



# *Smooth Desktop Migration to Linux and OpenOffice.org:*

Variety of platforms for IA32  
environments

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- Focus on smart cost efficient IT
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  - Linux Terminal Services and
  - Linux office desktop





# *The audience*





# Overview

- There may be situations where organizations need both Linux/OOo AND Windows applications like MSO on endusers desktops:
  - No Linux applications found yet
  - MSO-Macros not yet substituted by programs in standard-languages
  - Not enough user training yet for OOo or Linux
  - Users fears of change process to OOo and Linux



# *Workarounds and Interim solutions*

- OOo on Windows Desktop
- Old PC as Fallback
- Linux Desktop with MSO
- Linux Terminal Services offer Linux, OOo and MSO to Linux Terminals
- NET PCs boot Linux with OOo and MSO or Windows with MSO from Linux Boot Server



# *Migration Paths on IA 32 Architectures (1)*

1: Windows Desktop PC: Migrate Office  
Application Strategy



# *Migration Paths on IA 32 Architectures (2)*

2: Linux Desktop PC or Linux Terminal Server:  
Keep Old PC as Fallback



# *Migration Paths on IA 32 Architectures (3)*

- ## 3: Linux Desktop PC with Win or MSO
- 3.1 Windows 9.x ... XP Sessions on top of Linux Desktop (VMWare)
  - 3.2 Windows 9.x Session on top of Linux Desktop (Win4Lin)
  - 3.3 MS Office on top of Linux Desktop (Crossover)
  - 3.4,5,6 Windows Terminal-Services (and Citrix Metaframe or Tarantella) for Linux Desktop
  - 3.7 MSO via Application Services





# *Migration Paths on IA 32 Architectures (4)*

## 4: Linux Terminal Services

- 4.1 Multiple Windows Sessions on top of Linux Terminal Server
- 4.2 Multiple Windows Sessions on top of Linux Terminal Server for remote clients
- 4.3 Multiple MS Office Sessions on top of Linux Terminal Server
- 4.4 Multiple MS Office Sessions on top of Linux Terminal Server for remote clients

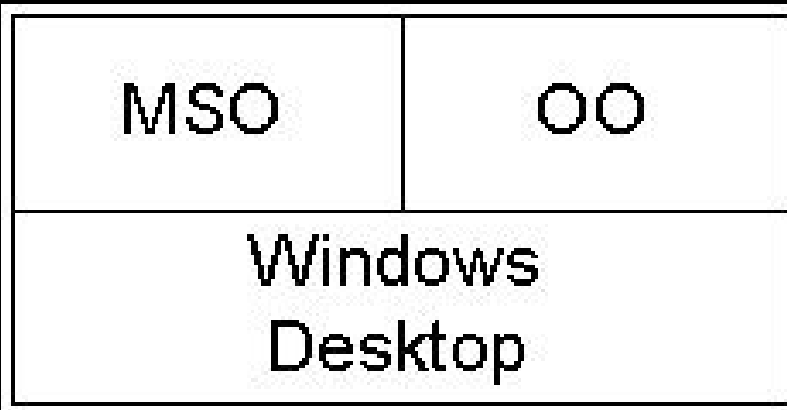


# *Migration Paths on IA 32 Architectures (5)*

## 5: Linux Boot Services

- 5.1 Boot Net-PCs with Linux, OOo, VMWare, Windows and MSO
- 5.2 Boot Net-PCs with Linux, OOo, Win4Lin, Windows 98 and MSO
- 5.3 Boot Net-PCs with Linux, OOo, Codeweavers Crossover and MSO
- 5.4 Boot Net-PCs with Linux and OOo or (via Lan PC) Windows and MSO

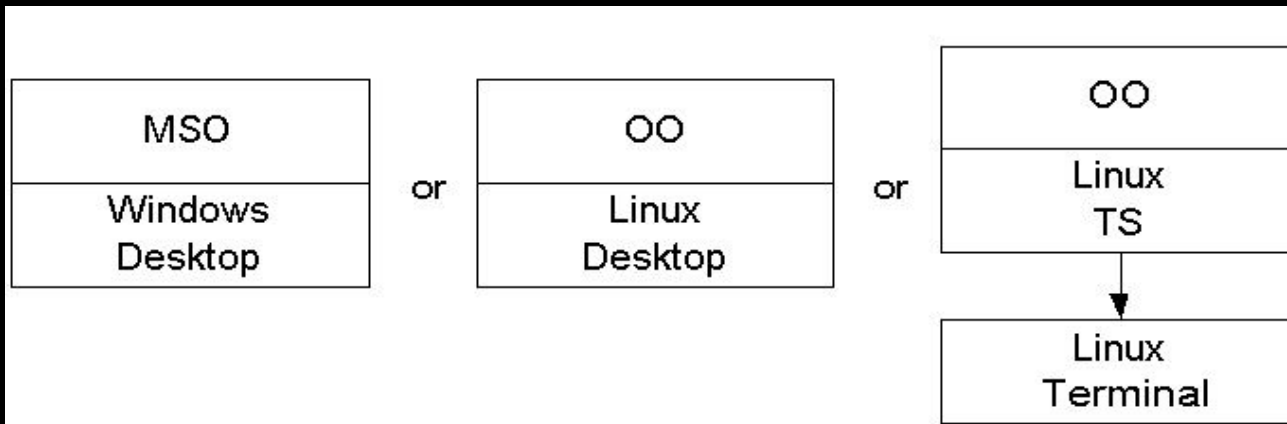
# *1: Windows Desktop PC: Migrate Office with Fallback*



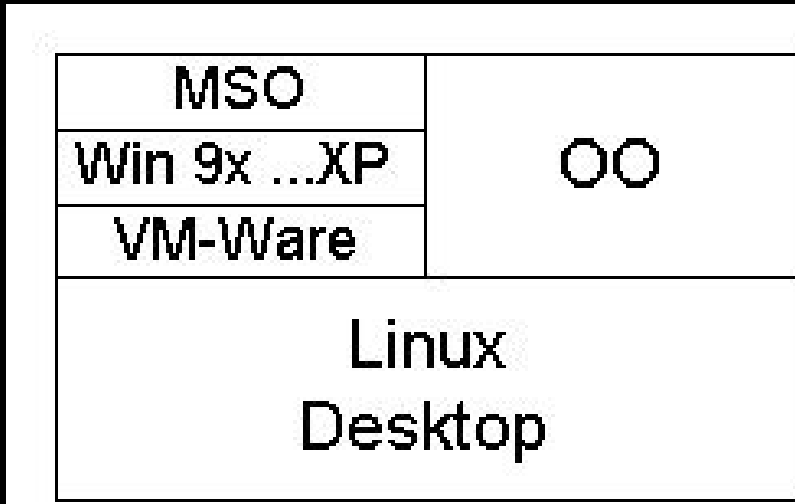
- OpenOffice.org in Microsoft Windows environments with old MS Office still in place)

## *2: Keep Old PC as boot Fallback*

- Old Windows PC as boot alternative to Linux Desktop or Linux Terminal Services

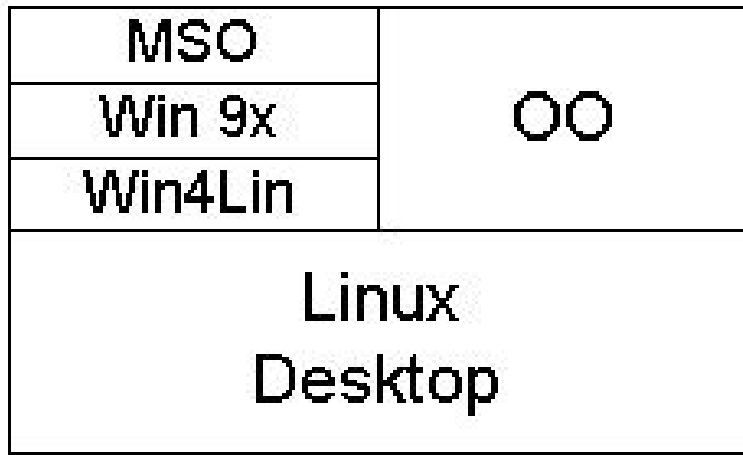


# 3.1 *Windows 9.x ... XP on top of Linux Desktop*



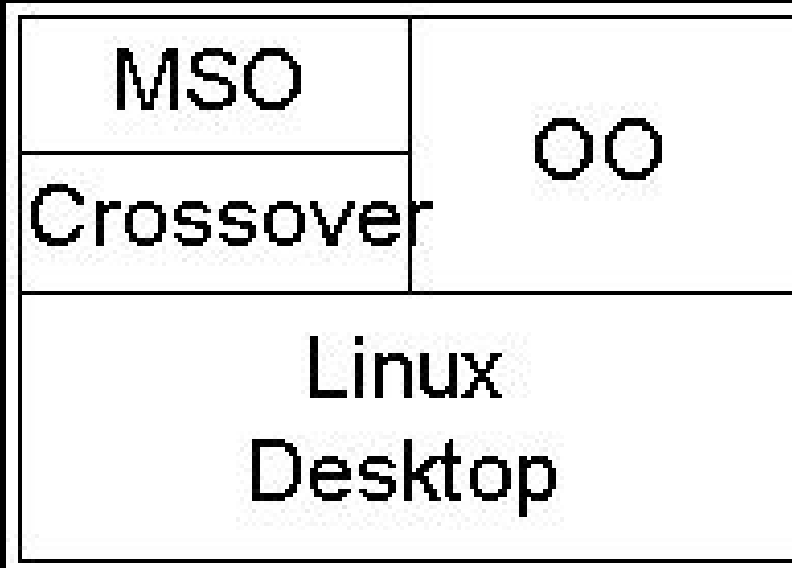
- Windows emulation via VMWare Workstation 3.2

## 3.2: *Windows 9.x Session on top of Linux Desktop*



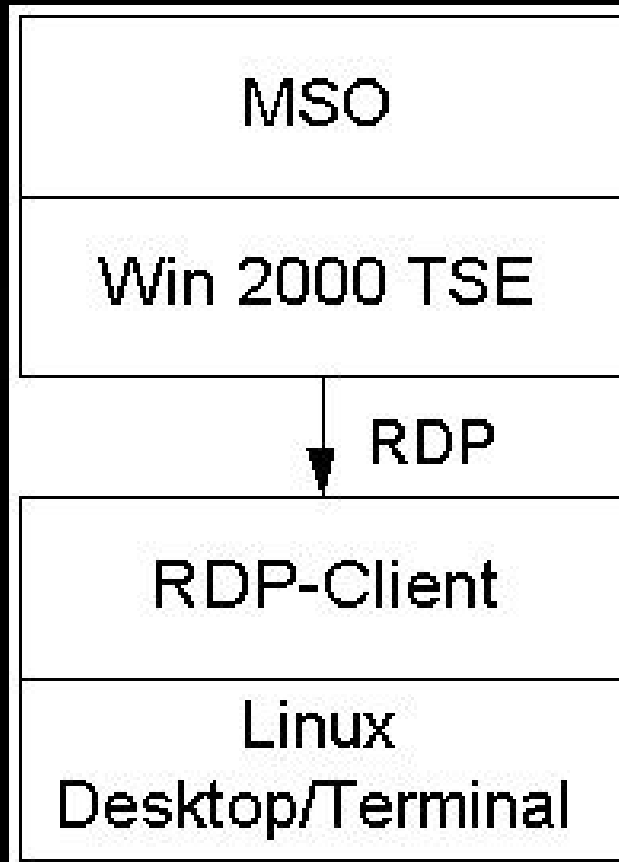
- Netraverse Win4Lin for Windows 9x on Linux desktops

# 3.3 MS Office on top of Linux Desktop



- Keep Microsoft Office as Fallback Strategy via Codeweaver Crossover Office

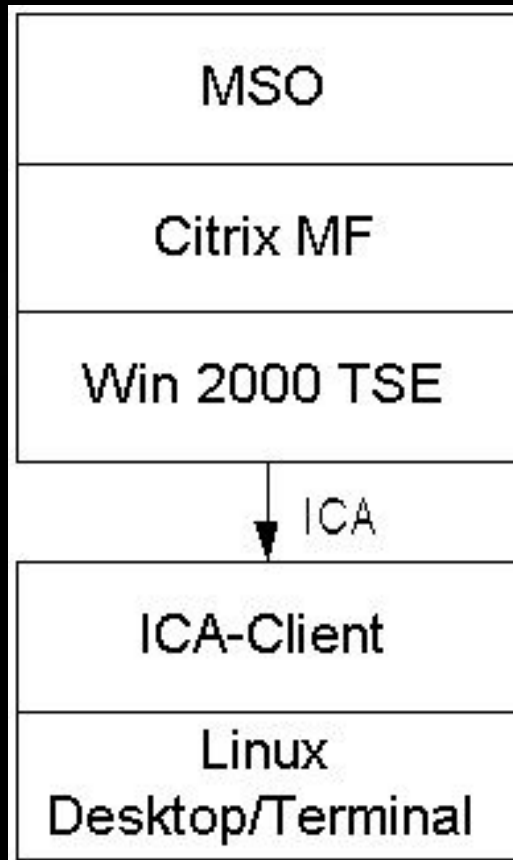
## 3.4 *Windows Terminal-Services for Linux Desktop*



- Windows 2000/2003 or Windows applications on Linux desktops
- Windows 2000/2003 Terminal Services with RDP

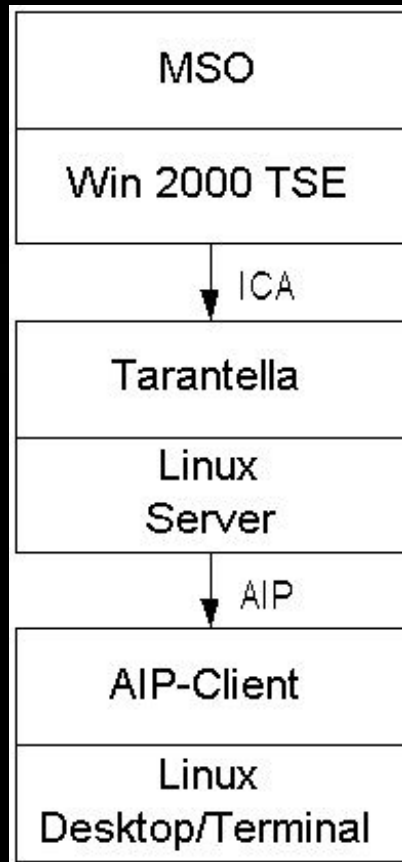


# 3.5 W2K TS and Citrix Metaframe for Linux Desktop



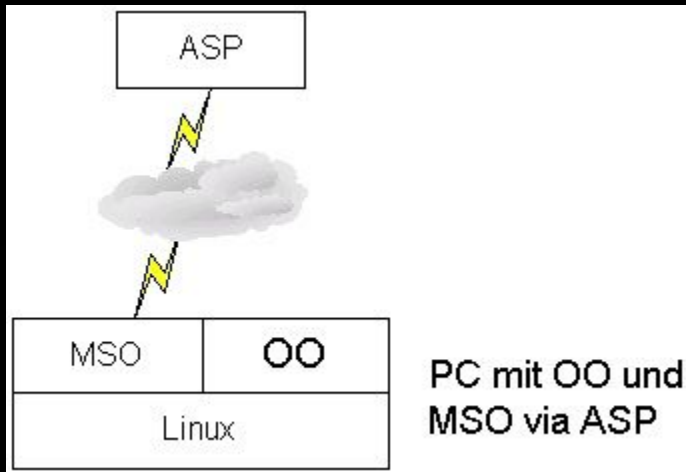
- Windows 2000 or Windows applications on Linux desktops
- Windows 2000 Terminal Services with Citrix Metaframe and ICA

## 3.6 *W2K TS and Tarantella for Linux Desktop*



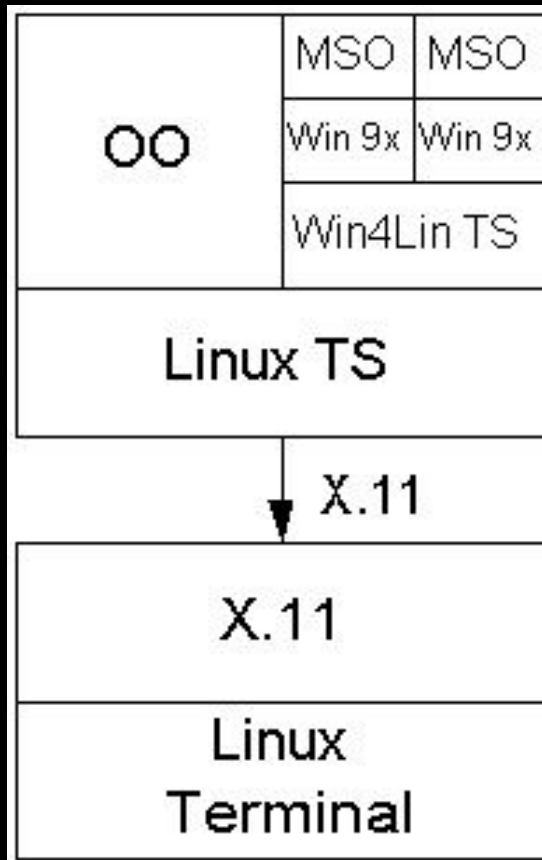
- Windows 2000/2003 or Windows applications on Linux desktops
- Windows 2000 Terminal Services with Tarantella middleware Server and AIP Client or web client for Linux

# 3.7 Application Services for Linux Desktop



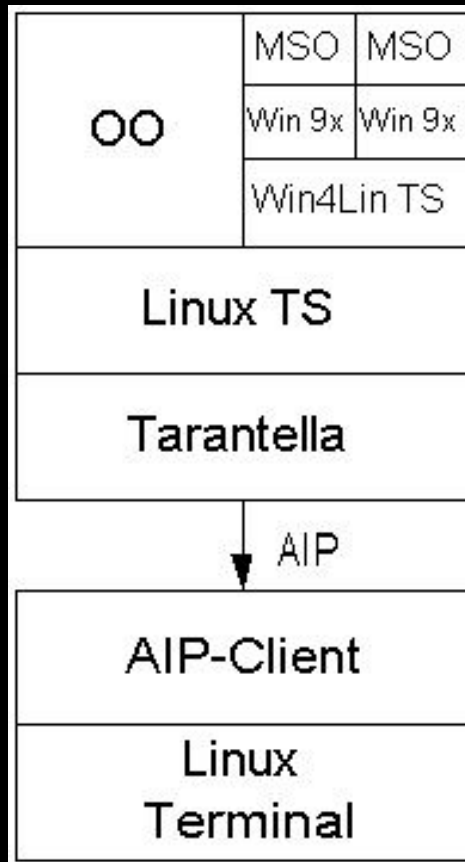
- Windows applications on Linux desktops via ASP

# 4.1 Multiple Windows on top of Linux Terminal Server



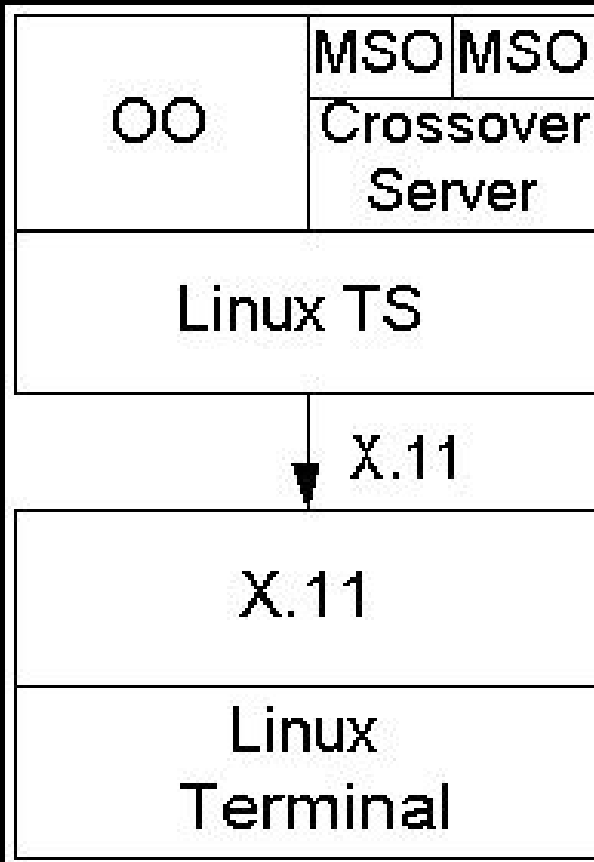
- Windows 9.x environments on Linux terminals
- Linux Terminal Services with Netraverse Win4Lin Terminal Server

## 4.2 Multiple Windows on top of LTS with remote clients



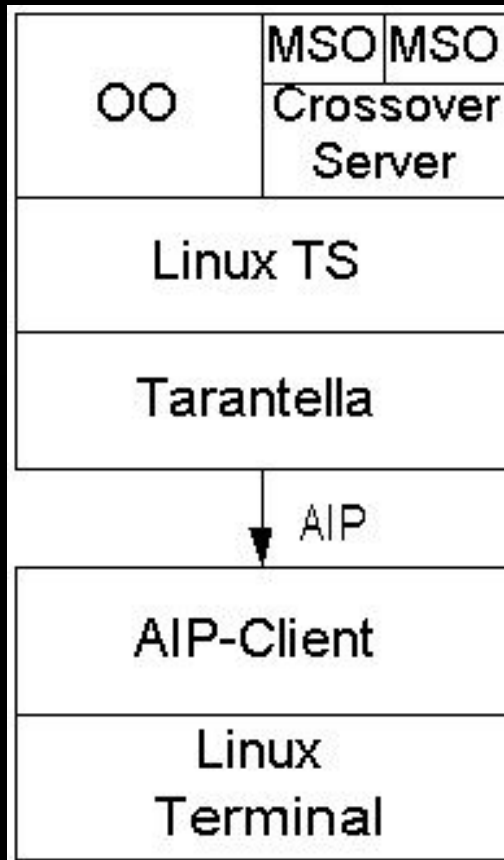
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## 4.3 Multiple MS Office on Linux Terminal Server



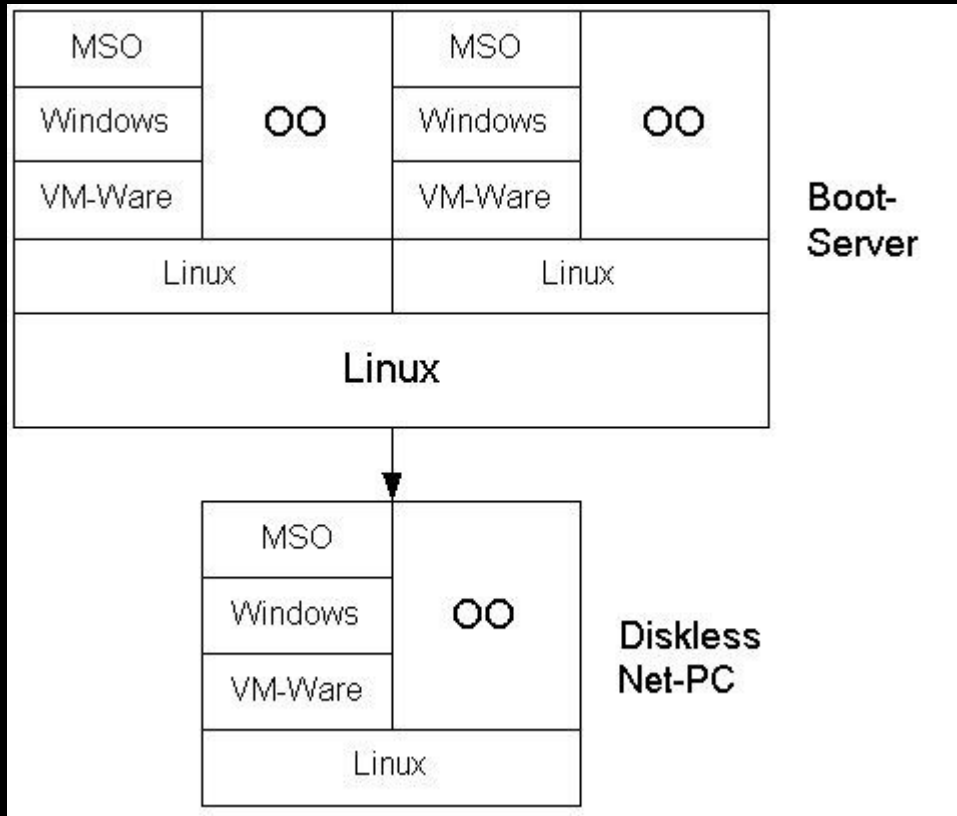
- Linux Terminal Services with Codeweavers Crossover Office Server Edition

# 4.4 Multiple MS Office on Linux TS with remote clients



- Linux Terminal Services with Codeweavers Crossover Office Server Edition
- Remote Clients connected via Tarantella

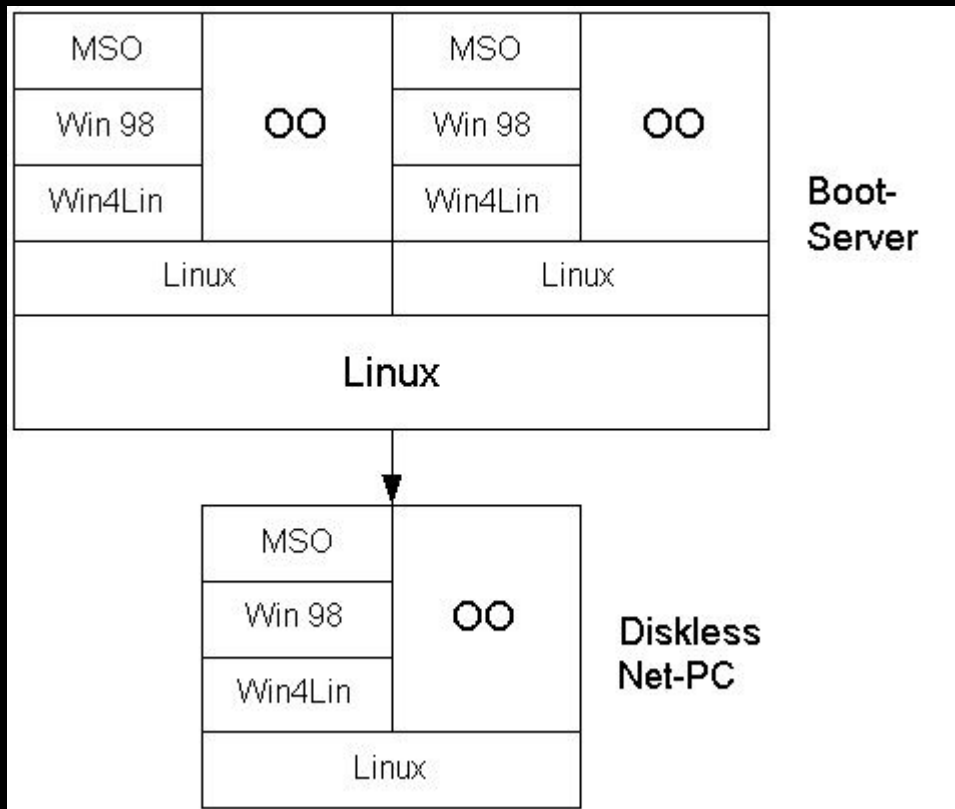
# 5.1 NET-PCs boot Linux & Windows via VMWare from Bootserver



- Diskless Net-PCs boot from Linux Bootserver with multiple installations of VMWare, Windows and MSO

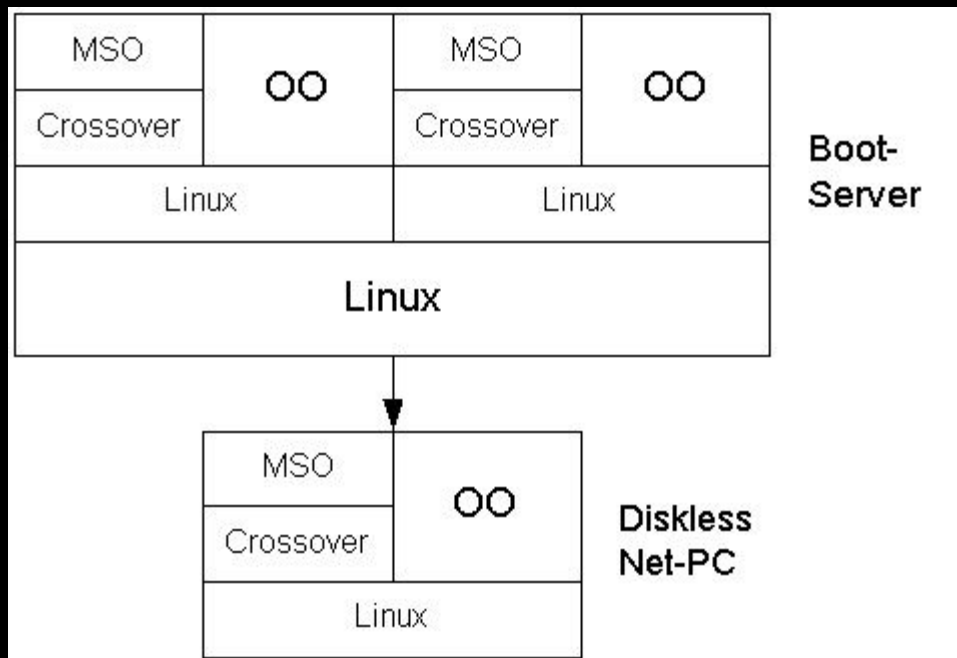


# 5.2 NET-PCs boot Linux & Windows via Win4Lin from Bootserver



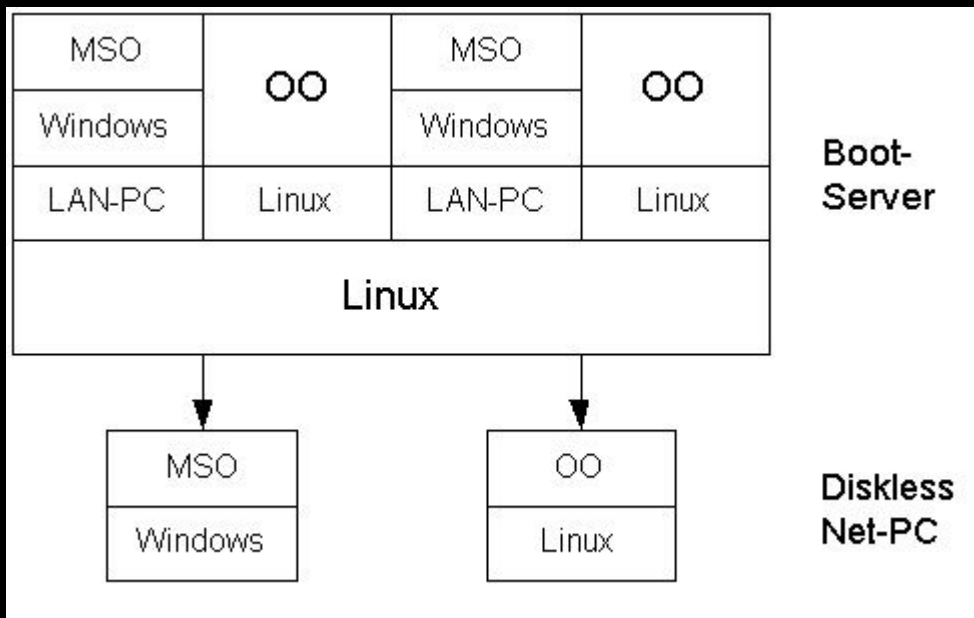
- Diskless Net-PCs boot from Linux Bootserver with multiple installations of Linux, OOo, Win4Lin, Windows 98 and MSO

# 5.3 NET-PCs boot Linux & MS Office via Crossover from Bootserver



- Diskless Net-PCs boot from Linux Bootserver with multiple installations of Linux, OOo, Crossover and MSO

# 5.4 NET-PCs boot MS Windows and MS Office via LAN-PC from Bootserver



- Diskless Net-PCs boot MS Windows and MSO or Linux with OOo from Linux Bootserver



# Summary

- If user fears are very heavy or there are Windows applications that are hard to substitute, organisations can choose migration with fallback to full Windows environments or with MS Office.
- There are lot of technological choices, some of theme shown before. Check for your requirements, licensing models and costs, support for the applications your staff is using, etc.



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