



# iSCSI Design and Implementation

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- iSCSI Client Performance
- iSCSI Network Security
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### IT Challenges and Solutions

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### Inside enterprise data centers

40%-70% annual data growth rate As much as 80% of data are isolated SAN islands

### Challenges that the IT professionals face

Meet the high reliability, availability, security and performance demand at low operational cost

Growing unused disk and management (including backup) in DAS

### Storage consolidations => better efficiency

**DAS to SAN migration** 

Server consolidation

### • SAN extension => data protection

Host to storage

Storage to storage

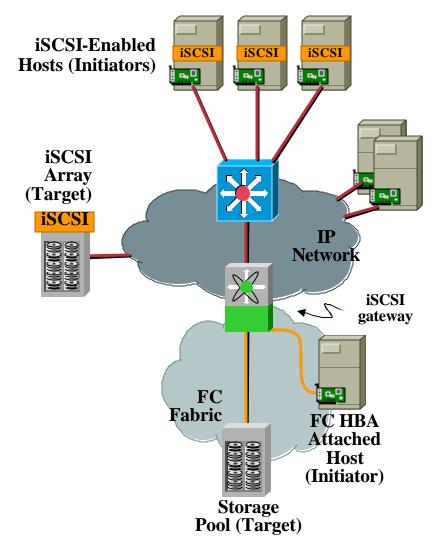
# iSCSI for Storage Consolidation

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- New trend: consolidation
- Storage consolidation promotes storage resource and data sharing, efficiency and simplicity
- Server consolidation centralizes computing resource and system management
- iSCSI is an enabling technology

IP access to open systems iSCSI array

iSCSI initiator with iSCSI driver or iSCSI HBA resides on Ethernet network accessing FC attached storage



### iSCSI for Remote Host Access

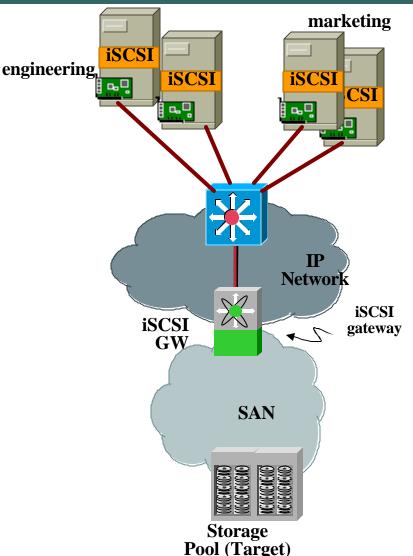
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 Data protection requires enterprise to deploy geographic distributed data centers with data replication function

**SAN** extension

**iSCSI** remote host access

- iSCSI hosts can access to consolidated storage without theoretical limitation on distance via TCP/IP network (though distance should be considered when design with iSCSI)
- Remote host backup to the centralized storage protects user data beyond normal means



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### What Is iSCSI?

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• A SCSI transport protocol that operates over TCP

-Encapsulates SCSI CDBs (operational commands: e.g. read or write) and data into TCP/IP byte-streams (defined by SAM-2—SCSI Architecture Model 2)

-Allows IP hosts to access IP based SCSI targets (either natively or via iSCSI to FC router)

• Standards status

-RFC 3720 on iSCSI

-Collection of RFCs describing iSCSI

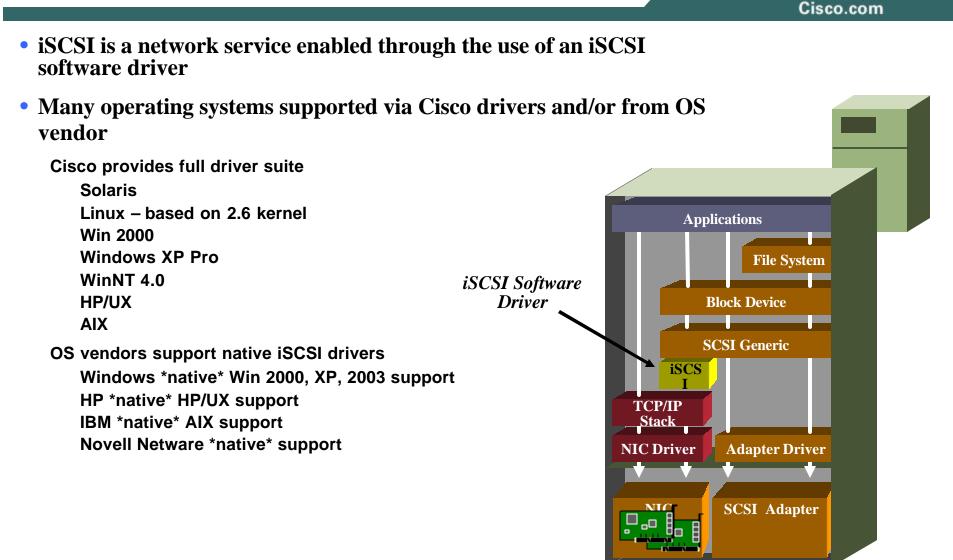
•RFC 3347 – iSCSI Requirements

•RFC 3721 – iSCSI Naming and Discover

•RFC 3723 – iSCSI Security

- Broad industry support
  - -Server vendors now publishing own supported iSCSI drivers
  - -Native iSCSI storage arrays now appearing

# The Basic iSCSI Model with Software Only



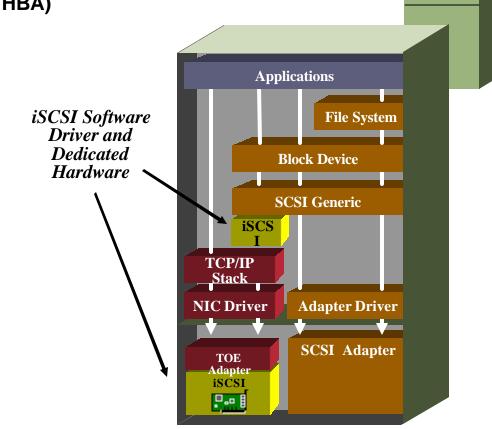
# The Basic iSCSI Model with TOE

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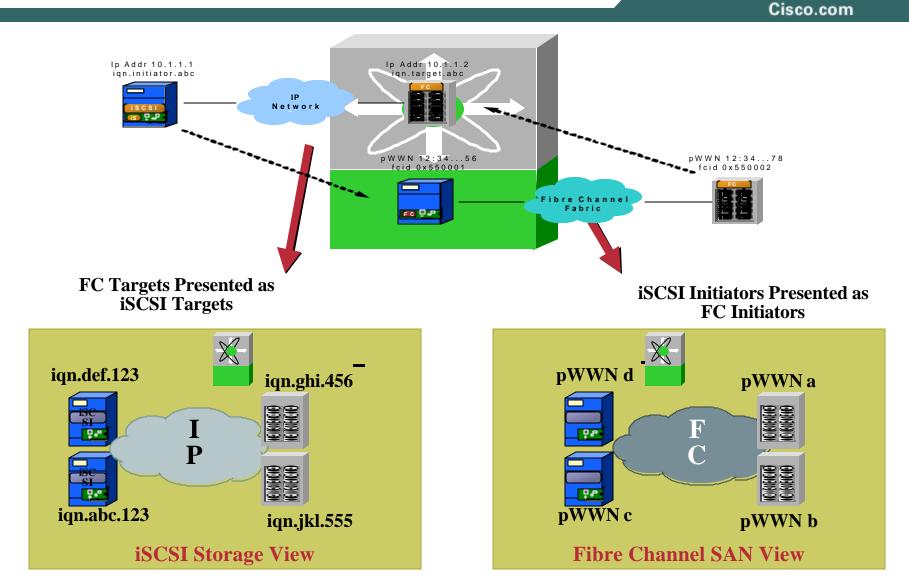
- Hardware implementation of iSCSI within specialized NIC (1Gb and 100Mb available)
- Offloads TCP and iSCSI processing into hardware Full Offload: iSCSI & TCP offload (iSCSI HBA)

Partial Offload: TCP offload only (TOE)

- Relieves host CPU from iSCSI and TCP processing
- Does not necessarily increase performance, only if CPU strapped
- Wire-rate iSCSI performance
- Not absolutely required to build iSCSI solutions



# iSCSI gateway function on Cisco MDS

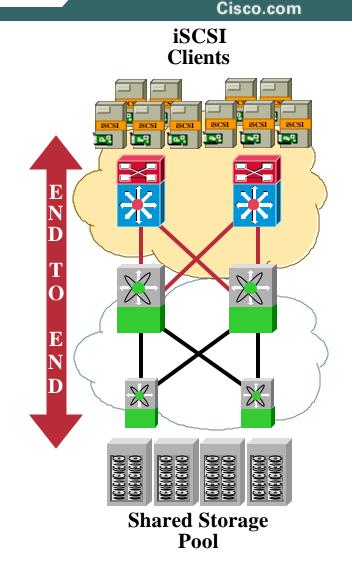


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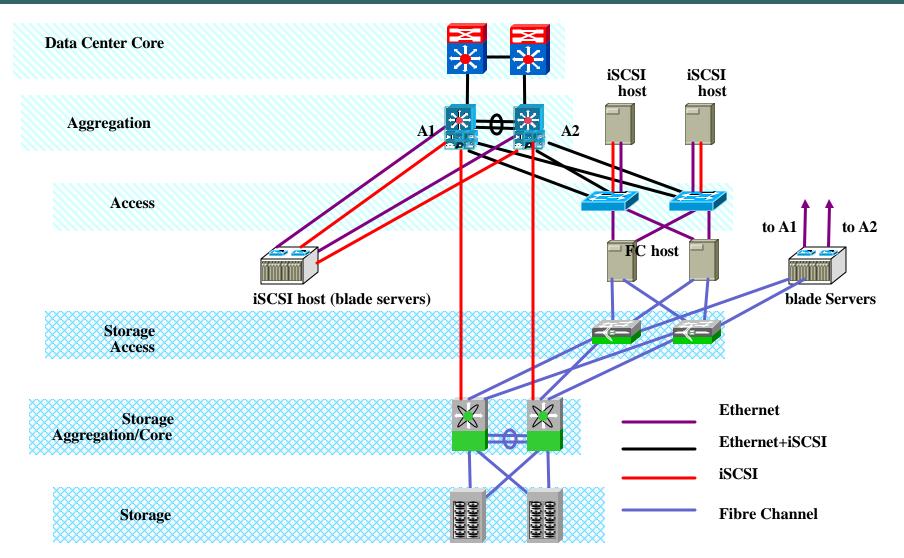
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### Build An Enterprise iSCSI Fabric

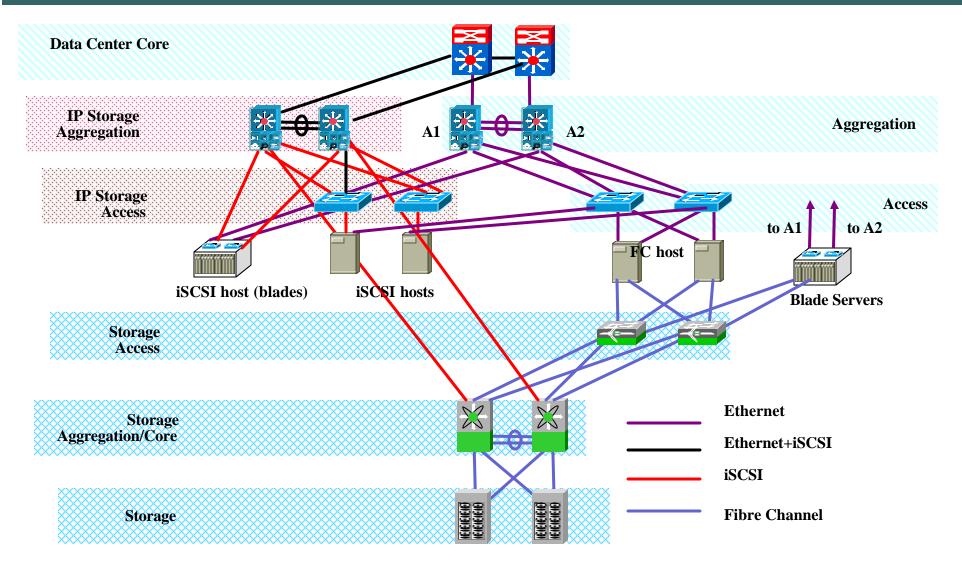
- iSCSI fabric scalability iSCSI proxy initiator iSNS
- iSCSI fabric availability Etherchannel VRRP
- iSCSI fabric security Authentication and binding IPSec VPN
- iSCSI fabric manageability iSCSI identity and management Unified management tool



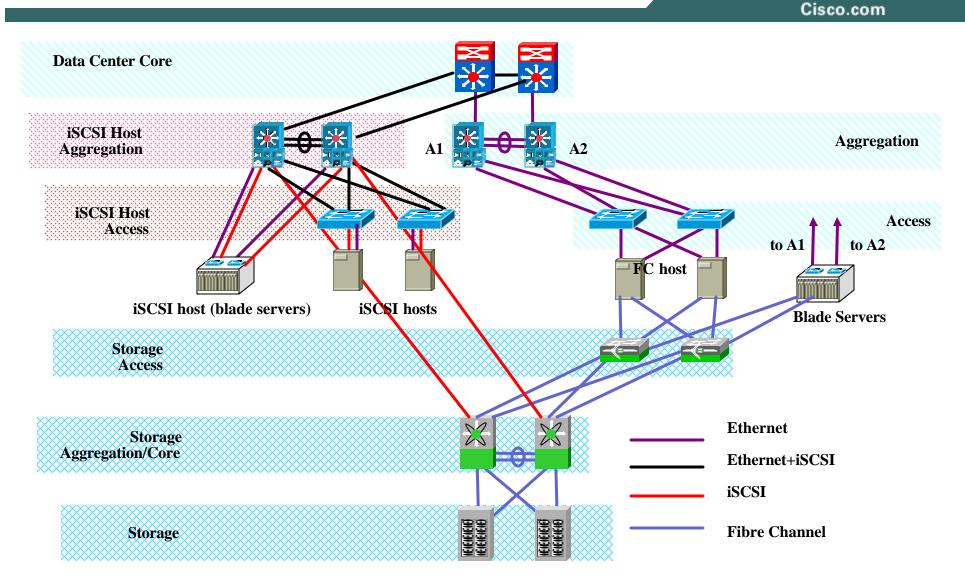
### Shared Logical IP Network



### Dedicated IP Storage Layer

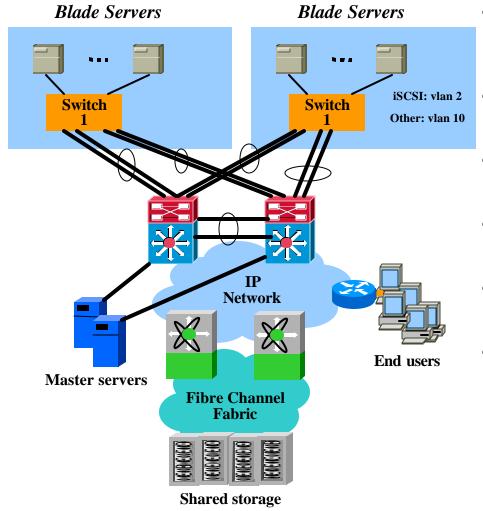


### Dedicated iSCSI Host Services Layer



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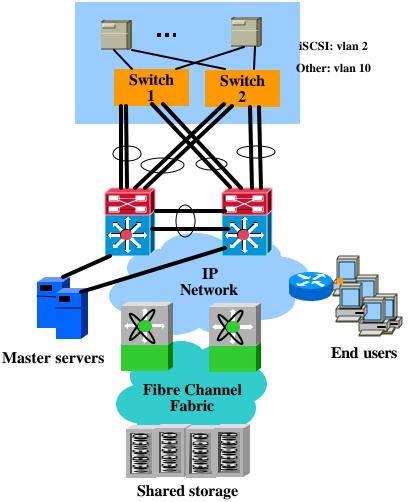
### **Storage Single NIC Design** *iSCSI Integration with Blade Servers*



- One NIC card, one integrated switch to be used per chassis
- iSCSI and other IP traffic share the same link
- Separate VLAN for iSCSI and other IP traffic
- Implement QoS to prioritize iSCSI traffic
- Ease of management for blades
- HA and load balancing achieved via multiple deployment of blades and/or external service modules in Catalyst 6k

### **Two NIC Design** *iSCSI Integration with Blade Servers*

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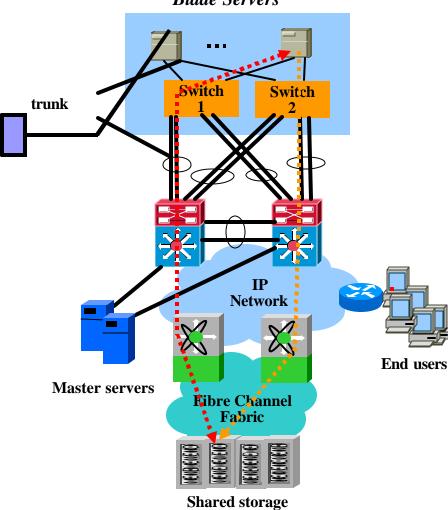


**Blade Servers** 

- Two NIC cards and both integrated Ethernet switches
- iSCSI takes one NIC, other IP traffic share the second NIC – dedicated NIC card for iSCSI
- Server load balancing for HA
- QoS can be implemented on trunk port

### **Two NIC Design (cont)** *iSCSI Integration with Blade Servers*

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**Blade Servers** 

- Two NIC cards and both integrated Ethernet switches
  - iSCSI and other IP traffic share the same NICs
- iSCSI and other IP traffic share the link
- 802.1q trunks on both inter-switch links and server-switch links
- NIC teaming for HA on top of server load balancing

### VLAN and VSAN Mapping: Best Practice Design

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- Vsan and vlan share the same tag
- VSAN membership

iSCSI hosts

FC port

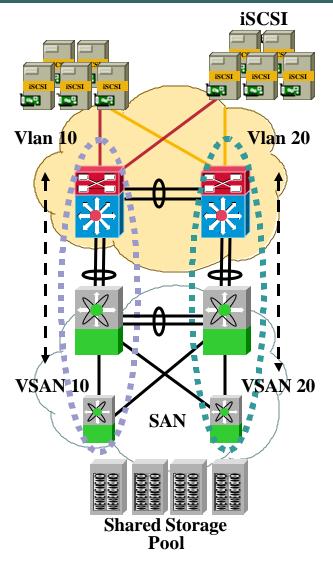
VLAN termination

Sub-interface

 VLAN and VSAN mapping advantages

Management

Troubleshooting



### **Proxy Initiator**

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• Transparent mode—default

Array provides LUN mapping

Proxy initiator

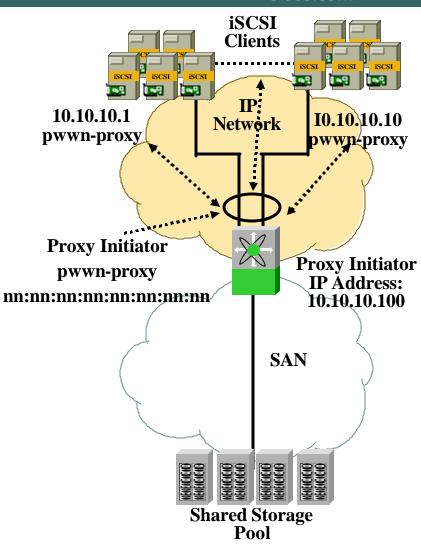
One pWWN to represent multiple iscsi initiators for scalability

Less entries in the FC Name Server

Ease management of zoning

Useful in file system clustering applications

Recommend to use MDS to perform LUN mapping



# Internet Storage Name Service (iSNS)

### • iSNS

Storage resource discovery: register/deregister/query Automatic login control service: access control State change: notification service Light weigh protocol on top of TCP(iSNSP)

### • Design with iSNS

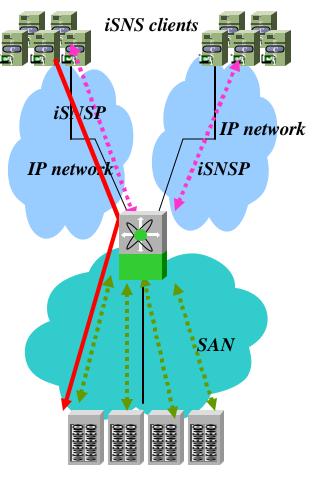
iSNS server support on MDS 9000 or external servers

Dynamic discovery for large scale deployment

Centralized access control management for both iSCSI and FC devices

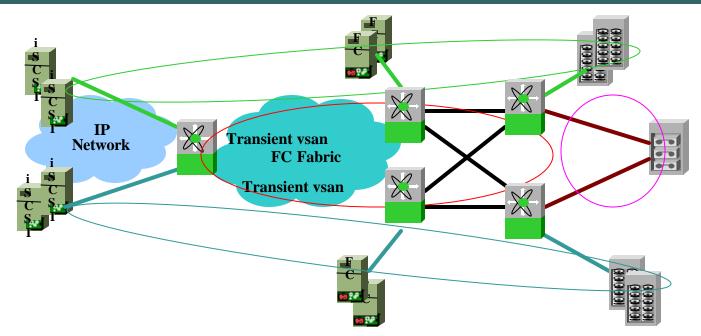
Seamless integration with FC name service

VSAN identity is preserved through iSNS interaction with FC NS server on MDS – advantage over MS or Linux iSNS servers



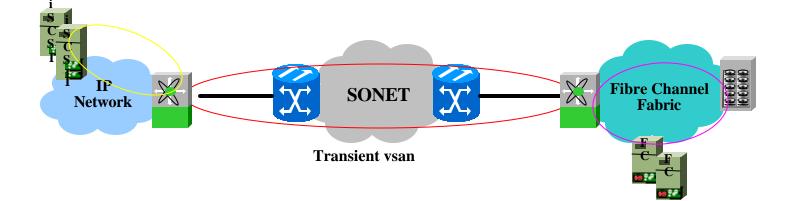


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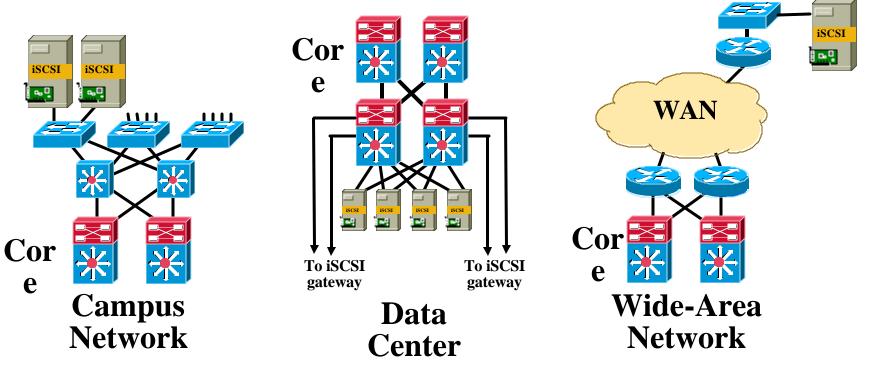
- Departmental segregation
- Consistent in handling both FC and iSCSI servers

# IVR Deployment Scenarios (2)



- iSCSI Remote Access
- Isolate problems in Transient VSAN
- No impact to the FC SAN because of the WAN issue

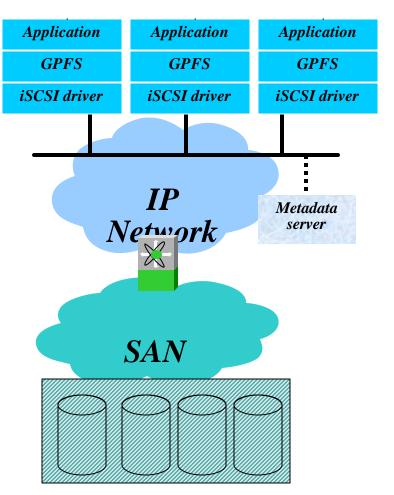
# QoS for iSCSI: Best Practice Design for Convergence Network



- Delay and jitter
- Oversubscription design concept
- Bandwidth estimation know the bottleneck
  - Aggregation point, WAN link
- DSCP on iSCSI GE interface
- Other QoS techniques on IP network: Traffic Shaping, Congestion Management (queuing) and CAR

### Clustered File Systems in iSCSI Environment

- File sharing provided by NFS or NAS Filers -- performance bottleneck?
- iSCSI provides high performance block level access – lack of file sharing
- Shared-disk (Clustered) File System
  - Allows sharing of file blocks via a shared clustered file system
  - Allows block level sharing of files with a meta dedicated file access control mechanism
  - Same physical device can be used via Fibre channel as well as iSCSI



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# What Can Fail in a Storage Network?

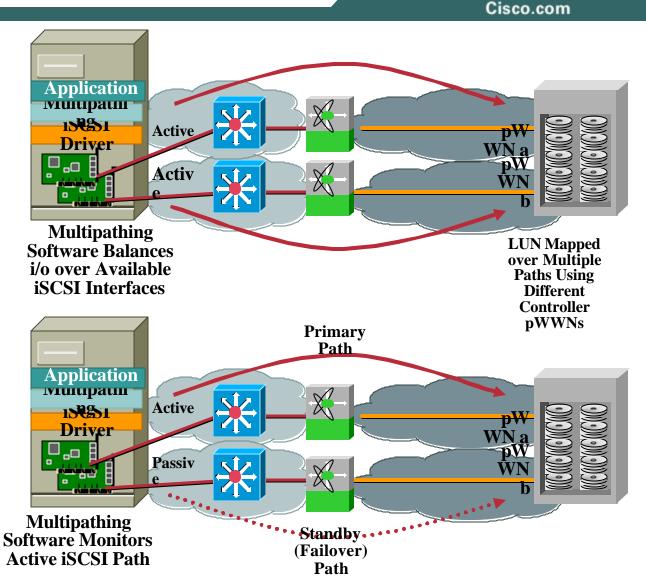
Failure causes: Hardware, software, or cable failures **Mis-configuration or upgrades Intentional attack** Applicat **Storage Controller** ion **Controller** or Host NIC or HBA Link Network Failure (Software, Disk Failure **Interface Failure** Failure Failure Hardware, Links, etc) Failure Host to iSCSI **iSCSI** fabric Storage to fabric connectivity iSCSI fabric connectivity connectivity

### iSCSI High Availability Approaches

Components	HA Options	Characteristics
iSCSI Host to Fabric	Multipathing software	Transparent failover, act/act, act/std, software cost
	MPIO	Integrated better with OS, require storage driver
	NIC teaming	Fast, application level retransmission, free
iSCSI Fabric	Etherchannel	Stateful failover, single point of failure possible
	VRRP	Fast, application level retrans., span multiple cards
Storage to Fabric	Multipathing software	Act/act, act/std, software cost
	PWWN aliasing/trespassing	Act/passive with support of trespassing

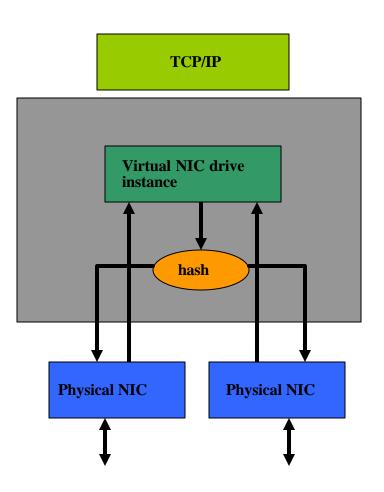
# Software Multipathing Variations

- The same as hosts with FC HBAs
- Active/Active: balanced i/o over both paths
- Active/Passive: i/o over primary path switches to standby path upon failure
- A/A or A/P will vary by vendor implementation and storage type



## NIC Teaming for Hosts

- Group of two or more physical NICs into a single logical network device
- Benefits of NIC teaming
  - Load Balancing
  - **Fault Tolerance**
- How does it work?
  - Virtual NIC instance uses the MAC address of the first NIC in the team
  - NIC cards in one team share the same layer three ip address
  - There can be two or multiple NICs in one team
  - Inbound and Outbound LB
  - **Trunking possible**



# Microsoft Multipath IO (MPIO)

 Operating system based multipathing solution

**Tight integration with MS Windows** 

Two Components

MPIO driver package (the port filter driver, the disk-driver replacement and the bus driver)

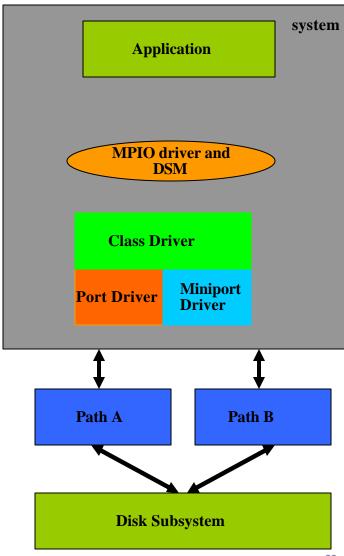
DSM (Disk specific module)

• How does it work?

MPIO driver works with various drivers and DSM to provide multipath functionality

Device discovery using unique hardware ID

Dynamic Load Balancing based on policy set on DSM © 2005 Cisco Systems, Inc. All rights reserved.



# Gigabit EtherChannel

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### • EtherChannel on MDS IPS

Group multiple GE links for larger bandwidth

**Static Configuration** 

Two adjacent GEs on the same chip on the same channel

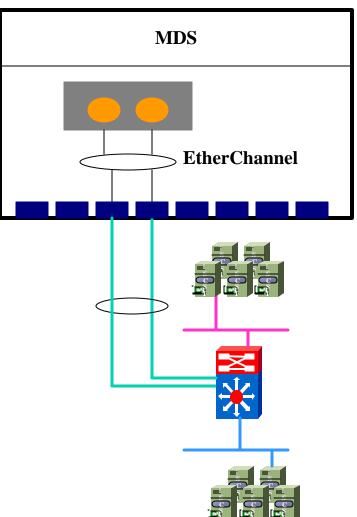
### • Design with EtherChannel

Bandwidth: not quite 2G with small number of iSCSI initiators

Load balancing: hash and based on (src ip, src port, dest ip, dest port and protocol

Layer 3 etherchannel – ip address on port channel interface

Recommend for HA or with large number of iSCSI initiators



### MDS 9000 VRRP

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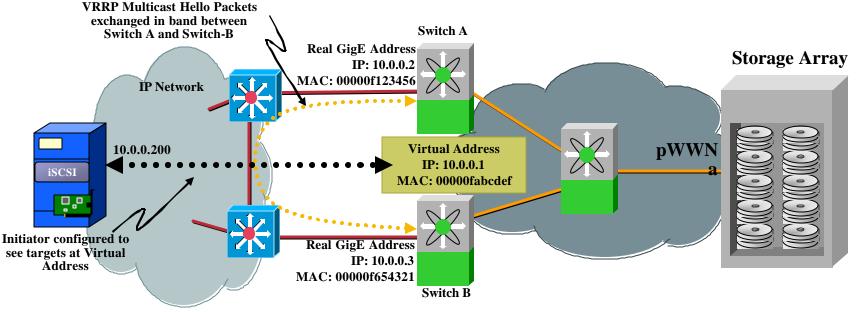
- RFC 2338 for VRRP over Ethernet
- Protects Ethernet port, card or switch failure
- Alternate port, card or switch assumes configuration of failed port/card/switch

Maintains same virtual IP and MAC addresses

Same storage mappings (target WWPN and LUNs)

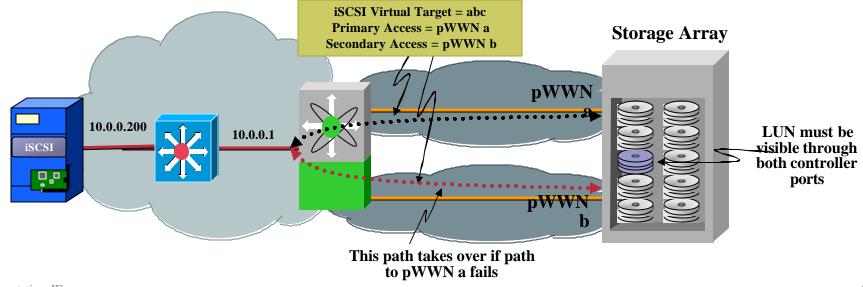
Up to 256 instances, 3-10 seconds failover

iSCSI sessions terminated and reestablished (state not retained)



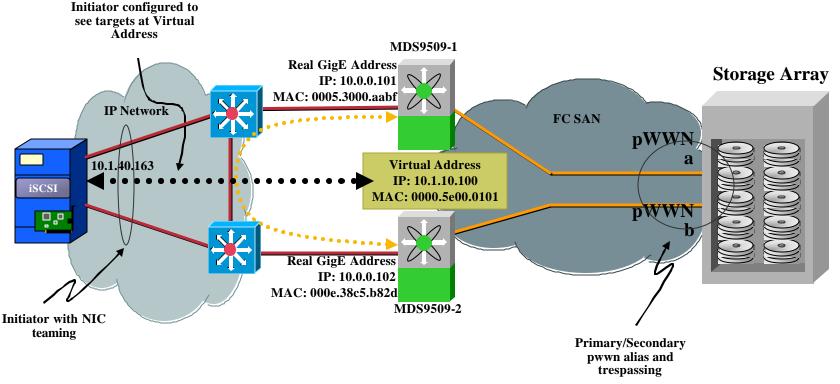
# PWWN Aliasing & Trespass

- Trespass and its main function: move to the passive port when trespass command is detected
- Not every array uses it
- Protects against FC port/fabric failure, or storage array controller/port failure
- Available for statically imported iSCSI targets
- Controller ports can be active/active or active/passive
  - Secondary path will only take over if primary path fails
- LUNs must be visible over both ports (e.g. pWWN a and pWWN b)



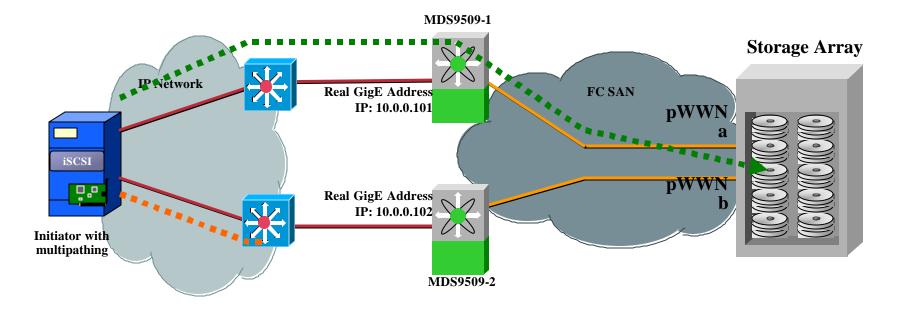
### iSCSI HA Design - end to end

- Take advantage of what IP and IPS have to offer
- Low cost with many options
- Design and implementation can be complex



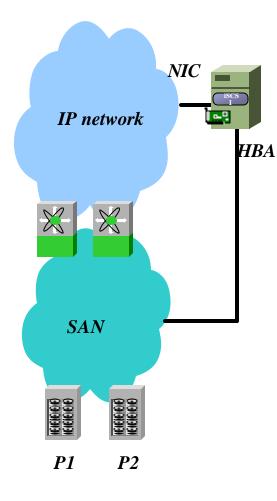
### iSCSI HA—Dual Fabric Design

- Mirroring what is done in FC world dual fabric
- Multipathing software required
- Simple design, very stable
- Costly



### iSCSI HA -- Backup to FC

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• FC and iSCSI transports work in active/active or active/standby mode

• Possible improvement on performance and reliability compare to iSCSI only solution with slightly higher cost

• Multipathing software applies as in iSCSI only or FC only scenarios

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# iSCSI Performance – What's Expected?

- The following test results set out to compare iSCSI with and without a TOE against Fibre Channel
- It is expected that the iSCSI stack will consume some CPU resources

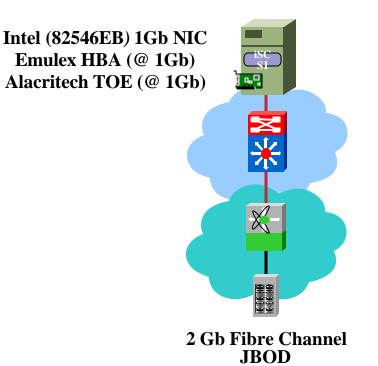
However, sweet-spot for iSCSI may not drive excessive I/O bandwidth

CPU power is relatively inexpensive

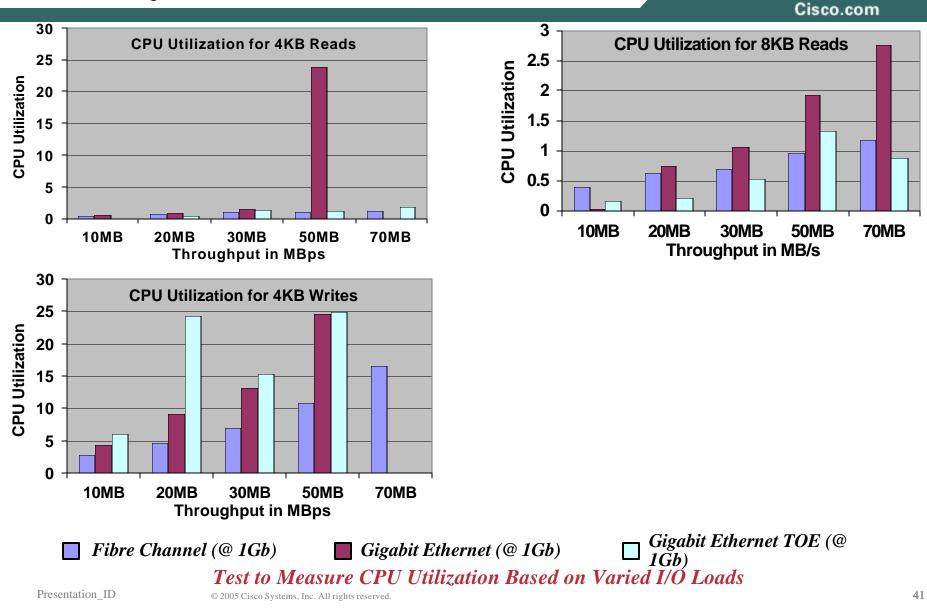
Can always use TOE if necessary

- Results will vary distance (latency) will also affect results
- All tests were conducted with IOMeter running against raw disks





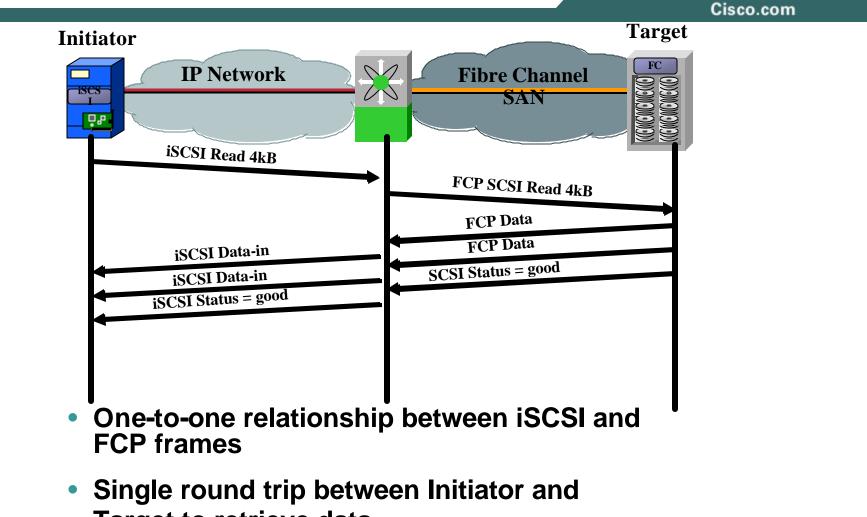
# iSCSI Performance Results (no latency)



## Performance Objectives and Determining Factors

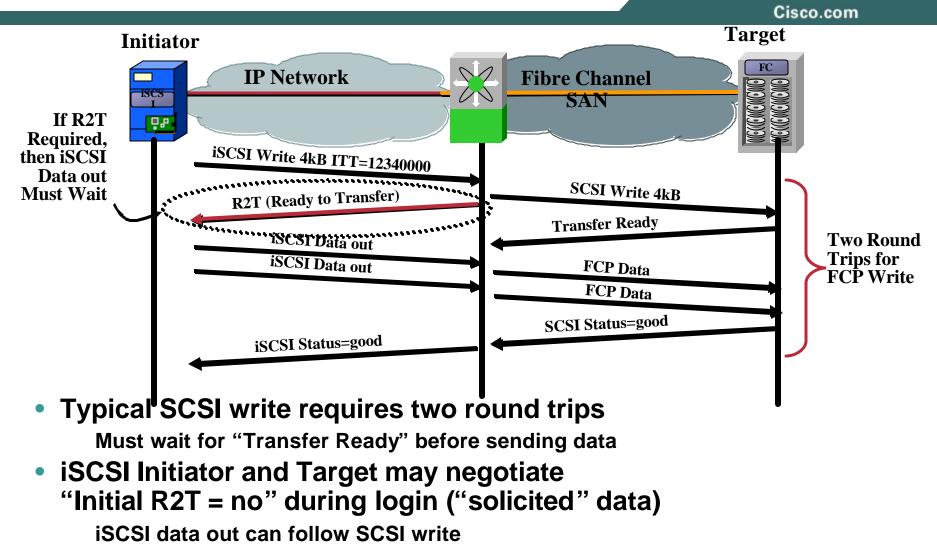
- Understand performance objectives
  - Number of users
  - IO intensive: IOPS and Throughput
  - Acceptable response time
- Factors impact performance
  - System resources (cpu, memory, bus architecture)
  - Storage resources (RPM, cache, RAID level)
  - Network equipment/gateway
  - Available IP network bandwidth (especially in WAN)
  - Distance between iSCSI initiators and targets
  - TCP implementation and configuration
  - I/O block size

### iSCSI Read



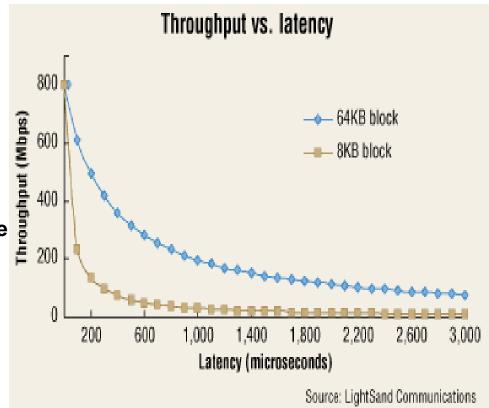
Target to retrieve data

### iSCSI Write



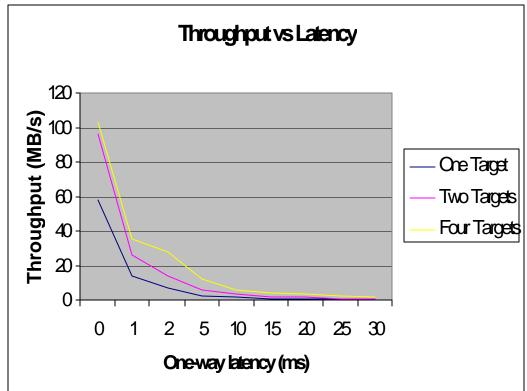
### Throughput in iSCSI

- SCSI controls data movement
- Latency impact on throughput
  - Throughput is calculated: Total data transmitted / end to end latency
  - Factors contribute to latency: equipment, protocol, distance
  - The larger the distance, the longer the latency – 1ms/100 miles
- Maximize the throughput
  - Manage the distance: as short as possible
  - TCP impacts iSCSI throughput



### Latency Impact on Throughput

- Test is done with single outstanding IO
- Actual outstanding IOs depending on applications
- Latency reduces possible maximum throughput
- Increase total throughput of iSCSI network using fan-out, multiple targets, and increase outstanding IOs
- Consider iSCSI target over long distance as secondary storage



### Network: Best-Practice Design

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#### TCP/IP stack for IPS of MDS

Configurable congestion window size and slow start thresh hold (decided by max and min bandwidth parameters)

TCP Window Scale option (RFC 1323) – use multiple of 65k window size to keep the pipe full

Enable SACK (default, RFC 2018) – allows fast retransmit and fast recovery when multiple packets loss happens

#### Other things related to TCP/IP

Avoid lossy network or use Qos to prioritize iSCSI traffic

Enable jumbo-frame support end to end -- reduce overhead and improve efficiency

**Use TCP send buffer on IPS** 

### Network: Best-Practice Design (continue)

- Performance is usually I/O bounded, iSCSI normally is not the bottleneck
- RAID-level implementation on disk array

General performance of one disk with 10000 RPMs (streaming and random IO, IOPS)

In database design, put user and temporary table space in different disks

• Block size of the IO – what is it and how is it monitored?

Client IO, Apps IO, File IO, OS IO and disk IO

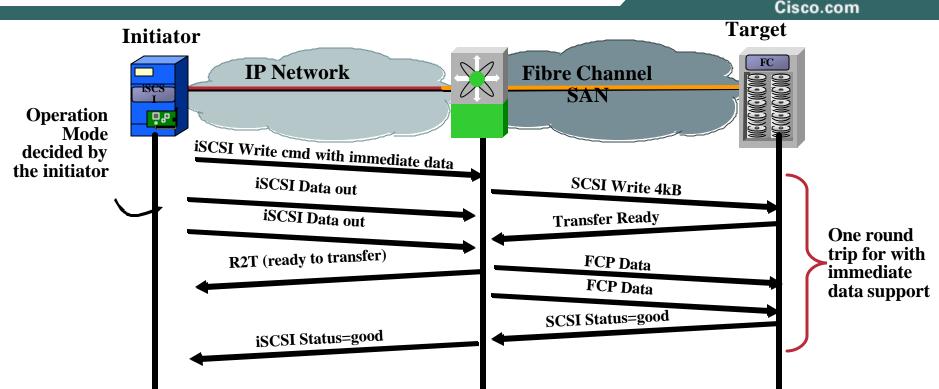
Make the IO size multiple of the block size of the individual disks

- Increase I/O block size to 64KBytes generally, the larger the block size, the larger the throughput
- The types of applications that best suite for iSCSI are the one with small to medium IOPS and large throughput



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- Use TOE cards on systems with high CPU utilizations
- System memory helps when architecture is predefined
- Store-and-forward mode in MDS (no iSCSI CRC) recommended for good performance with long distance
- Pass-through mode in MDS recommended to improve response time
- Fan-out ratio consideration what is it and how to find out the best fan-out ratio for your environment? 4-25:1

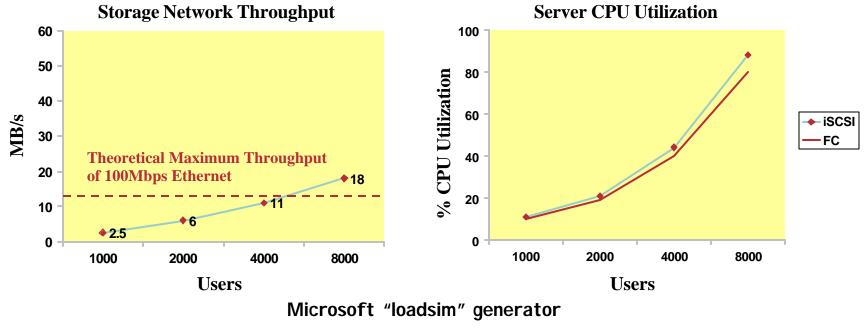
### iSCSI Immediate Data – Improve Write Perf



- What is Immediate Data: Part of command PDU and PDUs after that
- Negotiation Parameters : Initial R2T (yes) and Immediate Data (yes) by default in SAN OS 2.1
- Buffer to insure that "Burst Length" specified in Transfer Ready is met "Initial R2T = no" during login ("solicited" data)
- Performance Improvement: shorten IO processing time and reduce bandwidth

### Microsoft Exchange 2000 iSCSI Test

- Rapidly emerging as the application choice for messaging and collaboration
- Requires a large volume of storage, but little throughput
- Minimal CPU utilization difference between iSCSI software drivers and Fibre Channel HBAs



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### Secure iSCSI Network and Storage

- Average \$2.7 million loss when proprietary information stolen according to CSI and FBI
- Intrusion and denial of service attack
- Where to secure
  - In storage—while at rest
  - In iSCSI network—on the wire
- iSCSI security components
  - **Traditional segmentation and access control**
  - Authentication
  - **Emerging SAN architecture**
  - **IP** network security techniques

### Traditional Storage Means

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#### Zoning

Segmentation within a fabric and initial access control

Soft zoning and hard zoning

Zone members can be either iSCSI hosts ip addresses or and symbolic names

#### • LUN masking

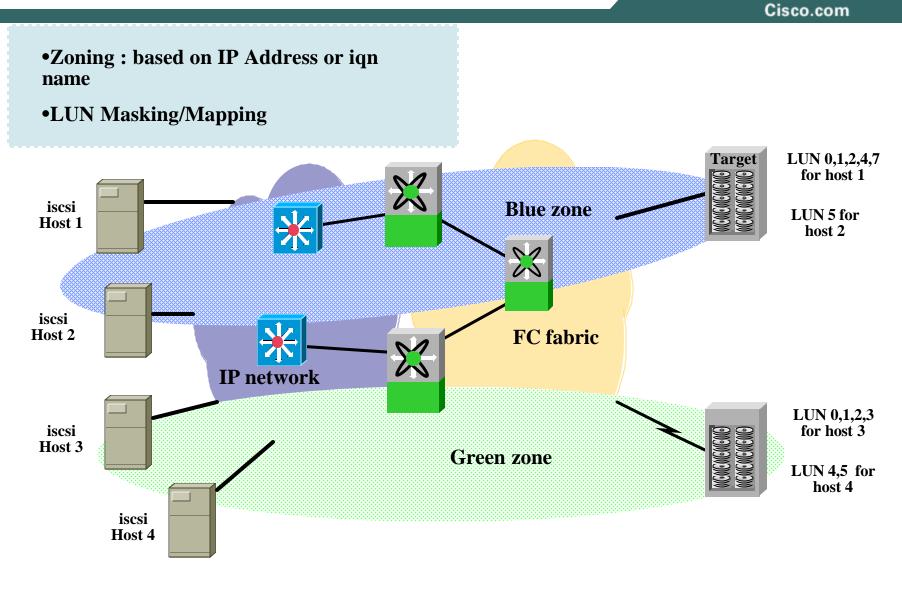
Defining relationship between iSCSI hosts and storage devices

**Detailed into LUN level** 

Performed at array controller

iSCSI hosts can be represented by proxy initiator in MDS

### iSCSI Zoning and LUN Masking



### AAA iSCSI Authentication

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 Allow ONLY authenticated iSCSI initiators to access configured LUNs

#### Two way authentication

iSCSI initiators authenticated by iSCSI targets iSCSI targets authenticated by iSCSI initiators

#### Choice of authentication methods

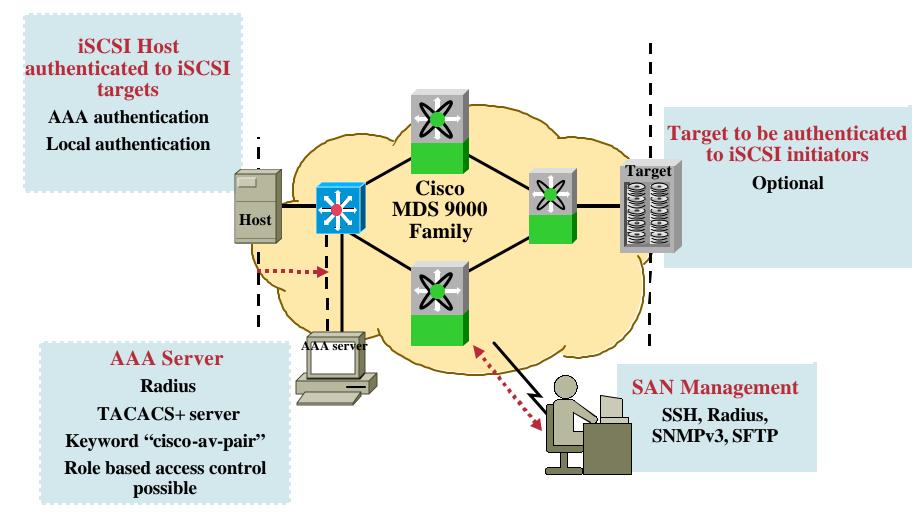
- -RADIUS external server
- -TACACS+ external server

-Local username database (CHAP)

#### CHAP (Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol) used as authentication protocol

### iSCSI Authentication

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### Emerging Secure SAN Architecture

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 Secure transport for fabric access – SNMP v3, SSH, SFTP, SSL, AAA

#### • VSAN

- Partitioning SAN fabric into virtual entities
- Tagging each frame by MDS to insure total isolation of each entity hence security
- iSCSI port VSAN membership assign
- iSCSI initiator VSAN membership assign

#### iSCSI based access control

- Access to iSCSI virtual target/LUN granted to individual iSCSI host
- iSCSI LUN mapping provides more access control more granularly at LUN level
- Advertisement of iSCSI virtual target
- Making an iSCSI zone Read-only zone protecting the data integrity on iSCSI virtual target
- Role-based management access control

Apply to iSCSI related network management roles

### **IPSec** Overview

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#### • IPSec = AH + ESP + IKE

Securing IP traffic between two participating peers in the IP layer

Providing data confidentiality, data integrity, data origin and antireplay protection

#### Two major IPSec protocols

AH (Authentication Header): provide only authentication services

ESP( Encapsulating Security Payload): Provides authentication as well as encryption services

#### Two major modes of operation

Transport mode: authenticates/encrypts only the IP payload Tunnel mode: authenticates/encrypts the complete IP packet

#### Key Management

Dynamic key exchange using IKE

Manual security association

### IPSec in MDS

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IPSec used to for iSCSI and FCIP

**RFC 3723 – Securing block storage protocols over IP** 

Hardware acceleration for optimal performance

**1Gps IPSec Processing** 

Software and hardware

**SAN-OS 2.0** 

14+2 LC and 9216i platform

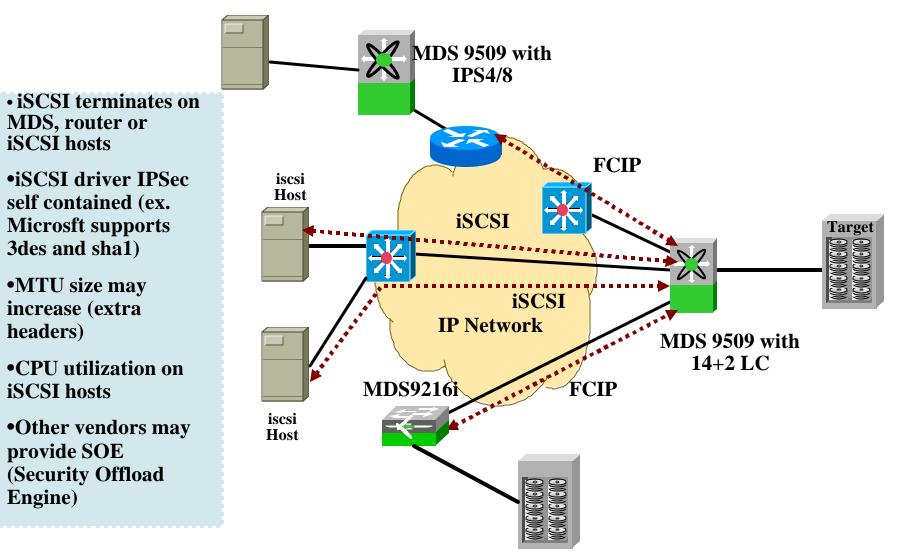
#### Supported features

IKE v1 and v2

ESP in tunnel mode

All major crypto algorithms – AES, DES & 3DES with Sha1-HMAC, MD5-HMAC and AES-XCBC-HMAC for authentication

### IPSec VPN Deployment



### iSCSI Storage Network Design

- IT Challenges that iSCSI Helps to Solve
- iSCSI Concepts
- iSCSI Integrations and Design Elements
- End to End HA Design
- iSCSI Client Performance
- iSCSI Network Security
- Managing the iSCSI Network

### Management: iSCSI & Fibre Channel

#### • The Cisco Fabric Manager (CFM) with full multiprotocol management

Included with each MDS 9000 switch

Multiprotocol topology discovery

**Multiprotocol zoning and VSAN assignment** 

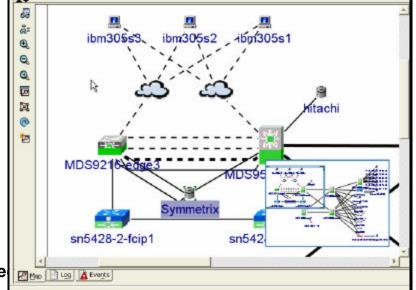
• CFM maps iSCSI as 'dotted' link and Fibre Channel as 'solid' link

FCIP links are also mapped as 'dotted'

• iSCSI assigned addresses (WWNs) are kept in non-volatile configuration

Can be easily extracted via TFTP, FTP, SFTP to be archive

• Each iSCSI session can be closely monitored through CFM stats



Cisco Fabric Manager Screenshot Showing Multiprotocol SAN Topology

### Summary

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#### Leverages the existing IP infrastructure

---hence the intelligence, capacity and best practice design can be leveraged in the iscsi infrastructure

- Complementary to FC yet represents a low cost transport choice
- Midrange applications connectivity
- Midrange server connectivity with Blade server integration as new system candidate
- Potential long distance SAN transport, recommended as backup storage when delay is high

### **Reference Materials**

- <u>http://www.t10.org/</u>
- <u>http://www.t11.org/index.htm</u>
- <u>http://www.ietf.org/rfc.html\_on\_iSCSI\_RFCs</u>
- <u>http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/ps4159/in</u> <u>dex.html</u> for Storage Networking Products and related Information

### Appendix

SCSI – Small Computer System Interface	CQ – Custom Queuing
iSCSI – internet SCSI	FIFO – First In First Out
DAS – Direct Attached Storage	WFQ – Weighted Fair Queuing
FC – Fibre Channel	DSCP – Differentiated Services Code Point
CDB – Command Descriptor block	SS – Slow Start
R2T – Ready To Transfer	CA – Congestion Avoidance
LUN – Logical Unit Number	MWS – Maximum Window Size
SLP – Service Location Protocol	SACK – Selective Acknowledgment
IQN – iSCSI Qualified Name	<b>RPM – Rotations Per Minute</b>
EUI – Extended Unique Identifier	RAID – Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive Disks
iSNS – Internet Storage Name Service	DWDM – Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing
TOE – TCP Offload Engine	CWDM – Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing
SOE – Security Offload Engine	DR – Disaster Recovery
NFS – Network File System	VRRP – Virtual Router Redundancy Protocol
GPFS – General Parallel File System	BIOS – Basic Input/Output System
DMZ – Demilitarized Zone	ROM – Read-only Memory
MZ – Militarized Zone	SNMP v3 – Simple Network Management Protocol, version 3
IVR – Inter-VSAN Routing	SSH – Secure Shell
GTS – Generic Traffic Shaping	SSL – Secure Socket Layer
FRTS – Frame -Relay Traffic Shaping	AAA – Authentication Authorization Accounting
CAR – Committed Access Rate	Radius – Remote Authentication Dial-in User Service
PQ – Priority Queuing	

### Appendix -- Continue

- TACACS+ -- Terminal Access Controller Access Control System
- **RBAC Role Based Access Control**
- **CHAP Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol**
- IKE Internet Key Exchange
- **AH Authentication Header**
- ESP Encapsulating Security Payload
- MPIO Microsoft Multipath IO
- DSP Disk Specific Module
- CFM Cisco Fabric Manager
- **CDM Cisco Device Manager**
- SPAN Switched Port Analyzer
- MDS Multilayer Director Switch
- **IPS IP Service (module)**



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