Migration v2

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xc: error: Couldn't allocate p2m_frame_list array: Internal error

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int xc_domain_restore(xc_interface *xch,
...
if ( RDEXACT(io_fd, &dinfo->p2m_size, sizeof(unsigned long)) )
{
    PERROR("read: p2m_size");
    goto out;
}
DPRINTF("%s: p2m_size = %lx\n", __func__, dinfo->p2m_size);
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- Migrate
 - Enable logdirty
 - Copy all memory
 - Query logdirty bitmap
 - Copy dirty memory
 - Loop
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- Legacy conversion needed
 - tools/python/scripts/convert-legacy-stream
 - Reads in legacy stream
 - Writes out v2 stream

Stream format – libxc

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 octet _____ marker (0xfffffffffffffffff) _____ Image id ("XENF" in ASCII) | version (2) Header _____+ options | (reserved) ______ ----+ type (PV, HVM, etc) | page_shift| (reserved) | | Domain Header xen_major (4) | xen_minor (6) -----------type | body_length _____ | body... Record . . . | padding (0 to 7 octets) _____

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- Compatibility script extended
 - Able to write libxl migration v2 streams
 - 'Qemu' and 'Toolstack data' layered appropriately

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- Areas for further work
 - Live migrate looping parameters
 - Linear P2M support

Status – Xen 4.6

- All committed
- Fully enabled (and tested)
- xl save/restore/migrate/remus function as before
- Legacy migration removed
- No noticeable difference to users

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Any Questions?