Disk Technologies in High-End Storage Arrays

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Topics

- Introduction
- Hard Disk Drives
  - Evolution and directions
- Storage Systems
  - Architectures and Deployment
- What’s next
  - New technologies and deployment in large enterprise
Hitachi, Ltd. Worldwide Storage Group

Two Powerful Storage Businesses:
- HDD Business/ Hitachi Global Storage Technologies
- Storage Systems & Solutions Business
  Hitachi, Ltd. & Hitachi Data Systems

Leveraging Storage Technology Leadership:
- Enterprise Storage Platforms,
  Midrange Storage Systems, HDDs,
  Storage Management Software,
  Consulting Services

Expanding and Investing in Emerging Markets:
- Investing over $500M annually
- Compliance Solutions, Rich Media,
  Mobile Music, Game Players, “Terabyte Home”
Disk Recording Densities Continue to Grow

![Graph showing the increase in disk recording densities over time](image_url)
RPM Transitions typically quick after new Dominator

- 7200 RPM eliminated 5400 RPM 2 years after it reached >50%
  - 7200 RPM was very quick to dominate the market after only 2+ years
- 10K RPM domination in 2000 led to 7200 RPM extinction 2 years later
  - 10K RPM took approx. 3+ years to become dominate
- 15K RPM has now been in the market 5 years.
  - Adoption slowed during the 2001 economic downturn
  - Many customers beginning to position 15K to become dominate
  - If history holds: 10K also destined to fall off relatively quickly by ‘07 or ‘08
Strong Growth Ahead for Consumer Electronics

Source: Hitachi GST estimates
Enterprise by Application and Interface
(Hitachi GST – Feb ‘05)

Continued strong SATA Growth

All Units by Application

CAGRs: 2004-2009

IDE / SATA: 39%
FC / LCFC: 5%
SAS: 84%
SCSI: (55%)

Quick SAS Transition anticipated

All Units by Interface

CAGRs: 2004-2009

UNIT TB’s

All Enterprise: 11% 41%
Enterprise ATA: 39% 76%
Traditional Serve: 5% 25%

All TB by Application
All Server* by RPM and Form Factor
(Hitachi GST – Feb’ 2005)

3.5” 15K transition accelerating

SFF Ramp slower than original projections

Server* Units by RPM

Server* Units by Form Factor

CAGRs: 2004-2009

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CAGRs:

- SFF: 115%
- 3.5": (7)%

*Server: consists of SCSI, FCAL, and SAS
Storage Growth Drivers
Technology Trends and Drivers

• Traditional large SMP architectures to diminish in numbers - Server technology is moving from enterprise to clusters to blades
  – What does this mean to storage?
    • Higher bandwidth requirements
    • High data accessibility (equivalent to high port counts today)
    • Clustered file system technology
    • Cluster partitioning

• New computing model requires many more server images to access a common storage pool
  – Increasing need for connectivity and safe multi-tenancy on storage
  – Increasing need for scalable performance and QoS
  – Data Management workload (snapshots, replication, backup, HSM) need to be offloaded from the servers

• Fibre Channel, S-ATA, SAS, ?
  – Common electrical interface will influence the decision

• ATA disks will become the new high-end HDD
  – Serial ATA is the growth tier drivers include Virtual Tape & Disk to Disk
  – Biggest “Pain Point” manual movement of data between Tiers
  – something else will fulfil the role of the low-end high volume disk
  – A shift in form factor - smaller
Storage Growth Drivers

• Disaster Recovery
  – Creating Distance Needs
  – High Availability

• Regulations
  – Sarbanes-Oxley Act compliance alone expected to reach US$6.1 billion in 2005, according to AMR Research
  – Basel II requires increase in capital reserves for operational risk

• Consolidation
  – Especially with Servers

• Email & Desktop
  – Video & audio email (multi-media), Desktop Back up

• Internal Requirements
  – What goes to SAN/NAS/DAS

• Getting closer to the data
  – Data Warehousing “Get close to the customer”

• Application & Database Growth
  – Oracle, SAP – the usual suspects

• iSCSI & FC over IP –
  – gets SAN’s out of the data center and opens up more ways for the use to increase
    • But still low in the current users priorities
Storage Subsystems Technology
Storage Architectures – Distributed vs. Centralized

**Distributed Architecture**
- Lower cost, granular design
- Service a specific application, few users
- Dual processor controllers, dual caches
- Bus-based implementation

**Centralized Architecture**
- Higher functionality, centralized design
- Service multiple applications, many users
- Multiple processor controllers, shared global cache
- Shared Bus, Massively Parallel Crossbar Switch or Matrix contraption-based implementation
Centralized Architecture
Extensive, Multi-Protocol Connectivity
Future in High-end

• What comes next and what is going to be used in the next five years?
  – Virtualization and management
  – New connectivity
A look at what is hot today

- **Tiers, Tiers, Tiers….for both SAN & NAS**
  - Serial ATA is the growth tier drivers include Virtual Tape & Disk to Disk
  - Biggest “Pain Point” manual movement of data between Tiers
  - Missing Tier: IP SANs > sluggish adoption within the Fortune 1000

- **ILM Still “Interesting” ; Implementations are Sparse**
  - Potential to automate data movement of unstructured data is viewed as entry

- **Virtualization: A “Momentum Play”**
  - HDS, IBM & smaller firms

- **NAS is a starting point for Virtualization, ILM**

- **Storage Management Software “Challenged”**
  - Virtualization adding value for core Management needs
  - Unbundling of the purchase causes some surprises in budget allocations
  - Very “Tactical” functionality being implemented ie Reporting

- **Too Early: WAFS, Storage Grids, Thin Provisioning, Fabric Intelligence**

- **OS Functionality more robust? – Volume Management, Multi-pathing**
Enter Storage Virtualization

The SNIA Dictionary

http://www.snia.org/education/dictionary/v/
defines virtualization as

“An act of integrating one or more (back end) services or functions with additional (front end) functionality for the purpose of providing useful abstractions. Typically virtualization hides some of the back end complexity, or adds or integrates new functionality with existing back end services.”
• Innovators who continually enhance their products are ambushed by disruptive technologies that are “good enough”
  – SATA storage is a disruptive technology

• Chasing disruptive technologies will compromise innovation
  – Requires a move to another dimension

• Virtualization changes the dimensions of the storage market by separating the storage controller from the disks
  – The real value is in the controller
  – Disks are becoming a commodity
  – Unbundling the storage controller enables more choices
What is the promise of Storage Virtualization?

- View the entire SAN as one pool of storage independent of physical location
- Mask the differences between heterogeneous devices
- Simplify control and management under a single interface.
- Centralize storage volume management on the SAN
- Dynamically allocate capacity to the applications that need it
- Facilitate matching storage resources to business requirements
Requirements For A Comprehensive Storage Virtualization Solution

- Volume Mapping and data mobility across heterogeneous vendor platforms
- Support multiple platforms with standard protocols
  - Direct attach, Fabric, FC, ESCON, FICON, NAS
- Does not introduce another layer of complexity
- High performance and low latency
- Scalable to thousands of host connections and petabytes of storage
- Secure multi-tenancy for thousands of users sharing the same physical assets
- Logical partitioning for Quality of Service
- Common end to end management for heterogeneous vendor platforms
Where Should Virtualization Reside?

Virtualization in the host?

In the SAN?

In the Device?
Challenges of Inband SAN Virtualization

- Additional complexity
- SAN only attachment
- Increased latency
- Limited data mobility functions
- Lacks scalable cache and access ports
- Requires APIs
- Violates end-to-end security
Challenges of Storage Router Virtualization
In the SAN

- Agents in the host intercept I/O
- Storage Router redirects the I/O
- State is kept in the Switch and creates a vendor lock in
- Re-invent storage controller in the switch
- Lacks scalable cache and access ports
- Requires APIs and/or standards
- Violates end to end security
Virtualization in the Storage Controller

- No added complexity or latency between the host and storage
- Virtualization is done behind the Controller
- External storage attaches through standard Fibre Channel protocols
Connectivity – What is the future
## Technology Trends & Drivers
### Fibre Channel – Roadmap (www.fibrechannel.org)

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*Base2 used throughout all applications for Fibre Channel Infrastructure and devices. Each speed maintains backward compatibility at least two previous generations (I.e., 4GFC backward compatible to 2GFC and 1GFC)

**Base10 commonly used for ISL, core connections, and other high speed applications demanding maximum bandwidth
Technology Trends & Drivers – cont.

InfiniBand (www.infinibandta.org)

Infiniband Roadmap

Gigabits per Second vs. Year

- Single Data Rate
- Double Data Rate
- Quad Data Rate
Technology Trends & Drivers – cont.

Ethernet

Ethernet Bit Rates

- Line Rate
- Trunk Rates

Year

Conclusions

• Larger and faster units will greatly leverage forms of virtualization

• Multi-connectivity within the same system is a requirement
  – Use the best connection for the application to serve

• Hard Disk technology less important as long as it gets the job done
  – FC, SAS, SATA will have their common space for a while

• More Virtualization
  – Any form, multiple vendors
  – Ease the storage management
Thank you!

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