## General: What are the basic architectural components of $\{avatar\_a\}^{TM}$ ?

The {avatar\_a}<sup>™</sup> - {edition\_name} platform has the following physical components.

- The {avatar\_a} server which
  - Maintains a repository of all virtual machines with appropriate annotations.
  - Provides a web based interface for users to interact with the platform.
  - Orchestrates on demand provisioning of virtual machines.
- A pool of managed hosts which
  - Are used to run the virtual machines as per user needs.
- · A collection of thin clients which
  - Serve as end points for users to interact with their virtual environment via a web browser
  - At some installations, managed hosts also double up as thin clients.

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