

Massive SAN Backups

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Agenda

- Current bottlenecks
- Splits and multiplex
- DLT Libraries
- Backup Server
- DLT Library sharing between systems
- Conclusion



Current Bottlenecks

- File system backup
- Slow disk drives
- Slow SCSI channel
- On MPE (pre PCI), throughput is about 4 MB/sec. On NT/UNIX w/PCI: 10 MBPS
- Operator time to mount proper tapes
- Network speed for remote backups



Device Transfer Rates

	Native	Compressed
DDS-4	3	6
DLT7000	5	10
DLT8000	6	12
SDLT	11	22
SDLT320	16	32
Ultrium	15	30

Rates in MB/s



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Current Bottlenecks

- If proper speed is not reached, no streaming! Shoe Shine mode
- If reply is not given, indefinite wait
- For remote backups can only go as fast as the network

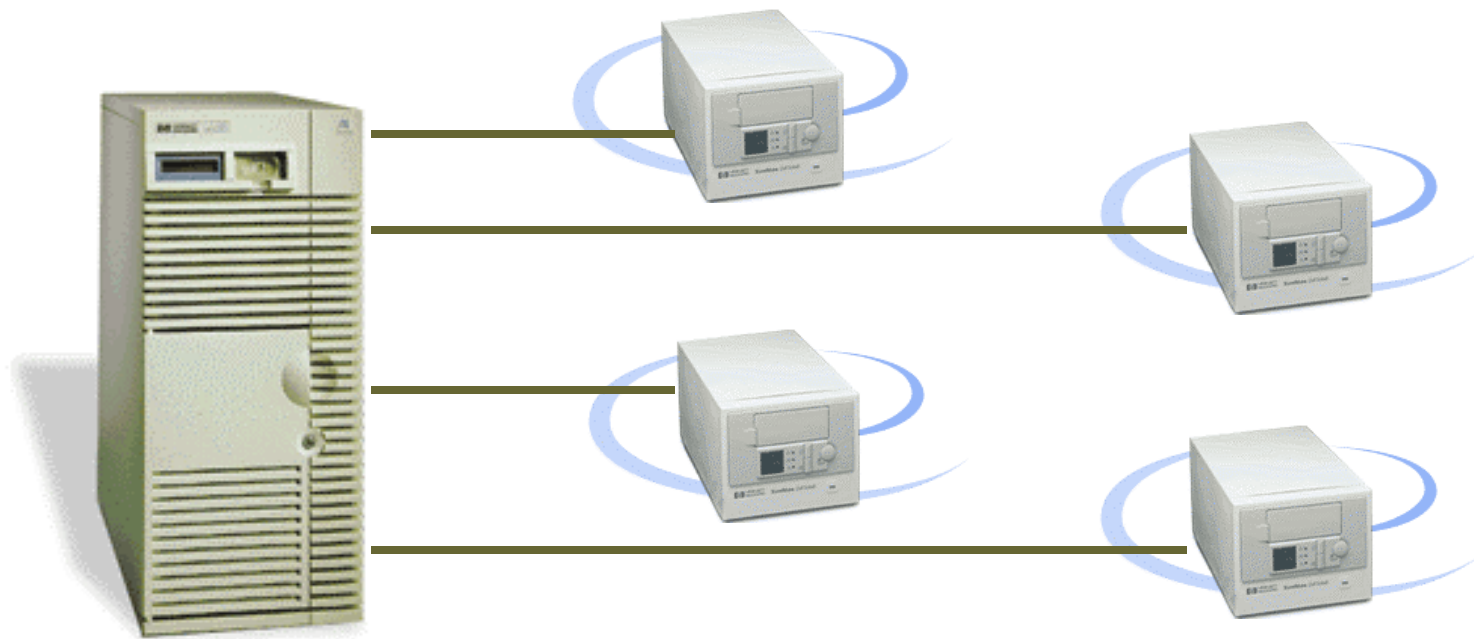


Increasing Throughput

- If slow devices, use a “split” technique.
- As many splits as you have devices.
- Maybe use remote devices also.
- Overall throughput is based on aggregate speed of the splits.



“Split” Backup

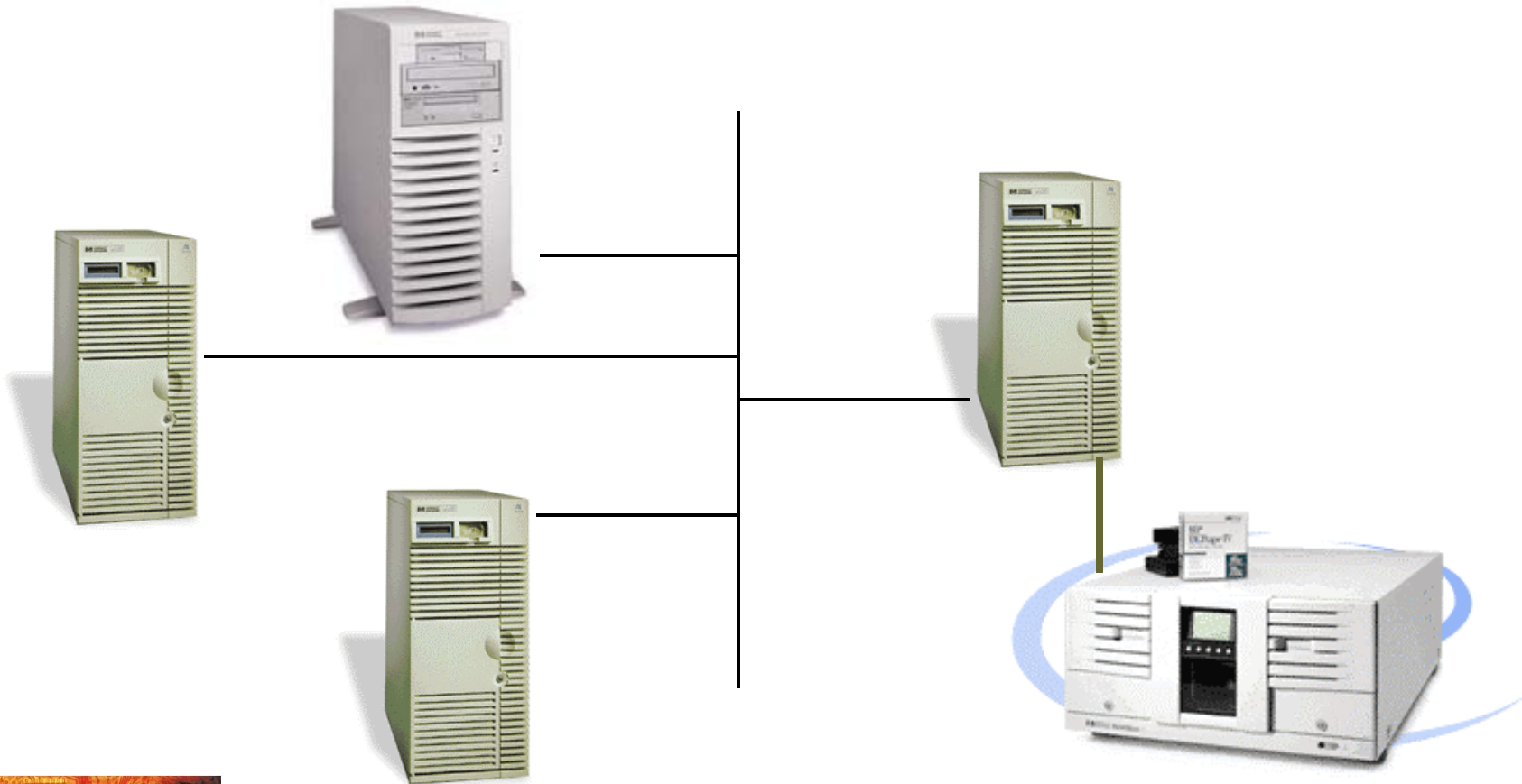


Increasing Throughput

- If fast device, use “multiplex” technique.
- Multiple splits writing to the same tape concurrently.
- Splits can come from same or various systems.



“Multiplexing”

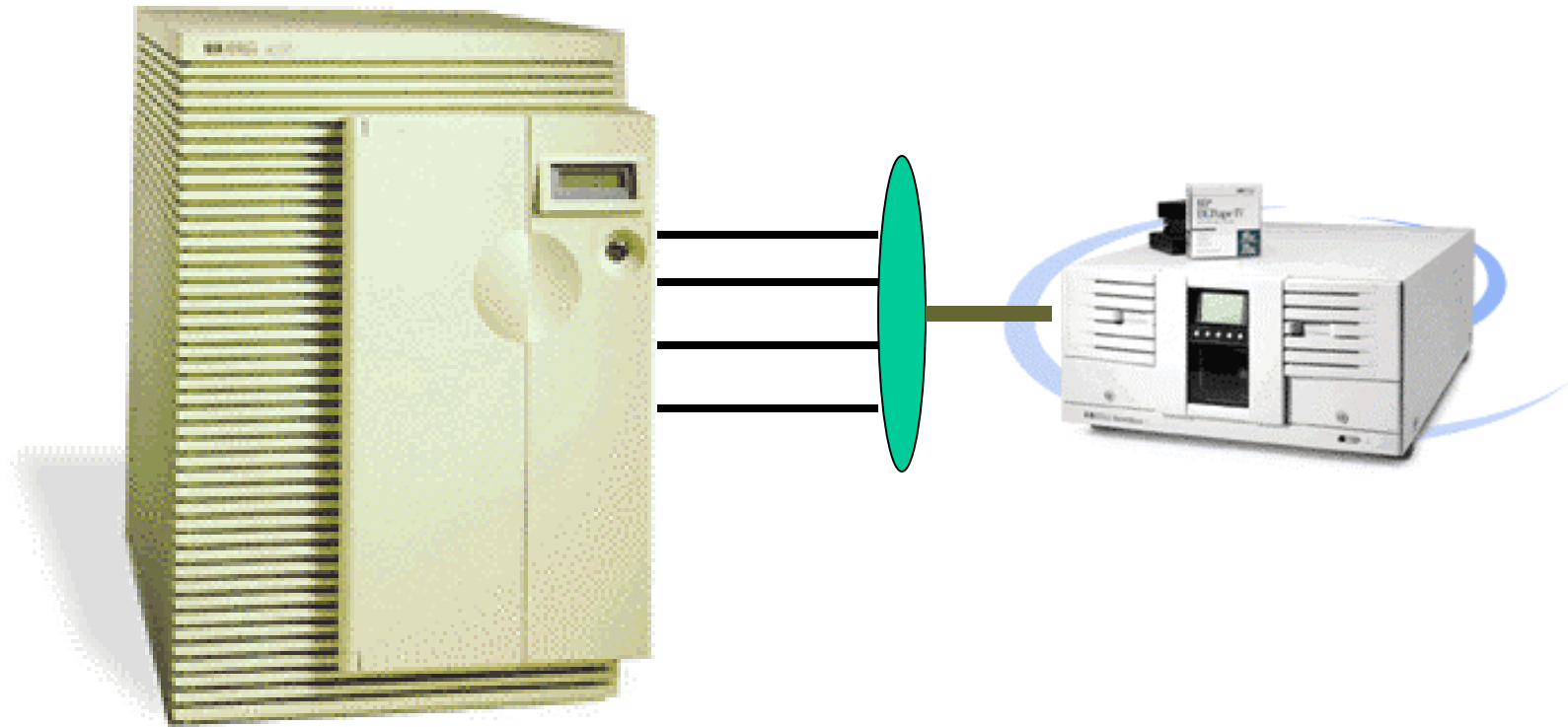


Increasing Throughput

- Requires multiprocessor system
- Perform a split backup to the multiplexer on same system



Split & Multiplex



Libraries

- Wonderful devices, can be expensive.
- Range from 1 DLT drive with a few slots to 20 or more DLT, SDLT or LTO Ultrium drives with hundreds or thousands of slots.



DLT Libraries

HP Sure Store 818

- 1 DLT 8000
- 8 Slots
- 12MB/s or 43GB/hr
- 640 GB



DLT Libraries

HP Sure Store 2/20

- 2 DLT 8000
- 20 Slots
- 24MB/s or 86GB/hr
- 1.6 TB



DLT Libraries

HP Sure Store 4/40

- 4 DLT 8000
- 40 Slots
- 48MB/s or 172GB/hr
- 3.2 TB



DLT Libraries

HP Sure Store 6/60

- 6 DLT 8000
- 60 Slots
- 72MB/s or 258GB/hr
- 4.8 TB



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DLT Libraries

HP Sure Store 6/140

- 4 DLT 8000
- 140 Slots
- 48MB/s or 172GB/hr
- 11.2 TB



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SDLT Libraries

Compaq ESL9198

- 8 SDLT
- 198 Slots
- 176MB/s or 634GB/hr
- 43.5 TB



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Compaq ESL9198

- 8 SDLT
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- 43.5 TB



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LTO Libraries

StorageTek L180

- 10 LTO Ultrium
- 174 Slots
- 300MB/s; 1,080GB/hr
- 34.8 TB



SDLT Libraries

Compaq ESL9326

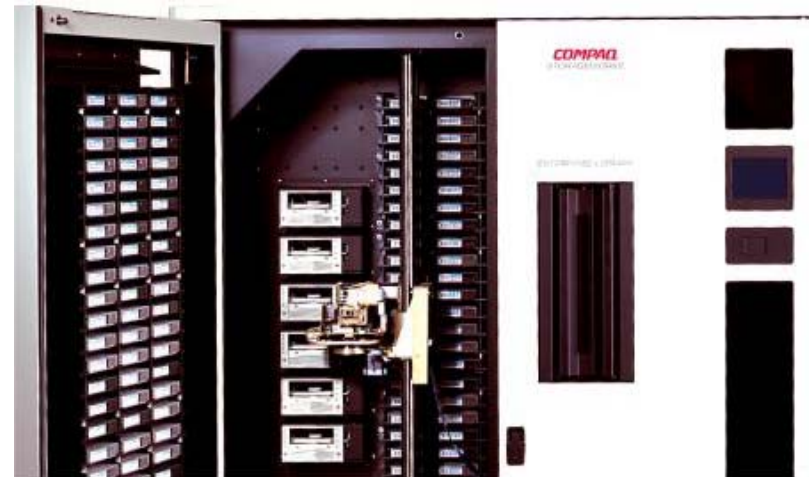
- 16 SDLT
- 326 Slots
- 352MB/s; 1,267GB/hr
- 71.7 TB



SDLT Libraries

Compaq ESL9326

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SDLT Libraries

Compaq ESL9595

- 16 SDLT
- 595 Slots
- 352MB/s; 1,267GB/hr
- 130.9 TB



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LTO Libraries

HP Sure Store 20/700

- 20 LTO Ultrium
- 700 Slots
- 600MB/s; 2,160GB/hr
- 140 TB



Backup Server

Definition of a backup server

- Receives backups from other clients
- Can multiplex backups from other clients.
- Controls a robotic library



Backup Server



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Backup Server

Pros

- Allows systems to use robotic devices
- May provide for good throughput
- Central control

Cons

- Central point of failure!
- Requires multiple 100Base-Tx or Gigabit Ethernet
- May require extra network or segmented network with multiple cards
- May require extra server
- May require large server



Library Sharing between Systems

- Each drive in a library is independently connectable.
- Each drive can be connected to a system.
- 4 drives can be connected from 1 to 4 systems.

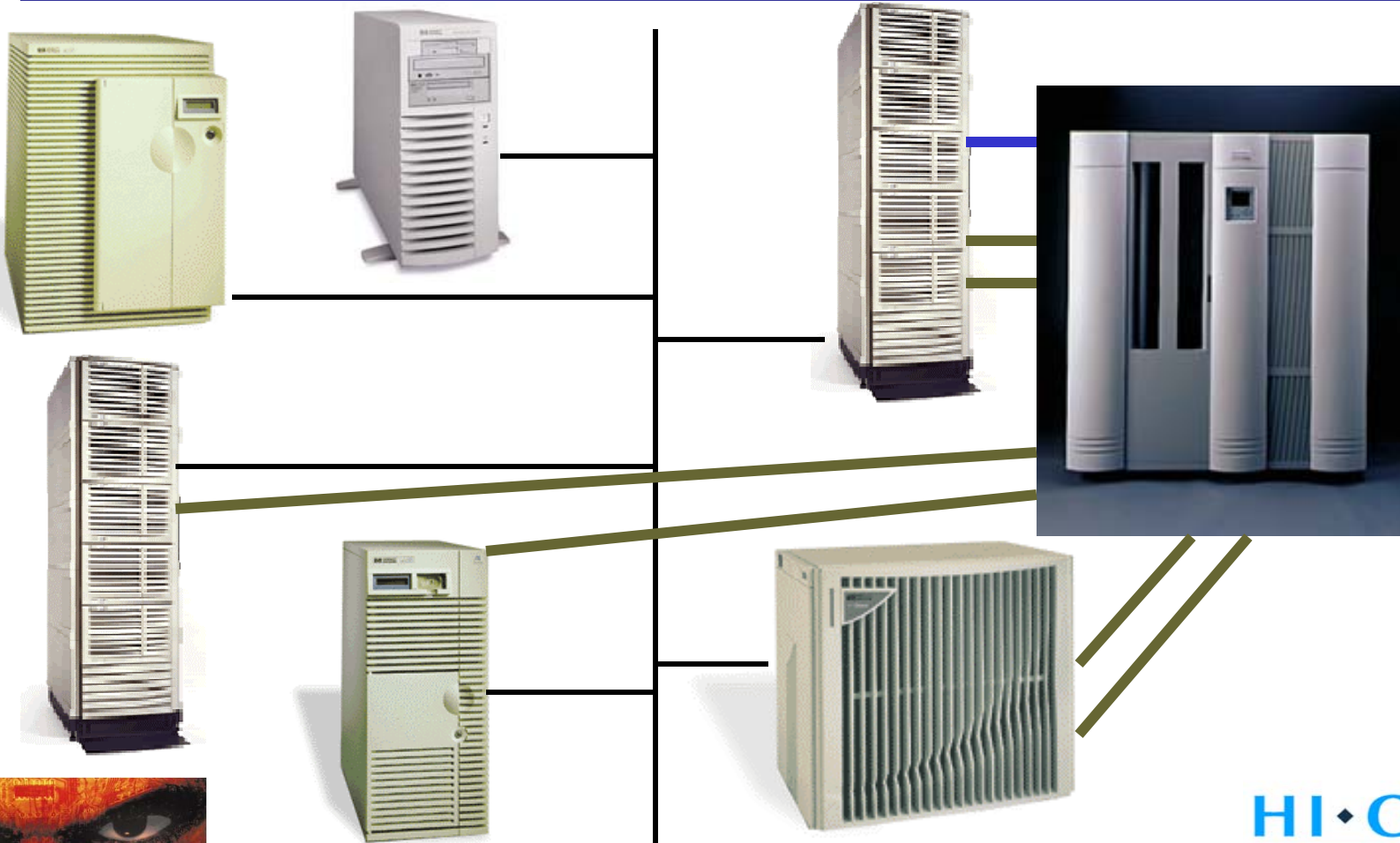


Library Sharing between Systems

- The library robot or “picker” also has a SCSI connection.
- One system connects to the library robot, the “robotics server.”
- The other systems send library control messages to the robotic server to issue to the library on behalf of the other systems.



Library Sharing between Systems



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Pros

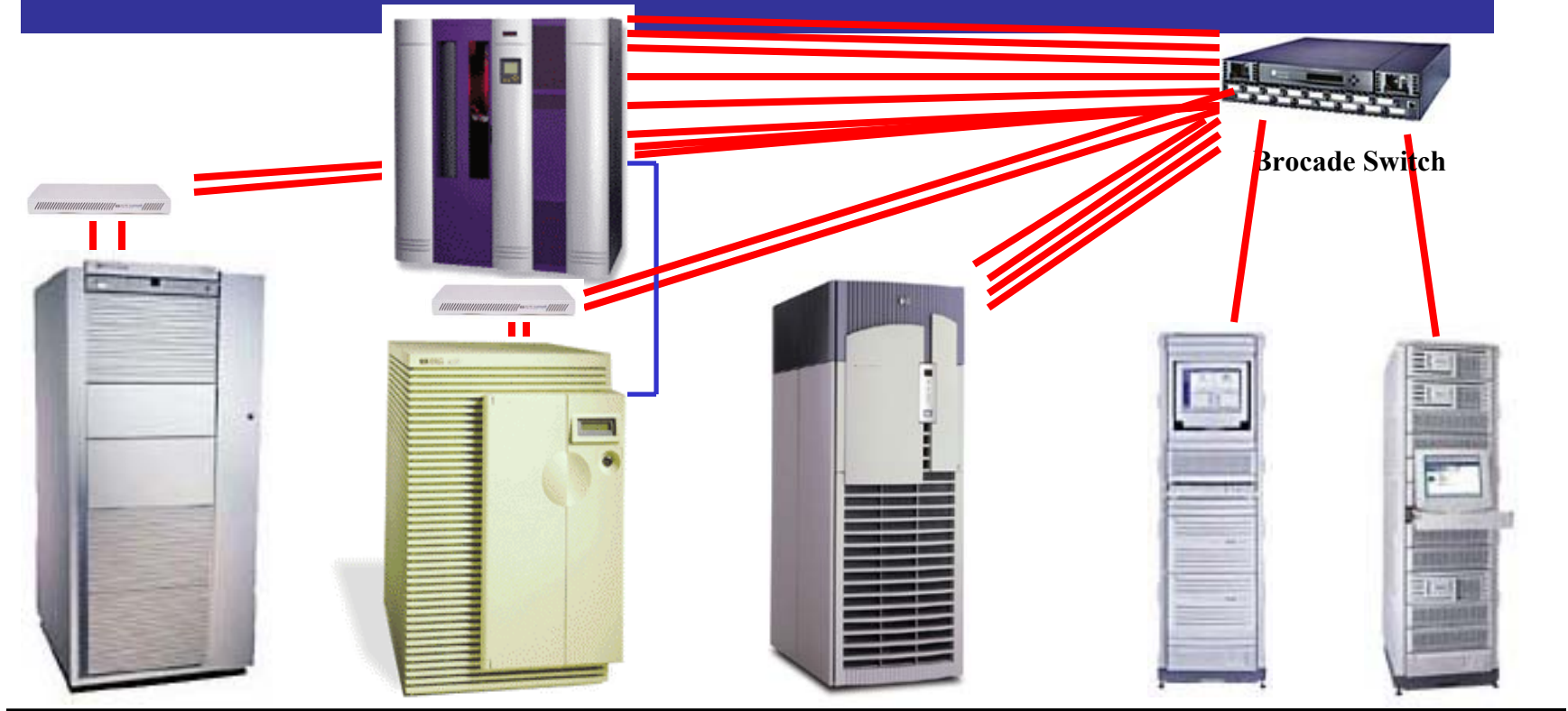
- No central point of Failure
(Library control easily moved)
- No large central server
- Minimal Network traffic
- Very flexible, multiple servers
- Very high enterprise throughput
- Local SCSI connection for multiple systems

Cons

- More complex to setup
- Lack flexibility in drive assignment
- More costly in licenses



Storage Area Network (SAN)



HP e3000

HP e3000

HP 9000

Linux

NT



Storage Area Network (SAN)

- Same setup as Library Sharing
- Drives are shared through the SAN architecture
- One system keeps the connection to the Picker



Storage Area Network (SAN)

Pros

- No central point of Failure except for library control
- No large central server
- Minimal Network traffic
- Highly flexible/Scalable
- Very high enterprise throughput
- Local SCSI connection for multiple systems
- Maximize device use

Cons

- More complex to initially setup
- Maybe more complex to administer
- Costly SAN hardware required
- More costly in licenses



Conclusion

- Multiple ways to increase backup throughput.
- Judicious use of hardware, software and network can pay huge dividends.
- Plan wisely.

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