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Xiranet Communications - iSCSI & Native InfiniBand Storage Solutions for OEM Customers



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Agenda

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iSCSI Overview

- Supports block level storage like Fibre Channel
- Uses Ethernet/IP infrastructure can be used everywhere
- Can be implemented in software a costly Host Bus Adapter (HBA) is not required
- Performance comparable with 2 Gb Fibre Channel but higher CPU utilisation
- iSCSI Host Bus Adapters can be used enables boot from SAN
- Can be run over Wide Area Networks (e.g. Internet)
- Can use IP Security (IPSEC) for data encryption
- Driver support for all major operating systems
- Very easy to use



InfiniBand Storage Overview

- InfiniBand (IB) advantages
 - Enables I/O convergence of IPC, networking and storage within one infrastructure
 - Only industry standard interconnect for HPC
 - Very high performance, low latency, 10/20 Gb/s available now
 - Linux Kernel integration via openib.org
 - Common Windows driver architecture in progress
 - Lower total cost of ownership (TCO)
- Increasing application performance requirements
- Gateways to Fibre Channel (FC) storage are not optimal
- Single networking infrastructure preferred, IB can replace multiple FC links
- Native InfiniBand storage: higher performance, lower management efforts and reduced costs

Xiranet Storage Solutions for OEM Customers

- Xiranet develops high performance iSCSI & Native InfiniBand storage solutions
- Targets standard off-the-shelf x86-64 server hardware
- Supports 1/10 Gb Ethernet and Mellanox InfiniBand HCAs
- System personality is defined by firmware
- Firmware resides on Flash based Disk-on-Module (DOM)
- Supermicro based evaluation platform available
- Modifications according to OEM hardware can be made
- Management Look & Feel (logos, colors etc.) can be changed













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Evaluation Platform (1)



- Storage protocol support:
 - iSCSI over GbE
 - Native InfiniBand storage via SCSI RDMA (SRP) protocol
- Features:
 - RAID Level 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50, 60 (depending on controller)
 - Snapshots
 - iSNS
 - IPSEC
 - Support for volumes > 2 TB, Dynamic volume resize
 - S.M.A.R.T drive monitoring
 - E-mail notification



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Evaluation Platform (2)



- Two hardware configurations supported
- Common components:
 - INTEL XEON 51xx CPU
 - 2 GB RAM
 - Supermicro mainboard X7DBE
 - enclosure SC-933E1-R760 (3U, 15 bays) or SC-836TQ/E1/E2 (3U, 16 bays)
 - Support for SAS / SATA disk drives
- Software RAID version:
 - LSI SAS controller SAS3080X-R (PCI-X) or SAS3081E-R (PCI-E)
- Hardware RAID version:
- LSI MegaRAID SAS 8408E, LSI MegaRAID SAS8888ELP
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Storage Management

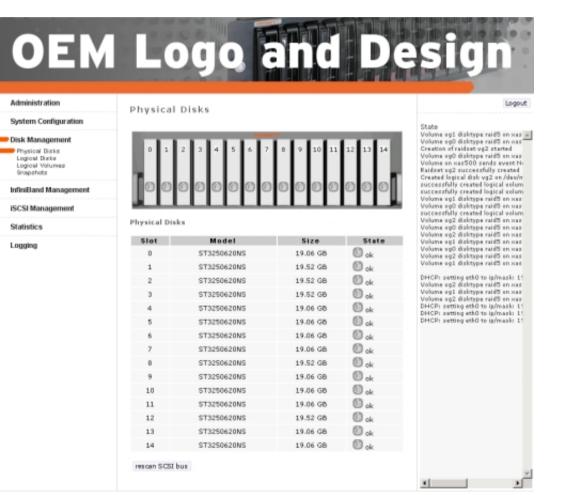
- Allows Management of disks, RAID arrays, volumes, exports via IB and iSCSI
- Integrated Systems Management
- Access via Comand Line Interface (CLI) or Web Browser
- Separate Management Port (Console, Ethernet)
- Secured Communication (https, SSH)
- Monitor / Administrator roles
- Extensive Statistics for Usage and Utilisation



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Web based Administration

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OEM Customisation Options

- Can be sold as is with supported hardware platform
- Modifications in the following areas can be done:
 - Support for different hardware e.g.:
 - CPU
 - mainboard
 - storage controller
 - network interfaces
 - enclosure
 - Web based management: Logo replacement etc.
 - User documentation



Pricing & Availability

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- Xiranet/Supermicro evaluation platform (iSCSI & SRP support) available now:
 - Software RAID version: \$8500
 - Hardware RAID version: \$9500
- Disk drive options:

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- 15 x Seagate Barracuda ES 250 GB: \$1500
- 15 x Seagate Cheetah 15K.5 73 GB SAS: \$4500
- Firmware image available for download free of charge for qualified partners if hardware is not required.
- Licensing: iSCSI iSCSI iSCSI & SRP InfiniBand
 - Single quantity \$400 \$1500 \$1500
 - Includes updates for three years, Ask for volume discounts





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