

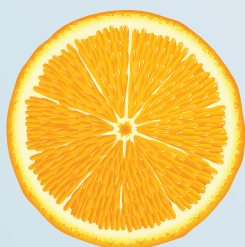
DON'T GET CAUGHT in the BLENDER...



The **Top 3**
most-encountered
virtualization challenges:
Performance Bottlenecks,
Capacity Planning and
Storage I/O

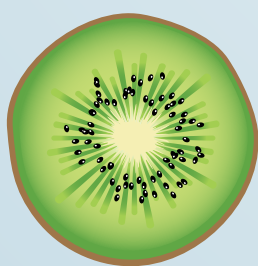
Over half of
IT professionals surveyed*
said their environments were
more than **30%** virtualized

RECIPE FOR MANAGING THE I/O BLENDER EFFECT



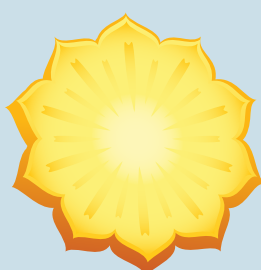
1. Tier your storage:

Tiering storage allows you to allocate storage bandwidth for key applications.



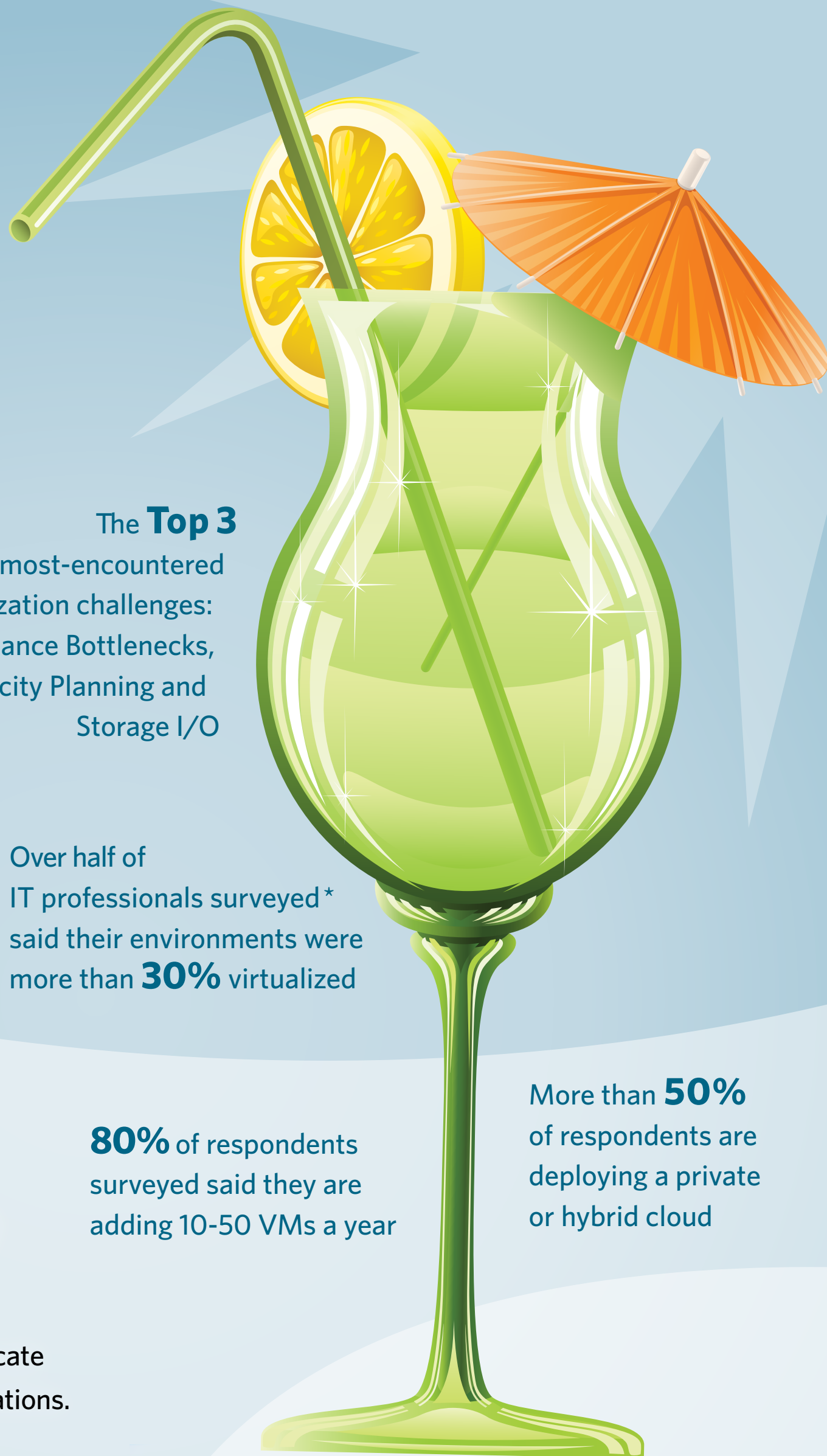
2. Invest in the right tools:

Visibility, visibility, visibility. Invest in tools that allow you to troubleshoot and proactively manage capacity, forecast I/O and drill down into arrays.



3. Application requirements are absolutely key:

A good rule of thumb: applications with high I/O or availability requirements will still need fast storage, but many applications can run with slower, high density drives.



80% of respondents
surveyed said they are
adding 10-50 VMs a year

More than **50%**
of respondents are
deploying a private
or hybrid cloud

DRINK FROM IT!

* The SolarWinds-sponsored (www.solarwinds.com) survey was conducted July 20 - 27, 2011, via an online survey service. The survey was sent to nearly 1000 IT professionals, resulting in 120 completed surveys.