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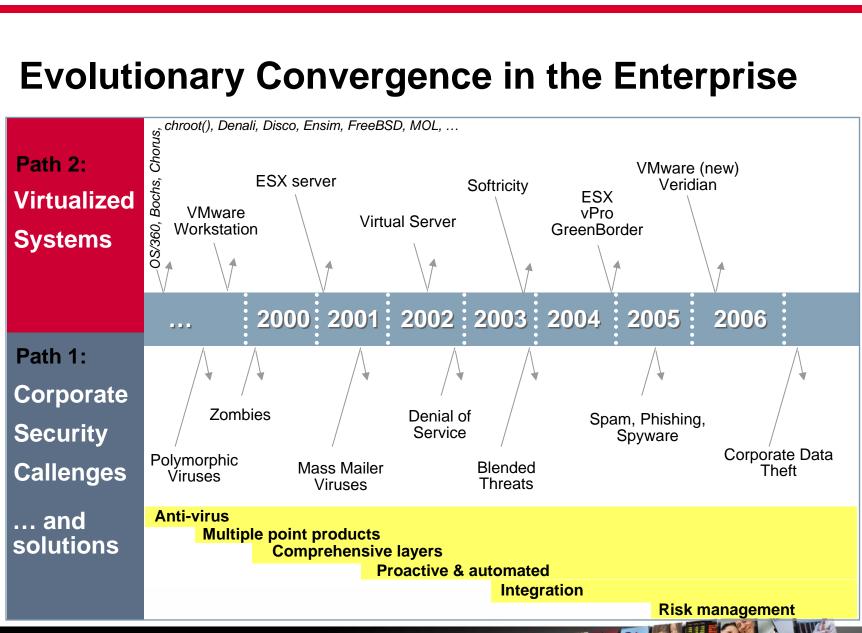
## **Secure Virtualization**

Virtualization Congerges with Security for Bright New Future

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#### **Evolutionary Convergence in the Enterprise**



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### Two Models for Virtualizing Hardware

Host OS-Based

Hypervisor-Based

(Layered Model)

#### **Virtual Machine 1 Virtual Machine 2**

Applications
Applications
Virtual Drivers
Virtual Machine Monitor
Host Operating System

Hardware

BIOS

L5: Virtual Machine Monitor

L4: Vertical Functions — Security and Networking

**L3: Horizontal Functions** — Management

**L2: Specific Hardware Enhancements** 

L1: Hypervisor and Platform Resources



## Why Virtualization?

Virtualization hardware and software is free

Moore's Law

Virtual servers (and clients) need embedded protection

Faster provisioning of security functionality

Policy compliance

User activity monitoring



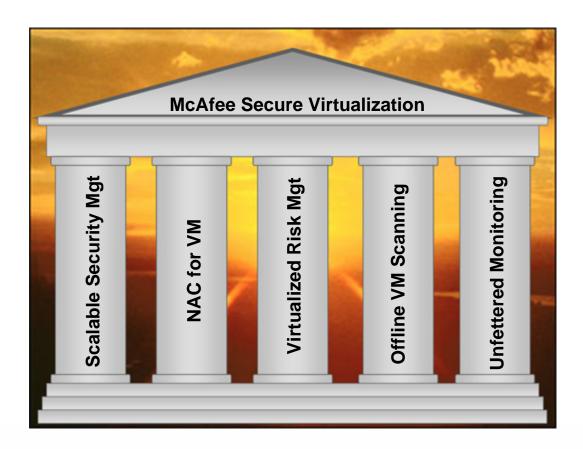
Targeted and financially motivated attacks

Malware and users that disable security software

Cloaked rootkits

#### The Convergence .... "Secure Virtualization"

# Architecture to Deliver Comprehensive Security & Compliance for Virtual Environments

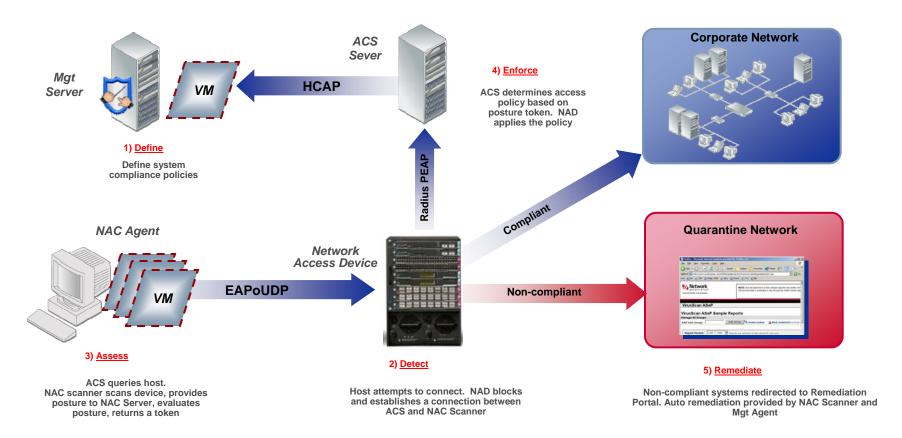


Details in white paper

"Uncompromising Security in Virtual Machines"

available at www.mcafee.com/virtualization

#### **NAC** for VM

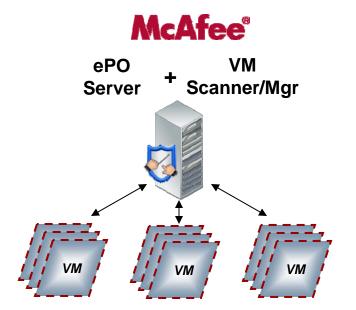


Virtualization assists with VM(s) buffering NAC Agent and serving as IPS in-line to security management server





#### Offline Scanning of VM Images



Offline scanning of dormant VMs in background keeps all images "fresh" and provisioned with latest patches, policies, versions.

**Multiple VMs** for running back-rev versions

**Multiple** (duplicate) VMs of main server image, for scalability

Multiple (duplicate) VMs of main server image, for backup

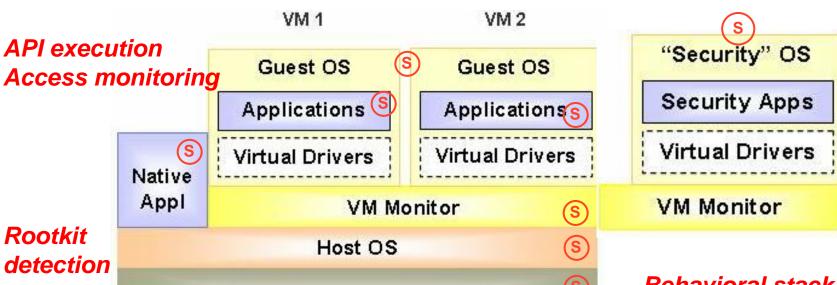
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## **Unfettered Monitoring**

#### Immutable systems monitoring

#### Stealth monitoring



Systems service invocation monitoring

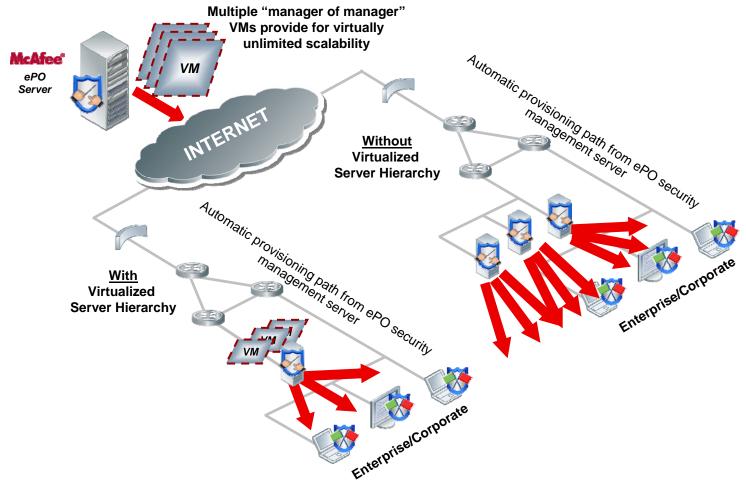
Hardware

Intra-API monitoring and plumb lining

Behavioral stack walking Monitoring of memory Execution profiling PatchGuard bypassing

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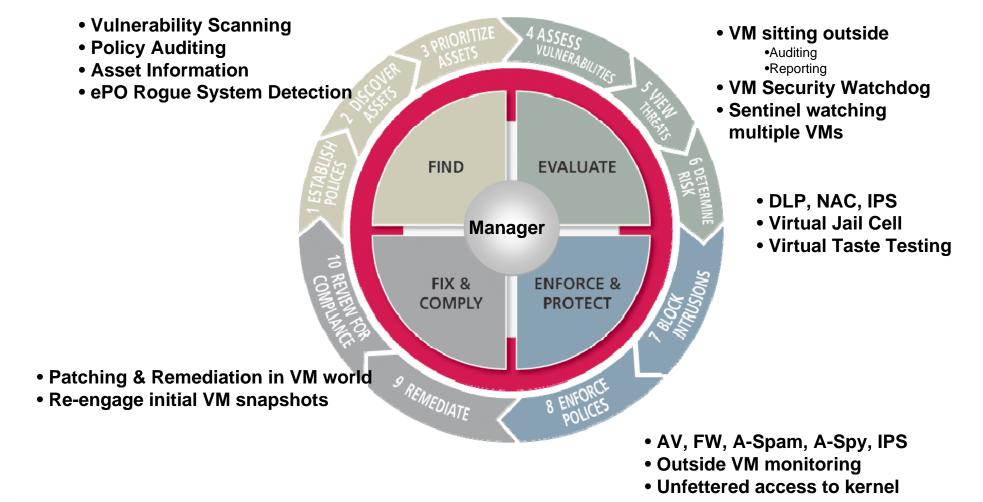
### **Scalable Security Management**



Benefits of reduced server hardware, more available servers, and immediacy of disaster/backups illustrate reduced costly and "tentacle-natured" provisioning in typical large corporate environments



#### "Virtualized-Enhanced" Risk Management





# "Core Virtualization" Features ... also Benefit SRM

- Initial Deployment
- Rollback
- Rapid deployment for targeted defenses
- Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity (CISSP tenets)



#### **Secure Virtualization ...**

# Protects consolidated workloads







Software isolation protects from tampering or to contain malware



Watchdogs for Security and compliance

All of these are on an as-needed, on-demand basis

#### Thank you ...

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