Converged Infrastructure Vision

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Data Center Development Trends

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Converged infrastructure benefits:

- 1. Adapts to service changes: elastic system expansion reduces service risks
- 2. Enhances application performance: Computing, storage, and networking resources are optimized.
- 3. Shortens service online time: The resources pool supply shortens the time required for infrastructure construction from several months to several hours.
- 4. Reduces OPEX and IT costs: Unified management for infrastructure and automatic O&M reduces OPEX and IT costs.

Research by Gartner indicates that 30% of data centers will use converged infrastructure by 2015.



Data-Centric Computing Centers and Network Centers



- Data centers need to shift the focus of data lifecycles to form a new balance between computing, storage, and networking resources when application performance bottlenecks occur.
 - SSD flash storage technology is widely used.
 - The data center layer 2 network (low latency, lossless Ethernet), virtual network, elastic cloud network, and software defined networking (SDN) have recently increased in popularity.



WSC Architecture for Tiered Data Access & Storage



For Data Center with Cloud Computing Scale, the latency for remote RAM/SSD access is far less than local HDD storage with 2 orders of magnitude difference, while the capacity and bandwidth are at the same level. -- Abstracted from Google's "Data Center as a Computer".



Converged Infrastructure Development



Computing and storage separation



Unbalanced development of computing and storage performances leads to the architectural separation of computing and storage. The difference between transistor-based computing and disk-based processing keeps increasing, with data storage attracting more concerns. As a result, computing and storage are separated to improve resource utilization.



Hardware architecture with integrated computing and storage



Mode 2 OSCA (computing blade+ARM storage blade)





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Computing blade slots are compatible with storage blade slots. Mixed insertion of computing blade and storage blade is supported.

With the use of P2P block storage mechanism in cloud OSs, resource pools and the virtualization technology are applicable to the DAS in the server cluster. The physical separation of computing and storage evolves to the physical convergence and logical separation of architecture to support typical enterprise application consolidation with the minimum cost.

Most IT applications for business transactions of enterprises focus on the instant processing of information instead of the storage or archiving of data. The convergence of storage and computing can meet this basic requirement of applications.



IO Performance Enhancement enabled by Scale-Out Computing-Storage Convergence



For random IOPS:

✓ Based on Dsware distributed storage engine, total capacity of server cache is more than 5 times larger than that of centralized SAN controller, thus result in 3-5 times better hot-data hit-rate and on-line IOPS performance;

 \checkmark SATA can be adopted to substitute SAS to achieve comparable performances with half the cost



For sequential IOPS (esp. large Files):

Much more number of HDD can serve the same App or VM instance under the flat P2P architecture, with peak burst MBPS escalated 3-5 times;



Scale-out Distributed Storage



- High Performance
 Parallel I/O
 10X total IO throughput
 3-5X IOPS improvement
- High Reliability

 Replications cross nodes
 Quick data rebuild (30min vs. 12hrs for 1 TB)
- High Scalability

 Up to 2000 nodes
 Linearly scalable in both capacity and performance



Typical applications of converging computing/storage resources in enterprise appliances



Converged Fabric (10GE/IB/PCI-E) Aggregated multiple small-granularity independent applications Converged Fabric (10GE/IB/PCI-E) Exclusive single large-granularity distributed application



FusionCube – A True Converged Infrastructure





iNIC Card



GPU







Unified Central Management



Virtualization Platform



Distributed Storage



Scale On Demand Smoothly





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