

FUTURE OF DATACENTER STORAGE

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STORAGE AND DATA ACROSS INFRASTRUCTURES

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Media Transition



Software Defined

WHAT IS NVM EXPRESS OVER FABRICS?

- Industry standard definition of NVMe over Data Center Fabrics
- Shares the same base Architecture and NVMe Host Software as PCIe
- Enables NVMe scale-out and low latency operations on Data Center Fabrics



Non-PCIe Transports and Data Center Fabrics



NVMe over Fabrics is the most efficient Block Interface on Data Center Fabrics

NVME OVER FABRICS STANDARDIZATION AND ENABLING

- Industry-wide NVMexpress.org TWG community defined NVMe Fabrics
 - Dozens of companies participated in the definition over last ~18 months
- NVMe Over Fabrics Specifications were released on June 6th 2016
 - Downloadable from www.nvmexpress.org/specifications
- Linux Kernel Host and Target Drivers available
 - <u>www.nvmexpress.org/drivers</u>



- Integrated and tested with Linux 4.7-RC1 Kernel, plan is to upstream with 4.8 Kernel
- Intel SPDK User-Level NVMe over Fabrics Target
 - Downloadable from https://www.brom/spd



COMMONALITY BETWEEN NVME ON PCIE AND FABRICS

The vast majority of NVMe is leveraged as-is for Fabrics

- NVMe host interface, NVM Subsystem, Controllers, Namespaces, Commands, Registers/Properties, Power States, Asynchronous Events, Reservations, etc.
- Allows for use of common NVMe Host software with very thin fabric dependent layers

Primary differences reside in the discovery and queuing mechanisms

~ 90% Common Between PCle and Fabrics

Differences	PCI Express [®] (PCIe)	Fabrics
Identifier	Bus/Device/ Function	NVMe Qualified Name (NQN)
Discovery	Bus Enumeration	Discovery and Connect commands
Queuing	Memory-based	Message-based
Data Transfers	PRPs or SGLs	SGLs only, added Key

NVME OVER FABRICS NVME COMMAND / COMPLETION DELIVERY

Fabric Capsules are messages with "encapsulated" common NVMe content



Data Section may be sent within the Capsule (as shown) or via a fabric type dependent data transfer mechanism, example RDMA_READ/RDMA_WRITE

Data Section (SGLs, Metadata, Data)

Data Transfer to/from Host resident buffer

NVME OVER FABRICS CAPSULE EXCHANGE EXAMPLE



NVME QUEUE CREATION USING FABRIC CONNECT COMMAND

- Create a fabric-dependent transport connection
- Send a Command Capsule with Fabric Connect Operation (AdminQ Connect establishes an "association" to an NVMe Controller)
- <opt> Send Authentication Fabric Commands
- AdminQ or IOQ Ready for NVMe Commands



SOME OF THE USE CASES FOR NVME OVER FABRICS







External Storage

Hyperconverged Cloud

Disaggregated Cloud

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DISAGGREGATED NVME OVER FABRICS ENCLOSURE OPTIONS

Intel Processor Based

- NVMf Target S/W (Front-End)
- SPDK or Linux Target S/W
- Typically have storage abstractions
 - Endurance, Security, High Avail. (RAID, Compute fail-over, ...)



NVMe Bridge Based

- Bridges NVMf to PCIe NVMe
- Discrete or integrated into RNIC
- High IOPS/Low Power
- JBOD like functionality with limited SSD sharing capabilities
- PCIe SSD sharing features will help
 - Multiple namespaces, SR_IOV, CRB, ROC, ...





CLOUD STORAGE USAGE

Model (Disaggregated OSD block-store)

- Ceph OSD Software runs on disaggregated compute nodes (2 Socket Intel® Xeon™ E5)
- NVMe software enables access to disaggregated NVMe SSDs

Capacity and Performance optimized NVMe SSD enclosures



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