

# innovative storage management

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# agenda

- hp's vision & strategy
- introduction
  - storage management challenges
  - the goodness of networked storage - it's about the plumbing
- storage management...re-defined
  - management integration
  - management heterogeneity - the open SAN
  - management cooperation and unification
  - management simplification with virtualization
  - enabled networked storage

# hp storage beliefs

## our vision

- storage is a utility service to the enterprise
- the enterprise storage utility delivers the right information to anyone, anytime, anywhere



## our strategy

- streamline operations, accelerate time-to-market, leverage your information
- focus on network storage solutions
- leverage our ability to integrate with servers and others for complete infrastructure solutions

# hp OpenView storage software

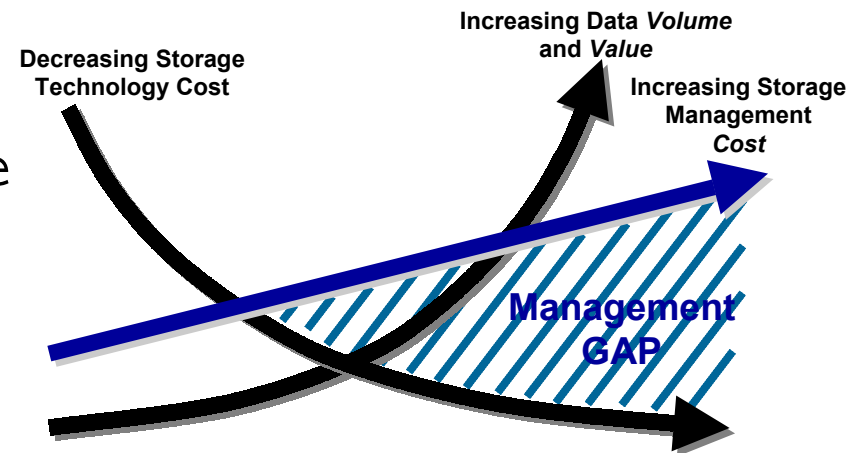
## vision



- develop innovative, integrated storage management software products
- enable always-on storage utility to be realized
- deliver measurable business value eliminating complexity
- minimize time-to-deployment
- reduce TCO enabling superior service levels for data availability, access and preservation

# data growth brings challenges

- business increasingly demands more data
- greater reliance on data demands better access
  - greater resource sharing
  - higher performance
  - less application downtime
- business reality drives greater efficiencies
  - capacity utilization
  - improved management



# meeting challenges brings challenges

## management software for :

### backup/recovery

- centralize operations
- disk based copies to tape
- data replication

### storage resource management

- centralize configuration mgt
- streamlines fault identification/  
remediation

### virtualization

## addresses :

### data protection

- standardizes process
- reduces backup windows
- reduces downtime possibility

### capacity utilization

- simplifies provisioning
- improves data availability

### data mobility /optimized performance

how can use of these tools and others be coordinated?

# the rate of growth is relentless

## how much data next year?

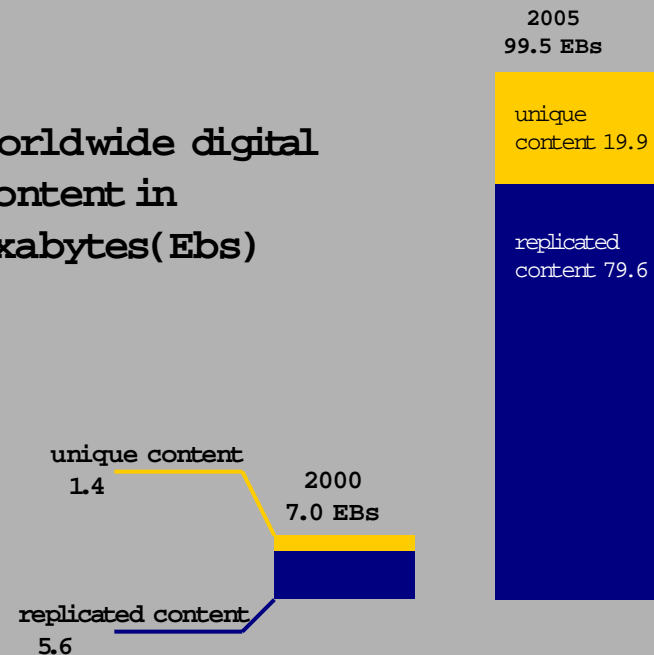
- today's best storage administrators (SA) can manage 5TB - 10TB each
  - if the world adds 400PB of disk by next year
- and
- if there is an improvement in storage management per SA from 10TB to 25TB (150% gain)

→ still need 5,000 new SA's to keep even

-Bob Zimmerman/Anders Lofgren,  
Giga, June 13, 2002

## how much data in three years?

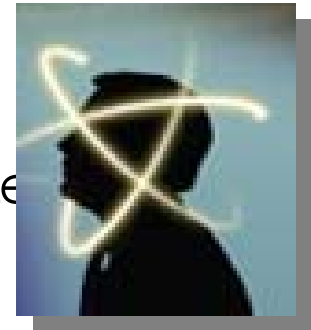
worldwide digital  
content in  
exabytes (Ebs)



Source: UC - Berkley

# storage management challenges

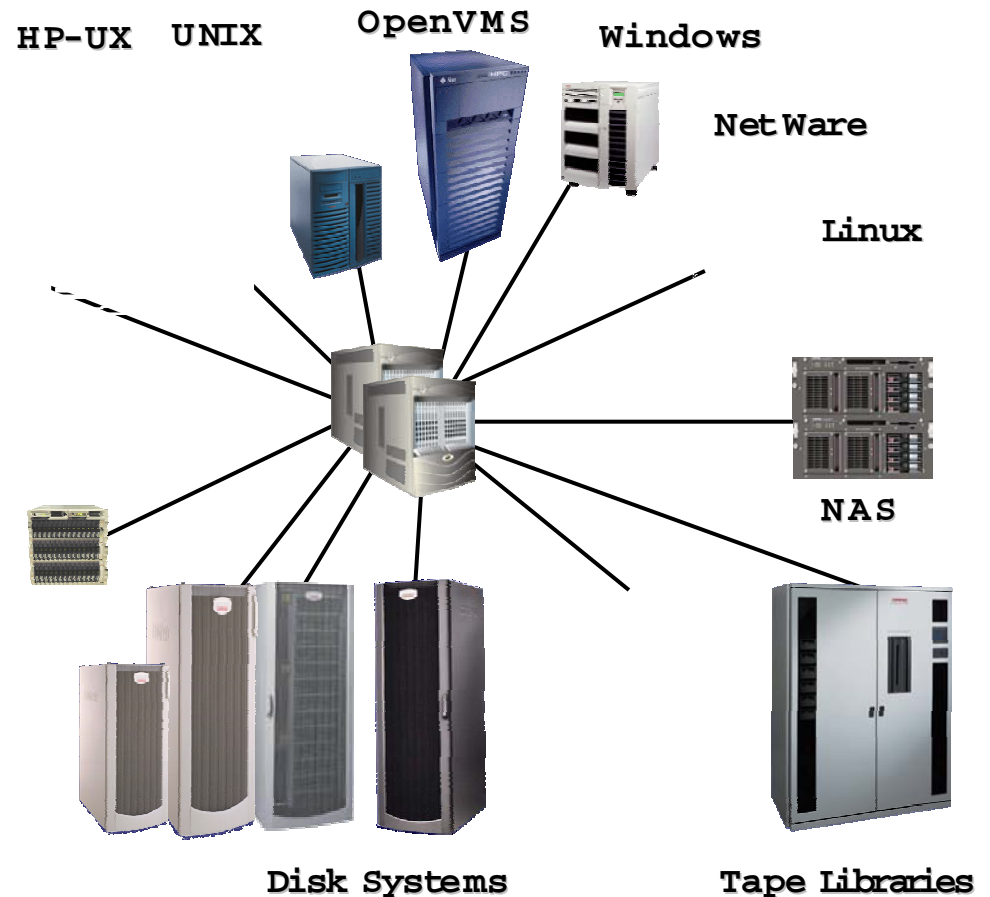
- manage more storage for more servers
  - with same or fewer people and funds
- protect/restore data less obtrusively
  - smaller backup window, faster restore time
  - continuous uptime (business continuity)
- simplify the management environment
- integrate multiple management functions
- preserve investment by combined use of heterogeneous storage devices
- be prepared to scale entire activity dramatically



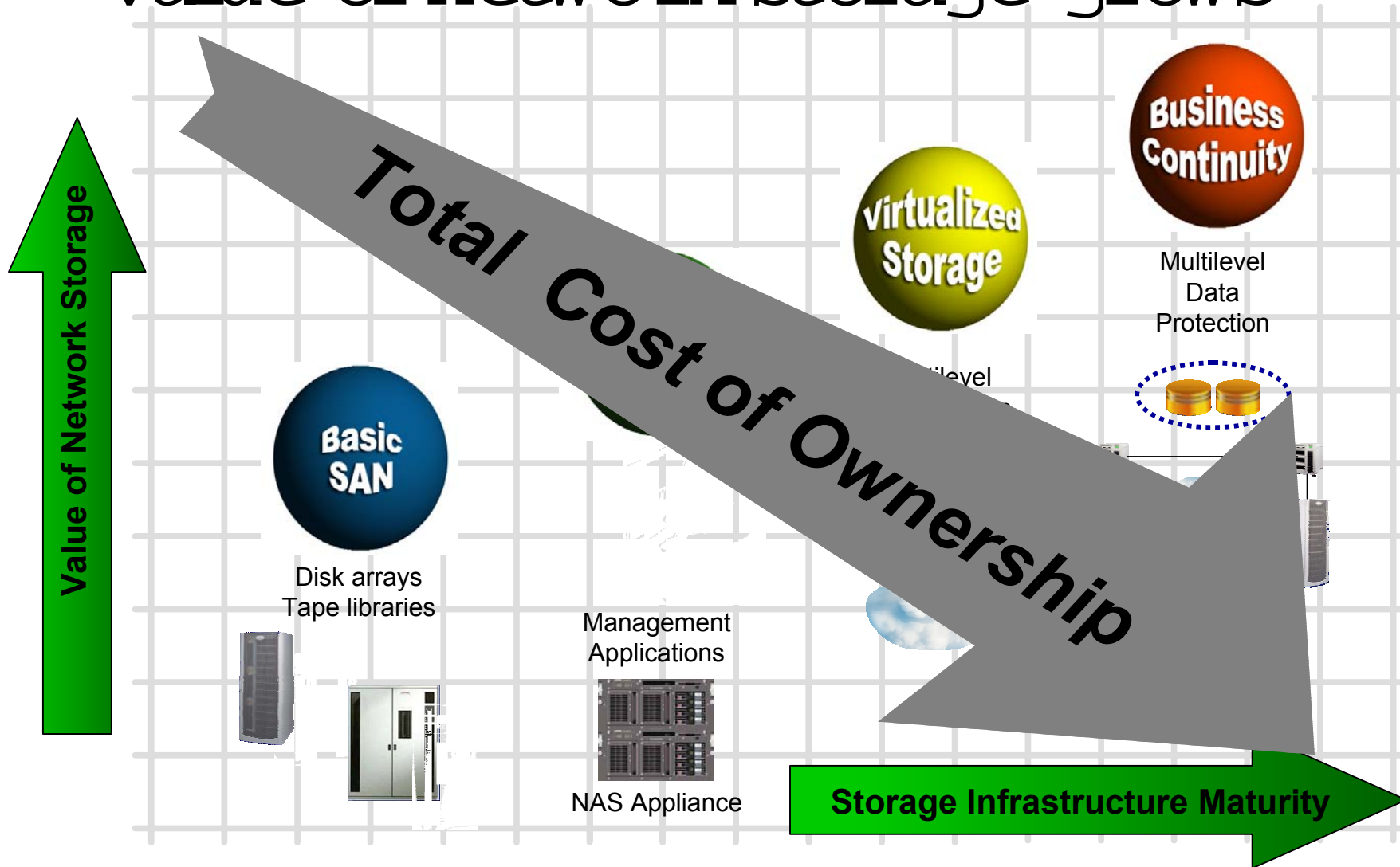


# SAN: scalable, flexible, versatile foundation

- availability
  - to full redundancy
- performance
  - to GB/sec throughput
  - to millions of IO/sec
- capacity
  - GB to PB
- connectivity
  - hundreds of ports
- distance
  - meters to hundreds of kilometers



value of network storage grows



... by its extension of unified management

# why the discontinuous jump in networked storage productivity?



after all - it's just different plumbing  
isn't it?

let's consider the notion that

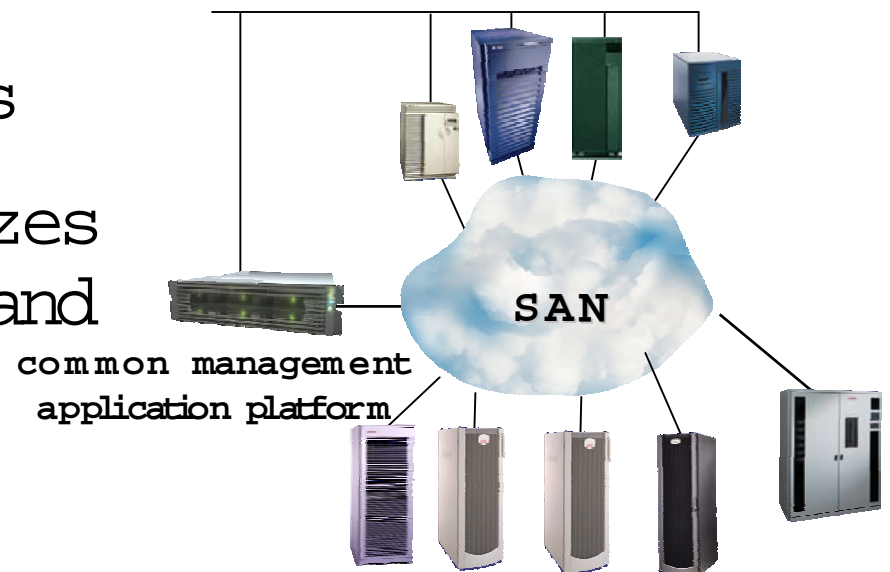
with networked storage ...



it's all about being able to manage  
a lot of things at the same time.

# network-based management

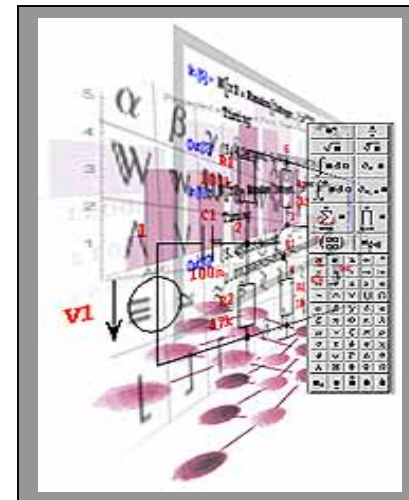
- broadens reach of storage management to all networked storage and servers
- simplifies deployment of storage management and maintenance tasks
- integrates and centralizes storage management and automation services
- reduces storage management costs



# management integration

integrated storage management to allow you to:

- measure, monitor and troubleshoot across all the elements of your infrastructure:
  - network
  - system
  - application
  - storage devices
- view status and respond directly to events for:
  - fault response
  - performance assurance
  - service level management



# storage management portfolio

system  
management

application  
management

network  
management

performance &  
resource mgmt

storage  
management

network storage management

data  
management

storage area management



discovery,  
topology,  
events/  
alarms



assignment  
and access  
control



performance  
analysis,  
thresholds &  
reporting



capacity  
analysis,  
control,  
planning



service  
levels,  
metering,  
charge back

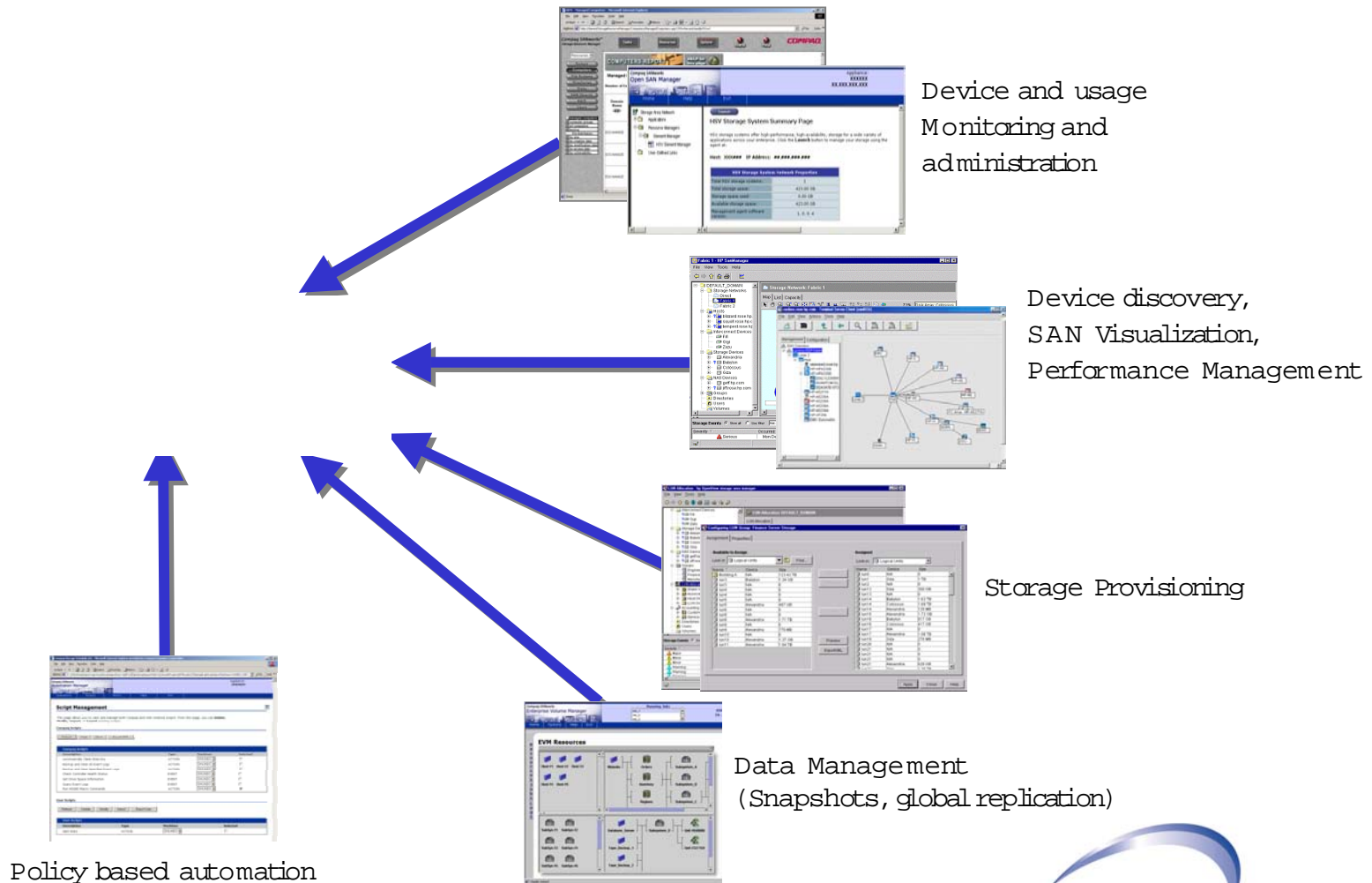


data  
replication  
for remote  
mirroring



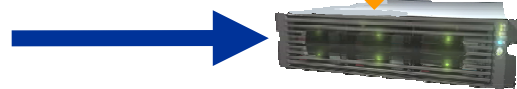
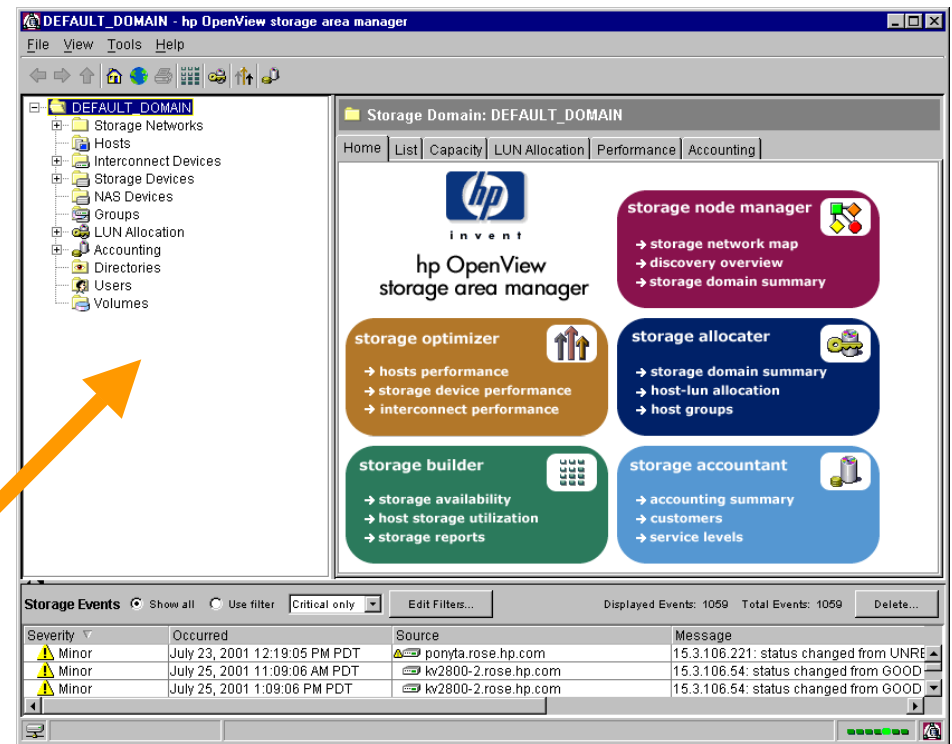
automated  
data  
protection  
and  
media  
mgmt

# common management platform applications



# example: OpenView Storage Area Manager

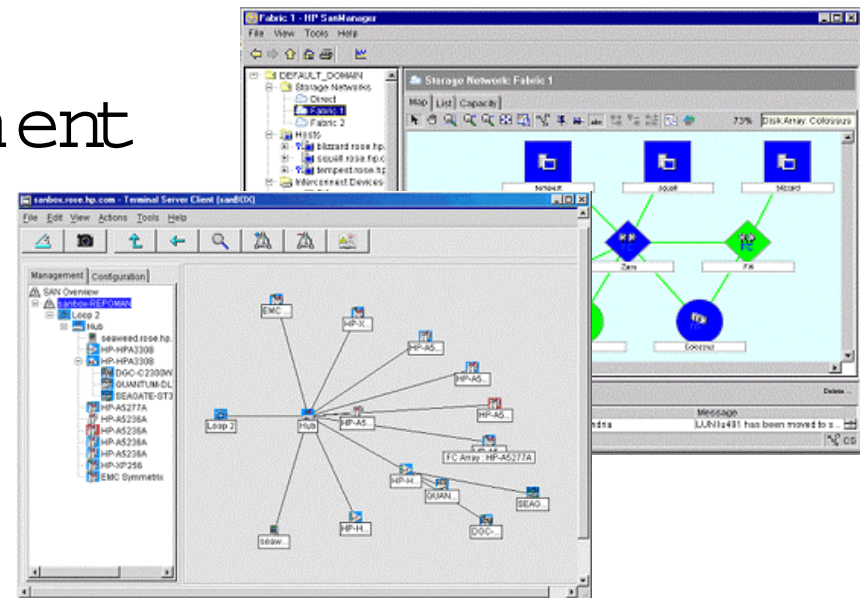
- consolidated management
  - application configuration and installation
- simplified access
  - centralized launch, access point for all  $\cap$  SM applications





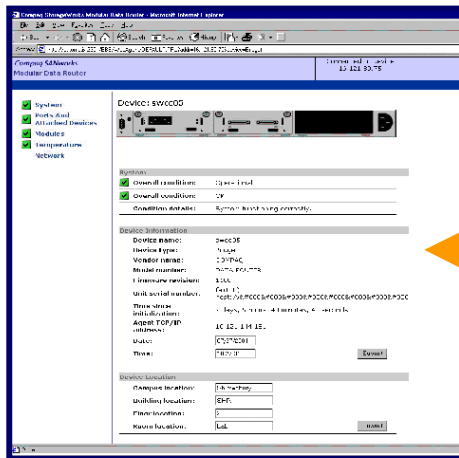
# example: SAM S Node Manager

- SAN topology discovery and visualization
  - tree-view and topology map of devices and links
- configuration management
  - device management
    - drill-down for device information
    - access device configuration utilities

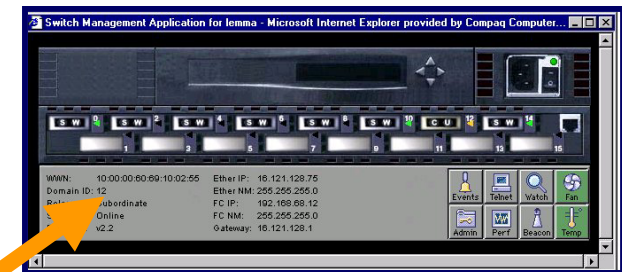
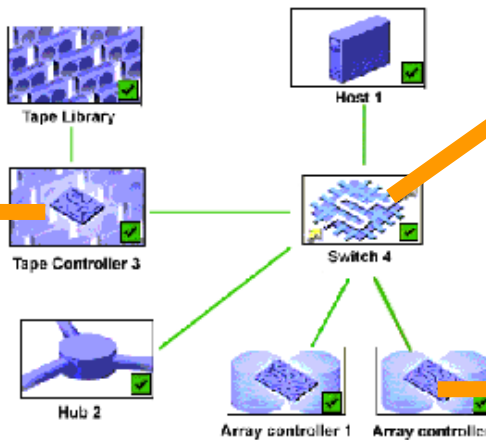


# example: device management

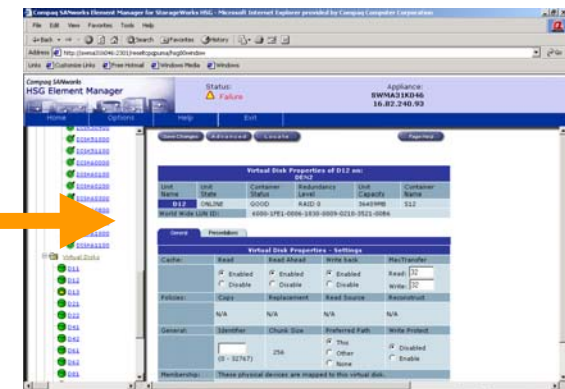
device managers are launched from  
SAN visualization management interface



Tape Controller  
Element Manager



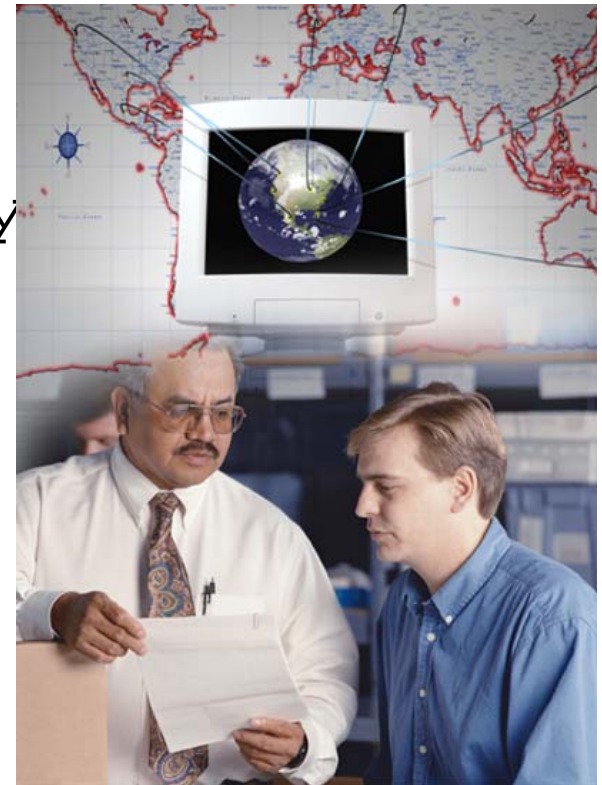
Switch Element Manager



Storage System Element Manager

# management heterogeneity: the open SAN

- what's needed
  - greater storage heterogeneity in the SAN
  - unifying management
- how we get there
  - greater vendor cooperation
  - standards effort



# open SAN initiatives

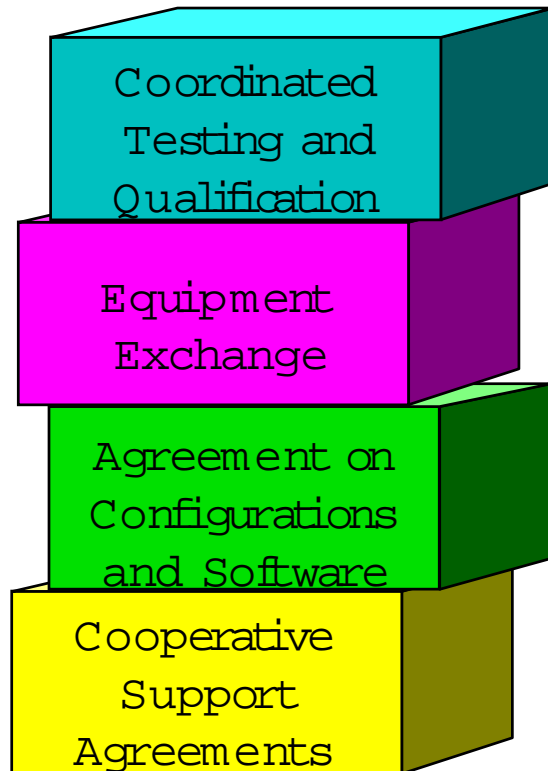
- SNIA Supported Solutions Forum
  - Open SAN Supported Solutions
- SNIA Technology Center
- API exchanges amongst vendors
- device-independent SAN management
  - Bluefin



# open SAN initiatives

## SNIA Supported Solutions Forum

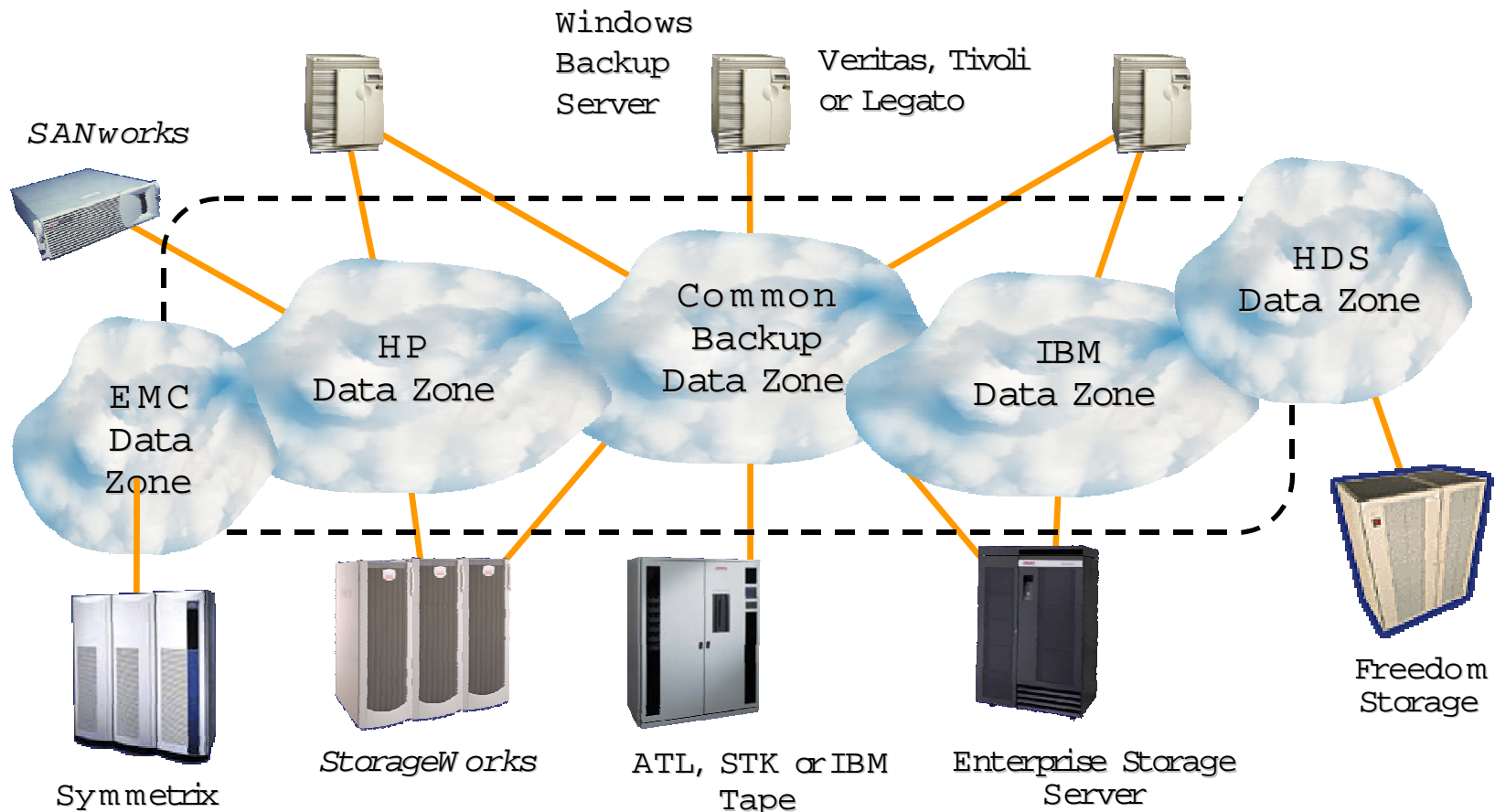
building open san supported solutions  
through multi-vendor cooperation



## SNIA Technology Center



# SNIA S S F supported solutions



# management cooperation

Some storage vendors have effected exchanges of their respective API's leading to a promise of cross platform management capabilities.

examples:

OpenView Storage Area Manager

Designed to promote hardware interoperability with OpenView SAM



Storage Works Enterprise Solutions Developer's Program

Designed to facilitate industry partners' efforts to integrate the features of Storage Works into their products, and deliver an extensive portfolio of highly integrated solutions tailored specifically to Storage Works

# management unification

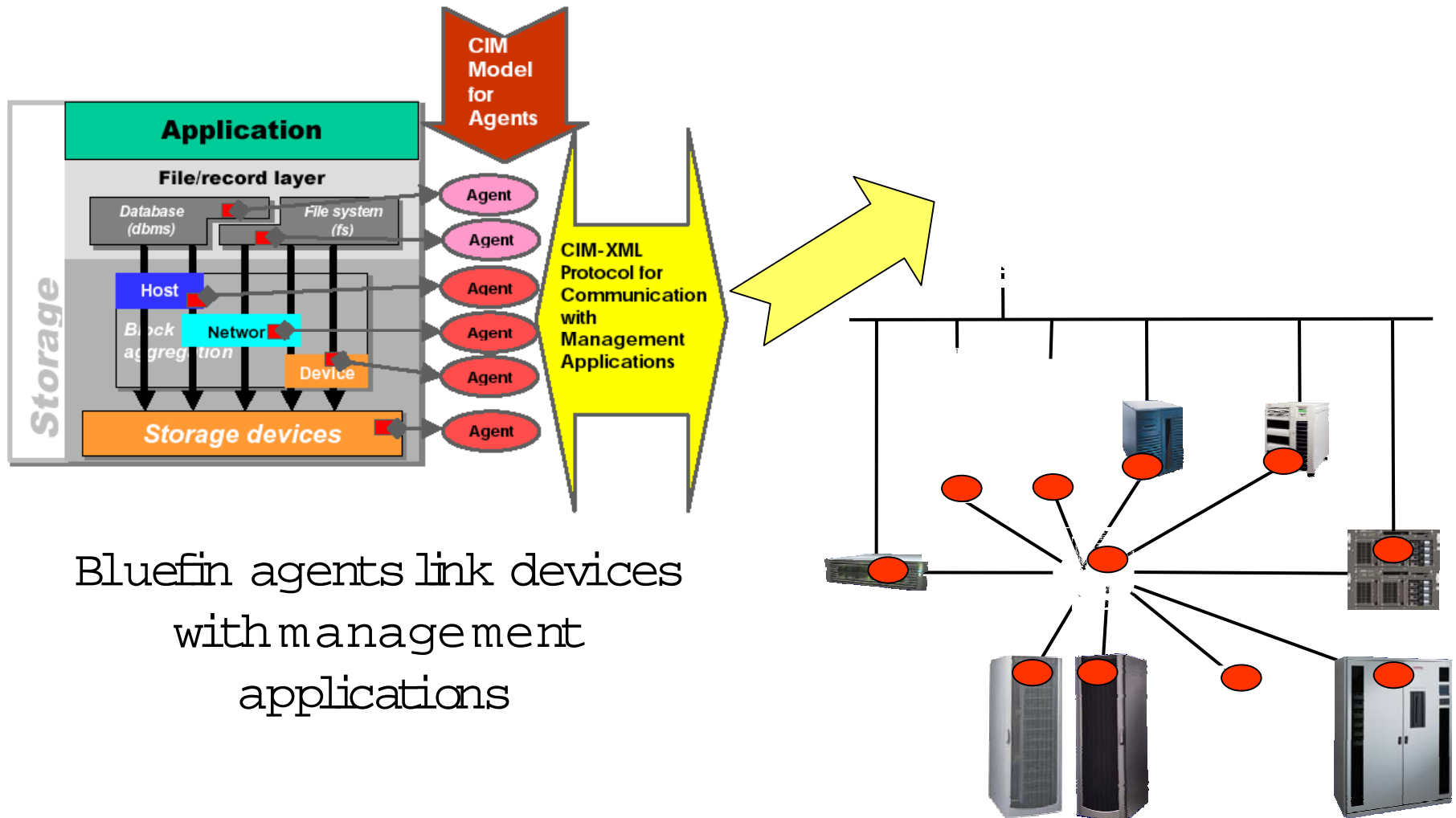
- common management interfaces will enable software interoperability
- example: Bluefin
  - initial development by 17 company consortium
  - continuing development through the SNIA
  - builds on SNIA Common Information Model (CIM)



# bluefin overview

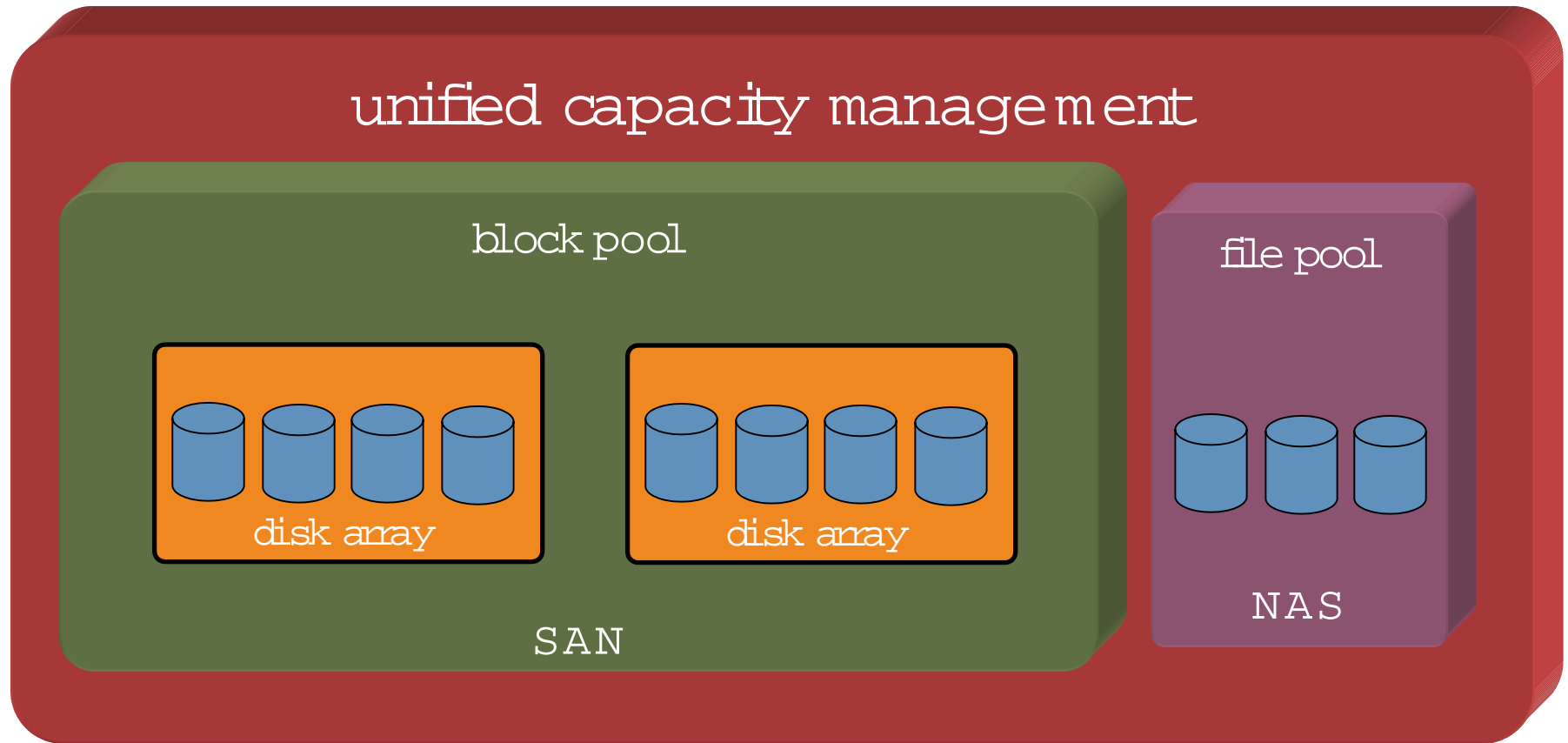
- provides framework for linking management agents with devices
- complete, consistent end-to-end specification
  - Automated discovery, locking, security
  - Automated configuration management
  - Far more powerful than SNMP
- will enable multi-vendor management interoperability

# bluefin



Bluefin agents link devices  
with management  
applications

# management simplification



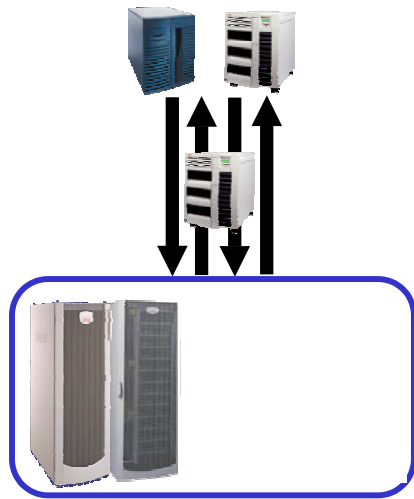
# how to simplify?

- with virtualization
  - unifies storage into a common pool
  - LUN management based on application attributes
- improves capacity utilization
  - vastly reduces stranded capacity
- improves application availability
  - dynamic pool and LUN expansion
  - dynamic data movement within pool
- improves performance
  - load balance across all disks in pool



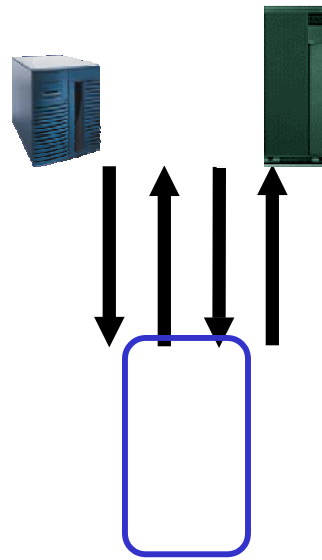
# the ultimate management simplification

Server Software



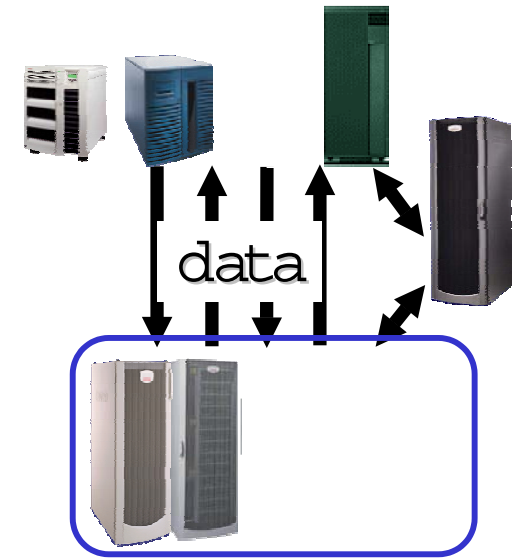
controller independent  
example: Virtual Replicator

Virtualized Array



server independent  
example: Enterprise Virtual Array

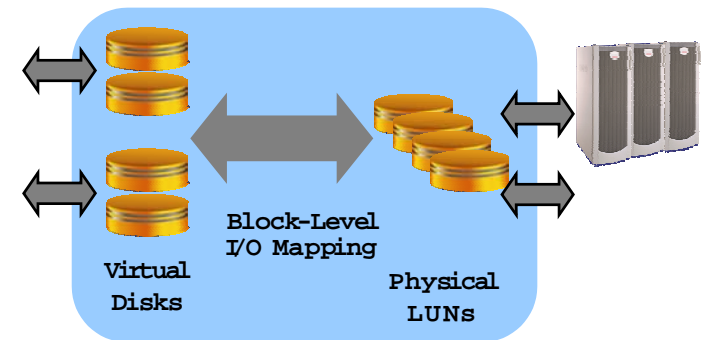
SAN Appliance



storage and server  
independent  
example: SANlink Appliance

# simplification with virtualization

- virtualization erases physical boundaries
  - RAIDset transparency
  - storage system transparency
- higher utilization with storage pooling
- greater deployment flexibility
- fewer entities to manage
- greater management automation



# simplifying disk management

- management by application-relevant attributes
  - capacity
  - server visibility
  - data availability
  - RAID protection level
  - performance characteristics
  - storage pool hierarchy location
- attributes are specified when a virtual disk is created

# snapshots improve availability

## example: hp VersaStor Vsnap

- virtually capacity-free snapshots of virtual disks
- take a Vsnap in seconds
- Vsnap takes almost no physical capacity
- Vsnap is disk-based backup
  - eliminates backup window
- mount Vsnap in seconds for disk-based recovery
- mount Vsnap and copy to tape anytime for archive

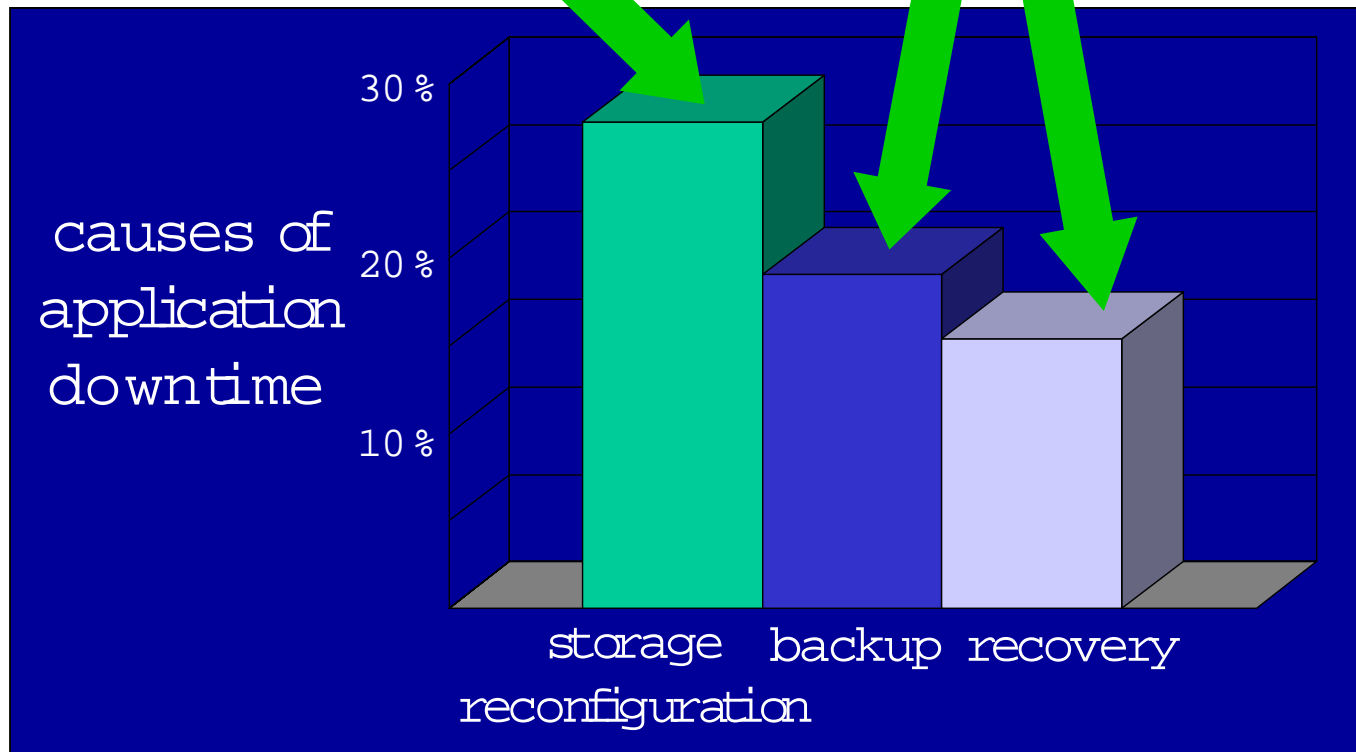




# reduce downtime

eliminated with  
virtualization

drastically reduced with  
snapshot, clone



enabled by networked storage

the management enhancements discussed are thwarted or minimized

without networked storage

management integration

not possible

management heterogeneity

not possible

management cooperation

limited utility

management unification

not possible



# conclusions

- networked storage offers excellent opportunities for improving storage management efficiencies
- storage management can be re-defined to:
  - integrate multiple management task reporting, status and control
  - be effective for heterogeneous environments
  - benefit from vendor cooperation or common management interfaces
  - apply virtualization to aggregate storage into virtual pools
- industry efforts like SSF and Bluefin continue to improve SAN interoperability and utility
- in the future—  
storage management will be simplified significantly with ongoing development of interoperable management applications and virtualization