IBM Spectrum Scale Transparent Cloud Tiering

Integration with Object Storage

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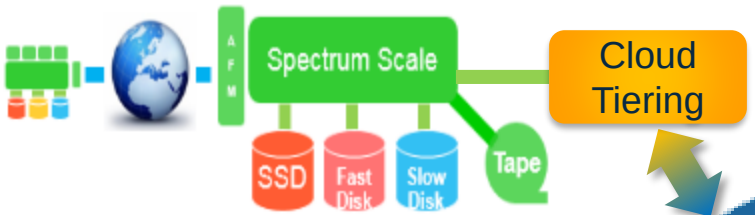
Transparent Cloud Tiering Is Used Across IBM Storage

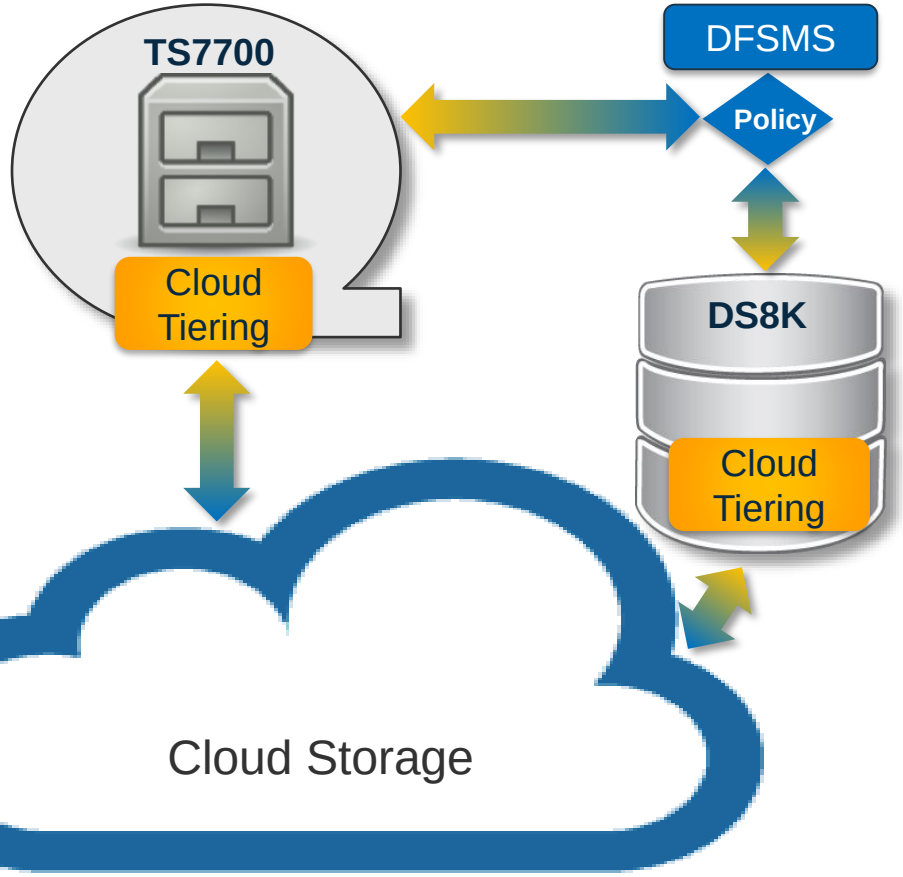
Native IBM Storage Support for Object Storage

- On or off-premises object storage

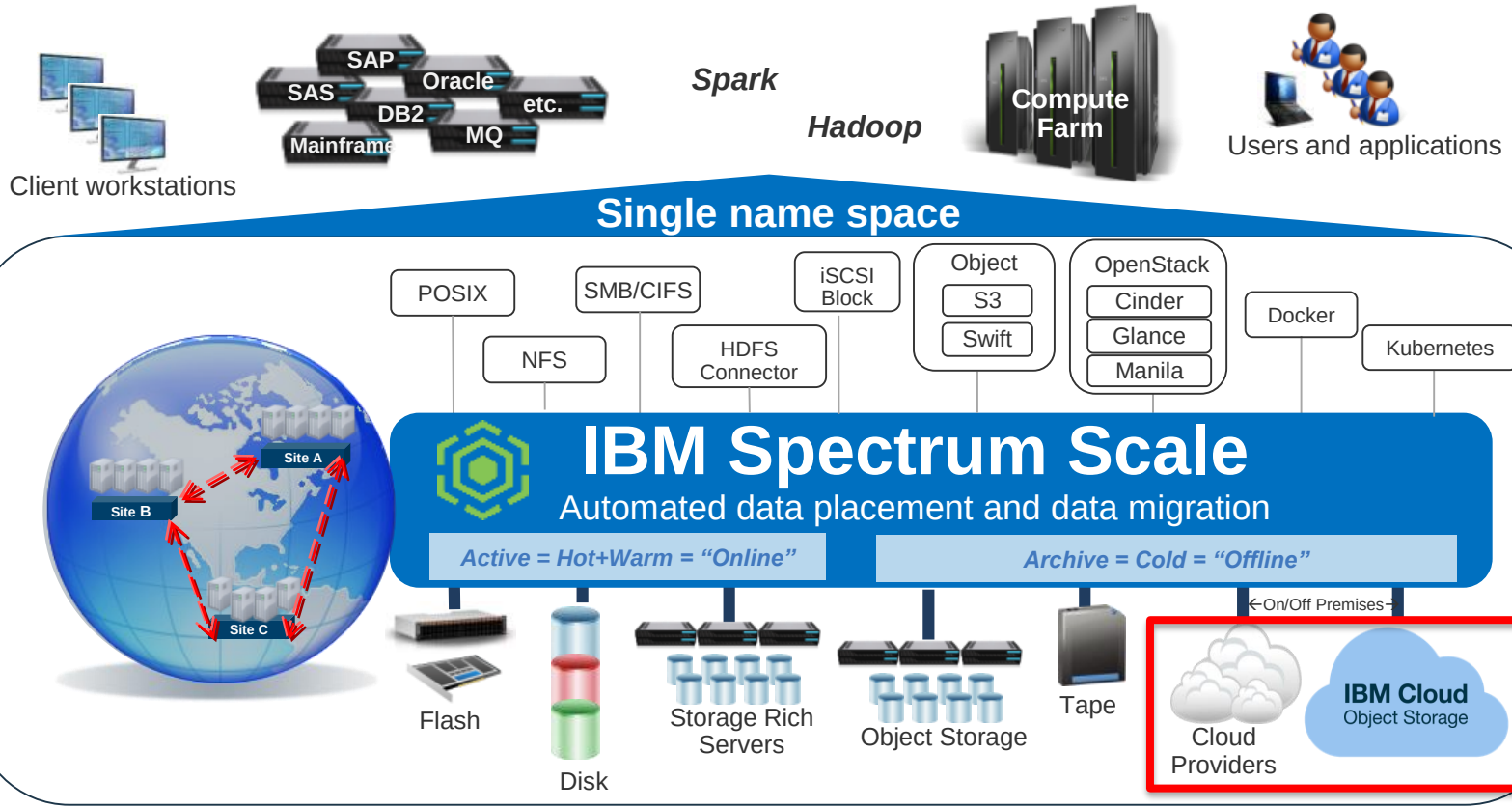
Policy driven data movement

- Managed data placement or migration of cold data





IBM Spectrum Scale – scalable file and object store



Spectrum Scale Transparent Cloud Tiering Introduction

Spectrum Scale Transparent Cloud Tiering (TCT)

Transparent Data

Metadata is managed by Spectrum Scale

Cloud appears as external storage pool
Auto-tiering & migration

Protocol mapping vs. Transparent Cloud Tiering

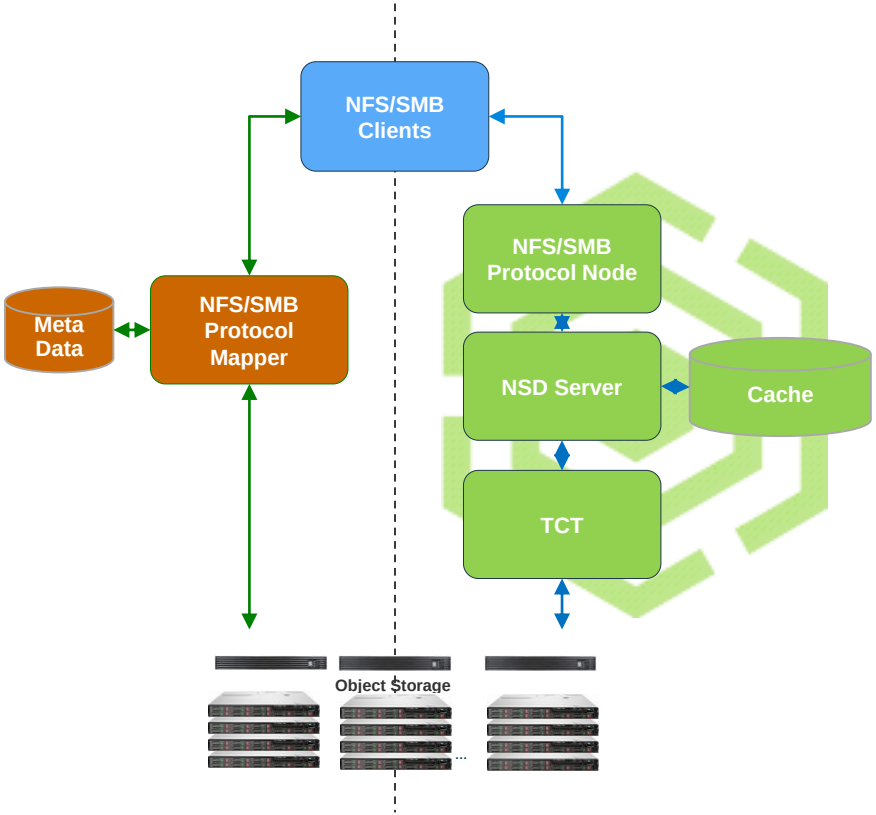
Protocol Mapping

Pros

- Simple Architecture
- No cache storage

Cons

- All writes&reads have to be mapped
- No cache for high-performance read/write
- Often vendor mix required



Transparent Cloud Tiering

Pros

- High performance write operations
- High performance read for cached data
- Public cloud-ready

Cons

- More complex architecture
- Cache storage required
- Increased response time for non-cached data

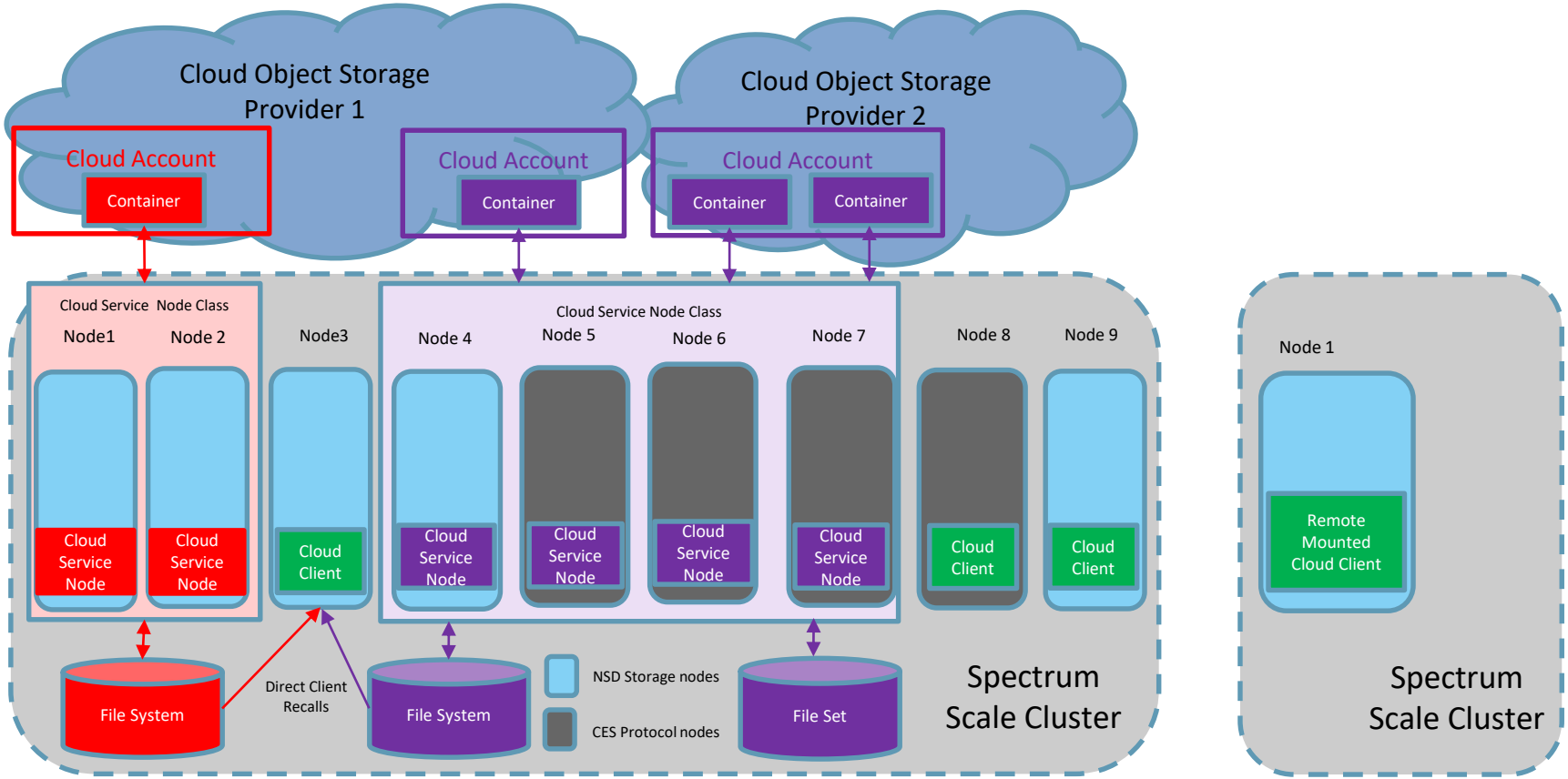
Spectrum Scale TCT value

- Extend Spectrum Scale to private or public cloud
  - Open object store interfaces drive new Data Economics
  - Public Cloud:
    - IBM Cloud Object Storage
    - Amazon S3
    - Azure
  - Private Cloud or on-premises:
    - IBM Cloud Object Storage
    - OpenStack Swift
- Transparent to end-users using Spectrum Scale
- Enhancing Object Storage choice
  - Spectrum Scale as High-Performance, unified file&object
  - IBM Cloud Object Storage as cost-optimized, scalable object storage

Recommended Environment for Spectrum Scale TCT

- Requires Spectrum Scale Advanced / Data Management
- Available upon request, prerequisites are
  - Appropriate median file sizes (>1MB -- the larger, the better)
  - Stable data for long-term retention
    - Files unlikely to be updated or deleted (reads are ok)
  - Sufficient Object Storage capacity
  - Appropriate network connectivity to cloud storage

Transparent Cloud Tiering Example



Cloud Data Sharing

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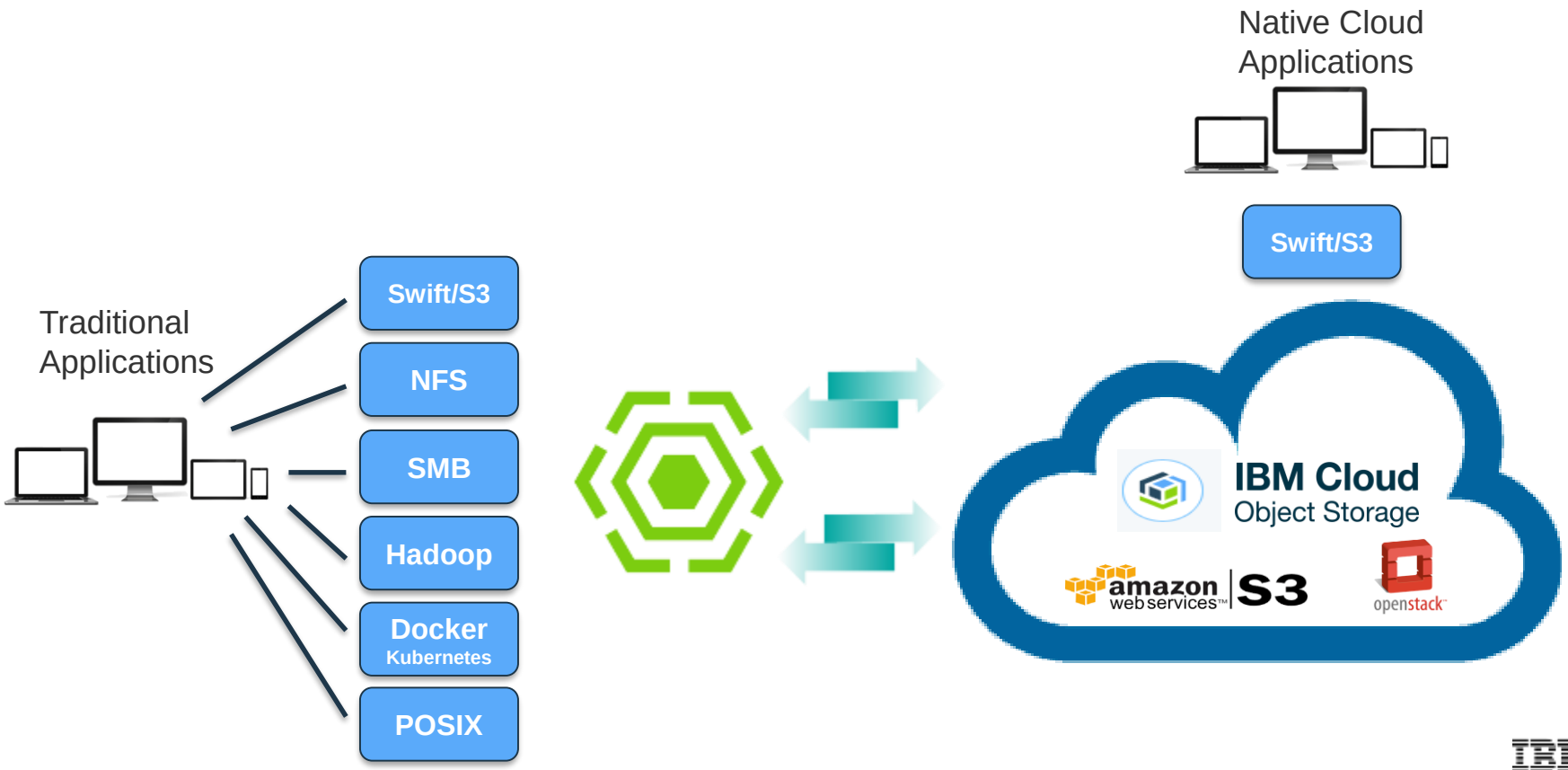


IBM Spectrum Scale Cloud Data Sharing (cont.)

- IBM Cloud Object Storage serves as
  - Central data repository
  - Data distribution point
  - Data is accessible for native cloud applications through IBM COS S3 API
- Sharing can occur between object storage and many Spectrum Scale Clusters
- Shared Data may originate in either the cloud or Spectrum Scale
- Move or copy is supported
- Control movement to the cloud using the Spectrum Scale policy
- Spectrum Scale can pull data on demand

Real-world Use Cases

Backup and file access private Cloud

Goal:
Transition to backup and file access cloud environment

Requirements:
Move away from traditional backup
- expensive, maintenance-intensive and slow for recovery operations according to the client

Robust: Tolerance for full site loss with SOBAR based site failover taking on just hours

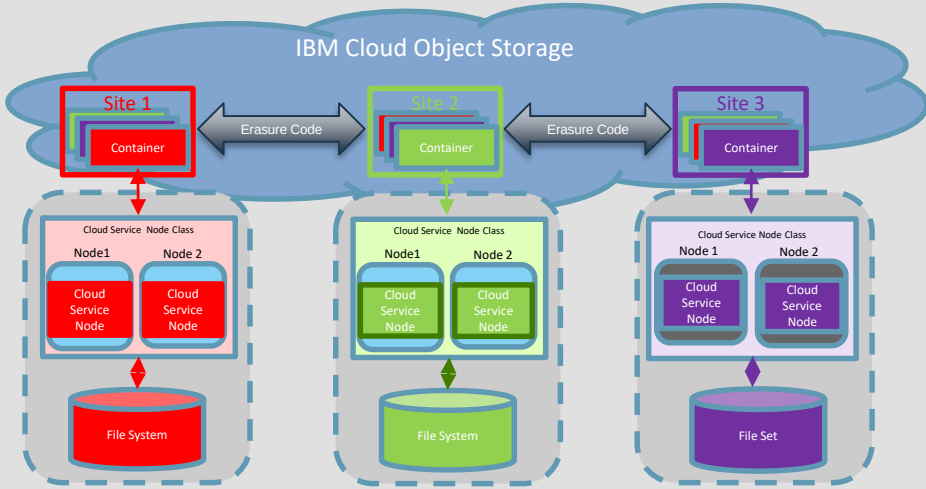
Efficient: Low 1.4-1.6 x overhead site distributed erasure coding

Retention Compliant: Immutability as needed

Option for native Object protocol access

Capability to utilize public cloud

Insights:
Scale and COS combination strongly supports client roadmap towards a storage cloud



Autonomous driving measurement data

Goal:

Effectively storing and accessing huge amounts of unstructured measurement data and videos

Requirements:

NFS native data access or NFS via appliance

HTTP RESTful S3 API and SWIFT API access

20-40TB ingest per day

> 100 Million Objects, 10MB average object size

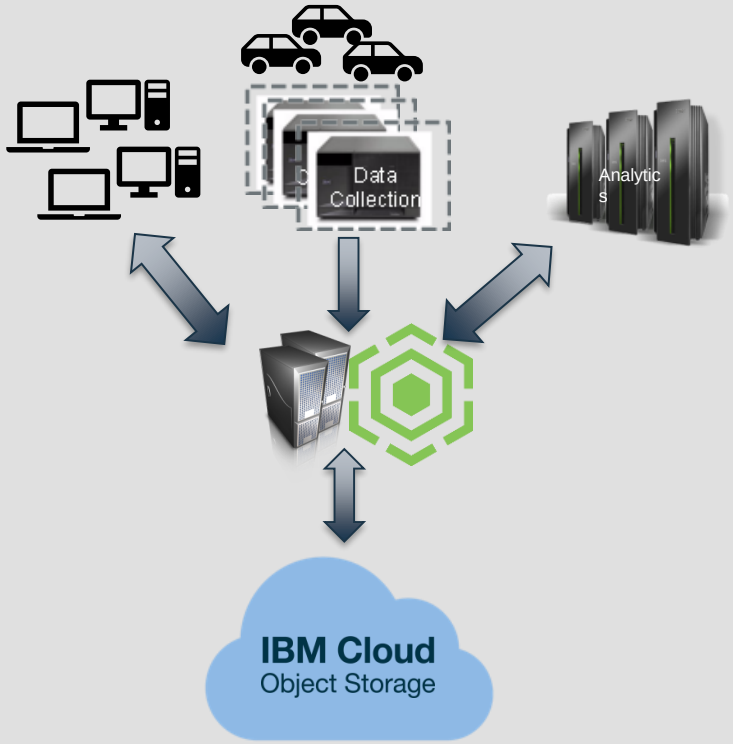
> 1000 Clients or client groups

Multi-tenancy, authorization and authentication

Encryption

- Data-in-transition encryption (at least HTTPS)
- Data-at-rest encryption (encrypted disks)

Interface to Analytics



Autonomous driving measurement data (cont.)

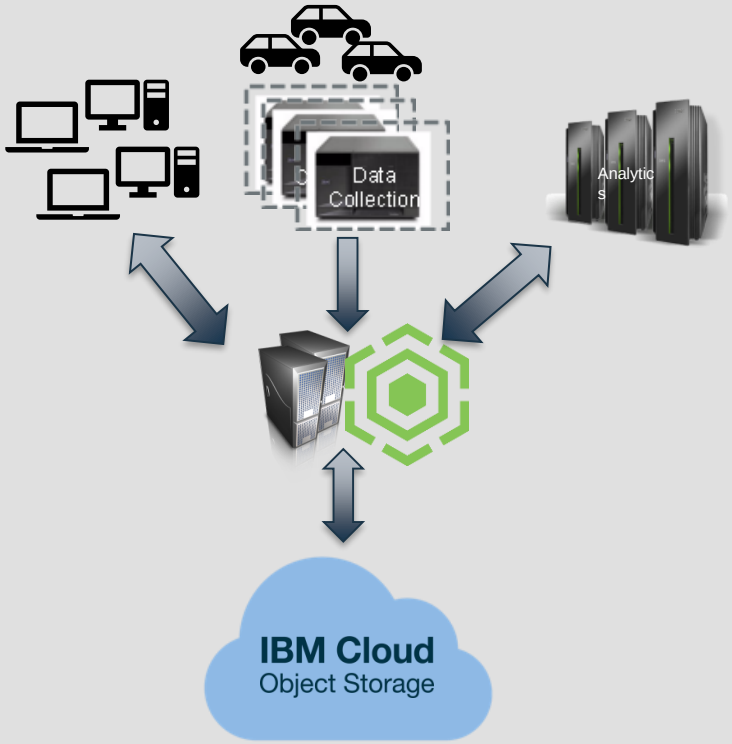
Insights:

Required 800MB/s write throughput can be delivered by using ESS GL4

End-to-end encryption using HTTPS, Spectrum Scale at-rest and TCT Encryption with ISKLM, potentially NAS over IPSEC/VPN

Tenant isolation through multiple TCT node sets that map 1:1 to separate file systems

Separate NAS and TCT nodes for optimized resource usage



Bodycam data

Goal:

Providing archive for bodycam data with file access (unstructured, video)

Requirements:

8-hour shift generates approx. 20GB of video data per camera

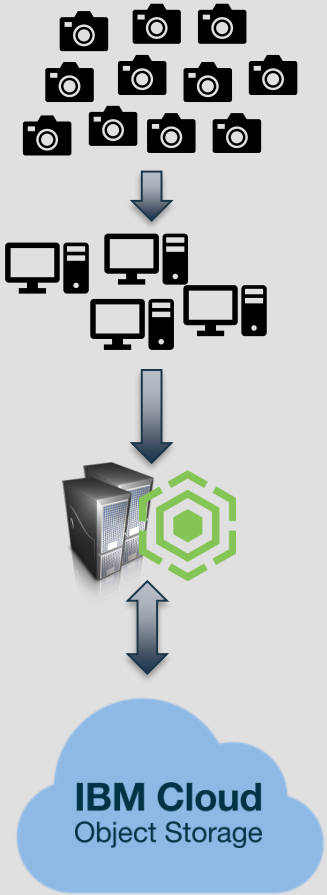
Legal requirement to keep the data for years
- Varies by country/case

NAS protocols for data ingest

Secure authorization and authentication, encryption

Insights:

Spectrum Scale stretched cluster combined with multi-site on-premises COS turned out to be perfect match



StaaS provider leveraging public cloud

Goal:

Leverage IBM COS as archival tier behind Spectrum Scale as part of Storage-as-a-Service offering

Requirements:

Capability to utilize public cloud

Insights:

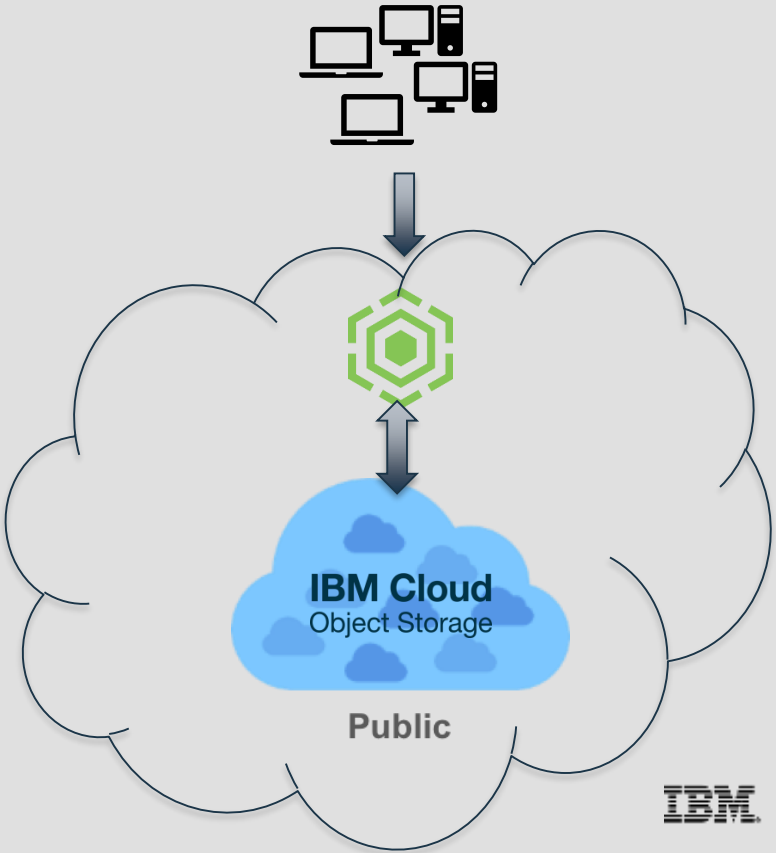
Apart from public cloud GB/month storage cost, need to take transfer costs into account

- COS on IBM Cloud: ~ 1ct per 1000 PUTs, similar per 10000 GETs

Every migrate/recall causes at least two PUT/GET requests (data and metadata)

Migrate uses multi-part upload (defaults to 100MB part size)

- Providers treat a single part as “single PUT”



Log File Archiving

Goal:

Archive log data, freeing up space on the primary Spectrum Scale Tier

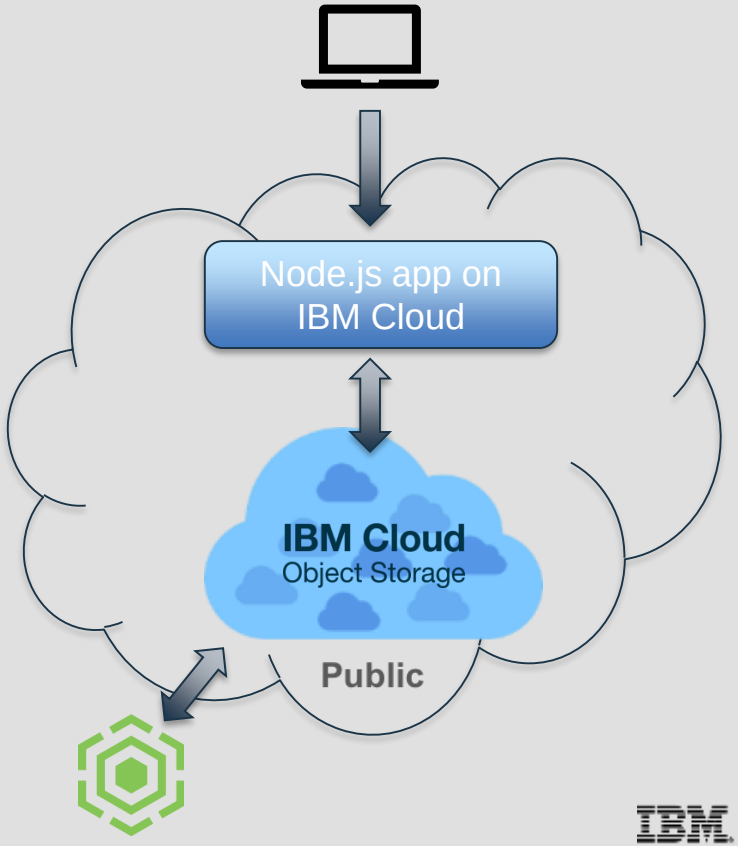
Requirements:

No stub files on Spectrum Scale namespace → Cloud Tiering is not an option

Insights:

Export log data through Cloud Data Sharing

Re-import for analysis or provide a cloud application for data access



Video surveillance „anti-use-case“

Goal:

Build System fast enough to handle numerous parallel data streams while cost-efficient to keep data for some period

Requirements:

NFS ingest

600 cameras, 9Gbps sustained ingest

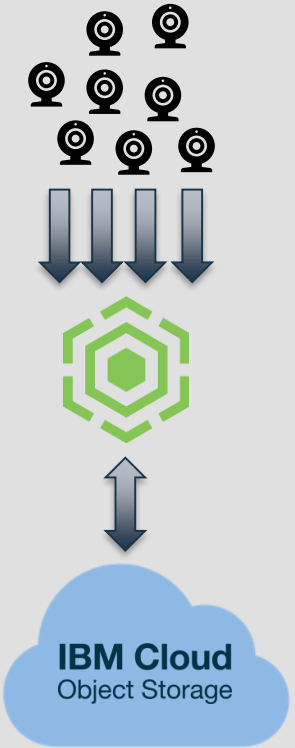
Average file size 5MB

Insights:

With 2PB COS, data can be kept for 23 days

Reconcile deletions performed using single node/thread only
- as of Spectrum Scale 4.2.2

80TB / 15M files need to be reconciled every day
- This is the “showstopper” → recommended ESS-only solution



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Summary and call to action

Consider Spectrum Scale Transparent Cloud Tiering for matching use cases

- Active Archive
- Analytics

Extend Spectrum Scale to public cloud or IBM Cloud Object Storage System

- Transparent to end-users using Spectrum Scale
- Enhancing Object Storage choice
  - Spectrum Scale as High-Performance, unified file and object storage
  - IBM Cloud Object Storage as cost-optimized, scalable object storage

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Redpaper „Enabling Hybrid Cloud Storage for IBM Spectrum Scale Using Transparent Cloud Tiering“
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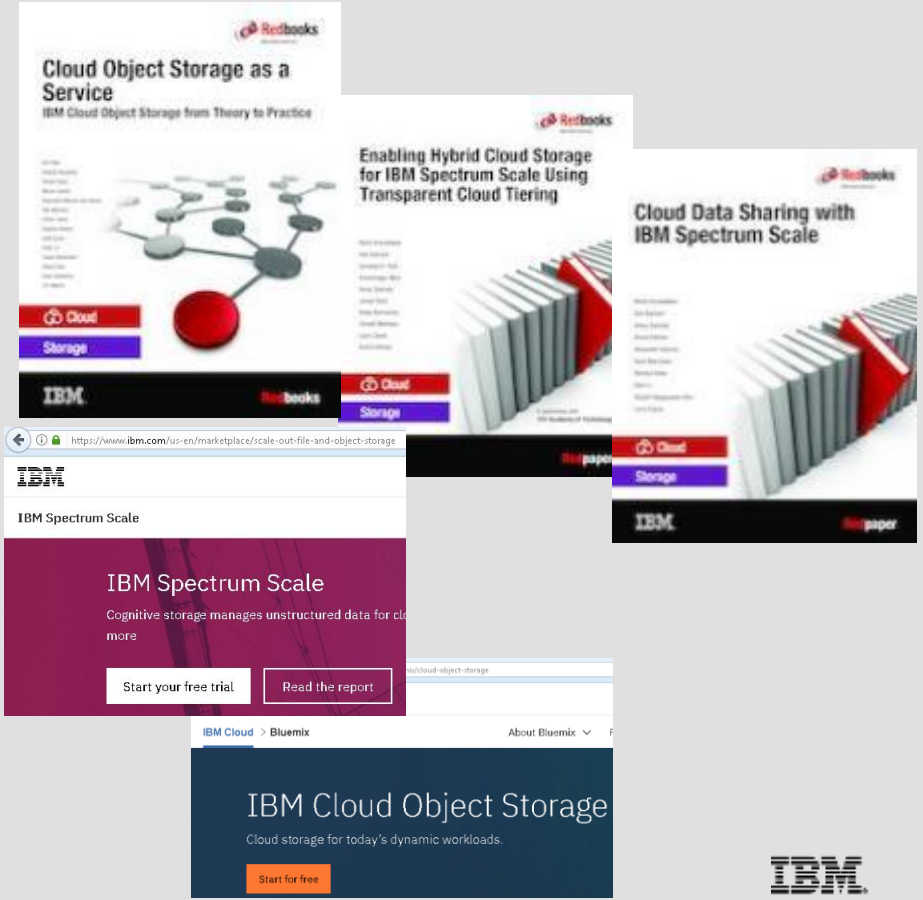


TCT Features By Release

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (4.2.1)

- Up to 4 TCT nodes as part of Cloud Service node class
  - Simultaneous data transfer
  - High-availability
- Encryption by default
  - Local key store and ISKLM support
- Policy-based data movement and lifecycle
- Transparent recall
- Built-in integrity checking

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (4.2.2)

- Support for up to 4 node classes for additional scaling
- Cloud Data sharing
  - Data import/export to/from cloud, preserves data and allows native access on both ends
  - Export can be policy-based, import requires object list
- Windows explorer thumbnail support
  - Keep portion of migrated data to support thumbnails
- Spectrum Scale GUI integration
  - Health state
  - High-level operations/throughput monitoring

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (4.2.3)

- WAN Proxy support
  - For outbound connections in proxy-controlled environments
- Premigration
  - Migrated files stay resident
  - Quick migrate when required
  - Fast access to small files
- WORM / SnapLock Support
  - Using Spectrum Scale Immutability and IBM Cloud Object Storage „Locked Vault“ features
  - Provides SEC-17a compliant WORM storage solution leveraging on-premises Cloud Object Storage

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (5.0.0)

- **File set support**
  - File set support allows for more granular management of data movement to object storage
- **Multiple file system support**
  - The limit of 1 file system per Cloud Service Node group has been lifted
  - Scaling target: 128 file sets/file systems per Cloud Services Node Group
- **Multiple cloud accounts support**
  - Each filesystem or file set can support up to two Cloud Accounts
- **High Scalability using Container spill-over**
  - better support of large filesystems or file sets.
  - Scaling target: 200 containers per node group with each container spilling over at 100 million files
- **Remote mounted Client Support**
  - Remotely mounted clients can use TCT services on multiple remote clusters for transparent recall
  - More flexible ESS (separate cluster) support

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (5.0.1)

- **Greatly improved large file recall latency performance**
  - Expanded parallel threading to cover multi-threading within large individual files
- **Automated maintenance scheduling**
  - Most background maintenance activities are now automated
- **Scalable TCT DR service restoration**
  - SOBAR based back-ups allow restore service at around 1 billion files/day
  - Background automation to be added, outlook is next Scale release
- **Ongoing service and support improvements**
  - Added latency metrics
  - No retries on errors that won’t recover
  - Improved error messaging
  - Bottleneck detection

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities (5.0.3)

- **Direct Client transparent recall support**
  - Any and all clients can be configured to transfer the data for transparent recall requests
- **Azure storage support**
- **zLinux Spectrum Scale Cluster support**
- **Automatic container spillover**
  - When a tiering container reaches the 100 million threshold a new container is automatically created and used
- **Security: default SigV4 support**
  - Move from jclouds to the Amazon SDK for S3 and S3 compatible device support
- **Simplified Backup / Restore**
  - The SOBAR script has been improved for a streamlined backup and restore of TCT
- **Quota support script**
  - Quota support script is available that allows for periodic quota reports by User / Filesystem

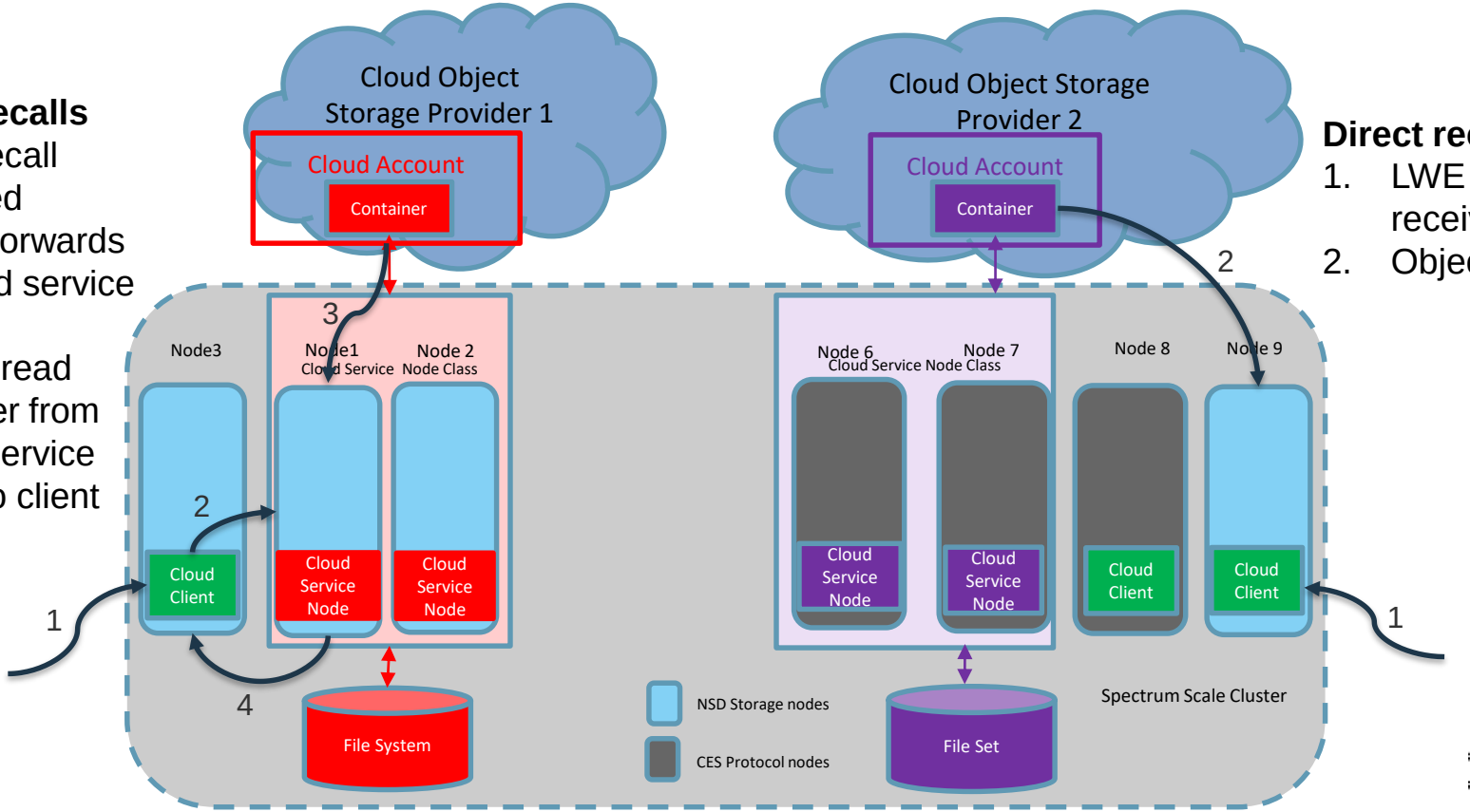
Direct Client Transparent Recall Explanation

Direct Recall Key Benefits

- Efficient
- Performance scales with cluster size

Gateway recalls

1. LWE recall received
2. Client forwards to cloud service node
3. Object read
4. Transfer from cloud service node to client node



Direct recalls

1. LWE recall received
2. Object read

What‘s next

Spectrum Scale TCT capabilities next release outlook

- **Dynamic Amazon Region support**
  - New Amazon regions supported as soon as they come online – no need to get new releases of TCT to get support for new regions

- **Watch folder Kafka events**
  - Allows immediate action on TCT using a listener for Watch folder generated Kafka events
    - For immediate archival when tiering
    - For immediate copying when sharing