

Storage Networking Overview





Module Flow

- Business Challenges
- Storage Networking Trends and Directions
- What is Storage Networking?
- Technological solutions to business needs





What is Storage Networking?





Where is All the Information ?



And an Exabyte is?!

Gigabytes (10*9) (Billion) of disk storage - most customers

- Terabytes (10*12) (Trillion) of disk storage large customers
- Petabytes (10*15) (Quadrillion) of disk storage a few customers today!
- Petabytes (10*15) (Quadrillion) of tape storage large customers
- Exabytes (10*18) (Quintillion) of tape storage a few accounts by 2001
- Zettabytes (10*21) (Sextillion) WW digital data by 2008 (IDC)
- Yottabytes (10*24) (Septillion) How Long will it take?

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Business Problem

Client/server solution has its own dedicated storage

- Storage investment is tied to specific server
- Once server is replaced, storage investment is lost
- Migration of data to new server & new storage is required
- Underutilized storage can not be shared by other servers or clients
- Data in storage can not be accessed by other servers or clients
- Storage must be managed as individual entities
- Non-centralized management & data protection



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Growth in Network Storage



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Business Challenges





Challenges Create Business Needs...

- Highest bandwidth and extreme scalability
- Flexibility for unpredictable data access
- On-demand capacity and permanent availability
- Interoperability and data sharing
- Manageability of large amounts of data
- 99.999% Availability (5 minutes downtime/year)

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Business Solution -- Pooled Storage

- Investment Protection
- Storage Consolidation
- Data Sharing and Access
- High Utilization of storage
- High Scalability
- Centralized Management
- Data Protection
- Disaster Tolerance



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Storage connected directly to IP Networks

Storage connected directly to Fibre Channel Networks

<u>"Versus"</u> may be giving way to <u>"Convergence"</u> One picks up where the other's weakness leaves off.



Flexibility of Storing Data



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SAN Characteristics

• An architecture, not an Appliance

★ Dedicated network storage solution

Attaches Storage Appliance to LAN

- ★ Using IP hub or switching capability
- ★ Uses IP block I/O architecture

• Providing Flexibility & Scalability

- ★ Scalable storage Unlimited
- ★ Distance limitations



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NAS Characteristics

A Storage Appliance

- ★ Fully integrated dedicated storage solution
- ★ Scalable storage GBs to TBs

Attaches Storage Appliance to LAN

- ★ Uses IP file I/O architecture
- Supports multiple file formats (CIFS, NFS, HTTP, etc)

• Providing Flexibility & Scalability

- ★ Ease-of-use
- ★ Pervasive distance



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iSCSI Characteristics



- New and emerging technology
- ★ Provides routing of SCSI protocol over IP networks
- ★ Standards Based
- Prior to iSCSI there was no standardized method to transport "Block I/O Formats" over IP networks

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NAS Gateway Characteristics



- Connects to IP networks
- Heterogeneous file sharing
- Clustering & failover features
- NAS Gateway does not have integrated disks for data storage

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Storage Networking Value

Enhanced <u>Services</u> to Customers

- Enhanced Data Access
- Provide Shared Services
- Provide Rapid Recovery

Enhanced <u>Benefits</u> to I/T Organization

- Achieve Economies of Scales
- Improved Storage Management
- Improved Business Continuity

Enhanced <u>Business Impacts</u>

- Remove Inhibitors to Growth
- Improve Business-Never-Sleeps Strategy

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