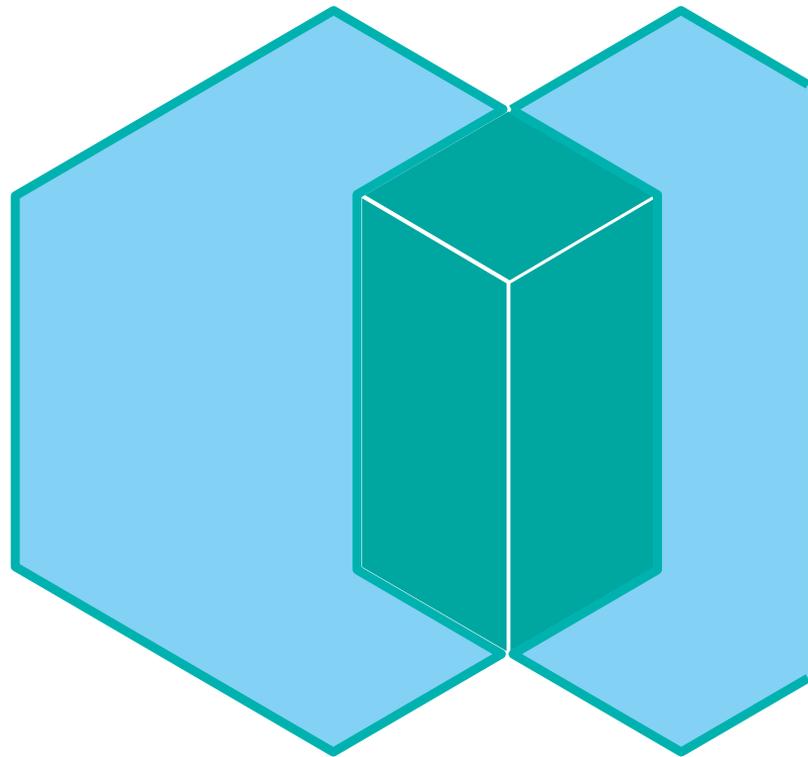




# IBM Spectrum Scale

## – Recent Updates and Outlook –

Meet the Devs – Oxford – Feb 24, 2016 – Ulf Troppens



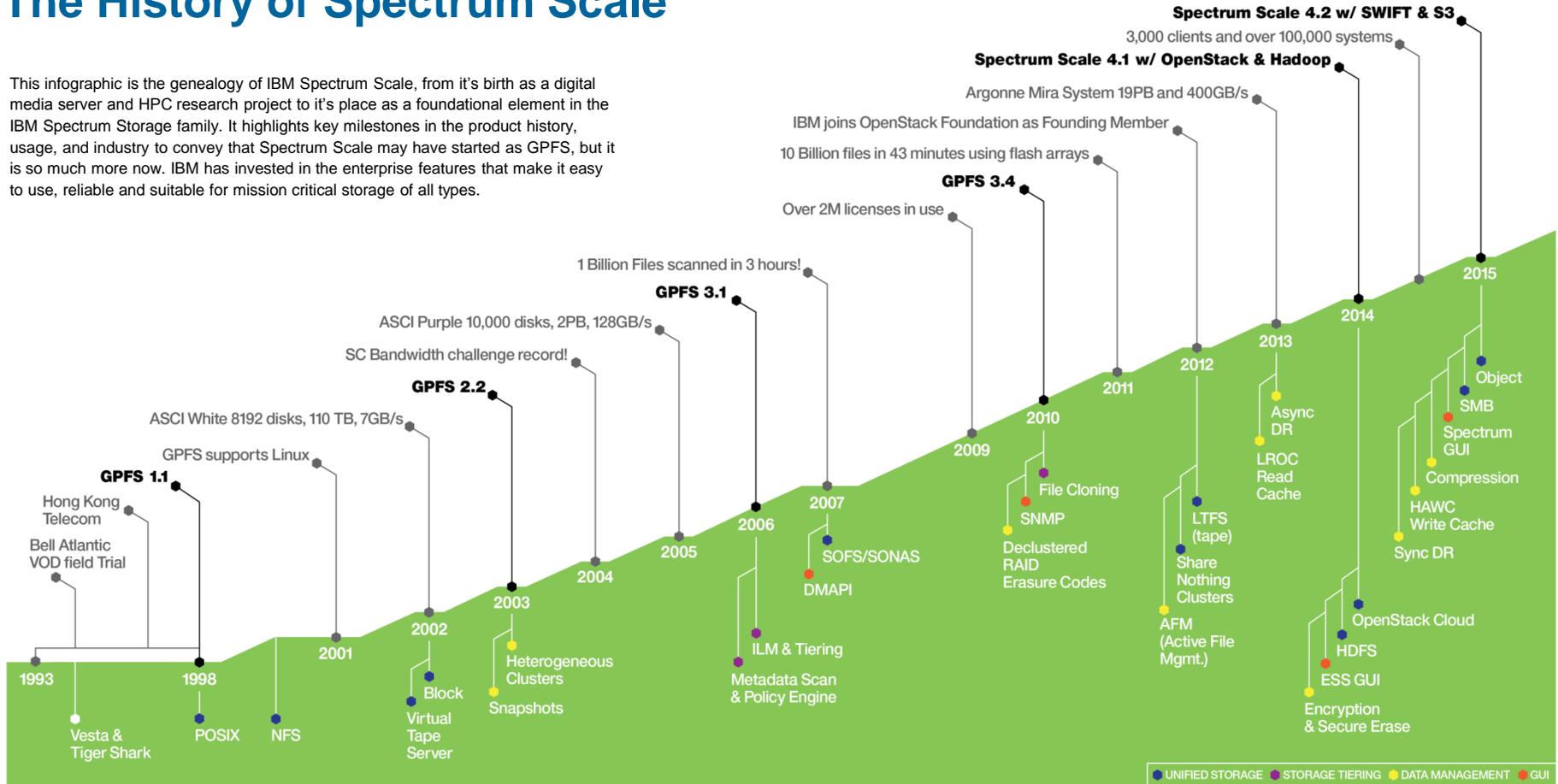
***New in Spectrum Scale 4.2***  
***Priorities 2016***  
***Security***  
***Hadoop Integration***  
***Problem Determination***

# Outline

*New in Spectrum Scale 4.2*

# The History of Spectrum Scale

This infographic is the genealogy of IBM Spectrum Scale, from its birth as a digital media server and HPC research project to its place as a foundational element in the IBM Spectrum Storage family. It highlights key milestones in the product history, usage, and industry to convey that Spectrum Scale may have started as GPFS, but it is so much more now. IBM has invested in the enterprise features that make it easy to use, reliable and suitable for mission critical storage of all types.



# Store everywhere. Run anywhere.

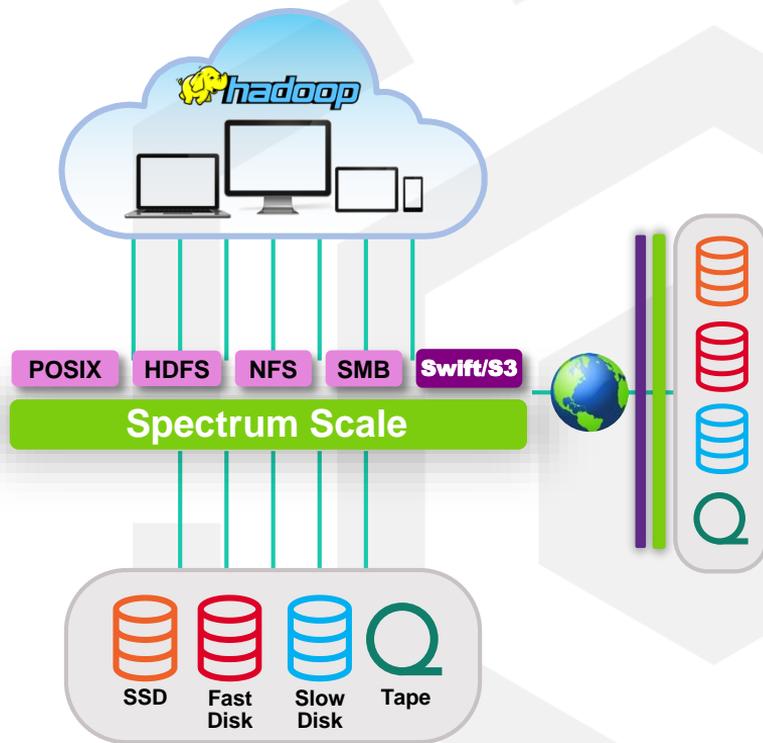
*Remove data-related bottlenecks*

## Challenge

- Managing data growth
  - Lowering data costs
  - Managing data retrieval & app support
  - Protecting business data

## Unified Scale-out Data Lake

- File In/Out, Object In/Out; Analytics on demand.
- High-performance native protocols
- Single Management Plane
- Cluster replication & global namespace
- Enterprise storage features across file, object & HDFS



# Store everywhere. Run anywhere.

## *Content Repositories*

### **Challenge**

Object storage for static data

- Seamless scaling
- RESTful data access
- Object metadata replaces hierarchy
- Storage efficiency

### **Spectrum Scale Swift & S3**

- High-performance for object
- Native OpenStack Swift support w/ S3
- File or object in; Object or file out
- Enterprise data protection
- Spectrum Scale RAID (ESS)
- Transparent ILM
- Encryption of data at rest and Secure Erase



# Store everywhere. Run anywhere.

*Analytics without complexity*

## Challenge

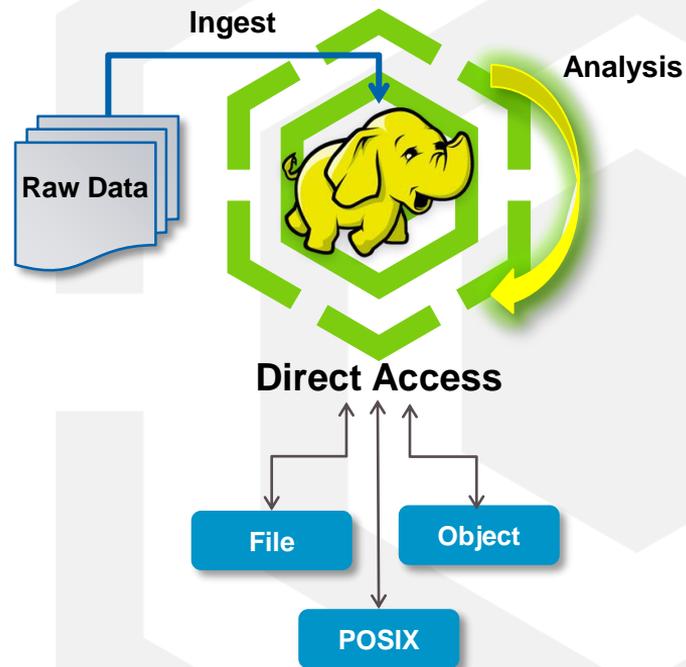
Separate storage systems for ingest, analysis, results

- HDFS requires locality aware storage (namenode)
- Data transfer slows time to results
- Different frameworks & analytics tools use data differently

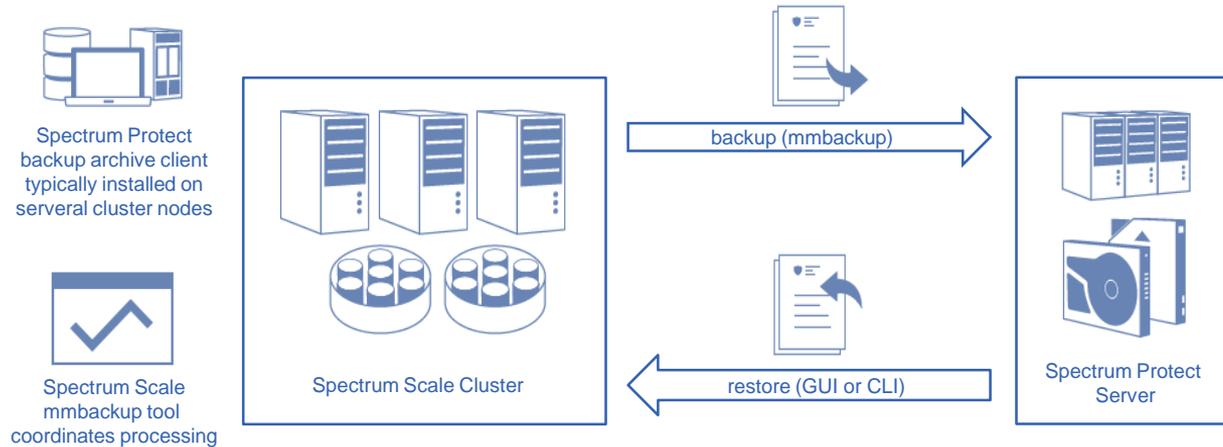
## HDFS Transparency

- Map/Reduce on shared, or shared nothing storage
- No waiting for data transfer between storage systems
- Immediately share results
- Single 'Data Lake' for all applications
- Enterprise data management
- Archive and Analysis in-place

→ Analyze object and file data without copying into HDFS



## Backup Of Large Spectrum Scale File Systems



Function
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Massive parallel filesystem backup processing</li> <li>▪ Spectrum Scale mmbackup creates local shadow of Spectrum Protect DB and uses policy engine to identify files for backup</li> <li>▪ Spectrum Protect backup archive client is used under the hood to backup files to Spectrum Protect Server</li> <li>▪ Spectrum Protect restore (CLI or GUI) can be used to restore files</li> </ul>

➔ Use any backup program to backup file, object and Hadoop data  
 ➔ Use Spectrum Protect to benefit from mmbackup and SOBAR to backup and restore huge amounts of data

## New in Spectrum Scale 4.2

	New Feature	Benefit
<b>Client Experience Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common interface across Spectrum Portfolio</li> <li>• GUI Phase 1</li> </ul>	<p>Easy to learn UI and integration across Spectrum Storage portfolio</p> <p>Simplify common management functions, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling protocols</li> <li>• Policy driven placement and ILM</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Troubleshooting</li> </ul>
<b>Object Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unified File and Object</li> <li>• Extended S3 API support</li> </ul>	<p>Single view of data with either file or object read and write</p> <p>Enable applications originally written for AWS</p>
<b>Big Data &amp; Analytics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Native Hadoop Support</li> <li>• Ambari Integration</li> </ul>	<p>Higher performance and broader integration with HDFS applications to go beyond Hadoop and embrace Map/Reduce ecosystem</p>
<b>Storage efficiency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compression of Cold data for File &amp; Object</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Storage utilization &amp; efficiency for Cold data</li> <li>• Efficiently reduce data size using compression policies</li> </ul>
<b>General</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of Service for File</li> <li>• z Linux support</li> <li>• Sudo wrappers</li> </ul>	<p>Expanding functionality in Spectrum Scale data aware policy engine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance reservations to meet SLAs – even by time of day</li> <li>• Extending multi-site resiliency features to z-Linux</li> </ul>

# Speed and simplicity: Graphical user interface

## Reduce administration overhead

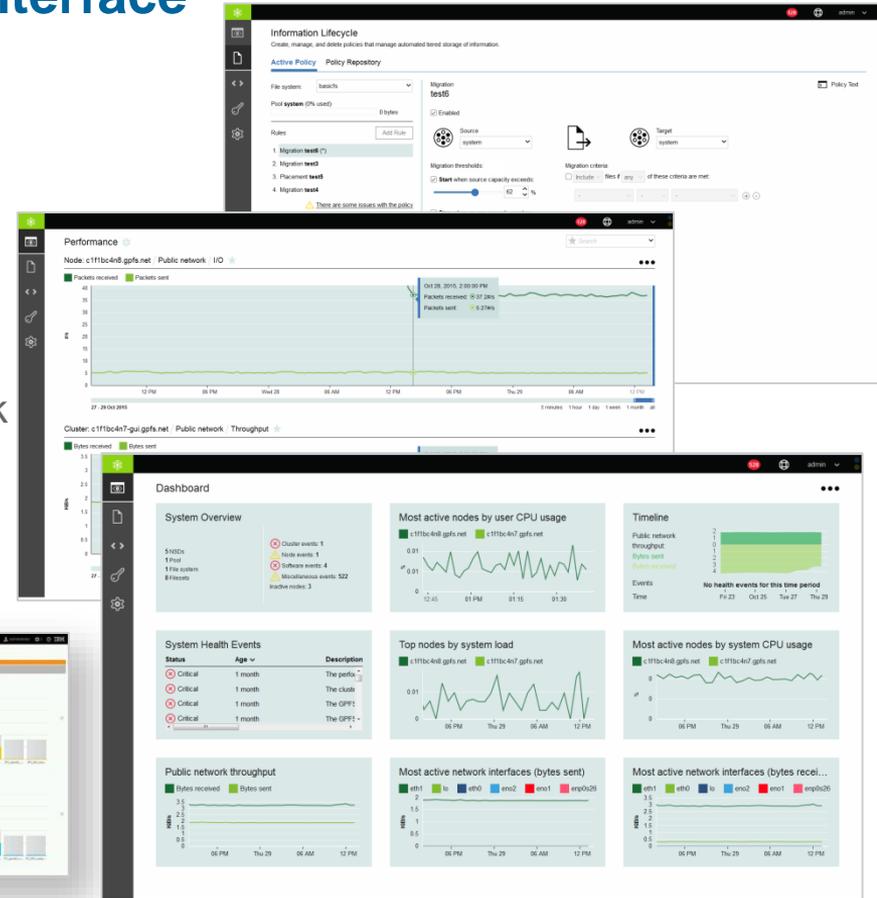
- Graphical User Interface for common tasks

## Easy to adopt

- Base interface on common IBM Storage Framework

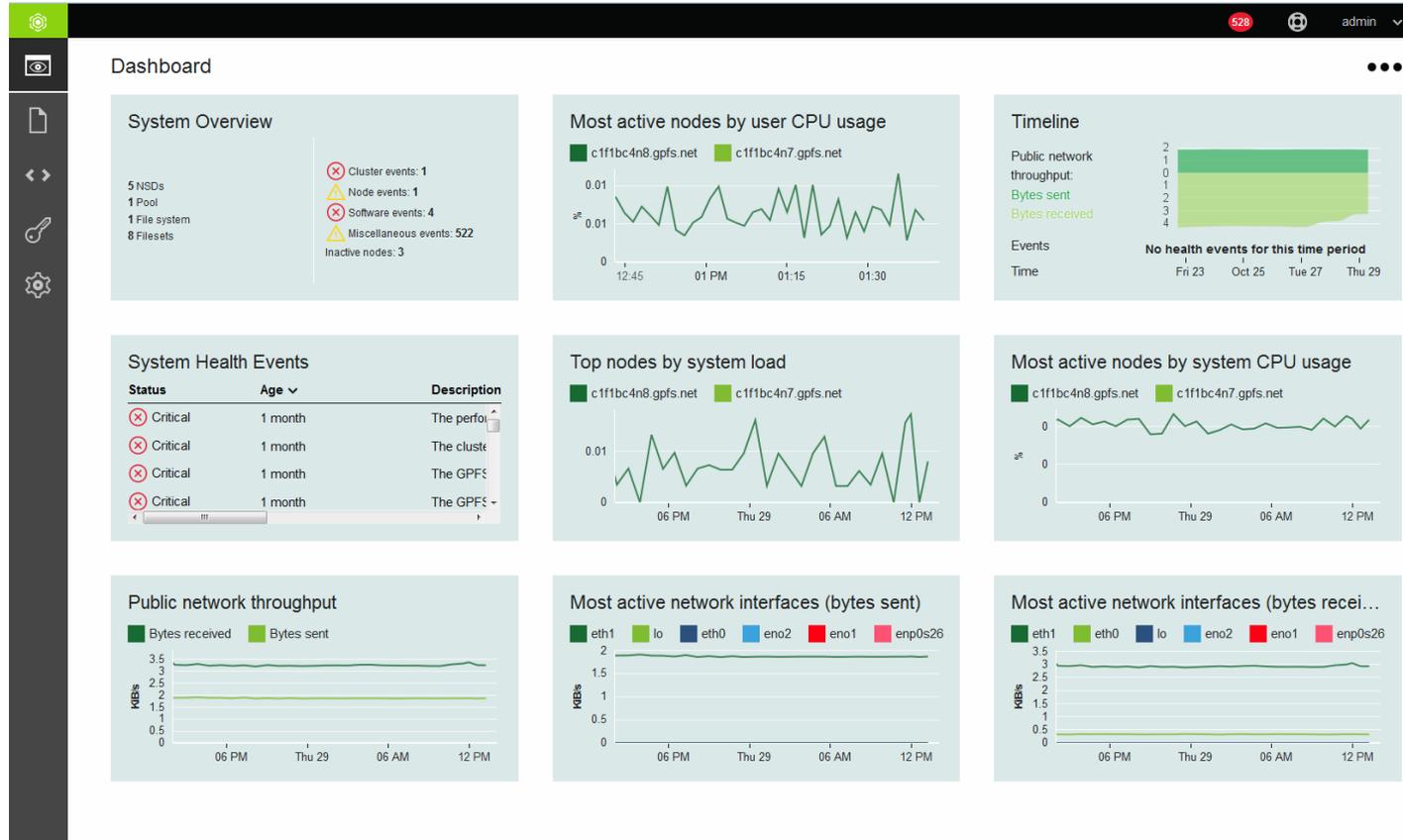
## Integrated into Spectrum Control

- Storage portfolio visibility
- Consolidated management
- Multiple clusters



# Speed and simplicity: Performance monitoring highlights

System health  
Node performance  
Network traffic  
Historical trends



# Reduce costs: Compression

## Improved storage efficiency

- Typically 2x improvement in storage efficiency

## Improved i/o bandwidth

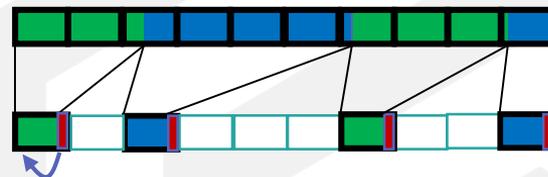
- Read/write compressed data reduces load on storage backend

## Improved client side caching

- Caching compressed data increases apparent cache size

## Compression is controlled per file

- By administrator defined policy rules



## *Vision*

*Which files to compress*

*When to compress the file data*

*How to compress the file data*

# Native Encryption and Secure Erase

## Encryption of data at rest

Files are encrypted before they are stored on disk

Keys are never written to disk

No data leakage in case disks are stolen or improperly decommissioned

## Secure deletion

Ability to destroy arbitrarily large subsets of a filesystem

No “digital shredding”, no overwriting: secure deletion is a cryptographic operation



# Spectrum Scale Virtual Machine

Turn-key Spectrum Scale VM available for download

- Try the latest Spectrum Scale enhancements
- Full functionality on laptop, desktop or server
- Incorporate external storage

Use for live demonstrations, proof of concepts, education, validate application interoperability

- Scripted demonstrations

Limitations

- VirtualBox hypervisor only
- Type-2 Hypervisor limits performance
- Not supported for production workloads
- *Can not be migrated to bare metal*



## *Priorities 2016*

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# 2016 Development Priorities

Every year we define a set of goals

- Based mainly on client feedback and market opportunity
- Target is to achieve them within the year



Sponsor User Interviews



Input from PM and Field Team



Sponsor User Observation



PMR Analysis

Focus areas

- Problem determination
- Documentation
- Security
- Defect backlog

Functional enhancements

- Improvements for Big Data
- More flexibility for GNR

# Hills – Problem Determination

1

An IT administrator who monitors Spectrum Scale can be made aware of the health of his Spectrum Scale components in one cluster, from a single place.

2

An IT Administrator, can perform self-service problem determination by utilizing provided guidance or automated solutions to problems, without contacting IBM Support.

3

An IT Administrator, can pre-check/check Spectrum Scale and its operating environment to avoid potential problems after initial installation or when changes are made, from a single tool.

## *Security*

## Sudo wrapper / no root ssh

- Make GUI functional

## File encryption (on rest)

- Consumability improvements in the configuration of SKLM
- Support for the Vormetric key server
- File encryption performance (whitepaper)

## Authentication

- GUI admin user can authenticate via external AD or LDAP server (delivered with 4.2.0-1)
- External Keystone SSL support for object

## Miscellaneous

- Spectrum Scale security best practices (whitepaper)
- Multi-region object deployment with a highly available keystone service (whitepaper)

## *Hadoop Integration*

# A Tale of Two Connectors

## GPFS Hadoop Connector

- Henceforth known as the “old” connector
- Emulates a Hadoop compatible filesystem – i.e. replaces HDFS
- Stateless
- Free download – [link](#)
- Supports Spectrum Scale 4.1.x, 4.1.1.x and 4.2
- Currently supported with IOP 4.0.x and 4.1.x
- Integrated with Ambari (IOP 4.1.x)

## Spectrum Scale HDFS Transparency Connector

- Henceforth known as the “new” connector
- Integrates with HDFS – reuses HDFS client and implements NameNode and DataNode RPCs
- Stateless
- Free download – [link](#)
- Supports Spectrum Scale 4.1.x, 4.1.1.x and 4.2
- Planned for IOP 4.2 (April timeframe)
- Ambari integration being developed

# Old GPFS Hadoop Connector Approach

How can we be sure we're compatible?

*Hadoop File System API intended to be open.*

```
public abstract class  
org.apache.hadoop.fs.FileSystem
```

**Source:** *hadoop.apache.org*

***“All user code that may potentially use the Hadoop Distributed File System should be written to use a FileSystem object.”***

*Latest File System APIs are described here:*

<https://hadoop.apache.org/docs/current/api/org/apache/hadoop/fs/FileSystem.html>

# Old GPFS Hadoop Connector Approach

All based on  
org.apache.hadoop.fs.FileSystem API

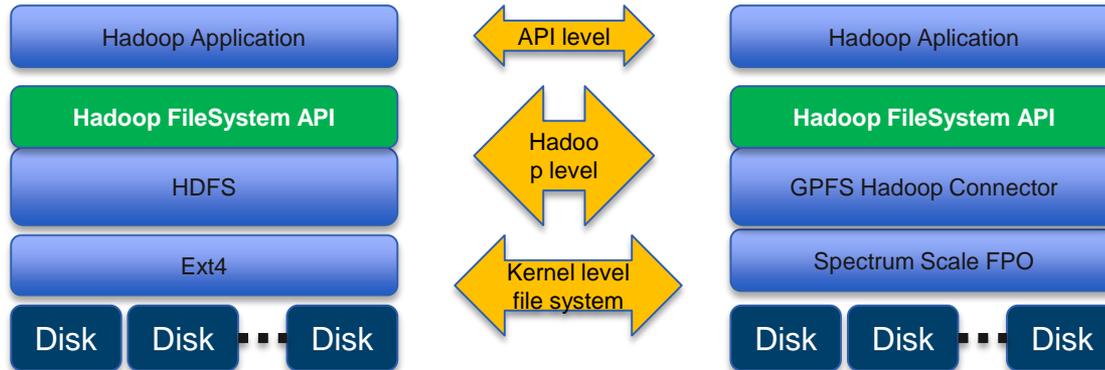
	Optimized for
HDFS	General Hadoop
GlusterFS	file-based scale-out NAS
OrangeFS	high end computing (HEC) systems
SwiftFS	write directly to containers in an OpenStack Swift object store
GridGain	In-Memory Data Fabric
Lustre	
MapR FileSystem	
Quantcast File System	
▪etc...	

*Spectrum  
Scale  
(GPFS) is no  
different*

**Source:** <https://wiki.apache.org/hadoop/HDFS>

# Old GPFS Hadoop Connector Approach

*Applications communicate with Hadoop using FileSystem API. Therefore, transparency is preserved.*



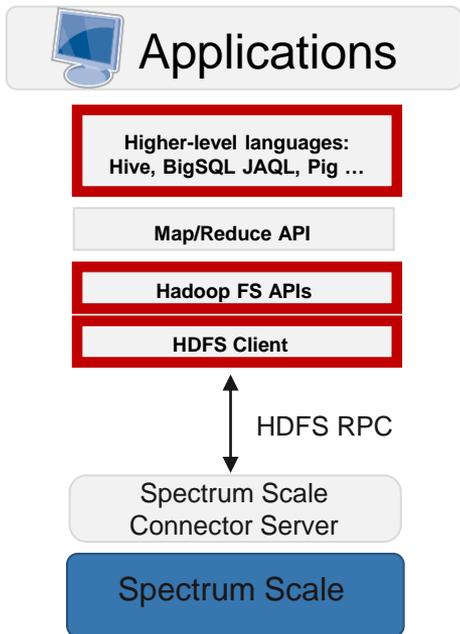
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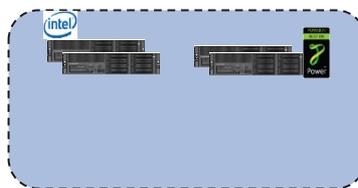
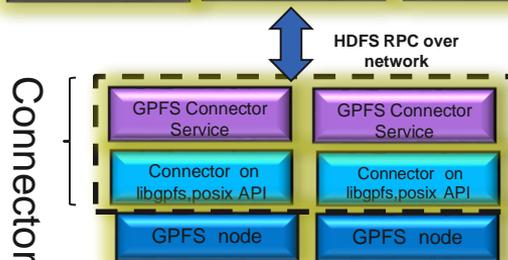
# New Spectrum Scale HDFS Transparency Design

- Issues with old Hadoop Connector
  - Some applications and many tools do not use `org.apache.hadoop.fs.FileSystem`
  - Those applications and tools fail with HDFS Connector
- Key Advantages of new HDFS Transparency Connector
  - Support workloads that have hard coded HDFS dependencies
  - Simpler integration for currently compatible workloads & components
  - Leverage HDFS Client cache for better performance
  - No need to install Spectrum Scale clients on all nodes
  - Full Kerberos support for Hadoop ecosystem

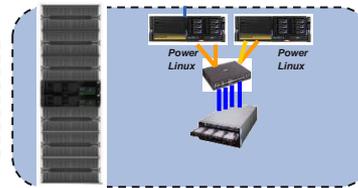
# New Spectrum Scale HDFS Transparency Design



hdfs://hostnameX:portnumber



Commodity hardware

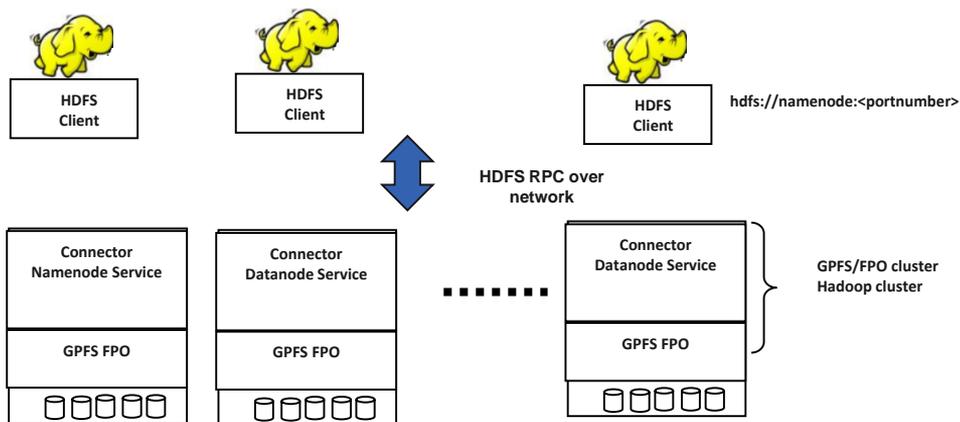


Shared storage

Supported Hadoop versions: 2.7.1

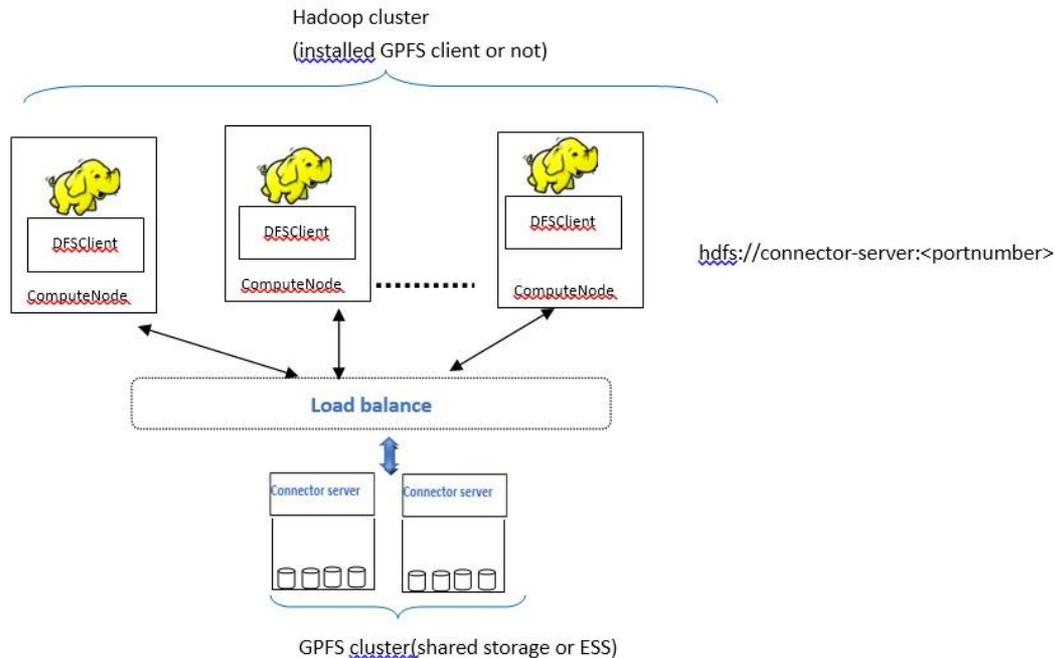
# New Spectrum Scale HDFS Transparency Design

- Each node will be installed with connector datanode server
- Only one node will be installed with connector namenode server
- Connector namenode server will be configured with HA, just similar as HDFS
- GA'ed 2015/11/20



# New Spectrum Scale HDFS Transparency Design

- Connector servers are installed over limited nodes (ex. GPFS NSD servers)
- GPFS client is not needed over the Hadoop computing nodes
- DNS rotation or CES can be used to load balance for HDFS Client
- GA'ed for 2016/1/22



# Current Ambari Integration

- New BigInsights 4.1.SpectrumScale stack
- Inherits from BigInsights 4.1 stack
- Removes HDFS, add Spectrum Scale, change all dependencies
- Can install IOP + Spectrum Scale (either new GPFS filesystem or integrate with existing filesystem)
- Value Add integration
- Basic Spectrum Scale monitoring (AMS)
- Support separate connector control
- Support GPFS and connector upgrades
- Collect GPFS snap
- Change GPFS parameters
- Add new nodes
- Remove nodes
- Provide quick link to Spectrum Scale GUI for full management and monitoring

**Select Stack**

- Install Options
- Confirm Hosts
- Choose Services
- Assign Masters
- Assign Slaves and Clients
- Customize Services
- Review
- Install, Start and Test
- Summary

Please select the service stack that you want to use to install your Hadoop cluster.

**Stacks**

- BigInsights 4.1.SpectrumScale
- BigInsights 4.1

**Advanced Repository Options**

Customize the repository Base URLs for downloading the Stack software packages. If your hosts do not have access to the internet, you will have to create a local mirror of the Stack repository that is accessible by all hosts and use those Base URLs here.

**Important:** When using local mirror repositories, you only need to provide Base URLs for the Operating System you are installing for your Stack. Uncheck all other repositories.

OS	Name	Base URL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> redhat6	GPFS-4.1.1	<input type="text" value="http://smin/repos/GPFS/RHEL6/x86_64/4.1.1"/>
	IOP-4.1-mirror	<input type="text" value="http://birepo-build.svl.ibm.com/repos/IOP/RHEL6/x86_64/4.1"/>
	IOP-UTILS-1.1-mirror	<input type="text" value="http://birepo-build.svl.ibm.com/repos/IOP-UTILS/RHEL6/x86_64/1"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> redhat7	GPFS-4.1.1	<input type="text" value="http://c902mnp08/install/repos/IOP-UTILS/rhel/7/ppc64le/1.1/"/>
	IOP-4.1-mirror	<input type="text" value="http://c902mnp08/install/repos/GPFS/rhel/7/ppc64le/4.1.1"/>
	IOP-UTILS-1.1-mirror	<input type="text" value="http://c902mnp08/install/repos/IOP/rhel/7/ppc64le/4.1.x/GA/4.1.0.C"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> suse11	GPFS-4.1.1	<input type="text" value="http://192.168.9.3/repos/GPFS/SLES/x86_64/4.1.1"/>
	IOP-4.1	<input type="text" value="http://birepo-build.svl.ibm.com/repos/IOP/SLES/x86_64/4.1/"/>
	IOP-UTILS-1.0	<input type="text" value="http://birepo-build.svl.ibm.com/repos/IOP-UTILS/SLES/x86_64/1.1"/>

Skip Repository Base URL validation (Advanced) ⓘ

# Current Ambari Integration

Ambari | 0 ops | 1 alert

Dashboard
Services
Hosts 1
Alerts
Admin
admin

- ✔ MapReduce2
- ✔ YARN
- ▲ Hive 1
- ✔ HBase
- 📄 Pig
- 📄 Sqoop
- ✔ Oozie
- ✔ ZooKeeper
- ▲ Flume
- ✔ Ambari Metrics
- ✔ Spectrum Scale
- ✔ Kafka
- ✔ Knox
- 📄 Slider
- ✔ Solr
- ✔ Spark ↻

Actions ▼

Summary
Configs
Quick Links ▼
Service Actions ▼

**Summary**

[GPFS Master](#) ✔ Started

[GPFS Hadoop Connectors](#) 5/5 GPFS Hadoop Connectors Live

[GPFS Nodes](#) 5/5 GPFS Nodes Live

**Metrics**

<p>Filesystem Utilization</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: green; font-weight: bold;">0%</div>	<p>Inode Utilization</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: green; font-weight: bold;">0%</div>	<p>Active Quorum Nodes</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: green; font-weight: bold;">3/3</div>	<p>Active NSD Nodes</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; color: green; font-weight: bold;">5/5</div>
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▶ Start

■ Stop

⌂ Restart All

⌂ Restart GPFS Hadoop Connectors

⌂ Restart GPFS Nodes

🔍 Run Service Check

🔒 Turn On Maintenance Mode

📷 Collect\_Snap\_Data

⌂ Upgrade\_SpectrumScale

⌂ Upgrade\_Connector

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# Ambari Integration with HDFS Transparency

- Biggest change is that there is no new stack
- Spectrum Scale is added as a new service after full IOP install with HDFS (use dummy directory / mount point for HDFS)
- Spectrum Scale service “integrates” with HDFS
- Will support “un-integrate” capability
  - Flip back and forth between HDFS & GPFS
  - Will not move data back and forth between HDFS & GPFS
- Will simplify future upgrades

Subject to change.  
Details are under investigation.



## Outlook

- Coming soon
  - BigInsights 4.2 support (additional components)
  - HDFS + Spectrum Scale Federation
  - Federate multiple Spectrum Scale clusters
  - Isolate multiple Hadoop clusters on the same filesystem (restrict to sub-directory)

## ***Problem Determination – Health Status (Hill 1)***

# 1

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An IT administrator who monitors Spectrum Scale can be made aware of the health of his Spectrum Scale components in one cluster, from a single place.

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A user will be able to:



- Issue a single command and see status for all components
  - Create thresholds for any ZIMON metric & be notified if it is hit
  - Identify the top processes by CPU, memory, network
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# Today

"There is really no clear way to understand what a healthy cluster looks like. If there is someone who knows, I'd love to talk to them."

Users rely on a wide variety of commands to monitor their Spectrum Scale cluster. This requires them to understand:

- Which components are important to monitor?
- Which commands should I use to monitor each component type?
- How do I interpret the results of all of the commands?
- How to assemble some sort of monitoring framework to piece everything together.

# Outcome

**Mockup!!**

A single CLI command that provides a health overview of all key components in the entire cluster.

```

$ mmhealth node show
+
Node name:    test_node
Node status:  degraded
+-----+-----+-----+
Component    Status      Reasons
+-----+-----+-----+
GPFSDaemon   healthy     -
CES          failed      smbd_down
ZIMon        healthy     -
Network      healthy     -
LocalDisk    healthy     -
FSMount      healthy     -
+-----+-----+-----+

$ mmhealth node show -v
+
Node name:    test_node
Node status:  degraded
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Component    Status      Reasons
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GPFSDaemon   healthy     -
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CES          failed      smbd_down
Auth         healthy     -
OBJ_Auth     healthy     -
NFS          healthy     -
OBJ          healthy     -
SMB          failed      smbd_down
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ZIMon        healthy     -
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Network      healthy     -
+-----+-----+-----+
LocalDisk    healthy     -
DiskA        healthy     -
DiskB        healthy     -
DiskC        healthy     -
DiskD        healthy     -
DiskE        healthy     -
+-----+-----+-----+
FSMount      healthy     -
FSI          healthy     -
FSII         healthy     -
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# New Widget

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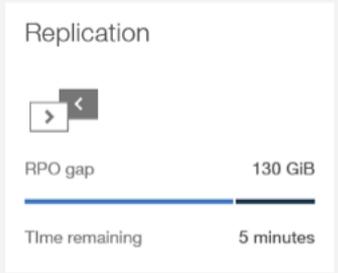
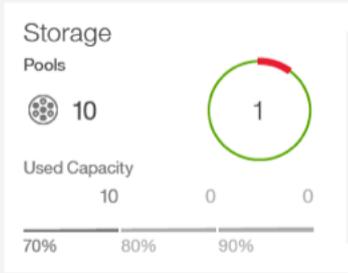
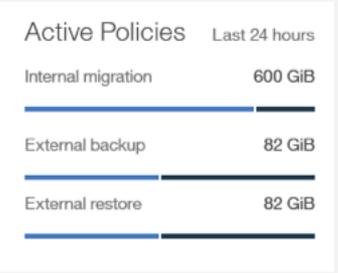
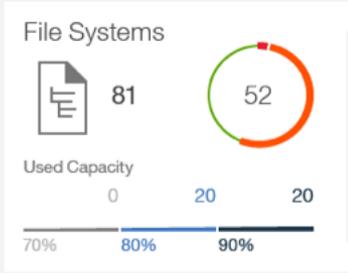
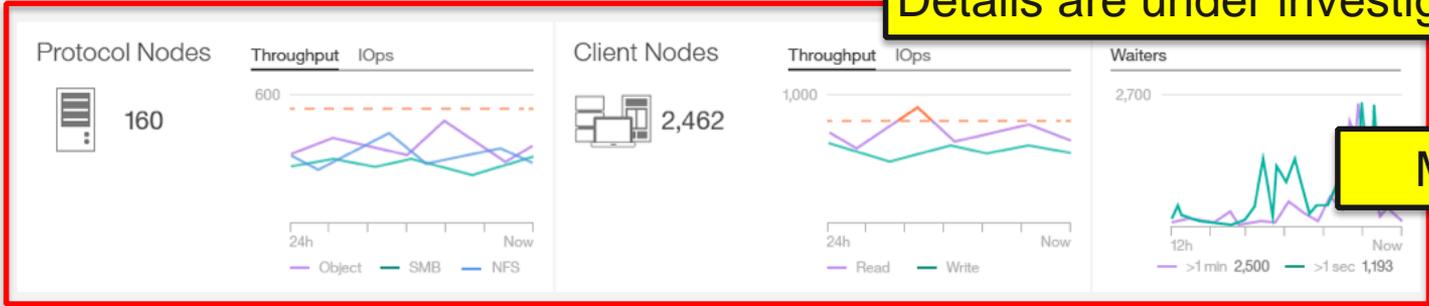


Mockup!!

# New Widget

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Mockup!!



# Today



Operations Team Members don't know if a value is good or bad.



Administrator and architect level users want the ability to set thresholds so lower level operations teams can assess if a value is a problem or not.

Subject to change.  
Details are under investigation.

# Outcome



A user can create thresholds for any Zimon metric and be notified if the threshold is hit.

## ***Problem Determination – Self-Service Problem Determination (Hill 2)***

# 2

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An IT Administrator, can perform self-service problem determination by utilizing provided guidance or automated solutions to problems, without contacting IBM Support.

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A user will be able to:

- Receive guidance for key problems
  - Read documentation on best practices and troubleshooting
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# Today

"I can look at each individual file system in the cluster and see the reads, the writes, the opens, the closes. I use that frequently to look into performance related issues where I see a large amount of traffic in the cluster. If I can isolate traffic to a particular file system, I can figure out which group is doing the traffic. I can look at individual nodes and determine if they are doing a large amount of traffic on the file system. This allows me to trace back to the job that is running on the node at the time of the issue."

"First I look for the most active file system and then figure out who has the most jobs and activity going."

# Outcome

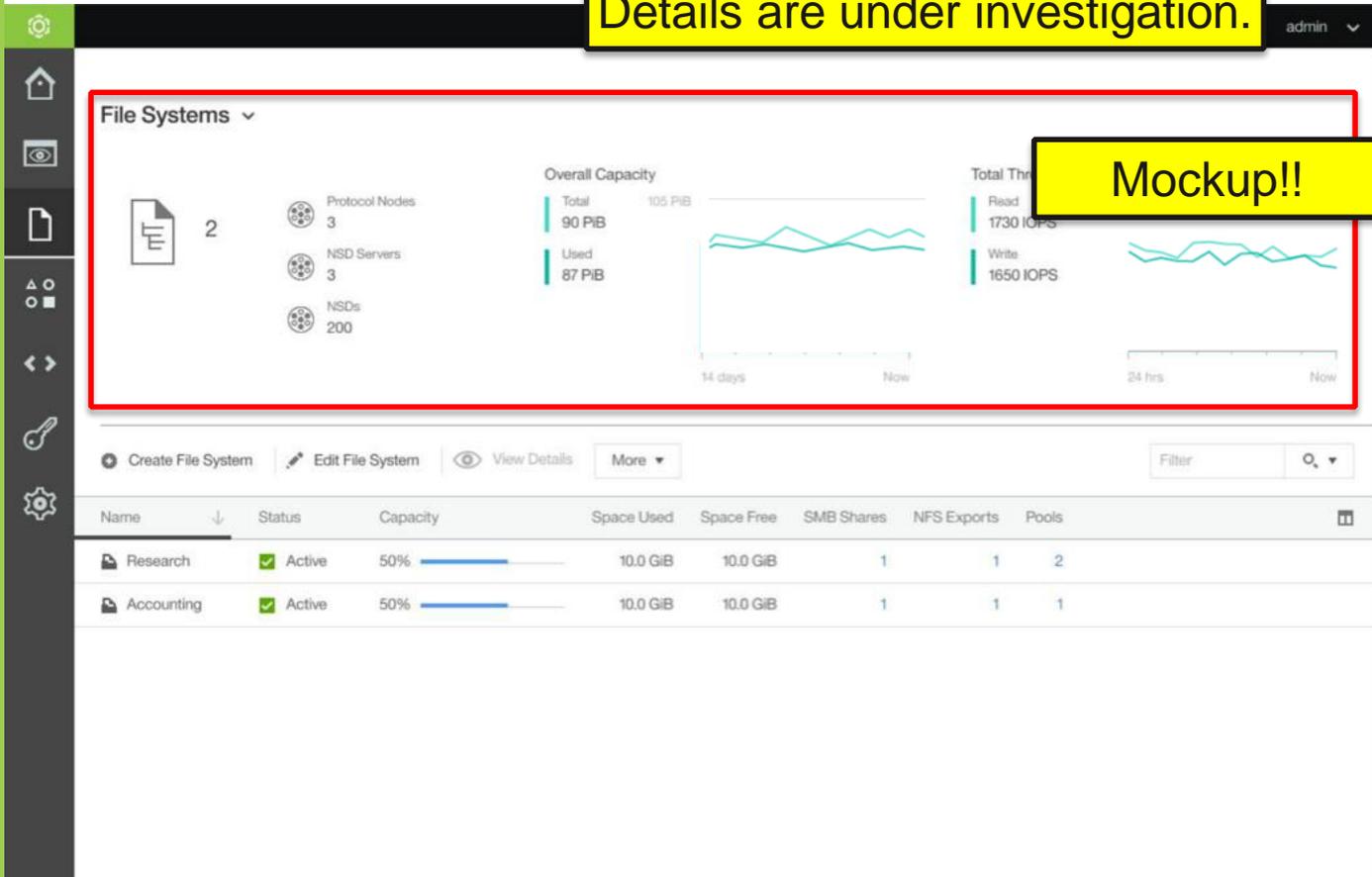
A user can troubleshoot the performance of a file system

- Overall client workload
- Top clients by workload
- Storage workload and latency
- Waiters
- Protocol workload
- ILM policy

## Scenario 1:

A Spectrum Scale admin has been informed that jobs are taking a long time to run on a file system. They are able to view:

- The health of a file system
- Events that have impacted the health
- Average response time for the file system to understand if it is unusually high.
- Storage that the file system is built off of and determine which NSDs have the highest latency.
- Overall workload running against the file system so they can determine if it is unusually high.



*Concept, not final design*

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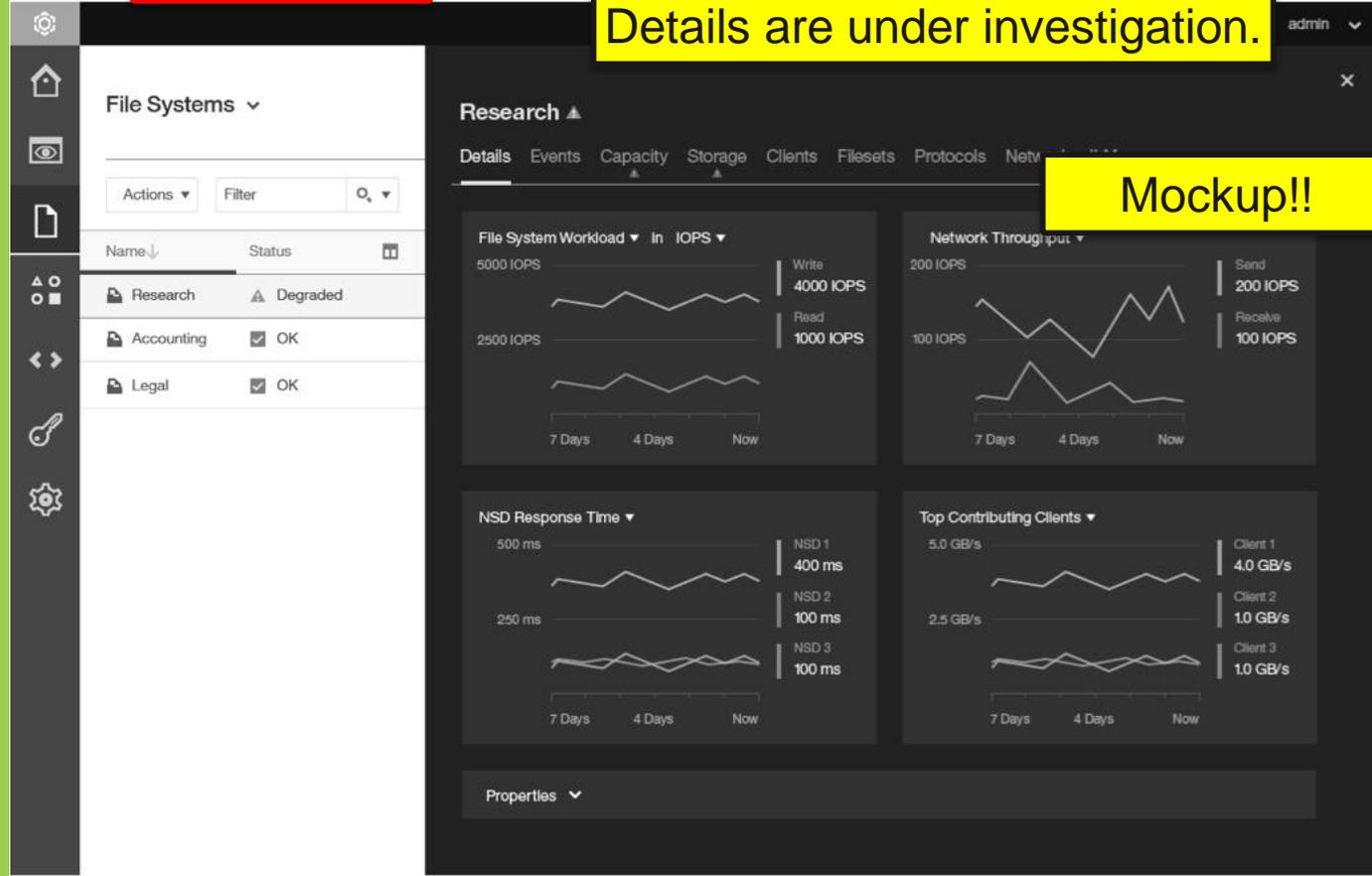
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Hill 2

admin



Mockup!!

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Hill 2

The screenshot displays a web-based interface for managing file systems. On the left, a sidebar contains navigation icons for settings, home, monitoring, documents, and a gear icon. The main content area is split into two panels. The left panel, titled 'File Systems', shows a table with columns for Name and Status. The right panel, titled 'Research', shows a table with columns for Status, Time, Event ID, and Description. A yellow box labeled 'Mockup!!' is overlaid on the right panel.

Name	Status
Research	Degraded
Accounting	OK
Legal	OK

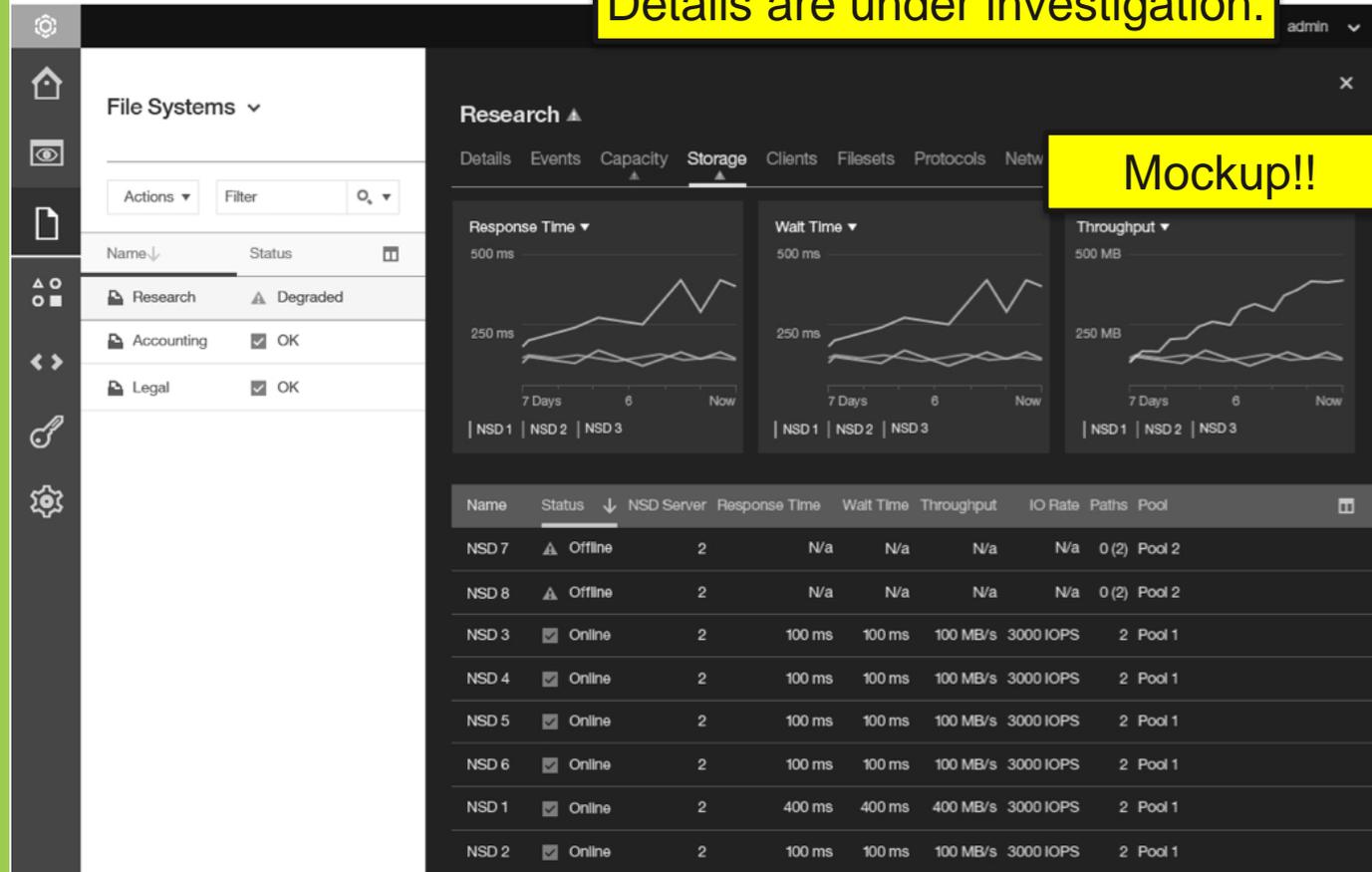
Status	Time	Event ID	Description
Critical	12/15/15 6:09:28 PM	MS0401	Pool 2 offline.
Warning	12/15/15 6:10:08 PM	MS0520	The Research File System has a degraded status.
Information	12/15/15 4:56:49 PM	MS0540	NSD 1 has a response time greater than 250 ms.

*Concept, not final design*

## Scenario 1:

A Spectrum Scale admin has been informed that jobs are taking a long time to run on a file system. They are able to view:

- The health of a file system
- Events that have impacted the health
- Average response time for the file system to understand if it is unusually high.
- Storage that the file system is built off of and determine which NSDs have the highest latency.
- Overall workload running against the file system so they can determine if it is unusually high.



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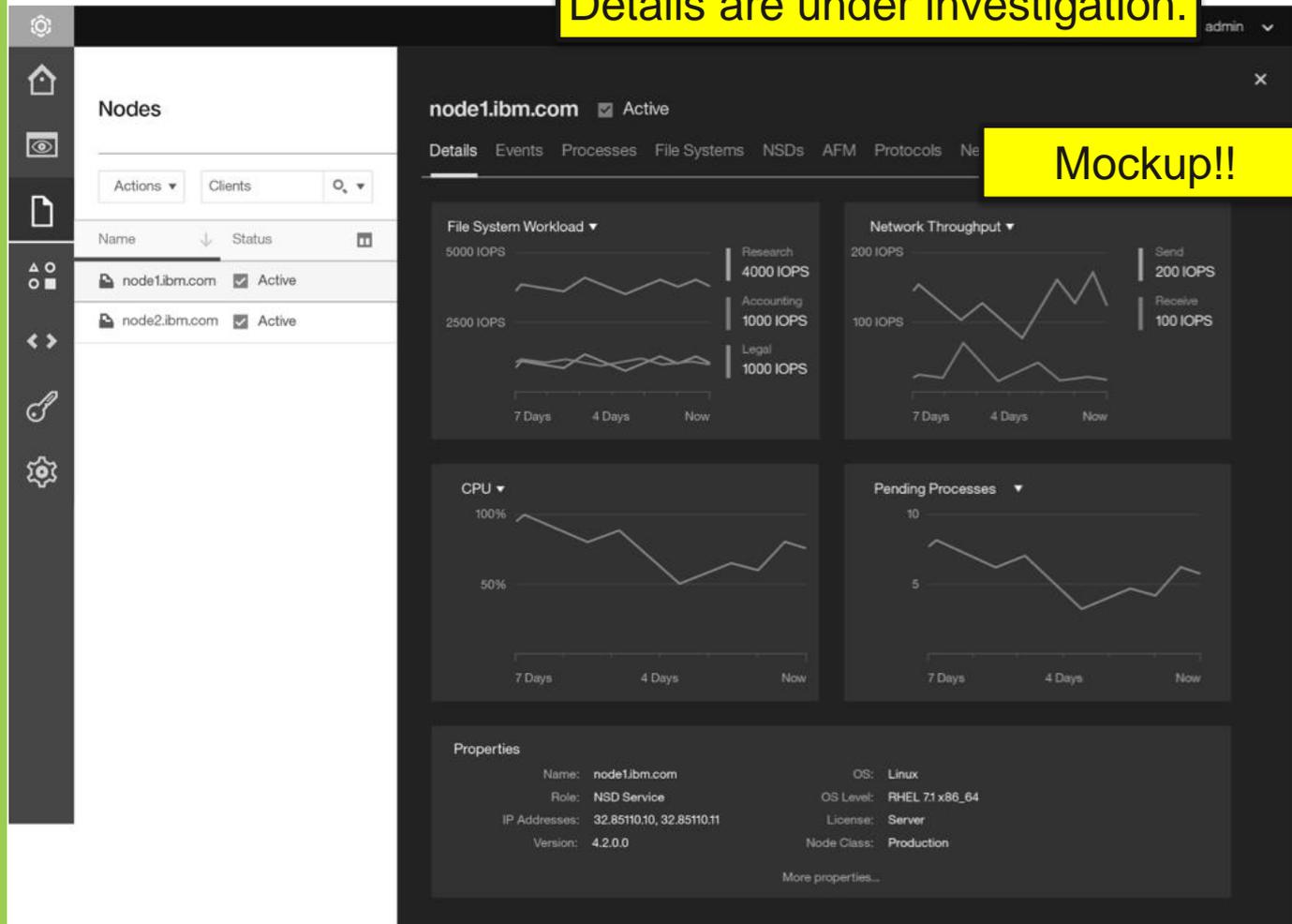
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Scenario 2:

The Spectrum Scale admin verifies that the file system's workload is unusually high. They are able to:

- Identify the client that is pushing the highest workload against the file system
- Determine the top processes running on the client
- Transaction size for the client workload and how it has changed over time
- Network workload for the node



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## Scenario 3:

A Spectrum Scale admin has realized that file system latency is due to a storage latency. They are able to understand:

- The performance of the NSDs that the file system is built off of
- The performance of the NSD servers that are providing access to the NSDs
- Whether reduced paths for an NSD is causing a particular NSD server to be a bottleneck

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Name	Status	NSD Server	Response Time	Wait Time	Throughput	IO Rate	Paths	Pool
NSD 7	Offline	2	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	0(2)	Pool 2
NSD 8	Offline	2	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a	0(2)	Pool 2
NSD 3	Online	2	100 ms	100 ms	100 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1
NSD 4	Online	2	100 ms	100 ms	100 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1
NSD 5	Online	2	100 ms	100 ms	100 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1
NSD 6	Online	2	100 ms	100 ms	100 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1
NSD 1	Online	2	400 ms	400 ms	400 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1
NSD 2	Online	2	100 ms	100 ms	100 MB/s	3000 IOPS	2	Pool 1

Mockup!!

Concept, not final design

# Today

*"Utilizing the GPFS waiter information, it becomes obvious that all of the waiters on one server."*

*"Understanding and analyzing this is key to getting to the bottom of many problems"*

*"Looking at waiters tells you what's backed up, so checking that for a pattern can reveal bad applications which are beating up the file system."*

New Panel

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# Outcome

Mockup!!

Considered by customers to be the key metric that they monitor and use for problem determination

Waiter metrics will be added to existing performance charts



***Problem Determination – Check Spectrum Scale and its environment (Hill 3)***

# 3

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An IT Administrator, can pre-check/check Spectrum Scale and its operating environment to avoid potential problems after initial installation or when changes are made, from a single tool.

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A user will be able to use a:

- Network verification tool to understand if there are network problems
  - Active directory monitoring tool to prevent issues
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# Today

"When we have issues and we're pretty sure it is the network, we still have to spend however many hours to write a test case that doesn't involve GPFS to prove that it is exclusively the network...A network verification tool would be a big help."

# Outcome

Users can verify node to node connectivity to detect to common network issues and point customers to the root cause

- General connectivity issues

e.g. broken IP/Routing/Switch config, Infiniband connectivity

- Firewall configuration issues

GPFS User Group feedback:

“...had misconfigured firewalls, such that they could reach our home cluster nodes on port 1191, but our home cluster nodes could not reach them on 1191 or on any of the ephemeral ports.”

- Network Performance issues

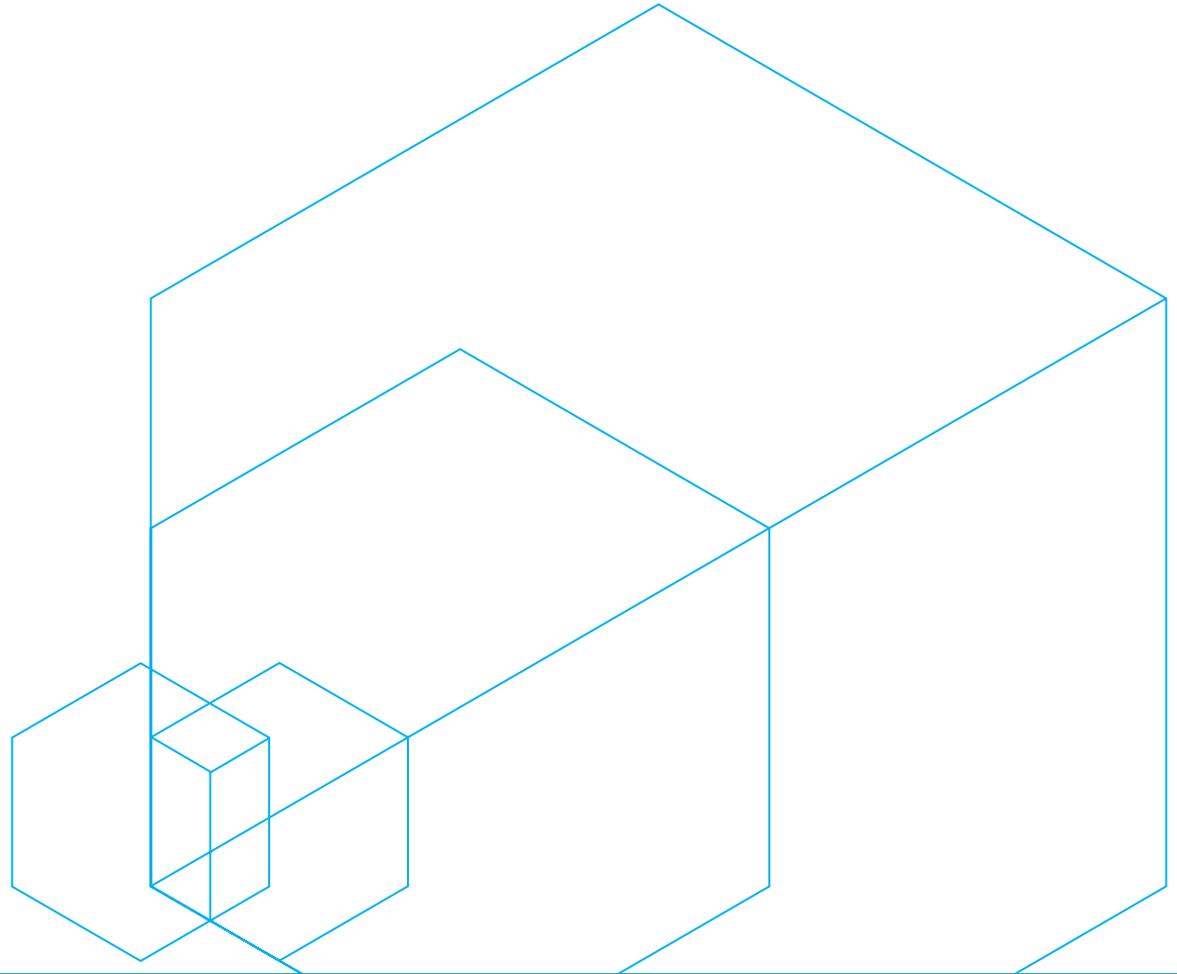
Low throughput / High Latency

Run reference workload (nsdperf) and measure performance

# Thank you.



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# IBM Spectrum Scale Value

Storage management at scale	Store everywhere. Run anywhere.	Improve data economics	Software Defined Open Platform
New GUI & health monitoring	Advanced routing with latency awareness	Tier seamlessly	Heterogeneous commodity storage: flash, disk, & tape
Unified File, Object & HDFS	Read or Write Caching	Incorporate and share flash	Software, appliance or Cloud
Distributed metadata & high-speed scanning	Active File Management for WAN deployments	Policy driven compression	Data driven migration to practically any target
QoS management	File Placement Optimization	Data protection with erasure code and replication	File/Object In/Out with OpenStack SWIFT & S3
1 Billion Files & yottabytes of data	End-to-end data integrity	Native Encryption and Secure Erase compliance	Transparent native HDFS
Multi-cluster management with Spectrum Control	Snapshots	Target object store and cloud	Integration with cloud
	Sync or Async DR	Leading performance for Backup and Archive	

# Introducing IBM Spectrum Scale

**Highly scalable high-performance unified storage**  
for files and objects with integrated analytics

**Remove data-related bottlenecks**

Demonstrated 400 GB/s throughput

**Enable global collaboration**

Data Lake serving HDFS, files & object across sites

**Optimize cost and performance**

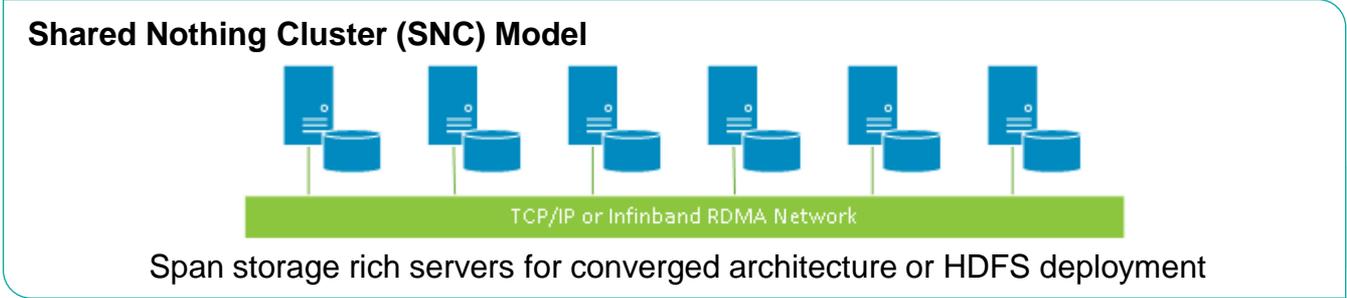
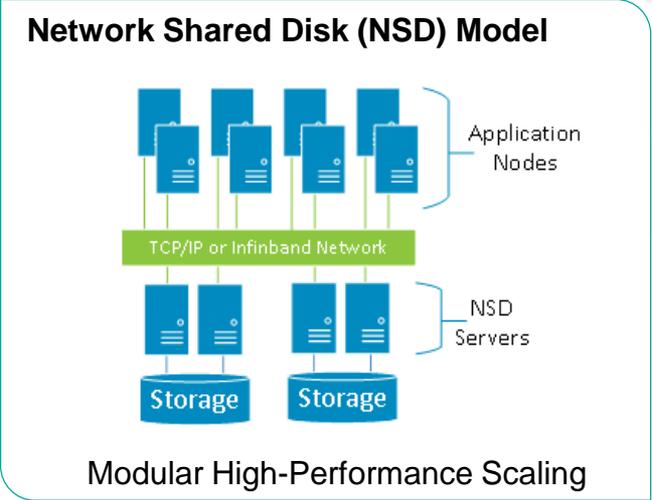
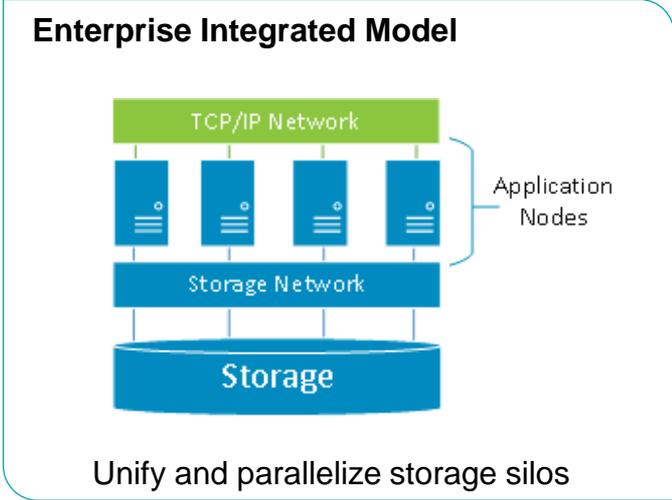
Up to 90% cost savings & 6x flash acceleration

**Ensure data availability, integrity and security**

End-to-end checksum, Spectrum Scale RAID, NIST/FIPS certification



# Spectrum Scale deployment models



# Spectrum Scale Parallel Architecture

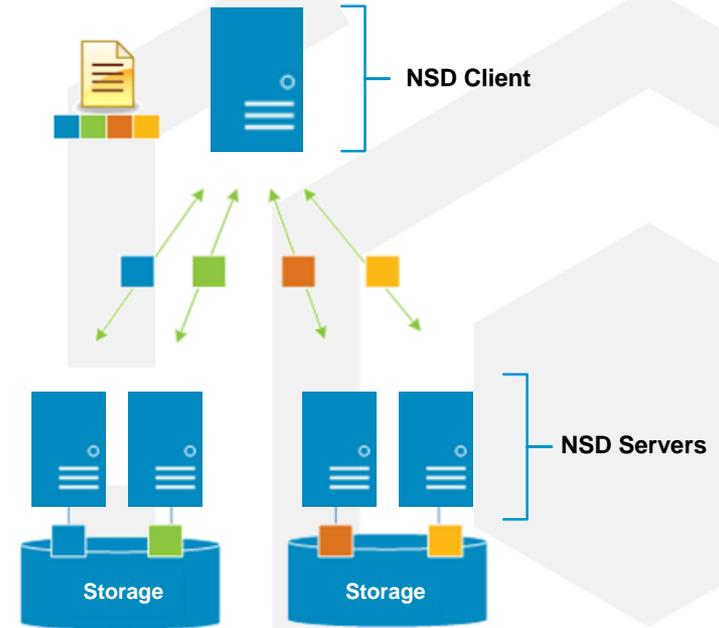
## No Hot Spots

All NSD servers export to all clients in active-active mode

Spectrum Scale stripes files across NSD servers and NSDs in units of file-system block-size

File-system load spread evenly

Easy to scale file-system capacity and performance while keeping the architecture balanced



NSD Client does real-time parallel I/O to all the NSD servers and storage volumes/NSDs

# IBM Spectrum Scale performance features

## Quality of Service

- Throttle background functions such as rebuild or async replication
- Set by flexible policy, such as day-of-week and time-of-day

## Highly Available Write Cache (HAWC)

- Improves performance of small synchronous writes
- Small synch writes are written to the log. As log fills, rewrite to home.

## Local Read Only Cache (LROC)

- Extend the page pool memory to include local DAS/SSD for read caching

## Policy driven compression

- Compress only what makes sense & extends to cache

## Distributed and flash accelerated metadata

- Metadata includes directories, inodes, indirect blocks

Lift data to the highest tiers based on the file's "heat"



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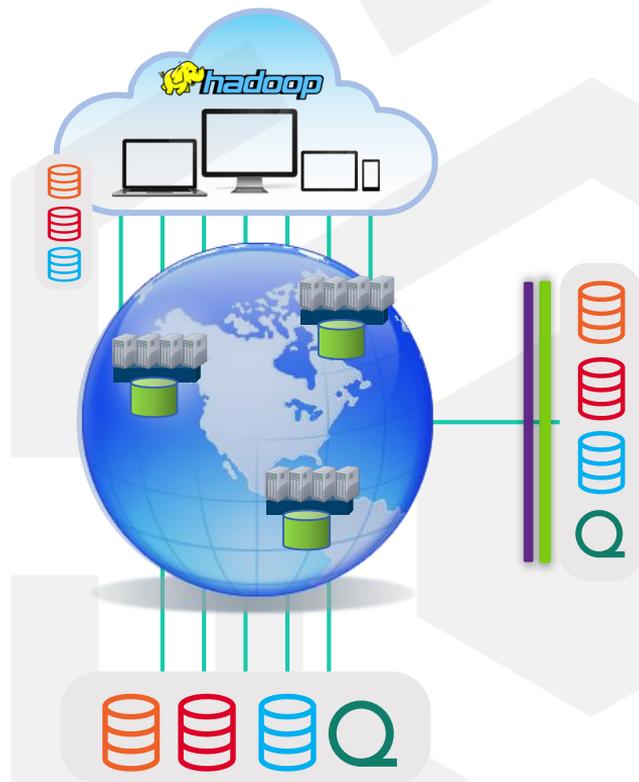
*Enable Global Collaboration*

## Challenge

- Multiple sites working on same data
  - Remote access is slower than local
  - Consistent metadata & data locking
  - Support for mission critical transactional replication
  - Manage unreliable, remote sites

## Advanced File Management, Routing & Caching

- Global namespace with fast, consistent metadata
- Latency aware
- Multi-writer and multi-reader
- Automatic failover and seamless file-system recovery



# Global collaboration options

## Single global namespace enables:

### Remote Mount

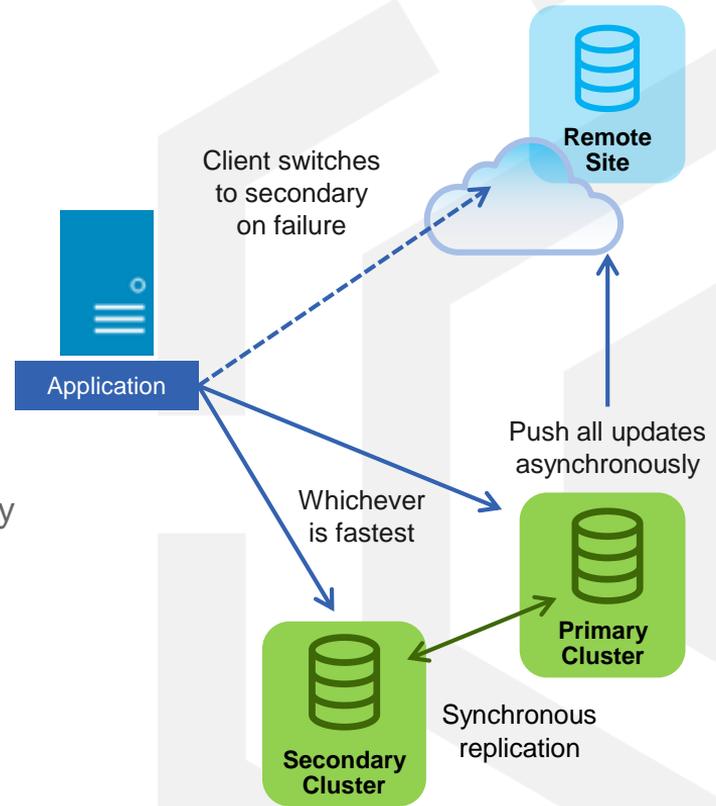
- Single copy of data
- Use caching to speed local access

### Synchronous replication

- Active/Active data access
- Simultaneous write is sensitive to network latency
- Read from fastest source
- DR with automatic failover and seamless file-system recovery

### Asynchronous replication

- Active/Passive data access
- Write now, copy later across network
- Write to Active, Read from fastest
- Any storage target, including cloud



# Spectrum Scale Advanced File Management (AFM)

## Spans geographic distance and unreliable networks

- Caches local 'copies' of data distributed to one or more Spectrum Scale clusters
- Low latency 'local' read and write performance
- As data is written or modified at one location, all other locations see that same data
- Efficient data transfers over wide area network (WAN)

## Speeds data access to collaborators and resources around the world

- Unifies heterogeneous remote storage

## Asynchronous DR is a special case of AFM

- Bidirectional awareness for Fail-over & Fail-back with data integrity
- Recovery Point Objectives for volume & application consistency



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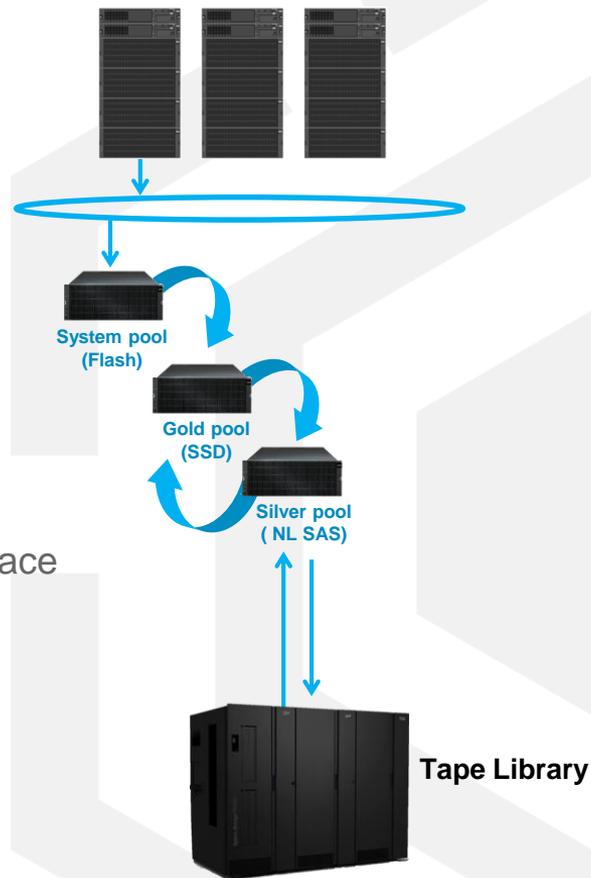
*Optimize Cost and Performance*

## Challenge

- Data growth is outpacing budget
  - Low-cost archive is another storage silo
  - Flash is under utilized because it isn't shared
  - Locally attached disk can't be used with centralized storage
  - Migration overhead is preventing storage upgrades

## Automated data placement

- Span entire storage portfolio, including DAS, with a single namespace
- Policy driven data placement & data migration
- Share storage, even low-latency flash
- Automatic failover and seamless file-system recovery
- Lower TCO



# Data aware cost optimization

## Powerful policy engine

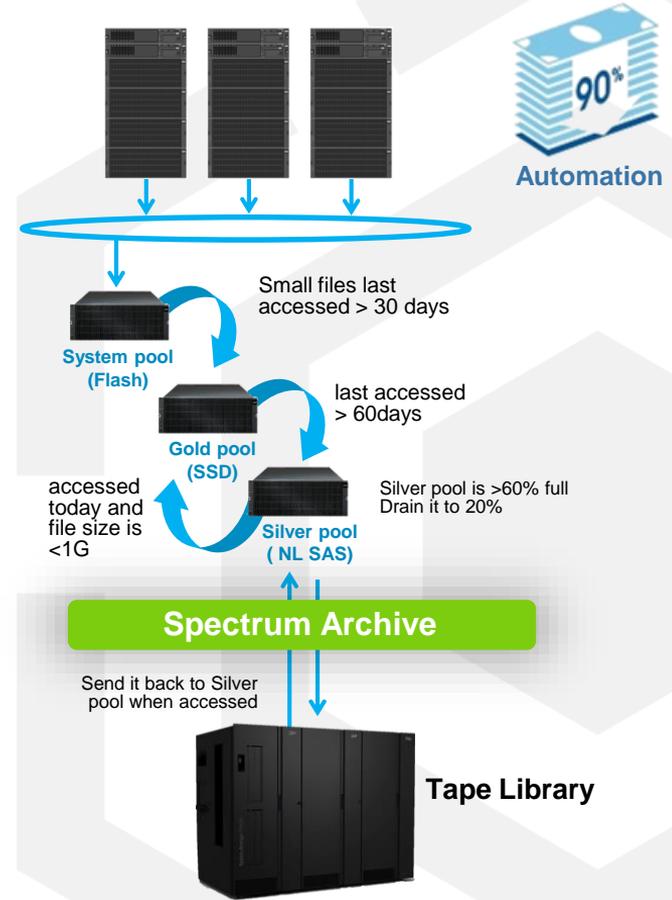
- Information Lifecycle Management
- Fast metadata 'scanning' and data movement
- Automated data migration to based on threshold

## Users not affected by data migration

- Single namespace

Example: Online storage reaches 90% full then move all 1GB or larger files that are 60 days old to offline to free up space

Integrated with Spectrum Archive



# Data aware performance optimization

Alternative to explicit policies

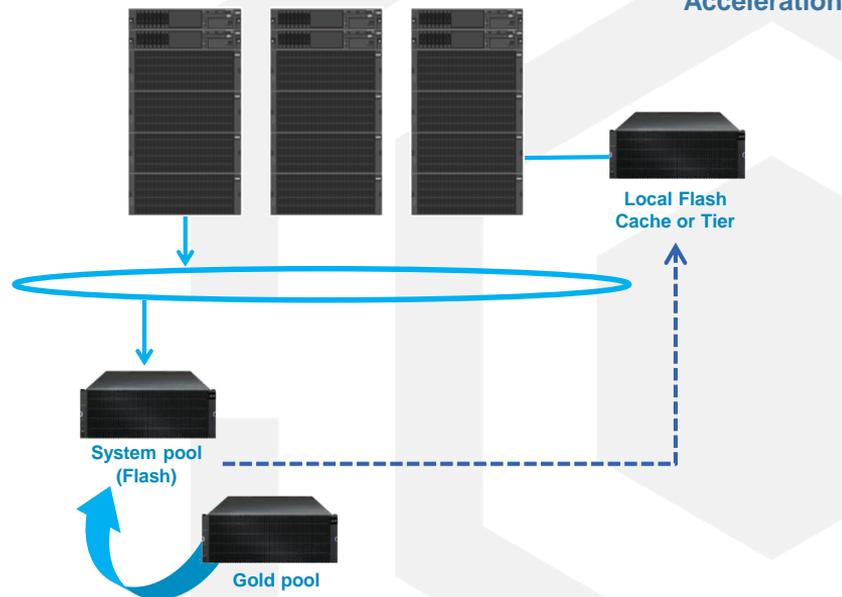
- Respond to changing workload

Data identified as “Hot” data

- High-speed metadata
- Access pattern analysis
- Migrate closer to client

Flash can be added anywhere

- Read from “Fastest”
- Latency & cache aware



# Store everywhere. Run anywhere.

*Ensure data availability, integrity and security*

## Challenge

- Business data is going on new storage types
  - HDFS replication scheme lacks data integrity
  - Object storage lacks features, including backup
  - Authentication across data center should be the same

## Enterprise Features

- Universal data access
- A single authentication scheme
- Data dispersal and erasure code for faster rebuild times
- End-to-end checksum to catch errors
- Data protection through Snapshots, Replication, Backup, and/or Disaster Recovery
- Data encryption and cryptographically secure erase
- Integration to Spectrum Family



# Native Encryption and Secure Erase

Native: Encryption is built into the **“Advanced”** product

Protects data from security breaches, unauthorized access, and being lost, stolen or improperly discarded

Cryptographic erase for fast, simple and secure file deletion

Complies with **NIST SP 800-131A** and is **FIPS 140-2** certified

Supports HIPAA, Sarbanes-Oxley, EU and national data privacy law compliance



# Get it your way



Software



Appliance

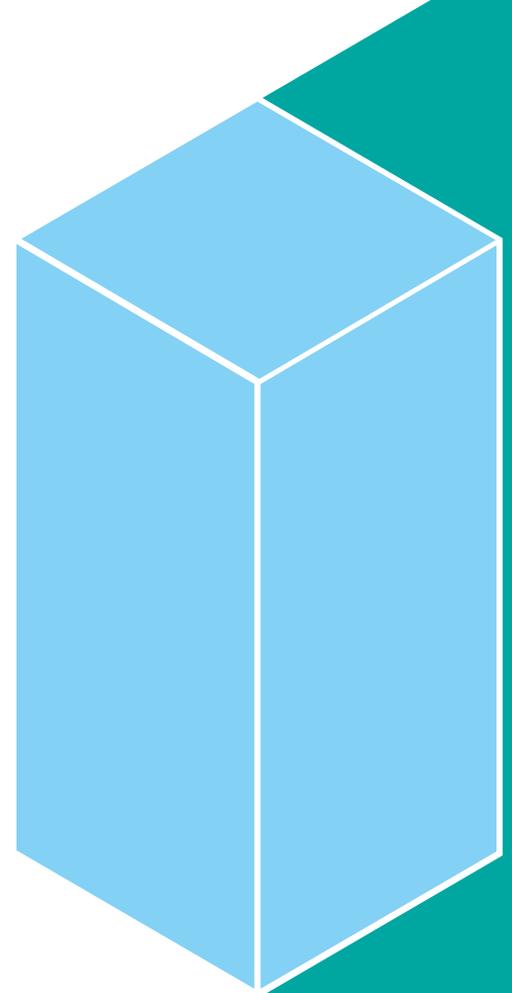


Cloud service

# Elastic Storage Server



Appliance



# IBM Elastic Storage Server (ESS)

*Integrated scale out data management for file and object data*

**Optimal building block** for high-performance, scalable, reliable enterprise storage

- Faster data access with choice to scale-up or out
- Easy to deploy clusters with unified system GUI
- Simplified storage administration with IBM Spectrum Control integration

**One solution** for all your data needs

- Single repository of data with unified file and object support
- Anywhere access with multi-protocol support: NFS 4.0, SMB, OpenStack Swift, Cinder, and Manila
- Ideal for Big Data Analytics with full Hadoop transparency with 4.2

**Ready for business** critical data

- Disaster recovery with synchronous or asynchronous replication
- Ensure reliability and fast rebuild times using Spectrum Scale RAID's dispersed data and erasure code



# Advantages of Spectrum Scale RAID

## Use of standard and inexpensive disk drives

- Erasure Code software implemented in Spectrum Scale

## Faster rebuild times

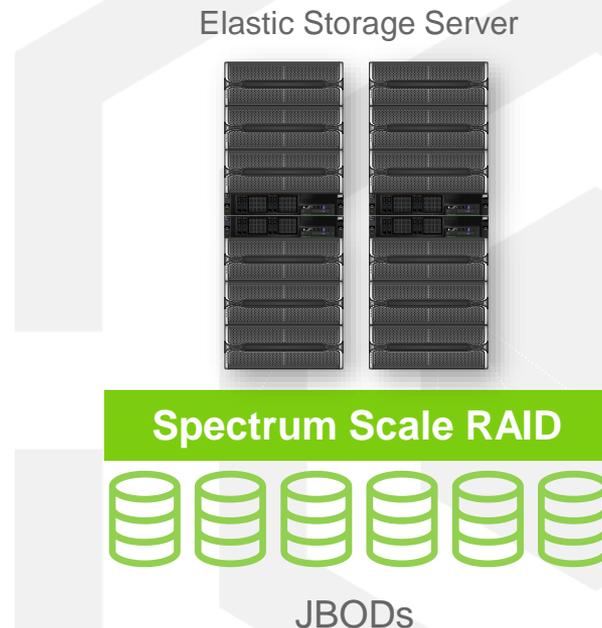
- More disks are involved during rebuild
- Approx. 3.5 times faster than RAID-5

## Minimal impact of rebuild on system performance

- Rebuild is done by many disks
- Rebuilds can be deferred with sufficient protection

## Better fault tolerance

- End to end checksum
- Much higher mean-time-to-data-loss (MTTDL)
  - 8+2P: ~ 200 Years
  - 8+3P: ~ 200 Million Years



# Getting started

## Do something today

Schedule remote Proof of Technology Lab

– *Three global labs with deep expertise*

Experience virtual machine demonstration

– *Download & run on your systems for POC*

## Spectrum Scale to the Rescue!

Add management, performance and scalability to existing storage

## Start Smart!

Anticipate data growth and flexibility

- *HDFS & Big Data Analytics*
- *Private Cloud*
- *Object Storage*



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