



# Multitenancy

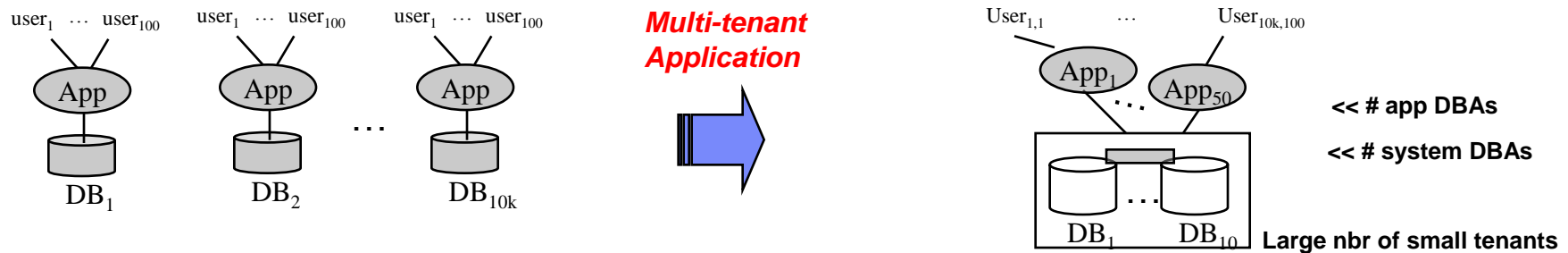
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# Two Use Cases for Multi-Tenancy

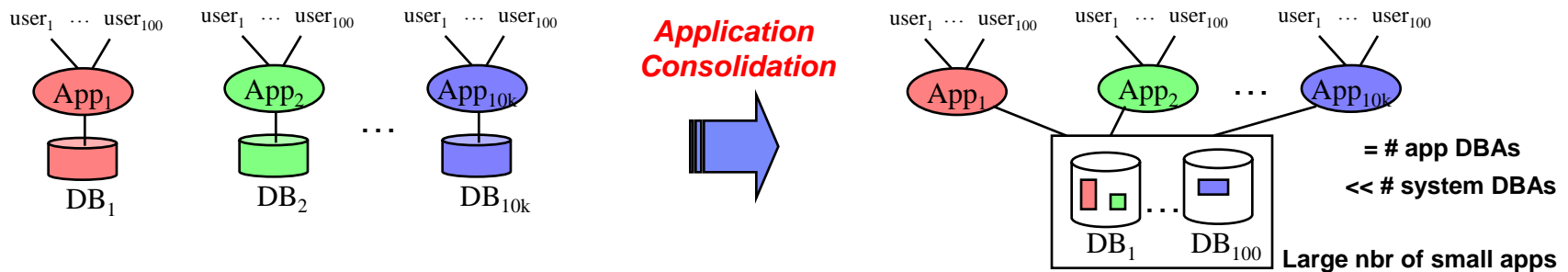
## ■ SaaS ISVs (Multi-tenant Applications):

- “Long tail of tenants”
- very large number of small tenants using same logical database schema



## ■ Application/Database Consolidation:

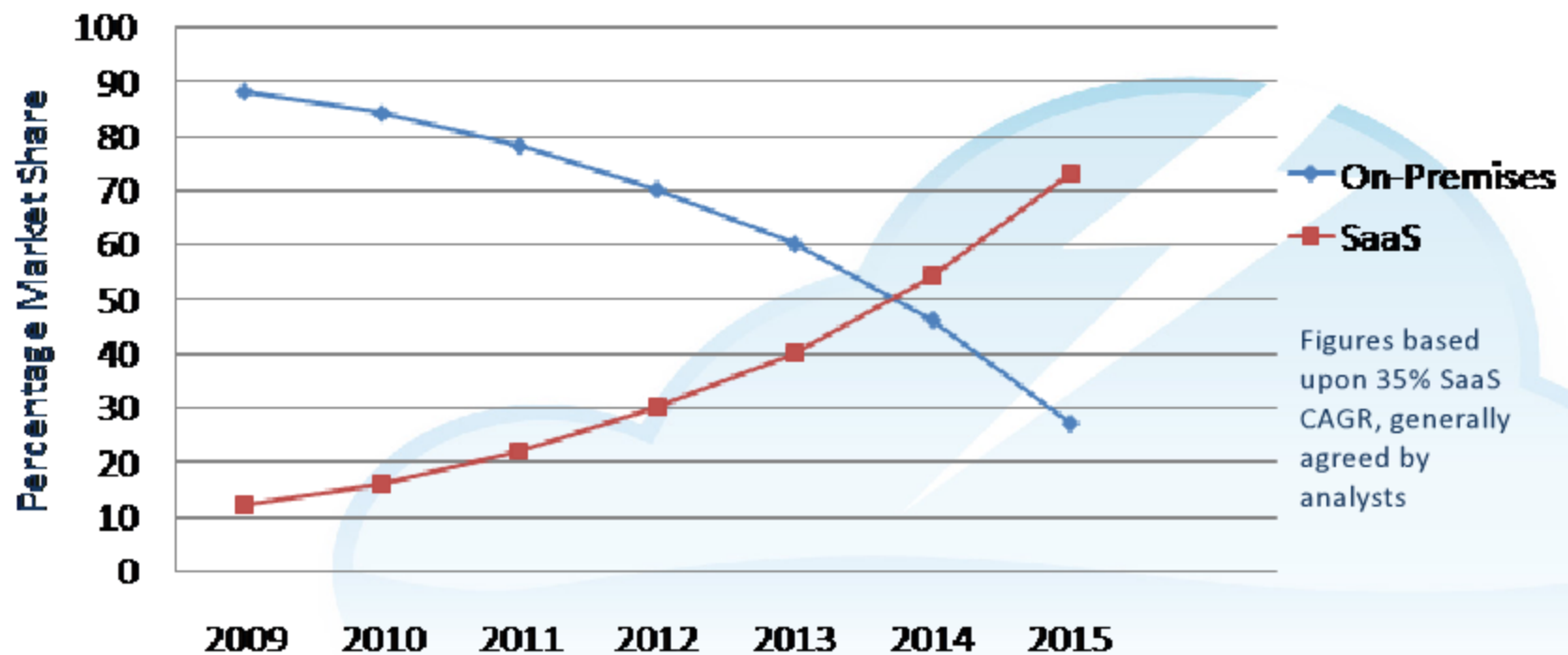
- “Long tail of applications” (with different schemas)





## Market Trend

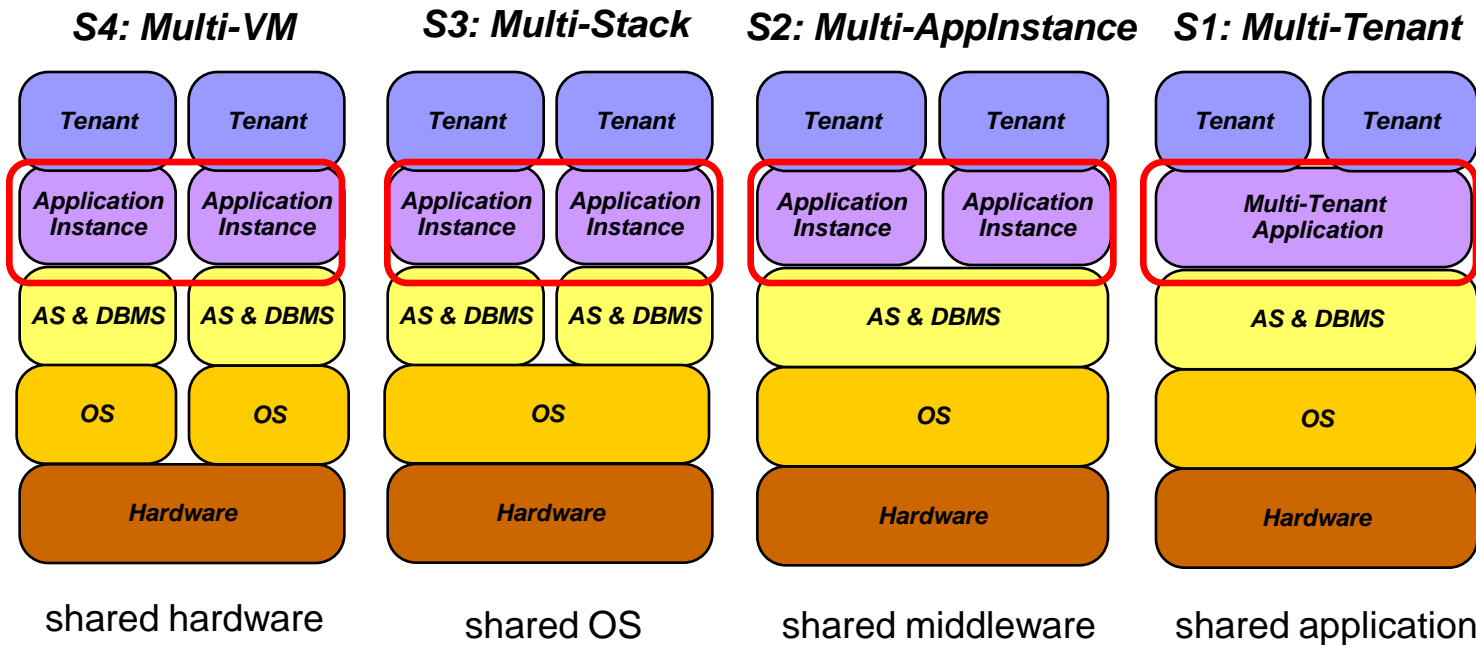
**Application Package Expenditure:  
Customers are switching**



## Some Observations regarding SaaS Applications

- Extremely low pricing for SMB-oriented SaaS offerings
  - E.g. each food shop pays service fee \$1/day, or very small amount of data
- Lower delivery costs
  - Tooling/automation/standardization in hosting center
  - By maximizing resource sharing
- Isolation
  - Data/Security, Performance (workload), system (failure), maintenance
- Customization
  - Several alternative, e.g. reserved fields, xml columns.
- SLAs
  - Ranging from app level to DB level
  - Tenants upgrade/downgrade SLAs.
- Lower developments costs for ISVs
  - transparent programming interface for multi-tenants apps
- Scalability & availability
  - Larger number of tenants (millions), incremental scale-out on low end machines w/o impacting existing service

# Multi-instance single-tenant applications vs. single-instance multi-tenant applications

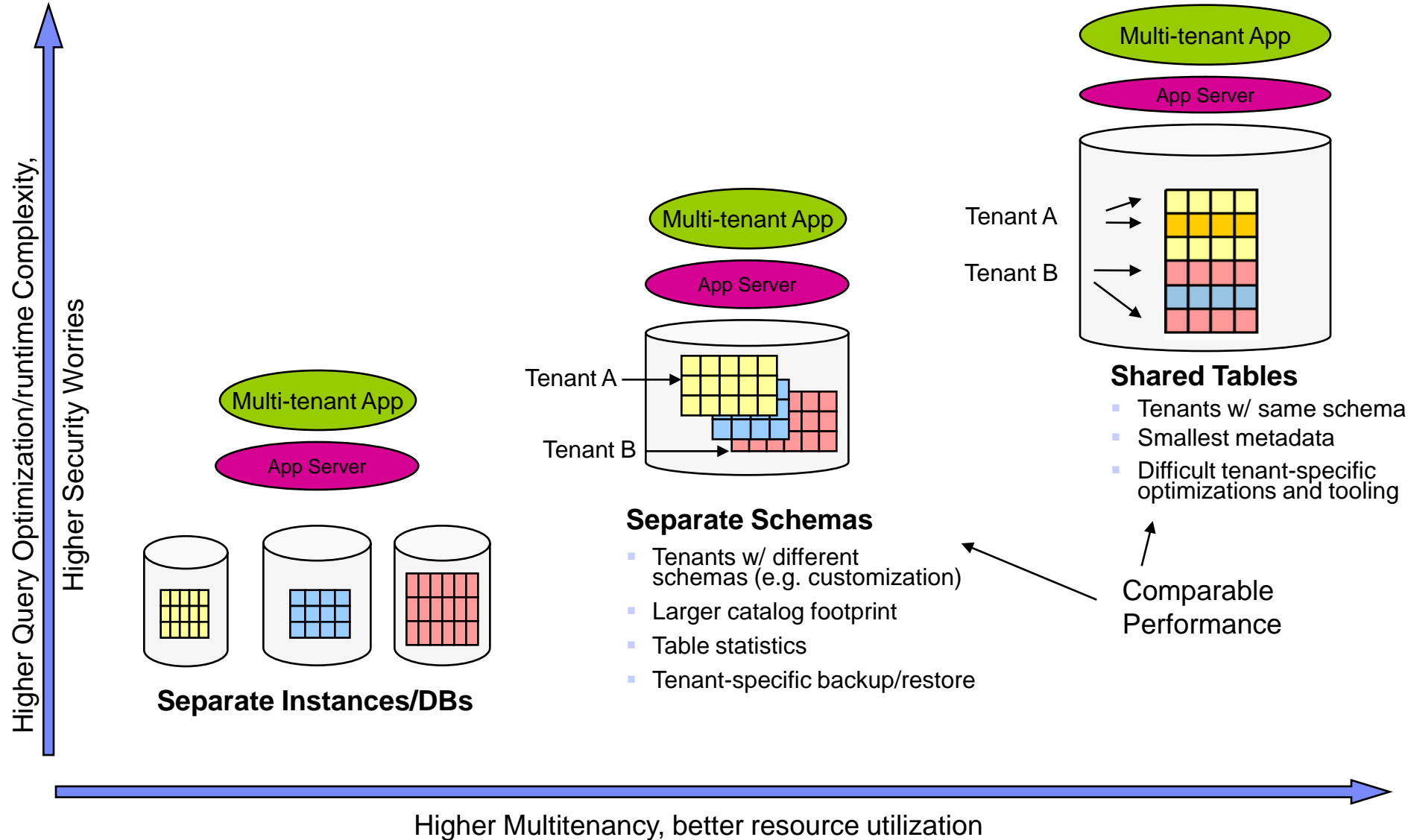


Isolation Sharing

## From Single-tenant to Multi-tenant:

- Isolation and customization
- Application Time-to-Market
- Economy of multi-tenancy

# Database Multi-Tenancy Models



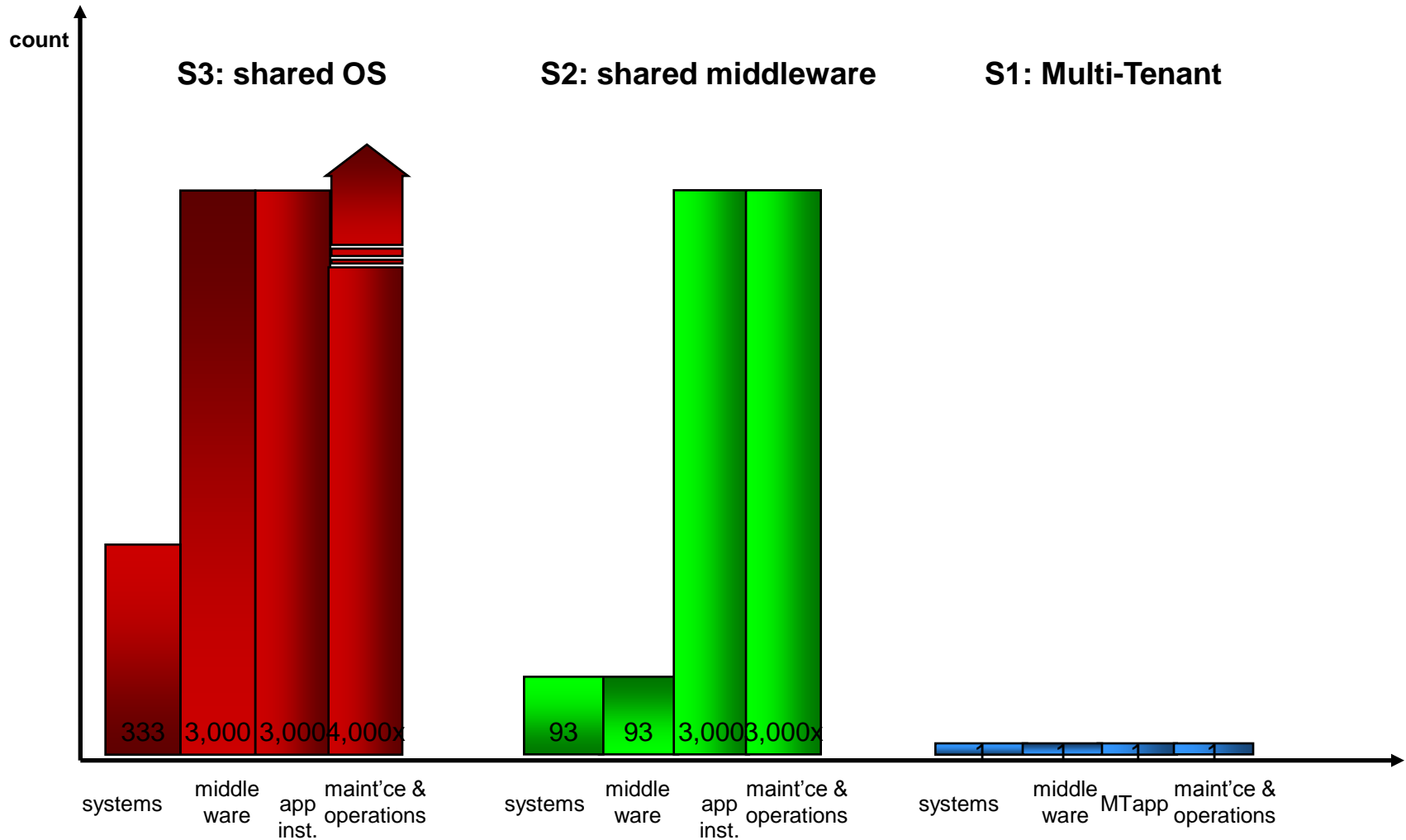
# Economy of Multi-Tenancy

## - Scale-Out Quantification -

Tenant Characteristics	100 registered users per tenants 5% active user ratio (5 users)		
Active tenant ratio	10%		
	<b>S3: Shared OS</b>	<b>S2: Shared Middleware</b>	<b>S1: Multi-Tenant</b>
# concurrent tenants (footprint/tenant)	9 → due to memory footprint	32 → due to memory footprint	300 → due to performance bottlenecks
# registered tenants	9 → inactive tenants <u>consume</u> runtime resources	32 → inactive tenants <u>consume</u> runtime resources	3,000 → inactive tenants <u>don't consume</u> runtime resources
Scaling Nbr of Tenants	1x	3x	300x

# Economy of Multi-Tenancy

## - Cost Savings Analysis -

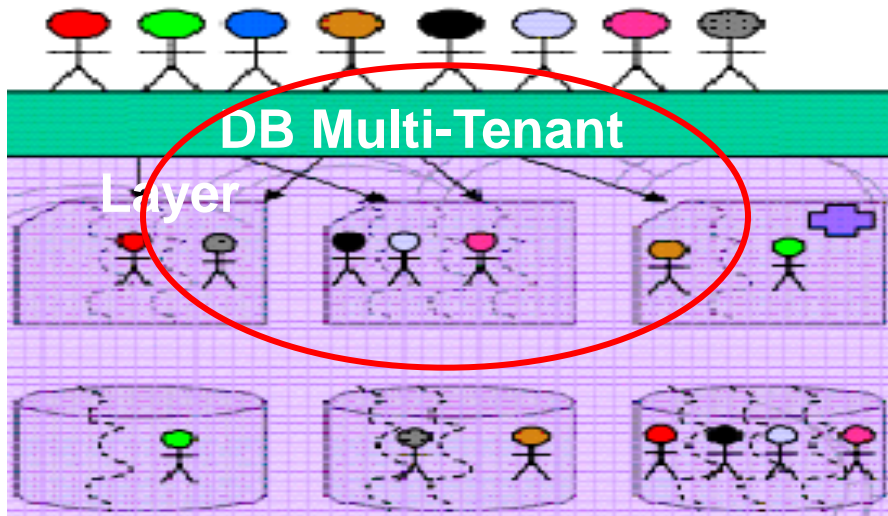




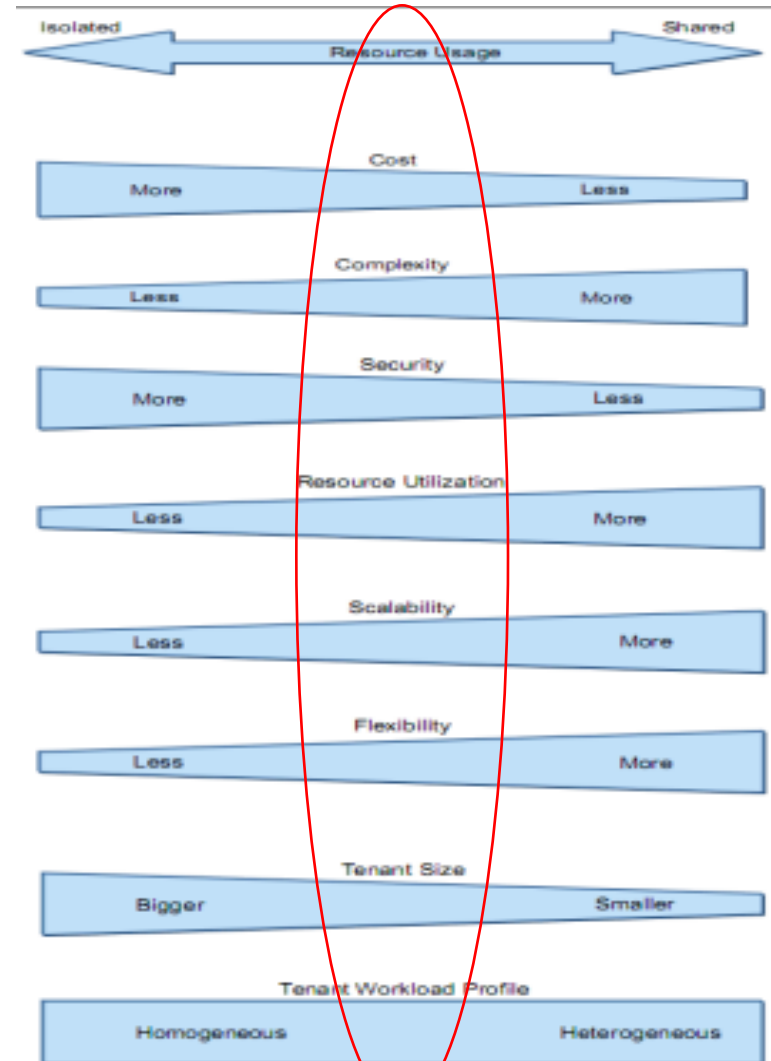
# Multi-Tenancy Comparison

		Single-tenant Apps	Multi-tenant Apps
<b>Time to Market</b>	App development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ deployment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ transformation or new developmt</li> <li>▪ Limited customization</li> </ul>
	Tenant on boarding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ through tenant subscription</li> </ul>
<b>Isolation</b>	Security Performance Availability Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Isolation per Instance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Isolation in application and DB</li> <li>▪ Row &amp; schema &amp; system level Isolation</li> <li>▪ Governance</li> <li>▪ Load balancing &amp; Sharding</li> <li>▪ High availability &amp; Fault tolerance</li> </ul>
<b>Scaling</b>	Registered Tenants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1~3x</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 300x</li> </ul>
<b>Cost</b>	HW, SW, daily op's & maint'ce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 200~400x</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1x</li> </ul>

# Multi-tenancy Challenges



**Isolation, Scalability, Performance, Customization, Resource Utilization, Metering ...**



# Research Challenges

- High Availability and Failover and Load Balancing
  - Large number of instances/databases
  - At the database level, or below the database
- Distributed Fabric
  - Many different levels of failure detection
  - Scale out
- Isolation: data, performance, system, maintenance
- Customization
- SLAs for availability and performance
- Benchmarks
  - Footprint/tenant, cost/tenant