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Enterprise SAN Fabrics

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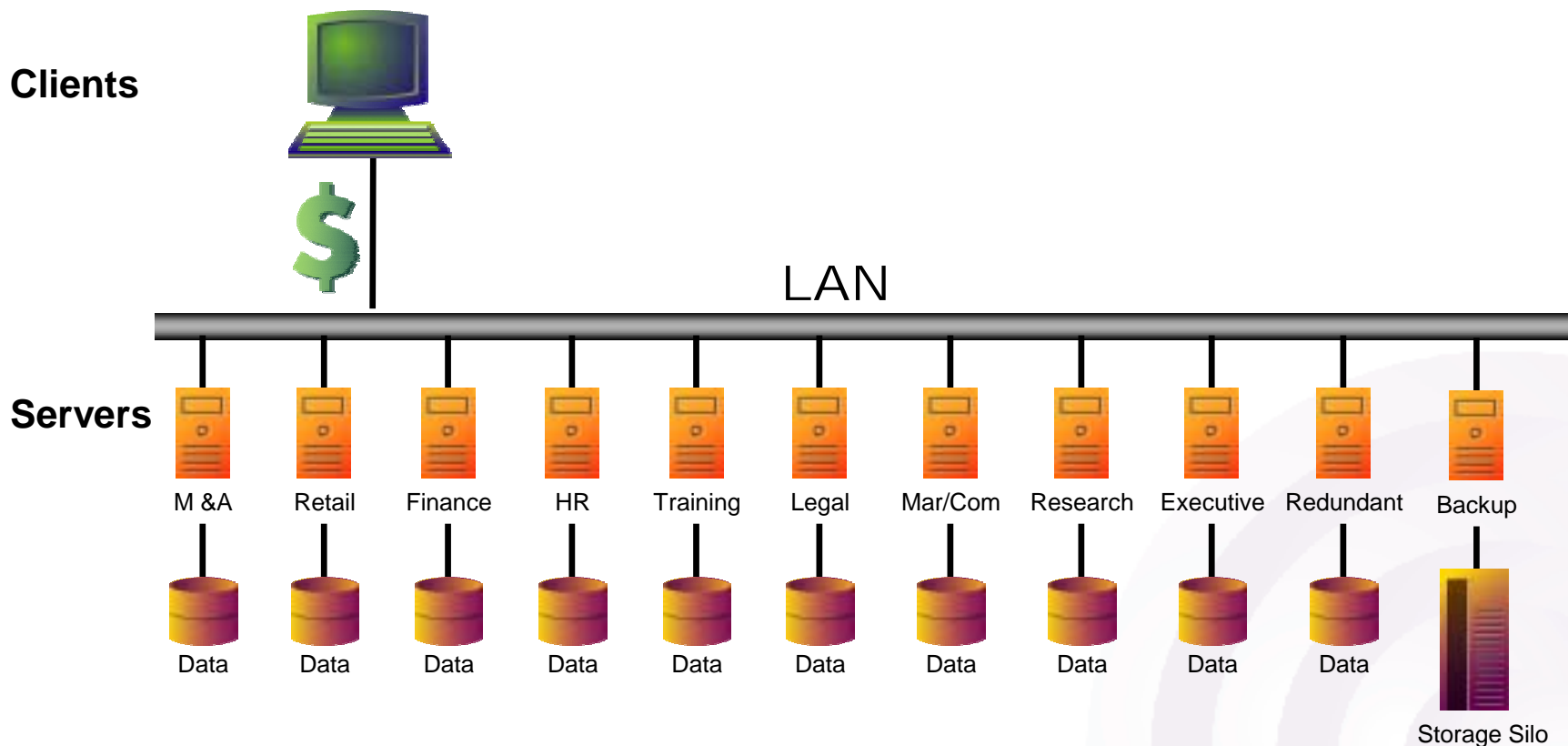
Why Storage Area Networks?

- Information available anywhere, anytime
- Business continuance with 99.999% uptime
- Lower management costs
- Higher asset utilization
- More effective growth management
- Peak performance



Legacy Storage Architecture

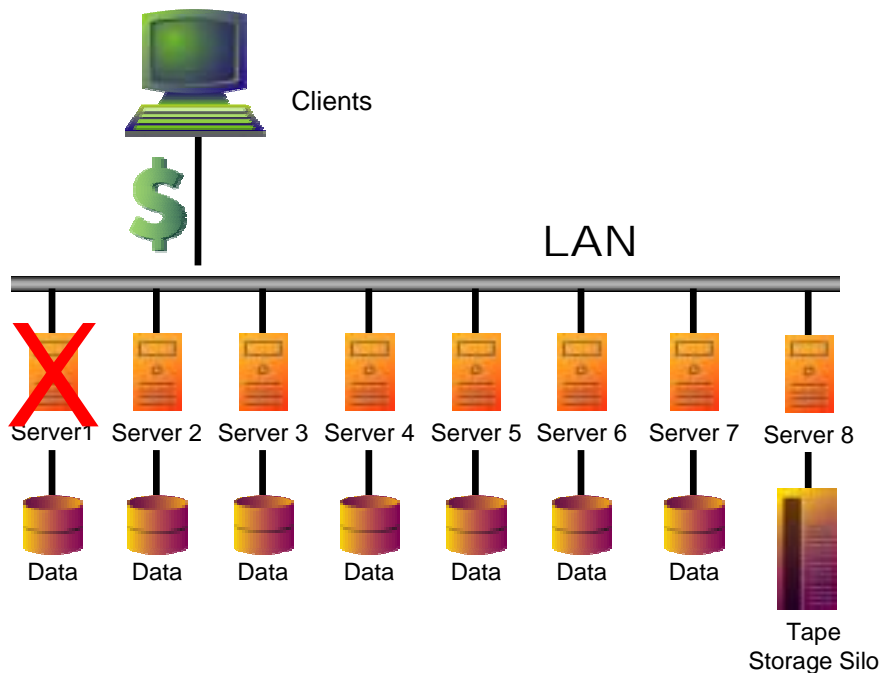
Example: Investment Bank



Storage is directly attached to specific group servers

Legacy Storage Issues

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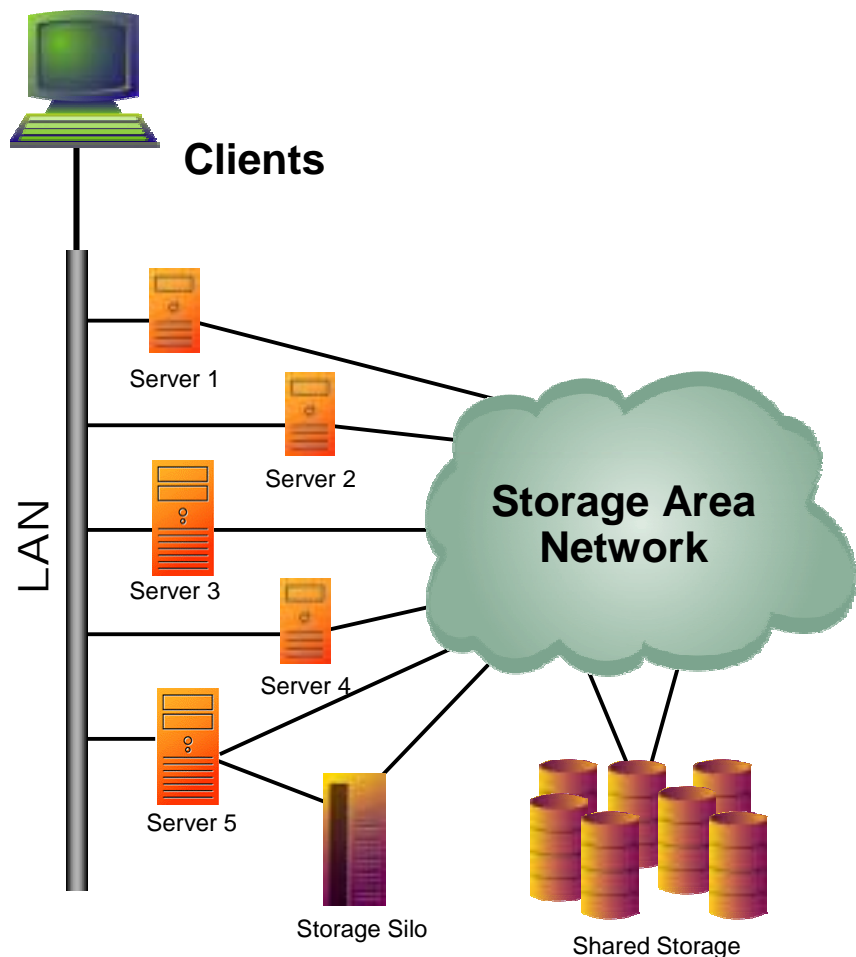


Direct attach storage model difficult to scale

- Lack of data availability
- Poor asset utilization
- Increased management
- Inability to share data
- Compromises disaster tolerance ability
- Performance degradation
- Distance limitations

Storage Area Networks (SAN)

Example: Investment Bank

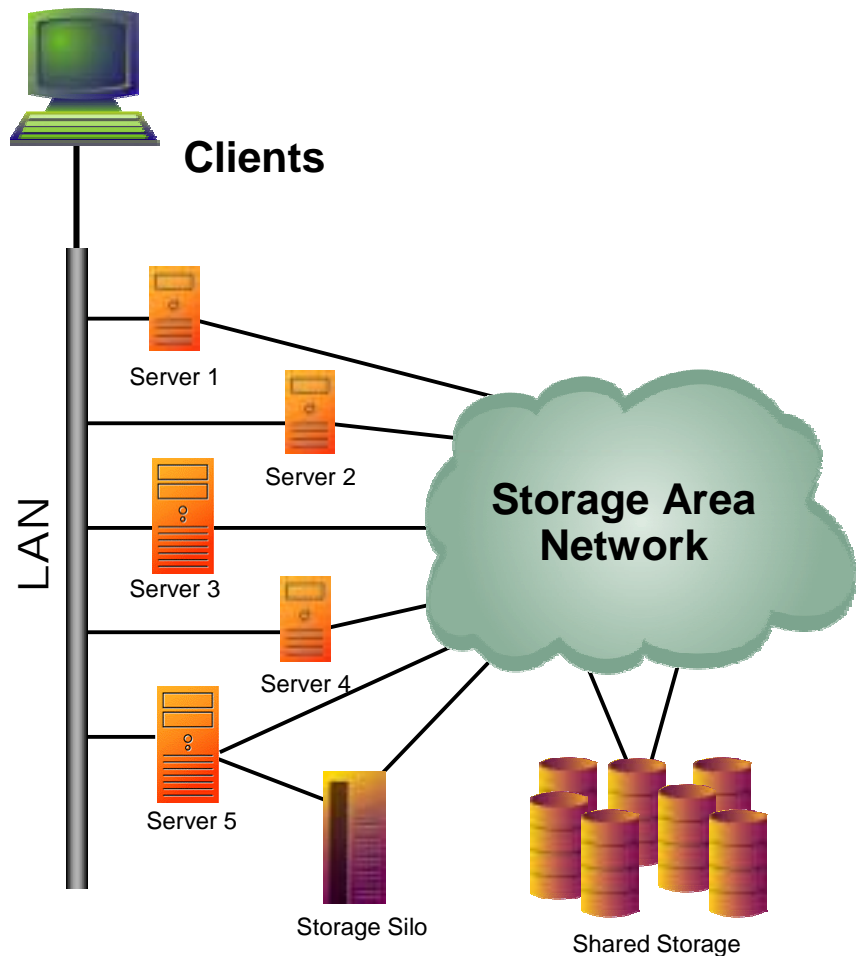


Proposed Infrastructure

- All data is replicated to a secondary onsite server
- Storage limitation is removed allowing for fewer amounts of servers
- SAN migrates data to near-line storage thereby freeing up valuable resources

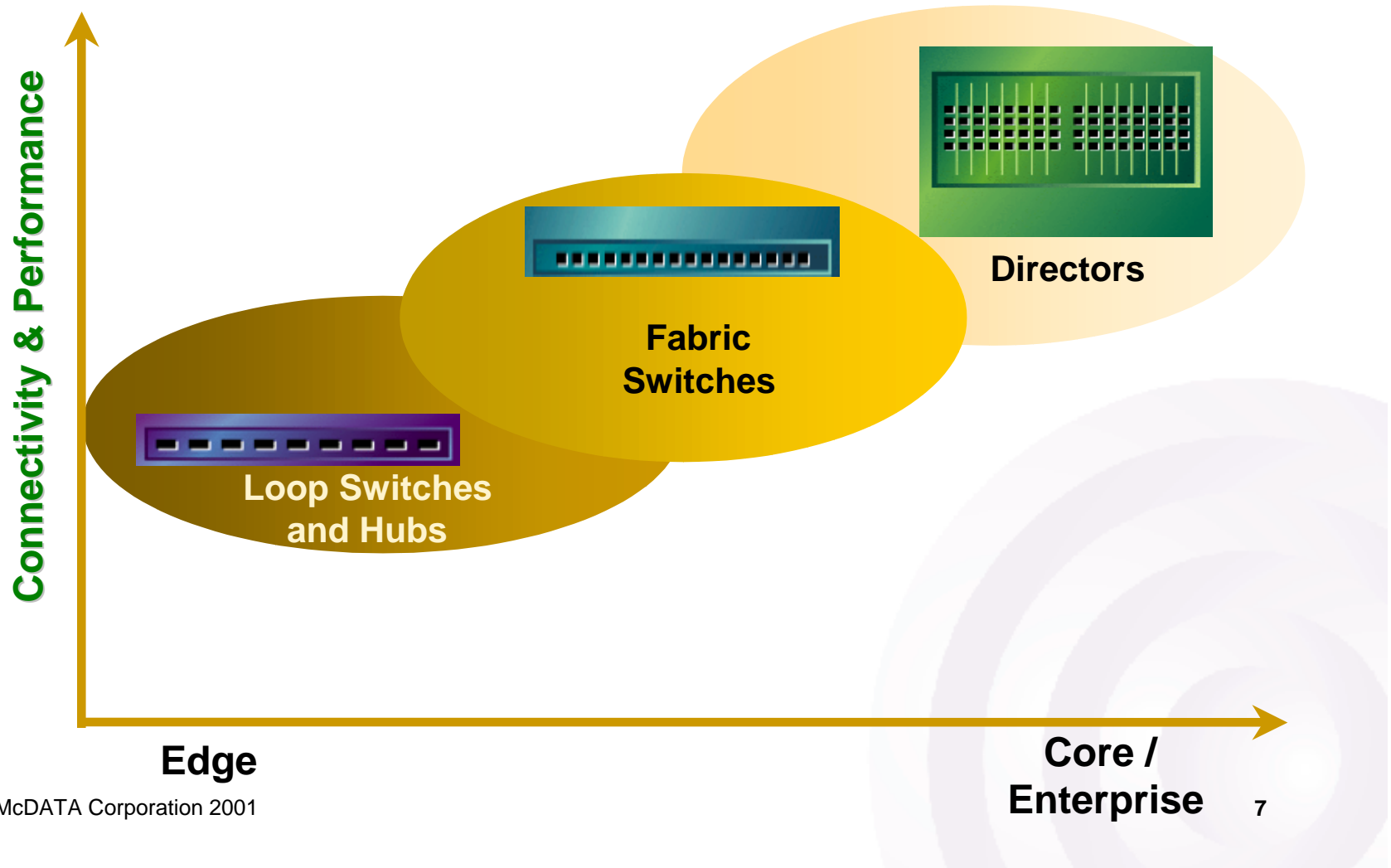
SAN Deployment

Example: Investment Bank



- Improved Performance
- Improved Availability
- Higher Asset Utilization
- Storage Consolidation
- Higher Scalability
- Easier Manageability

SAN Connectivity Options



Fabric and Loop Switches

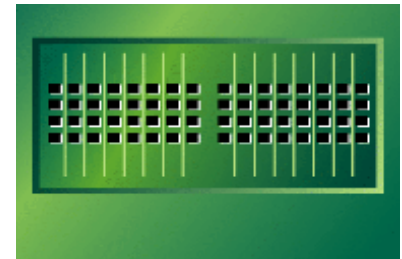
- Vendor-Specific
 - Wide range of fabric and loop switch products
- Availability
 - Fabric Switch: 99.9% (8.8 hours / year)
 - Loop Switch: 99.9% (8.8 hours / year)
- Any-to-Any Connectivity
 - Fabric Switch: 16 to 32 any-to-any ports
 - Loop Switch: 8+ ports, shared bandwidth
- Scalability
 - Fabric Switch: scales via ISLs
 - Loop Switch: limited to 126 nodes



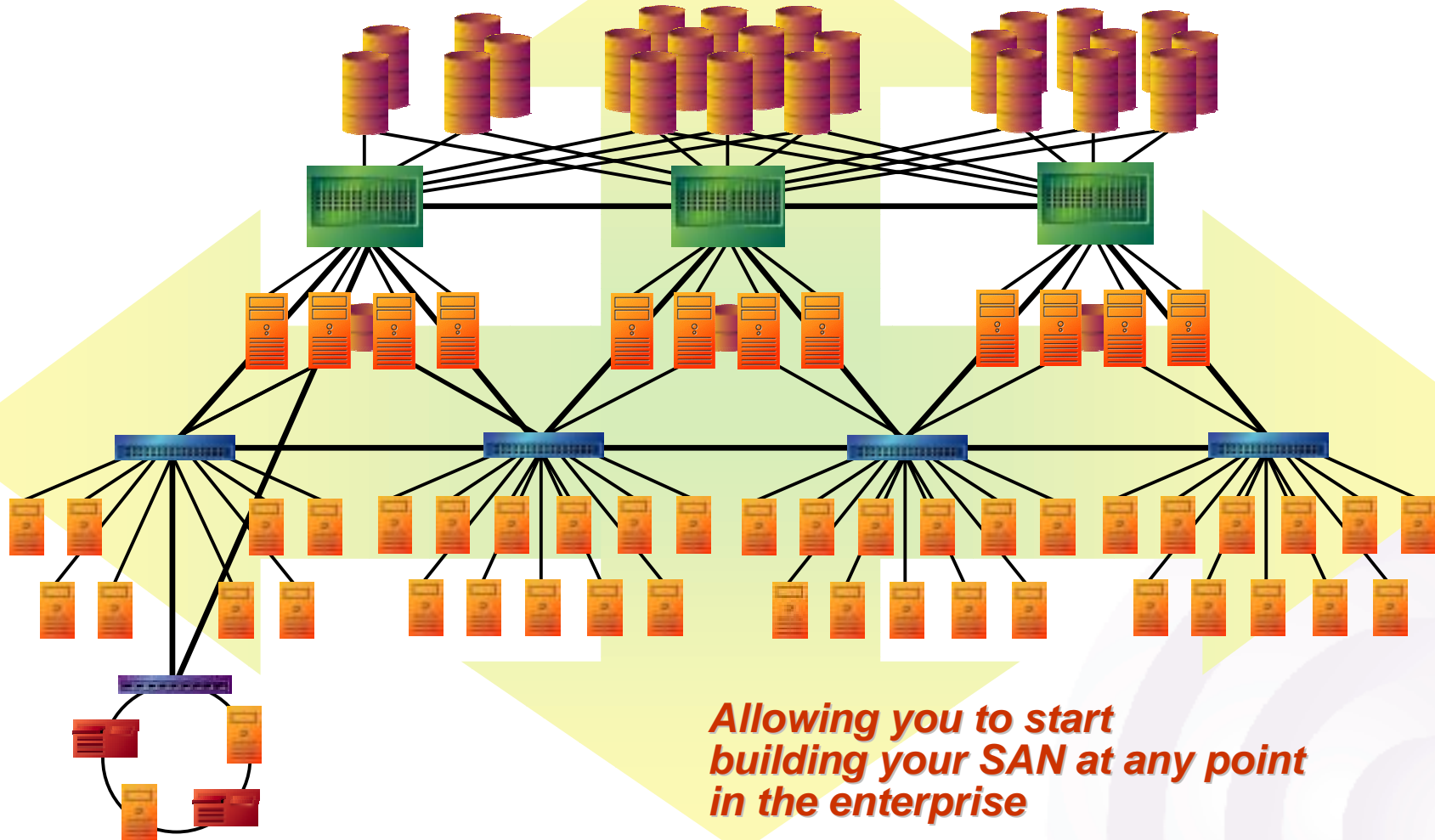


Directors-Class Fibre Channel Switches

- Availability
 - Director: 99.999%
<5 minutes of downtime per year
- Any-to-Any Connectivity
 - Director: large port count
Modular growth via field replaceable port card
- Serviceability
 - Director: non-disruptive
No downtime due to hardware and software service actions
- Scalability
 - Director: superior fabric scaling
Provides the largest building block for core connectivity



Hierarchical Fabrics





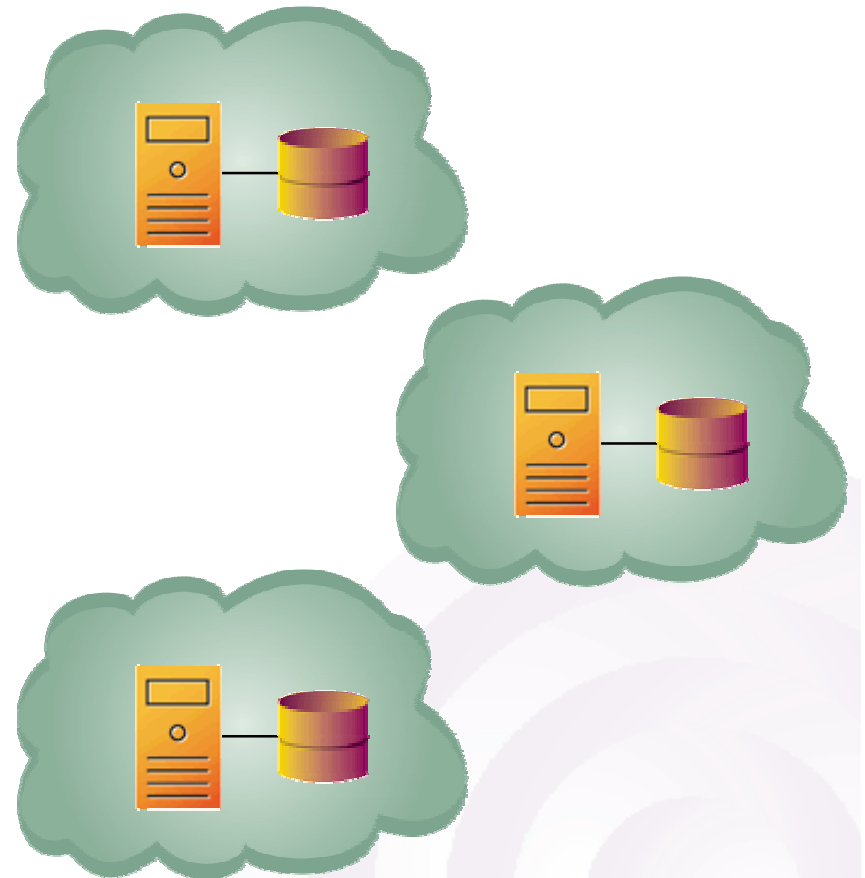
SAN Applications:



Disk Storage Consolidation

Problem:

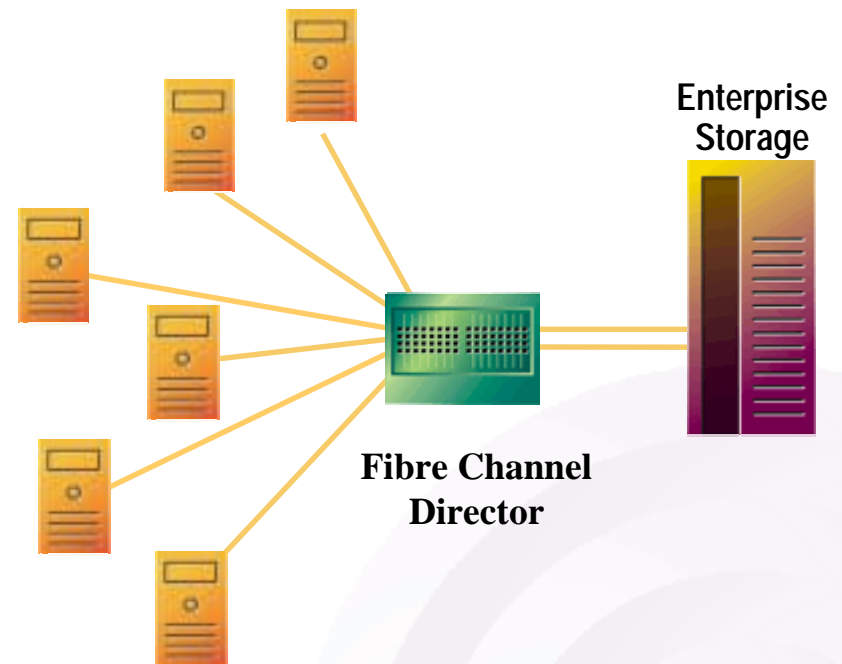
- Distributed servers and storage
- Separate storage management
- Fragmented disk environments -- separate islands of information
- High availability and server fault tolerance requirements



Disk Storage Consolidation

Solution:

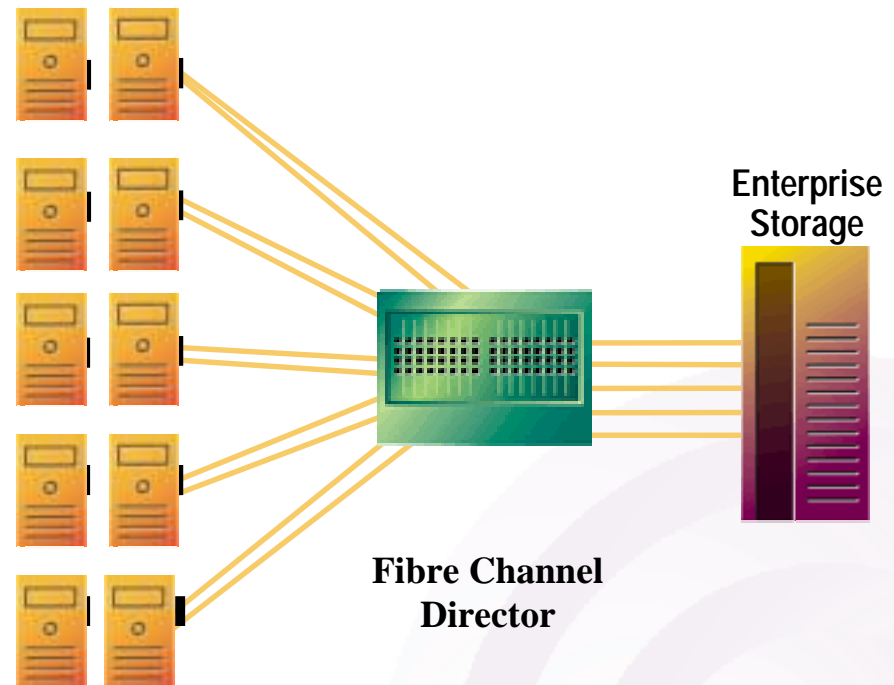
- Flexible connectivity/configuration
- Improved asset utilization
- Capacity on demand
- Enhanced manageability
- Lower operational costs



Server Consolidation

Solution:

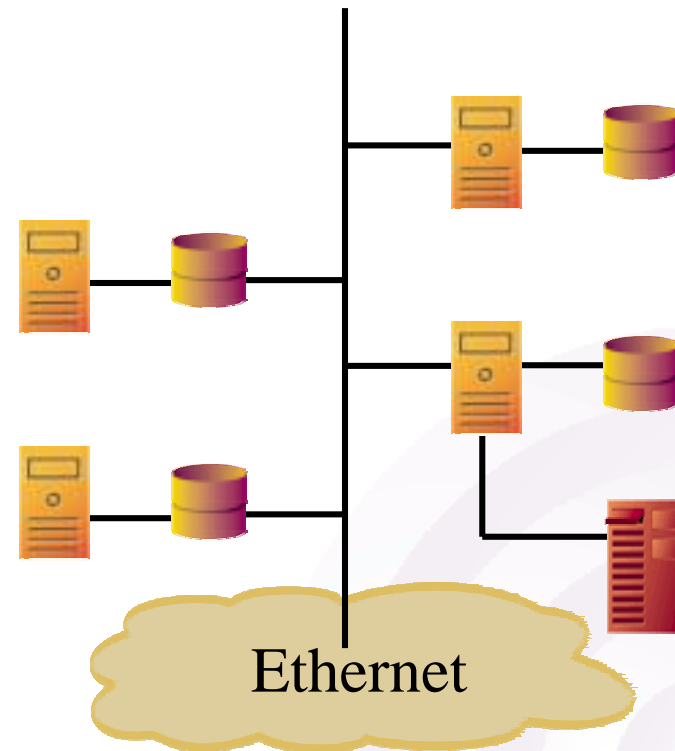
- Add Director / Switch
- Uses current equipment
- No need to purchase additional storage
- Fault-tolerant
- Dual-pathing



LAN-Free Backup and Restore

Problem:

- Need to offload busy LANs and servers
- Shrink backup window
- Need rapid recovery solutions
- Isolated backup “islands”



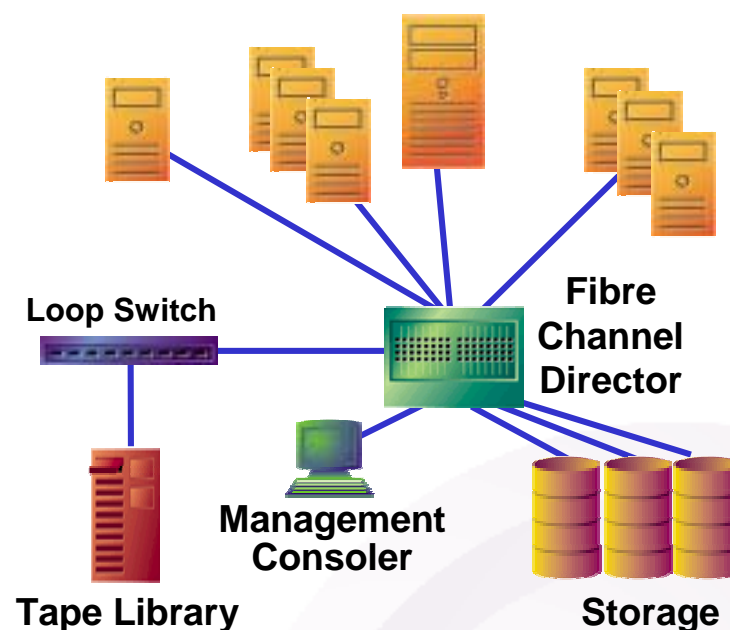
LAN-Free Backup and Restore

Solution:

- Implement SAN based backup
- Share Enterprise class tape libraries
- High speed SAN data movement
- Minimal impact on production system
- Faster, more effective recovery process

Benefit:

- Reduced backup window
- Free LAN from backup traffic
- Faster, more effective recovery process





Deployment Examples:





Scenario One

Site Assessment

Port count needs

25 end connection ports initially

Growth

100% growth in ports 2nd year

Network type

meshed or SAN islands

Pathing connections

single

Performance needs

moderate

Availability needs

moderate

Current storage/backup

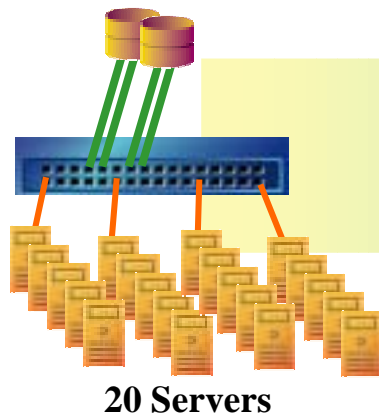
midrange RAID,
may expand to tape backup

Scenario One

Option A

Initial Deployment

(1) 32-port Fabric Switch

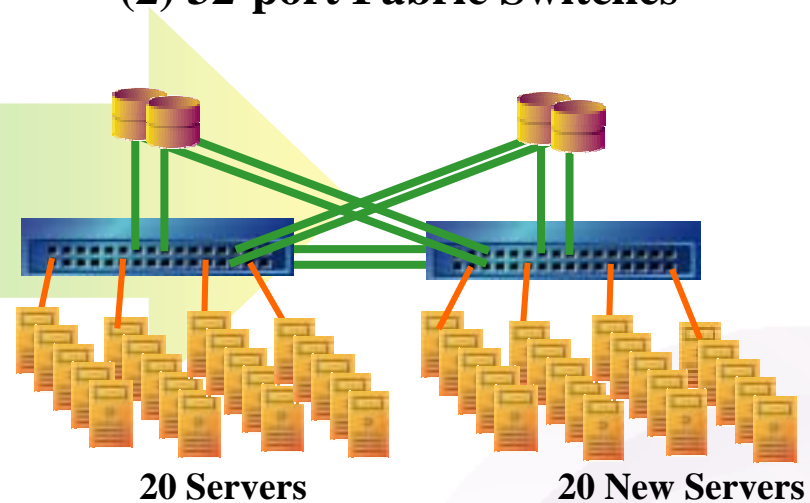


Key Attributes

- Full Any-to-any connectivity
- 8 Open ports
- Single point of failure
- 99.9 % availability

Year 2 Expansion Plan

(2) 32-port Fabric Switches



Key Attributes

- Any-to-any connectivity
- 12 Open ports
- Can dual path some servers

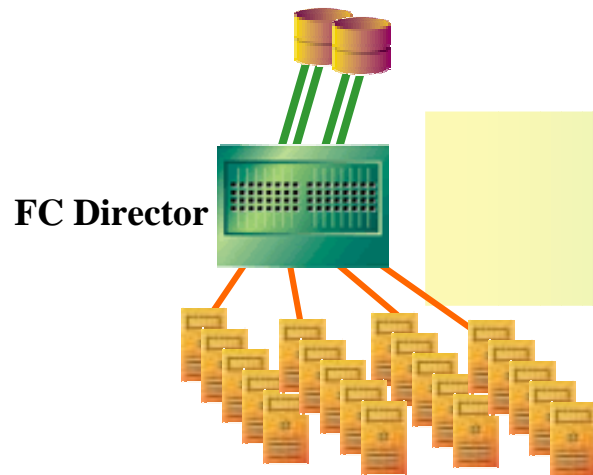


Scenario One

Option B

Initial Deployment

(1) Director 32-port configuration



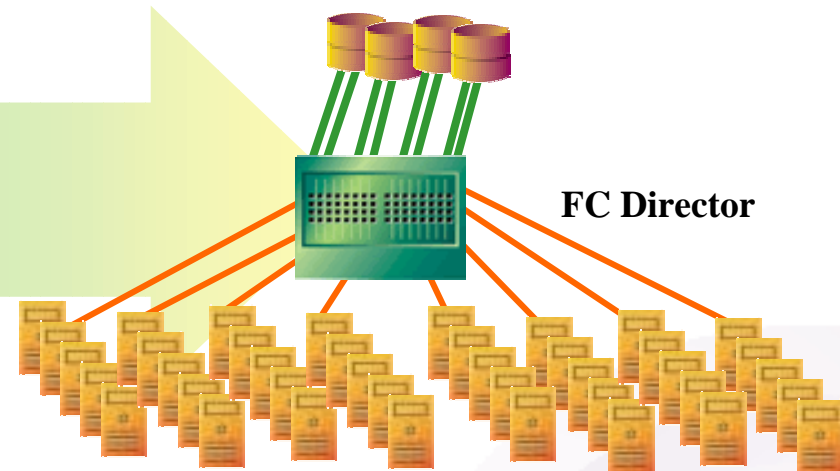
20 Servers

Key Attributes

- 99.999% availability
- Any-to-any connectivity

Year 2 Expansion Plan

(1) Director 64-port configuration



20 Servers

20 New Servers

Key Attributes

- 99.999% availability
- Any-to-any connectivity
- 12 free ports



Scenario Two

Site Assessment

Port count needs

120 end connection ports initially

Growth

100% growth in ports 2nd year

Network type

fully meshed

Pathing connections

dual

Performance needs

high

Availability needs

high

Current storage

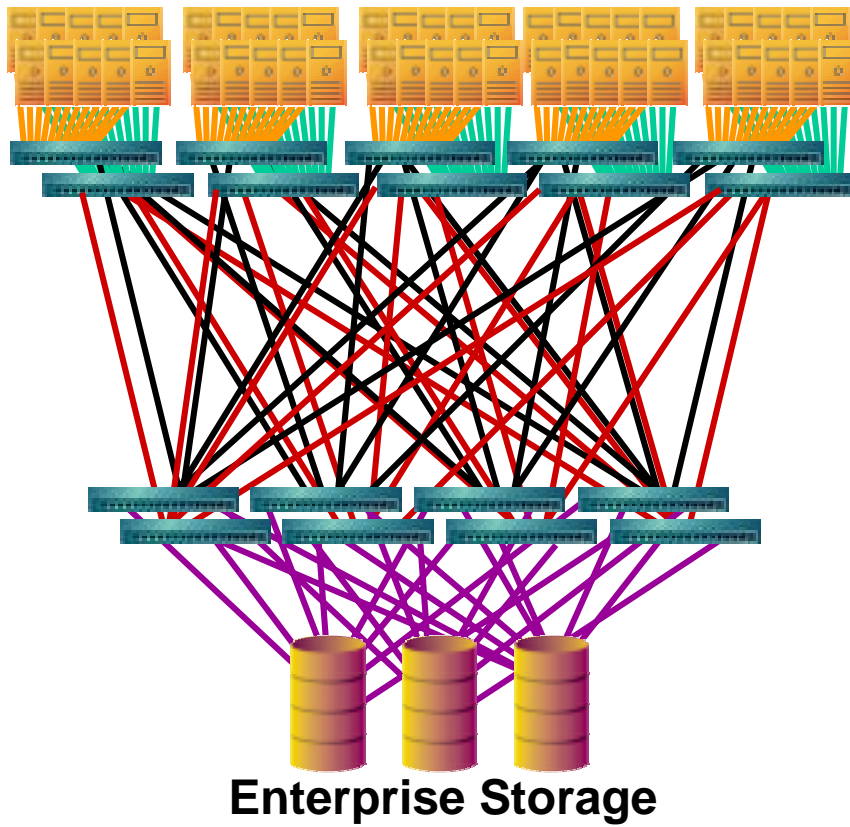
enterprise-class RAID



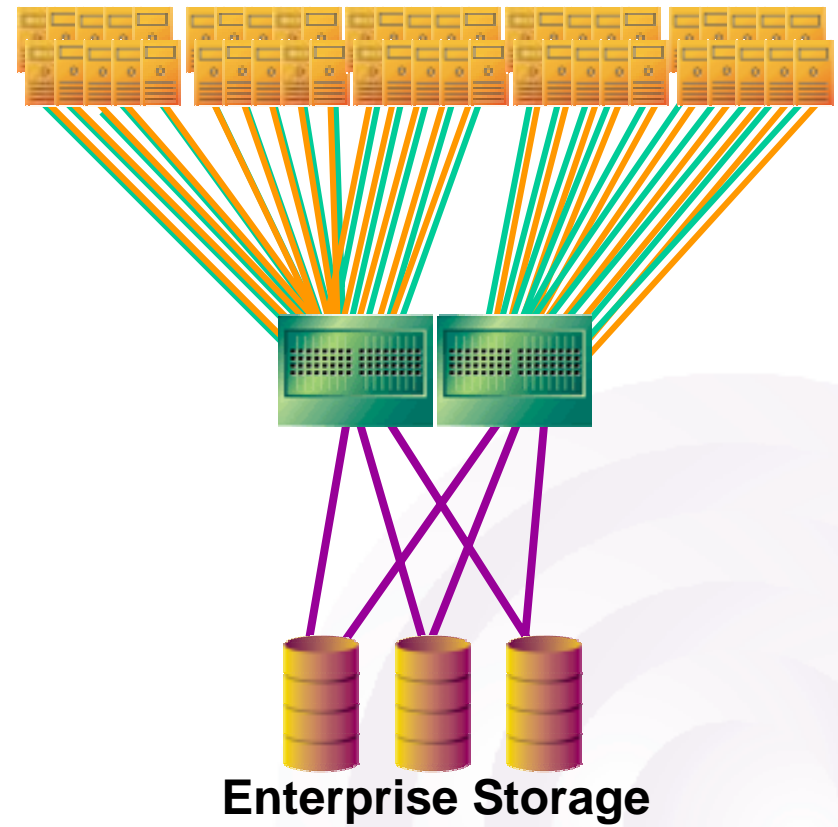
Scenario Two

Adding the Devices

Switch Fabric



Director Fabric





Value Proposition —

Comparison

	Switches	Directors
Availability (Uptime)	approx 99.9%	99.999%
% Throughput affected by a failure	Up to 50%	0%
Management Complexity	18 Devices	2 Devices
Service Down Time	Replacement = 1 hour (best case)	0 minutes
Cost	\$567,000	\$491,000



Scenario Three

Site Assessment

Implemented SAN

Growth

Network type

Pathing connections

Performance needs

Availability needs

Current storage

90 end connection ports initially

100% growth in ports 2nd year

fully meshed

dual

high

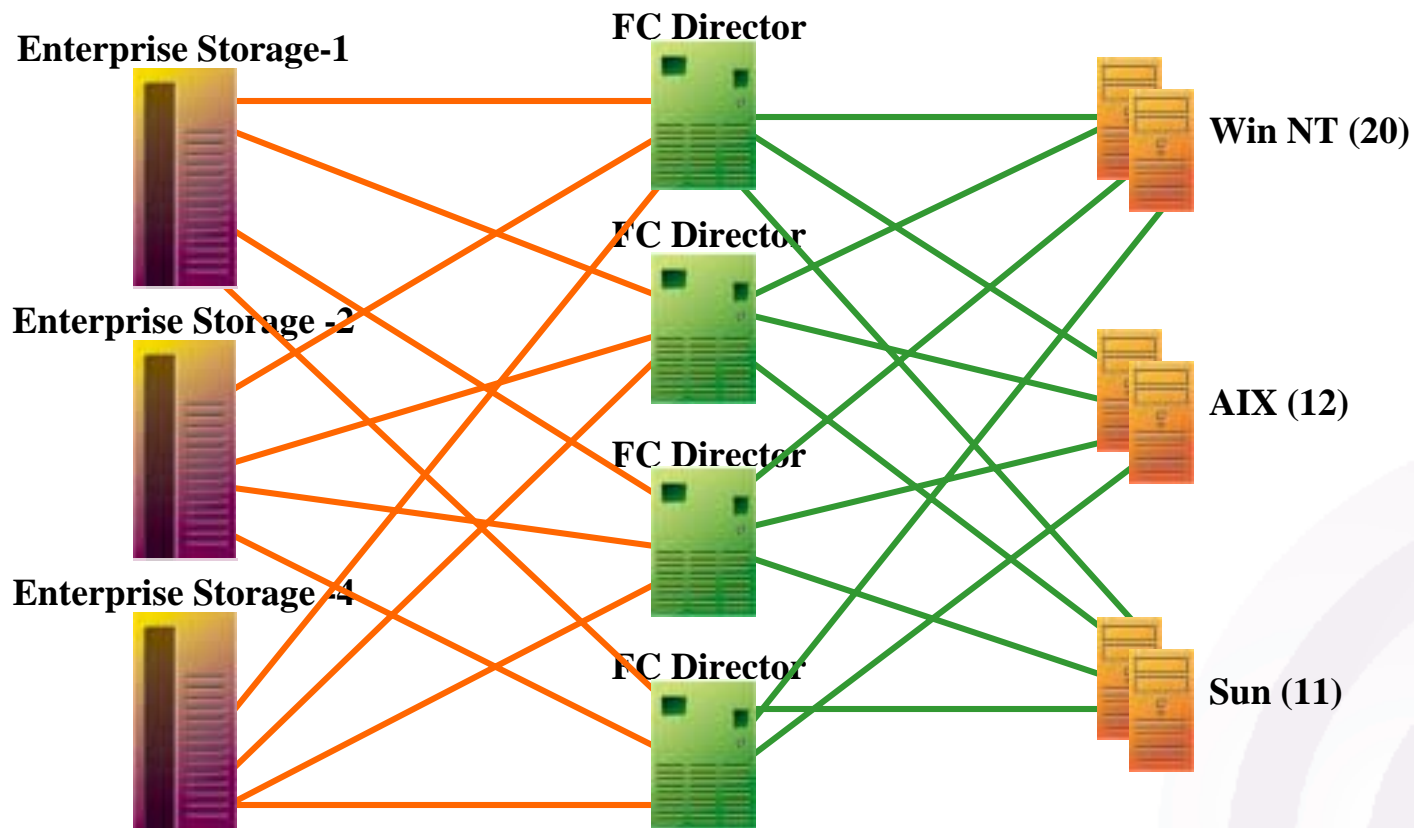
high

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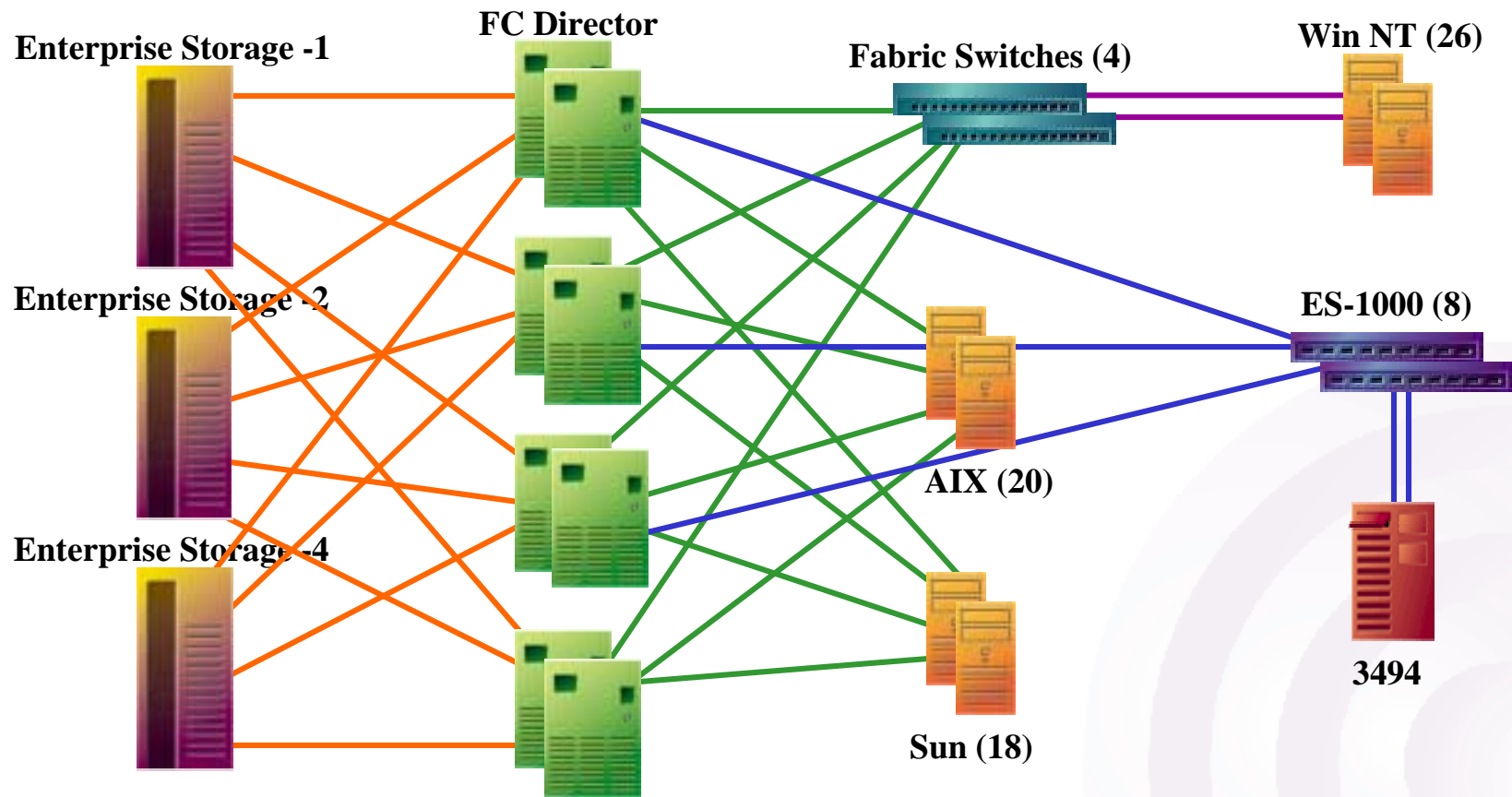
Large National Insurance Company

Phase 1 — Complete 2/01/01



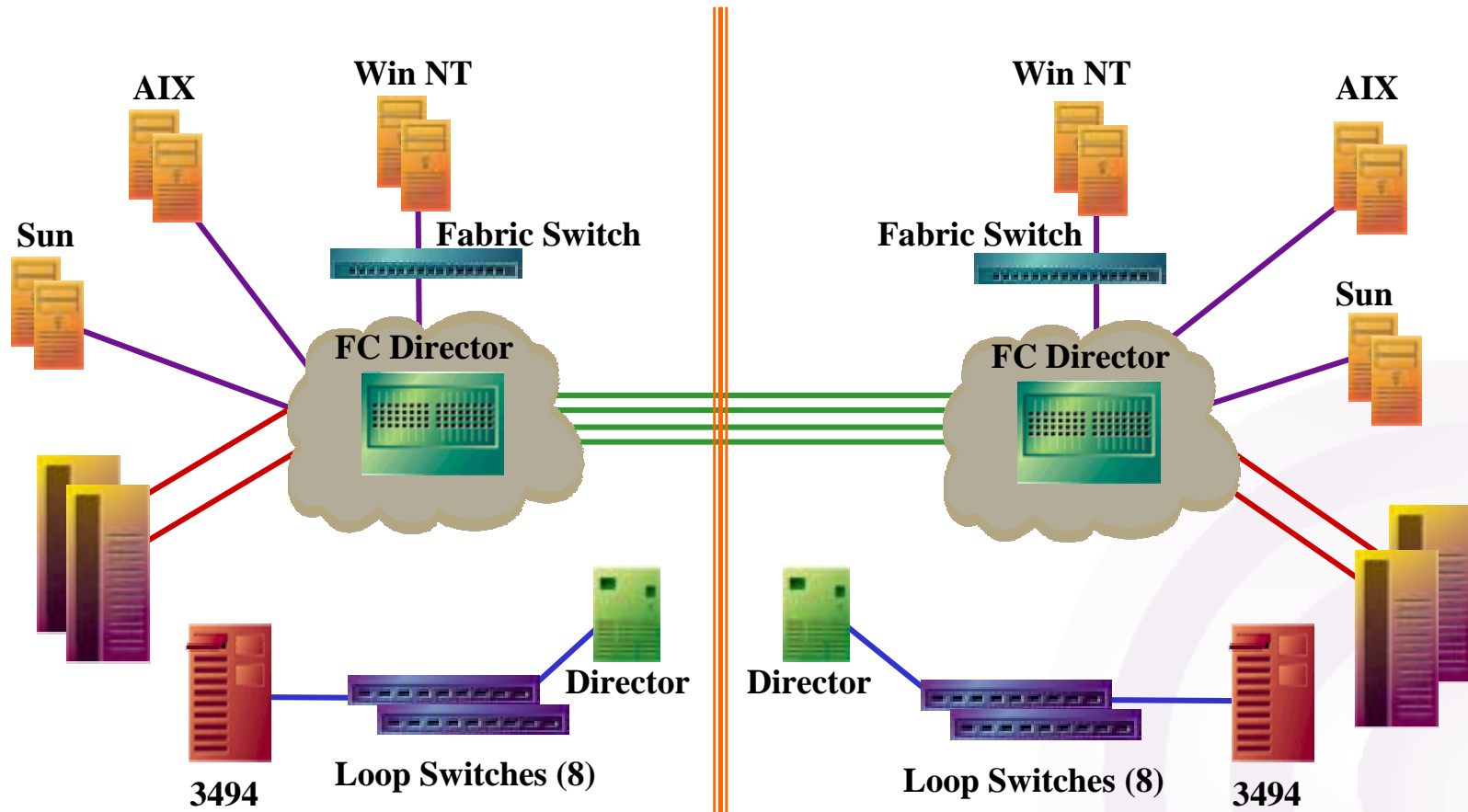
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Phase 2 — Expand backbone, integrate SAN tape backup



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Phase 3 — Expand to all data center servers



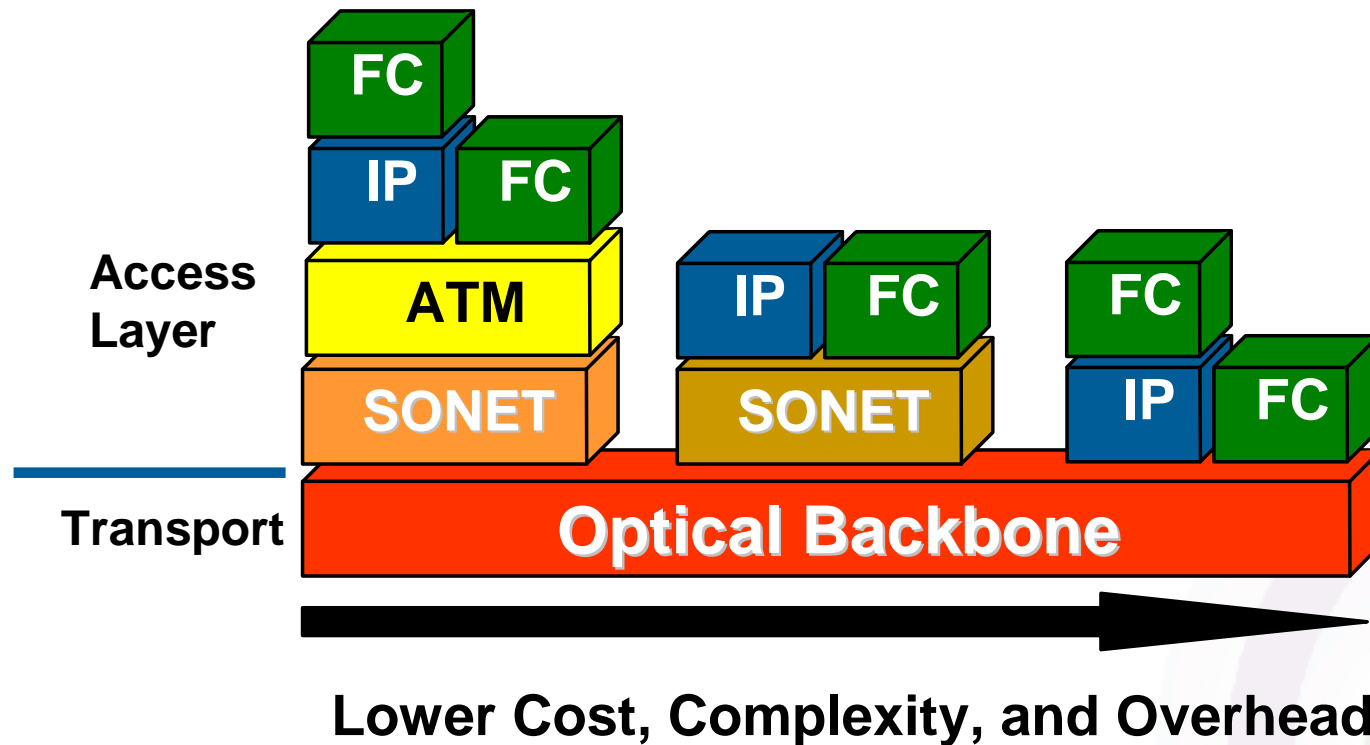


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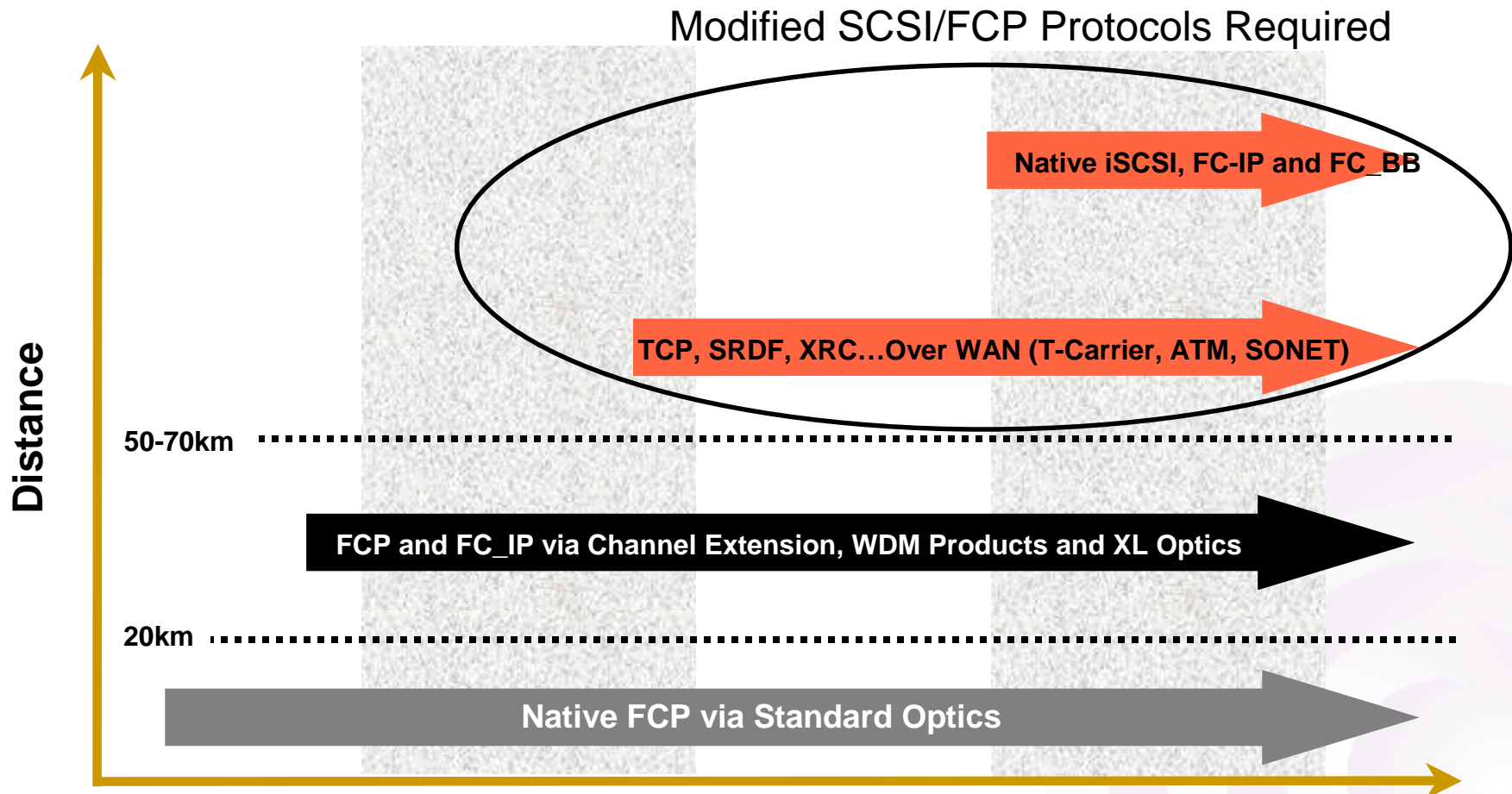
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Advanced Topics: Extended SAN Connectivity

Transport and Access Migration

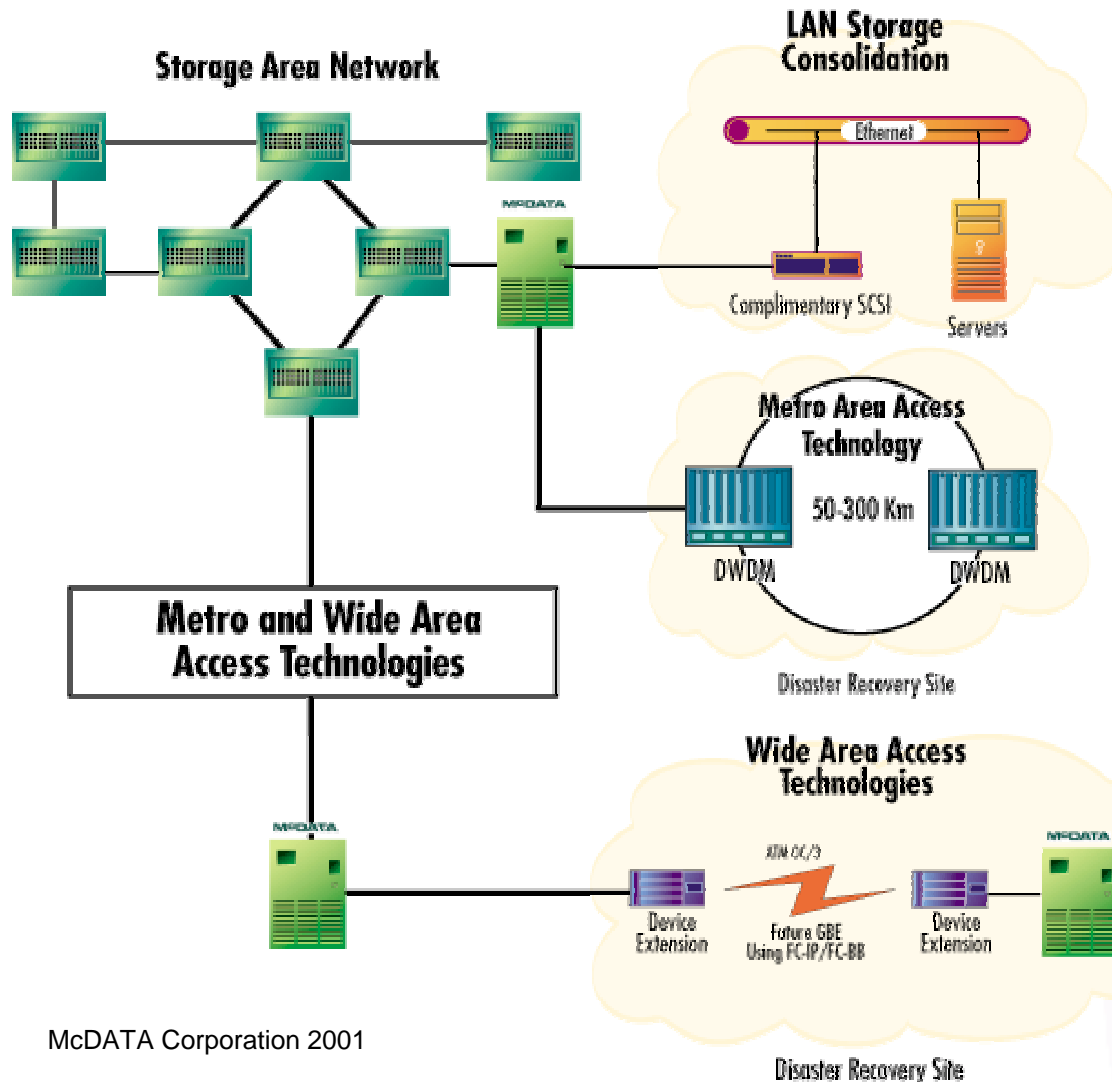


SAN Protocol Applicability





Connecting SAN-MAN and WAN to Open Storage

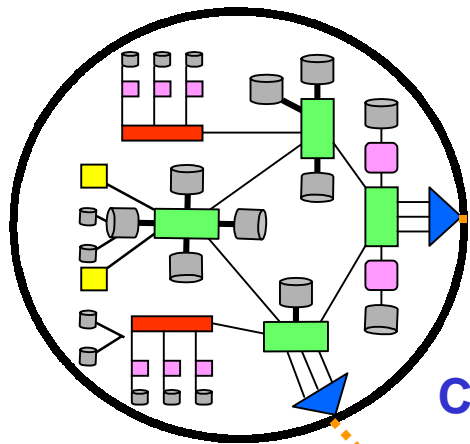


SAN-to LAN
•iSCSI

SAN-to MAN
•FC IP

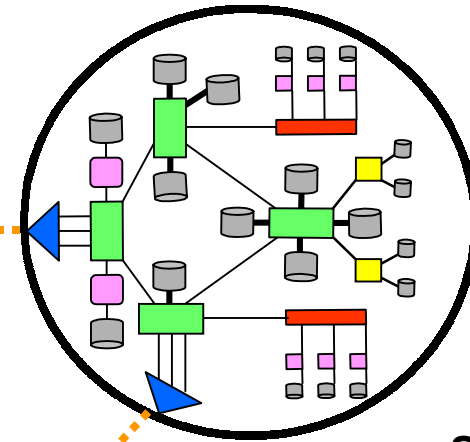
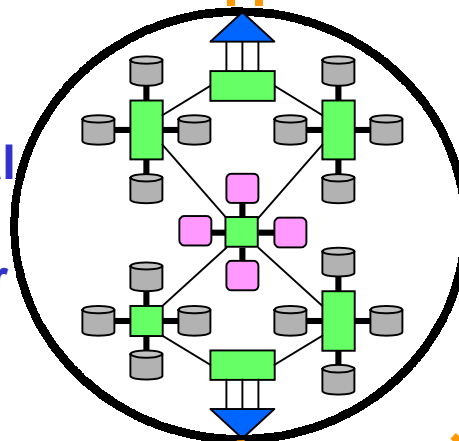
SAN-to WAN
•Channel Extension
•DWDM

Virtual Enterprise Data Network

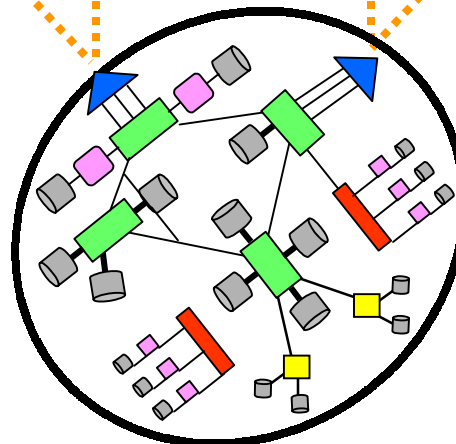


Site A
● Disaster recovery

**Central
Data
Center**



Site B
● Backup & Archiving
● Mirrored SQL database



Site C
● Clustered & active Exchange
site tied into central data center





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Advanced Topics: SAN Security



Why SAN Security ?

- Growing number of nodes in Fabric
 - 1000's of ports in a Fabric (and growing!)
- Expanding SAN Business Models
 - xSP Environments
 - *Multiple clients under one SAN*
 - *Lots of storage dictates need security*
 - Storage Appliance Environments (Shift in Storage Management)
 - WAN Deployment
- Increased Fabric Services Functionality
 - Not just SNMP Monitoring
- Multiple Management Applications
 - Who Controls the SAN

Classes of SAN Security

- Security Techniques for Configuration
 - Guarding against unknown SAN H/W changes
 - Securing known configurations
- Server to Storage Access
 - Controlling what Storage a Server can access
 - Segregating SAN Resources
- Secure Fabric Servers access
 - Management Server
 - Name Server
 - Used by SAN Management Apps

SAN Configuration Security

- Switch Port Binding
 - Guards against unauthorized Server attachment to a SAN
 - Only one configured WWN per port
- Fabric Membership Authorization
 - Protects against unauthorized Switches in a fabric
 - Only configured switches allowed in a fabric
- Port Type Configuration
 - Controls director's automatic port configuration
 - Configure switch port as:
 - *E_port only*
 - *G_port only*
 - *F_port only*



Server to Storage Security

- Zoning
 - Partitioning and Controlling Access to devices
 - Like VPN's
 - Organized as groups of WWN's in a zone
- Soft Zoning
 - Exposes selected views of name server entries to clients
 - Sometimes referred to as Simple Name Server Zoning
- Hard Zoning
 - Hardware enforcement of Soft Zoning
 - Enforced via route forwarding logic
 - Only frames within a zone are forwarded
- HBA Port Binding
 - Binds LUN's to a particular port
 - Enforced at HBA Driver



Fabric Server Authorization and Authentication

- Secure Access to All FC Servers
 - Grew out of increased Management Server functionality
 - Topology discovery
 - Unzoned Name Server
 - Fabric Zone Server
- Authentication built into protocol
 - New Security Header
 - Each client request has encrypted signature
 - Used to authenticate client
 - Signature is generated from MD-5

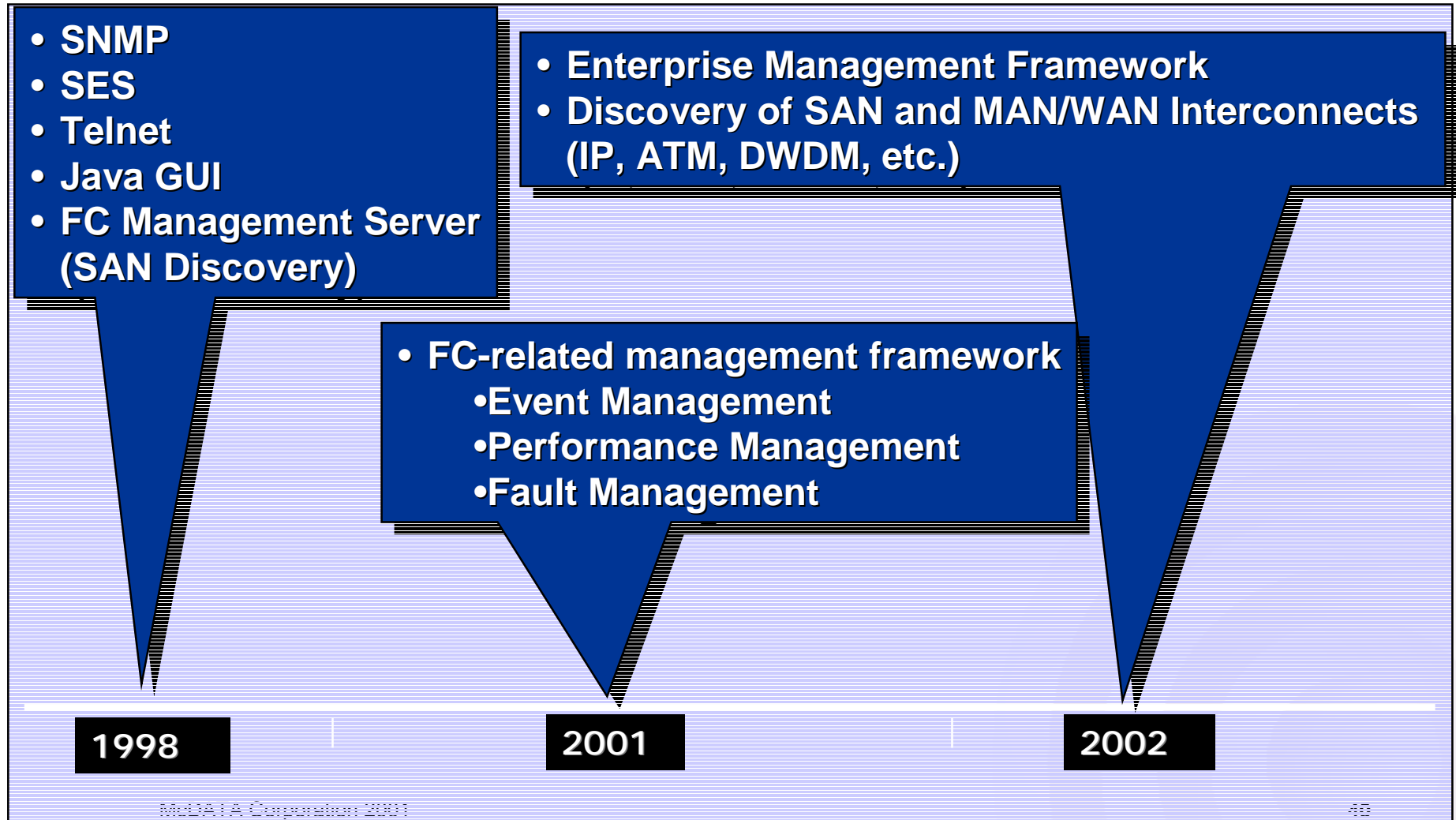


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Advanced Topics: SAN Management

Management Software Evolution



Management Software

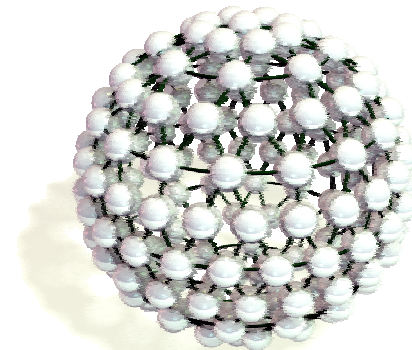
Embedded Web Server



Element Management

- Simplified, easy to use
- Configuration
- Break/Fix
- Zoning
- For small fabrics

Enterprise Fabric Manager



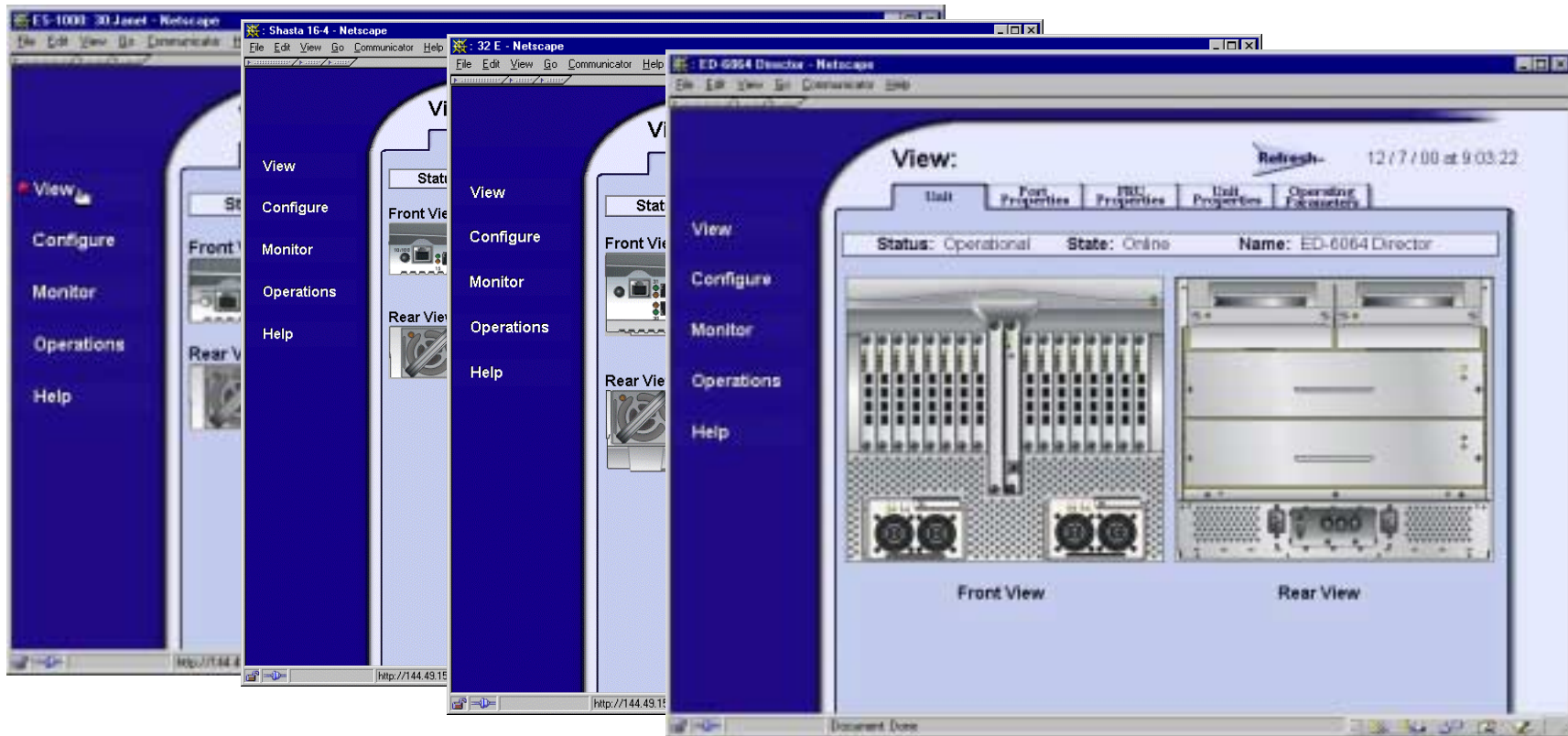
Fabric Management

- Event Consolidation
- Scalable to large fabrics
- Highest level of management functionality



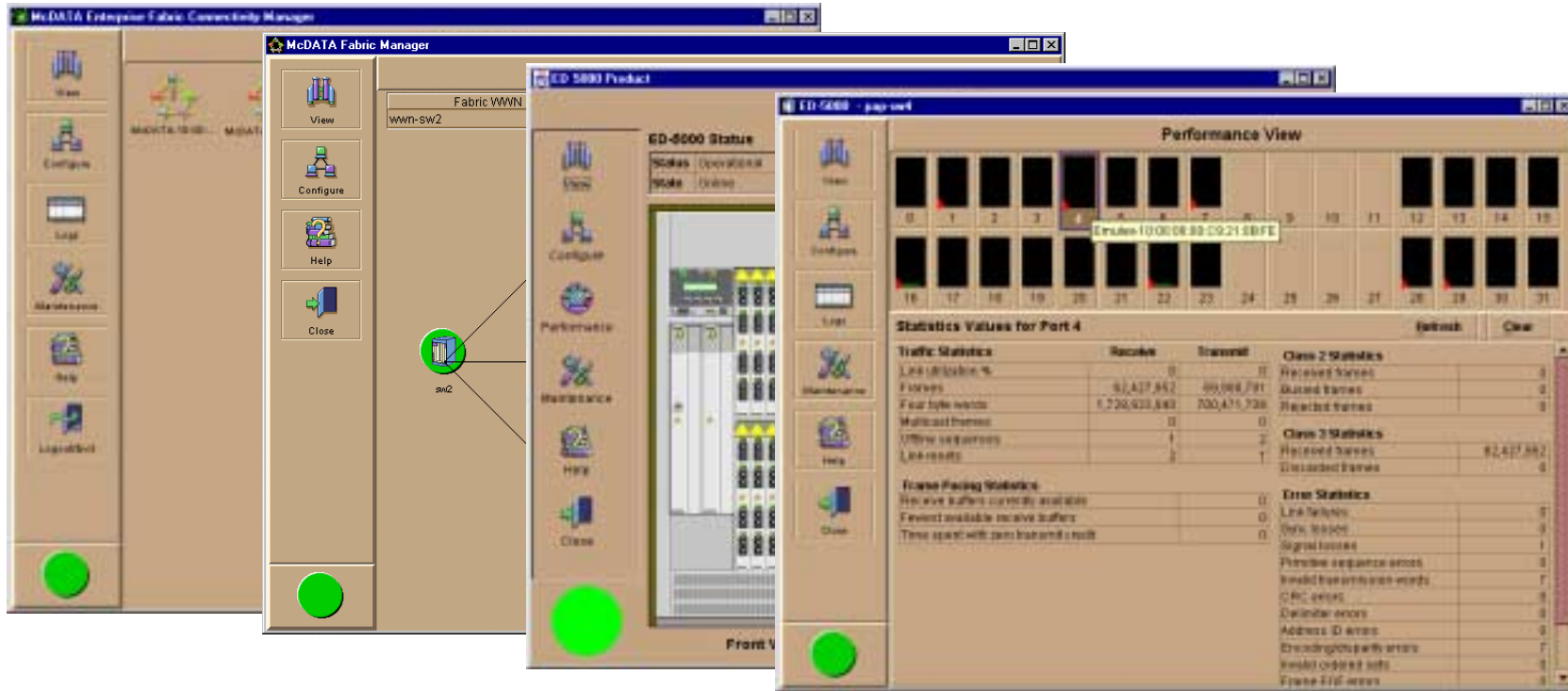
Element Management Software

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Fabric Management Software





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