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High Performance Storage for Data Intensive Workloads

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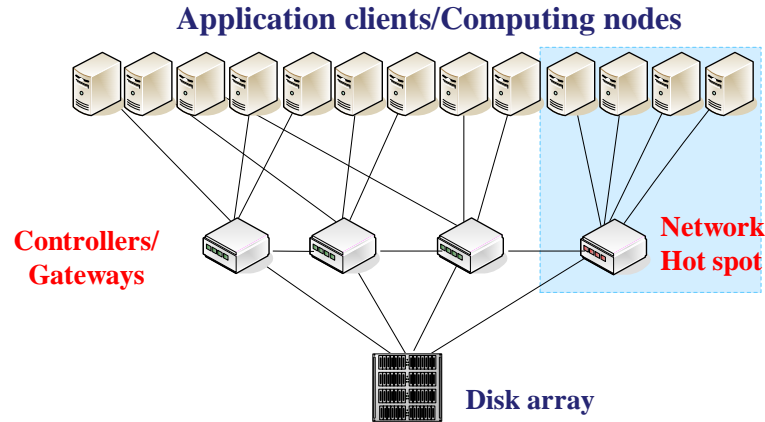
Proven Proprietary File System

- ◆ **Market proven since 2007 with over 500 PB and 700 customers***
- ◆ **No controller/gateway bottlenecks, solution guarantees to saturate hardware throughput**
- ◆ **Cluster of metadata pairs, unique setup with active-active**
- ◆ **File-based network RAID enables high aggregated bandwidth**
- ◆ **One cluster for file, block, and object storage**
- ◆ **Easy scalability with single server solution**

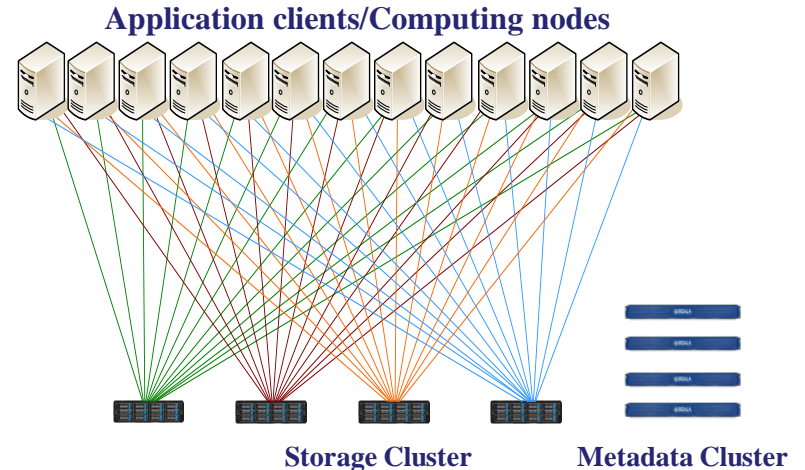
* Total aggregated numbers of capacity and customers with the underlying technology of SCALA Storage.

No Bottleneck from Controller/Gateway

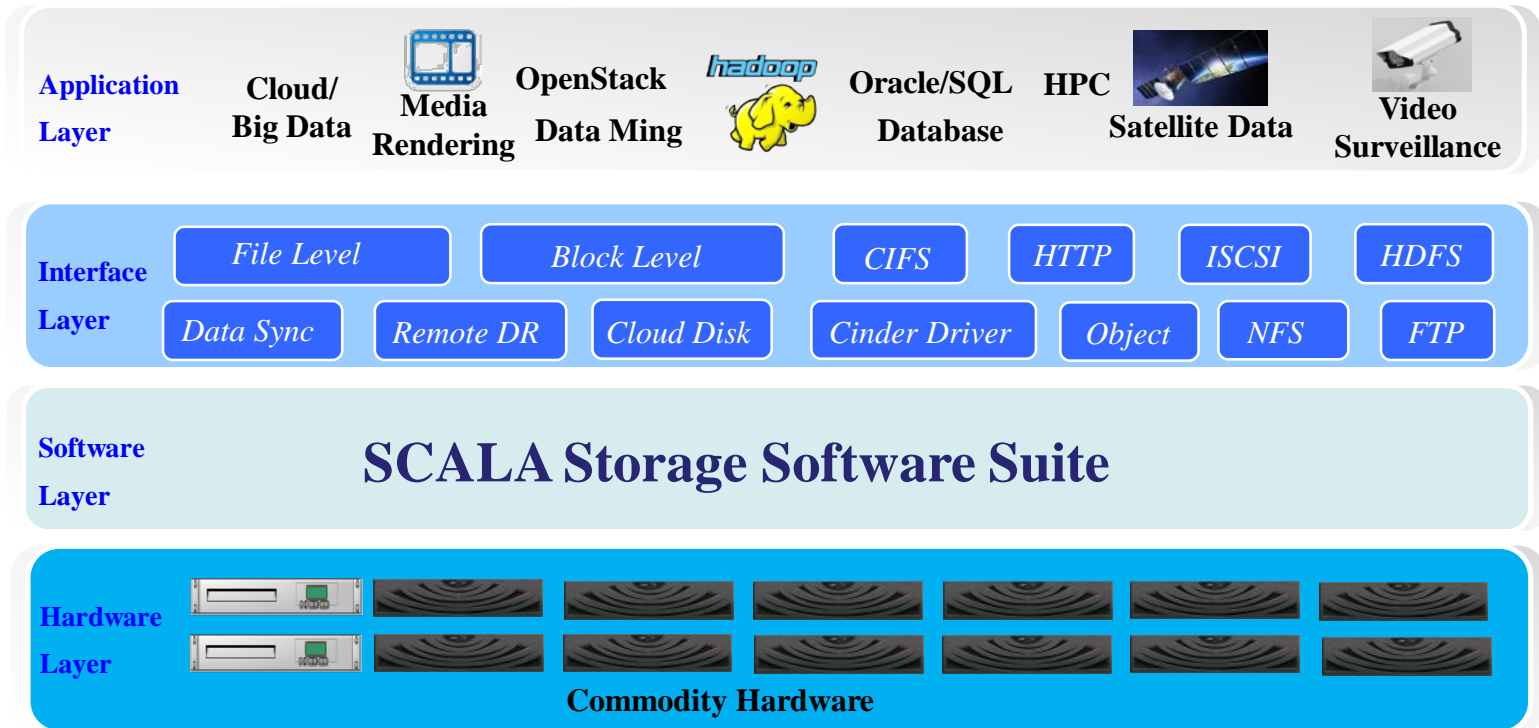
Typical SAN or NAS solutions
Either controllers or network can easily create
Throughput bottleneck



SCALA not having controllers or gateways, all
applications clients/computing nodes communicate
with all storage nodes in the cluster

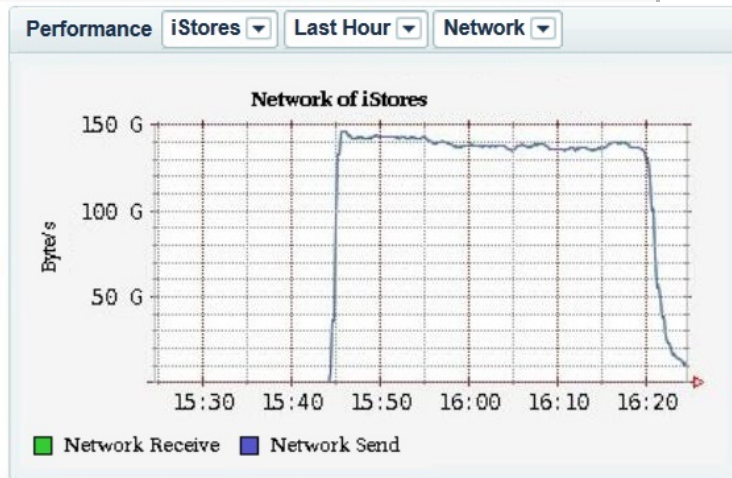
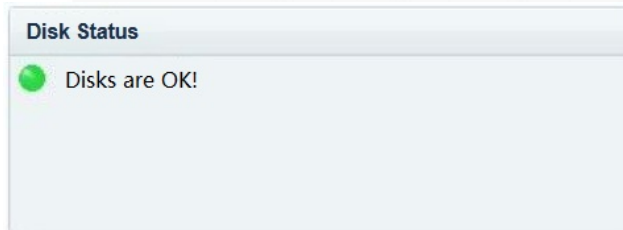


Unique Solution



Solution Clusters: Clients, Storage, and Metadata

- High aggregated throughput using SATA or SAS HDDs
- Customer on-site 7.5 PB, close to 150 GB/s aggregated throughput

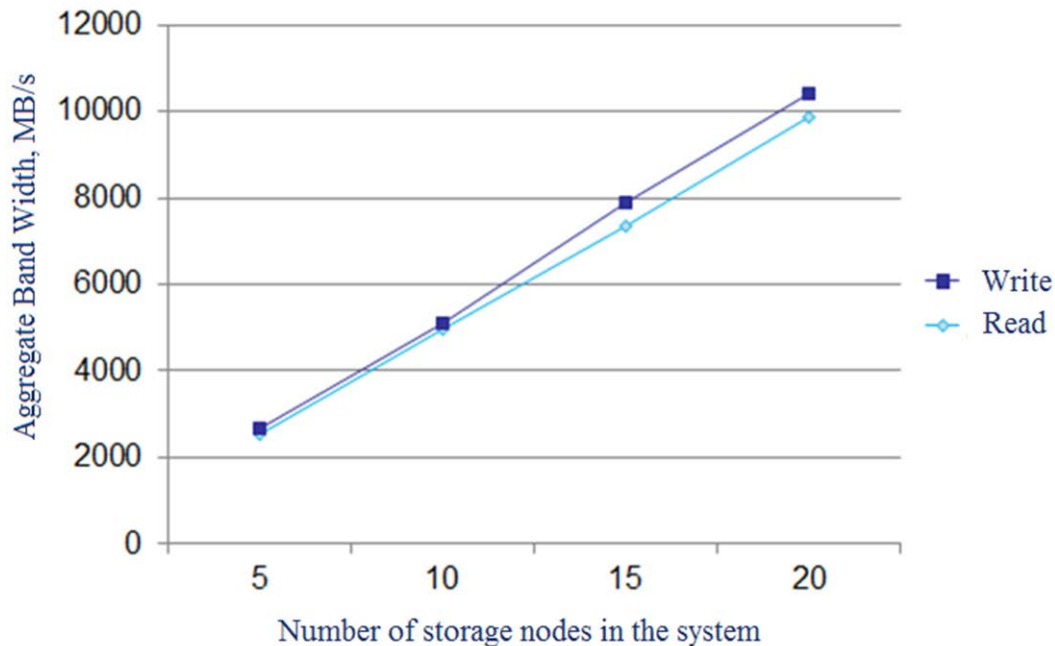


- ❖ 102 nodes of 24-bay server, each has 19 or 20 x 4 TB SATA
- ❖ Total 1,880 HDDs, average write 75 MBps/drive

(Up to 128 servers)

Performance Increases When Adding Storage Nodes

Storage node: 2U 12-bay commodity server; 10 GbE; SATA disks; 45~75 MBps/drive



Throughput vs. Lustre and GPFS

- Lustre/GPFS*: six LUNs, each chassis with 30 x 4TB disks, total of 180 HDDs
 - **Limitation seen on 8 clients, 1 stream/client**
 - Write saturated controllers (~1.2 GB/s per controller), 4-5 GBps
 - Read limited by network interfaces, 5-7 GBps
- SCALA: 8 nodes of 24-bay storage servers, total of 192 HDDs
 - **8 clients, dual 10 GbE, 20 streams/client**
 - Write: 11 GBps
 - Read: 7 GBps



* Lustre and GPFS numbers are from CERN's presentation on High Performance Storage in Science, SDC 2017

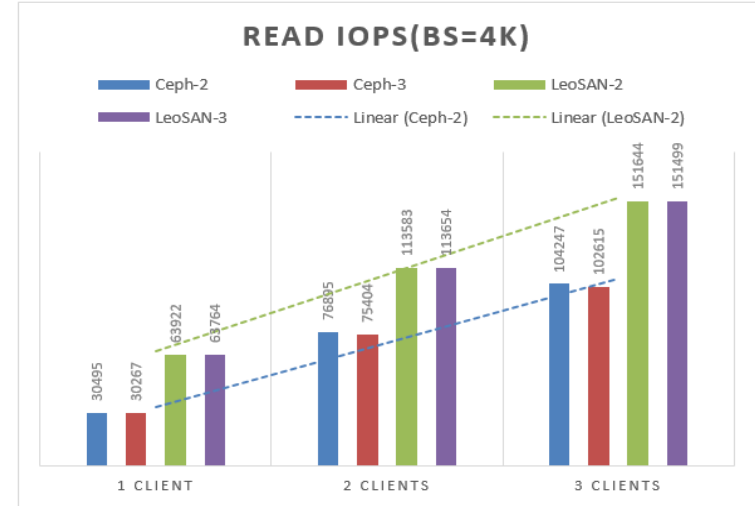
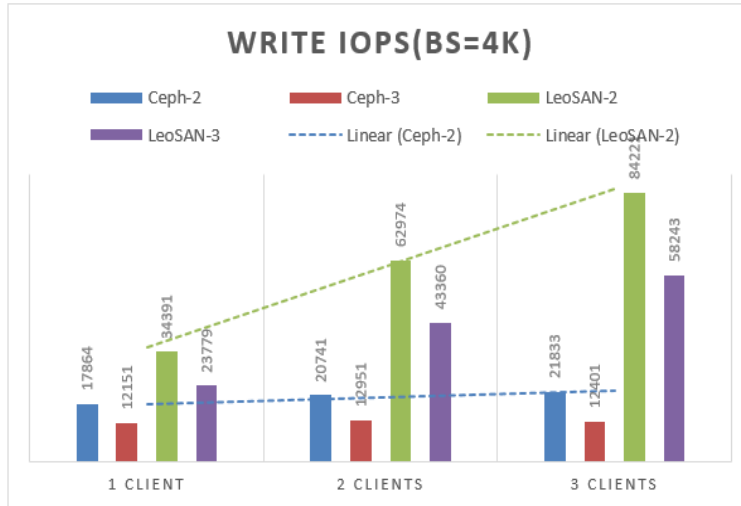
Seismic Data Processing Test vs. StorNEXT*

	FC SAN	SCALA
Hardware	32 x 8 GB FC Controllers 512 x 300 GB FC disks	17 storage nodes, 2 metadata 267 x 750 GB SATA HDDs
File system	StorNEXT FS	SCALA FS
Network	1GbE	1GbE
Clients	100 Linux Blade Servers	100 Linux Blade Servers
File sizes	32KB / 256KB / 1MB	32KB / 256KB / 1MB
IOzone concurrent number	180	180
Read	2.4 GB/s	4.2 GB/s
Write	1.9 GB/s	4.7 GB/s

* Customer on-site test done in 2009. Since then, customer has scaled from 200TB to over 3 PB, changed 1 GbE to 10 GbE.

Block Device SSD IOPS vs. Ceph

- System: 3 nodes of 12-bay storage servers, each with 12 x 240 GB SSD
- Dual 10 GbE, 3 clients
- Replications: 2 and 3, block size 4 KB



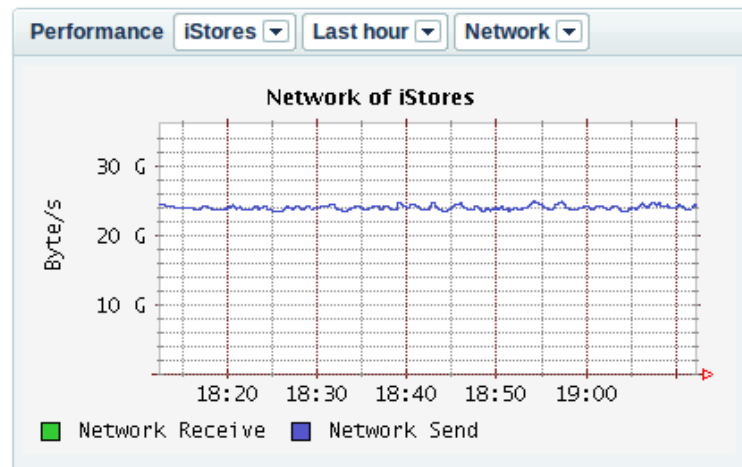
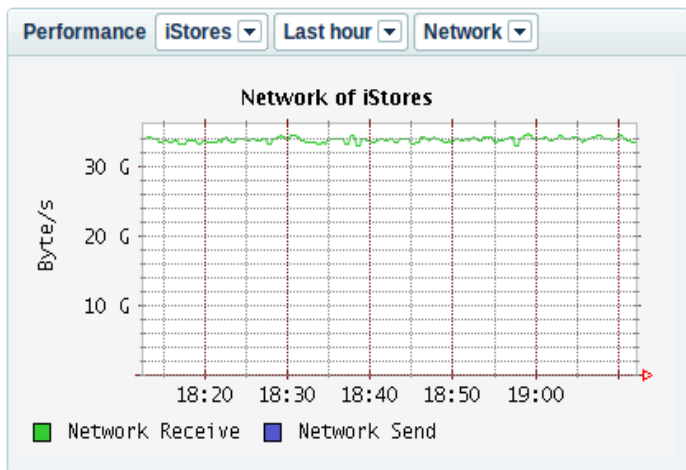
File Accessed Performance

- System with 3 storage nodes and 2 metadata servers, 1 application client
- Creation of 20 million small-size files, each 10 KB
- Test the system response time on 20 million files with random accesses

Response time (ms)	File accessed	% of Total
0-0.3	19,135,123	91.3%
0.3-0.6	625,588	3.1%
0.6-1.0	489,139	2.3%
1.0-5.0	619,896	3.0%
5.0-10.0	72,625	0.3%

Genomic Customer On-site Performance

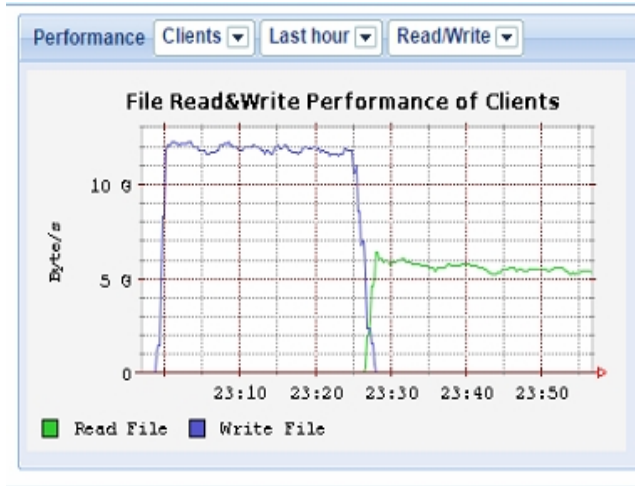
- System with 31 storage nodes of 3U/16 drives and 4 metadata servers, 10 GbE
- With IOzone, clients consist of 190 blade servers, simulate 200 TB data
- Aggregated write of 30 GBps, aggregated read of 24 GBps



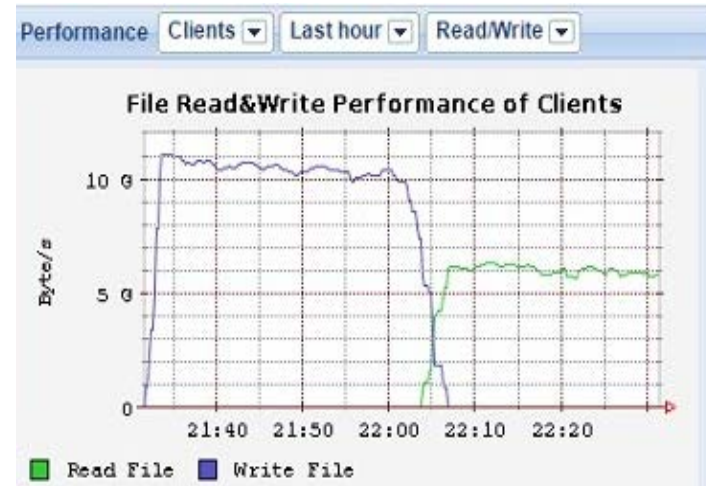
Video Surveillance 960TB System

- 10 nodes of 2U 12-bay storage servers, each has 12 x 8 TB SATA disks
- 2 metadata servers, 10 GbE network
- Aggregated throughput: write 12 GB/s, read 6 GB/s

4+1 replication performance:



2+1 replication performance:



Throughput Variables

- ◆ **Use case applications**
 - High-performance Computing: bandwidth/throughput
 - Data base and VMs: IOPS
 - Media and Entertainment: latency
- ◆ **Cluster hardware**
 - Storage servers: 12-bay, 16-bay, 24-bay, or 36-bay
 - Hard drives: SATA, performance SAS, or SSD
 - Network: 10 GbE, 100 GbE, or Infiniband
- ◆ **Constraints**
 - Budget
 - Technical and management expertise

Our Learnings

- ◆ **Using HDDs in storage nodes, 10 GbE network is sufficient**
 - A 12-bay server, one 10 GbE
 - A 24-bay or 36-bay server, dual 10 GbE
 - Single drive performance =< 80 MBps
- ◆ **Using SSDs only in metadata nodes**
 - Metadata disk operations per second: read 20,000 write 10,000
 - To increase IOPS, simply increase the number of metadata disks
- ◆ **CPU, RAM, Latency and Redundancy**
 - Depending on disk number of storage node, Intel E5-2620 or higher
 - RAM: 12-bay 16 GB, 16-bay 24 GB, 24-bay 32 GB, 36-bay 48 GB
 - Latency: consider using SSDs in storage nodes (4K video rendering)
 - Redundancy can be optimized for capacity and performance

Sample Hardware Specifications

◆ Storage nodes

- Dual Intel E5-2620 v4
- Dual 10 GbE (40 GbE, 100 GbE or IB)
- 64 GB RAM, 1 SSD OS drive
- 2U 12-bay or 3U 16-bay or 4U 24-bay or 4U 36-bay
- 2 TB to 10 TB 7200 enterprise SATA or SAS HDDs

◆ Metadata nodes

- Dual Intel E5-2620 v4
- Dual 10 GbE
- 64 GB RAM, 1 SSD OS drive
- Dual 480 GB enterprise SSD
- Option to be put into storage nodes

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