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G25 - SAN Basics for Mainframers

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- Abstract: The speaker will present the basics of SAN using mainframe references to explain the technologies. He will explore the Fibre Channel standard, SAN hardware, SAN software and other appropriate items related to SAN.



Alert, Alert, Alert!

- This presentation primarily covers that other stuff besides mainframes - yeah, you know - AIX, Windows, Solaris, Linux on RISC and z/Series and Intel, etc ...
- The industry is trying to take what we learned from mainframes and apply it to the non-mainframe systems under the name of Storage Area Network (SAN)
- z/OS is already a very good homogeneous, multivendor SAN
- This session will show how non-mainframe SANs are rolling out, using MVS terminology as a "Rosetta Stone" for translation purposes

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Storage Management Challenge

Costs of Storage Management

A Well Managed SAN in 2005 costs 1 Person per Terabyte (industry generic number)
This assumes the storage tasks performed include backup/archive, DR planning, problem, change, performance and capacity management, etc. – More than backup!
Non-centralized storage usually adds twice the people costs over centralized storage
This is assuming that Direct Attached Storage (DAS) is managed at all!
z/OS w/Automated Storage Policies costs 1 Person per 3 to 17 Terabytes –Customer quotes

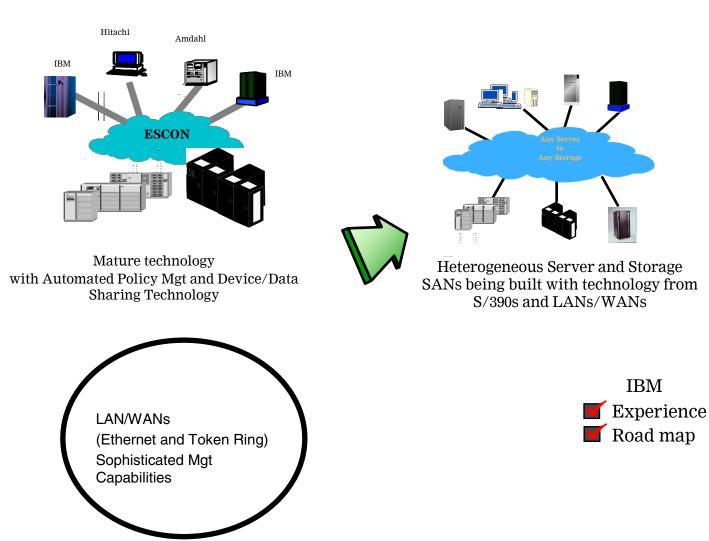


Data Size!

- Gigabytes (10*9) (Billion) of disk storage small customers
- Terabytes (10*12) (Trillion) of disk storage most customers and many individuals
- 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 2004
- Zettabytes (10*21) (Sextillion) WW digital data by 2004/5 IDC
- Yottabytes (10*24) (Septillion) How Long will it take?

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Storage Area Network (SAN)

SAN - Centrally managed high speed networks of multivendor storage subsystems, applications servers, clients and networking hardware that allow companies to exploit the value of their business information via universal access and sharing of resources.



Information used to belong to the server....

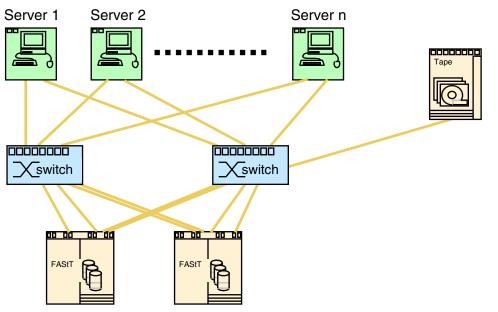
NOW it belongs to the Enterprise

SAN - A network whose primary purpose is the transfer of data between computer systems and storage elements and among storage elements. A SAN consists of a communications structure, which provides physical connections, and a management layer, which organizes the connections, storage elements and computer systems so that data transfer is secure and robust. (SNIA)



SAN - A Technical Definition

- A Storage Area Network is a highspeed dedicated network (usually Fibre Channel based) that offloads the backup/archive/restore/retrieve data I/O stream off the LAN.
- •The SAN de-couples the ownership of the storage control unit from the attached servers in order to provide "storage pooling" allowing a higher utilization of the storage. It does not break the relationship of the file systems from the operating systems without special software such as virtualization functions.
- Because no one server is in control of the "pooled storage", the SAN needs to provide a "traffic cop" function between the servers when they access the pool of storage. The functions the SAN provides are called <u>Zoning</u> (path blocking) and <u>LUN masking</u> (LUN assignment). These mechanisms work in conjunction with each other to provide orderly access to data.



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What Does A SAN Enable?

- Any-server to any-storage connectivity
- Resource sharing
- Offload the Ethernet LAN
 - Server-free data transfer
 - LAN-free backups
- Decoupled processor/storage growth
- Single Point of Control for Management

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Storage Pooling Benefits via Fibre Channel SANs

- Delivers immediate benefits:
 - Improved performance
 - Leads to more transaction or higher throughput
 - Improves availability
 - Less planned outages (90+% of all outages are planned)
 - Better consolidation & costs

Storage consolidation (15-50% of DAS storage is utilized) – SAN plus storage virtualization can be higher than 80%

Environmental costs can be improved with SANs rather than having many scattered "mini-IT shops"

The costs of more sophisticated equipment (like the DS8000/6000 or tape libraries) can be amortized across many servers – making them more affordable

People costs can be improved by having a dedicated SAN mgt group rather than forcing system administrators and end users to perform storage management tasks or storage recoveries

- Better storage capacity sharing
- Better storage attachment flexibility
- Better scalability
- Prerequisite for Storage Virtualization & Information Life Cycle Mgt (ILM...really HSM!)

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Storage Pooling Benefits via Fibre Channel SANs

- Enables Long Term Benefits
 - Leverage Information
 - Enables consistent management of data
 - Centralized, dedicated storage management team
 - Consistent policies, practices & procedures
 - Consistent security
 - Enables problem and change management
 - Enables better planning (capacity mgt, storage resource management (SRM), etc.)
 - Better positioned for Business Continuity solutions
 - Better positioned to implement Service Level Agreements & Charge Back facilities



z/OS ESCON/FICON SAN

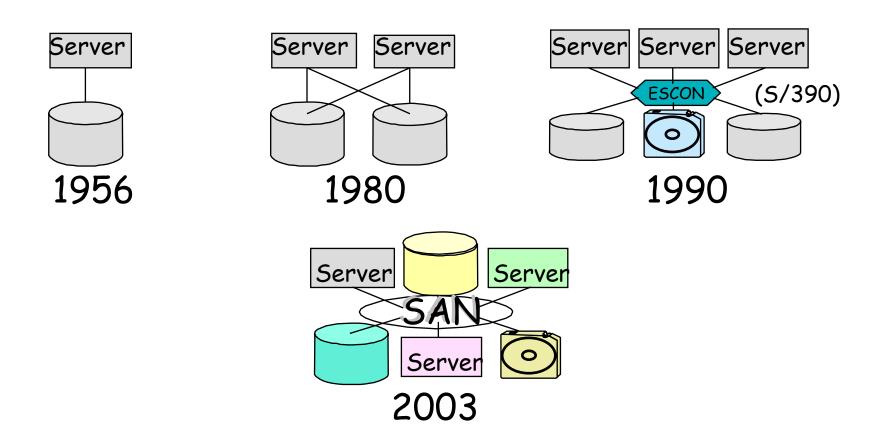
z/OS is the most advanced SAN in the industry:

- •The "Switch" is the ESCON or FICON Director
- •Device Sharing (including the equivalents of "Zoning" and "LUN Masking") was built into the operating system during the 70's and 80's (DASD Sharing)
- •z/OS Dynamic Path Reconnect (DPR) is superior to any dual path software for open systems storage (SDD, Power Path)
- •Storage Pooling came along with System-Managed Storage in the late 80's and early 90's also supports multivendor storage devices
- •Generalized Data Sharing and additional Device Sharing came into being with the Parallel Sysplex during the mid 90's
- •z/OS SAN provides workload balancing, priority queuing and the industry leading continuous availability and data integrity
- •z/OS SAN (FICON) will be able to share fabric resources with other SANS FICON/FCP Intermix
- •z/OS SAN FICON Cascading now supported



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SAN Solution Building Blocks

Servers

•UNIX, Windows, Novell, LINUX, z/OS

SAN Fabric Components

•Switches/Directors, Hubs, Gateways/Routers

Storage Virtualization Engines

•Symmetric – LUN Management & Utilization

Asymmetric Virtualization – Shared File Systems

Storage

• Disk Control Units, Tape Drives, Tape Libraries

Software

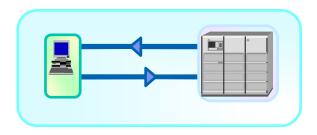
•SAN Management, SAN Exploitation (LAN Free and Server Free Backup)

Services

• Planning, Testing and Implementation, Education

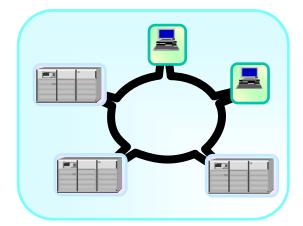


SAN Topologies

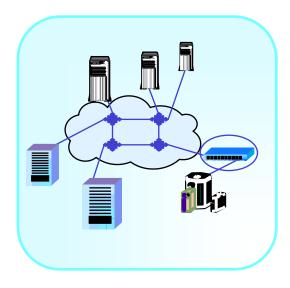


FC Point to Point

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FC Arbitrated Loop

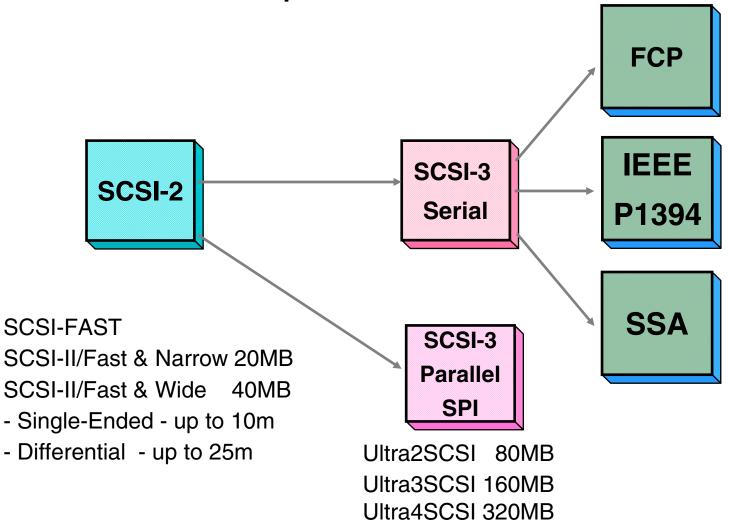


Switched Fabric



SCSI Roadmap

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The Fibre Channel Architecture

Fibre Channel Architecture

•An integrated set of rules (FC-0 thru FC-4) for serial data transfer between computers, devices and peripherals developed by INCITS (ANSI)

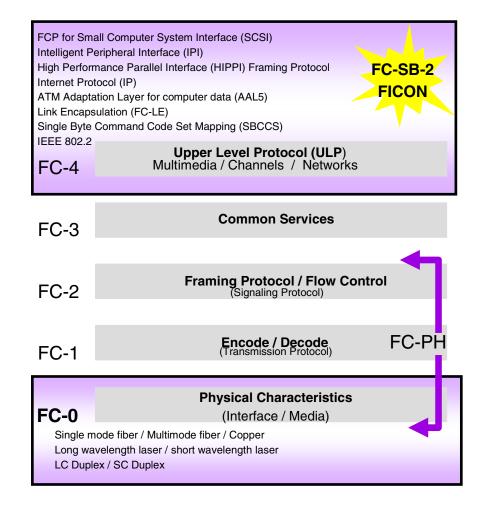
See also www.t11.org

FICON

- IBM ^[™] zSeries[™] implementation of Fibre Channel Architecture
- •An industry standard under the name FC-SB-2

FCP

- •Fibre Channel Protocol for SCSI
- •Mapping of the SCSI command protocol onto the Fibre Channel Architecture





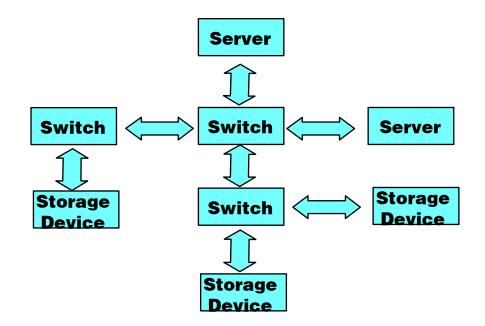
Cascading Switches/Directors

Cascading Switches

- •Currently like switches only provides redundancy, ISL trunking, preferred routing
- Communicate Fabric Topology to Each Other
- Switch manufacturers

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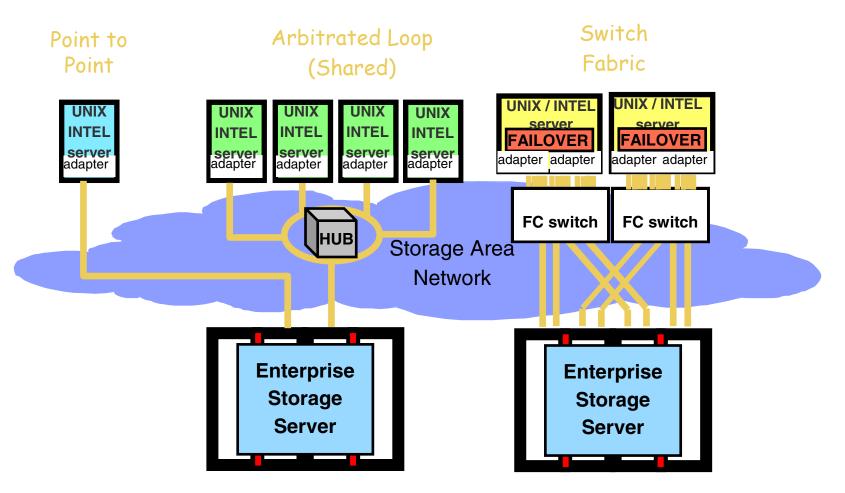
-working on standards for better interoperability (OSFI)





FCP Topologies

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Internet SCSI (iSCSI) A New and Emerging Technology

iSCSI (SCSI over IP) Appliance e.g. IBM DS300

•SCSI over IP Networks - "SAN" with IP fabric •The iSCSI protocol provides for the most efficient "packing" of storage data into TCP/IP packets

Two industry approaches--

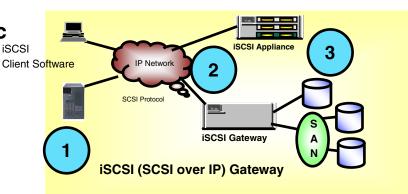
<u>iSCSI appliances</u> (with embedded storage) <u>Gateways</u> (IP/Fibre Channel bridges)

iClient (initiator) code reroutes SCSI commands over IP network

iSCSI target code receives SCSI commands from IP network



SCSI commands then either routed directly to embedded storage (iSCSI appliance) or routed to FC SAN (iSCSI gateway)





Who's Playing with iSCSI?

 Brocade, Cisco, McDATA (CNT), NetApps and several other companies offer an iSCSI gateway functionality that will provide the physical and logical connection between the ethernet attached servers and the fibre channel attached storage

IBM offers the DS300 iSCSI Storage Array

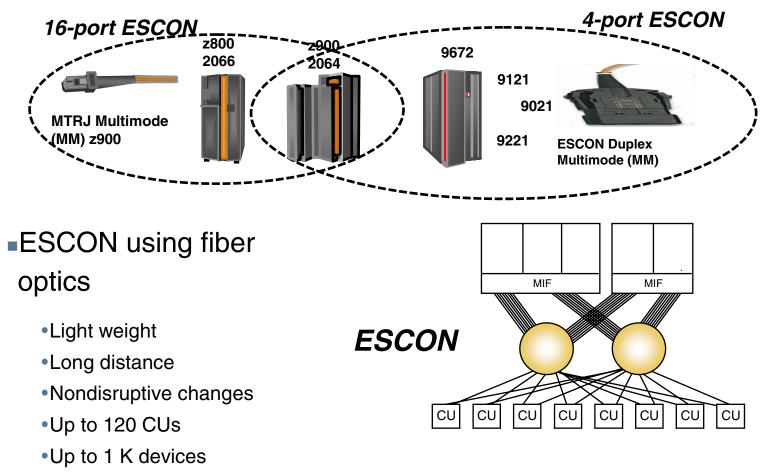
- ■14-Drive, 1Gbe iSCSI to U320 SCSI subsystem
- Single and dual RAID controller options
- Scalable to 2 TB (14 drives)
- Common software, RAID code and drive carrier

-IBM eServer xSeries iSCSI Adapter (73P3601) available to provide higher performance, remote boot and failover protection

 Other companies offer iSCSI Storage Array solutions – Stonefly, Lefthand, SANRAD, Intransa, EqualLogic, Nimbus Data

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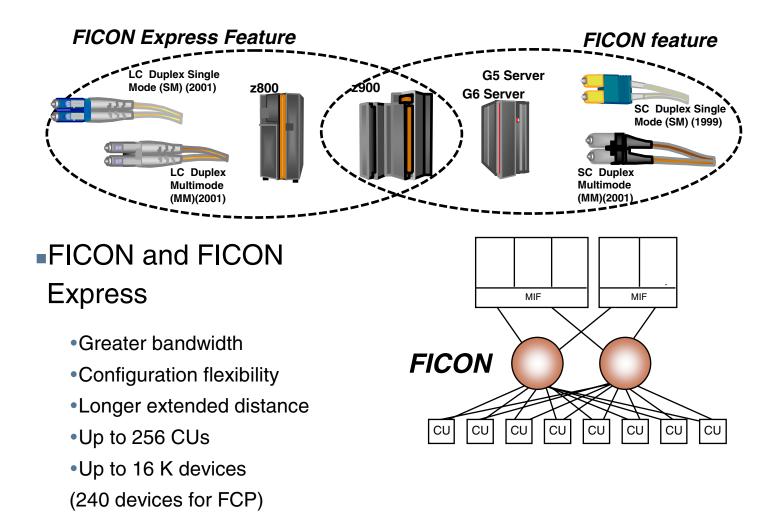
(512 devices for CTC)

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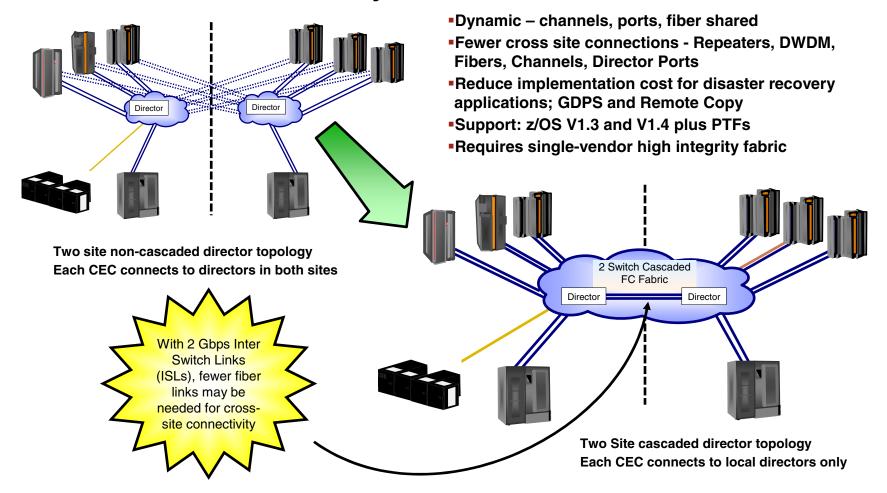
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FICON Support of Cascaded Directors – Simplify Cross-Site Connectivity – Reduce Costs

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Why Use Native FICON Channels?

- FICON is more than just an I/O card or a channel type
 - •FICON is at the heart of some very important solutions
- Performance
 - •Faster backup/ recovery times, shorter batch windows, faster data access for large data queries
 - •See the FICON and FICON Express Channel Performance white paper (February 2002) located at **ibm.com**/servers/eserver/zseries/connectivity/
- Distance
 - •Extended distance and remote vaulting (up to 100 km)
 - Reduced data rate performance droop at extended distances
- Channel consolidation
 - •Fewer channels, CHPIDs, ports, fiber optic cabling
- FICON support of Cascaded Directors
 - •Integrity features integral to FICON architecture
 - •2 Gbps Inter Switch Link capability

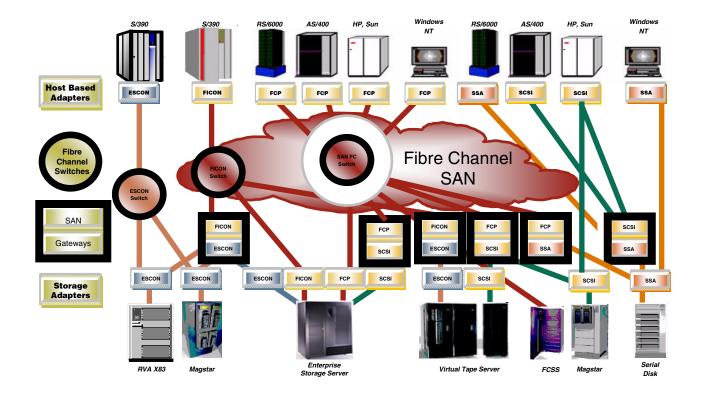


Types of Fibre Channel Ports

- E_Port Expansion Port a port on a switch used to link multiple switches together into a Fibre Channel Switch Fabric; May also be used to bridge a SAN into a ATM Frame Relay Wide Area Network (WAN)
- •F_Node a Fabric Attached Node; e.g. a server or a storage control unit
- •F_Port Fabric Port a port used to attach a Node Port (N_Port) to a switch fabric (switch side of F_Node)
- •FL_Port The access point of the fabric for physically connecting the user's Node Loop port (NL_Port); e.g. FCAL FCSS
- ■G_Port Generic Port a generic switch port that functions as either a E_Port or F_Port.
- •L_Port Loop Port a node or fabric port capable of performing FCAL functions and protocols. NL_Ports (node side) and FL_Ports (switch side) are loop capable ports.
- ■N_Port Host attachment side of a fabric port (F_Port) attached to a switch
- ■NL_Port Node Loop Port a node port that supports FC-AL devices e.g. FC-AL port on a Storage Control Unit
- Private NL_Port An NL_Port which does not attempt login with the fabric and only communicates with other NL_Ports on the same loop (e.g. HP uses this technology)
- Public NL_Port An NL_Port that attempts login with the fabric and can observe the rules of either public or private loop behavior. A Public_NL Port may communicate with both both private and public NL ports (Dell Servers use this technology; Dell Storage uses private loops)
- -U_Port Universal Port allows the attachment/function of any other industry standard port technology



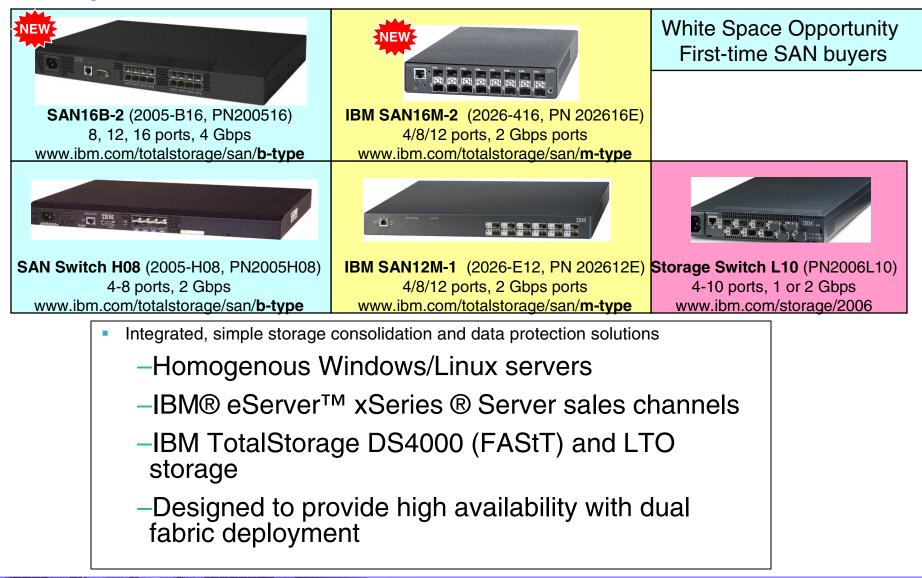
Storage Area Network "Fabric"



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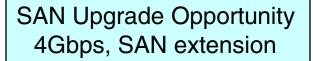
Entry SMB Switch Portfolio



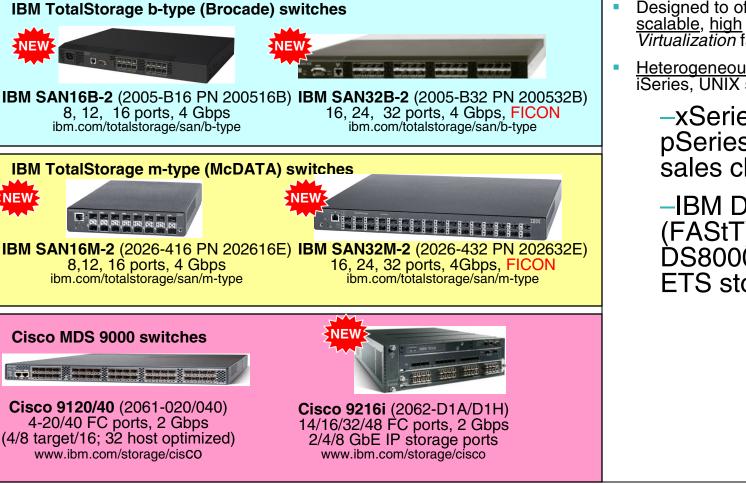
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Midrange SMB 4 Gbps Switch Portfolio

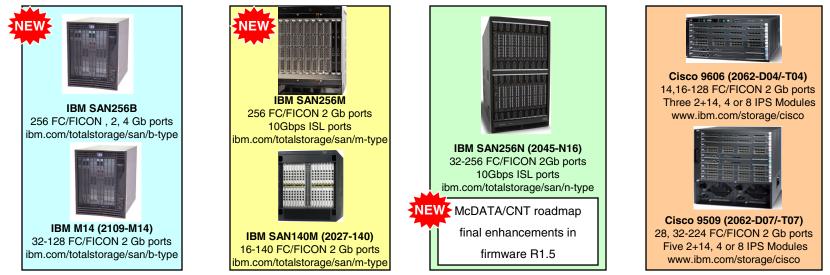


- Designed to offer integrated, scalable, high availability IBM Virtualization family solutions
- <u>Heterogeneous</u> Windows, Linux, iSeries, UNIX servers
 - -xSeries®, iSeries, pSeries® Server[™] sales channels
 - –IBM DS4000 (FAStT), DS6000, DS8000, LTO and ETS storage





IBM Director Portfolio



Technology Upgrade Opportunity

SAN Consolidation & extension

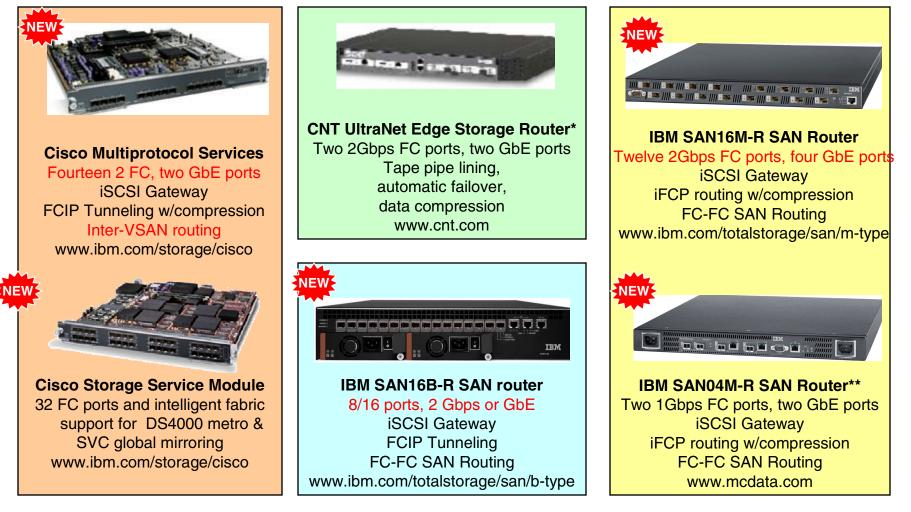
- <u>Designed to provide high availability</u> and <u>scalability</u> and intelligent software to help <u>simplify management</u> of complex, integrated enterprise SANs
- Heterogeneous Windows, Linux, iSeries, UNIX and <u>mainframe</u> servers

-xSeries, iSeries, pSeries, zSeries Server sales channels

–IBM DS4000, DS6000, DS8000, LTO and ETS storage

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IBM WAN and SAN Routing and Intelligent Fabrics

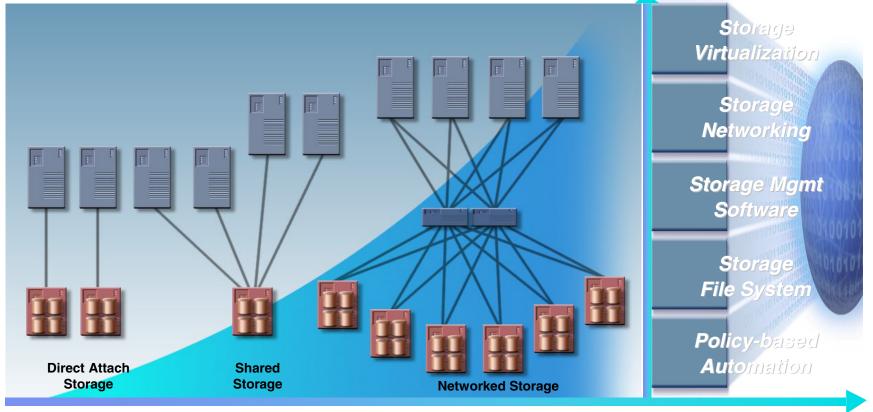


* IBM storage (DS8000, SVC) supported and ** IBM TSP McDATA 1620



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Technology Shifting Towards the Network and Software



Value in Network-based Storage Infrastructure Software





Storage Virtualization

- Block Level Virtualization solutions w/wo storage "in-band" (symmetric) or "out-of-band" (asymmetric)
- Block Level Virtualization solution wo/ storage allow multiple vendors storage to attach and look as one large pool for better investment protection (IBM SAN Volume Controller)
- SAN-Wide File System (IBM SAN File System) provide file system virtualization for better availability, manageability and data access - uses "out-of-band" technology



IT Historical Precedent

Operating Systems

•MVS, Windows, UNIX ...

Mainframe

•Virtual memory, Virtual Channels ... •Logical Volume Managers

•Veritas, Tivoli ...

Tape technology

•Virtual Tape Server ...

Disk systems

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•Cache, RAID, Iceberg, 'Shark' ...





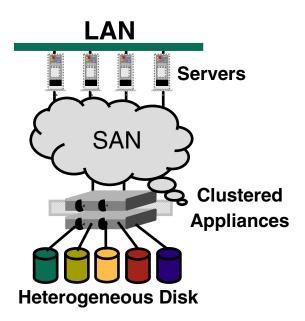
Hardware/Software Virtualization

Symmetric (in-band)

•Virtualization Appliances

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•Data/control stream through appliance •Favored by IBM, DataCore ...

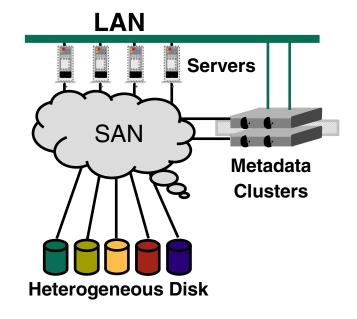


Asymmetric (out-of-band)

•Metadata Servers (clustered)

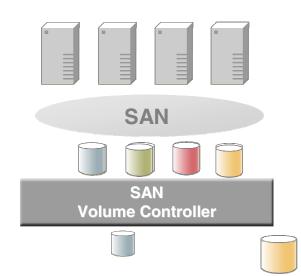
•Server data stream, Metadata control stream through appliance

•Favored by IBM, Compaq ...





SAN Volume Controller



Virtual disks, however, can remain constant while physical changes in the infrastructure are carried out.

Value

- Centralized point of control for volume management
- Reduce or eliminate downtime for planned outages, maintenance and backup
- Improved resource utilization
- Single, cost effective set of advanced copy services

Functional Summary

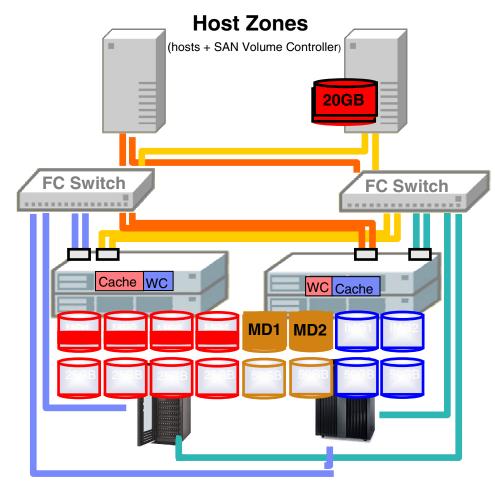
- Single storage pool grouped into disk groups
- Dynamic Data Migration
- Image Mode to transition from existing SANs
- Copy Services with consistency groups
- SAN-wide FlashCopy
- SAN-wide Synchronous PRC

Storage Engine

Modular, HW/SW integrated solution 1-2 pairs of xSeries storage engines



SAN Volume Controller Architecture



Storage Zone (Storage + SAN Volume Controller)

To ensure high availability and peak performance, each **SAN Volume Controller node** pair is connected to your SAN using 8 fibre channel ports – four ports per node.

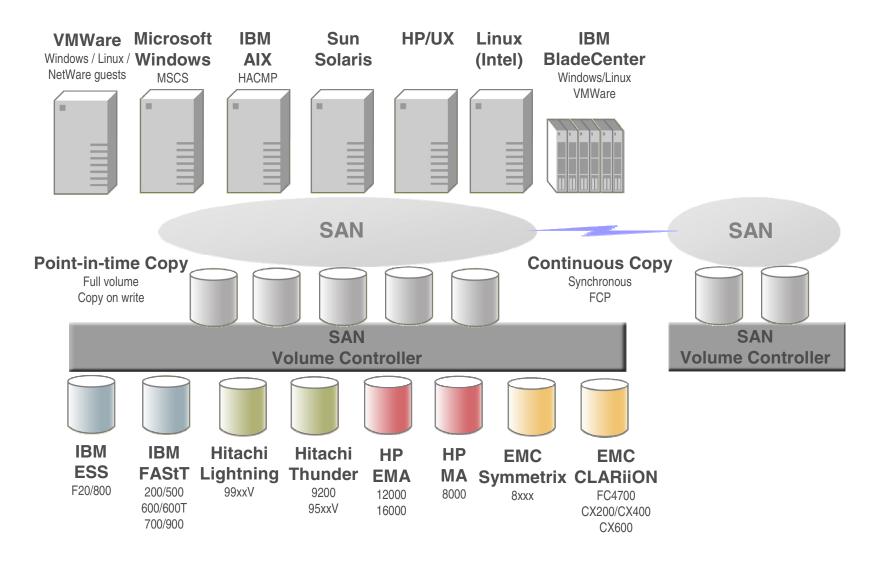
The SAN Volume Controller provides in-band storage virtualization by creating a pool of **managed disks** from attached back-end disk storage subsystems. These managed disks are then mapped to a set of virtual disks for use by various host computer systems.

vDisks are created using managed disks within a managed disk group (MDG). Accordingly, all the managed disks in a single MDG should have the same (or very similar) performance characteristics.

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SAN Volume Controller Supported Environments

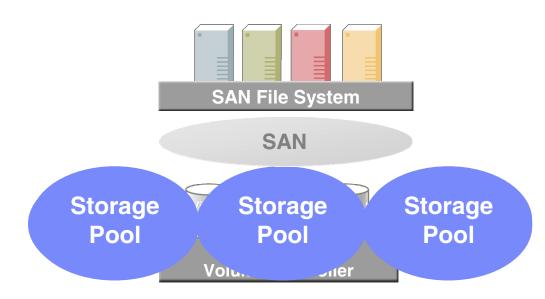


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Rules for File Provisioning

/HR go into Storage Pool 1 *.bak go into Storage Pool 4 DB2.* go into Storage Pool 2 *.tmp go into Storage Pool3

BENEFIT

- Simplify and improve access to data
- Simplify storage management improving productivity
- Improve storage utilization
- Improve application availability
- Provide true heterogeneous sharing of data in a SAN environment
- Provide automated policy based data management

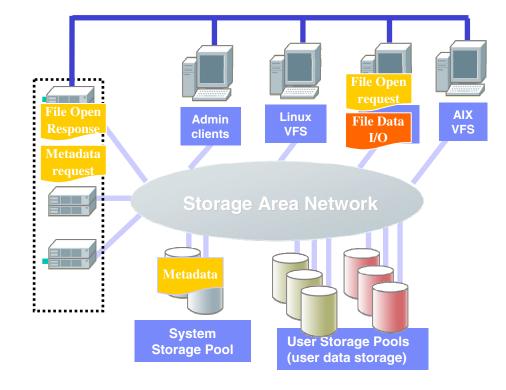
FEATURES

- Policy management for file placement
- Supports non-disruptive migration of files
- Reduces downtime for server consolidation
- Improves access to files
- Reduces out of space conditions
- Supports heterogeneous servers and storage

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SAN FileSystem Architecture

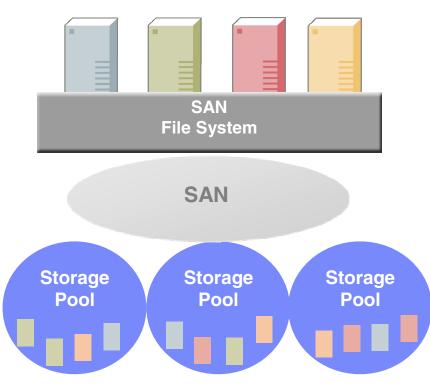


Typical I/O Request:

- 1. Application makes "File Open" request. This is intercepted by SAN File System Client and directed to Metadata server.
- 2. Metadata server gets metadata (file location, permissions, locks, attributes) stored on system location on SAN
- 3. Metadata server verifies available locks and responds to "File Open" request
- 4. SAN File System Client verifies security permissions and provides access to file
- 5. Application conducts direct I/O with storage device on SAN. Achieves near local file performance

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SAN File System Policy-Based Automation



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 Storage and file management feature 			
Designed to provide automatic file allocation			
Can help ease management of storage growth			
 Policy-based management uses policy sets A policy is an ordered list of rules 			
Multiple policies can be stored but only one is active			
Rules and how are they used			
Rules determine which storage pool each file is automatically allocated to			
Files matching a rule are placed in stg. pool specified by the rule			
If no rule applies, then file is allocated to the default pool			
File allocation to storage based on business requirements			
Storage pools may have different service characteristics			
Rules use SQL-like language			
Placement only enforced at file creation time			

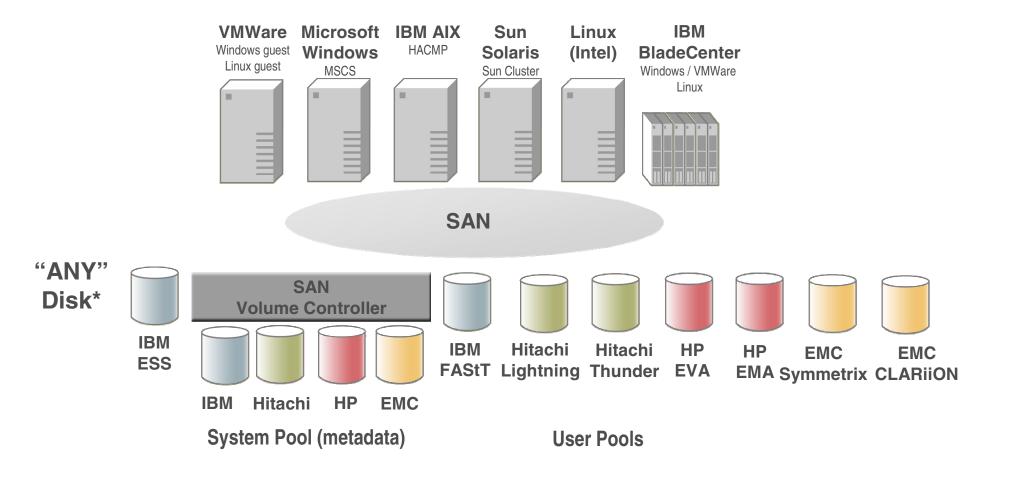
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System Managed Storage - Terminology

System-Managed Storage Concept	Mainframe Terminology	SAN File System Terminology
Information and Location of data	The Integrated Catalog Facility (ICF)	Metadata stored in System Pool
Concurrent access to data	Global Resource Serialization (GRS)	Read-only vs. Read/Write Shared vs. Exclusive
Pooled Storage Resources	DFSMS Storage Groups	User Pools
Policy-Based Management for Automation	Automatic Class Selection (ACS) Routines	Policy Sets containing Placement and Service Rules



SAN File System Supported Environments



* One IBM SAN Volume Controller, FAStT or ESS required for metadata information

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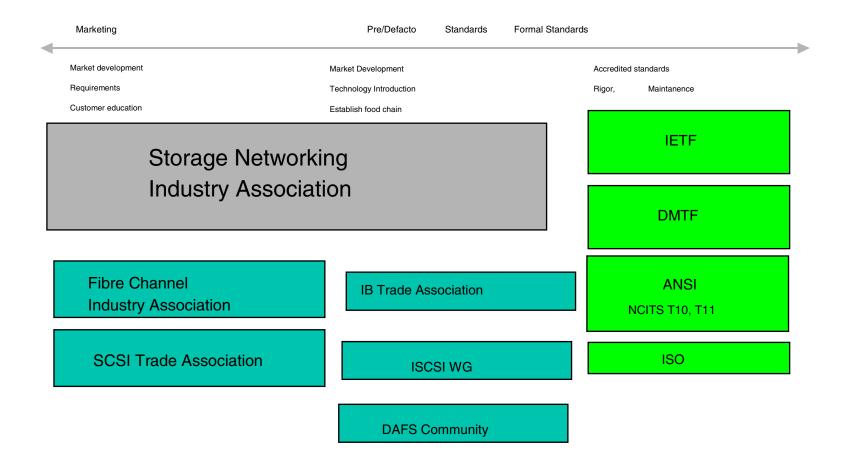


SAN Standards

- z/OS Sure, it's open anyone can code to IBM's standards and have an excellent chance of compatibility
- Windows/NT Sure, it's open anyone can code to Microsoft's standards and have some chance of compatibility
- Storage Area Networks Sure, it's open It's multi-vendor! Easy - Right?



Storage Networking Standards





SAN Software Toolkit

Framework Managers

•Tivoli TEC, HP OpenView, CA TNG, BMC

Storage Resource Managers (SRM)

•IBM TotalStorage Productivity Center for Data (used to be TSRM)

SAN Fabric Managers

•IBM TotalStorage Productivity Center for Fabric (used to be TSANM)

Storage Element Managers

•IBM TotalStorage Productivity Center for Disk

•IBM TotalStorage Productivity Center for Replication

SAN Exploitation

• Tivoli Storage Manager (LAN-Free Backup/Server-Free Backup)



OS/390 - UNIX/NT Interoperability

- Various Ethernet/GbE and Token Ring Implementations (including NFS clients/servers, TSM, DFM, DRDA, etc.) for Server to Server data transfer/access
- InfoSpeed (now owned by CNT) Server to Server high speed access
- EMC/Innovation Data Processing Symmetrix/FDRSOS Direct read of UNIX/NT volumes to MVS tape for full volume backup
- HDS/Harbor 7700E/Harbor Direct read of UNIX/NT volumes to MVS Tape for full volume backup (IDP also does this now for HDS)
- EMC Infomover and HDS HMDE FTP file transfer between UNIX/NT and OS/390 using control unit cache
- Encore/SUN CD-ROM view (ISO 9660 Standard) read of OS/390 data from UNIX/NT systems (not in a current product)
- "Twin-Tailed" attachment of Storage Control units like the 3494 to OS/390 and AIX for storage hardware sharing (partitioning)
- UNIX Systems Services HFS and OS/390 flat file transfers (IEBGENER + OGET/OPUT TSO Cmds + XSAM access method)
- EMC/BMC's DataReach (now called Data Extractor from EMC)
- Ex-XPE (9399) function



OS/390 SAN interoperability with FCP SANs - Generic Requirements

- Most customers want to gain painless and quick access to their data regardless of the server on which it resides
- Customers want to be able to manage all SAN elements from a single point of control across heterogeneous operating systems and multiple vendor storage control units

Consolidated Multi-Network Management

- •Automated Policy Management for Storage regardless of platform
- There are some storage software exploitation items of the ESCON SAN infrastructure like PPRC, but customers want more - like server free movement of data
- Some people confuse storage control unit functions with SAN functions i.e. direct read of UNIX/NT volumes from OS/390 inside the ESS/Shark to do volume backup - but call this a SAN requirement
- Have OS/390 provide integrated Security coverage for itself and UNIX/NT
- -Have a single unified Tape Management System for OS/390 and UNIX/NT

Have easier ways of replicating data between OS/390 and UNIX/NT

- Automated, works with scheduling software on both sides
- •Controllable from either OS/390 or UNIX/NT
- •"Conceptually Simple" e.g. single step transfer (hiding data extract, data transformation, data loading processes)



SAN Summary

Information is the currency of an e-business and must be managed as a valuable corporate asset. SANs are the digital bank for that information. This makes SANs one of the most important IT advancements since the emergence of Network Computing.

"Today's business environment is being driver, in large part, by the data explosion fueled by ebusiness, the commercialization of the Interver, the emergence of data intensive technologies such as multimedia and data warehousing and the focus on server and storage consolidation. IBM's Storage Area Network initiative is the next step towards providing centrally managed, open software and hardware solutions designed to help companies get the most value out of their entire business information and IT infrastructures."

"IBM's Fibre Channel RAID Storage Server has not only provided Indiana University students with continuous and fast access to computing resources, it has also positioned us to utilize emerging SAN technologies," said Raj Murtay, IT Director of Indiana University at Pennsylvania. "We are thrilled to be able to use this product knowing that our investment is protected by the scalability of industry standard

Fibre Channel."





Definitions

•CIFS - Common Internet File System; commonly used as a replacement for Netbios on PC systems

•Fabric - A Fibre Channel network consisting of multiple devices interconnected by one or more switches that use Fibre Channel methodology to link nodes and route frames

•FC-AL - Fibre Channel Arbitrated Loop - a shared gigabit media for up to 127 nodes, one of which may be attached to a switch fabric. Uses arbitration to decide which node is using the loop at any one time

•FCP - Fibre Channel Protocol - the mapping of serial SCSI-3 commands to the physical Fibre Channel carrier

•FICON - Mapping an enhanced ESCON protocol onto the physical Fibre Channel carrier

Gateway - a node of a network that interconnects two otherwise incompatible networks (e.g., IBM SAN Data Gateway (2108-G07) SCSI - FCAL + LUN Masking function)

•GBIC - Gigabit Interface Converter - allows the optical fibre to be attached to the Host Bus Adapter (HBA) in a server (optical laser to copper)

HBA - Host Bus Adapter - the I/O card that fits in a server and allows attachment of fibre channel media (optical cable or copper cable)

•Hub - A Fibre Channel device that connects nodes into a logical loop by using a physical star topology. Facilitates FC-AL loops and allows the FC-AL loops to be extended to 10 KM by connecting longwave GBICs.

LAN/WAN - Local Area Network; Wide Area Network - usually using TCP/IP or CIFS protocols to carry end-user interactive traffic.



Definitions

- •NAS Network Attached Storage a term used to describe technology where an integrated storage systems is usually attached to a LAN or WAN using TCP/IP or CIFS. There are two general types of NAS - File servers (e.g. NFS) or Backup/Archive servers (IBM 3466 Network Storage Manager)
- Node An entity with one or more N_Ports or NL_Ports (e.g. Servers or Storage Devices)
- Point to Point A Fibre Channel topology in which each point has physical links to only one neighbor resulting in a closed circuit. The available bandwidth is dedicated solely to this connection.
- Port The hardware entity within a node that performs data communications over the Fibre Channel
- Router A dedicated hardware and/or software package which manages the connection between two or more networks (e.g. IBM SAN Data Gateway Router(2108-R03) - SCSI to FCAL protocol conversion only)
- SAN Centrally managed high speed networks of multivendor storage subsystems, applications servers, clients and networking hardware that allow compagnies to exploit the value of their business informations via universal access and sharing of resources.
- Switch A hardware entity with multiple entry/exit points (ports) that provides dynamic connection between any two of these ports.



A Comparison of Channels

ESCON Channel	Native FICON Channel	FCP Channel
Circuit Switching	Packet Switching	Packet Switching
Read or write Half-duplex data transfer	Simultaneous read and write full-duplex data transfers	Simultaneous read and write full-duplex data transfers
Connection-oriented	Connectionless	Connectionless
Dedicated path pre- established	Packets individually routed	Packets individually routed
When packet (frame) is sent, link is locked	When packet is sent, link is released	When packet is sent, link is released
Synchronous data transfer	Asynchronous data transfer	Asynchronous data transfer
Uses CCW Architecture	Uses CCW Architecture	Uses SCSI architecture
Traditional IODEVICE to access a logical volume	Traditional IODEVICE to access a logical volume	QDIO IODEVICE to access ALL logical units



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