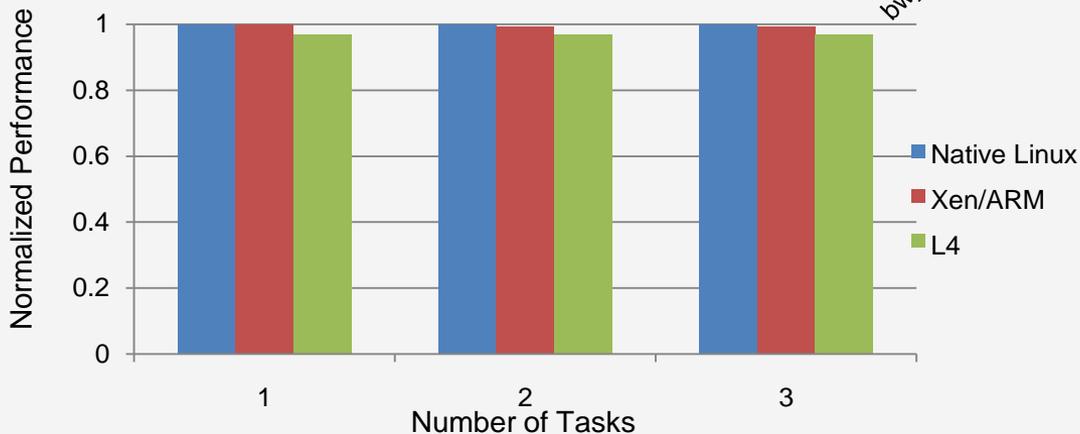
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AIM7 Macro Benchmark



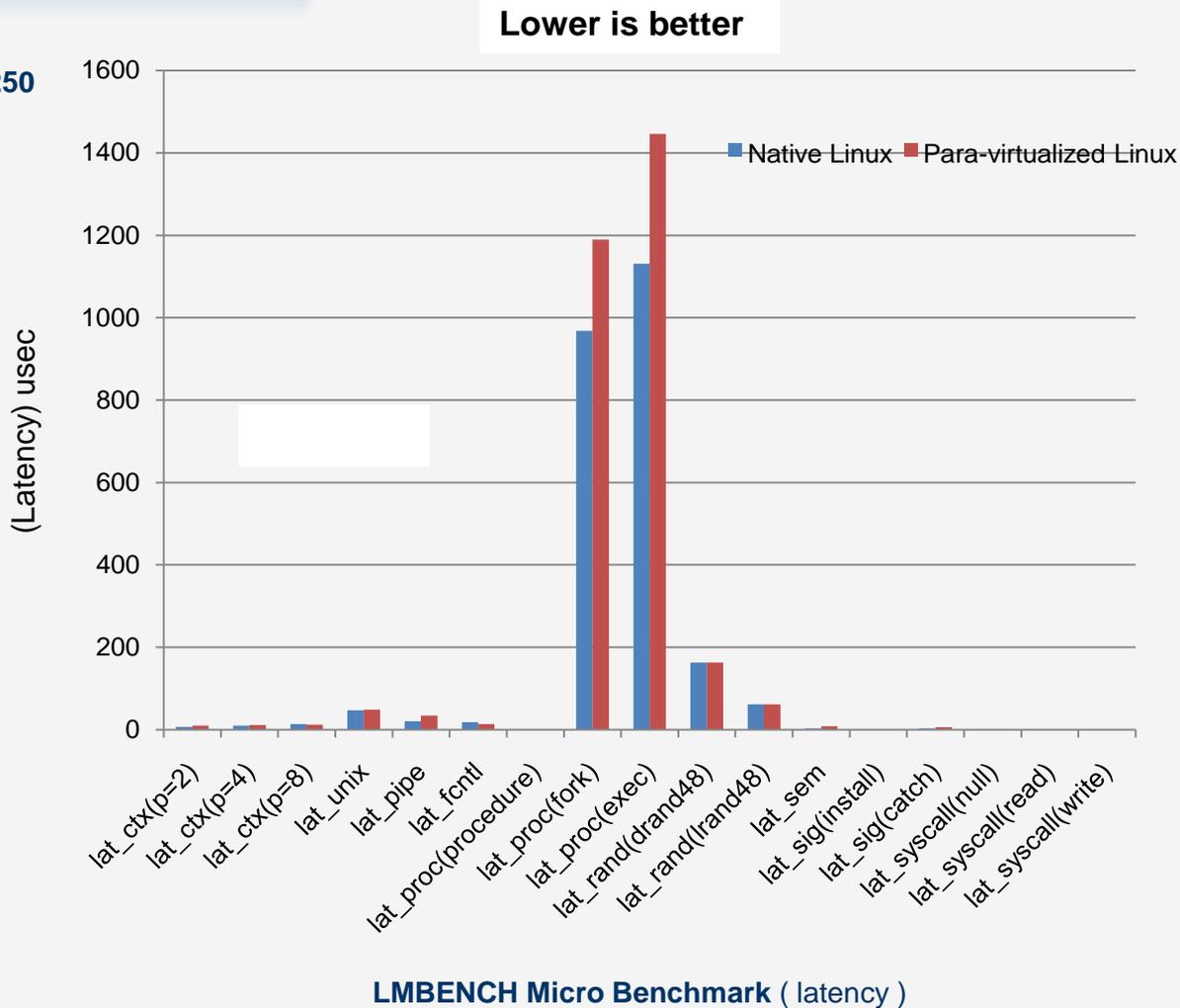
Performance Comparison

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▪ Evaluation Environments : nVidia Tegra250

- CPU : Cortex-A9 1GHz Dual Core
- L1 Cache : 32KB + 32KB
- L2 Cache : 1MB
- Memory : 1GB
- Guest OS: Linux-2.6.29



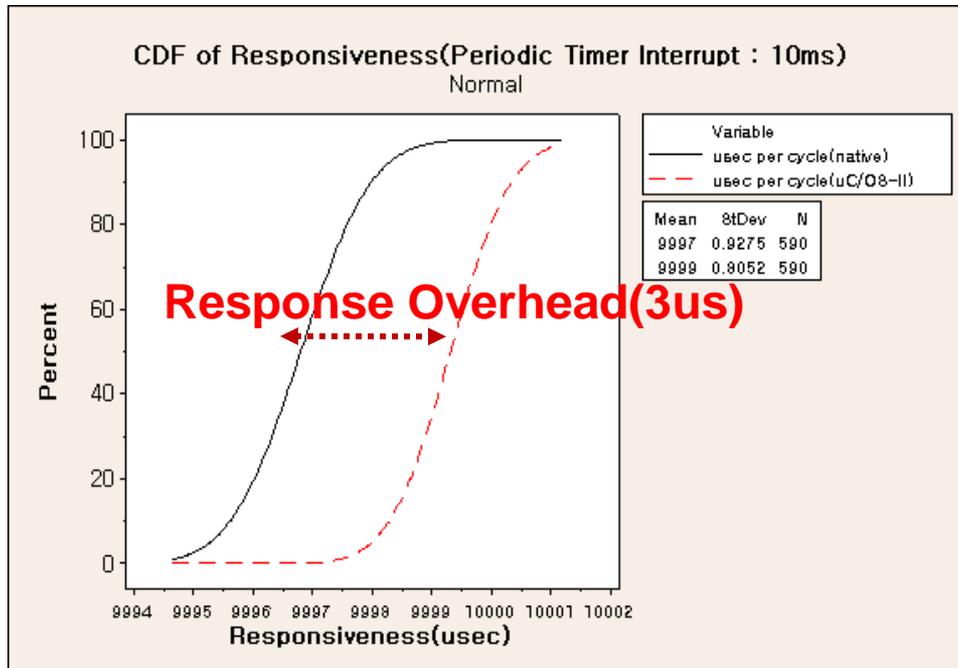
Real-time Performance

- Evaluation Environment

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- Cyclictest benchmark repeats

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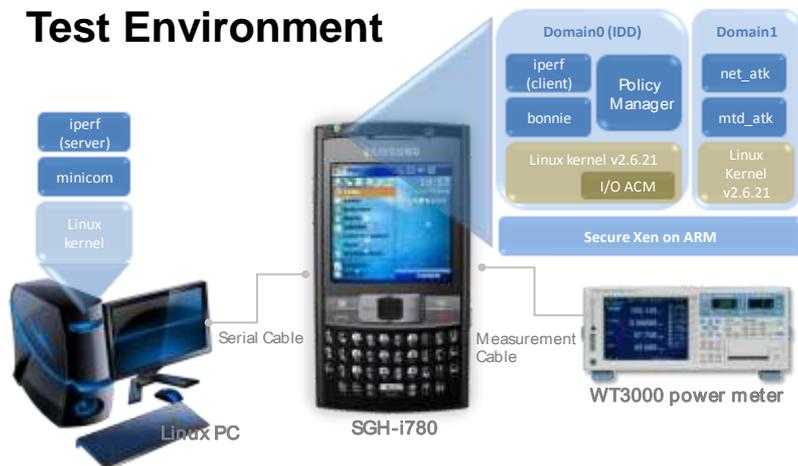
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Unit : usec



Effectiveness of Access Control

Test Environment



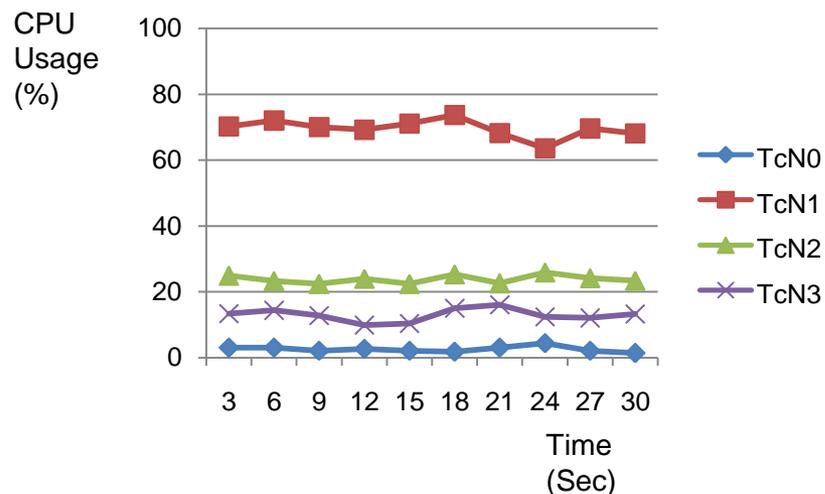
net_atk: UDP packet flooding (sending out UDP packets with the size of 44,160 bytes every 1000 usescs)

mtd_atk: overwhelming NAND READ operations (scanning every directory in the filesystem and reading file contents)

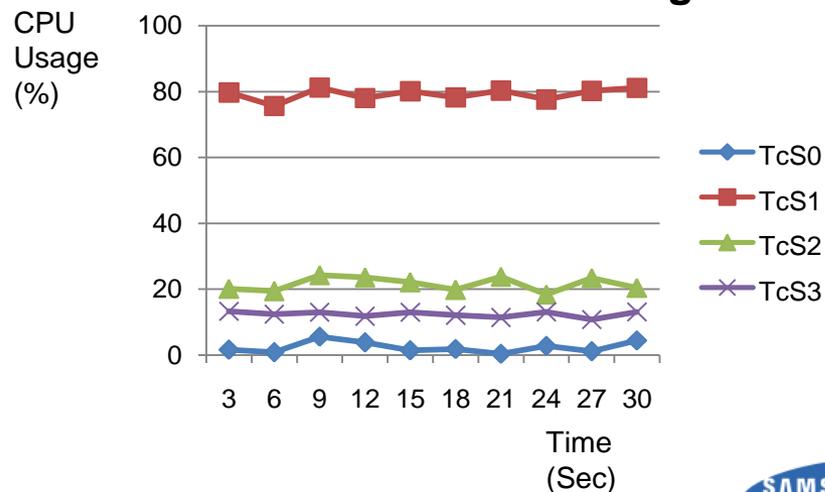
Test Cases

	Network I/O Test Cases	Storage I/O Test Cases
No Attack	TcN0	TcS0
Under Attack (No I/O ACM)	TcN1	TcS1
Under Attack (20% I/O ACM Policy)	TcN2	TcS2
Under Attack (10% I/O ACM Policy)	TcN3	TcS3

CPU Utilization: Network

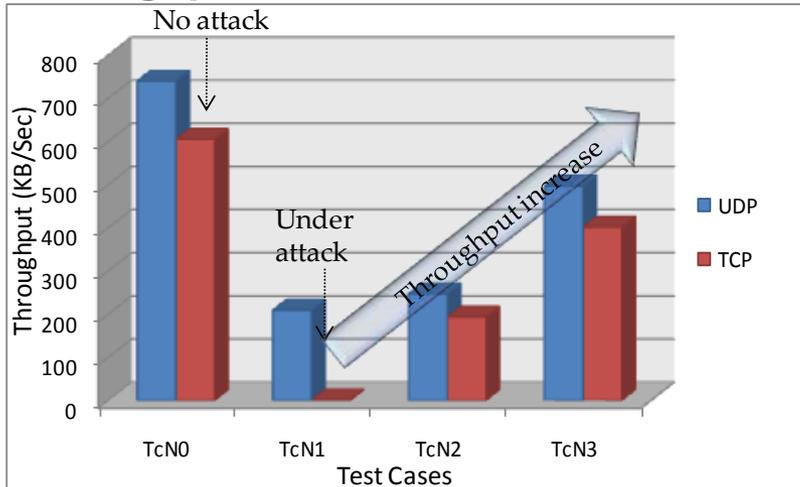


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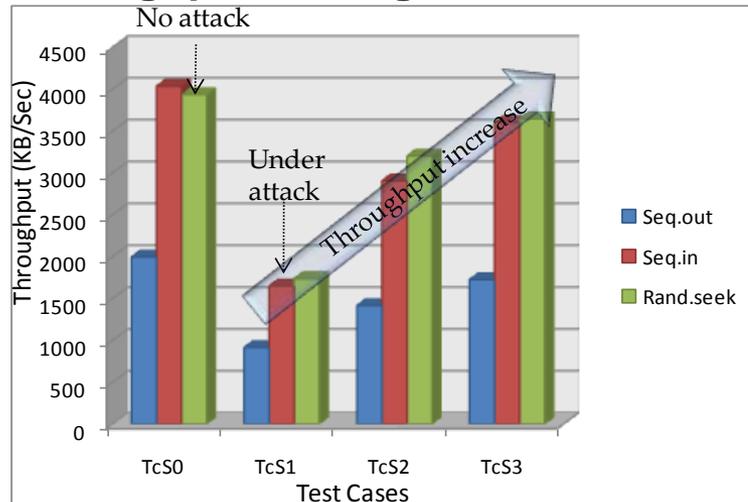
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Throughput: Network

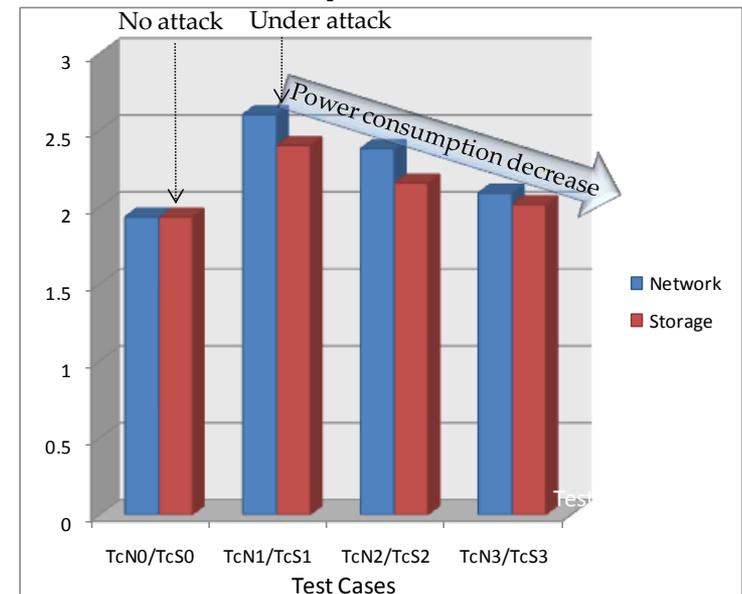


- Effectiveness of our access control: **throughput increase** and **power consumption decrease** even under malware attack

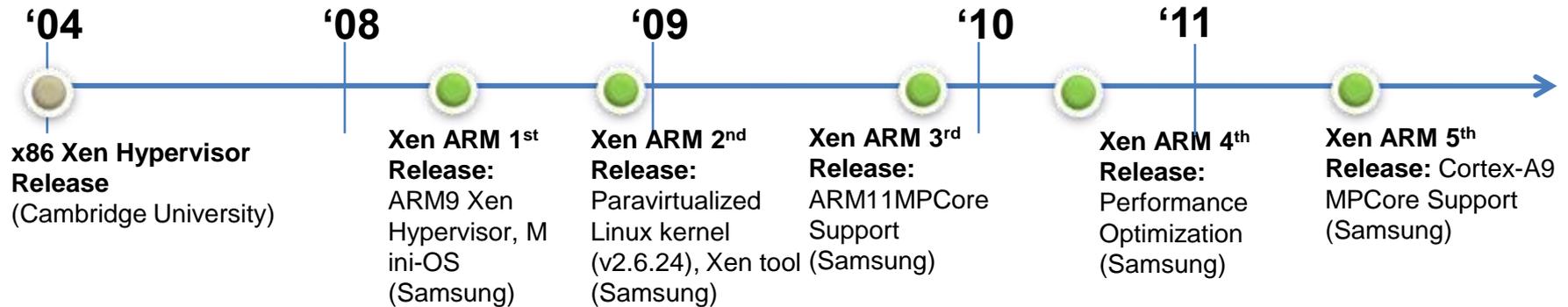
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Power Consumption



History of Xen ARM



Xen ARM Open Source Community

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- <http://wiki.xensource.com/xenwiki/XenARM>

Supported Hardware & Guest OS(Stand-alone Version)

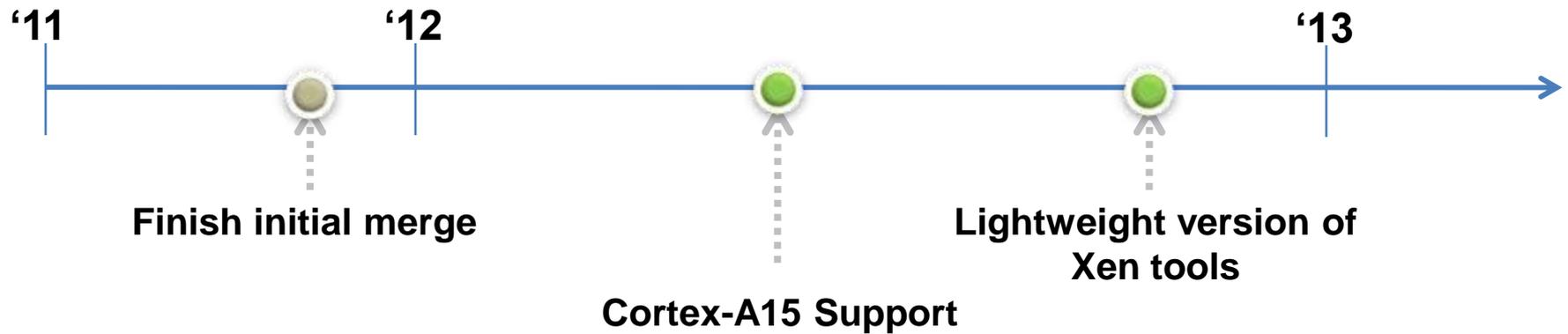
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- ARM926EJ-S (i.MX21, OMAP5912)
- Xscale 3rd Generation Architecture (PXA310, Samsung SGH- i780)
- ARM1136/ARM1176(Core Only)
- Goldfish (EQMU Emulator)
- Versatile Platform Board
- ARM11MPCore (Realview PB11MP)
- Tegra250

- Linux v2.6.11, v2.6.18, v2.6.21, v2.6.24, v2.6.27 (multicore supported)
- uC/OS-II

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Future Roadmap of Xen ARM



Mainline Merging

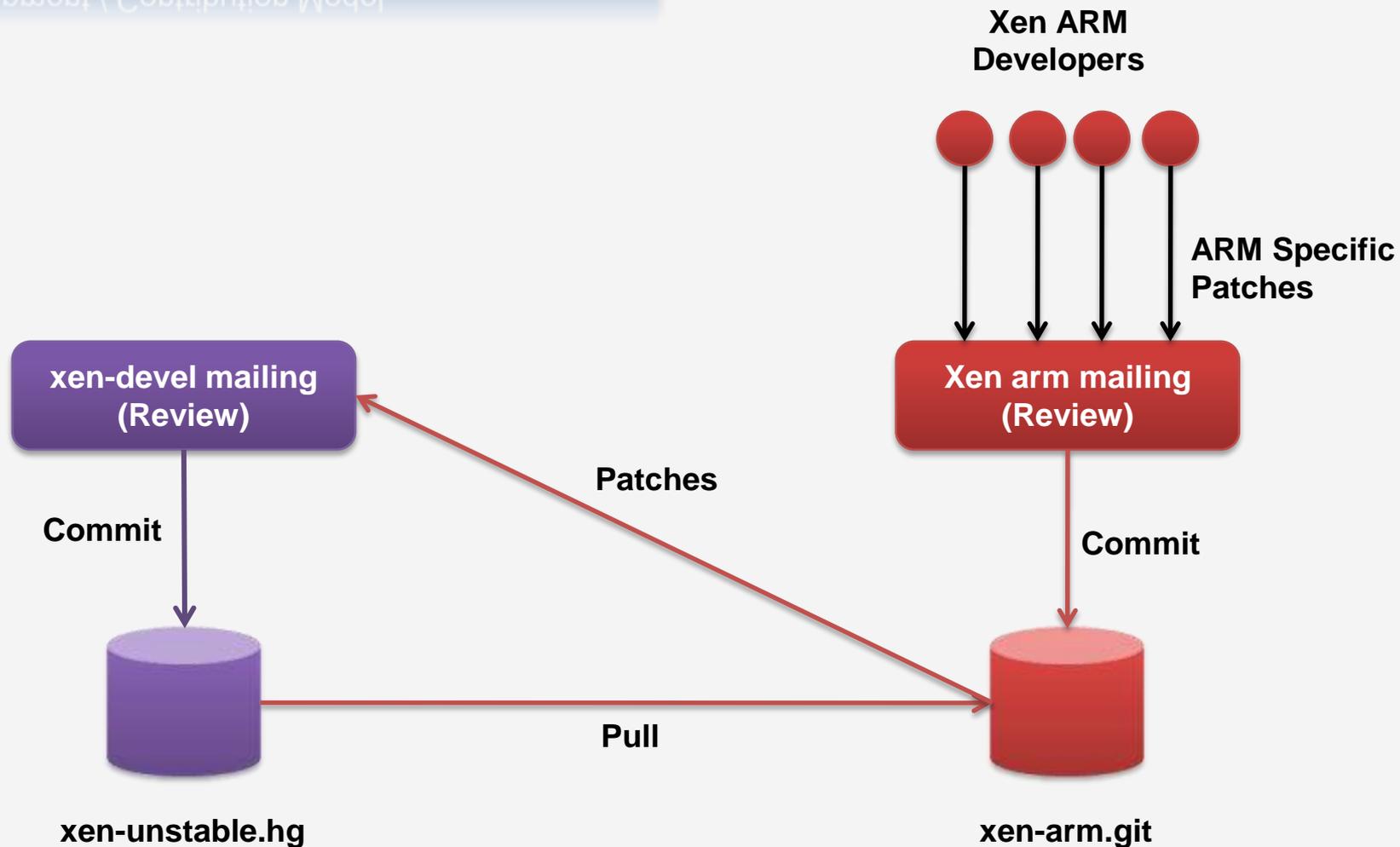
Mainline Merging

- **Integration of Xen ARM with mainline (80% completed)**
 - Rebased on the recent xen-unstable.hg
 - Many parts of the Xen ARM has been rewritten for the integration.
- **Dynamic domheap allocation**
 - Support of “pseudo-physical to machine translation” is ongoing.
- **Dynamic xenheap expansion**
 - Xenheap could be expanded on demand
 - Initially Xen ARM reserves 1MB(1 Section) of memory for heap

Xen ARM Development / Contribution Model

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● Xen-Tools

- Porting to ARM architecture is required
 - Currently libxc does not support ARM architecture.

● Real-time

- Implementing Real-time Scheduler
 - How does the VMM know which domain requires real-time scheduling?
- Implementing VMM Preemption
 - How to minimize interrupts and event latency within the view of VM? (for VM perspective)

● Access Control



Thank You !

Issue: Xen-Tools

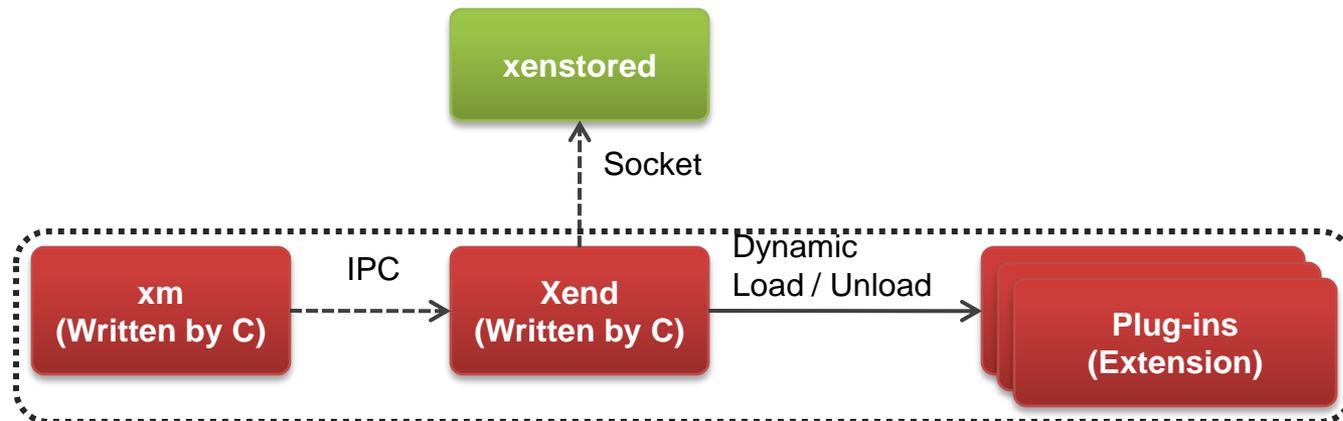


Lightweight version of Xen-tools

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- Python-based xend/xm too heavy for small devices.
- Lightweight version of xend/xm for embedded devices
 - Adopt Plug-in architecture
 - To avoid re-compilation when new virtual device introduced.

	Python-based Xm/Xend	
Memory Usage	Several tens of MB	Several hundreds of KB.
Latency	Several seconds	< 1 second



Issue: Real-time vs. Throughput

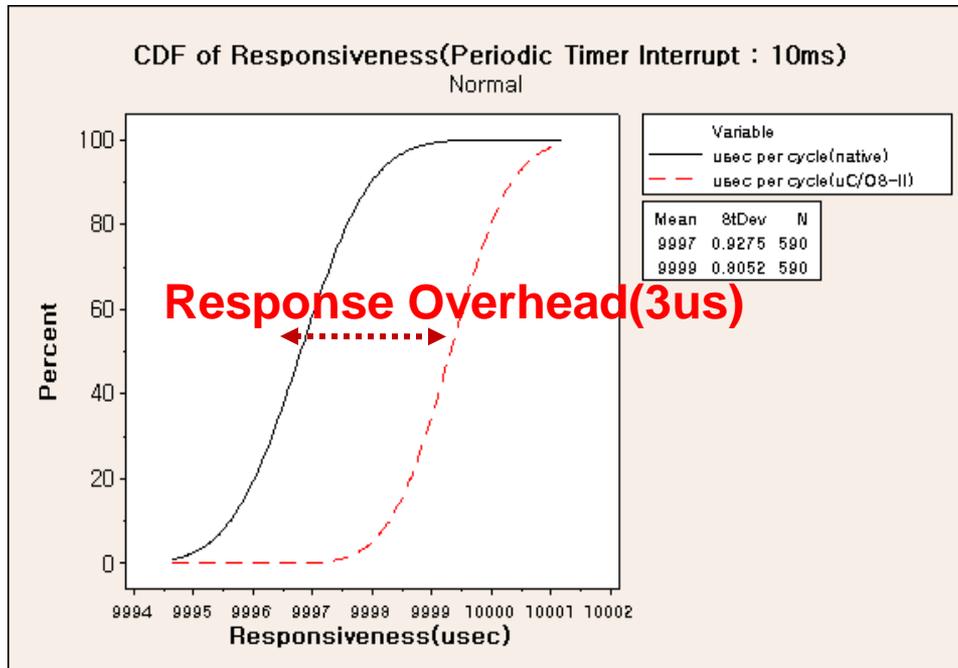


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	sHype[SAI05]	XSM [COK06]	Xen ARM ACM
Access Control Policies	Flexible based on Flask(TE and Chinese Wall)	Flexible based on Flask(TE and Chinese Wall, RBAC, MLS, and MCS)	Flexible based on Flask(TE and proprietary policy)
Objects of Access Control	Virtual resources and domain management	Physical/virtual resources and domain management	Physical/virtual resources and domain management
Protection against mobile malware-based DoS attacks	N/A	N/A	Memory, battery, DMA, and event channels are controlled by ACM
Access control to objects in each guest domain	Enforced by ACM at VMM	Enforced by ACM at VMM	Enforced by ACM at each domain(for performance reason)
Etc			Xen ARM specific hooks

Comparison of ARM vs. x86 Virtualizability



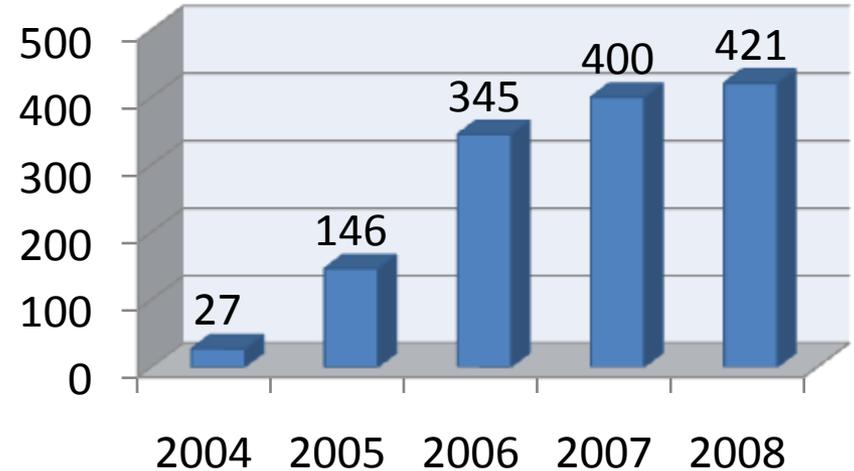
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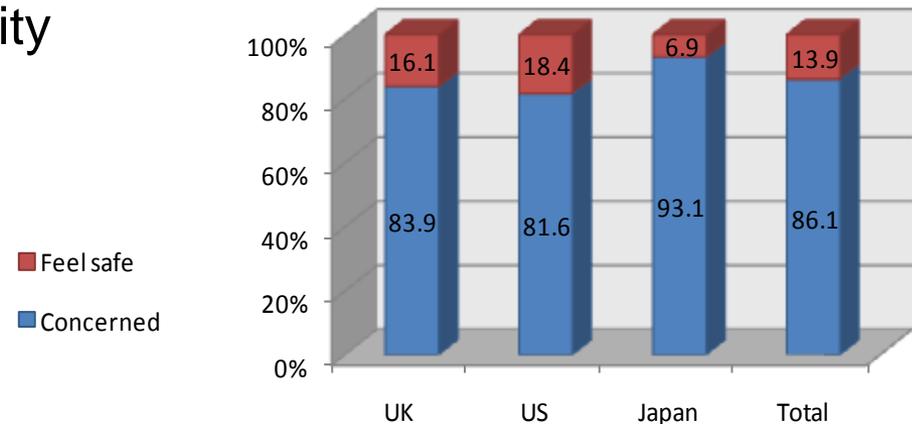
	x86	ARM
Ring Compression (Protection mechanisms)	Segmentation and Paging	Paging and Domain Protection
Cache Architecture	PIPT	VIVT / VIPT / PIPT
I/O	I/O Instructions + memory-mapped I/O	Only memory-mapped I/O
# of privilege levels	4	2

Mobile Malware

[Source: F-Secure]



[Source: McAfee]



- Number of mobile malware
 - More than 420 mobile phone viruses (2008)
 - Tens of thousands of infections worldwide

- Concerns about mobile phone security
 - by market

Current Status of Xen ARM

Changeset

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Common files which have been modified

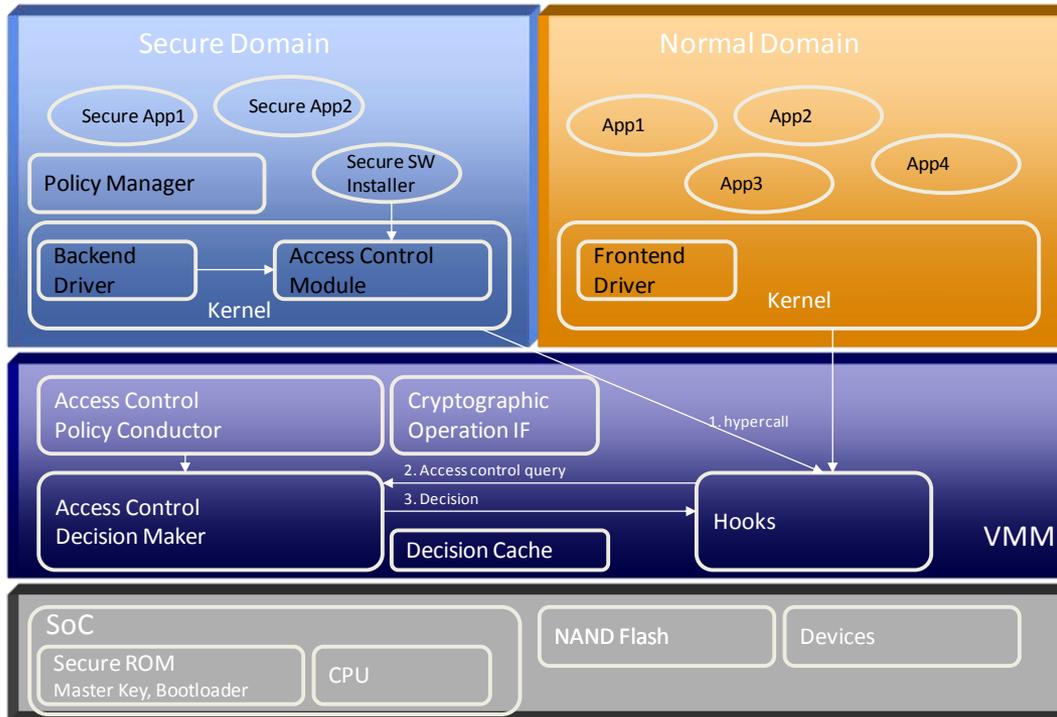
Directory	File	Comment
xen	Rules.mk	- override TARGET_SUBARCH := \$(XEN_TARGET_ARCH) + override TARGET_SUBARCH := \$(XEN_TARGET_SUBARCH)
xen/common	page_alloc.c	Add reserve_boot_pages() function
xen/drivers	Makefile	Exclude x86 dependent device drivers when Xen is built for ARM architecture
xen/include/public	Xen.h	Add preprocessor macros to include arch-arm.h header file.
xen/include/xen	libelf.h	Add preprocessor macros to support ARM architecture.

New files

- We wrote xxx files for ARM architecture

Xen ARM Access Control

- Protect unauthorized access to system resources from a compromised domain



- 37 access control enforcers in hypercalls
- Flexible architecture based on Flask
 - Currently, 5 access control models supported (TE, BLP, Biba, CW, Samsung Proprietary)
- Access control of the resources
 - Physical resources (TE, Samsung Proprietary)
 - Memory, CPU, I/O space, IRQ
 - Virtual resources (TE, BLP, Biba)
 - Event-channel, grant table
 - Domain management (CW)
 - Domain creation/destroy