Storage Wide Area Network Design, Implementation and Performance Analysis

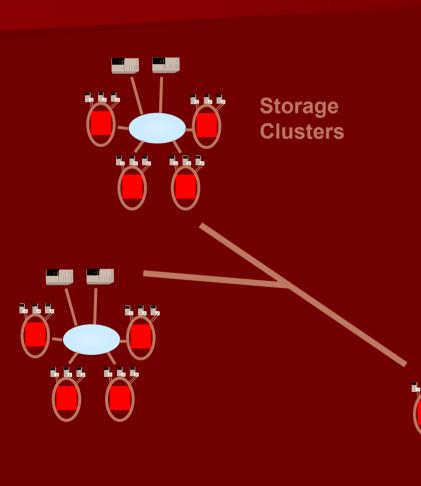
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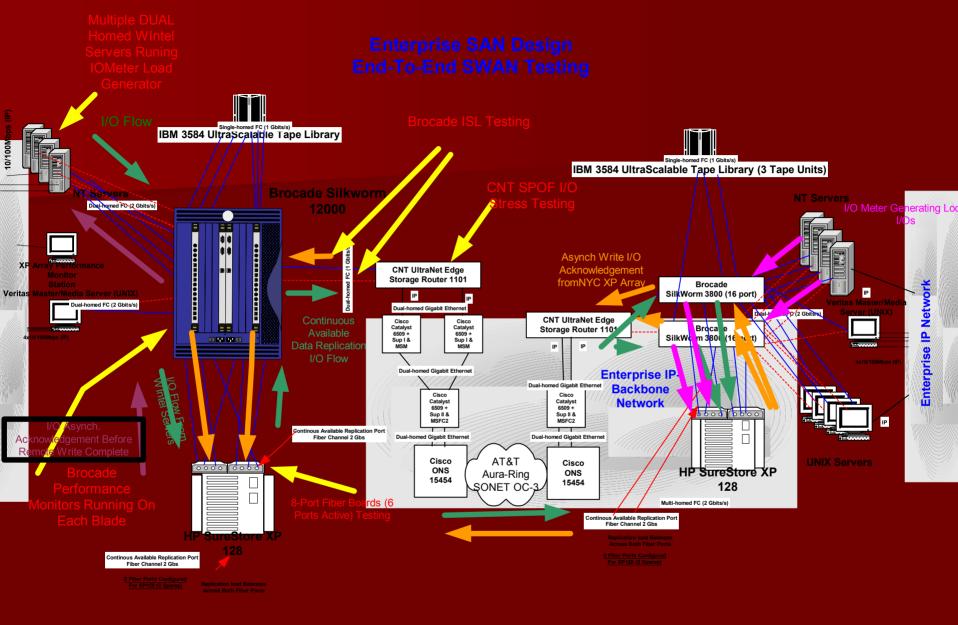
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Storage WAN (SWAN) > Features



- Manage the WORLD as a single Entity
- Wide area data sharing/migration
- Storage Management/Reporting
- Shadow/Remote Backup
- Wide area DT
- Connectivity within <u>standard</u> infrastructure (Network)
- Span: The <u>World</u>



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Host Bus Adapters

- Individual Component Utilization Is A Necessary Part SAN Architecture and Implementation.
- Selecting the Right Will Lower Overall SAN Costs.

Host Bus Adapters

- Connect the Server to the SAN.
- Alleviate the Server From Some I/O Processing.
- Typically, Assist in the Execution of Parts of Communications Protocol.
- Compatibility Across HBA's.

Emulex HBA's

Dual Channel (LP9402DC)

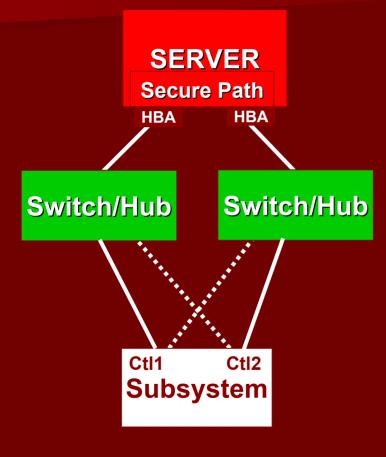
- High performance through the use of two Emulex Centaur ASICs,
- Two 266MIPS onboard processors, high speed buffer memory.
- Automatic speed negotiation capability which allows complete compatibility between 1GBS and 2 GBS.
- ✤ switched fabric support,full-duplex data transfers.
- * high data integrity features, support for all Fibre Channel topologies
- ✤ dual channel HBA. Channels deliver up to 800MB/s link bandwidth

EMULEX HBA's

Single Channel (LP9802)

- full duplex 2Gb/s Fibre Channel delivering up to 400MB/s
- automatic speed negotiation
- automatic topology detection
- onboard hardware context cache for superior fabric performance
- support for use of multiple concurrent protocols (SCSI and IP)
- support for FC-Tape (FCP-2)devices
- ✤ 66/100/133 MHz PCI-X 1.0a and PCI 2.2 compatibility
- Buffered data architecture to support over 50km cabling at full 2Gb/s bandwidth
- Windows 2000, Windows NT, HP-UX, Linux, NetWare, Solaris and AIX

HP StorageWorks[™] Secure Path



Shows Optional Active or Standby Paths

Secure Path is Multi-path software

Benefits:

- Eliminates path as single point of failure
- Higher performance
- Static or dynamic I/O balancing
- Path failure detection

When Used:

- When highest availability needed
- When highest performance needed

SilkWorm 12000 Core Fabric Switch

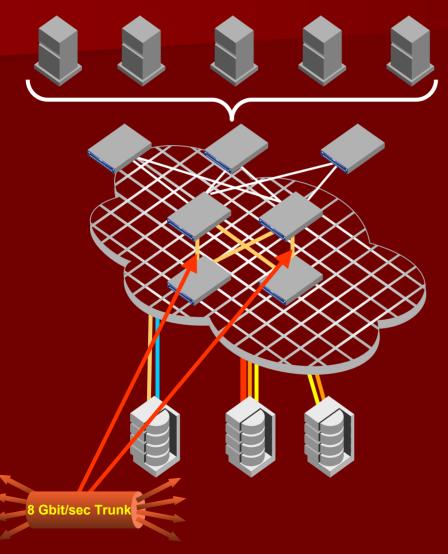
- Flexible, modular architecture
 - Scalable 64/128 port design
 - 2 Gbit/sec ports; Autosensing
 - 3rd generation Brocade ASIC
- 99.999% availability
 - Redundant, hot-swap elements
 - Non-disruptive software updates
 - Redundant 64 port switch config
- Intelligent fabric services
 - Interswitch link trunking
 - Frame filtering
 - Global performance analysis
- Multi-protocol architecture
 - 10 Gbit/sec fibre channel
 - IP storage interconnect
 - InfiniBand



Verify Hardware Components MTBF

- Switch backplane 43,328,000 hours
- Power backplane 10,722,000 hours
- Control processor 177,000 hours
- 16 port FC blade 153,000 hours
- Power supply 500,000 hours
- Blower FRU 473,000 hours
- WWN card 2,153,000 hours

New Advanced Fabric Services: Inter-Switch Link Trunking



ISL Trunking

- 8 Gbit/sec logical links
- Aggregate edge traffic
- Zero management

Simplify network design and management

 Simplifies ongoing administration (manage one link versus four links)

- Maximizes fabric performance
- Provides increased high availability in case of link failures

Intelligent Bandwidth Utilization: Dynamic Load Sharing



- Load sharing across multiple ISL links
- Round robin assignment
- Can get "unlucky" with multiple high utilization traffic assigned to same link
- In our example, theoretical maximum is 8 Gbit/sec, but effective throughput is 5 Gbit/sec

Intelligent Bandwidth Utilization: Inter-switch Link Trunking



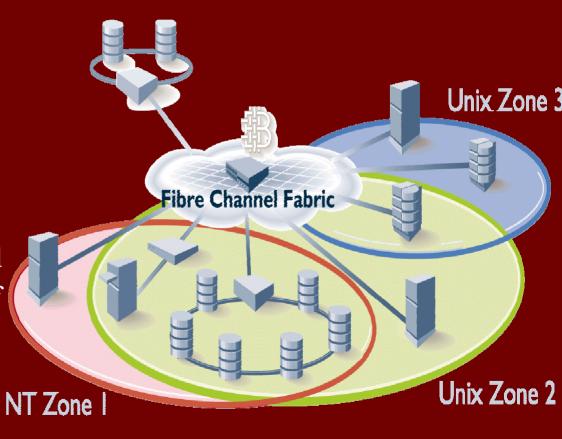
- Aggregate traffic onto fewer logical links
- Automatically created when switches are connected
- Managed as a single logical 8 Gbit/sec ISL
- Fault-tolerant will withstand failure of individual links
- Supports redundant trunks between switches

Zoning Concepts

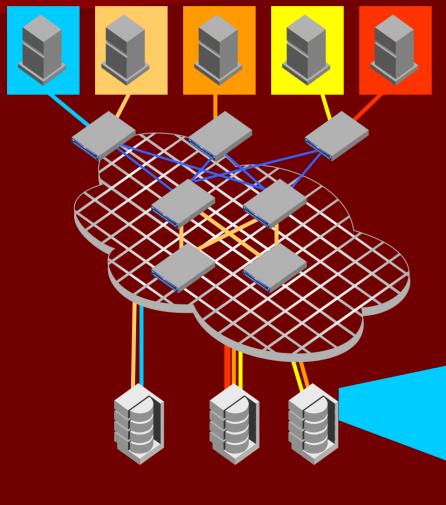
- Controls host access to logical devices connected to a fibre channel port via World Wide Name assignment.
- Ideal for multi-NT servers and SAN customers
 - Data protection in a multi-host environment
 - Prevent unauthorized access to LUN

Zoning

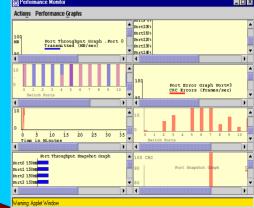
- Provides OS & storage isolation
- Store multiple zone configurations
- Zones based on port # or device WWN
- Updates distributed dynamically across the fabric
- > Overlapping zones allowed
- No logical limit on the # of zones



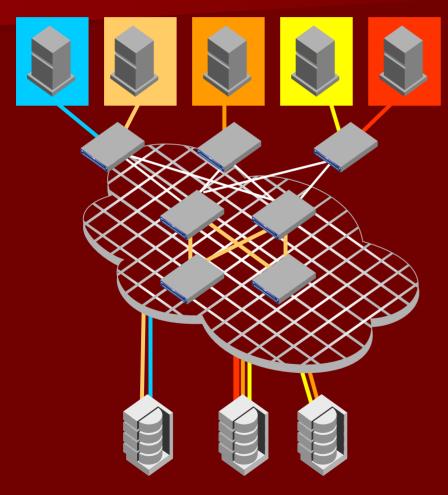
Advanced Fabric Services: New Global Performance Analysis



- Performance analysis
- Proactive SAN management
- Provides end-to-end performance measurement from the source to the destination target
- Optimize fabric resource allocation
- Maximizing performance tuning
- Reducing trouble-shooting time
- Improve capacity planning

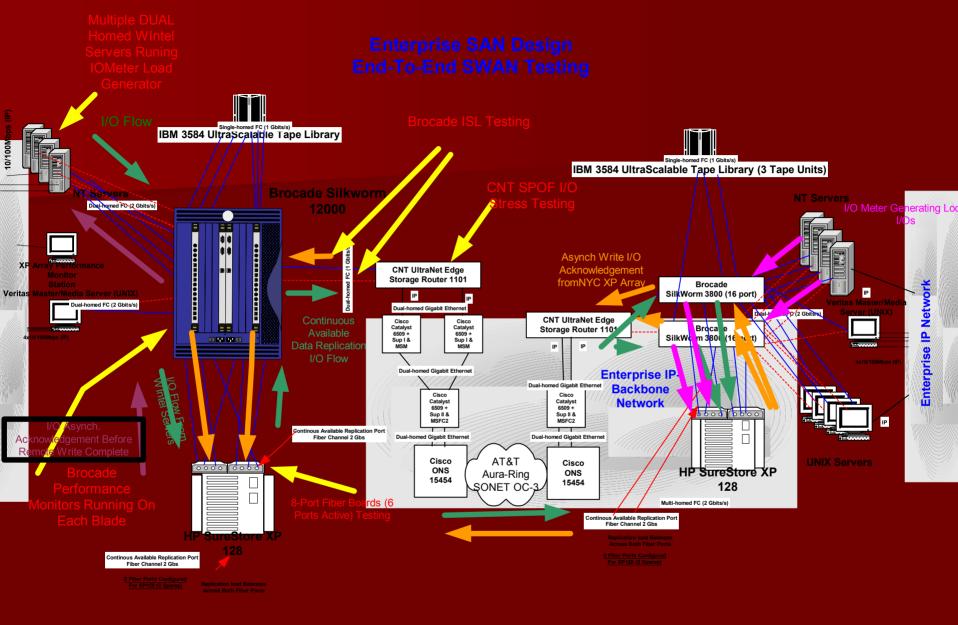


New Advanced Fabric Services: Advanced Zoning



WWN Zoning

- Hardware enforced
- Simple administration
- Secure access control
- Provides a safer, more secure SAN network
- Hardware enforced access control
- Administrators can organize physical fabric into logical groups and prevent unauthorized access by devices outside of the zone



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HP XP Series "The Ultimate Consolidation Machine" Super consolidation has many tangible h Windows **TCO** benefits Super consolidation requires Broad connectivity FĊ FC Very high throughput Port Port Large capacity Virtualization Assist - Host Groups Capable management tools Security, performance, allocation, availability 7 - 7

Lightning 9900 V Series Hardware Summary

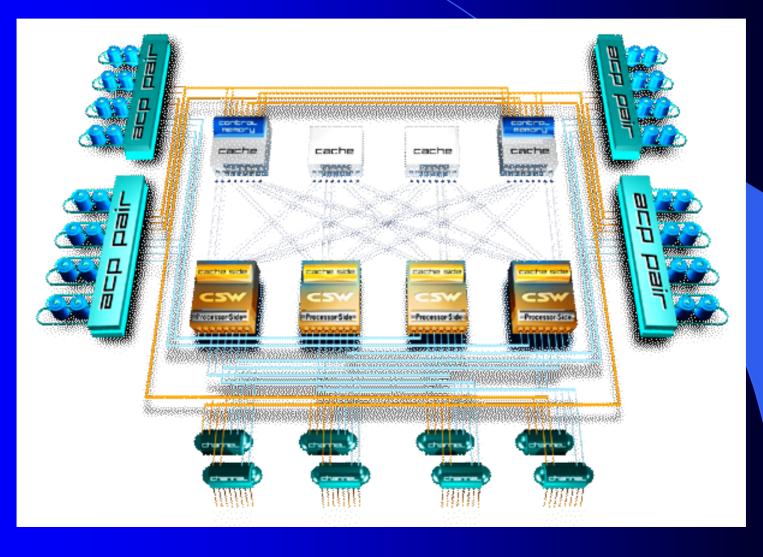
- Lightning 9980V
 - 32 ports
 - 1 ACP std, 2nd, 3rd, 4th selectable
 - 64GB cache
 - **3GB** control memory
 - 8192 logical addresses
 - 2+ throughput Lightning 9960
 - 1024 HDD
 - 36GB/73GB
 - 75TB raw
 - Raid 5

- 3+1

- Raid 1+
 - 2+2, 4+4

- Lightning 9970V
 - 24 ports
 - 1 or 2 ACP selectable
 - **32GB** cache
 - 3GB control memory
 - 8192 logical addresses
 - Equal throughput to Lightning 9960
 - **128 HDD**
 - 36GB/73GB
 - 9TB raw
 - Raid 5
 - 3+1
 - Raid 1+
 - 2+2, 4+4

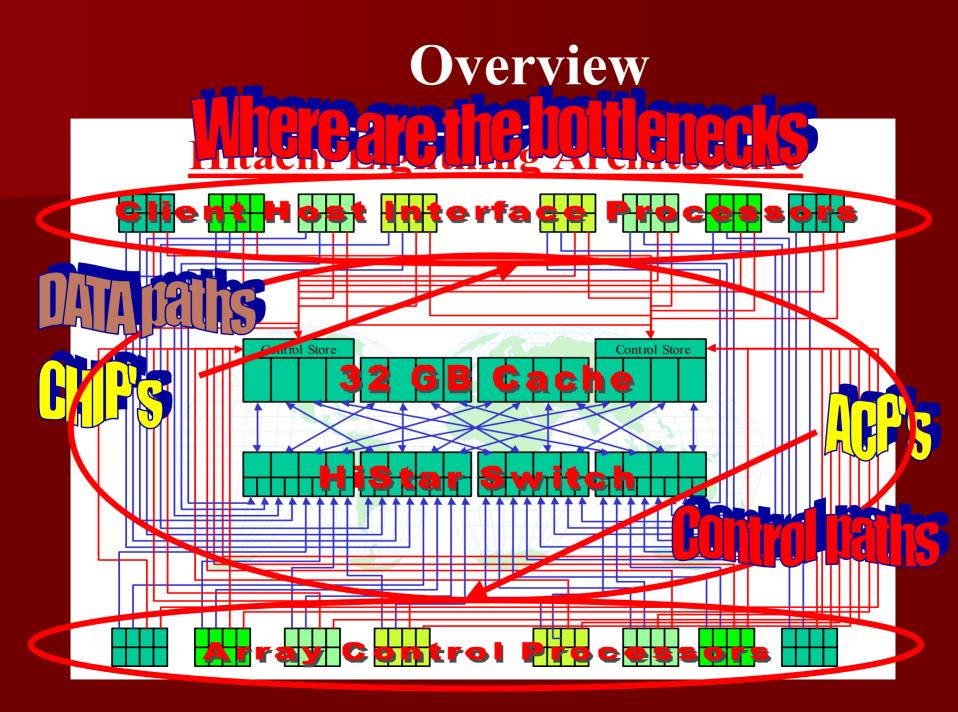
XP Switch Architecture

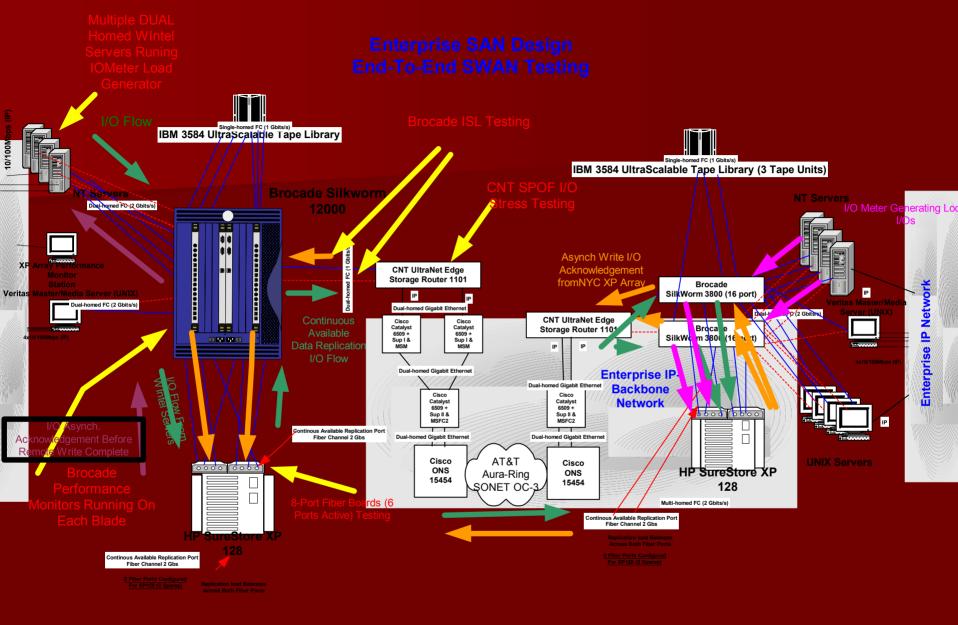


Virtualization Assist: Host Storage Domains

- Multiple Host Storage Domains can share same physical port.
- Each Host Storage Domain has its own logical FC port and its own independent set of LUNs.
 - Multiple LUN 0's
- Host connections routed to HSD based upon WWN.
- Fewer physical ports needed
 - Reduces complexity & cost
- More overall connections
- Enables consolidation







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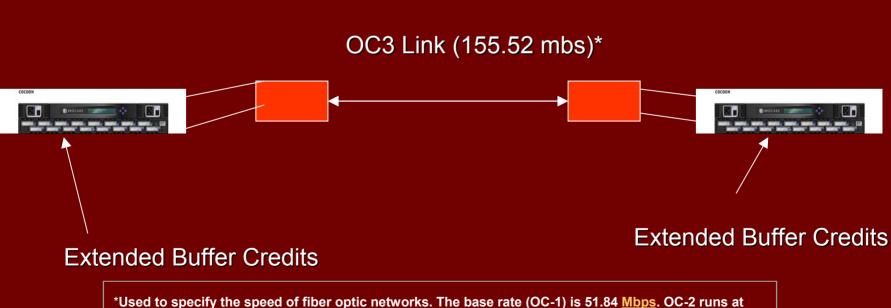
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Fabric Extension



*Used to specify the speed of fiber optic networks. The base rate (OC-1) is 51.84 <u>Mbps</u>. OC-2 runs at twice the base rate, <u>OC-3</u> at three times the base rate (155.52 Mbps), etc. Planned rates are: OC-1, OC-3, OC-12 (622.08 Mpbs), OC-24 (1.244 Gbps), and OC-48 (2.488 Gbps

Brocade Settings

Fabric configuration need to have a separate and unique Domain ID. Example ID's in the Silkworm 12000 as 101 for the fabric switch named SAN1 and as 102 for the switch named SAN2

Brocade Settings (con't)

License Key – each switch has the license key applied that was purchased (Web Tools, Zoning, Fabric, Fabric Watch, and Performance Monitor). In order to work with the CNT 1101 Edge Router, Remote Switch Licenses (RSL's) are required by CNT for each switch. (Two 16 port switches in the Silkworm 12000 and two 3800 switches for the remote site.)

Brocade CNT Recommended Settings

- CNT recommended specific settings within each Brocade switch as follows:
 - BB Credit the number of available buffer credits available on a per port basis are recommended to be set at 16.
 - R_A_TOV the resource allocation time out value, which is set in milliseconds, is recommended to be 10000 (the default).
 - E_D_TOV the error detect time out value, which is set in milliseconds, is recommended to be 5000 (the maximium).
 - Data Field Size maximum size value in bytes recommended to be 2048 (64 bytes less than the default).
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Brocade Silkworm Settings

In Order Packet Delivery (IOD) – when this parameter is set the frames will be delivered in order. However since the configuration only consists of two single blades each describing a fabric, the setting of this parameter, according to Brocade, will not have a major impact during a topology change. Thus this parameter for this configuration is recommended to be disabled to avoid a conflict with the Dynamic Load Sharing parameter

Brocade Silkworm Settings

Dynamic Load Sharing (DLS) – this parameter is enabled and traffic to a remote switch will be shared among the available paths. However this parameter setting conflicts with the In Order Packet Delivery parameter setting. If both parameters are enabled, some frames maybe lost during a fabric recalculation of the routes in the fabric to guarantee that frames are not delivered out of order.

- Recommended that each port be individually tested and that the Brocade 12000 port statistics and performance tools, which are accessible directly through the web tool GUI interface, be used to monitor the results.
- The following example illustrates the results of a recent problem resolution. The error log for the switch had indicated that thresholds were being exceeded for a specific port within the fabric, and that the switch status had gone to marginal and back to healthy due to the error rates.

Error 23

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:32:47 Switch: 0, Warning FW-STATUS_SWITCH, 3, Switch status changed from Marginal/Warn ing to HEALTHY/OK

Error 20

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:30:45 Switch: 0, Warning FW-STATUS_SWITCH, 3, Switch status changed from HEALTHY/OK to Marginal/Warning

Error 17

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:23:00 Switch: 0, Warning FW-BELOW, 3, fopportState014 (FOP Port State Changes 14) is b elow low boundary. current value : 0 Change(s)/minute. (normal)

Error 16

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:23:00 Switch: 0, Warning FW-BELOW, 3, fopportState000 (FOP Port State Changes 0) is be low low boundary. current value : 0 Change(s)/minute. (normal)

Error 15

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:23:00 Switch: 0, Warning FW-BELOW, 3, fopportLink014 (FOP Port Link Failures 14) is be low low boundary. current value : 0 Error(s)/minute. (normal)

Error 14

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:23:00 Switch: 0, Warning FW-BELOW, 3, fopportLink000 (FOP Port Link Failures 0) is bel ow low boundary. current value : 0 Error(s)/minute. (normal)

Error 13

0x301 (fabos): Oct 28 16:22:11 Switch: 0, Warning FW-ABOVE, 3, fopportState014 (FOP Port State Changes 14) is a bove high boundary, current value : 12 Change(s)/minute, (faulty)

Researching the above errors in detail, the errors on the port were displayed by using the fabric command "porterrorshow" as follows:

NY1SANX1LS1:admin> porterrshow frames enc crc too too bad enc disc link loss loss frit fbsy tx rx in err shrt long eof out c3 fail sync sig 0: 574k 619k 0 0 39 1: 0 0 0 0 1.0k 0 0 0 1 2: 0 0 0 638 0 1.2k 0 3: 0 0 4: 0 0 0 0 3.8k 0 0 0 0 0 2.2k 0 0 0 5. 6: 0 0 0 825 0 0 0 7: 0 0 0 0 6.0k 0 0 0 0 4.1k 0 0 0 8: 0 0 9. 0 0 0 0 2.3k 0 0 0 10: 0 0 0 0 1.0k 0 12: 0 0 0 423 0 13: 0 3.8k 0 14:615k 574k 0 0 1.1m 0 9 14 0 0 15: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0

Looking at port 14, under the "enc out" (encoding errors outside of frames) column, it is seen to have over one million errors. If the corresponding "crc err" (cyclic redundancy check) errors are low or zero, the problem may be a defective cable. Otherwise a corresponding moderate number of errors in the "crc err" column may indicate that the associated GBIC may be problematic.

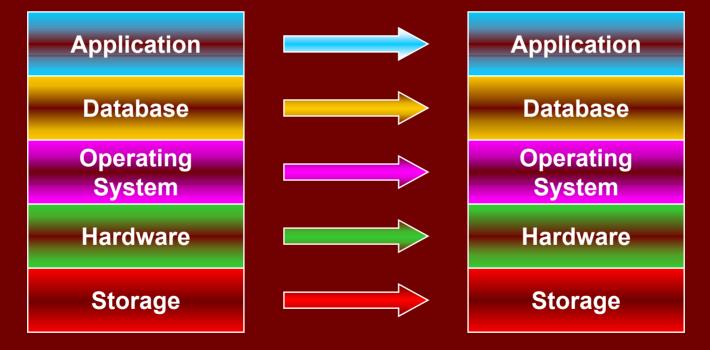
A specific port show command after a fabric Telnet Login produced:

NY1SANX1LS1:admin> portshow 7/14 portCFlags: 0x1 portFlags: 0x23805b PRESENT ACTIVE F PORT G PORT U PORT LOGIN NOELP LED ACC EPT portType: 4.1 portState: 1 Online In Sync portPhys: 6 portScn: 6 F Port portld: 660e00 portWwn: 20:0e:00:60:69:80:43:59 portWwn of device(s) connected: 10:00:00:00:c9:30:41:a2 Distance: normal portSpeed: N2Gbps Link failure: 9 Interrupts: 224 Frit: 0 Unknown: 27 Loss of sync: 14 Fbsv: 0 Lli: 77 Loss of sig: 6 127 Protocol err: 0 Proc rqrd: Timed out: 0 Invalid word: 0 Rx flushed: 0 Invalid crc: 0 Tx unavail: 0 Delim err: 0 Free buffer: 0 Address err: 0 Overrun: 0 Lr in: 8 0 Suspended: Lr out: 8 8 Parity err: Ols in: 0 2 parity err: Ols out: 0 0 CMI bus err: 0

Another possibility that may be causing excessive "Encoding Outside of Frame" is the HBA driver micro code version may not be compatible with the revision level that is supported by the vendor of the fabric switch and the disk array. For example HP only supports a driver version which is earlier than the latest released version for the Emulex HBA (9002L) that is currently being used. It is supported version to avoid potential problems.

Data Replication

Replication can be done at many levels Replication can be done at many levels



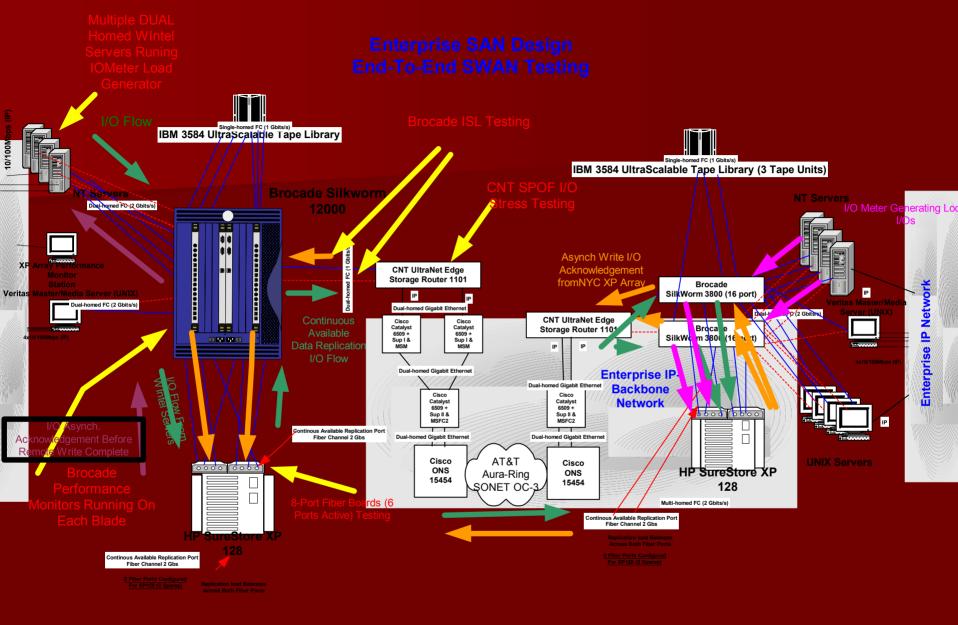
•Real Time COPY

Provide Disaster Recovery
NOT to maintain two identical copies
Provide I/O consistent copy of data

Synchronous Or Asynchronous

 If Within <u>Supported</u> Distance Use Synchronous Because:

- Data is more secure
- Best overall performance
- Asynchronous is supported
 - Cases w/low I/O rates and some potentially lost data is acceptable if links are broken



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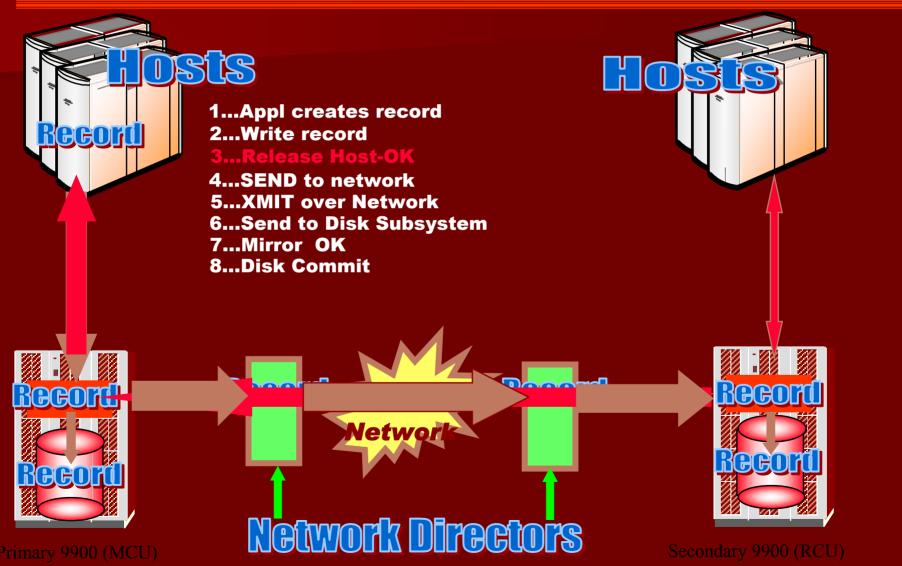
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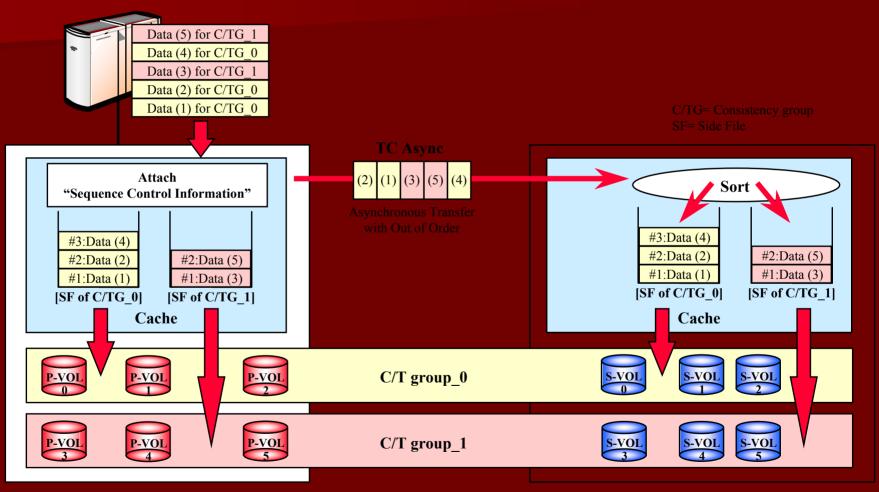
Asynchronous

Operations



Asynchronous

Update Sequence



MCU (= Master subsystem)

RCU (= Remote subsystem)

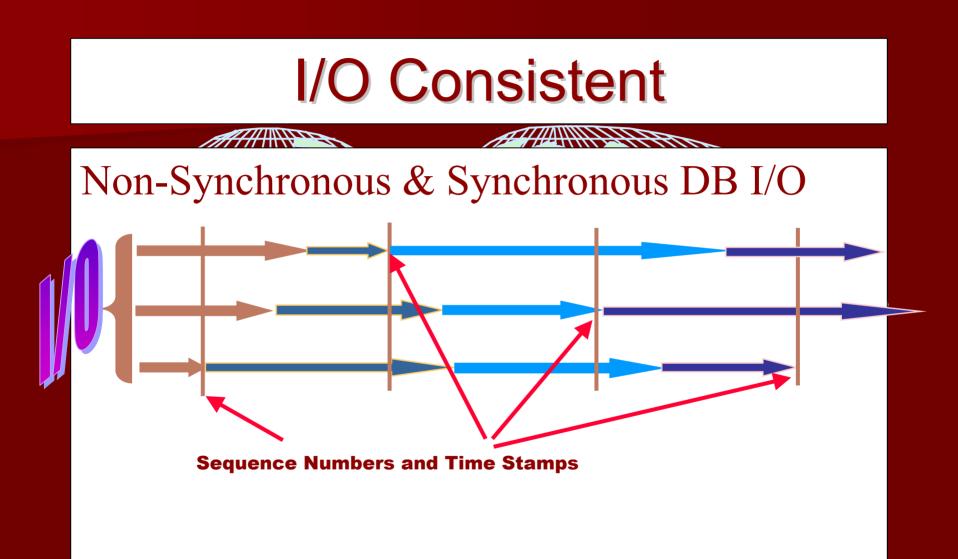
Synchronous

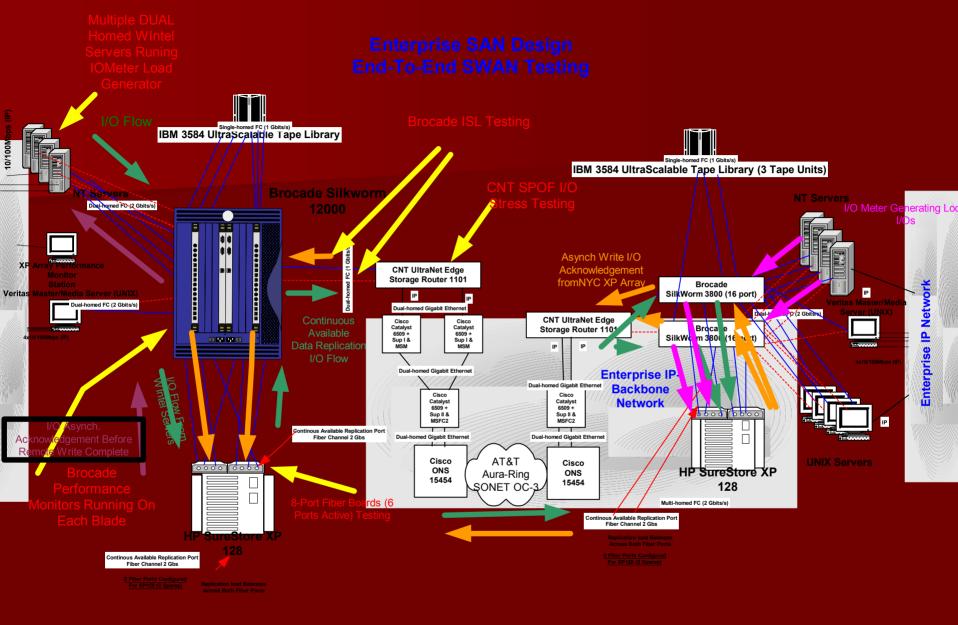
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Primary (MCU)

Secondary (RCU)





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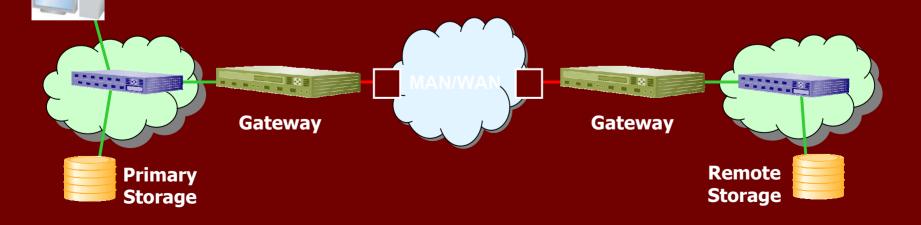
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Network Considerations For SAN's

Applications over the MAN/WAN

- Moving large amounts of data between sites
- File sharing supercomputing applications
- Remote mirroring / disaster recovery
- Synchronous mirroring
- Asynchronous mirroring

- Tape backup
- Centralizing Storage Management
- Disk edge caching
- Virtualization
- High availability / clustering
- Video streaming
- SSP remote primary storage



Moving Data Between Sites

- Fibre channel is the workhorse for moving data inside the data center
- Outside the data center there are two ways to move Terabytes between sites
 - Non real time i.e. people power
 - Real time direct connection
- Fundamentally, two things are necessary for a direct connection to efficiently move large amounts of data over distance
 - High Bandwidth interconnection
 - Flow Control ability to fill and sustain bandwidth flow over time

Why Fibre Channel?

- Storage to storage transfers demands a high QoS
 - Needs "deterministic" communications
 - Generally very sensitive to latency
 - Requires in-order block delivery
- Fibre Channel is deterministic
 - Provides low latency and high bandwidth interconnect
- High performance SAN extension must maintain same QoS features over distance
 - High bandwidth
 - Low latency

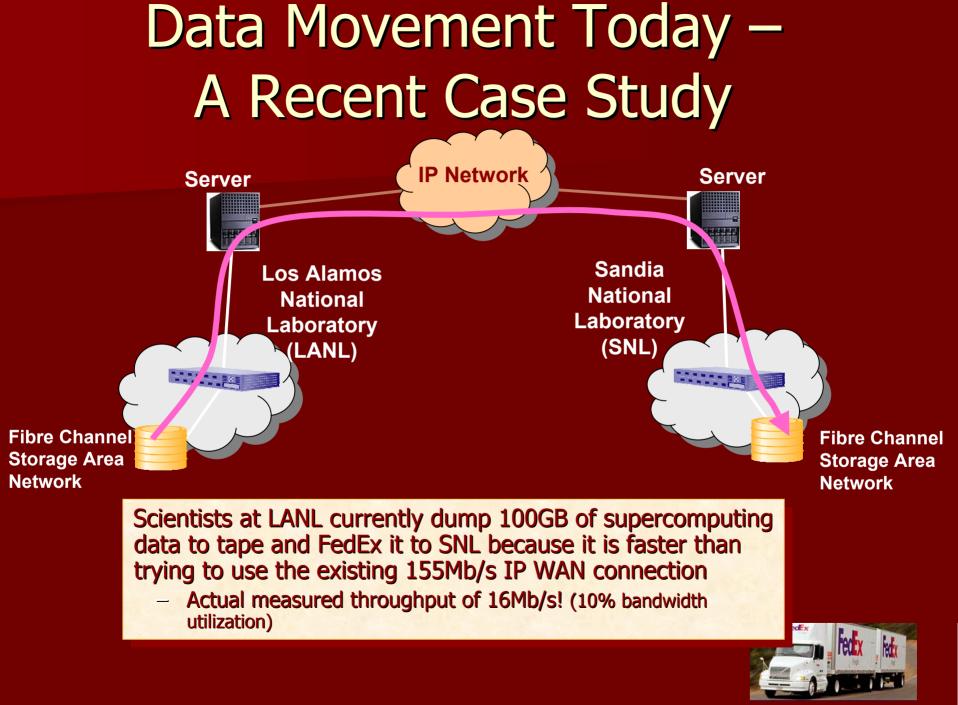
How Much Bandwidth is Enough...?

Moving 10 TB requires:

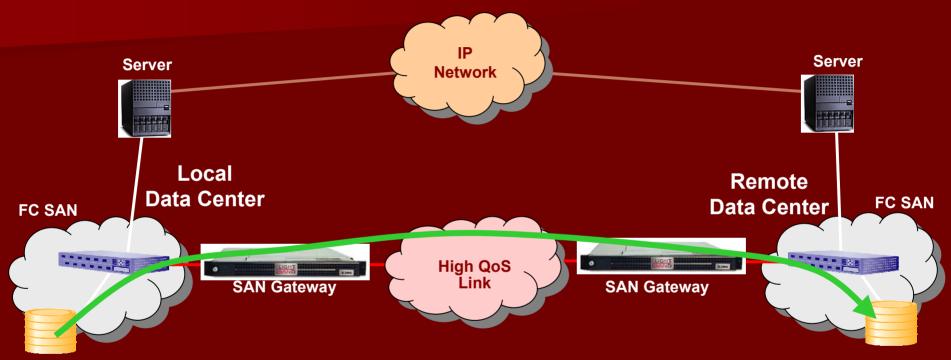
- 2.25 hours using OC-192 (10Gb/s)
- 9 Hours using OC-48 (2.5Gb/s)
- 14 hours using "2G" FC (1600 Mb/s)
- 28 hours using "1G" FC (800Mb/s)
- 35.7 hours using OC-12 (622 Mb/s)
- 6 days using OC-3 (155 Mb/s)
- 20 days using T3 (45 Mb/s)
- 1.6 years using T1 (1.5 Mb/s)



.....If the pipe is fully utilized!



The Better Way – Directly Between Storage Systems



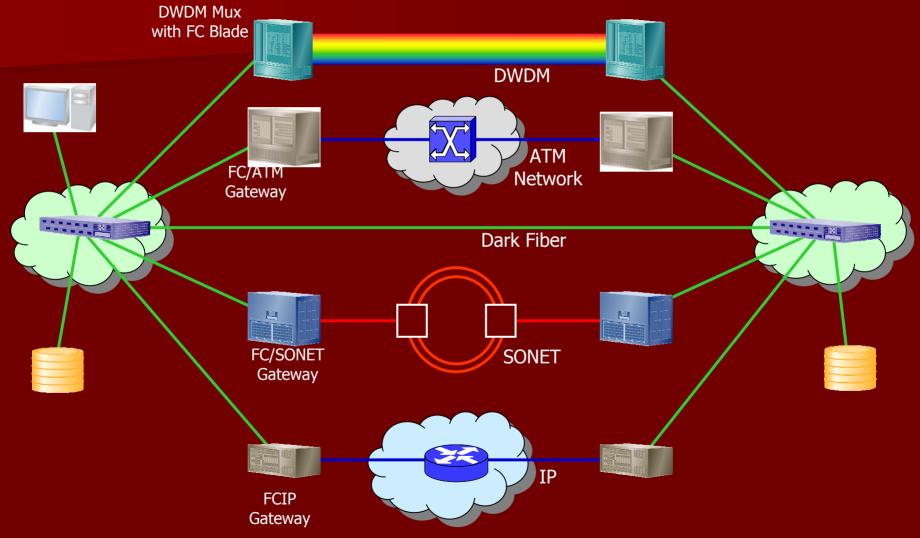
Utilizing the full bandwidth of this interconnection the data could have been moved in just over 80 minutes!

Transport Layer Extension

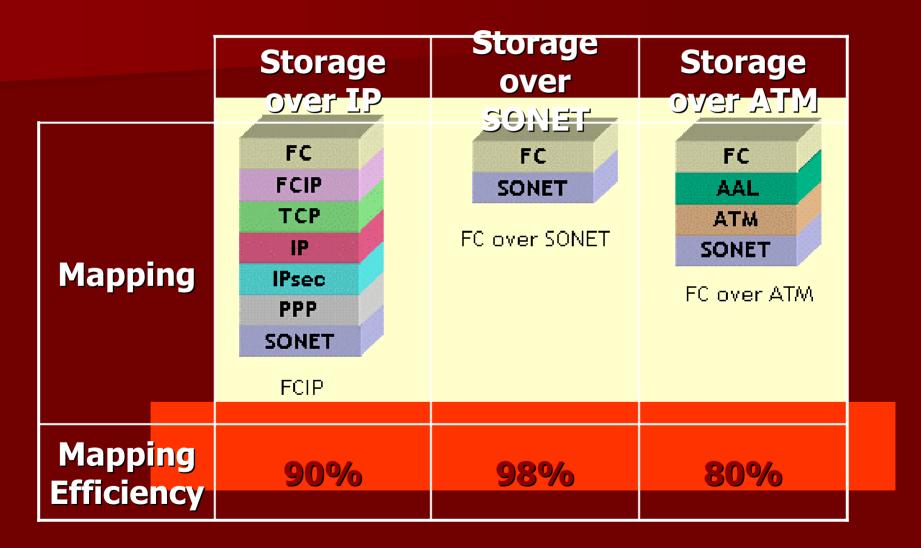
How do I move the signal?

FC over Dark Fiber
FC over DWDM
FC over ATM
FC over SONET
FC over IP

Transport Layer Extension through the MAN and WAN



FC Data Encapsulation Efficiency



"Fat Pipes" Don't Guarantee High Throughput with TCP/IP "Lossy Pipe" Typical bit error rate (BER) is 0.1% 1 out of every 1000 packets is dropped

Receiver

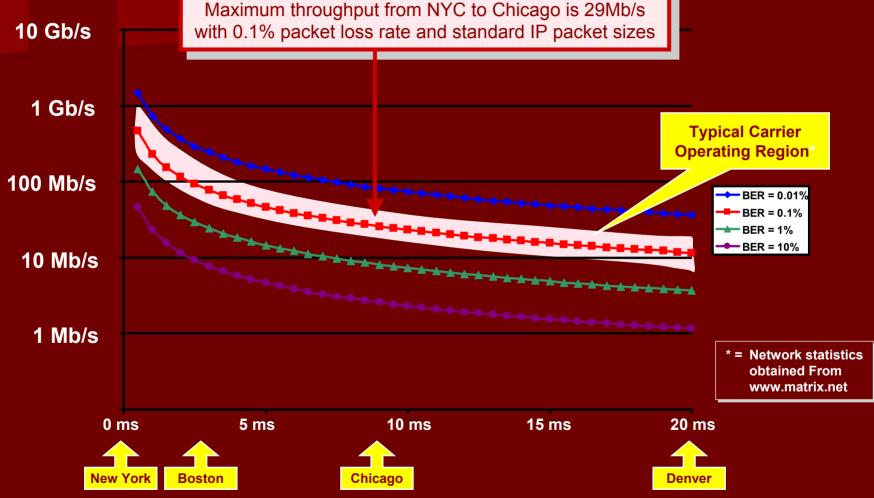
With TCP/IP over the WAN, BER and Latency affect throughput more than the bandwidth of the pipes

Pipe

Latency

Sender

TCP/IP Performance vs. BER



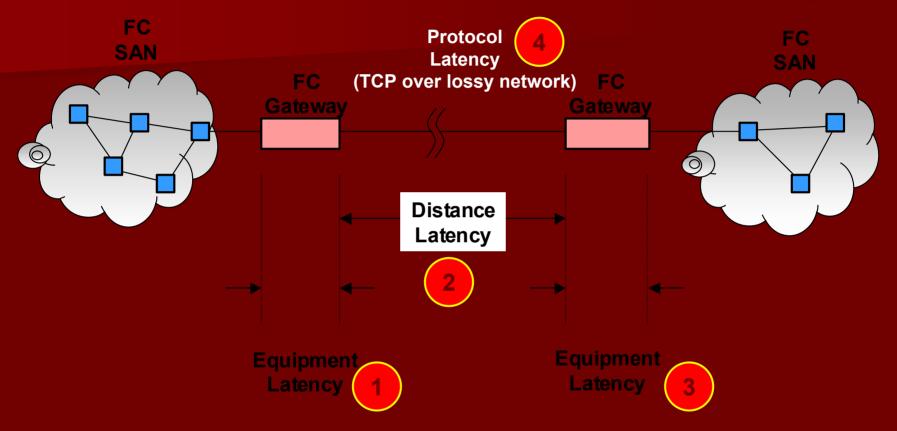
What's Wrong with Routed IP in the WAN?

- Routed IP is designed for scalability and connectivity
- Routed IP is NOT designed for performance
- TCP algorithms are designed to make the end user back-off quickly at the first sign of congestion
- Throughput is controlled by latency (geographical distance) and packet loss rate
- IP Carriers will always have packet loss
 - Sell service by peak capacity
 - Allocate equipment based on average capacity

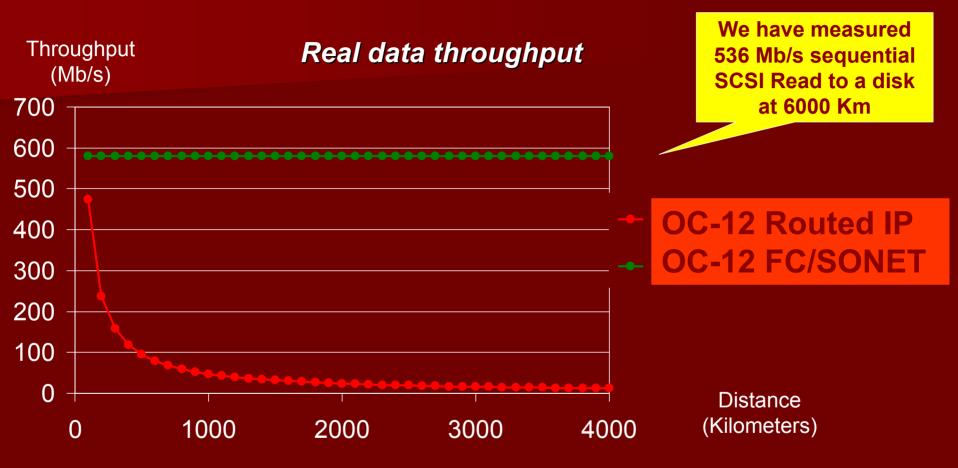
Network Layer Flow Control via Credit Buffering

- Fibre Channel maintains throughput in the data center by using flow control via buffer to buffer credits
 - Nominally FC switches provide credit buffering up to 10km distance
- Any wide bandwidth, long distance movement of FC data must couple flow control over the WAN
 - System requires end-to-end credit buffering
- WAN gateway flow Control options
 - Transparent mode relies on the FC switches to extend the credits (good up to 130-150km) This method is used in all DWDM gateways and some SONET, FCIP devices
 - Coupled Credit mode The gateway handles the buffer to buffer credits over the WAN. This is extensible up to great distances (1000's of km). This method is used in most FC over SONET gateways
 - FCIP gateways must provide credit buffering in conjunction with PAUSE and TCP/IP

Multiple Sources for Latency

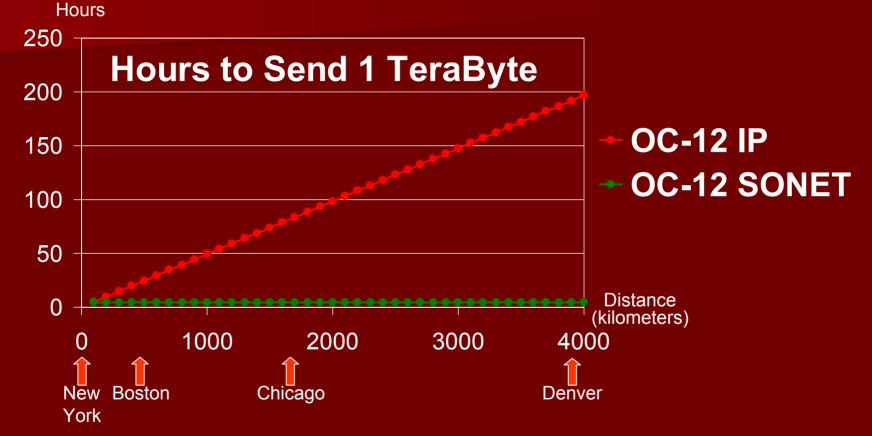


Fibre Channel Over SONET / WDM



Data re-transmission due to IP packet loss limits actual IP throughout over

The High Efficiency, Long Distance Alternative



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Storage Over IP

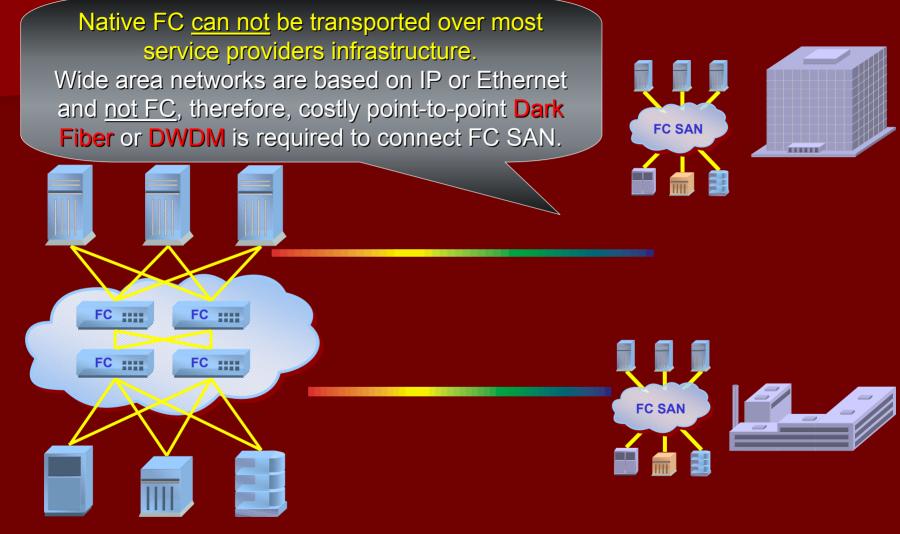
Using CNT Solutions

Joint Solution Overview

• Continuous Access XP

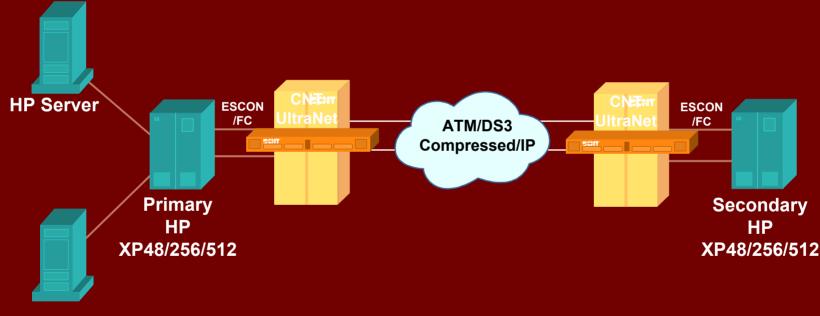
- UltraNet Edge, UltraNet Storage Director
- HP XP Disk Arrays (XP48/XP256/XP512/XP1024)
- HP Continuous Access software
- Cluster Extension XP and Continental Cluster
- All inter-networking options IP, ATM, T3, Metro Fiber optics
- StorageWorks DRM
 - Enterprise Modular Array (Enterprise Virtual Array)
 - DRM (Data Replication Manager) Software
 - All inter-networking options IP, ATM, T3, Metro Fiber optics

Fibre Channel SAN Issues - Extensibility



Fibre Channel SAN island

HP XP CA Remote Disk Mirroring Over WAN/IP



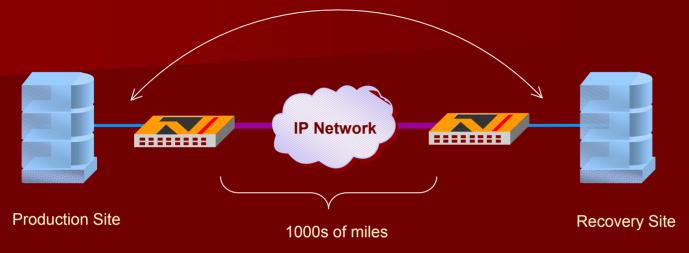
HP Server

Storage Over IP

Using Nishan IP Storage Solutions

Asynchronous Mirroring – Going the

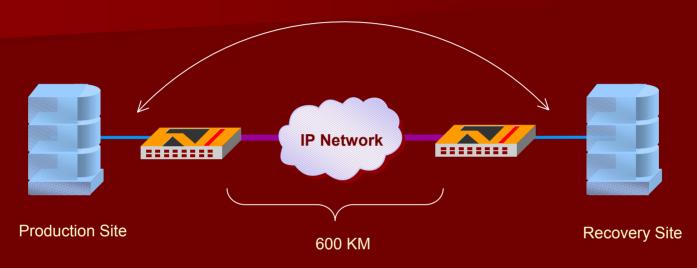
Asynchronous Mirroring



- Customer required fast replication with 2 sites 2000 miles apart
- FASTWRITE technology excels at long-haul optimized performance

Extending the Reach of Synchronous Replication Vtesse Networks - Europe

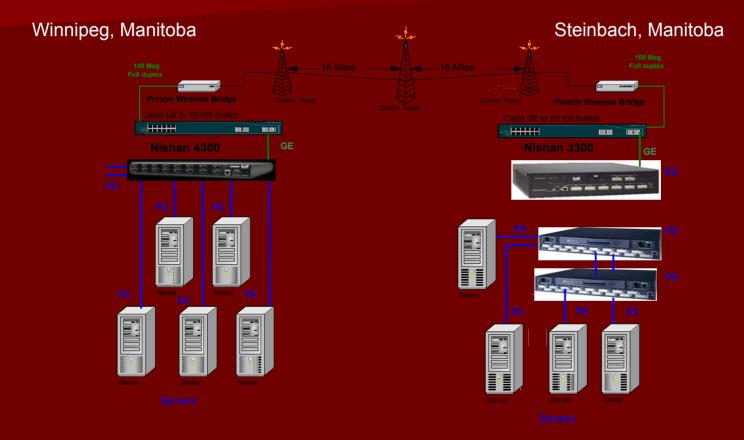
Synchronous HDS TrueCopy

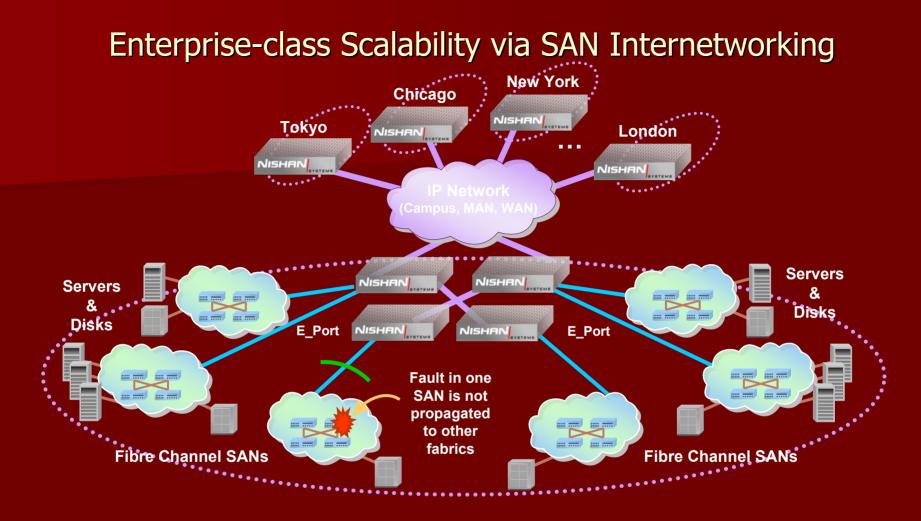


- Nishan switches convert FC mirroring traffic to IP
- Synchronous data replication up to 600KM
- Expands the reach of Sync TrueCopy => more TC addressable market !!

Steinbach Credit Union – Wireless IP SAN

STEINBACH CREDIT UNION





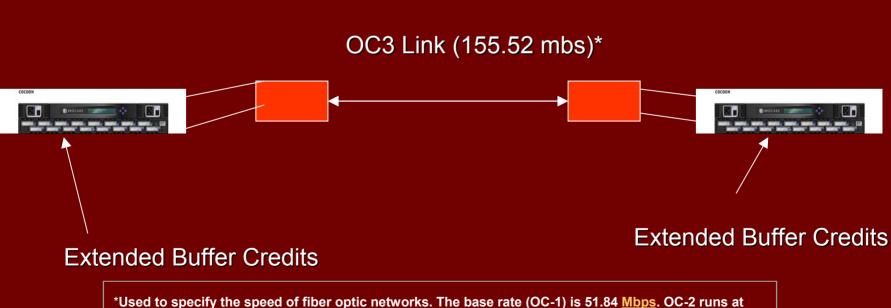
- Fault isolation provides router-like scalability Enterprise-class scalability
- Connectivity between Heterogeneous Fibre Channel switches
- Extensibility across any distance: campus, metro or WAN

High Availability And Disaster Tolerant SAN Considerations

Storage WAN (SWAN) > Features

- Manage the WORLD as a single Entity
- Wide area data sharing/migration
- Storage Management/Reporting
- Shadow/Remote Backup
- Wide area DT
- Connectivity within <u>standard</u> infrastructure (Network)
- Span: The <u>World</u>

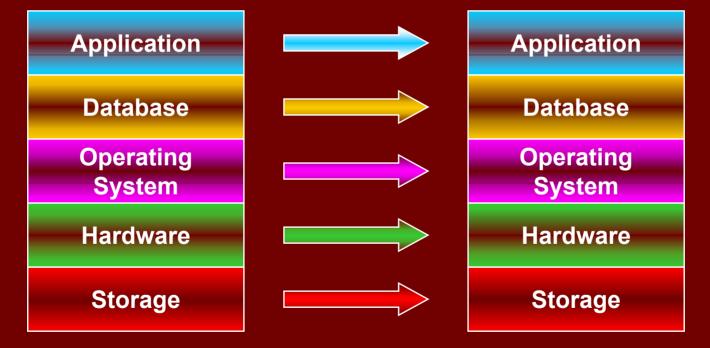
Fabric Extension



*Used to specify the speed of fiber optic networks. The base rate (OC-1) is 51.84 <u>Mbps</u>. OC-2 runs at twice the base rate, <u>OC-3</u> at three times the base rate (155.52 Mbps), etc. Planned rates are: OC-1, OC-3, OC-12 (622.08 Mpbs), OC-24 (1.244 Gbps), and OC-48 (2.488 Gbps

Data Replication

Replication can be done at many levels Replication can be done at many levels



•Real Time COPY

Provide Disaster Recovery
NOT to maintain two identical copies
Provide I/O consistent copy of data

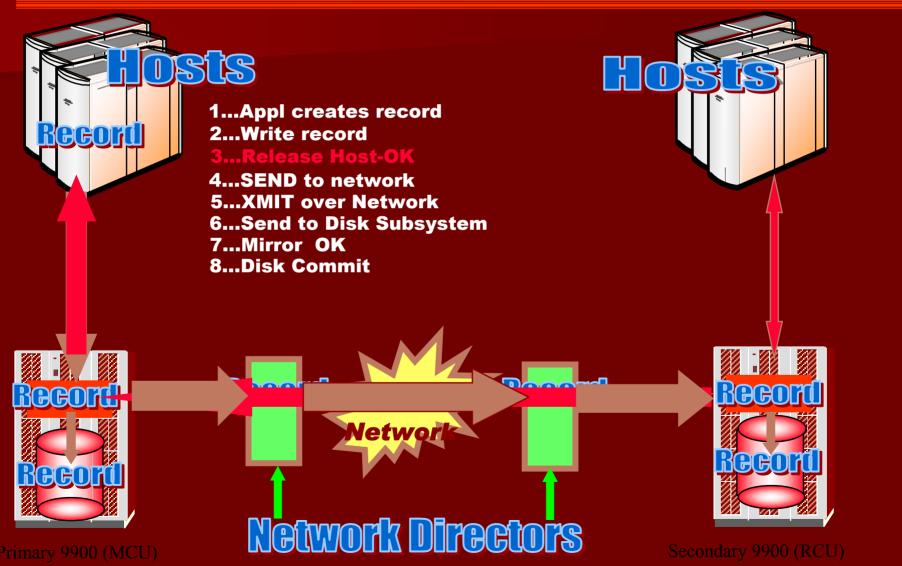
Synchronous Or Asynchronous

 If Within <u>Supported</u> Distance Use Synchronous Because:

- Data is more secure
- Best overall performance
- Asynchronous is supported
 - Cases w/low I/O rates and some potentially lost data is acceptable if links are broken

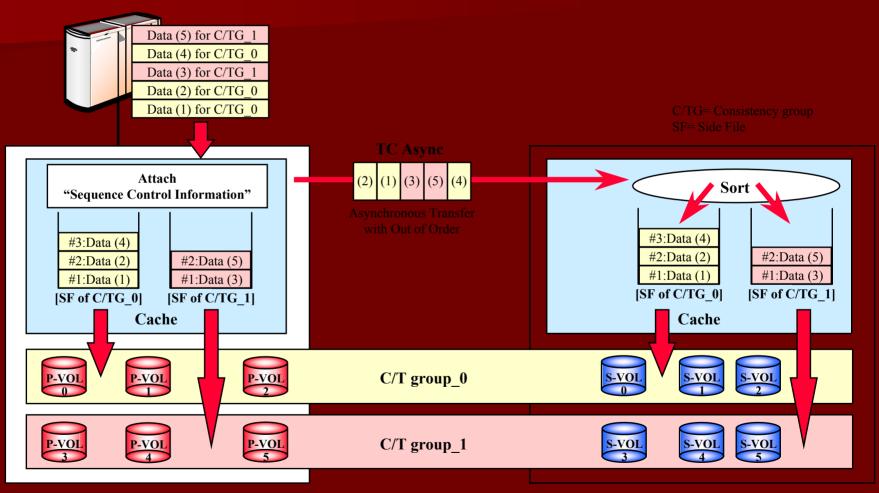
Asynchronous

Operations



Asynchronous

Update Sequence



MCU (= Master subsystem)

RCU (= Remote subsystem)

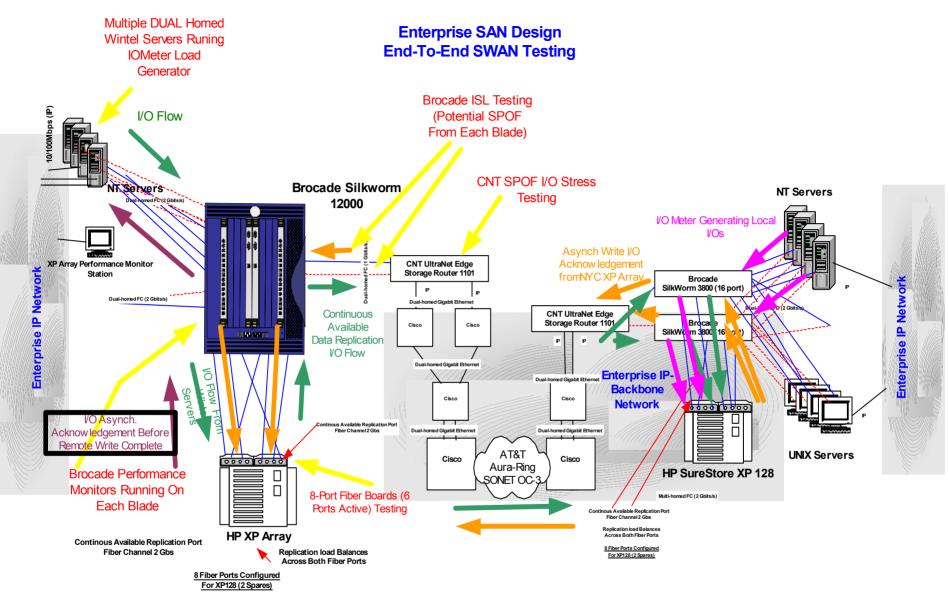
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Primary (MCU)

Secondary (RCU)



NOTES

1. SilkWorm 12000 comes with dual control units, multiple power-supplies and fans, and has two 16 port switches configured

as separate fabrics

2. CNT UltraNet Edge Storage Router 1101 are used exclusively for the communication between HP XP 128 SAN's.

3. Based on the design and the backbone bandwidth limitation, only Asynchronous communication between the XP 128 SAN's was recommended.

5. The design will work (in Async. mode) with existing Cisco's Enterprise IP-backbone without using QoS, Packet Prioritization, Traffic Shaping, or Layer 3 switching technology.



Thank You