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Containers versus Virtualization

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Agenda

- Venting
- Tech Overview
- Workload Classification
- Cold War ?
- Performance Data Roundup

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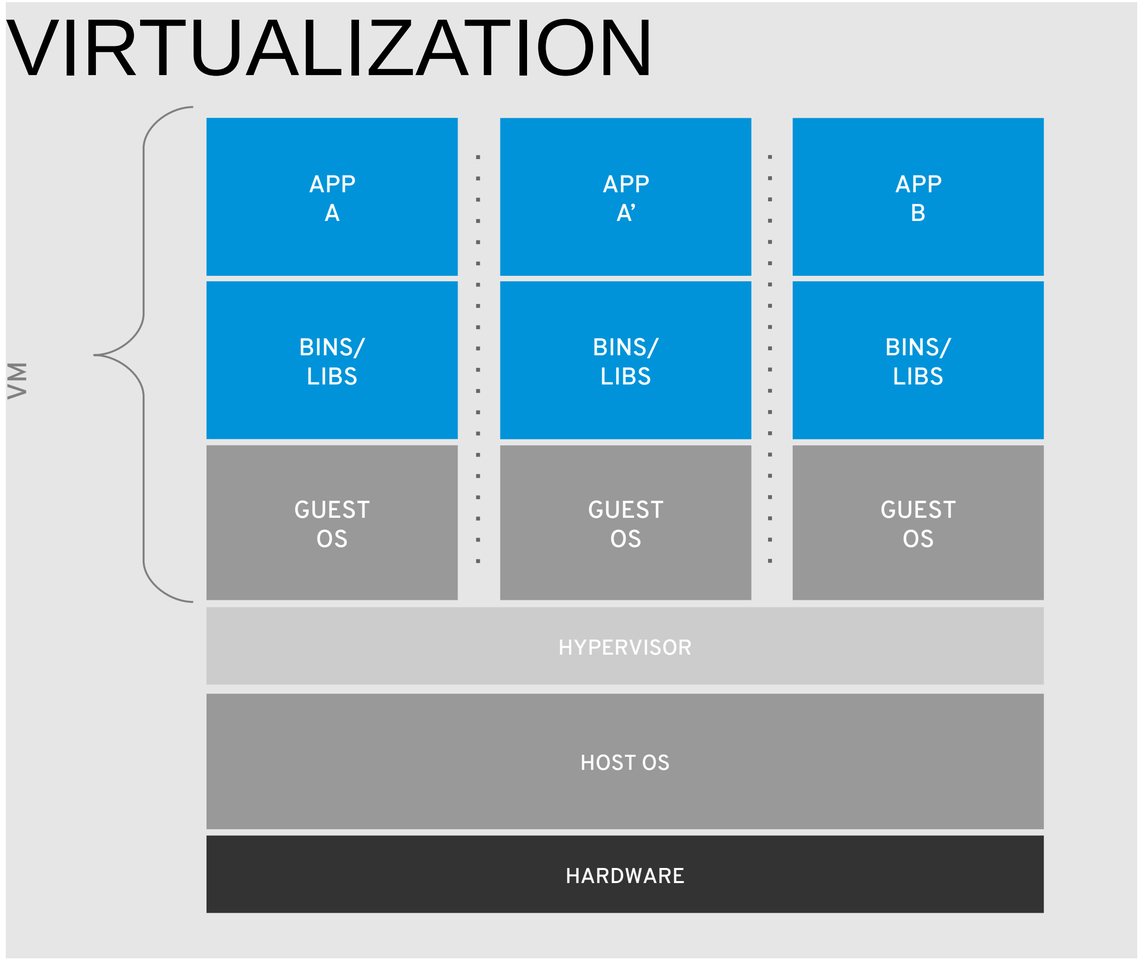
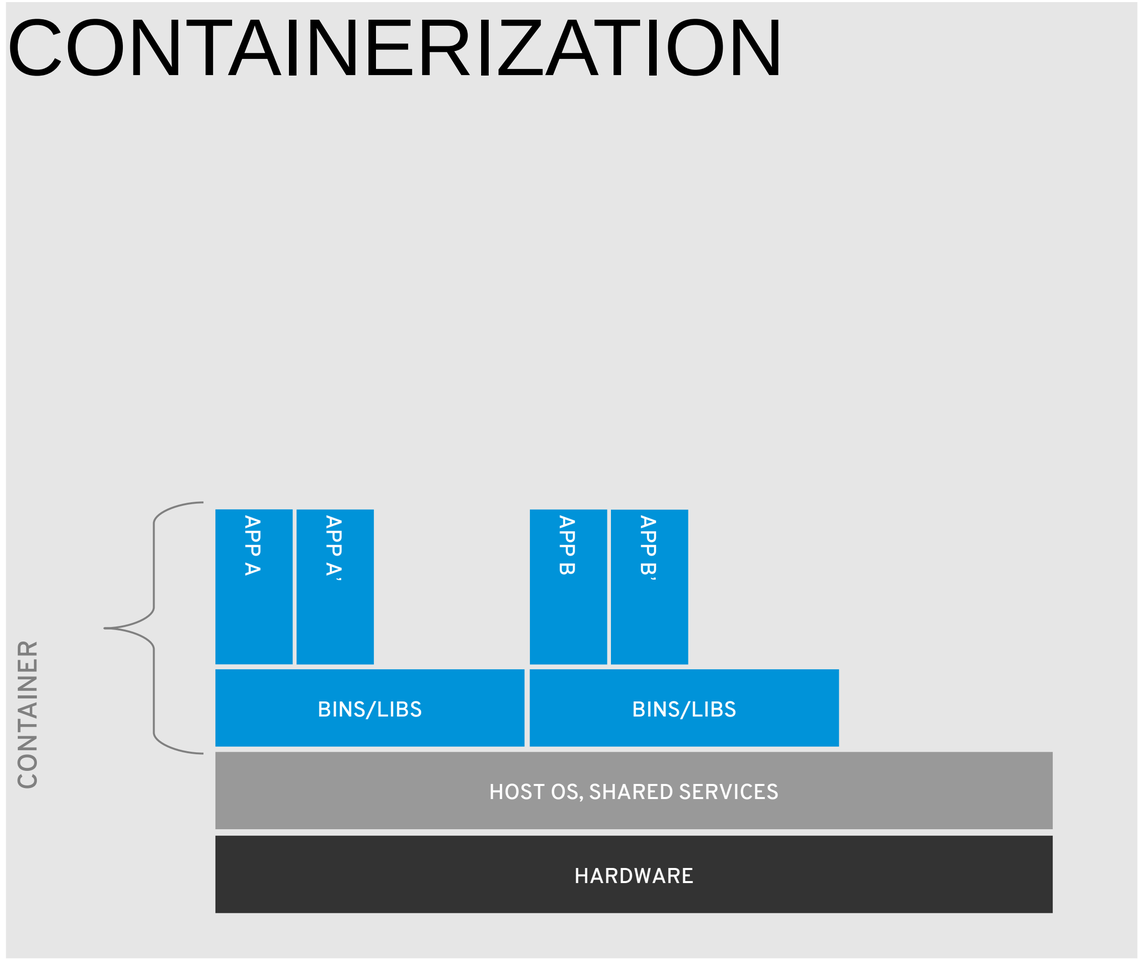
TOP 5 MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT CONTAINERS

1. Containers are new.
2. Containers equal virtualization.
3. Containers are universally portable.
4. Containers are secure by default.
5. Containers are not enterprise-ready.

VIRTUALIZATION AND CONTAINERS





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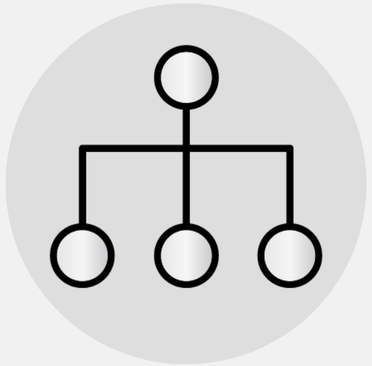
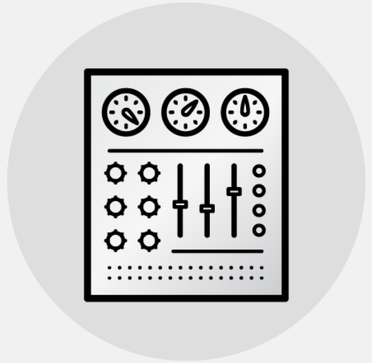


Centralized Management of KVM Hypervisor

Self-Service User Portal



VM Workload Management

Differentiating Features

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WHAT ABOUT DENSITY?

“For every VM, you can run 10 billion containers.” -- Internet

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How many containers will you run on one OS instance ?

- 1
- 10
- 50
- 100
- > 100

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WHAT ABOUT DENSITY?

“This may be the most misleading stat ever.” -- Me

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Get off my lawn!

Because it’s ALL about the workloads

- Some don’t care where they run
  - Batch workloads
- Some care greatly
  - Security/Isolation
  - Uptime
  - Performance

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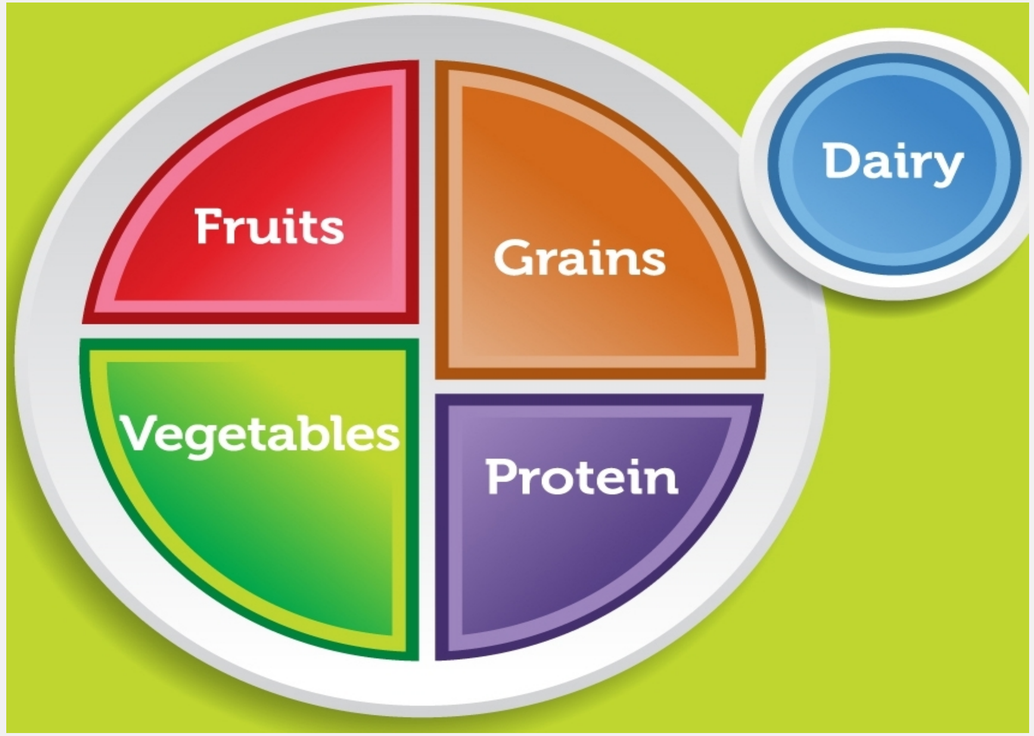
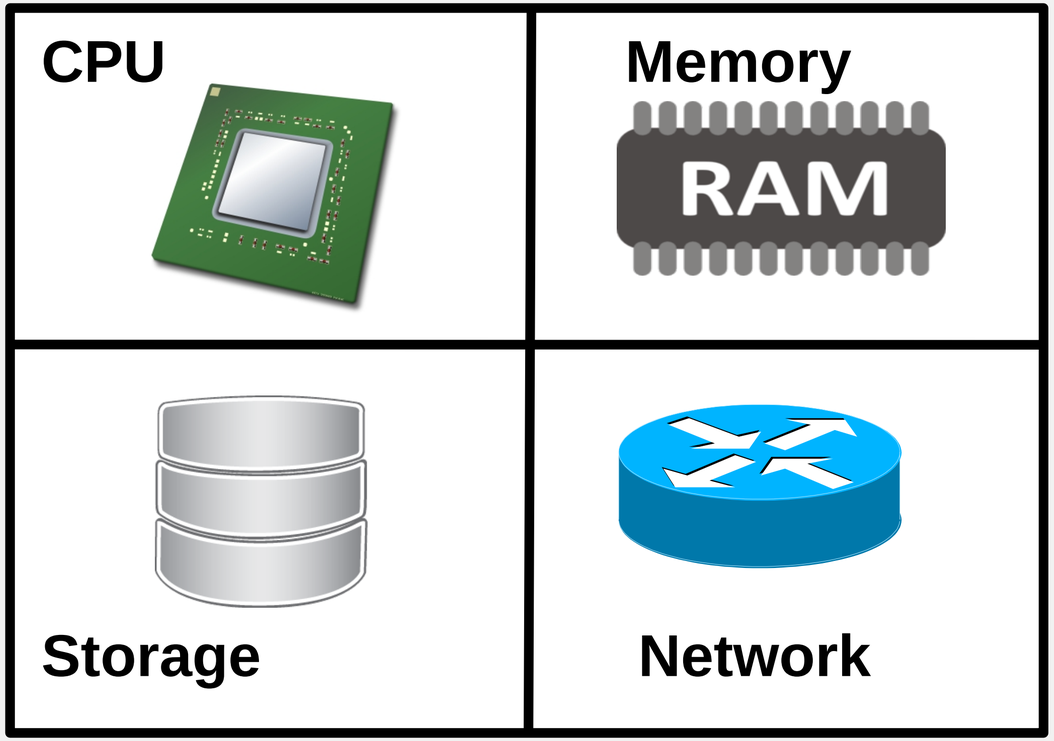
What is a workload? Subsystems





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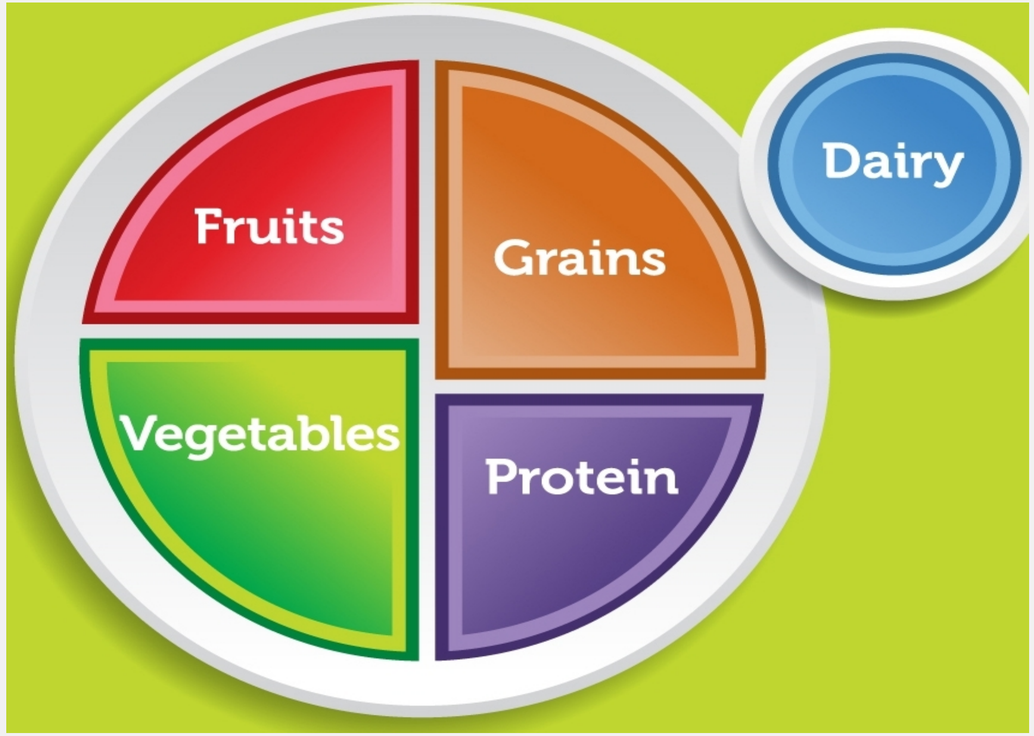
What is a workload? Requirements



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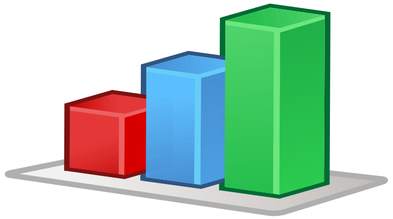 **Performance**	 **Support**

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Culture, Control

I WANT CHANGE

Code Down (Dev)

versus

Infra Up (Ops)

I WANT STABILITY

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WHEN WILL YOU MAKE SOMETHING THAT MATTERS?

WHEN WILL YOU MAKE SOMETHING COOL?

CONTAINERS VERSUS VIRTUALIZATION:

NEW COLD WAR ?

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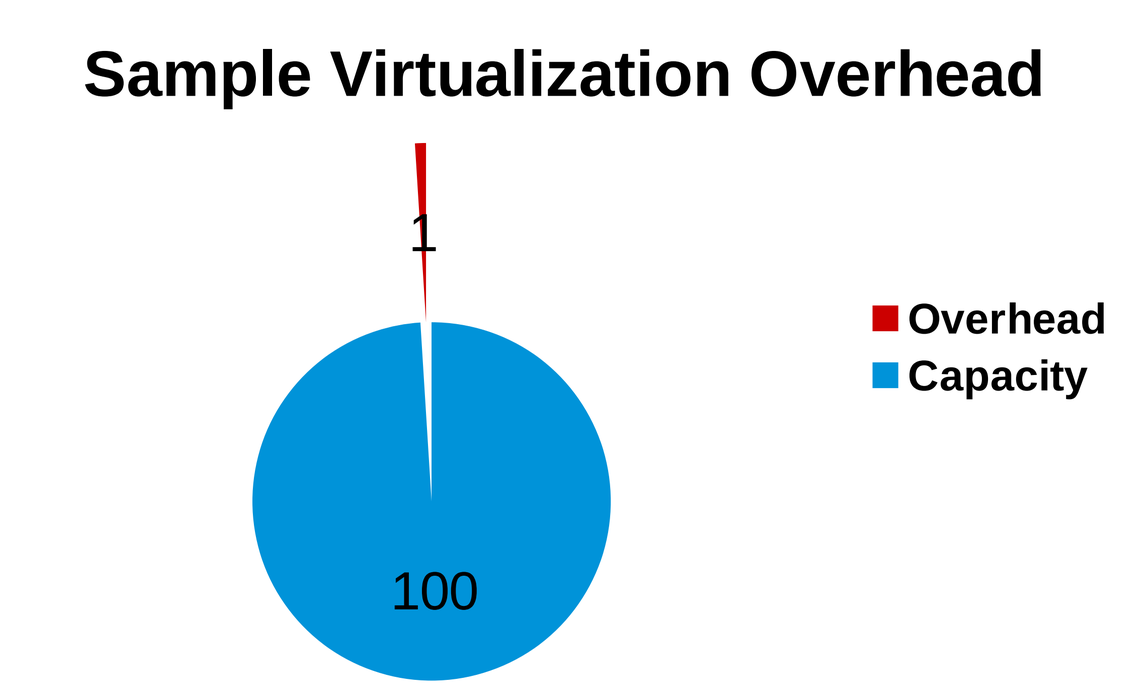
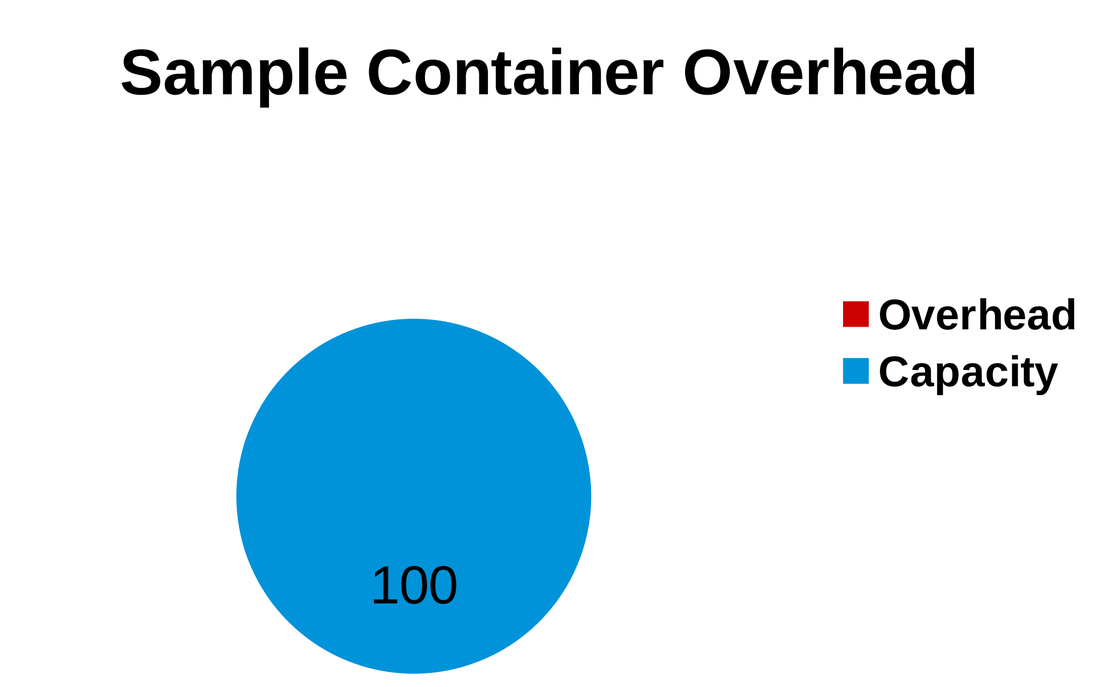
Minimum Overheads





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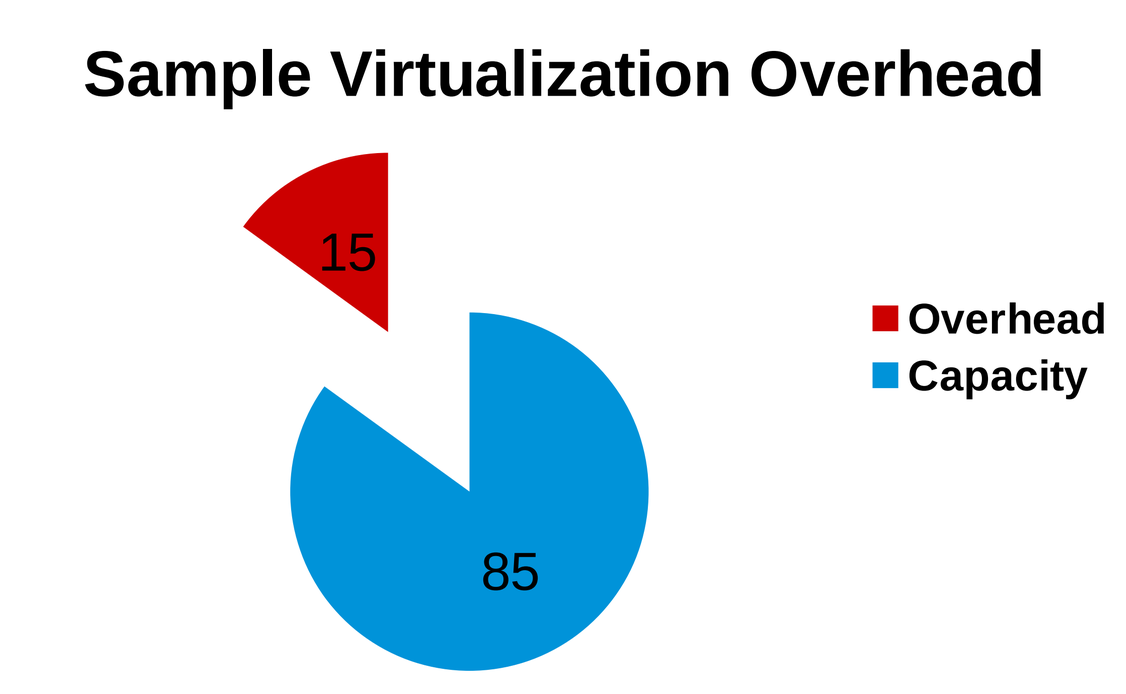

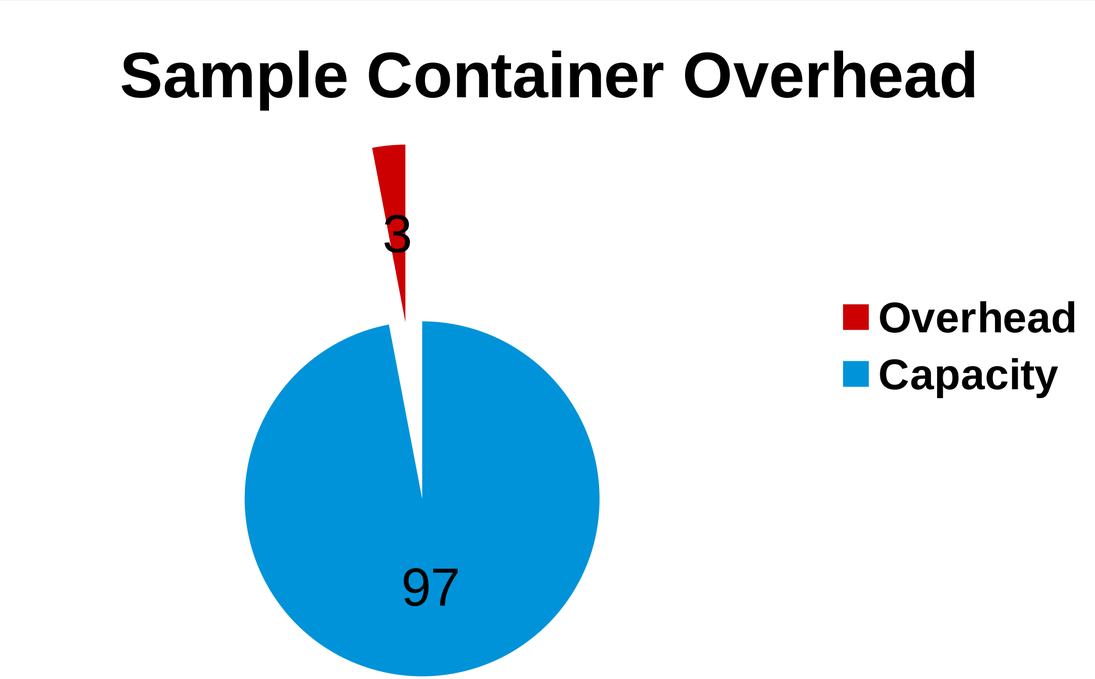

Reducing Overhead in VMs

Workload	Mitigation
CPU-intensive	•CPU Pinning •Avoid syscalls •Setup NUMA topology in-Guest
Memory-heavy	•Use hugepages •NUMA Pinning •Setup Hugepages in-Guest
Network (Latency)	•SR-IOV •PCI Passthrough •Busy Poll
Network (Throughput)	•Not normally an issue
Storage (Latency)	•Increase threads •virtio-blk-dataplane coming soon
Storage (Throughput)	•Not normally an issue

CONTAINERS VERSUS VIRTUALIZATION:

PERFORMANCE DATA ROUND-UP

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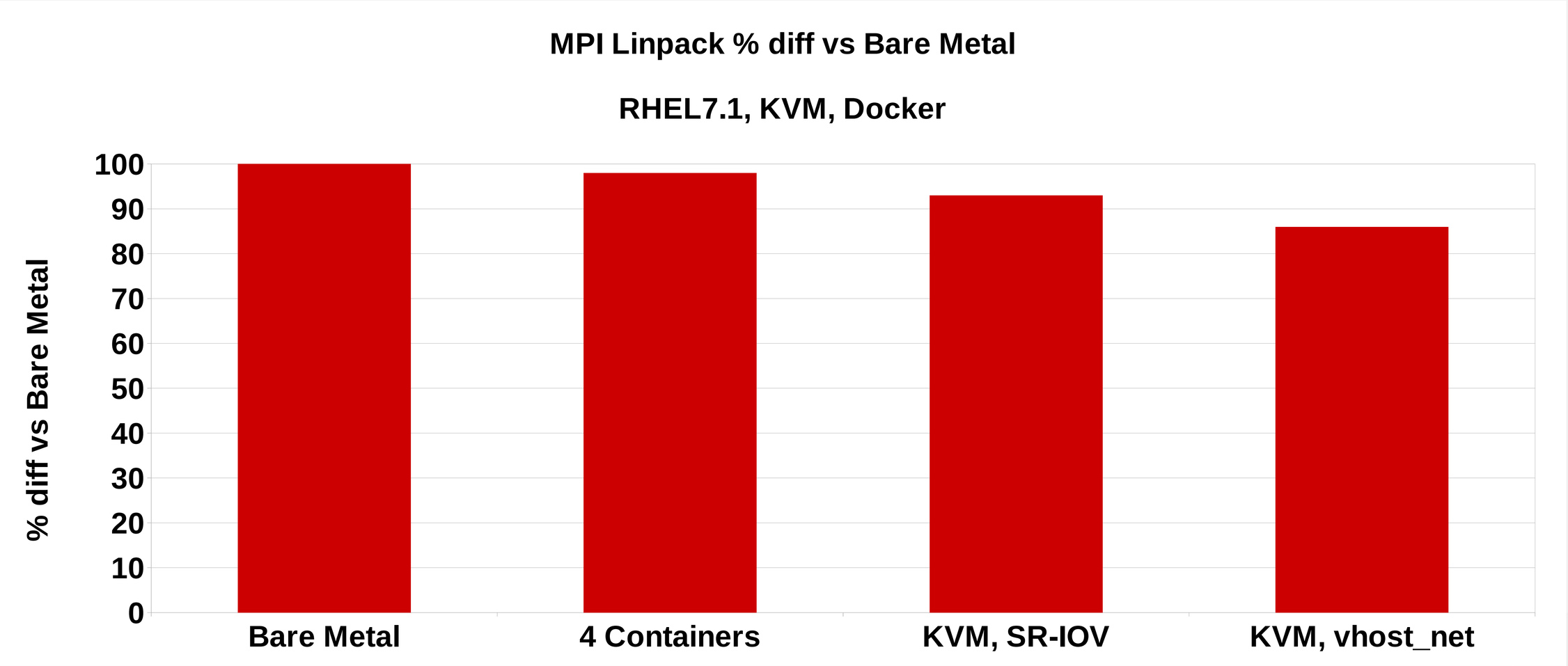
CPU Tests: MPI LINPACK



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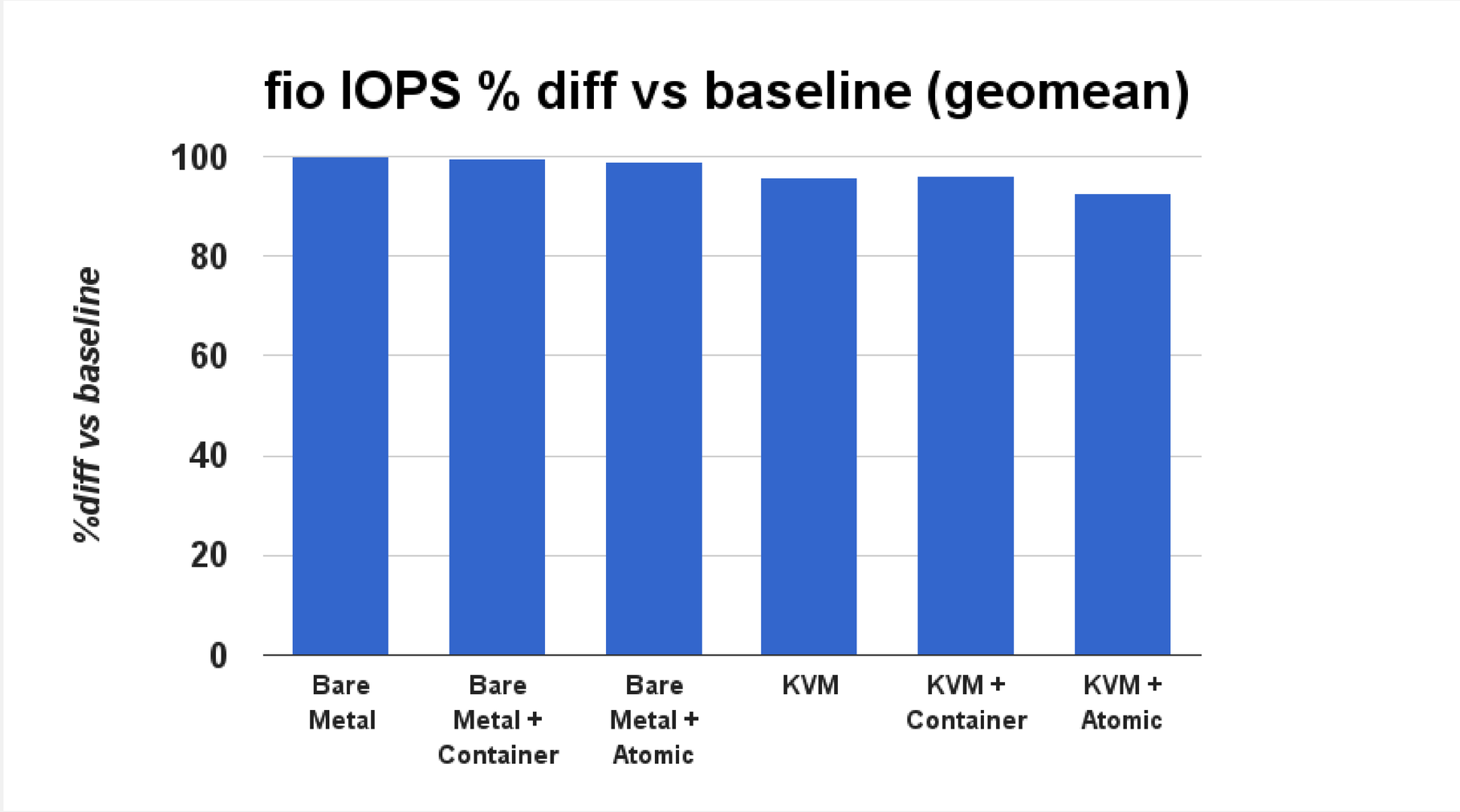
I/O Tests: fio … Bare Metal, KVM, Atomic, Docker



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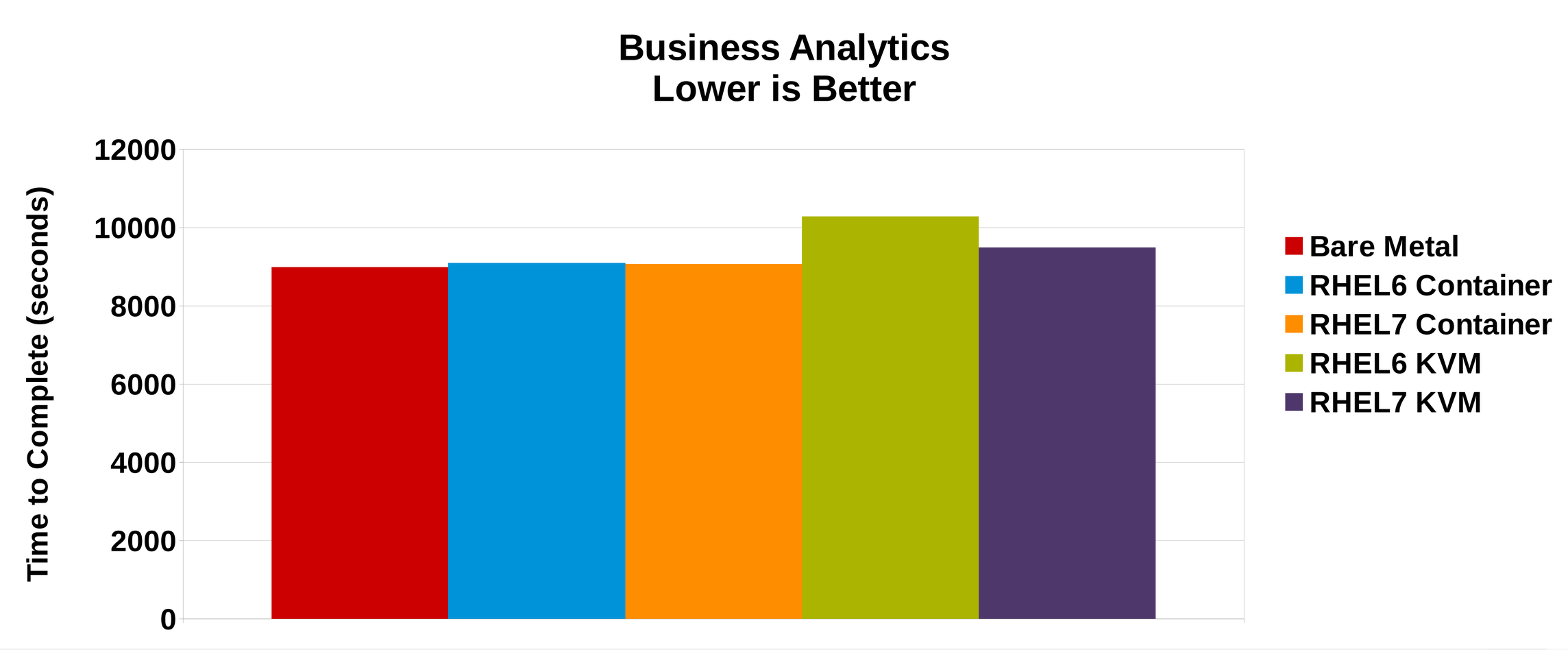
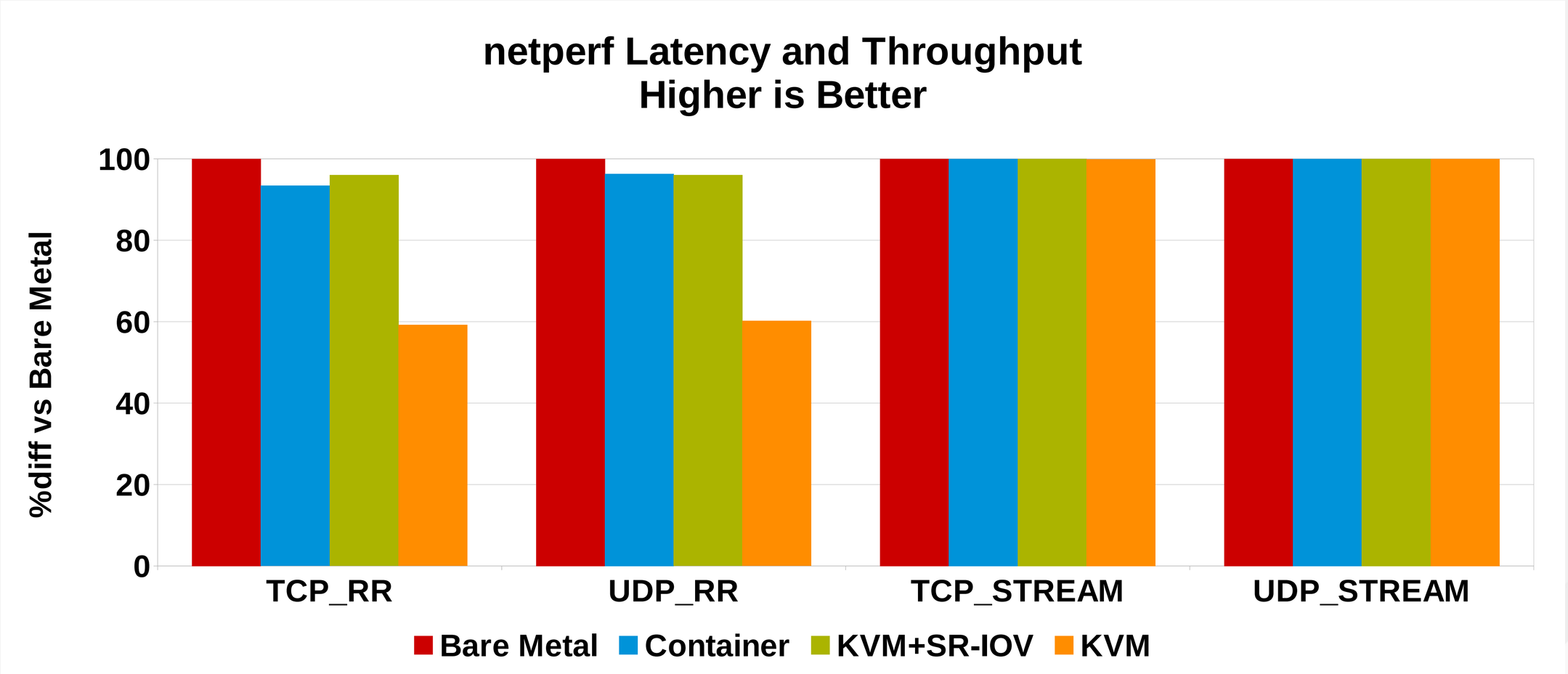
Application Tests: Business Analytics



Network Latency and Throughput



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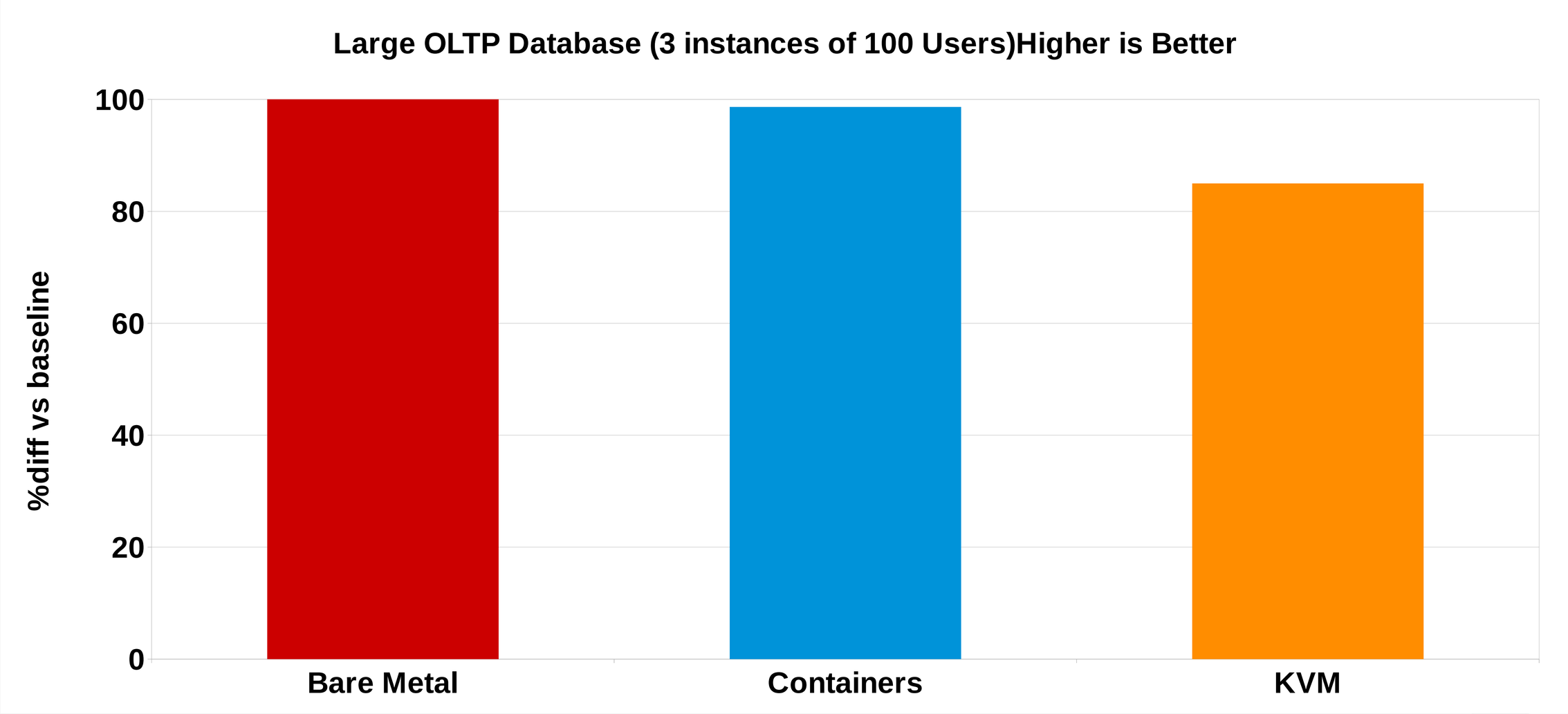
Large OLTP Database, BM vs Container vs KVM



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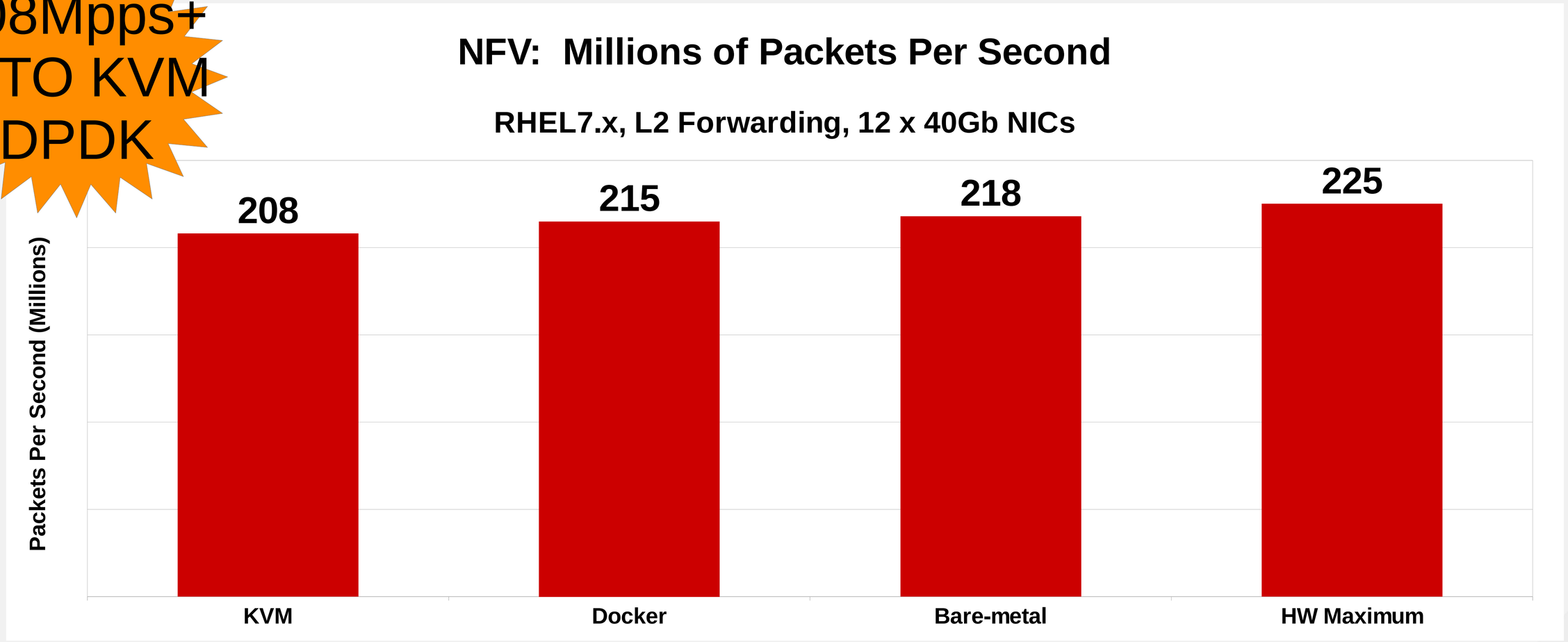
Network Function Virtualization (NFV) Throughput and Packets/sec (RHEL7.x+DPDK)

208Mpps+ INTO KVM DPDK



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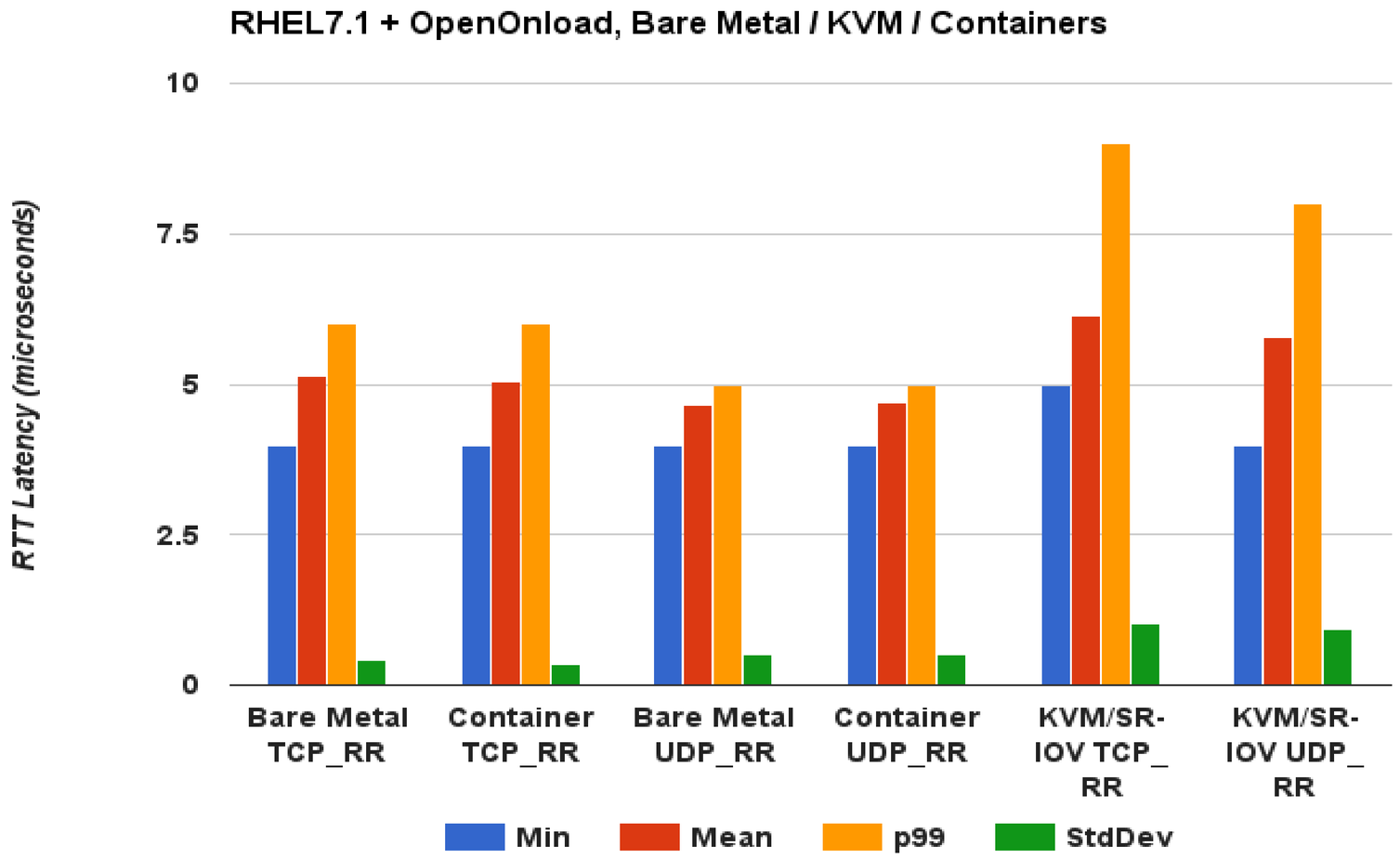
RHEL7.1 + Solarflare OpenOnload Bare Metal / KVM / Containers



- Lower is better
- Alternative kernel-bypass mechanism to DPDK

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Workload Classification

Workload	Bare Metal	Containers	KVM
CPU-bound			
Memory Intensive			
Disk Latency			
Disk Throughput			
Network Latency			
Network Throughput			
Security			
Uptime (Live Migration)			
Deployment Speed			
Alternative OS			

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