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## Electricity Supply Board (ESB)

Our transformation to meet current and future business needs.

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# Agenda



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- **Our Linux Transformation**
- **The Migration**
- **Future ESB Business Needs**

## About ESB



# About ESB...

## Generation and Trading



Generates electricity through Coal, Gas, Hydro, Wind etc.

## ESB Networks



Distributes the electricity generated from the stations around the country

## Electric Ireland



Sells the electricity to domestic and business customers in the Irish & UK market

## Some Additional Areas...

### Innovation



### Smart Energy Services

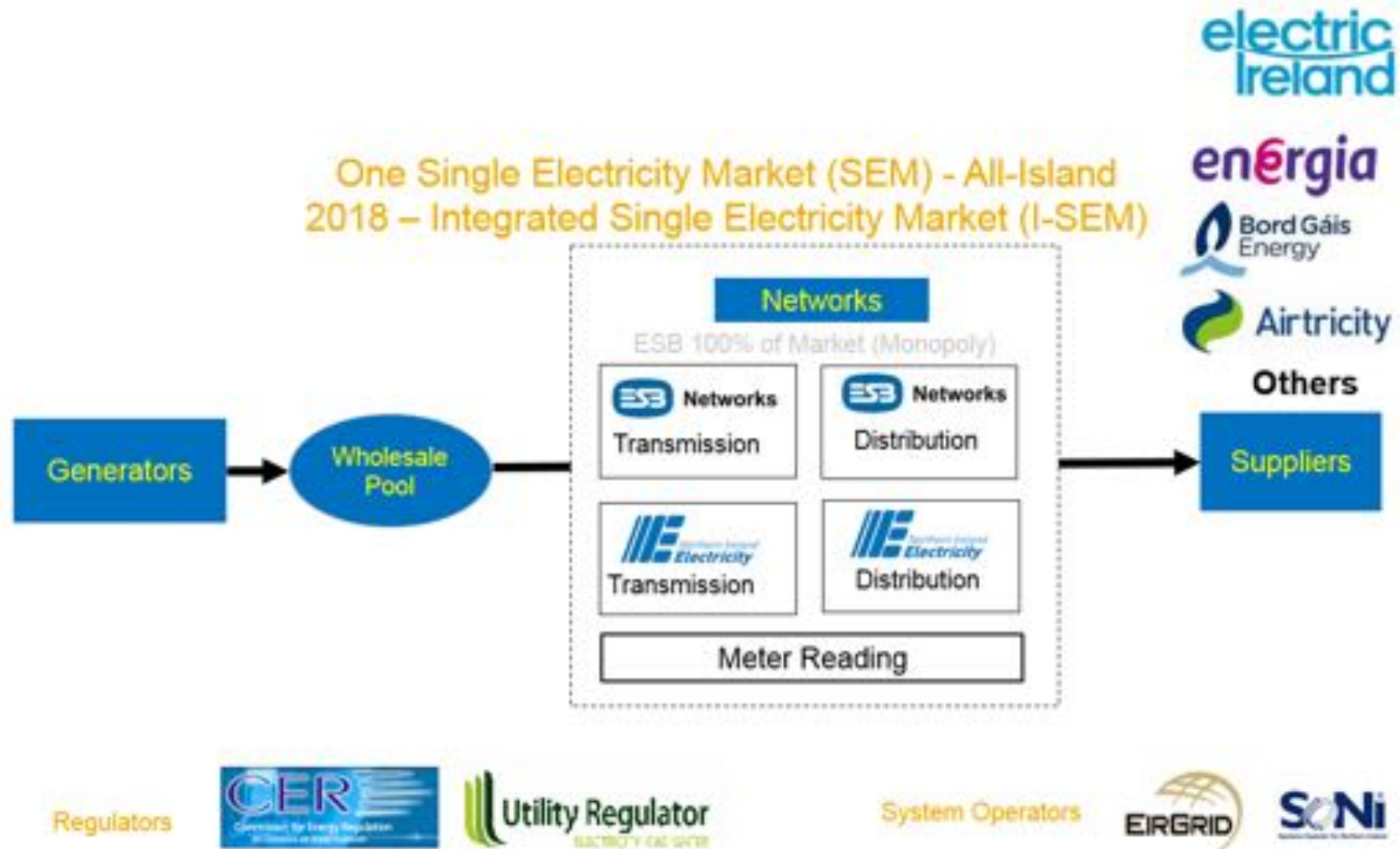


# Electricity Market...



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## One Single Electricity Market (SEM) - All-Island 2018 – Integrated Single Electricity Market (I-SEM)



# Our Linux Transformation

2014-2019





# Initial Scope...

ESB's SAP/DB2 Enterprise applications  
because...



Aix on  
PSeries

UNIX



Redhat  
Linux on  
x86\VMWare



# x86/Linux/VMware Expected Benefits

## Business Growth

- Scalability & Flexibility

## Business Agility

- Responding quickly to meet project demands and performance demands

## Reduce IT Costs

- Lower Cost Commodity hardware.
- Lower Cost Hardware & Software Maintenance

## Future Proofing

- According to Gartner Industry Trends, market trends showing AIX are in decline (20%), where as x86/Linux platforms are growing their market share (80%)
- x86 servers are non-proprietary hardware
- Alignment with SAP Hana Strategy (SAP HANA appliance was at that time only supported on Linux/x86)



# X86/Linux/VMware Possible Risks

## Risks

- Lack of Linux Skills within ITS
- New Enterprise Hosting processes in place for Linux
- Confidence X86/Linux/VMware can match performance of AIX/PSeries

# The Migration



**SAP ERP 6.0**

- ❑ 2TB Production System
- ❑ 3,000 Users
- ❑ 135 Company Codes
- ❑ 5,000 General Ledger Codes
- ❑ 450 Plants
- ❑ 1120 Profit Centres
- ❑ 4,000 Cost Centres
- ❑ 20,500,000 FI Documents
- ❑ 25,000 Active Vendors
- ❑ 145,000 Vendor Payments
- ❑ 70,000 Purchase Orders p.a.
- ❑ 16,000 WBS Elements
- ❑ 162,000 PM Orders p.a.
- ❑ 7,000 Employee Payroll
- ❑ Pensioners Payroll

**SAP IS-U – Electric Ireland**

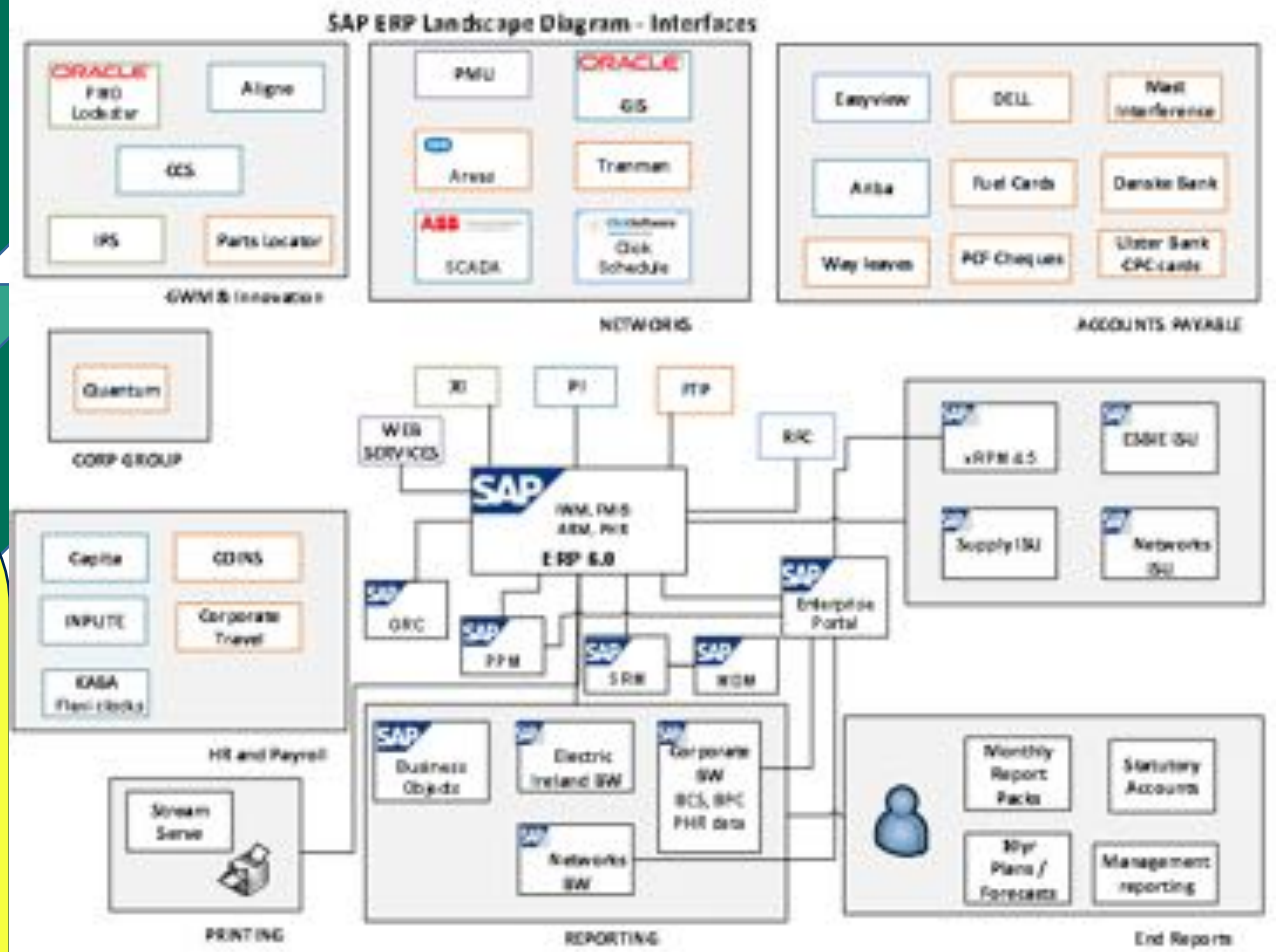
- ❑ 5TB Production System
- ❑ 1.2M customers
- ❑ 950 users (540 concurrent)
- ❑ 10.9M Bills Per Annum
- ❑ 60K calls per day
- ❑ 15M Payments
- ❑ 110,000 Letters
- ❑ 11.5M Market Messages

**SAP PPM (Project & Maintenance)**

**SAP IS-U – ESB Networks**

**SAP UCES – Electric Ireland**

- ❑ Web Based EBilling Functionality
- ❑ 170,000 Users



**SAP IS-U – Old ESB Independent Energy System**

**SAP CRM 7.0 – Electric Ireland**

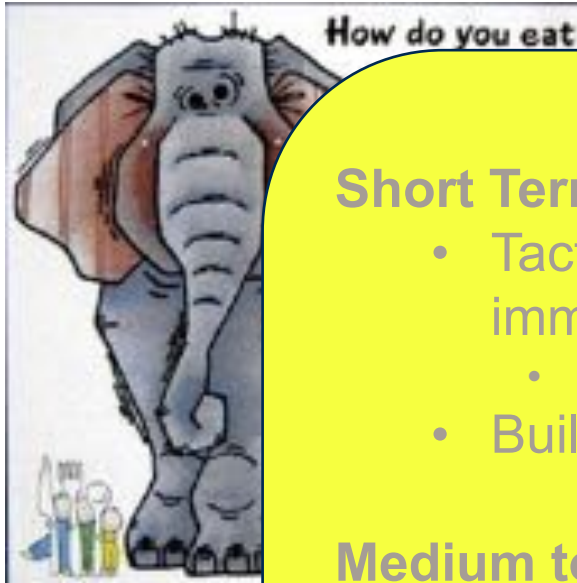
- ❑ Supports Campaign Management only
- ❑ 1.2M Active Business Partners.

**SAP Solution Manager**

**ESB's Current Use of SAP Software to meet current Business Needs**

- 19 Productive Systems / Products
- Supporting over 100 systems / clients (Including Development, Test and Pre-Prod)
- Complex Environments that supports / enables the majority of ESB's Business Processes
- Upgrade, Enhancement Pack and Service Pack Application are constant features of our environment

# Our Strategy for Migration...

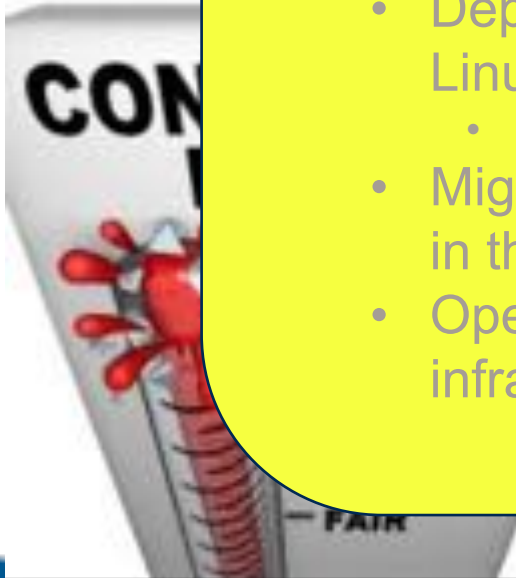


## Short Term (2013/2015)

- Tactical small scale expansion of AIX to meet immediate SAP business demand
  - CRM7 project in 2013/2014
- Build an Enterprise Linux Hosting capability

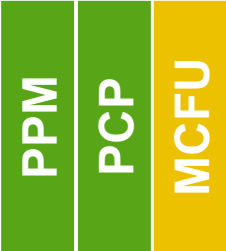
## Medium to Long Term (2014-2018+)

- Deploy new SAP systems on production Linux/x86 infrastructure
  - i.e. PCP (SRM) , PPM, MCFU
- Migrate existing AIX installations to x86/Linux in the Medium Term
- Operate a unified x86 (Windows and Linux) infrastructure in the Long Term



# SAP System Migrations from AIX to Linux/VMware

2018



## Future ESB Business Needs





“to lighten human burdens, to brighten human lives”



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**DIGGING 4,000 TONS A DAY**

Such is the mighty performance of one of the giant excavators on the Shannon Works.

This single piece of electric driven machinery does the back breaking work of hundreds of navvies.

For centuries the world has wasted its most precious possession—human lives—in labour that electricity can do.

Even to-day in our country, on the farm, in the home, and in the factory, men and women are wearing out their lives doing the work electricity should do.

The Shannon is being harnessed to lighten human burdens, to brighten human lives.

**THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BOARD**

This machine is a Bucket Dredger used in digging the canal, which will carry the diverted waters of the Shannon to the Power Station. In the construction of this canal thirteen million tons of earth had to be excavated. The Bucket Dredger is operated by two men controlling four small electric motors holding less than 200 horse power. It digs the earth, transports it, and fills it into rolling wagons. Machines such as this using electric power have made possible the construction of the Shannon Works in these short years.



ESB Advertisement 1928





*ESB's ambition is to  
Create a Brighter Future  
by leading the transition  
to a low carbon world*

# The 2050 challenge



Since 1990, the carbon intensity of electricity has halved and by 2050 the electricity sector in Europe will be carbon free



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*Woodhouse wind farm, Waterford*

## Decarbonise electricity and electrify heat and transport

Find the best path to maintain affordability and energy security



Low carbon generation



Smart Reliable Networks



Empowered, informed customers



Electric heating and transport

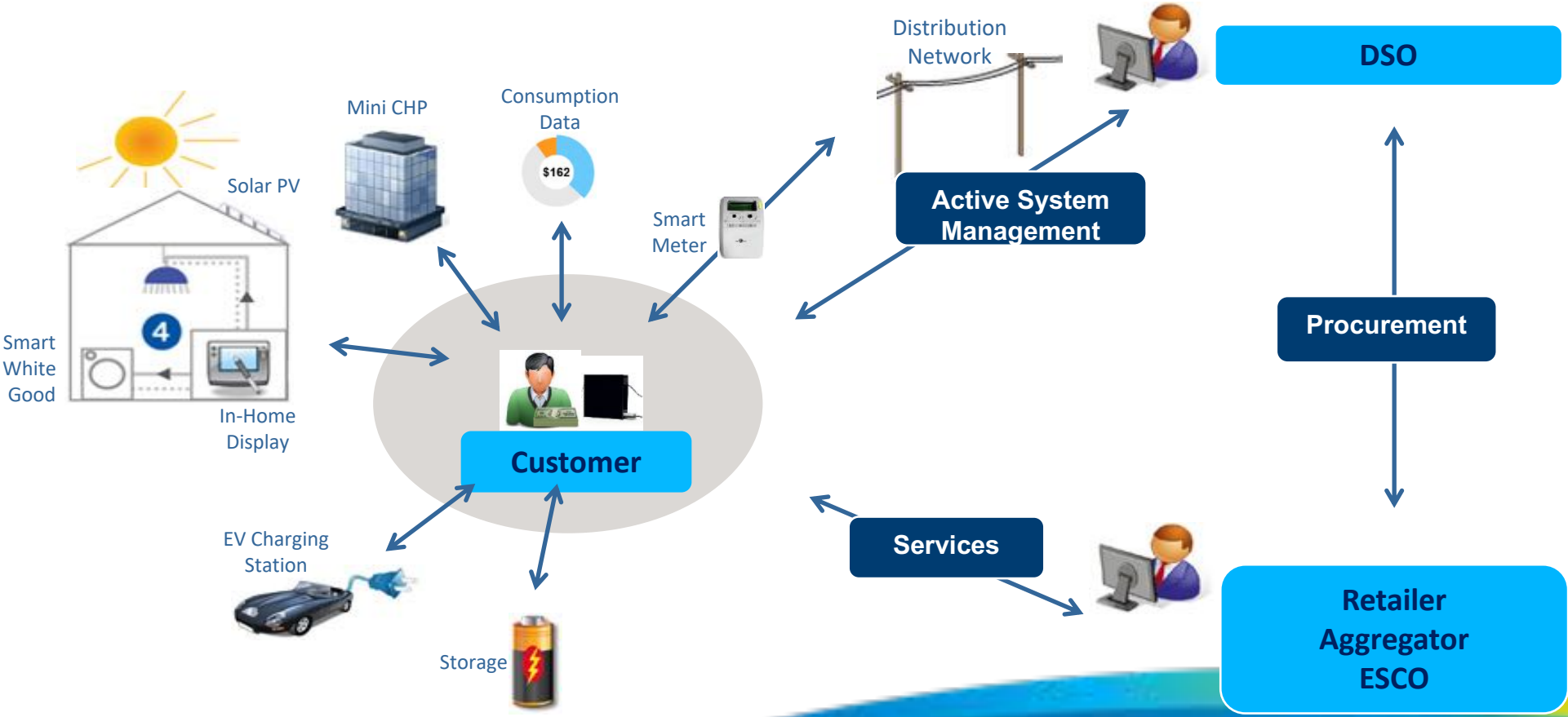
# The Role of Technology



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# A new market framework is needed



Source: eurelectric

# DIGITAL IS CHANGING THE TRADITIONAL UTILITY



## DIGITAL ASSETS & OPERATIONS



## DIGITAL EMPLOYEE



## DIGITAL CUSTOMER

The digital customer uses digital devices to manage their energy usage.



## ANALYTICS



# UNLOCK OUR DIGITAL UTILITY

One IT will lead ESB's transformation to a data driven Digital Utility

## DIGITAL BUSINESS STRATEGY

PERFORMANCE OPTIMISATION

BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

1

2

3

4

IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY & PRODUCTS

BETTER CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

NEW PRODUCTS SERVICES

NEW BUSINESS MODELS

### 1. DISCOVER & SHAPE

Using One IT, research, shape & test your Digital Ideas

### 2. LEVERAGE OUR ECOSYSTEM

We have partnerships with Accenture, EY, Deloitte and many more. Discover your potential ideas using our extended global networks

### 3. END TO END PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

DevOps, Rapid Development

### 5. DIGITAL TALENT & NEW WAYS OF WORKING

Agile, Accelerator, fast delivery- Content to be confirmed

### 7. ENABLING SERVICES

Cybersecurity, Enterprise Architecture, Cloud

### 6. COST EFFICIENCY

Explore & leverage our existing architecture & technology

### 8. Cloud Services

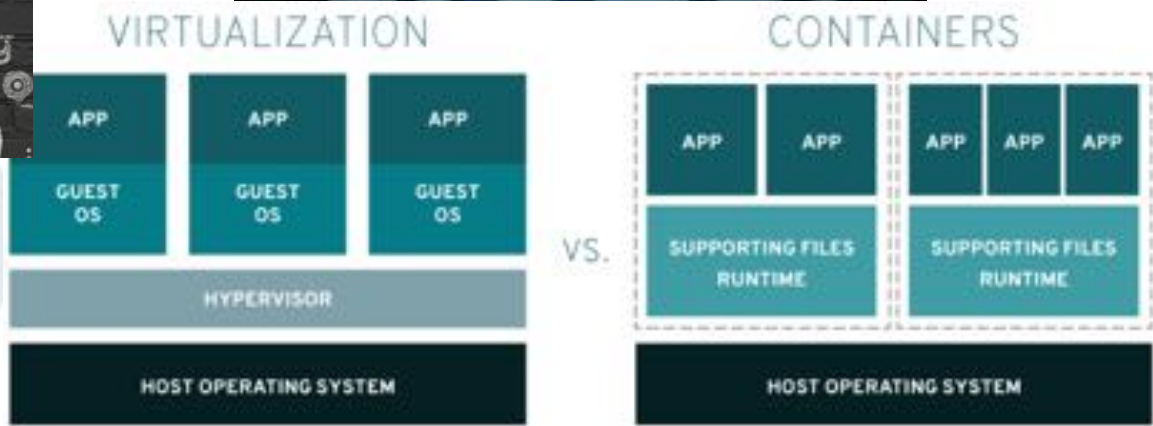
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### 9. CUSTOMER-CENTRICITY

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# ESB's IT Meeting Future Needs...



# ESB's IT Meeting Future Needs...Not just Technology



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## Tech Excellence Awards

Public Sector Project Of The Year 2019





# Thank you

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