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# What Are Real World Storage Workloads and Why Do We Care?





# Real World Storage Workloads are Unique and are the:

## IOs that occur when YOUR application is running

## **IO Streams that traverse** *YOUR* **Hardware/Software Stack**

## **IO Streams that present to YOUR HDD/SSD/Array Storage**



# IO Streams are YOUR Data Traversing the HW/SW Stack

#### Many Different IO Streams each with a Unique:

Random or Sequential Access, Data Transfer Size Read/Write Mix, Entropy and Spatial & Temporal Locality of Reference

#### **IO Streams Change at each level of SW Abstraction**

Fragmented, Coalesced, Appended due toVirtualization, Packetization, Encryption, Data ReductionCompression, Deduplication, Storage Tiering and more

Because IO Streams Change, it is important to Capture IOs as close to the storage as possible – ideally at the Block IO level





Why Do We Care?

## **SSD Performance & Endurance Depends on it:**

SSD Performance Depends on the Type of Workload

Workloads Affect Endurance (Write Amplification)

**Storage Tiering Strategies are Based on Workload Assumptions** 

Workloads Determine What Type of SSD is Best for Your Application

Be Sure to Buy the Right Amount of Performance and Endurance!





# What Do Real World Storage Workloads Look Like?



## IO Streams Can Be Visualized As:

IO Stream Maps by Frequency over Time (IO Stream Map)

IO Stream Maps by Location over Time (LBA Hit Map)

A Tabular Distribution of IO Streams



Σ	Cumulative	Workload	I X
🔽 F	RND 64K R	19.5%	841,495
<b>2</b> \$	SEQ 0.5K W	17.9%	775,072
🔽 F	RND 8K R	10.5%	454,786
<mark>.</mark>	SEQ 8K R	8.8%	381,168
🔽 F	RND 4K W	4.1%	179,391
<b>2</b> \$	SEQ 64K R	3.5%	152,723
	RND 8K W	2.91%	125,959
	RND 4K R	2.74%	118,560
🗆 F	RND 16K R	1.94%	83,965
	SEQ 4K R	1.70%	73,534
	RND 32K R	1.63%	70,407
Total IOs of 5,038 streams: 4,326,159			
Sele	ected 6 streams:	2,784,635	(64.4%)



# **Key IO Stream Metrics Include:**

**IO Stream Map Frequency & Amount** 

LBA Hit Maps – Spatial & Temporal Locality of Reference

**Specific Process ID for IO Streams** 

**IO Stream Sequentiality, Queue Depth, Response Times** 

IOPS rate, Bandwidth, Access Patterns, Data Transfer Sizes

Reads, Writes, Amount Written

**Compressibility Ratio** 

**Deduplication Ratio** 





## Workload Visualization – Example #3 at TestMyWorkload.com





# **Case Study**





# **Test Plan**

- Create Workload Segments from IO Capture Data
- Test using the same OS and Software as Captured Data
- ✓ Apply Workloads to 3 Data Center SATA SSDs
- Compare Performance to Workload Segments
- Compare Performance to Workload Replay





# **Test Set Up**

#### Hardware Platform

Calypso IOProfiler – Real World Workload Tester OS: Hyper-V Server 2012 R2 (same as source capture) Test Software: RTP BE ver 1.9.184 Motherboard: Intel SC2600COE, 32GB DDR3 ECC RAM CPUs: Dual Intel XEON Eight Core W2687v2 3.1Ghz HBA: 6Gb/s LSI 9212

#### Software Platform

Test Software: IPF 1.05 FE ver 1.18.11 OS: Windows 7 Pro Capture Tool: IPF Win Capture applets









# **SSD Sample Pool**

## SSD A - Data Center 2.5" SATA SSD – 960 GB

## SSD B - Data Center 2.5" SATA SSD – 800 GB

## SSD C - Data Center 2.5" SATA SSD – 960 GB







### **TestMyWorkload IO Capture Demo #3 - Workload Segment Definition**



#### Workload Segments - Net IO Streams Distribution % by Segments



#### SSD A Avg TP SSD B Avg TP SSD C Avg TP 600 B D Α C 519 500 466 460 436 Better 400 356 is. Throughput (MB/s) ЧH 312 300 Higher 213 187 185 200 100 67 57 57 51 36 36 0 Cumulative SQL 2 AM Back-up 6 pm to Close 10 am - 4 pm SQL 24 hr Workload Segments 16

#### Replay - Throughput by Segments: Average MB/s Over Segment



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#### Replay - 5 9s Response Time by Segments: Average Over Segment

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#### **Power Consumption by Segments - Average Over Segment**

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24 Hr Replay - Streaming IOPS

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6 Hr Write Saturation - Metadata SEQ 0.5K RW50 - IOPS vs Time

24 Hr Replay - Streaming Metadata SEQ 0.5K Writes - IOPS vs Time

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## **Real World Workloads Are Changing Groups of IOs**

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Single SSD WAF: Drive Fills, FTL and WAF for Different Workloads

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# **Take-Aways**

- □ SSD Performance Depends on the SSD Workload
- □ IO Streams Change as they Traverse the SW Stack
- □ Replay Storage Workloads are Changing Groups of IO Streams
- □ Individual IO Streams Can Be Compared to Synthetic Benchmarks
- □ IO Workloads Result In Specific Performance & Endurance
- Each Real World IO Capture is Unique to its Time and System

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# **Understand Your SSD Workloads**

## The Example #3 Workload in this Presentation Can Be Accessed as a Live Demo at

# TestMyWorkload.com

Try FREE Capture & Analysis of Your SSD Real World Storage Workloads Today!

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