

## NAS for the Enterprise

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#### Disk Storage Market by Connectivity, 2000-2004

- By 2004, 67%
  of all storage
  will be
  networked
- NAS fastest growing segment with 65% CAGR.



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#### NAS Market Breakdown





#### **Enterprise Customers**

#### Financial

- Manufacturing
- R & D
- Telco
- Internet

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#### NAS in the Enterprise

- Availability
- Scalability
- Data Protection
- Data Mobility
- Security
- Multiprotocol
- SAN integration
- Backups (restores too)

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# High Availability is an End-to-End Problem

- Storage
- Server
- File System
  - I/O channels
- External network
  - Disaster recovery
- No single point of failure

#### HA Storage – End-to-End Dual Connectivity







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#### HA File System

- Recoverability
- Fast reboot No chkdsk on reboot
- Persistence Commit guarantees for metadata and data
- Online maintenance Preferably without slowing to a crawl
- Quick repair times Unless you are bug free

#### HA I/O Channels

- Multiple paths from server to storage - Load balancing and failover
- Multiple network connections to Control Station
- Trunking/EtherChannel for network failover and throughput

#### HA in the Network

Cannot shirk the responsibility

- Active/standby network ports
- Connect to different switches

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#### Scalability

#### Eternal debate – big iron or clusters?

# Customers at both end of the spectrum

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#### High Scalability and Availability for Web Mail





### Scaling Up

- Large, MP server
- Huge (multi-TB) file system
- Single IP address/mount point
- Consolidation
- Easy to manage



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#### Scaling Down

- SSP model
- I have many internal customers
- Each needs small pool of storage
- Each wants to manage its own "server"
- Each should have no visibility to the others
- I need to reapportion capacity and bandwidth often
- Bunch of separate servers can't cut it

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#### **NAS** Virtualization

• Server is a cluster of nodes

• Each node has a set of virtual servers

Each virtual server appears as separate netbios name with its own shares, etc.

• Each node can capable of serving all the data

• Can flexibly move data between nodes



#### **Data Protection**

- TimeFinder/FS
  - SnapSure
  - Disaster Recovery

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Remote NearCopy

# TimeFinder/FS copy at Remote Site Remote Site is for Disaster Recovery





#### TimeFinder/FS



- Complete detachable mirror of file system
- Can be made
  read-write
- Can be refreshed
  from original
- No server CPU overhead

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- Logical point-in-time copy of file system
- Uses much less space
  - Read only
  - Poor man's
    TimeFinder/FS



#### **Data Mobility**

 Move file systems from one node to another

- Migrate data from other servers
- Remote replication







### HighRoad Bridges SAN and NAS

Advantages versus NAS

- Higher Throughput over Ethernet LAN
  - Lower latency data delivery
  - Better bandwidth utilization for large files

Advantages versus SAN

- Adds file sharing to SANs
- Simpler storage resource management
  - Easier to scale/allocate/re-allocate space



#### **Enterprise Backup**

- Eliminate backup windows
- No load on production file servers
- No load on network
- Back up multiple servers from one point

#### High Performance Backup



- High Performance Backup/Restore
  - Online backup.
  - Industry Standard NDMP
  - Supports both NFS and CIFS
- File Level Restore online
- Backs up multiple servers

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### NAS Service Provisioning Today's problem

- Provide disk quotations and size memory cache
- Exchange information with Make an operational lease leasing company
- Order drives
- Follow up delivery chain
- Get a receiving paper from leasing company to start payment
- Installation and configuration of disk drives / memory cache

- Negotiate for each upgrade \$/Mbyte cost
  - request every quarter
- Negotiate lease terms
- Be present during installation
- Paperwork follow-up
- Plan end of lease and move of data
  - Follow up disk technology

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#### **NAS Service Provisioning**

- Make storage (NAS/DAS/SAN) and backup a commodity/service charged based on service level agreement (SLA) and a fixed \$/Mbyte
- Let NAS vendor or third party manage the storage / backup / performance / accounting for a fixed \$/Mbyte

 Customers get out of data path management and focus on the data path management

- Optimize data flow: network design, NFS/CIFS path
- Organize data: Clearcase / design file systems
- Manage growth
- Archiving

